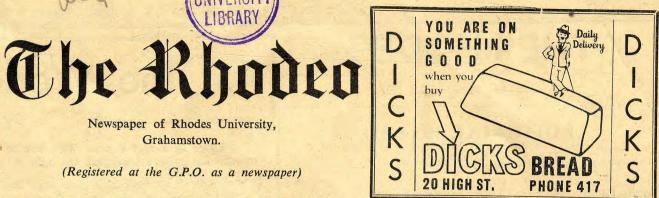


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INNOVATIONS by S.R.C.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Lionel Melunsky, Chairman of the S.R.C., introduced an important and necessary constitutional amendment at a general meeting of the Student Body in the G.L.T., on Tuesday, March 8. Because of the radical changes in the composition of the University this year, it was necessary for the S.R.C. to make some efforts to equate student representation as far as was practicable. Thus Lionel drew up a motion which in brief consisted of these two points:

- 1. That Founders Hall be given an additional S.R.C. member (bringing the total up to three). Now that the Hall is almost twice the size of Drostdy-with the addition of the majority of ex-Smuts Hall seniors as well as the whole of Livingstone House-this was considered essen-
- 2. That Jan Smuts Hall be unrepresented on the S.R.C. until the third term when it would be entitled to elect one member who would not be a First Year student, and who would automatically become a member of the S.R.C. Interim Committee. (The Interim Committee is elected by the S.R.C. in the third term and consists of six carrying on members.)

The motion, which was seconded by Dirk de Vos, was carried "nem con" (with no one voting against it.)

UNIVERSITY COLOURS

No student is permitted to buy Rhodes blazers and ties, or any Rhodes colours with the exception of sporting attire, without the authority of the S.R.C. Students can lay the blame of this seemingly absurd restriction at the doors of Jan Smuts Hall.

ELECTION RESULTS

The following have been elected S.R.C. members of their respective Halls for

Founders: Bob Stumbles, Mike McElhinny, Rob Pat-

Drostdy: Lionel Melunsky, Dirk de Vos.

St. Mary's: Angela Read,

June Ginsberg. Oriel: Diana Rich, Brid-

get Fitzwilliam. Oppidans: Bob Suther-

The Senior Students of

the Halls are as follows: Bob Stumbles (Founders), Lionel Melunsky (Drostdy),
Daphne Hutchinson (St.
Mary's), Diana Dodds
(Oriel.

Why? It is the only way in which the First Years can be prevented beset students. And because of from buying blazers etc., which the number of applications, althey are not allowed to do. We most every student will have a are told that some First Years his tutor someone who has are wearing Rhodes colours al- studied the very subject he is ready. It may appear strange taking for his Degree.

that the general Student Body has to suffer because of the lack of responsibility among the Inks, but the S.R.C. is the only body that possesses any form of disciplinary power over Jan Smuts-the Student Councillor's job is one of assistance rather than restriction. And so the seniors of the University must obtain chits from any S.R.C. member before he or she can

the news with his proposals for a Student Tutorial System. At a meeting some weeks ago forty Rhodes graduates agreed to help Lionel in this scheme. With the Senate's approval, the S.R.C. will appoint the tutors.

students will require some small remuneration for their services, and he thinks that this will ensure a more responsible attitude and that the tutors will take their duties more seriously. Only first and second year students will be eligible for tutorial assistance, and he hopes that there will be one tutor for every dozen

student tutors, as these men have recently graduated and are aware of the typical difficulties that

"Rhodent"

The Rhodent, the annual Rag Magazine which was banned last year, is due to reappear on April 5. Co-editors Poll Campbell and Dave Hilton-Barber express the hope that nothing of the same nature will happen this year, and they feel that sales will reach an unprecedented level.

Jack Rosmarin, the Business Rag day and on a more exten-Manager, says that he has plans sive scale than usual. to sell in East London, Bloem-

So Rhodians, when you begin fontein, Johannesburg, Cape fontein, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and King William's Town.

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Cape ber the Rhodent! If you volunteer to take the magazine with you, the Rhodent staff will guarantee the sales. Many people guarantee the sales. Many people guarantee the sales are disappointed not to get a If every student sells 20 Rho- were disappointed not to get a dents, that will account for copy last year so lets see if we about 15,000 copies. The Rho-can supply them all this time. dent staff also plan to sell in Rhodians, rally round, we can Grahamstown before the actual sell a lot this year.

buy a Rhodes scarf or blazer.

STUDENT TUTORIAL

SYSTEM

Lionel Melunsky is again in

Lionel says that most of the students.

There is a lot to be said for

RAG BEAUTIES

Here we have the Rhodes Rag girls in their natural setting. From left to right, Hilla Schroeder, Esme van Reenen (the Queen), and Ruth Goosen.

Rag Chairman

Mike Clarance has been elected Rag Chairman by the S.R.C. for 1955. Last year Mike, or Hack as he is more popularly called, was in charge of Rag Fair and Campus Carnival, and I am sure you will all agree that he acquitted himself in this tough assignment with flying colours.

Hack has no great changes in mind as far as the usual Rag activities go. He says that there will be no attempt to create record at the expense of the spirit of Rag, and I should say that this spirit is the most important aspect of our annual festivities. Any effort we might make towards a record breaking Rag usually involves tedious work and heavy expenditure.

"Rag this year" says Hack, "will be essentially concerned with cutting down expenditure and still attempting to produce something up to the usual stan-dards." He says that there will possibly be a few innovations, namely those concerning functions that have not hitherto paid their way but can be made into profit making propositions. But all this will be in the hands of the respective members of Rag Committee once they are elected.

Anyway, we are looking forward to Rag, and to Hack go our best wishes for a happy and successful occasion.

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The Rhodes University Council have accepted a £25,000 grant for a five-year regional survey of the Border area, north of East London. The actual research will be carried out by the University's departments of Geography, Geology, Economics, Sociology and Social Anthropology. Special research officers will be appointed Mr. Geoffrey Lumsden, M.A.,

The aim of the survey is to scover the potential and discover natural and human resources of the region, and how they may be more fully exploited, the chairman of the supervising committee, Professor D. Hobart Houghton, told the RHODEO.

from the departments.

an old Rhodian and former re-search writer at U.N.O., New York, has already started work on the economic aspects of the Professor area. Houghton's area. Professor Houghton's supervising committee consists of members of the Rhodes University Senate, Dr. P. A. W. Cook, of the National Council for Social Research, Dr. J. H. Moolman, of the Natural Resources Development Council and Mr. J. Development Council, and Mr. J. A. Chew, secretary of the Buffalo Catchment Association.

The idea of the survey was conceived by the Buffalo Catchment Association, which approached Rhodes for help. Rhodes have been assured of the full co-operation of the Buffalo Catchment Association and of many official and unofficial organisations in the Border area.

RAPID WORK ON GREAT HALL

Construction work on the new Great Hall is now well under Great Hall is now well under way, and the walls are already over 12 feet high. When completed, the Hall will be a single storey building of 50 feet by 120 feet, containing the Hall itself, an entrance lobby and a versanda on either side. The veranda on either side. The Music Department will be housed in an annexe at one end. The Hall will be equipped with a first class stage with all the necessary facilities.

The building was to have been started in May last year but there was a serious delay in the acceptance of tenders. Now the completion is scheduled for September this year.

New Editor

Bob Caley, former Sports been appointed Editor. The re-

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EDITORIAL

First Year Residence

It was bound to happen. Talking-point on the campus for the first few weeks of 1955 had to be the first-year residence.

Well, what are our impressions? First thing to strike us is the personality and charm of the new Warden of Smuts, Professor H. J. Chapman, We feel that no one could be more suited to the difficult job of putting the Inks through their paces. As Dean of Men's Residences, Prof. Chapman is more than c-i-c of Smuts; and to him and Mrs. Chapman we extend a hearty welcome and wish them success in the days ahead.

Impression number two. By and large, things are going pretty well in Smuts. That may sound displeasing to some. To others it may sound unjustified. True, no long-term results can be expected for three years. True, also, it is difficult to judge from outside (as all too many are doing). But you have only to sit down over coffee with one of the Smuts overlords to realise that there is just something new about the Hall. You can't help being struck by the fresh and friendly atmosphere of the place. Credit for this goes, in the first place, to the Warden and in the second place, to the remarkably conservative list of Hall rules. These vary very little from those traditionally applied to Inks-in the matter of nights-out etc. Kaif is now a night-out (we weren't allowed to Kaif), but on the other hand an evening's leave stops at 11.15 and not 11 p.m. as before. Silence hours are more strictly enforced (which isn't a bad idea) although not, I am told, as strictly as in one of the senior residen-

And what of the INKS? They are unanimous in their verdict on Smuts: its good, very good. There's no doubt they are enjoying themselves. And, strangely enough, its not all spoon-feeding. They are at this moment organising a lavish social for themselves and the Inkettes, with catering provided and home-made entertainment. All this on their own initiative.

For ourselves, we would just say to the Inks. We are watching you, hoping that you will contribute to the University as well as to your own Hall. You must do your share: get to know people, support the institutions of the University, the Clubs and Societies, and the University will one day repay you. Remember, too, that you are ambassadors of a Hall, and that Hall will be judged on you!

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There is a saying somewhere that too much breaks the bag. The "three bags full' of the Interim S.R.C. have been just too full.

By a constitutional anomaly six On the other hand, since the Inks' people are entrusted with the representatives are more likely student government for a period than not to be members of anthe length does not matter—in other Hall, S.R.C. representation which there is no reference, apart is no longer consistently by from the hazards of General Halls! Meetings, to a larger and more experienced body of opinion. During this time, crises may and do in fact occur. One must commend the present Interim for its timely and dutiful approaches to the problems that have beset the student body over the last few months; it certainly cannot be accused of doing nothing. At the same time it is questionable whether a body which includes two women (not directly affected by first-year residences and the like) and one other member quite new to S.R.C. procedure, is qualified to do anything at all that may have serious repercussions.

The first bag was the proposed separate residence for Inks. One regrets that the Memorandum prepared by the Interim S.R.C. was nothing to be proud of and perhaps did more to damage the student cause than to further it. However, the few battled bravely, with one eye on the examtimetable, and their steady allegiance to principles was finally evinced by the October Resignation. The subsequent reinstatement of the S.R.C. implied an acceptance of the new order insofar as it acknowledged that the day-to-day administration had to go on.

JAN SMUTS

Whatever else happened to Jan Smuts Hall, it has not ceased to be part of the University; and all remembered as the last defendparties have a duty to administer it. What was once a proposed reform is now an institution. Some two-thirds of us were opposed to the principle of change; Jan Smuts Hall, however, is no name will be for ever extinguishlonger a matter of principle, but, ed. for better or for worse, a matter of fact.

There are all too many who continue to hope to themselves that the S.R.C. will be "proved right" and the status quo somehow restored. No such thing. Right or wrong, there can be no going back.

The second bag, therefore, the reform of the S.R.C.'s constitution, was a dissapointing affair. A constitution, we are told, is principles at that. The recent good spirit and failed to use it. amendment, which went through a General Meeting like a surgeon's knife through the etherised with some God-forsaken dorp in fundamentally bad principle. No to student counsellors that they one would suggest that Inks chose their own isolation and S.R.C. elections before their third consequences—even, we assume, term; if, however, S.R.C. repredif the consequences could not be sentation is to be by Halls, then foreseen! The suggestion is both Jan Smuts should logically have arrogant and ungracious. (These the year—and there is no reason way, are currently considering why in number it should be any whether they will ever be allowed

It is not altogether their fault. | less than that of Drostdy Hall. | to vote at General Meetings!)

STUDENT COUNSELLORS But far less healthy is the

amendment's relation to student counsellors. It quite, quite ludicrous to deprive a man not only of his vote but also of his right to stand for the S.R.C. just because he has changed his Hall. (It need hardly be pointed out that such a plan would inevitably deter some students from ever accepting appointment in Jan Smuts.) The situation is a travesty of natural justice and courtesy. A man serves on the S.R.C. as a member of a Senior residence; the next year he chooses - of his own free willto fulfil a duty to the University; he is deprived of his rights as a student. This is the first time it has been suggested that a subwarden in one house has any more right to the S.R.C. than a sub-warden in another. In fact, sub-wardens of all areas have a habit of making first-rate S.R.C. members; and just by the way, a student counsellor on the S.R.C. could probably do much to balance the opinions of the old and the new regimes. Perhaps it is just the petulance of a few diehards that we have to contend with; perhaps it is just the few old soldiers who are still nursing their wounds, who don't want to balance any opinions, smooth any relations. They will doubtless be ers of a doomed stronghold: every year their number will dwindle; only next year they will be a minority, if they are not already; thereafter their glorious

Some of the first years are wondering, not surprisingly, why they should suffer because it is the Senate's pleasure to dedicate the new Jan Smuts to them. The S.R.C. should have devised an amendment which avoided even the suggestion of prejudice against Jan Smuts. They could have gone a long way to demonstarting their loyalty as a body to Rhodes by offering a generous hand to their victor and co-operfundamentally a permanent cre- ating in his enforced system.

They showed their good feeling, instead, by comparing Smuts patient, incorporates at least one the Free State and by suggesting should be allowed to vote in should be prepared to meet the some representation throughout "untouchables" in Smuts, by the

MODIFICATION

From the above remarks we may conclude that the time has come for the purely Hall system of representation to be modified. The residential structure of the University is now such that, to avoid any hint of discrimination, there must be elections on a wide University basis as well as, if not instead of, on a Hall basis. Already the Rag and N.U.S.A.S. Committees are elected in this way. Such elections, applied to the S.R.C., would have their difficulties; they would again involve a break with tradition. And it has been said that the constitution should not be altered for the sake of four sub-wardens in Smuts: but it is a question of principle, not of number; next year there may be twenty-four sub-wardens in Smuts. The number is irrelevant. The point at issue is what sort of principles shall be incorporated in the new constitution.

FIRST YEARS

The less said about the S.R.C.'s third bag, the better. One had expected the Chairman to issue a dignified reminder to the newcomers, couched in the most general terms, that they were new and that certain qualities of unobtrusive and courteous demeanour etc., atc., were expected of them; instead of which, this constitutional and highly esteemed body took upon itself the hitherto scallywag's role of "Assas". In delibly and unblushingly entered in the S.R.C. minutes are resolutions prohibiting Inks from associating with females, from smoking in public, etc. (Placards, it is agreed, serve a useful purpose). We understand that these regulations are designed to incalculate a certain reverence for 'authority"; for reverence read scorn. It didn't matter that the Assas was sometimes smiled athe had no real standing anyway. But the S.R.C. should command respect; and it does not achieve its end by making itself appear foolish. There has been much talk of the dignity of Seniors; the more one stands on one's dignity, the less can be seen of it. Respect is earned, not bought.

Most amusing, however, is the S.R.C.'s inconstancy to its own principle that University students ation. It should thus comprise They had an opportunity to show should not be treated like schoolunderlying principles, and good that they could take defeat in a boys. This argument was recently used in connection with the proposed first-year residence. At least the Senate appears to be making its unpopular scheme work; the relics of a childish initiation have to be kept alive with morphia! Instead of worrying about which first-years should not put their hands in their pockets, the Students Representative Council of Rhodes University might have been more profitably employed attending to the reform of its own constitu-

> Granted that it was unfavourably situated, the Interim S.R.C., now due for relief, lacked the courage to take anything but the line of least resistance to popular opinion. Though they may grumble, the people usually do as they are told and there is no very strong popular opinion at any one time. An S.R.C. must represent not just the interests, but the best interests, of students. It must do more than intercept the General Will; it must mould it.

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MARGINAL

by "The Spectator"

"Kwock Dammet e' Rhodes!" Spectators come and go, like Eliot's women, talking of Michelangelo. It would not be inappropriate, first of all, to pay tribute to Peter Duminy, whose calm leadership and consistency in student affairs found ample reflection in this Column. Unlike most liberals, he cultivated native soil. Because his judgments were not suspended in midair, they were appreciable.

His successor has no manifesto, island chalet to found a Republic only, (a) that few people should agree with him, (b) that under the circumstances di magni should guard him from one atrocious vice, precociousness, and (c) that Rhodes is a South African University. The implications of such an attitude will, in legal parlance, be common property after lapse of time. (Suitable auditions for certain elements in, say Nusas, would illustrate point (b) in practice).

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Ey the time that this appears in print the student body will have expressed its views upon S.R.C. recommendations. A representative council often finds itself, as Bacon says, "on the heights, where the standing is slippery and the downfall either a regress or at least a temporary eclipse." (Bacon, Lord Chancellor, who embezzled several thousands, spoke from experience). It is virtually impossible to satisfy all people at one and the same time. Though members are expected to think responsibly, and to vote according to conviction. the S.R.C. can nevertheless not afford to get out of touch with University volkswil. In practice members receive mandates on very rare occasions, and vet I think that once again the Coun- apartheid. The Universities of the cil has not only arrived at conclusions which are eminently reasonable, but also acceptable to two entities which are, at times, in diametrical opposition. I refer to Peter Duminy's favourite "powers-that-be" and the hoi polloi, i.e., students. Conservatism has never made radical blunders, and adhering to the old and proven method of representation, the S.R.C. policy may well be exemplary to the authorities whose academic aspirations, for better or for worse, have betraved certain progressive if not radical, extremist tendencies which are viewed with the greatest concern by an agriculturally peaceful O Tempora! community. Mores! (Meaning, as explained by an anonymous writer in a 19th century Cape magazine called De Spectator, "Basta met zoep eten op Zondagh," - abstain from soup on Sundays).

torical illegal Jan Smuts funeral others who speak a different procession through High Street, language, Who has had the bene and divers resolutions advising fits of Christian National Edustudents to graduate in absentia and condemning Senate for its "farcical tutorial system" (now in abeyance) have indeed marvelled at the objective manner in which the question of Ink representation was approached. The understanding attitude of the Dean of Residences, Prof. Chapman, was probably no mean contribution.

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

Other heathen societies were also calling for peace missions towards the end of 1954. A special report states that 850 Wits. students signed a petition against draft statutes giving the Principal "the right of veto over all decisions of the S.R.C., to dissolve the S.R.C. at any time, and not to hold new elections for one year. Professor Sutton stated that he was not interested in the view of a "crowd of students,"

In the Free University Brussels students occupied

because that word sayours of the of Plato in commemoration of his Ogpu, or Politburo. He claims 2,500th birthday anniversary. Motor cycles and jeeps of the gendarmerie patrolled the area, "and at one point there were as many as 240 policemen equipped with grenades and mortars. At dawn the republic was still there." Eventually "75 men and women students were taken to the cells of the Etterbeek police station: 60 republicans and 15 spectators." The students accused the instigator, a certain Plato, who was not to be found. In Buenos Aires the Engineering and Architectural faculties went on a five day strike.

Clamouring, as we had done, for University autonomy, the tenth University Congress in Bolivia approved the following 'student demands: full democratisation of the university boards means of equal studentprofessor representation; filling of chairs exclusively on the basis of competence . . . "The South African spirit has little in common with the foreign outlook, so that one would look in vain for similar conditions at home. Still, one has to take cognisance of world events.

SEPARATE RESIDENCES

Remarkably Rhodes was not the only University to realise a pressing need for First Year Orange Free State and Stellenbosch had identical, simultaneous experiences. But reputedly Stellenbosch did not aim at purely academic improvements. The academic side, said Professor Kirsten, "would have to be investigated and tackled on its own." The Rector, Professor Thom (who is preparing a biography of the previous Prime Minister) announced, "The old conception that the Universities were the citadel of knowledge has become obsolete. A new idea has arrived. namely, that the Universities should also help to form better citizens for the country." Stellenbosch was adopting that ideal. That is indeed commendable! Unfortunately slight variations of emphasis can so often be traced to the most spotless motives.

What is a better citizen in terms of the Stellenbosch formula? Is a good citizen one who Those who had seen the his- has been kept out of contact with cation, who has been isolated (be it in a separate residence—which I do not claim) and taught to think and act like everybody else? The training of better citizens does surely not fall within the scope of University research! Achievements of this calibre do not determine the cadre of our tuition. After all, some refuse to recognise the validity of tuition at all, by seeing a University as a corporation of magistri and socii (allies) who search for the truth in common. Incidentally, discipuli might proceed into the world to disseminate their findings for the common weal. "tot nut van het algemeen," as Prof. Changuion would have put it.

> The Vice-Chancellor of Capetown, who performed a bilingual feat at their recent graduation ceremony (with dire, results), fared better in his Hoernle lecof ture before the Institute of Race ruling section, which, like the

STUDENT **COMPLAINS**

The apathy that exists among the Student Body this year has reached its lowest level ever. The students have accepted the Senate's latest legislation in a manner unprecedented in the history of Rhodes. Let us look back but ten years—if what is happening now had happened then, undoubtedly a Senator would have required the services of a bodyguard. But what happens now? Absolutely nothing. The SRC and House Committees are but puppets of a tyrannical

The Student Body has accepted everything in a completely gutless fashion. If they continue to do so they will acquire the government they deserve and Rhodes will become nothing but a third class training college.

Students of Rhodes, unless you show some spirit and determina-

LETTERS TO THE **EDITOR**

Over the past few weeks .the RHODEO has received several letters addressed to the Editor, on various subjects. These letters we have been unable to publish because we require the signature of the writer to be appended to each letter-not for publication, but as an indication that the letter is written in good faith. If this condition is observed, we cannot refuse to print any letter, unless it be possibly defamatory or indecent. The RHO-DEO welcomes correspondence, particularly issues.

tion, unless you inspire your SRC and House Committees to shake off the strings that control them, unless you are prepared to stand together, you must resign yourselves to the status of school-children.

Yours faithfully, BASTILLE

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********************* tinent comparison of the Afrikaans- and English-speaking Universities in South Africa. Reaction from the Afrikaanse Studentebond (the counterpart of N.U.S.A.S., the former being a splinter group) was unexpectedly prompt. They denounced the Vice-Chancellor in Dooyeweerdian Calvinist-political fashion, found his liberalism a lawless philosophy. Christian freedom was never boundless and at any rate, Afrikaans students were definitely not "recruits who have been trained to march to the orders of the State."

Amid this Babylonic confusion one has perhaps an invariable premise: The definition of a better citizen is a prerogative of the an Relations, where he drew a per- Spectator, comes and goes.

N.U.S.A.S. NOTES

THE HOLLOWAY COMMISSION REPORT

The Holloway Commission was appointed by the government in November, 1953 to inquire into the practicability and financial implications of providing separate facilities for Non-Europeans at universities. Its report, recently released, has clearly shown the impracticability of such a scheme. Concentration of the Non-European students of the open universities, Wits and U.C.T., at Fort Hare and the University of Natal (Non- European Section) would be impracticable because neither centre could absorb them. To accommodate them in this way would mean a cost of £1,000 or more per each student. An equal variety of facilities would, moreover, not be open to them. To give these Non- Europeans a separate university of their own would mean enormous expenditure and be the least financially practicable scheme to adopt.

N.U.S.A.S. welcomes the re- tion is clearly and concisely put. port. The case for academic non- This booklet is, quite seriously, segregation has been strengthened by it, although the commission's terms of reference did not allow a full consideration of the desirability or not of university apartheid. N.U.S.A.S. believes:-

(a) That there is no validity at all in distinguishing between race in education.

(b) That the independence of the university from political interference is essential to critical study. The right of U.C.T. and WITS to remain open and of Stellenbosch and Pretoria to remain segregated, must be recognized if universities are to be immune from such interference.

Because the government does on controversial not believe in these two things, it is unlikely that the findings of the commissions will be adopted

"THE AFRICAN IN THE UNIVERSITIES"

The second edition of this is about to arrive on the campus. Its arrival is eagerly awaited in many quarters, especially in Botha House, it is understood. The title explains itself; the contents are accurate, and the posi- Phone 427 P. O. Box 183

really worthwhile getting.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

It is understood that there is lurking around at Rhodes this year a member of the National Executive of N.U.S.A.S. It will be interesting to see what this 'mythical monstrosity" looks like.

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Stekel's Bed-Time Stories or ... PLANKUBATOR PRANKS

Stekel, the local scandelmonger (for the information of Incubator inhabitants) has once again hatched from hibernation to cast a beady eye over Bundu-bashers and the usual pearls be fore the swine. Hold tight, kids-you're being watched!

Did it take place in jeans? Ann removing our claws, we wish MacKenzie traded in her M.A. them all the best and congrats. for a Ma-its a girl, Emily. And rumours that Justin Schaffer has his M.A. and ex-Rag Queen Jill Parham is modelling furcoatsand selling them.

Several campus couples agree that diamonds are a girl's best decided to make it for keeps. Incidentally, our two Rhodes schoployment as wet nurses pending their departure for Oxford. Ewan Robertson can't keep away from Parhams, it seems, but this time its definitely Ann. The S.W.A. Choir tour also robbed the diamond mines of yet another stone the hire purchase scheme) we see -for Pam Raubenheimer, and a Melun and Peppie, Mike and Derfavourite news item is Mary de V's engagement to Jack Logie. Ash-blonde Barbara White and Andrew and the Hon. Baxter-

Refurning to a drear, depressa S.A.P.A. flash from the U.S.A. ing campus we turn our bloodshot eyes to survey the untimely demise of Rhodes Social life. Seniors peer in vain for new talent Margie-Nan, Cynthia and Yvonne but Inkettes are still hopefully singing the refrain of "Ring, telephone, ring." However, Bob is friend. Colleen and Gordon have helping Maureen to Beare up un- Widows Lyell, Jenny MacGrog, der the strain and Bas Moore Hilla (?) and Tana of course. and Hazel have been observed lars have accepted temporary em- | Parkin(s) on the Phelps front door step. Skies aren't so Gray for Sue either while mustacchio'd Ivor has proved that he's "twee-

Among ye olde faithfulls still under long-term contract (if not ris, John and Biddy and don't let's forget Moira and Julian. brunette Daph Kemp have also Brown are proving themselves left the ranks of bachelor girls. Di-hards and Joan and Margie

Long vac. highlights include Last, but by no means least, assure us that their respective the bombshell of the year- Steve. Sure its The Thing this sound Barriers can be cracked Tyrrell and Gerry's marriage. time, honey? And, temporarily without the aid of jet propulsion. Flash seems to find Hunting by Dey and night equally enjoyable, and Rob is still reciting his favourite-"A Rose by any other name."

> Question Time: Are Carole, trying for Oscars as week-end widows of the year? Not even shaping for week-ends are grass

> On the Rocks: Dagwood is once again on the prowl - looking for Blondie this time? Red heads no longer top Winsome's poll, and (pardon the rhyme)) Renee Brink feels it infra dig to be seen with an Ink. Glen is finding solace with Liz and looking as though he loves it.

Inky Ball: Let's face it-this atmosphere floored the few Sen- looked lovely. Princess Ruth was iors who weren't under the table tellectual level. Variety definitely isn't the spice of life and who wants to hear about midnightfeasts anyway? A few made the grade, however. Joan Jankelow not ruined Hymie's dance-floor ers of Founders and Drostdytechnique—he still prefers the South African brand of beauty, sundry. Other inkettes in evidence were Marie-Louise and Oppidan, Ger- shrieks, aldine. We noticed Jennifer Mur-

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"The love that lasts longest is the love that is never returned."—(Somerset Maugham).

"Labor omnia vincit; omnia vincit amor."

"The course of true love never did run smooth."—Shakespeare).

"It's love that makes the world go round."-(Proverb).

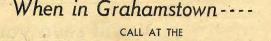
ray hitting it off with Ray Lep-

Esme, leader of the Rag entourage this year, appeared to find Bill a very able substitute wasn't the reckless riot of days for Pierre (who has migrated to of yore. The distinctly doughy Natal University). She certainly with Splinter. Who says gentlealready, and none of the elite men prefer blondes? Hilla was found any inkettes on their in- also there. John Stonier took Angela-up with the intelligent-

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CLOSE UP

Our close-up this week can in fact be called a "posthumous" one as it features a man who is no longer with us at Rhodes. But as long as this paper is in circulation he will be remembered, for the RHODEO and Tyrrell Oosterbroek have become almost synonymous.

From Pretoria Boy's High School he came as an Ink (when Inks were Inks) in 1951 and his appointment as Sports Correspondent of the Evening Post in June of that year, launched him on his journalistic career. He joined the Rhodeo staff in 1952 and in August 1953 took over the Editorship from Norman Meyer. His one and a half year spell in the



Tyrell Oosterbroek.

Editorial chair is one of the longest in RHODEO history.

The Rhodian, which he edited from 1952-1954, also gained his attention.

Tyrrell, though no natural athlete, was a "trier" and in his Ink year was included in the Founder's Hall Cross-Country teama team which he was destined to captain for the next three years. In 1953 he represented Rhodes at the Intervarsity athletic meeting in Cape Town.

March 1954 saw Tyrrell racing back to Rhodes for his finals in a cream M.G. This was to prove a year studded with success. He captained the Founder's Hall Cross-Country team which won the Saunders Cup for the eleventh successive year and with some sustained work he satisfied the Examiners requirements for a B.A. degree,

At the end of last year he married Miss Geraldine Swanepoel and is now working on the staff of the Evening Post in Port Elizabeth. I am sure all Rhodians will join the RHODEO staff in wishing Tyrrell and his wife every success for the future.

COMMENTS

FIRST YEAR RESIDENCE: Inks waste so much time chatting in each others rooms that their work rate must drop still lower.

STUDENT AFFAIRS: Get interested yourself instead of being a common-room critic.

JOURNALISM: Stomach ulcers must be the occupational disease of this profession. But it is so much fun that its worth all the work and worry

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RANDOM HARVEST

by OBSERVER

In opening I should like to pay tribute to the efforts of my predecessor who set a standard of lucid and unbiassed reporting which evoked nought but admiration.

Having done this I will continue by saying that he was in some ways lucky in that he always had something to report; the current polio restrictions are hardly conducive to literary inspiration as far as sport is concerned. However this lack of concrete fact does give me the opportunity of expressing a sentiment which I have harboured for a long time.

who said "Let every man take exploded. Rhodes have in the what he writes of other men, and past won virtually every availnot set down at random, higgledy able honour and there is no reapiggledy, whatever comes into his son why we should not do it noddle." This excellent advice 1 intend to disregard immediately. With a conscious disregard for sonal comedy! At present there personal and collective feeling, I begin my series with an unam- the contest immobile with selfbiguous attack on Rhodes sport doubt, imbued with the concept in general. Starting on the wrong foot perhaps, but the truth always hurts.

ONLY LAURELS

Our several teams are, almost without exception, at the very nadir of their fortunes. At Inter-Varsity tournaments the only laurels earned are in the social sphere. We witness the rout of these contemporary heroes with a bland and tolerant benevolence. Let it be said that I have not approached this article with a sulphurous eagerness to condemn, but something is palpably rotten in the state of affairs at the moment. The Chinese believe that it is good manners to deprecate themselves, but I am not Chinese. I am merely stating fact. An excuse for the decadence is readily foreseen - "We are a small University, how can we outnumber us so conclusively?" away, mouthing excuses? Even

again.

Let us be done with this seais a distinct tendency to approach that it is impossible to beat . . . say Albany for example. Let us but instil a more implacable and relentless spirit into our teams and a marked improvement will be manifest. The Verdun spirit 'They shall not pass!' on defence, and incandescent hostility on attack. By adopting a more aggressive mien in play we will not immediately experience triumphal progress, but at least even when outgunned, we will become foemen worthy of our steel.

APATHY

As soon as Rhodes teams begin to show that they are possessed of spines and red corpuscles they will attract a following. At the time of writing the apathy of the student body as a whole is deplorable. Who can blame Rhodians for staying away from events when at the end of each hope to compete with those which they have to turn shame-facedly

I think it was Sancho Panza This absurd delusion is easily Rugby is losing its supporters, as disaster follows disaster. Multidinous scenes deserve mighty men and mighty deeds. But spectator value is an immense though intangible benefit. The partisan crowd can contribute most admirably to a team's morale, and by doing so, doubles its potential.

> In conclusion may I once more beseech Rhodians to sedulously cultivate a more combative demeanour. Once the game is over, the renowned camaraderie of the University is not only permissible but desirable—but only after we have given our unconditional utmost on the field. I do not recommend fanaticism, although it is infinitely preferable to diffidence, but surely, if we are to play any sport, it is worth wholehearted endeavour. No game is irreparably lost until it is won, so to the devil with the form-book and let our psychological approach be militent and our physical efforts uncompromising.

I am not prepared to fall on this isssue

".....a lonely antagonist of destiny,

Going down scornful before many spears."

and the harangue will continue until such time as a revival is patent. It is not the results I will study, but rather the manner of attainment. Honour is possible even in defeat. When praise is due it will not be dealt out parsimoniously. Let us hope that it is often occasioned.

This dissertation is not included as a space filler. It is a genuine expression of opinion. Nor is it the condemnation of a cynic, but rather the supplication of an euthusiast. Please Rhodians, let us see a reaction. More determination, more application; nay, more 'guts'.

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Rhodes X1 Defeat Town

The annual Rhodes versus Town vendetta took place on the Great Field on Sunday, March 13, and resulted in a five wicket victory for the 'varsity. Norton won the toss for the visitors and elected to bat on a wicket which gave some help to spinners.

wickets by lunch time, but afterwards Borman (50 not out), aided by Norton and Dodds pushed the score along and the declaration was made at the tea interval at 165 for seven. For Rhodes slow bowlers Howard and Campbell bowled cleverly for long spells, and medium pacer Anderson was very economical. The fielding was efficient with occasional lapses.

and Varnals at the outset but on the part of a Rhodes team Campbell and Salveson set the after many seasons in the doltempo for a victory chase, and drums. Anton Murray was the after the latter was bowled by Murray, Campbell and Bell added opposition, capturing four for 63.

A less powerful than usual 90 runs in 52 minutes. Bell also Town Side struggled to 90 for five fell to Murray and Clarance was run out shortly afterwards while attempting a short single. With seven minutes to go Rhodes needed 14 runs and with the tension at breaking point, Campbell pulled the second last ball of the day to the fence for four runs to win the game. His swashbuckling innings of 93 not out, although not without chances, was the outstanding feature of the game and deserves the high-Set to score 166 in little over est praise. It was indeed a pleatwo hours, Rhodes lost Snyder sure to witness such enterprise only successful bowler for the



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TALKING TENNIS----

The Tennis Club, in common with many other Rhodes Clubs this year, has benefited by the arrival of many talented new-comers. Outstanding among these is "Buster" Farrer, the Border prodigy and brother of Margie, who is already well-known in Rhodes tennis circles.



who are no longer with us. Colin drawn.

This influx has done much to Pringle, who captains the team balance the loss of old-timers this year, is also in a position to draw on many seasoned players of the calibre of Hartford, Trocki, Meyers and Howard.

> The Women's Club is virtually undiminished in strength with Di Dodds, Margie Farrer, Anne Campbell-Roger, Shirley King, Esme van Reenen and many others once more on the campus.

> The idea of holding social tennis afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays which was tentatively inaugurated last year has proved to be a modified success. These games are potentially a means of discovering latent talent among the more lethargic exponents of the game, and concurrently a medium for instilling an enthusiasm into these types. Therefore they should be the ideal breeding ground or nursery from which the first team reserves are

Swimmers Shine at King.

mers performed at the King William's Town Annual Gala on Sat urday, March 12. Their results were gratifying to say the least.

inevitable McElhinny swam the 220 yards Breaststroke in the phenomenal time of 3 mins 2.1 secs, which bettered his of 0.8 secs, and was 0.6 inside the Eastern Province mark. Understandably, his time in the Indi-

220 yards Breaststroke with ease in this event.

A contingent of Rhodes swim in 3 mins 5.1, and swam a brilliant Individual Medley to win in an excellent 76.4 secs. She finishplace.

ed second in the 100 yards backstroke.

Of the rest, R. Povey came second behind the Dale College Schoolboy, Derek Fowler (who swam for Rhodesia in the Empire own Border All Comers Record Games) in the free style sprint, and R. Fletcher was placed third in the 100 yards backstroke. Dolly Gordon and Colin Wright annexed vidual Medley was not his best the respective diving titles, and but it was good enough for first the Rhodes "A" and "B" Relay Mary Morgan won the Women's teams finished second and third



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PROFILE

Mike McElhinny did go to school! At St. Andrew's apparently. While there he quite naturally got his swimming colours, and was in addition no mean shot on the rifle range. They made him a prefect too. Mike got a first class Matric in 1950, and feeling the need of relaxation after this stupendous effort he came to Rhodes the following year.

If one was to recount comprehensively the number of times that he has broken various Rhodes swimming records since that date, this column would immediately assume the appearance and proportion of Whittaker's Almanac, so we will attempt to precis his achievements. Mike is the current holder of four Records, the 100 and 220 yards Breaststroke, the 100 yards Butterfly and the individual Medley event. Breaststroke is however his forte, and in this role he has represented both Eastern Province and Combined Varsities with marked success. He has incidentally got his Rhodes Colours Lemmer (shot put) and Spence for services rendered. His one ambition is to beat the Eastern Province record for the 220 yard a promising quarter-miler and led event which stands at 3 minutes David Tee (who broke the re-27 secs. and as he is swimming at the time of writing there is no reason why he should not and 23.6 secs for the sprintsrealise this in the near future.

When he was not in the Swimming Bath, Mike must have been doing a spot of work because he and Corbett were 2nd and 3rd in graduated with a B.Sc. in 1952, took his Honours in Physics the following year and is at the moment completeing his Thesis on Eclipses which he hopes will give him his Masters Degree.

He has been Swimming Capfor three years, served on the Founders Hall House appeared at various times as Secretary of the A. U., President of the Scientific Society, Secretary Chairman of the Radio Club. This year he says he is retiring from public life and becoming an apathetic Rhodian. He will however be available for Rag

MIKE McELHINNY



"Comes from Poona...

Scope Nite again and continue his furtive transmitting of radio messages.

Mike has one vanity. He can genuinely be said to "come from Poona" as he did really live there at some stage of his adolescence, and he is inordinately proud of this attribute.

COMMENTS

Likes water (if taken in the right spirit), eclipses, playing the drums, the Charleston, Dracula, and mixed bathing.

Dislikes Team Blazers, shaving, classical music. Formal meals on Sunday, and squares and winter.

Rhodes: Too many blots on the Scope Nite: A smooth performance by well-oiled machines.

Work: The ruin of the drinking classes.

landscape.

Inkettes: Should be fed on Nutrine.

8 Athletes selected for E.P.

Under ideal conditions, the Rhodes Athletic team did extremely well at the E.P. Championships held at Port Elizabeth on March 12th.

Of the women, all but one was selected for the E.P. side which competed against Border at Queenstown last week. Heather Ballantyne for the javelin, Ruth Bubb for the discus, Mary Tully for the high jump and Elaine Allnutt was included as a member of the relay team.

Once again Joe Truter won both the high and long jumps, and retained his position in the E.P. side. Barry Hawthorne was selected for the 220 yards hurdles and high jump.

That there is much talent among the first years was shown by the polished performances of (long jump). Both were included in the E.P. team. Spence is also cord) to within 100 yards of the tape. P. Searle clocked 10.3 secc no mean achievement.

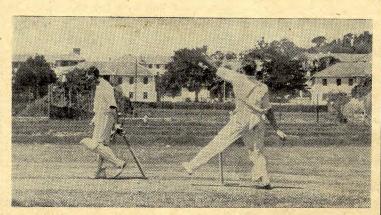
Our middle-distance men acquitted themselves well. Cooper THE SUMMER PROSPECT

CRICKET OUTLOOK BRIGHT

The Cricket team should be pleasant to watch this season. Never since the halycon days of the late forties has there been such a super-abundance of talent. Last year between copious and persistant showers there were signs of a zest that has long been missing from Rhodes sides. At Intervarsity the keenness was exuberant. These manifestations were apparent in the trial match which took place over the last two week-ends. The influx of new cricketers has been so great that the days when a player of moderate ability and dubious form could command a place are happily over.

al. His fielding however makes only a run of form to enter inhim worth thirty runs before he to the reckoning.

EXPERIENCED BATSMEN tion in the trial game. Jardine rance is capable of doing the job and Masterson are others who as well as any. Of the rest Masterround a hard core of experien- could press their claims especially ced batsmen in Clarance, Camp- as both field well. Of the newbell, Salveson and Bell, all of comers Farrer, Searle, Varnals, whom have proven their mettle Emslie, Garner, and the two Anon more than one occasion, von dersons were most impressive and Blommestein remains enigmatic- there were many others who need



This fine action picture shows fast bowler Ian Anderson about to deliver a ball in a practice match a few weeks ago. The batsman at the bowler's end is Peter Snyder.

gets to the wicket and this will weigh heavily in his favour. Snyder emerged at Pietermaritzthe steeplechase, Cragg gained burg as a phlegmatic opener with third place in the 3 miles and a penchant for smiting sixes, and he further enhanced his reputa-

BOWLING

The bowling is somewhat sparser. Ian Anderson bowled well at reduced pace but has yet to impress under full sail. He has a pleasant action however, and is powerfully made so that he might well fill with distinction the gap left by Daniels. Berman purveyed a lively medium pace and is more than interesting, while Theron from U.C.T. could, with control, become a very hostile prospect. Howard is as good a spin bowler as anyone in the Province, and Farrer, also from the off, is a little behind him. Papenfus is tidy but little more, and Snyder's ability to produce an occasional unplayable ball is the only thing that saves him from medio-Leg-spinners are two a penny and if the side can afford this one of our major sporting

son could with assidious practice develope as a slow left-hander and Campbell's humorous optimism has been known to confound probability and capture a

There is a glut of wicket-keepers. Although no one can seriously threaten Salveson's predominance there are no less than seven players in the Varsity who are capable of keeping well up to first league standards. As they are also batsmen of parts it is more than likely that all will more than likely that all will find places in the 1st and 2nd

All things considered it is reasonable to suppose that the Cricket Club will enjoy its most successful season for many years in 1955. Going further it is not unreasonable to forecast that they might well surprise U.C.T. at Intervarsity in December and break the monoply of this opu-lent rival. Nor is it 'tilting at windmills' to say this for there is a well known sporting adage which states that the strength of a team is in its reserves, and this being so Rhodes are happily situated. The lack of variation in the attack could be adequately compensated by a voracious fielding side, and the potential in this facet of the game promises a communicable enjoyment by virtue of its zest and vitality.

MIKE CLARANCE

Mike Clarance, the captain, is a student of the game, and not given by nature to catastrophical miscalculation. His decisions will not be lightly taken and he has it in him to foster a concentration of purpose in his team which will render them doubly formid-

We are this year assured of a modicum of success by at least

Full Programme for Rowing Club

The return of all last years oarsmen and the arrival of many Committee for two years, and promising newcomers, augurs well for the Rowing Club this year.

Plans for the improvement of from the Intervarsity races, the of the Mathematics Society, and Dick Beard, it is hoped that two nary Regatta Programme. more craft will be in operation before the end of the term.

facilities are already under way, crews will participate in other and with the assistance of Mr. events on the Livingstone Cente-

Once again a regatta will be held on Howiesons Poort in the INTERVARSITY third term, where the Walker Preparation for the Intervar- Cup for Inter-Hall rowing will sity, which is to be held on the be contested, and one crew will crity. Zambezi River in July, will take be returning to East London to the form of a trip to East Lon-don during the short vac. Apart in December.

CRICKET INTERVARSITY

Cricket Intervarsity was for Rhodes an unqualified success. This may sound paradoxical when cold facts reveal that the team finished in the nether regions of the final log. But while dealing in cold facts it is worthy of comment that of the original side selected, no less than six had to withdraw for various reasons, subsequently two of the reserves approached were unable to make the trip. Under any circumstance, a loss of this proportion could well be regarded as a catastrophe and the feats of so inexperienced a contingent are thus magnified in significance.

FIELDING

team as a whole, and of von Blommestein in particular, was a happy feature, and this can triumph o well be attributed to the magnificent captaincy of Alastair Todd, who imbued his personnel with a spirit which more than the performance against compensated for technical deficiencies. Arthur Howard found greatness thrust upon him and rose to the occasion incompara- happenings of the Natal game. bly. He captured more wickets than any other bowler at the XI. He was, however, nominated hereby consummating one of the as one of the reserves in the prime objects of these functions.

company of Pierre Heynes, whose The brilliant fielding of the solid batting fully merited honour.

The team enjoyed the signal est total of the week against U.C.T.—the ultimate winners of the competition, and repeated powerful Wits side. In view of these efforts it would be petty to recall in detail the disastrous

Finally, let it be said that the tournament and was unlucky to Intervarsity was an immense miss a place in the Combined success from the social aspect,

Swimming Intervarsity

A depleted team of swimmers and water polo players participated in the annual Intervarsity held at Stellenbosch on December 2-4. Unfortunately only three women swimmers were able to travel, but the success achieved by Mary Morgan more than compensated for this small representation. She won the 200 metres breaststroke, Individual Medleyand 50 yards Butterfly in which she set an Intervarsity record of37.0 secs.

men's trio gained third place in by three seconds. the Women's Medley team race. Mike McElhinny swam very well East London on December 27, to fill third place in the 200 Mike, swimming for E.P., estabmetres Breaststroke with a time lished a new Border All-Comers of 3 mins 1.4 secs. Colin Wright record of 3 mins 2.9 secs. This was third in the diving.

Both Mary Morgan and Mike McElhinny were selected for Combined Universities. The latter returned 2 mins 59.6 secs for the 200 metres Breaststroke, a phenomenal time when it is considered that the E.P. record for this event stands at 3 mins 2.7 secs.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Rhodes swimmers have also done well at other galas. Two South African records were established at an inter-town competition between Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and East London at the Rhodes bath on November 20 last year. Joan Harrison clocked 68.1 for the 100 yards Backstroke and Mary Morgan won the 220 yards Breaststroke in 3 mins 5.6 secs.

Mike McElhinny beat the Border champion, Alan Jones, in the 220 yards Breaststroke. His time

"Bubbles" Meintjies came 4th was 3 mins 5.3 secs., which in the Backstroke and the wo- eclipsed his own Rhodes record

> In the Border Jubilee Gala at achievement is all the more meritorious as he beat Ray Burer of Northern Transvaal, who was second in this event in the South African Championships in Pre-

Mary Morgan, E.P.'s sole woman representative at this gala, lost her S.A. 220 yards Breaststroke title to Santa Pienaar, the young Transvaal swimmer. Mary was 2nd in 3 mins 7.3 secs., certainly not her best time.

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