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Emotion wins the day, as—

STUDENTS ADOPT NEW NUSAS ENROLMENT

AT the student body meeting held on Monday it was decided that enrolment in NUSAS should not longer be automatic. The meeting was well attended. Unfortunately a number of students could not refrain from heckling. The use of emotive language and a general display of levity hampered what intelligent discussion there was. Their standard of debate was extremely poor throughout.

V-C resigns

THE Vice-Chancellor, Dr. T. Alty, has informed the Council of his decision to retire at the end of this academic year. The Council will meet next month to consider Dr. Alty's successor.

The trio of resignations at Rhodes (Professor Immelman at Rhodes, Port Elizabeth, resigned in March) is completed by that of the Chancellor, Sir Basil Schonland.

Living in England, and with heavy commitments which enable him to visit the University very seldom, Sir Basil feels that his resigning will allow someone who is able to play a more active role to fill this position of honour in the University.

ARTS and SCIENCE FESTIVAL

25th August to
1st September

TALKS — DRAMA — MUSIC
FILMS — SYMPOSIUM
EXHIBITIONS
ARTS BALL

The first issue was a motion that the student body dissociate itself from the motion passed at Congress stating that NUSAS by means of letters to overseas Universities should express concern at the "inevitable decline" of the standard of S.A. degrees, and that NUSAS should ask them for a ruling on the subject.

The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority.

A motion of congratulation to Mr. Moore on his election as NUSAS Presi-

Dayton, Moore win debate

Diane Dayton and Basil Moore were elected Best Speakers for 1962 after winning the motion that "Our era is one of confusion and disillusionment."

Professor Hinchliff, one of the judges, said that delivery of the speeches was much better than last year although the content was less impressive. In his opinion this year's debate is an improvement on the organisation of last year's.

Basil Moore staggered the opposition by expounding Existentialist philosophy in an incisive and dramatic style, which reached its crescendo in a poem by e. e. cumming, a poem which confused the audience and so helped to back his motion. Mike Bands gallantly attempted to reply chiefly by evasion. Diane Dayton, a seasoned American debater, gave a lucid and telling criticism of his views, and Gill McGillivray replied with icy tones.

dent was carried with acclaim.

A motion was then proposed by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Jensen that the Rhodes student body disaffiliate from NUSAS. The central point of Mr. Anderson's speech was that NUSAS was controlling the SRC and not vice versa.

The motion was amended to read that enrolment in NUSAS by the students should no longer be automatic. After much discussion this motion, further amended, was carried with an overwhelming majority.

The result of this decision is that Rhodes University is still a constituent member of NUSAS, and as such may be represented by the SRC on the National Body.

Programme augurs well for festival

ARTS and Science Festival, 1962, begins on Saturday, 25th August, and will continue till Saturday, 1st September. During the eight days there will be a widely varied programme, catering for all tastes.

The Festival is to be opened by Prof. Monica Wilson, former Professor of Social Anthropology at Rhodes. Her topic, "The Growth of Self-Consciousness in Man and Society", will be of great general interest. Other speakers include well-known author and publisher Leo Marquard, Fr. E. Boné, S.J., of Louvain, Belgium, who will speak on "The Biological Uniqueness of Man", and the Hon. Mr. P. M. K. le Roux, who will deliver an address on the

Orange River development scheme. The renowned choreographer, Frank Staff, will consider the question, "Is Ballet an Art?"

Mr. Marquard will be joined by Prof. Antonissen and Mr. André de Villiers under the chairmanship of Prof. Hinchliff for a symposium on whether "South African literature is too partisan to be termed Art".

DRAMA

Drama is well represented on the programme. The Dramatic Society will present "Sweet Bird of Youth," produced by Humphrey Knipe, and there will be an evening of one-act plays. "Die Koffer", a play of the "absurde teater", will be produced by André Brink for the Afrikaans Society, John Mortimer's "Dock Brief" by the S.J.A., and "Aria da Capo" by Edna St. Vincent Millay by Dram. Soc. All these plays are modern in their presentation and outlook.

The ever-popular Xhosa Choir is on the 1962 programme, a fact which has met with much approval from those who have enjoyed their previous concerts. The P.E. singer, Mabel Magada, will be the star of the Jazz concert. She will be backed by the Geoff Woods Combo. Also on the programme are the Diamond Blacks.

Almost all the science departments will again arrange their extremely interesting exhibitions. Amongst the general exhibitions will be one of the originals of Jock Leyden's witty and penetrating press cartoons, and another loaned by the S.A. Peace Council. This includes photographs of the last war.

It can be seen even from this brief outline that this will be a Festival to be enjoyed by all.

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Friday, 31st August

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by John Mortimer

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RHODEO ETHICS OF ELECTIONS

LATER this term will recur what some people have cynically called “the S.R.C. election farce”. In the past the system at Rhodes has been for candidates merely to be known to voters through a pen sketch given on the election papers. Candidates have been prohibited from making any form of public statement and have further been forbidden to indulge in any form of canvassing.

Proposals have been put forward with increasing frequency over the last two years to amend the system in some way. Suggestions have ranged from allowing candidates a full scale election campaign to having a manifesto printed together with a photograph in the Rhodoe.

But first, what are the objections to the present scheme? It has been claimed that only those people who have shown themselves active in University life, and already proved to be capable administrators will stand a chance of election. Yet it is surely these very people who would make the best S.R.C.

It has further been stated that under the present system people who have worked very hard academically for their degree and wish to become active politically in, say, a Diploma year, are automatically excluded by being completely unknown, even though they may be capable men. On the other hand, have these people enough experience to fulfil an S.R.C. portfolio adequately?

The fault has also been pointed out that it is possible for an S.R.C. member under the present system to be completely devoid of any ability to speak in public.

This is a legitimate grumble if what the electorate wants is a body of students on the S.R.C. who are good at haranguing student body meetings. On the other hand the ability to speak in public does not necessarily mean that the speaker is an efficient administrator.

The only objection that can hold water is that the electorate has no idea of any candidate's political or other views and affiliations. This cannot be overcome by the publishing of manifestos which will patently be couched in terms of vote-getting suitability. This can never be solved unless a system of party politics is instituted onto the S.R.C., and few people will advocate this.

Rhodians Attacked

Sir,

RETURNING to Rhodes late this term, I shared a compartment with a woman and her three young children. On a previous trip she had been disgusted by the behaviour of the Rhodes men.

On Alicedale station there was a lot of dangerous fooling around with the trolleys. “If the men had not been drunk, there would have been a lot of broken bones”. One student hit another and broke his jaw.

Three drunken students tried to enter this woman's compartment, frightening the little girls. They went next door where three middle-aged women had literally to push them out of the compartment to get rid of them.

There are some Rhodians, supposed to be University students and adult men, who can think of nothing better on a long boring train journey than get drunk.

This woman also said that she would hate to think that her daughters were surrounded by “such an atmosphere”. I could not even say that it is not like this on the campus, because to a lesser extent it is.

S. M. CORBY.

NOTE.—This letter has been shortened.—Ed.]

NUSAS negrophile?

Sir,

WHAT a surprise to read that non-white students are showing opposition to NUSAS. Surely the meeting held at Fort Hare could not have been representative of the average University student at the Tribal Colleges! Here on the Rhodes campus there have been weak sirrings from some of the students who assure us that NUSAS is a political body keen on promoting non-whites at the expense of us students.

I have always had my doubts as to the validity of these tales and your report certainly does not seem to indicate that NUSAS is a negro-ophile organisation.

“LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER”.

NOTE.—This letter has been shortened.—Ed.]

LETTERS

Christian charity

Sir,

IN replying to “A. Theist's” letter of last week I would like to thank the S.C.A. for organising the Coulson Mission. Whether one agreed with Professor Coulson or not, it is surely worth much trouble and expense to hear such a fine lecturer. It is impossible to gauge the intangible effects of his lectures, which were cool, intelligent appraisals of modern Christianity; not to mention their sparkling originality. As for putting their content to practical use, what is more practical than daily living?

What right has “A. Theist” to question the sincerity of Professor Coulson's beliefs, or to say that “professing Christians have learnt no more than they already know”?

Incidentally, the author of this letter is not a member of the S.C.A., or any other Christian organisation, and is not, therefore, merely vindicating the Coulson Mission as a result of personal connexions. The organisers of the Mission cannot protest against “A Theist's” lack of clarity, since they are bound to forgive those “who know not what they do.”

H.F.

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KNIGHT'S
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Broadway hit for Rhodes

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' hit "Sweet Bird of Youth", will be produced at Rhodes from Thursday, 23rd, to Saturday, 25th August. The play is set in a town on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, where race and sex prejudices run high.

The hero, Chance Wayne, comes home to find that Heavenly Finlay, whom he intended marrying, had been diseased by past contact with him and

had been compelled to have an operation. Boss Finlay, her father, "the biggest political wheel in that part of the country", threatens vengeance.

VIOLENCE

Against this background of violence Williams sets the theme of the play. Time is the great enemy in life, and to fight against time is to play into its hands. For Chance Wayne the realisation makes his life and death meaningful.

Humphrey Knipe has the arduous task of staging this complex play. He has a strong cast with Alan Dashwood as Chance Wayne, Paddy McClelland as Alexandra del Lago, and Denise Burgess, George Goodwin and Peter Trengrove-Jones in the other leading roles.

Weak team wins

In a curtain-raiser to the Lions/Central Universities match, Rhodes, despite fielding our weakest team so far this season, beat Graaff-Reinet Training College 6-5.

The loose forward trio of Conellen, Simpson and Mussett were prominent in both defence and attack. Rhodes' points came through a dropped goal by Du Toit and a penalty by Eva.

Rhodes went down rather heavily to the Parks first team on Saturday. Rhodes scored first, when Eva put over a penalty. However, the rest of the scoring came from Parks, who ran out winners 34-3.

Anglican Club gets full-time Chaplain

FR. BARNETT, the first full-time permanent Anglican chaplain to Rhodes, has just arrived from England to fill this position. Father Barnett, who holds two degrees from Oxford, one in French and one in Theology, is married (Mrs. Barnett also being an Oxford graduate) and has an eleven-month-old daughter.

At present Fr. Barnett is also in charge of St. Barts, and will usually be preaching there at Evensong on Sundays at 7 p.m.

WEEK-END SPORT

RUGBY

Rhodes I 3, Parks 34.
Rhodes II 8, Crusaders 3.
Rhodes III 0, Alexandria 6.
College 9, Struben 5.
Cory-Matthews 9, Oppidan 3.
Smuts 9, Pringle 3.
U.20 A 14, Parks 14.
Rhodes U.20 B 14, Parks 3.

HOCKEY (Men)

Rhodes I 7, Old Grey 3.
Rhodes II 0, Pirate 0.
Rhodes III 0, Jesters 3.

HOCKEY (Women)

Rhodes I 8, Training College II 2.
Rhodes II 2, Training College I 12.
Rhodes III 1, V.G. I 4.

TENNIS

Rhodes 9, Grey 7.

SOCCER

Rhodes I 1, U.S.A.R. 3.
Rhodes II 7, Humeral Rangers 1.

BADMINTON

Rhodes II 11, First City 7.

WHERE, OH WHERE?

Dear Sir,

NO report about the Women's Hockey XI has been published in any edition of the Rhodéo this year.

I feel that as this branch of the Sports Union has had such distinguished success throughout the year, this should not have been overlooked.

This gross inefficiency on the part of the Rhodéo staff cannot pass unnoticed. I look forward to a full comment and review in the next Rhodéo.

"SPORTS".

Editor's Note: A report on the Women's Hockey XI will appear in the big issue of the Rhodéo.

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Down with indoctrination

Dear Sir,

I AM sick and tired of all the brainwashing and indoctrination that goes on in the campus.

The liberal point of view is expounded ad nauseam but what opportunity or encouragement is there to hear other points of view?

If one does not abjure apartheid and espouse liberal principles one becomes an outcast.

Why don't we invite some prominent Nationalist M.P. to address us on the Sabotage Act?

Let us protect our academic freedom, preserve our intellectual objectivity, and dispel the foul miasma which poisons the campus air.

MICHAEL ROWE

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Rhodians for E.P. Run

AT the annual Eastern Province championship on Saturday, two Rhodians, Nicol Childs and Peter Gradwell, were selected to represent E.P. in the South African cross-country championships to be held in Port Elizabeth on September 1st.

The E.P. Championships were held over a 7½-mile course in Port Elizabeth. Of the five Rhodians who entered the race, Childs and Gradwell gained third and fourth places respectively. Robin van Heerden, the Rhodes captain, is suffering from a foot injury and was unable to run.

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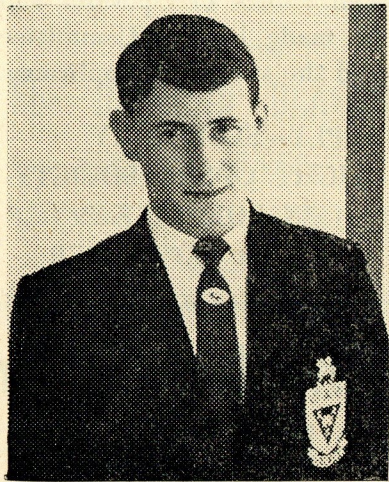
Sports Personality

MR. I. Z. BAXTER, better known as "Zeek" to all sportsmen, has been a prominent figure on the Rhodes hockey and rugby fields over the past four years.

This year "Zeek" achieved the highest honour open to student hockey players when he was chosen for S.A. Varsities. Rhodes position near the top of the hockey log is due, in large measure, to his flair for snapping up any chance of a possible goal.

On Sunday he scored four out of Rhodes' seven goals.

Besides being a provincial hockey player, Zeek's speed has been of valuable use on the wing of the first rugby team.



When asked how he finds time to play so much sport and yet get much work done, Zeek replied, "I don't."

His social activities are centred around the Carnations' Club. It has amazed many how he manages to play both first team hockey and rugby at the same time.

High scores in women's hockey

IN a First Division match T.C. 2nd team opened the scoring against the strong Rhodes first team. Rhodes equalised when a T.C. back deflected the ball into her own goal.

Although having a decided territorial advantage, Rhodes, through poor finishing in the circle, were only leading 2-1 at half time, Di Van Ardt scoring the second goal.

In the second half, Rhodes took advantage of their opportunities and netted six goals. Jean Chambers, play-

ing a good game at right-inner, scored a hat trick. Daphne Adams netted twice, many good centres from Barbara Rose were not picked up, and good opportunities were lost. The final score was 8-2.

The second team went down heavily to T.C. 1st 12-2.

Sports Talk:

HOUSE RUGBY LOSES PURPOSE

THE article in the last Rhoeo about the Central Varsity's match was written the Sunday before the game, and certain unavoidable errors were incurred. John Jones was forced to withdraw at the last minute and Dougie Glass replaced him at centre where he had a fine game, notably in defence.

Bruce Anderson did in fact turn out, and in one of his best displays caught the eye of officials and crowd alike. Roley Rogers, shielding his fly-half well, also had an excellent game. E. K. Moorcroft, although elected for Central Varsities, was forced to withdraw due to injury.

HOUSE RUGBY

House Rugby, as originally conceived, was a Sunday afternoon pastime, designed to give enjoyment and exercise to chaps who did not play rugby for any Rhodes' team.

Anyone who watched the Test match on Sunday between Pringle and Smuts, will realise that House Rugby is no friendly "knock-about". Mr. Hubert Stacey, the referee, had his hands full in keeping the game under control.

Players have even been known to refuse to play for Rhodes on the Saturday so as to be eligible for Sunday House Rugby.

This is, surely, something to be avoided; Rhodes' reputation and sporting success are more important than inter-house rivalry.

Another point: 80 per cent. of the players in Sunday's game are regular members of Rhodes' rugby teams. Thus, House Rugby, in large measure, is failing to fulfil its original aims.

Either the House Rugby system or the ideals behind it need to be revised. This present contradiction between the two should not be allowed to continue.

BOXING

The boxing club have organised an unusual evening's entertainment for students this Friday. They are staging an inter-hall boxing tournament, which, as far as we know, is the first of its kind at Rhodes. It is to be held at the St. Aidan's gymnasium.

All the halls are entering teams which have undergone intensive training. In addition to the inter-hall fighting, there will be matches against the 6th S.A. Infantry Battalion.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Cross-Country Club have also been attracted by the idea, and are organising an inter-house relay race to run soon. These races should stimulate interest in the annual gruelling seven mile cross-country race between the halls.

This race was won last year by Founders' Hall.

Soccer at Rhodes is growing

Sir,

THE soccer team is perhaps the most poorly supported major Rhodes sports team. To have more than a dozen Rhodes people watching a soccer match is considered quite remarkable.

One wonders if the lack of morale among the soccer players is not perhaps due to the fact that instead of receiving the support that a first team generally is entitled to expect from the members of the university, the team has to make do with articles in the "Rhodeo" expressing the belief that "The 1st soccer team is not quite good enough".

It would certainly be a pleasant change if more interest were taken in the building of the team's morale by positive support from the sidelines instead of negative criticism in the Rhoeo.

Indeed, one wonders if Rhodians in any sphere will ever get beyond the stage of negative criticism to the stage of positive, concrete action to improve those things with which they are so vocally dissatisfied.

LONELY SOCCER SUPPORTER.

Note: This letter has been shortened.

Whilst the editor agrees that the lack of Spectator-support is, in some measure, a reason for the "lack of morale" among

the 1st soccer players, and that more positive support is needed, he believes that criticism is a necessary prerequisite for the building of team spirit, about which "lonely soccer supporter" is so concerned.

•The editor is pleased to be able to report that our apparently "negative" criticism has had really positive results. On Saturday the 1st team, showing real dash and fire, were unlucky to lose 3-1 to Uitenhage in a fast, exciting game.—Ed.

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