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Tickey de Jager - short in stature, great in intellect



Tickey de Jager in his heyday at RBHS.

It was with great sadness that the Old Boys' Union informed Old Boys and friends of Rondebosch of the death on Saturday, 1 March 2008, of former Rondebosch master CJ "Tickey" de Jager. We express our sincere condolences to his wife Marianne, son David (E79), daughter Anne and his grandchildren Megan, Frank and Zara. As a highly respected and renowned teacher, coach, writer,

poet and philosopher Rondebosch had the benefit of Tickey's powerful intellect and remarkable skills for more than 50 years.

He arrived at Rondebosch in 1945 as a maths and science teacher. Although he briefly taught elsewhere for a few years, he remained a Mason House master and returned to teaching at RBHS in 1954 through to his retirement in 1985 as deputy headmaster, a position he held from 1966.

Tickey will be remembered by many for his Advanced Maths classes and as a mathematician Tickey achieved a near-legendary reputation. He was author and co-author of several maths text books, some of which are still used in classrooms today. He lectured on the teaching of mathematics at the University of Cape Town and often spoke at maths conferences. Tickey was awarded a national gold medal for his contribution to the teaching of maths.

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Bob Bishton - a tribute to a former chairman



Dr Bob Bishton, former Chairman of the Union.

DR ROBERT (BOB) BISHTON (E39) who served the Union as chairman from 1973 to 1989, died in Cape Town on 17 November 2007, aged 85. He leaves his wife Irene, daughter Jane and grandson James. At his funeral which was attended by many Old Boys, Bill Low (E57), a former Secretary of the OBU gave the following tribute.

"I would like to begin by saying that I have known Bob for the past thirty-seven years. My initial contact with him was through the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union but this expanded to other organisations over the years. Bob had a very deep love and affection for the Rondebosch Boys' Schools. He was always appreciative of the education that he had received at RBHS.

Within a few months of leaving school he was inspired to answer the call of our country and as an eighteen year old boy he went to war. After the war Bob furthered his education by studying. Bear in mind that he left school in 1939 and was only able to commence his formal studying in 1946. He received several degrees and diplomas and his crowning academic achievement was his Doctor of Business Administration from Stellenbosch University in 1980.

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NEW RONDEBOSCH POOL

The new swimming and water polo pool was officially opened on 12 March by Mike Brewis, former Chairman of the High School's Governing Body and a Trustee of the Carleton Lloyd Educational Trust which made a substantial contribution to the cost of the impressive new facility. Thank you to Old Boys and other members of the Rondebosch community who also made donations towards the construction cost. The old pool will continue to be used and is presently being renovated.

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Old Boys with email addresses who are not receiving the *Enews* may not have updated their email addresses. We are receiving BOUNCE BACKS and are concerned that you may be missing out on news items.

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Editorial

Thanks firstly for a number of suggestions following my appeal in the last newsletter. There were some good ideas but most, if followed up well, would probably need more space than we can manage at present and so are currently on the back burner. This newsletter has certainly not lacked for content generally as the Union mourns the loss but rejoices in their past contributions of a number of stalwarts of the School and the Union who have passed away in the months since our last newsletter.

I enjoyed my contact with the inspirational Jack Kent at Teacher Association meetings (still active long

after he had retired), appreciated greatly my association with Bob Bishton in his roles as parent and tireless OBU worker and Union Chairman and enjoyed social contact with that cheerfully willing behind the scenes worker for the Union, Peter Matchett - all lost to us recently. However for me personally inevitably the passing of Tickey de Jager had most impact. There are reports of the memorial service for him elsewhere and other tributes streamed in and continued to do so after the service. I was privileged to speak at the service and tried to do so by using Tickey's own words as in his website and as remembered by many

of us - particularly those who followed him into the teaching profession and were privileged to work side by side with him. I cannot obviously use this editorial to repeat the whole tribute but here follows some of what I said:

"This School has been blessed with many fine teachers, many of whom devoted a major portion of their lives to its service. By their service and dedication they maintained the high standards and ethos of the School at which they came to teach.

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Chairman's Report



John Benn, chairman of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union presented his annual report at the AGM held on 14 March 2008 in the

Honours Room, Mears Centre RBHS.

"Last year we planned our AGM to coincide with the past vs present summer sports. We did this to eliminate the problem we face every year, namely that of getting a quorum. We certainly got the numbers but unfortunately the venue for the meeting was too close to the bar and the noise level was just too much for an effective meeting. So today we are back to our traditional venue and I am pleased to see that we have a good number of members supporting us. AGMs are seldom popular meetings, but constitutionally they are necessary.

The past year has been a good one although there have been some disappointments. First to focus on the positives:

- 1) Your committee has I believe functioned well despite the absence of a treasurer for a large part of the year. Special thanks are due to André Ross for keeping both the Secretarial and Treasurer jobs going and for doing them so well.
- 2) I believe our level of communica-

tion with members through regular emails and two outstanding newsletters has reached a new high. It would be even better if we could persuade the other half of our membership to give us their email addresses.

- 3) Our relationship with both Schools continues to be first class. We value highly the fact that we are regarded as an integral part of the Rondebosch family by both Martin Barker and Tony Ryan. We also appreciate the handling of maintenance items in the Honours Room by Dennis Rewitzky.
- 4) The Centenary Fund is well and truly launched. We hope that Reunion organisers are pushing this for us. We can report that planning for the 2009 main functions is adequately in hand.
- 5) Our annual dinner at Kelvin last Friday was another very well attended highlight. Perhaps we could accommodate more people but not at such a convenient venue and reasonable price.

After an excellent start with Network Breakfasts two years ago we have lost the plot in this area and this has been a disappointment. We need to rethink our formula and do things more professionally. We also need more advanced notice and coordinated planning of Subunion activities so that visits

from Cape Town based people can be arranged in good time. We value what our Subunion representatives are doing to keep the OBU flag flying strongly in their areas, and we would like to support them in a more positive way.

Another disappointment for me personally is the small percentage of our members who have responded positively to our Centenary appeal. Hopefully this will improve as we move into our centenary year. We are all beneficiaries of a great education provided for us by outstanding teachers at one of the best schools in the land. All this at modest cost. So we all need to think seriously about an affordable payment in arrear for past benefits received.

Your Committee are happy to welcome on board Clement Whittle as Treasurer and Anton Viljoen - two good men who have much to offer the OBU. My general thanks go to all those who have served on both the OBU and Centenary committees this past year. And special thanks to Angela Andrew who once again deserves thanks from Old Boys far and wide for her dedicated efforts on their behalf.

There is much that remains to be done and we look forward in the coming year to further extending the bonds of fellowship throughout the OBU fraternity and to supporting our Alma Mater wherever we can."

Annual Dinner again filled to capacity

The annual dinner of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union was held as usual at Kelvin Grove, Newlands on Friday 14 March. With an attendance of more than 330 Old Boys, the ballroom was again filled to capacity.

Old Boys met under the oaks for pre-dinner drinks while listening to the Prep School teachers' ensemble before entering the ballroom for dinner. The toast to the School was given by Paul Maughan, the 1998 head prefect. Tony Ryan, headmaster of the Prep School replied. Braam Malherbe (E76) was the guest speaker enthralling the audience with his account of running the entire length of the Great Wall of China, a distance of some 5000 km with his friend David Grier. They are the first people to have achieved this. He was thanked by John Benn, chairman of the OBU.

Alan van der Merwe who has taught music at RBHS since 1969 was presented with honorary life membership of the Union and an Old Boys' tie at the dinner for his many years of dedicated and loyal service to the school. It has become a tradition that Alan plays the piano at our annual dinner for the singing of the School Song.

Special reunions celebrated at the dinner were the E58s 50th, the E68s 40th; the E83s 25th; the E88s 20th and the E93s 15th.

The annual dinner will be held as usual in March next year at Kelvin Grove and reunion groups may use this as one of their events. However the celebratory dinner which will take place on 20 November 2009 to mark the Centenary of the Union will not be a forum for reunion groups as we expect it to be booked out by Old Boys from all Eyears.

FUNCTION FOR €2003 TO €2007

An informal function for Old Boys who matriculated during the last five years will be held on Friday 8 August from 17h30 to 19h30 in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

A reminder will be emailed closer to the time, but only if the Union has your email address. If you are not receiving the Enews please email your name, Eyear and email address to the OBU office at obu@rondebosch.com

Has your email address changed?

Old Boys who have graduated from university, college or technikon and have provided the Union with their student email addresses are asked to send their new email addresses to obu@rondebosch.com

Old Boys who are retiring, changing jobs or whose email addresses may change for any other reason are also asked to forward their new addresses to the Union.

Old Boys' Website

The High School, Prep School, Little Bosch and Old Boys' websites are in the process of being redesigned and should again be available during the course of July. The Rondebosch portal is www.rondebosch.com

In the interim information about Old Boy and school events are sent in the Enews - please ensure that the Union has your correct email address.

DATES TO DIARISE

Further information and dates will appear in the Enews.

- July 16 First & Second XV vs Wellington (from New Zealand)
- July 19 Rugby vs Boland Landbou (away)
- July 23 & 24 Choral Concert: "Rutter Requiem", 19h30
- July 26 Rugby vs DF Malan (home)
- August 1 Rondebosch Wine Festival, 18h00
- August 2 Rugby & hockey vs SACS (home)
- August 8 Function for E2003-E2007, 17h30-19h30**
- August 9 Rugby & Hockey vs Wynberg (away)
- August 14 Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function
- August 15 Hockey vs Bishops (away)
- August 16 Rugby & hockey vs Bishops (away)
- August 19 Old Boys vs High School winter sports day**
Followed by informal get together from 18h00. All welcome
- August 21 Prestige Music evening in Reeler Centre, 19h30
- August 27 Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club Annual Dinner, 19h00
- September 23 Matric Art & Design exhibition, 18h30
- September 26-29 SACS Waterpolo tournament
- September 27 Cape Schools Cricket Week, Queen's College
- October 21, 24, 25 Cabaret in the Quad
- November 5 Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club AGM, 18h00
- November 11 Remembrance Day Service
- November 27 Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club / Kia Claremont Golf Day
- December 3 Carol Service, 19h00

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Yet even in this company Tickey, I believe, was unique, in fact stood out like a giant (figuratively, of course)."

From colleagues:

"A man to whom the life of the mind and intellectual curiosity were paramount."

"Someone who set the academic tone of the School for generations of boys by his pursuit of excellence and the belief that the gifted should be stretched, even uncomfortably, until they could discover the delight in knowledge that he himself experienced over and over."

Tickey, quoting Aubrey de Selincourt and responding to the quotation :

"Every teacher must hope now and then for a scholar, for some sign in a pupil of that supple and lovely intelligence that darts into alien matter as light into a crystal, and is the glory of men."

Few teachers have seen the flashes of light as often as I have.

Tickey, again.

"For me, coaching games to outstanding athletes and players and teaching top set mathematics to gifted and enthusiastic boys with a real feel for the subject, was to live in an enchanted world."

Quoted by me from Oliver Goldsmith - who could have been describing Tickey - the true Renaissance man.

"In arguing.

*Too, the person own'd his skill,
For e'en though vanquish'd
he could argue still;
While words of learned length
and thund'ring sound
Amazed the gazing rustics
rang'd around;
And still they gaz'd
and still the wonder grew,
That one small head
could carry all he knew."*

Tickey's passionate pursuit of the development of excellence inevitably inspired others in other fields and thus permeated the whole ethos of the school - a lasting memorial to this extraordinary man.



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Tickey was equally capable of teaching English, Afrikaans, Latin, History, Science and Pure Physics and other subjects as he was at challenging boys in his Maths classroom. He also served as a housemaster in Mason House, Canigou and The Lilacs for 16 years.

He coached Rondebosch rugby and cricket sides, in particular the first teams, with distinction over many years. Tickey was well known for his application of mathematics and physics to sport and for helping Western Province and Springbok players, in particular Old Boy Ian McCallum, with their place kicking. Tickey was involved with the coaching of the three Rondebosch Old Boys who represented South Africa as rugby Springboks in 1974: Ian and Roy McCallum and Chris Pope, as well as Derek van den Berg in 1975.

Tickey put Rondebosch on the athletics map and was extensively involved with the development and coaching of Rondebosch athletics as organizer from 1954 to 1975 and continued with coaching through to his retirement.

Tickey was also well known for his passionate development of the Rondebosch grounds and the planting of many of the trees which are such a feature of the school campus today. In 1997, the school's centenary year, he wrote a leaflet about the trees of Rondebosch. The Rondebosch grounds are a memorial to his dedication to the school.

After his retirement through to 1998 Rondebosch continued to benefit from his rugby and athletics coaching skills and of his intimate knowledge of Rondebosch and its grounds. He became a Vice-President of the Old Boys' Union in 1986.

After the death of his first wife Clare he remarried. His present wife Marianne and son David have suggested that Old Boys who wish to do so make donations to the Old Boys' Union in Tickey's name. These funds will be used in an appropriate manner at Rondebosch.

Some of Tickey's essays, copies of his speeches and some of his writings about Rondebosch are available on www.tickey.co.za

Anecdotes or articles received from Old Boys will be posted on the site.

After his retirement Tickey commented that many Old Boys felt that they owed him a great deal as a teacher and mentor "but, you see, to have lived in the enchanted world of outstanding

athletes and top set mathematicians as I have done all my days is to owe my pupils everything - my very life."

A memorial service was held at St Georges Garrison Church in Pietermaritzburg on Friday 7 March 2008 followed by one in the Memorial Hall, RBHS on Friday 14 March.

Programme at RBHS Memorial Service:

- Welcome -
by Mr Martin Barker, RBHS Headmaster
- Prayers - *by the Rev David Gray (E68)*
- Tribute on behalf of the School -
by Mr Chris Murison (E57), a former headmaster
- Tribute on behalf of the OBU -
by Dr Ian McCallum (E61)
- Tribute -
by Professor I de V (Tinkie) Heyns
- Tribute by Dr McCallum -
on behalf of David de Jager
- Tribute by a friend -
for Anne de Jager and her children
- Hymn - *Once to every man and nation*

The School Song ended the service and tea was served in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

EXCERPTS FROM THE TRIBUTE TO TICKEY BY IAN MCCALLUM (E61)

"**M**athematics, physics, cosmology, philosophy, botany, athletics, rugby, cricket, sport in any form and ultimately poetry, Tickey de Jager's life was a kaleidoscope of interests ... and he was good at all of them. In any of these fields, he knew what he was talking about and if he didn't he would find out. He was insatiably curious. With one or two exceptions, all of them exotic, he could name every tree that grew in the grounds of this school.

Short in stature and blind in one eye from boyhood, he had good reason to feel small, limited and even bitter. Not him. He would have none of it. He refused to be a victim. Instead, the blind eye turned inwards and he developed what most of us seek in our lives - INSIGHT - into himself and into the world. He achieved both.

"I didn't know you were so short" said a journalist after weeks of trekking through forests to find and interview a certain pioneer in the early days of the discovery of North America. "If I was tall, I would have been king of the world" came the reply. "But because I know who and what I am ... I am king of my world." This is how I saw Tickey de Jager. To me, he was an alpha - a 'king' in his own world - a noun, a verb and an adjective all wrapped up in one.

The nouns? We have already touched

some of them and here are some more - teacher, mentor, coach, philosopher, poet, husband, father and friend.

The verbs? They are summed up in one word - action. He was always on the go. He turned every noun into a verb. To him, talent, like intelligence and ethics were not mere words or aspirations but ACTS. They were acts of engagement with the world. "If a man has genuine talent", he once wrote, "he should be ready to make almost any sacrifice to cultivate it to the full." If he recognized any talent in you and if you were willing, he would help you - but only if you were willing. I know. It was nothing for him to go the extra mile. But you had to be willing to go with him.

The adjectives? How about these - imaginative, passionate, enthusiastic, empowering, inspirational, deep, determined, firm, fair and frightening? Frightening? Yes. He was frightening in his stance against any form of brute force, laziness and mediocrity. A compassionate man, he was nevertheless far more concerned and attuned to fairness and justice than to sympathy. This of course, didn't help any boy or colleague who felt sorry for themselves.

Tickey had no respect, let alone, tolerance for mediocrity ... especially from those who he knew had more to offer of themselves, of their passions, of their intellect. I think this is why many of us were somewhat afraid of him. We knew that he knew what was hiding behind our lethargy. He looked for and if he couldn't find it, he probed for the best in almost every boy he knew and in many ... he found it. I think a lot of us can be grateful for that.

Tickey de Jager's life as an educator was to search for and to find words for the inarticulate, to find the right words not only to express our emotions but to feel them, to kindle in his students a voice and a confidence to express their sometimes hidden capabilities and talents.

Finally, a few words of my personal experience of Tickey de Jager. I knew him. I knew him well. And yet, I hardly knew him at all. He was too quick for me, always ahead, always preparing a way. Always, a little out of reach. 'Come. Let's play. Let's experiment.' He was not interested in followers. He was interested in advocates ... advocates of joy and creativity. It is interesting that the word poem comes from the Greek, poema, which means 'to create'. His compass, both external and internal was firmly pointed in the direction of

poetry and play. However, you had to play within the rules. It is to him I owe the expression "If you want to break the rules, you have to know the rules." It is a beautiful and essential lesson.

Tickey de Jager gave me a gift that I have no doubt he has given to many in this audience today. It is a gift that I will treasure for the rest of my life. HE BELIEVED IN ME. Do you know what that means to a young boy? I was not a great scholar, certainly not at Rondebosch and this had nothing to do with the teachers. It was entirely my own doing and in keeping with the temperament of a dreamer. These days I may well have been considered as having attention deficit disorder. Attention deficit? Indeed. My mind was elsewhere - in the bush, on the playing fields. Disorder? No. I didn't see it that way and neither did Tickey de Jager.

Instead, he recognized that there was more mathematics in my left foot than in the left and right hemispheres of my brain combined. To him, to be pigeon-toed meant internal rotation of the hips. This was not some kind of pathology. The unusual angle of the feet could be put to unusual advantage. And so, what I did not know about parabolas, vectors, intersections and parallels in the classroom did not matter to him. He simply changed the classroom. I did at least eight years of post matric on that field to the right of this building.

Through him, mathematics came alive on the playing field - angles, lines, velocities, formulae, rotations, spin, curves and inclinations took on an oval shape. Every pitch, every track, every rugby venue for me, became a field of dreams. The posts were the parallel lines, the crossbar the defining shape of a 90 degree intersection. And we played. "If you can't commit yourself to catching the ball on the full, then let it bounce ... but don't let it bounce twice!" Was this rugby or philosophy? "That wasn't a great kick, but your run-up was beautiful". He kept the spirit alive.

As for team spirit - "this spirit simply means that the people in the team like each other" he would say. "Since when did it become a means for uniting one's feelings against your opponents?. Ultimately, there's no joy in disliking people." To him, the classroom was a moveable feast. He had no problem giving impromptu tutorials in a street, in a garden ... anywhere ... and without taking off his bicycle clips.

I never called him Tickey, to his face. Why was this? Was it a lack of courage

on my part? Was it simply a measure of respect for a man who was unashamed of his nick name?

I am not sure.

What I do know is that to me and to thousands of others who knew him, he will always be - "Sir".



ANECDOTES AND MEMORIES OF TICKEY

MIKE REELER (former RBHS headmaster): One of Tickey de Jager's many, but perhaps less well-known, accomplishments was his profound knowledge of, and not inconsiderable skill in, playing the card game contract bridge. He had read extensively about the game, its history and its great players, could quote wonderful anecdotes from Sheinwold and Goren and was highly critical of modern systems of play and calling, which he tore to shreds with his mathematical acumen and condemned as a legal form of "cheating".

I well remember the many occasions when I was at The Lilacs in the early 1960s that he would turn up in the evening and we would play bridge, he partnering Lesley, my wife, whose mathematical skills he appreciated more than mine, against her sister or mother and me. We would play with very little time for chit-chat, except for the odd analysis of a particularly interesting hand and only a short break for coffee and his favourite cream and jam scones, until just before midnight. He and I would then stroll up the avenue from The Lilacs, he wheeling his old bicycle (the model before the balloon tyre one) discussing all the world's, and our, problems.

We would stop at the main gate and would continue chatting with the subjects ranging from love, liberally illustrated with many emotional quotes by him from the poetry of the greats and some of his own, to war and things military, which he held in great contempt; from the stupidity of the education authorities to the best method for getting a cricket ball to turn on a flat wicket; from a mathematical problem that had arisen in his add maths class that day to how the trees in the School grounds should be labelled with the full Latin names (which he quoted) as well as their common names; from the best method to get extra copies from those dreadful wax sheets used by Gestetner to make copies of notes and examination papers to how to get

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Johannes to mark out the athletics track to within a certain degree of accuracy. Tickey spoke most of the time, not to dominate the conversation, but because he had the insight and knowledge that I didn't.

Suddenly, almost in mid-sentence and at about 1.30 am, he would say goodbye, hop on his bicycle and trundle off down Campground Road on his way home, leaving me to walk slowly back to the house wondering how I was ever going to be able to cope with my classes in the morning. The late night would have had no deleterious effect on him as he would be full of the answers to some of the problems, mathematical and otherwise, unsolved by us, but for which he had found explanations during the night. An amazing man!

PAUL DUMINY (E63): We will all surely have many memories of this man whose diminutive physical appearance belied the greatness of the man within. We who are Afrikaans speaking know the expression "klein botteltjie gif", often applied to those similarly vertically challenged but who are absolutely turbo-charged, and this, to me, describes him very aptly.

I well remember an occasion after a maths test when, having aroused Tickey's wrath by doing abominably, he took me to that little office between D1 and D2 and beat me about the ears while drumming it into me with every wallop that my product was not acceptable in any circumstances and that I had to pull up my socks to avoid a fate worse than death. Anything which was just "Good enough for old Tickey" was simply unacceptable. It had to be one's best.

This has been a guiding light in my career since then. I have also taken it with me to my own children, my students while at Stellenbosch and now recently to Saudi Arabia where I have spent the past 5 years working and teaching medical students. For this great lesson in life, I am thankful to one of the great masters by whom I have been privileged to be taught.

DR JOHN MAASCH (E72): I had not seen Tickey for over 20 years but heard he was staying with his daughter in Palmerston North in New Zealand. I phoned him and he immediately knew who I was and we chatted for about a half hour. He was very impressed with certain aspects of New Zealand agriculture with which he had become

acquainted, was very interested in the stroke research with which I was involved (he had suffered a stroke earlier) and, as always, came out with some very strong views on a variety of issues especially bemoaning the standard of undergraduate university mathematics. He sounded the same as I remembered him 30 + years earlier.

Tickey was a disciplinarian - my backside bore testimony to that but he was also an encourager of hard effort even when I made a mess of things. It is almost 40 years later and his voice still rings in my ears. "think, Maasch, think!! Small in stature but so big in impact - off the rugby field that is.

DR COLIN ROSE (E86): We were very fortunate that Tickey was able to stop over and stay with us several times in Sydney on the way to visit his daughter in New Zealand. He usually came armed with a great many poems he had written in odd places such as a dentist's chair while admiring the hygienist's pretty smile. While in Sydney he would fire away conundrums just as if I was still sitting in the back row of his maths class. Nothing had changed. To Tickey, life and the classroom were the same. Amazingly, he was always ever youthful - constantly dissecting everything about him with his superb intellect like a young boy discovering anew. Perhaps the only thing he never could quite understand was my total disinterest in rugby.

On Saturday afternoons he would settle into the comfy chair in our lounge and watch ... solo ... whatever match was being played. To Tickey, rugby was art ... and I thus, no doubt, a philistine.

PETER KING (E62): I remember well the Advanced Maths classes and the writing of additional tests on Saturday mornings. Although I have lost some contact with the school, having only daughters, I still run on the school fields several times per week. I share Tickey's passion for trees as may be seen in the 230 indigenous trees of 43 species that I have planted (or arranged to be planted) and tend in Keurboom Park. The school grounds and the park together form a wonderful area for persons to walk, run, cycle and relax a different world away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

TIM PRICE (E84): I have vivid memories of my first weeks at the high school in 1980 and being bust by Tickey for chucking rocks in one of the irriga-

tion dams. Later he scared me even more with algebra!!

JOHN JONES (E65): I thought of him yesterday morning when a group of us were discussing good and bad maths teachers and the impact that they had had on our lives. I am eternally grateful that I had the good fortune to have been taught by him throughout my high school years. Helping him sort out the school timetable at the end of my standard nine year was one the high points of my time at RBHS.

DEREK FISH (E82): I have been involved in Mathematics and Science Communication for over 20 years now and I recently gave a talk to all the SA Maths teachers doing the IEB matric, at the ICC in Durban on 9 February. The emphasis of my talk was that Maths is beautiful and that this should be the primary reason for teaching it. I dedicated my talk to Tickey de Jager as it was he who opened my eyes to this from 1979 to 1982 in his Maths class. I was delighted to see many smiles of recognition when I put his picture up. On asking, I discovered that at least half of the 300 + teachers present had come across Tickey in some way or another - what a great tribute to this exceptional man. He changed my outlook on Maths and Science (aided by the indomitable Gus Enderstein!) forever and launched me into what I now do and love. Some men will never be replaced - I shall miss him.

MIKE RUSSELL (E72), Staff 1978-1996: I remember, as Standard 6 and 7 boy, being terrified of C J de Jager. There was an absentee-note system in place that meant you had to hand your absentee-note to the deputy on side-duty on the stage at assembly on the day of your return. At that particular time, this could mean either Buck Ryan or Tickey. If you'd forgotten your letter, best it wasn't Tickey on stage duty! Even if you had the letter, it was still a pretty intimidating moment!

I was never a mathematician so I never had the pleasure of being taught regularly by Tickey. However some of my happiest memories was when Tickey took us in place of a teacher who was absent. Without fail he entertained us, stretched us, bewitched us, inspired us with lessons from rugby and angles, to poetry recitals, to philosophical debate, to the classics. He was a real renaissance man, and his influence, though irregular and subtle, remains with us to this day.

Subunion News

SYDNEY

Stuart Bennie reports: There was a good turnout at our November reunion with a couple of Old Boys travelling from afar. Graeme Brinkman as usual made the trip from the Central Coast and Roger Perrins just happened to be in Sydney from Melbourne.

We are experiencing returned emails. Those who want to be kept informed of the annual Sydney event, please send your latest email details to:

rbhsobu_syd@hotmail.com and please include your Eyear.

The following attended this year's event:

Frank Talbot (E46), Graeme Brinkman (E59), Peter Kipps (E59), Peter Watt (E60), Tony Camacho (E64), Frank White (E64), David East (E65), Duncan Whiley (E67), Stuart Bennie (E68), Tony Smuts (E69), Dave Hofmeyr (E70), Archie Arenson (E73), Craig Stewart (E77), Alan Hamilton (E77), Roger Perrins (E78), Richard Alder (E80), Brian Aubin (E81), Alex Koukillis (E81), Wanne Rous (E86), Matthew Loxton (E86), James Jennings (E86). Apologies were received from Greg Ollerhead (E89), Martin Jaffe (E66) and Ian Halperin (E77).

Craig Stewart helped out as usual in his capacity as treasurer and fundraiser and Archie Arenson organised the school song. Our guest speaker was John Baikie who gave us a thought provoking talk on "Predicting the Future".

The proceedings officially end at 7.30 pm but rumour has it that at 9.30 pm stories were still flowing off the tongues. This year's event will be at the same venue on Thursday 6 November 2008 at 5.30pm - visiting Old Boys most welcome.

Vancouver, Canada

Our 2007 annual event was again a dinner kindly hosted by Ray and June Patterson at their



Vancouver Subunion gathering

residence in the suburb of North Vancouver on 3 November 2007. Attending were 17 people; 8 Old Boys, former RBHS secretary Elaine Marchant; a Bishops Old Boy and spouses. We made contact with more "new" Old Boys in the vicinity.

The gathering continues to be enjoyable for all and ensures that the school song continues to echo in this corner of the world. Welcome was especially given to the new attendees for this year, Rob Doyle and Hally Hofmeyr and to Elaine Marchant.

It was decided that an email poll would be taken of the members to see if a majority wished the 2008 event be a summer barbecue or an evening dinner. At the time of writing the likely 2008 event will be a dinner in North Vancouver mid-October 2008.

Old Boys attending were:

Geoff Barrett (E72), Allan Davison (E52), Rob Doyle (E86), Michael Greenway (E57), Hally Hofmeyr (E76), Oliver Kuys (E39), Chris Myburgh (E69) and Ray Patterson (E58).

Those sending their apologies included:

Sean Bell (E91), Terry Chiddy (E67), Howie Davidson (E84), Tony Delpierre (E84), Michel Delpierre (E56), Dave Edmunds (E75), David Fouché (E94), Brian Fraser (E63), Smiley Hallam (E57), Arthur Harrison (E38), Charles Helm (E75), Trevor Johnson (E63), Paul Jurgens (E75), Barry Katzen (E74), Andrew Keeton (E85), Michael Kemp (E50), Alan Kessell (E71), Frank Lane (E42), Robert MacKenzie (E58); Simon Millner (E82), Nolan Newman (E76), Van Eyk Olivier (E94), Leslie Sank (E77), Anton Scamvougeras (E78),

Robert Sinclair (E61), Paul Smit (E72), Ray Sparks (E67), Andre Starke (E80) and Auret van Heerden (E72)."

Chris Myburgh
Chairman/Secretary,
Vancouver Subunion



HELDERBERG

The Helderberg Subunion celebrated the 20th year of its formation with a well attended braai held at Nick (E57) and Louise Groenewald's Sea Farm home at Hangklip on 16 March 2008.

Left to right: Cedric Muller (E49), Terence Mulligan (E43), John Benn (E54), chairman of the Rondebosch OBU, Dennis Toens (E45), Basil Butler (E42), Jurgen Meinert (E36) and Andre Boonzaier (E59), chairman of the Helderberg Subunion

Friday is tie day

The RBHS Old Boys' Union is proud of its 'colours' which are registered with the South African Board of Heraldry. It is customary for the OBU tie to be worn on Fridays and for OBU members to greet others who are wearing the tie. We hope you will join us as a proud tie wearer on Fridays and at any other occasion where Old Boys might be present.





ALAN HUDSON (E54) at alan.hudson@cancercare.on.ca writes: "After a ten-year spell as chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto (one of the world's largest neurosurgical training programs), I was appointed McCutcheon Chair and Surgeon-in-Chief of the University Health Network (Canada's largest academic teaching hospital). I subsequently became President and CEO of the University Health Network and subsequently, President and CEO of Cancer Care Ontario (the provincial cancer agency). My present job, from which I will retire in September, has involved advising the Premier of the Province of Ontario on the reduction of wait times for various medical conditions.

In 2000 I was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. This is Canada's highest civilian honour and I think I may be the first RBHS Old Boy to receive that honour. I was subsequently awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal. I am Honorary President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies.

Unquestionably, the fantastic education I received at RBHS set me up for life at Cape Town Medical School where my hero was another RBHS Old Boy, Jannie Louw. Along the way I attended the University of Toronto, Oxford and Harvard Business School but nothing matched the educational experience at RBHS and Cape Town Medical School. I look back with great respect and affection for all my school masters and can picture them as if it was yesterday. Through John Benn's great efforts at the Old Boys' Union, it has been a pleasure to read about the lives and exploits of my friends from school."

(Firstly congratulations on your achievements which you graciously attribute partly to your RBHS days. These achievements in turn add to the reputation of your old school and honour it.)

GRAHAM KORCK (E57) of Plettenberg Bay writes: "I would like to report that the RBHS music concert in Plettenberg Bay was a howling

success with the church hall being filled to capacity and everyone enjoying a wonderful evening's entertainment. The Old Boys present were Professor Justin van Selm (E34), Mick Jones (E47) Trevor Dodds (E61) Klippie Melck (E57) Graham Korck (E57) and Robin Wilkin (E77) who all live in Plettenberg Bay. They joined with the band for photographs and singing of the school song after the show. Terrence Scarr, music master, and the boys were a tribute to the school and made the Old Boys present very proud to have been associated with the school and it's achievements."

(Thanks, Graham, it is always great to have such positive feedback on the School's activities.)

BRUCE W STEWART (E69) on email info@execuread.com writes: "I was in Mason House with Prof Heyns in 1965 - the first of the Stewarts (known as "jaw-bone" or "ellie") followed two years later by Ian Stewart ("middle-jaw" or "middle-ellie") and later by Craig Stewart ("pikkie-jaw" or "pikkie-ellie"). Ian lives in Knysna. Craig headed off for Australia many years ago and is now an Aussie citizen. I have been living in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA since 2001 with my wife and two teenage children. Would love to hear from any other E68, E69 or E70 Old Boys."

(Thanks for the news, Bruce. Your email also brought back memories of how Mason House - and, indeed, certain other teachers of that time coined so many nicknames.)

AUBREY HERBSTEIN (E66) on email aubjul@ihug.co.nz and his wife have emigrated to New Zealand. He retired nine years ago at the age of 50 and spends his time doing community service for Lions Clubs International. He has served as the District Governor for what was the Transvaal, Swaziland and Bophuthatswana and then served as the Council Chairman for Southern Africa.

(Retirement at 50 sounds good. I tried at 58 and 10 years later I'm still teaching at Rustenburg.)

BILL CUTHBERT (E72) on bilca@telkomsa.net writes: "When I last made contact I think I was still teaching primary school at one of the local Durban schools. An opportunity came up for us to buy a nursery and for a short while it went very well but when the rand took a dive, so did the buying

of plants! For the last quarter of that year I went back to teaching at Amanzimtoti Primary and found myself staying for the following three terms the next year. At the same time my wife Carol was helping to manage and teach at the Kloof Kip McGrath Education Centre - she also carried on with home-schooling our two boys. When the Kip branch came up for sale we did not hesitate. Kip McGrath is a franchise system of highly specialised remediation and tutoring for children who have problems in English, Maths and Afrikaans, but it can also be used to extend the bright child who is either under-achieving or wants to improve their present levels.

My regards to all from E72 and congratulations to Andre Roothman for his part in "Known Gods". Anyone from the year is welcome to contact me via email or by cell 072 712-8356."

(What you are involved in now sounds very interesting and challenging. I hope it goes well for you - certainly you seem to be in a field in which South Africa is desperately short of the necessary expertise.)

ANDREW JOUBERT (E63) on email jatjoubert@gmail.com writes: "I am a part-time business school lecturer, working at Wits Business School, Milpark Business School, GIMT, Learning Resources, Midrand Graduate Institute, EES-Siyakha, USB-Ed (Stellenbosch University Exec Ed) and some others. My specialities are marketing, corporate governance and ethics, strategy and finance.

In June 2007 I had a wonderful eight-day visit to my brother Christopher (E61) in London and to his daughter in Cambridge. Semi-retired, he works for an educational NGO. At the end of September we visited Knysna for my brother-in-law Franc Bentley's (E65) birthday. He and my sister Penelope have a son and daughter, both married.

I regularly cycle with our contemporary Chris Steyn. His brother Richard (E60) is also a keen cyclist. I'm also in fairly regular touch with Richard Hunter (E61), who is incoming president of the Honolulu Rotary Club. His email is RHunter796@aol.com

I served as president of the Sandown Rotary Club 18 months ago but am no longer active in Rotary owing to work pressures.

Jill and I have recently been blessed with a lovely granddaughter born to our elder daughter and her husband John Cochran. Little Rachel is our first grand-

child. We have two daughters, Chloe and Alexandra, both now living in Gauteng."

(Thanks for your own news but also the snippets about other Old Boys - always a welcome feature in an email.)

STAN FISH, Associate Member writes from Pinelands: "It has been a real privilege to be classified as an Associate Member of the Union these past few months and it has meant far more to me than the mere title. I have been an avid reader of all your publications this year and they have brought back happy memories of so many good friends. My links actually cover several decades. I moved to Cape Town from Natal in 1951 and soon came to know that generation of RBHS matriculants. From then until 1969 many others became friends through my leading the popular S and V camps of those days. From 1970 to 1982 my position was elevated to that of parent to Gavin (E81) and Derek (E82). And so my interest in the names which appear in the newsletter cover a far wider span of years than those of my sons."

(Good to hear from one of our new potential correspondents. I look forward to news from other associate members as their numbers grow.)

JACK WOODS (E41) of 3 McLellan Street, Tawa, New Zealand writes: "After leaving school I did an apprenticeship with SAR retiring in 1985 as Assistant Chief Electrical Engineer. My wife and I decided to join our two daughters in New Zealand in 1998 and have enjoyed watching our four grandsons grow up."

(Thanks for the letter - haven't any grandchildren of my own but it sounds like something to look forward to!)

MICHAEL SMITH (E73) on email msmith@fullmetalservices.com writes: "I keep in regular contact with a few OBU friends back in Cape Town but to my knowledge there are no other E73s in or near London. The closest I've got to my year at previous London dinners has been one or two E72s. Our family GP in Sevenoaks is Richard Husband (E72). I am married to a Rustenburg girl, Carol Helme and we have a 17 year old son, Matthew and a 15 year old daughter, Julia. We've been living in the UK for 10 years."

(Thanks for the email, Michael. Maybe this appearance in the newsletter will lead to some fellow E73s making contact. Please give my

regards to Richard when next you see him - we spent many hours together on sports fields around the country!)

KEN ALSTON (E62) on ksalston@mweb.co.za writes:

"As a teacher at the Prep some special memories might be worth sharing. In 1971, my first full year of teaching, I got into difficulty in a maths class. Working on the board I could not disguise the fact that I was stuck. From Chris van Breda in the Standard Three classroom, came "Please Sir, can I help you?" I tossed him the chalk and he came to the board. "Well, you see, Sir, by the theory of Pythagoras..." And proceeded to solve the geometry problem! Every maths student teacher I teach gets to hear about Chris!

In 1970 I coached probably the most successful rugby side I ever had. 108 tries in the year and 90 of those from the backs. Michael Broodryk, at centre was utterly unselfish and had not scored a single try in 1½ seasons. One morning his team mates set him up. Fed a pass, he found no one to pass to. They had all stood still or dropped back. He had no choice but to score himself and then got 14 others excitedly congratulating him. Those were the days!

In 1984, teaching in the Magnet Class, I was returning work to some of the boys. Very softly but clearly audible one boy behind my shoulder got his work and I heard him say to himself, "I never knew I was capable of such work!" Those words have haunted me for nearly 25 years. I keep asking, "How many children ever cross and go beyond their expectations of themselves?" And why are there so very few who do?

In the 1970s a pupil arrived from overseas in May and was placed in my Std 3 class. Soon it was time for prepared orals. Charles King stood up and came to the front. "My topic is 'The measurement of the distance of stars, by the intensity of light' ". Teacher and fellow pupils were hopelessly out of their depth. He lost us all as with a tiny card with a couple of notes he spent more than ten minutes trying very hard, but without great success, to educate us. That he knew his subject was obvious to all. He shared his passion and the fact that he spent each Thursday evening at meetings at the Royal Observatory.

Years filled with incredible memories of very special children who stretched one to keep ahead and have to realize the classroom was a place for everyone

to learn... and this teacher learnt so much from his pupils! To all I taught, thank you for enriching me and giving me such memories, and examples to use as I train new teachers. Would love to hear from you."

(Thanks for your interesting email, Ken. You sound as enthusiastic as ever and long may it last. We need teachers with good training and the enthusiasm and passion to put it to work.)

DAVE MARTHEZE (E56) of Pinelands in encouraging those to give towards the Centenary Fund appeal writes: "My personal thanks go to the many wonderful Old Boys who over many years have contributed so willingly to provide the school with its many assets, both in the form of the high standard of education and the after school activities."

I remember as a boarder when we had the small pool below Mason House and the fun that it provided for us. The galas that all enjoyed and the feeling of togetherness it gave to all. My housemasters were Foxy Howes and then Stan Edkins who coached first team hockey. Foxy had a small cabin in the Robertson area and on every short holiday would take about six boys there. They had a wonderful time, walking, swimming in the river and playing games.

Among other teachers who had a bearing on my life were Charlie Hallock, Civvy Olivier, Japie Louw who had taught my father and my uncle. The great Arthur Jayes was our vice head, Wally Mears our principal followed by Nobby Clarke. I was fortunate to have Arthur Jayes as my housemaster in Lilacs with his wife who was a very special person. The life of boarders in those days was wonderful with the head and his family living in Canigou, every boarder feeling like a member of their family."

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Centenary 2009

Centenary Appeal Fund update

Various functions are planned for 2009 to provide Old Boys the opportunity to again meet with fellow Old Boys and to celebrate 100 years of supporting Rondebosch. Details will be carried in the next newsletter and in the Enews.

In addition to hosting celebratory functions, the Union has embarked on a campaign to raise funds for specific requirements at both the Prep and High schools.

By the end of May 2008 **R1.6 million** had been contributed and pledged by 360 Old Boys. At this stage E63 has the most individual contributors followed very closely by E62, E65 and E86. These classes are challenging other Eyears to follow their success by contacting everyone in their classes to also make contributions, no matter what the amount. It is up to each Old Boy to decide how much he can afford. The amounts donated by individuals will not be publicised and remain confidential. Donations are deductible from South African taxable income so making contributions more affordable.

The funds raised have enabled the Union to make a significant contribution to the development of the new staff housing units, the **Clent Mews** which are located next to the Sunnybrae gate. A decision has been made to name a unit in the complex in honour of the late **Tickey de Jager** – R500 000 is required and we are sure that many Old Boys who had the benefit of Tickey's extraordinary talents are prepared to make contributions toward this target. Some Old Boys have already made generous contributions in memory of Tickey. These funds will be used for worthy projects at the school and form part of the Centenary Appeal.

The new **swimming and water polo pool** which was officially opened on 12 March, Founders' Day, is an impressive addition to Rondebosch's facilities and is considered to be amongst the best school pools in South Africa. Some of the Centenary Appeal funds have been used to help pay for the construction costs. Funds are also being used for **bursaries** for deserving boys.

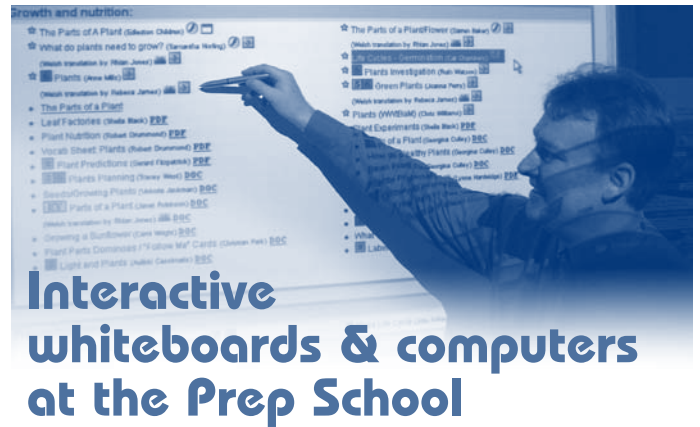
It is imperative that Rondebosch maintains its position as a leading school with the introduction and use of technology and teaching aids. Discussions are presently underway for the acquisition of modern, high tech **interactive white boards**. Tom Glover and his fellow E62s are driving this project.

The old metal and woodwork rooms at the High School are to be converted into a modern **Design and Technology Centre** costing in the region of R800 000. Old Boys who require more information or are engineers and want to consider being associated with this project are asked to contact the OBU office.

The Union and High School are also presently examining a joint project for the recording and display of Rondebosch's rich heritage within the public areas of the school buildings. The first phase of this project will be the building of a **Rondebosch Heritage Centre** in the old coat room at the entrance to the Memorial Hall.

We thank all donors and other Old Boys who provide their time and expertise to help Rondebosch in a variety of other ways. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the two schools and benefit the boys now, and in the years to come.

Every Old Boy who donates to the Union is individually thanked and is acknowledged in the OBU newsletter, unless anonymity is requested.



Interactive whiteboards & computers at the Prep School

The Old Boys Union intends using some of the funds raised from the Centenary Appeal to donate more interactive white boards to the Prep School. Set out below is some information on this modern approach to teaching. Old Boys who would like more information should contact the OBU office who will put Old Boys in contact with the appropriate Prep School staff.

Information Technology has become part of our everyday lives and at the Prep School technology is used to encourage boys to learn more independently and to learn actively. This is particularly important as youngsters in the 21st century are being exposed to technology in every area of their lives and respond well to it.

With this in mind, a learning environment has been created where Information Technology and education meet. It is visible in almost every aspect of the school, from boys in Grade 1 to the headmaster. The Computer Center boasts 'state of the art' equipment, and is equipped with 28 Microsoft XP computers in a dedicated computer laboratory, as well as a total of 145 computers throughout the school, with at least one computer in each class. Every boy works on computers every week for one hour from grade two to seven and half an hour for the grade ones. Every boy has his own computer during the computer classes.

Each boy has internet access, as well as his own email address. This has allowed them to work at their own pace in the desired technology areas. The purpose of computer education is not only to teach computer skills as a separate subject, but to integrate these skills into other subject areas.

There are data projectors in many classes, as well as an Interactive Whiteboards (effectively very big touch screens) which allows for a more interactive learning environment. The board is connected to a computer and the two devices communicate interchangeably. The teacher can write on the board using a finger and the entire lesson be recorded on computer for revision, for sending to boys who may have missed a class and even emailed to parents who may want to see what the youngsters have been taught. The boards increase the interactive atmosphere in the classroom which in turn increases the learning experience.

The teachers project their notes and slide shows onto these boards and instead of becoming a one sided lecture, it becomes a two sided experience. Students can edit and make notes on the screen or answer questions directly on the screen. This allows the boys to play a larger part in the discussion and absorb more from each lesson.

The School has also been expanding its information and technology in other areas of the school. The Design and Technology (previous woodwork or metalwork) laboratory now has a small computer lab, where the boys are exposed to digital photography, robotics, graphic design, as well as Computer Assisted Design.

Centenary Appeal prize winners

All those who contributed to the Union's Centenary Appeal Fund to 7 March 2008 were entered into draws to win prizes. Thank you to Tom Glover of E62 for arranging the prizes which were generously donated by Constantia Uitsig and Tanda Tula.

- The September 2007 prize winners were: Jeff Louw (E55), Lindsay Kennedy (E63) and Ronald Webb (E33).
- The December 2007 winners were: Patrick Horrigan (E79), Paul Joubert (E85) and Ivan Baard (former staff).
- The prize winners drawn at the Union's dinner in March were: John Broster (E65), Chris Enslin (E46) and Derek Greenwood (E53).
- Gerrard Hoek (E68) won accommodation for two nights at the Constantia Uitsig Hotel valued at between R4 000 and R6 000.
- The main prize of three nights at Tandu Tula luxury tented camp in the Timbavati valued between R12 000 and R15 000 was won by Derek Peers (E59).

Thank you to all our donors.

MUSICIAN PLACED ON DEAN'S LIST



DAVID COUSINS (E2000) has earned placement on the Dean's List at the Berklee College of Music, Boston, USA for the autumn semester of the 2007 academic year. David attended RBHS from 1996 to 2000 and thereafter graduated from UCT in 2004 attaining a B Music (with distinction). David was awarded no less than three scholarships, namely

the Rondebosch Overseas Scholarship awarded by the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union, the Skye Foundation Scholarship and the Berklee College of Music Entrance Scholarship which made it possible for him to study at the Berklee College of Music. David started at Berklee College in August 2007 and studies Contemporary Writing and Production (which includes the study of arranging, scoring and production techniques).

OLD BOYS SCHOLARSHIP

The Nan Mears Scholarship is awarded every three to four years alternately to a former pupil of St Stithians College and a Rondebosch Old Boy.

The scholarship is for postgraduate study in the humanities, the arts or law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

It will be available to a Rondebosch Old Boy during 2008 or 2009.

Old Boys who may be interested in applying for this scholarship should contact the Old Boys' Union to obtain further information.

The closing date for applications will be advertised in the *Enews*.

Scholarship Scheme Sponsorship

DEREK HUDSON (E53) at derek.hudson@mail.com writes: "I look back with great appreciation on the Rondebosch Overseas Scholarship that I was awarded in 1959. The scholarship, which was worth £500 a year for two years, enabled me to take up a place as a postgraduate student at Cambridge University in England. That £500 (R1 000) a year was worth a great deal more then than it is now! The capital that was needed to fund the Overseas Scholarship had been raised over several years in the 1950s by a team of parents, Staff and Old Boys of the school.

My good academic results during my four years at UCT were based on the excellent mathematics teaching I had received as a school boy at Rondebosch. The school had also encouraged me to engage in extra curricular maths so as to give me some maths enrichment before I went to university."

After completing a PhD degree in statistics in 1963, Derek's career which followed was an illustrious one. The years 1964 to 1971 were spent in the Applied Statistics Department at Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey, USA. He then returned to southern Africa and spent 34 years working in Botswana. He started off as the Chief Government Statistician and continued as a consultant to conduct official statistical surveys. He was eventually promoted to the position of Deputy Governor at the Bank of Botswana, Botswana's equivalent of the South African Reserve Bank.

Derek retired from his final position as Botswana's first Banking Ombudsman and was awarded Botswana's Presidential Order of Meritorious Service by the president, Sir Ketumile Masire. He represented Botswana internationally at both yachting (the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles) and at bridge (in Morocco, South Africa and Zimbabwe).

Derek continues: "During the last six years, I have been involved in an informal scholarship scheme at RBHS. Concerned Old Boys may co-sponsor a student from a previously disadvantaged background together with money from the school's own scholarship fund. The first student I co-sponsored at Rondebosch matriculated in 2003. He recently obtained an honours bachelor's degree in Business Science. The second student I am co-sponsoring is still at the school.

Derek also commented that while the fund raising by Old Boys to celebrate the school's Centenary is well under way, he notes that the present proposal is to allocate 80% of the funds raised to physical improvements at the school and only 20% to scholarships.

"I wonder if I am the only Rondebosch Old Boy who thinks that allocating only 20% of Rondebosch's Centenary funds to scholarships, including those for students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds, is on the low side? Is there any support for the idea of making that a larger percentage?"

The OBU encourages other Old Boys to follow Derek's fine example of co-sponsoring worthy students.

See page 10 of the December 2007 newsletter for more information about Scholarships.

Are you receiving the *Enews*?

Old Boys who are not receiving the Union's regular *Enews* are asked to please forward their name, Eyear and email address to: obu@rondebosch.com

Reunions

1958 50TH

Neil Malan reports: "It was with much anticipation that 81 of the class of 1958 met at the Mowbray Golf Course for dinner on Wednesday 12 March 2008. With great enthusiasm more than 50% had arrived for this get-together by 18h00. Eight had travelled from distant countries - Canada, USA, Guernsey, UK and the Netherlands. Two from Australia were with us in spirit but promised to be there next time. (Which by consensus could be in 5 years time, March 2013).

The evening ran like clockwork and everyone had plenty of time to meet up with old friends and compare notes on distant experiences. The boarders had their own table but the rest were seated as they chose. Without doubt the evening was a great success and Noel Stamper, former Head Prefect gave a wonderful speech and there was a salute to the past by some members of the band of E58.

Photographs were taken by Gary Goldman (E77) and these were handed out to the attendees on a disc by the end of the evening. A commemorative key ring was presented to each of us by Paul Schipper to remember the evening and caps had been organized by Roy Andrew for all to take home. The menus were donated by Theo Clark (E57) and the wine was also donated before and during the meal.

A minute's silence was observed for the late Tickey de Jager and for the 24 former classmates who had passed away over the 50 years since leaving school. Neil Malan was Master of Ceremonies and Chairman and thanked his committee for all the work they had done to make the evening such a great success. They were Hugh Gordon, Cedric Reid, Gordon Law, Keith Boshard and especially Roy Andrew, who handled all the communications.



The class of E58 celebrating their 50th reunion with dinner at the Mowbray Golf Club.

At the dinner the committee were presented with a handsome crystal memento to carrying the Old Boys' badge, each being personally inscribed with thanks from the E58s. This had been organized by Derek Peers.

The following day we enjoyed an impressive tour of the Prep School followed by lunch and thanks were given by Keith Boshard to Tony Ryan, Prep Headmaster and the mothers who catered for the event. The afternoon followed with a visit to RBHS starting with a talk by Professor Tinkie Heyns in the Memorial Hall and a conducted tour of the school and new swimming complex. Hugh Gordon gave the speech of thanks. Friday night was the Old Boys' Union annual dinner at Kelvin and although oversubscribed we managed four tables for the 41 from 1958. Once again it was a great success and enjoyed by all. Sunday breakfast at Kirstenbosch had a good attendance and was appreciated by many who had not seen this major tourist attraction for many years.

We are hoping that all the members of the class of '58 will send us a thumbnail sketch of their lives to date which in due course will be emailed or posted to all. The letters of thanks and appreciation from all who attended have been overwhelming."

E82 25TH

Peter Lancaster reports: "In May 2007 I decided to take the bull by the horns to see who from my matric year would like to get together to celebrate our 25th year reunion. I sent out a general email and got quite a good response. Graham Muller and John Commins came forward to assist me in pulling this event together. We met regularly and eventually decided to hold the event on the 14 September 2007 at Simon's Restaurant, Groot Constantia. We agreed to keep the evening casual and relaxed and didn't opt for the black-tie option.

It was really great that some made the long journey southwards to join us in our celebrations - Andrew Leary (Ireland), James Kinlay (UK), Robin Wood (USA) and Eugene Malan (USA).

Our head boy, Virgoe Buckland (Australia) sent his apologies with his best wishes. Many others from overseas also sent apologies including Duncan Melville, John Airey, John Allison and Martin Gad.

It was a great evening, the weather was kind to us and we had electricity! We met in the bar for a drink beforehand and thereafter made our way to the private dining area upstairs in Simon's. We were honoured to have Mike Reeler, our headmaster, share in our celebrations



E93 15-YEAR REUNION IN LONDON

In March 2008 the London-based E93s met at David van Rooyen's house for their 15-year reunion. The turnout was excellent - perhaps driven by the rumour that "Buck" Ryan would dish out the appropriate punishment to any no-shows! The evening was festive and not even the cold English rain could stop them from having a braai - they just brought the braai inside! A big thank you to David and Darren for organising an excellent evening and thank you too to Bruce Hallock for ensuring that Mr Wares was there in spirit!

(Left to right): Kavan Seggie, Rob Mooney, Justin Stead, Fraser van Rensburg, Graham Grace, Dale Becker, Andre Brink, David van Rooyen, Bruce Hallock, Paul Theron, Darren Bekker, Dale Bright, Bevan Pope and Kevin Atkinson

with us together with Sheila Williamson (Guidance teacher), Max Brock (Science and German), Rob Wagner (Biology) and Clyde Broster (English).

All-in-all there were about 30 of us for dinner and we wiled away the hours with good food, good wine and loads of "remember-when" memories and stories of our school days. There were some who decided to carry on celebrating and arranged a braai at the Prep School on the Sunday."

E97 10TH REUNION



The Rondebosch E97 10 year reunion was a massive success - mainly thanks to the organization of Dave Wibberley.

The event was held on 14 December 2007 at the Western Province Cricket Club in Rondebosch with drinks and snacks going down like the old school stories themselves. About 50 E97s were present including guest teacher

Mr Xavier Zylstra (E79).

The evening consisted of a few words from former head prefect Christiaan Gildenhuys and deputy Dallen Stanford with judge Jeremy Macdonald doing a fine job presenting several fun awards including 'Pie Eater of the Year' going to Nicholas Scaife and 'Receding Hairline of the Year' to Mark Boonzaier.

To raise funds various rugby jerseys were raffled: Gcobani Bobo's South African 7s jersey went to Michael King; Dallen Stanford's USA 7s jersey went to Thomas Rood; and Anton van Zyl's Golden Lions Currie Cup jersey was auctioned to Brendan Hoffmann for R1 500!

The after-party in town was well supported by the group, and special mention must be made of Chris 'David Hasselhoff' Westcott who on a break dancing surge went down

like a bag of rubbish pulling his hamstring.

The event turned out to be a sensational evening for all and very interesting to see everyone's path over the past 10 years. The E97 group also raised R4 000 for the OBU.

Special thanks again to organizers Dave Wibberley, Chris Smit and Dallen Stanford.

E2003 REUNION

The E2003 5th reunion will take place on 15 August 2008. Contact Marcus van Heukelum at 14333287@sun.ac.za for further details.

E82 REUNION

Left and below are three pictures taken at the reunion



Left to right: Paul van Niekerk, André van der Merwe and Dave Trent



Max Brock (RBHS Staff) and Sean Delbrooke-Jones



At the E82 reunion were Andrew Leary and Craig Goldman



Andrew Muir (E84)

Winner of Environmentalist Award

ANDREW MUIR (E84) has received the SAB Environmentalist of the Year Award - an award given to individuals consistently developing outstanding environmental initiatives in South Africa.

Andrew, during twenty years of concentrated work, has been actively linking environmental and social solutions at critical junctures in South Africa's history. Concentrating on wild habitats, he has understood natural areas as a context for both social and environmental reform. He is recognised as one of South Africa's leading conservationists. Programmes that he initiated since 1987 have impacted on nearly a hundred thousand South Africans, dominated by those from previously disadvantaged backgrounds. As an environmental ambassador and leader who targets community influencers - youth leaders; politicians and opinion leaders - he has developed a variety of conservation and social development programmes.

In 2000 Andrew joined the Wilderness Foundation as the Executive Director in South Africa. He has a masters degree in Environment and Development from the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg and serves on a number of non-profit and conservation Boards. RBHS has a tradition of sending a group on the Wilderness Leadership School trails each year and Andrew is a chairman of the WLS Trust with which RBHS has been associated for 25 years. He is married to Margot and has two sons.

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He certainly had an outstanding academic record, particularly when we acknowledge that during all this time he was working at Caltex at an ever increasing level of responsibility. When he retired in 1987 he had been the finance director of Caltex Oil South Africa for many years.

Retirement for Bob was never going to conform to the Oxford Dictionary definition of "withdrawal, retreat or seek seclusion" because after a couple of months he joined the staff of the Graduate School of Business at UCT where he worked for a number of years.

Bob was well balanced, a gentleman in the finest sense of the word - a private person who was in some ways shy. He was good with people and led a simple but full life. He was a disciplined man and was never prepared to be a party to anything that his conscience would not allow. His thirst for knowledge remained with him for his entire life and he was able to talk with authority on many subjects.

His expertise in financial and management affairs was well known and his service on committees and boards was much in demand. Bob rarely turned down a request for help. He was highly principled and organised and was an ideal chairman of any committee. When he was in the chair there was a structure to the meeting and it was always conducted in a formal and professional way. Despite leading a busy life Bob was a person, who, if you asked him to do something, did it straight away.

To come back to his passion, the Rondebosch Boys' Schools - he was proud that his son David also enjoyed a Rondebosch education, matriculating in 1977. Sadly David predeceased his father. Bob was thrilled that the Bishton link with Rondebosch has continued with grandson James now in Grade 7 at the Prep. Over the years Bob served the schools in many capacities; school committee, fund raising for development and of course chairman of the Old Boys' Union for sixteen years.

Never during all that time did his enthusiasm for the Schools and the Old Boys' Union ever wane. He set a tremendous example and with his infectious personality motivated those who worked with him.

Bob assisted many clubs, charities, groups and organisations including the Rosebank Methodist Church."

Obituaries

JACK KENT, founding principal of Pinelands High School died on 18 February 2008 at the age of 97. His second teaching post was at RBHS in 1938 until 1951 when he left to found Pinelands High.

Mick Leary (E52) writes: Jack Kent taught English at a time in the school's history when the somewhat strange pedagogic ideas of headmaster Walter Mears prevailed. History was not taught and there were no prizes for outstanding academic achievement. There were no art classes and very little music. The gold standard was excellence on the rugby field and my teenage impression was that a number of the masters were unable to sustain a conversation on any other topic! Against this background Jack Kent stood out as a paragon of Anglo-Saxon culture and refinement. He instilled in me and many of my classmates an appreciation for and love of the English language and he taught us how to write lucid grammatical sentences.

Mr Kent founded and presided over what was known as "The Twelve Club". Membership was by invitation and limited to senior boys who would prepare papers on subjects of their own choice. I still have the manuscript of a paper I presented on Winston Churchill and almost sixty years on still cherish memories of magical evenings of discussions on a wide range of topics. He also produced the only play presented during my five years at the High School. This was "The Admirable Crichton" by Sir James Barrie. The redoubtable Miss Thompson was persuaded to allow Rustenburg girls to play the female roles. This yielded unqualified approval from the boys taking the male roles and vastly improved the quality of the production! As a diminutive Std VI I played the role of "bell-hop".

Over many years until I left Cape Town in 2000 we would meet at gatherings of the Owl Club where even as a very old man Jack's wit and erudition were luminescent."

Mr Kent leaves his wife Eileen, his sons Dr Athol Kent E61 and Brian Kent E59 and other family members.

PETER MATCHETT (E52) died unexpectedly at his home in McGregor in January 2008.

Mike Reeler wrote: Peter was a warm, good-natured, friendly, lovely person and one felt really good after a short while in his company. In the last few years he would phone every couple of months from his beloved McGregor just to chat, reminisce about the old days and bring a little additional cheer into our loves. He would speak about the afflictions of getting older, never to look for sympathy, but rather to share experiences and reassure us that life was good after all. His delightful sense of humour, pride in the achievements of his family and sincere interest in your well-being singled him out as someone I felt privileged to have worked with, to have shared fun times together with and to have called a friend. All who knew him will be lesser people for his death but we will always remember him with great affection.

Neil Malan (E58) wrote: I first met Peter nearly 60 years ago in 1949 when I was a cub at 4th Rondebosch Scout Troup. Peter was my brother's patrol leader in the scouts. His nickname was "Casanova" The locals say it was appropriate that his house in McGregor was the first on the right hand side BEFORE you got to Green Gables pub. He was a legend there and a true ambassador for the town.

At Rondebosch he was the Drum Major, leader of the school band. He served on the Rondebosch School Committee for several years and helped with many a braai for school reunions and other functions. Up till recently Peter would meet monthly with his old school mates at a monthly lunch. Barry Tilney, John Benn, Brian Tonnesen, Billy Low and many others.

Peter eventually retired to McGregor and for about twelve wonderful years became a legend. The entire town turned out to pay their respects to Peter on 19 January and Gill and Tiger opened Green Gables to all for Peter's wake. The Wacky Wine Weekend will never be the same."

The OBU notes with gratitude that Peter has left a most generous bequest in his will to assist with the school fees for boys in need of financial assistance.

AUBREY (BERRY) BERRANGE (E38) died in Gloucester, UK on 17 September 2007 aged 86. Peter Berrange (E47) writes that Aubrey completed a civil engineering degree at UCT and after the war served as an engineer with the Cape Province Roads department During this period he realised

the need to develop machinery which would create greater efficacy in compacting soils while making roads. By the mid 70s he was operating his own company using his impact compaction system throughout southern Africa. In the early 90s he sold his business and his patents and retired to the UK. He is survived by his widow Joan now living in Cape Town, a son and two daughters.

ARTHUR JAMES BRUINS (E52) died in Cape Town during 2007.

DR J P G (KOOS) DU PLESSIS (E45) died in Cape Town on 27 April 2008. He was an outstanding sportsman playing first team rugby and cricket and representing the school in athletics as a hurdler. Koos went on to play centre for Western Province on many occasions. He studied medicine at UCT and later specialised in radiology practising in Durban. Information from Dr Cecile Craig.

FRANCIS LEE DUKE (E37) died in Cape Town on 6 April 2008.

ERIC GRUBB, an Associate Member of the OBU, died in Cape Town on 25 February 2008. He leaves his sons Christopher (E64) and Hugo (E69).

JOHN HYLAND (E54) died during 2007. Jeff Louw (E55) writes that John was an excellent rugby player being awarded his colours with distinction. During his matric year he became the school's Drum Major. He leaves his wife Janet and two sons, Geoffrey and Christopher.

RONALD DENIS LE CORDEUR (E40) of Blairgowrie died in August 2007 aged 85.

JEFF LE ROUX (E58) died in Cape Town in April 2008 after a long illness.

PETER RICHARD MALAN (E52) of Westville, Natal died on 24 January 2008.

PETER ALEXANDER MASPERO (E54) of Magaliesburg died on 8 February 2008.

PATRICK MCDONALD, Margery Clarke's brother died in Knysna on 27 February 2008. Rugby players of the 1950s and 1960s may remember him as he often refereed matches at RBHS. He was the registrar at University of Cape Town and was secretary of the rugby club at UCT for years.

Sent by Alan McDonald (E66) of Sutton Coldfield, England

NEIL MCKAY (E69) died tragically in Cape Town on 12 November, 2007 as a result of a fall. His brother Brian (E65) writes: "Immediately after leaving school, Neil entered the world of show business and joined the "Minstrel Scandals" as a dancer on their national tour of South Africa. He pursued a highly successful professional dance career performing at The Lido, Paris; La Scala, Barcelona and The Stardust, Las Vegas. He freelanced for every major television network in Europe but following an accident which ended his dancing days, he turned his talents to choreography and stage-directing. Neil was involved as dance-director with the original production of "Ipi Tombe" and was responsible for staging a number of Miss South Africa Pageants, Miss Universe Productions and contributions to Miss World Pageants.

In 1995 Neil staged both the opening and closing ceremonies for the Rugby World Cup and for the All African Games in 1999. In 2003 he directed the opening ceremony for Cricket World Cup at Newlands which had an estimated TV audience of 1.4 billion people."

ROBERT SUMMERS MORRIS (E42) has died in Gauteng. His daughter Glenda Nuhn (Morris) writes that her father was a proud Old Boy member of the class of 1942 and loved his sport at RBHS. When they were children they were proudly taken by him to visit the school.

SEAN MUNDAY (E89) died in the USA on 9 February 2008.

MYER REUBEN ORMAN (E47) died in Napier on 29 December 2007. He was born in Windhoek and after school studied law, practising first in Swakopmund. He opened a practice in Cape Town in the late 60s and remained there until his retirement to Napier 10 years ago. He played the violin in the school orchestra and later in life, the clarinet. But his biggest love was singing and was he was a founder member of the Cape Town Male Voice Choir. He leaves his partner Sarah and sons Gary and Frank.

WILLIAM (BILL) RICHARDSON (E47) of Claremont died on 27 November 2007. He leaves his son Brian (E73) and Steve (E75) and their families.

ANTONY FREDERIC SEATH (E50) died in Cape Town on 26 December 2007.

LYSLE TAIT (E45) of Lakeside died at the end of September 2007.

JEFFREY ALLAN (JAKE) VAN KRALINGEN (E67) died on 30 December 2007 in Marbella, Spain. After school Jake worked at a number of resorts and hotels as a chef. In the mid seventies he and Piet Maas opened the highly successful Jakes restaurant in Kenilworth and the Wooden Bridge in Milnerton. He married and moved to England where he opened his own restaurant, also called Jakes, in Windsor. His last few years were spent in Marbella. Jake is survived by his sister Pam, his son Max and ex wife Jo. Compiled by John Thornton (E67)

GRAHAM ERNEST WITNEY (E51) died in Villiersdorp on 8 February 2008.

RAMSAY (KIPPY) JAMES PHILLIP WILSON (E46) who died in London, UK on 8 May 2008, was the younger son of RBHS master, 'Cocky' Wilson (retired 1945). After matriculating at age 16, Ramsay went on to qualify as a land surveyor at UCT and then took a working holiday overseas when among other jobs he surveyed an oil pipeline in Persia (Iran). He married overseas before returning to Cape Town where he practised for some years as a land surveyor. In the early 1960s he emigrated to the UK and qualified as a chartered surveyor, working by day for the London CC and studying by night. Once qualified, he obtained a teaching post at the Brixton School of Building (later a part of the London Polytechnic), an activity he greatly enjoyed and combined with running a private practice as a chartered surveyor. He found the time to write the definitive text book on land surveying, which was something of a best-seller and was extensively used all over the world for some years. He tried his hand at short-story writing and some of his work was published by a London newspaper. He is survived by two daughters and a son, all of whom live overseas and his brother Keith (E40) who lives in France.

The Union offers its sincere sympathy to all Old Boys, their families and friends who have been bereaved in recent months.

Young chef wins international trophy

CLINTON DRAKE (E99), head chef of Singita Lebombo Lodge in the Kruger National Park, has won the coveted title of Relais and Châteaux Rising Chef 2008 for capturing the spirit of an unrivalled safari experience in his gourmet game lodge fare.

The second edition of this prestigious international trophy - assessed by the board of directors of Relais and Châteaux from approximately 450 member properties worldwide - was conferred upon Clinton for showing exceptional skill, creativity and dedication to a demanding art that sees him cooking for the most discerning guests from across the globe.

He collected the award in Washington, DC, USA and met many of the world-famous chefs who were attending a conference of Relais Gourmand Hotels. He had recently spent a month in the kitchens of the famous "French Laundry" in the Napa Valley working and observing top class chefs. The BBC Master Chef Celebrity 3 Series was also filmed recently in the Singita Lebombo kitchen with Clinton co-ordinating the food for three celebrities.

Lunch club looking for older members

BOB GILLETT writes: "Some 17 years ago Alan Alexander (E35) started a lunch club for older Old Boys which met every second month for lunch (latterly at Mowbray Golf Club) with the ladies being included twice a year. Alan tells me that the original "members" who sat down to enjoy the first lunch meeting were Alan Alexander, Aubrey Matthews, Dougie Bates, Doug Price, Ron Low, Don Mills, Derek Purdue, Tom Stevenson, Ken Warr and Wally Treadaway.

About three years ago Aubrey Matthews invited me to join them. I must have worn badly to have been thought to have qualified as all the other members were a good deal older than me! At that time Jurgen Meinert was the very efficient organizer.

I soon realized that I had been invited to join only so that I could be hijacked into taking over from Jurgen as organizer which pleasurable duty I have carried out for the last two years.

Sadly with passing of Aubrey Matthews and Bob Bishton, the relocation of Alan Alexander to Knysna and Jurgen Meinert to Helderberg Village and the likes of Bertie Coaton, Dougie Bates and Ronnie Low not being fit enough to be regular attendees, we have dwindled down to just six regulars.

Hence my plea for assistance. We would like to increase our membership up to a maximum of twelve so have room for a further six "members" (no entrance fee - no annual subscription - pay for your own lunch) and wonder whether any pre E55s (they have to be mature - hence the qualification) who may be interested. They are assured of a pleasant hour or so every second month with good food and friendship and a chance to swap anecdotes of yesteryear.

And on a more personal note, my wife Sylvia (she claims Old Boy status as she served on the admin staff for twelve years) and I are chuffed that we now have three grandsons at Rondebosch - Matthew in the High School and Justin and Robbie just started at the Prep."

Bob can be contacted at 021 531-2354.



Sport

RUGBY TOUR OF ARGENTINA

The Rondebosch First XV squad recently toured Argentina, winning three of the four matches.

Raúl Bozzo (email rbozzo@ic-research.com.ar) contacted Lindsay Kennedy (E63) after the rugby tour saying: "I would like to thank you for telling me about the tour and also to Gustaf, Shaun, Dave and all the team for the great day that I spent with my wife and kids watching this incredible match that was won by Rondebosch. I waited 31 years to see again the old school badge and it was like yesterday.

I would like to emphasize the high degree of sportsmanship of the team as well as the incredible kindness shown to me from the organizer, coaches and team. This made me once more extremely proud of South Africa and our school that, as I have experienced today, continues to teach true core values related to sportsmanship, pride and honour.

Thanks again to all of you, and you can really be proud of your team and the staff."



Pictured at one of the games in Buenos Aires are (left to right) team manager Gustaf Pienaar, Old Boy Raul Bozzo who lives there, and coaches Shaun Povey and Dave Wessels.

OLD BOYS WINTER SPORTS

2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the first Rondebosch Past v Present rugby match and the Union hopes to field five or six rugby teams against the school U19 sides. To ensure fairness to all Old Boys the teams will be selected from those who have advised the Union that they wish to play.

Old Boys who would like to play against their sons or brothers should advise the Union so that they are placed in the appropriate sides.

The rugby, hockey and squash matches will be played on Tuesday 19 August followed by a social gathering in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion. Further details will be carried in the *Enews*.

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Old Boys' Union Centenary Projects

Various strategic projects have been identified for implementation at Rondebosch over the next few years. Some of the expenditure will be financed from parents' fund raising and school fees, but further substantial donations are required. Contributions by Old Boys will greatly assist with the implementation of these important projects for the benefit of present Rondebosch boys and the generations to follow.

TICKEY DE JAGER MEMORIAL COTTAGE

Seven new housing units have been built next to the existing maisonettes and enable both schools to attract and retain key teaching staff to ensure Rondebosch's continued educational excellence. One unit was sponsored by the Old Boys' Union and named appropriately. A further unit is to be named in honour of the late Tickey de Jager. For this R500 000 is required. The funds raised form part of the Centenary Appeal and will be used for appropriate projects.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund to assist deserving students obtain a Rondebosch education.

SWIMMING & WATER POLO POOL

The pool has been built and is being put to full use. Covered seating is being considered.

PREP SCHOOL PROJECTS

The focus at the Prep school is on in-classroom teaching aids, such as interactive whiteboards, computers and other modern technology to ensure that the Prep School continues to offer exceptional education.

BIOLOGY LABORATORIES

The existing biology laboratories are old, out dated and not in keeping for a school which consistently produces top science students. Two laboratories are to be refurbished and equipped.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Changes in the structure and make-up of the High School's curriculum have seen the introduction of Design, Technology, Engineering graphics and Design as new subjects.

As woodwork and metalwork are no longer offered the old facilities are to be

refurbished for this purpose and will incorporate a computer room, a Design room and a Ceramics room. Old Boys, particularly engineers, who are interested being associated with this project, possibly as naming sponsors should contact the OBU office.

ASTROTURF

Rondebosch is one of the top hockey playing schools in the country. The Prep and High School boys share the facilities at Western Province Cricket Club, but there is a need for a second astroturf.

OLD BOYS' HERITAGE PROJECT & UNION OPERATING COSTS FUND

A fund is to be established to help meet some of the Union's ongoing costs for the benefit of Old Boys and Rondebosch. Funds are also to be used to record and display in a co-ordinated manner Rondebosch's rich heritage.

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