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Through gathering information for the book, a collection of articles on the key political players across the whole spectrum of South African politics, Shelagh has developed an extensive database not only of those who appear in the three editions but also of many other leading figures throughout South Africa.

Ms Gastrow, a history and social anthropology graduate, will extend her services with a regular edition of the book as well as offering quarterly updates, information about leaders at a regional level, and background for conference, seminar and business staff development planners.

Now, as the transition to a new South Africa takes place, the emergence of new leadership has made the need for information such as that contained in "Who's who" essential for the ordinary citizen and decision-maker alike.

She already has a large number of people who rely on her database for information and she will be developing a subscriber service for companies and organisations who want to keep in regular contact with the changing face of political leadership.

ANY person or organisation interested in subscribing to the service or access to the growing database may contact Ms Gastrow at the Natal office of Idasa.

Shelagh will be extending her search for the "movers and shakers" of the present and the future into the Southern African region and further afield into Africa as South Africans become more aware of their need to develop links with the continent.

Shelagh set to work on the first edition while dealing with being a parliamentary spouse - half a year in Cape Town and the other half in Durban - and has since seen the book reach sales of 8 000 in the first two editions.

The first edition appeared as there was a new upsurge in resistance and political activity following the launch of the UDF in 1983. The second followed during the State of Emergency in 1987. The third appeared after the February 2 speech of 1990.

Paul Graham
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