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MORE MONEY FOR SOCIETIES

Wastefulness to be avoided

BY PAUL MAYLAM

INCREASED GRANTS and a stricter control of society spending are the main features of the 1968 SRC budget issued recently by the SRC Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Bill Meaker.

The total expenditure allowance for 1968 is up by R600, a 6.8% increase over 1967, and 32 societies have been awarded grants totalling R1,738, a 43% increase. At the same time though, it is intended to avoid much of the wastefulness and squandering that took place last year.

In a recent directive to all society chairmen, Mr. Bill Meaker has laid down certain regulations with regard to society spending.

A society may forfeit its grant if 50 per cent of it has not been spent by the end of the second term. In the past, societies have not spent all their grant.

TWO-MONTHLY CHECK

Checks on society books, banking and income are also to be more tightly enforced.

In fact, the SRC's discretion over societies' money is absolute, although responsible societies have financial autonomy, subject to a two-monthly check.

While society grants are almost 50 per cent up on last year's, the total amount awarded was still about R1,000 less than the amount applied for.

According to Mr. Meaker many of the applications were quite realistic. The NUSAS local committee, for instance, clearly needed all of the R160 that it applied for. The Tech. Staff applied for R205 and was awarded a well-deserved R200 for hard work and invaluable service to Rhodes productions.

HIGH DEMANDS

Some societies made excessively high demands. The Pharmacy Society applied for R245 to help cover the costs of the conference to be held this year, but was only awarded R68, since it was understood that the profits from a recent Kaif Krawl was to go towards the cost of this conference.

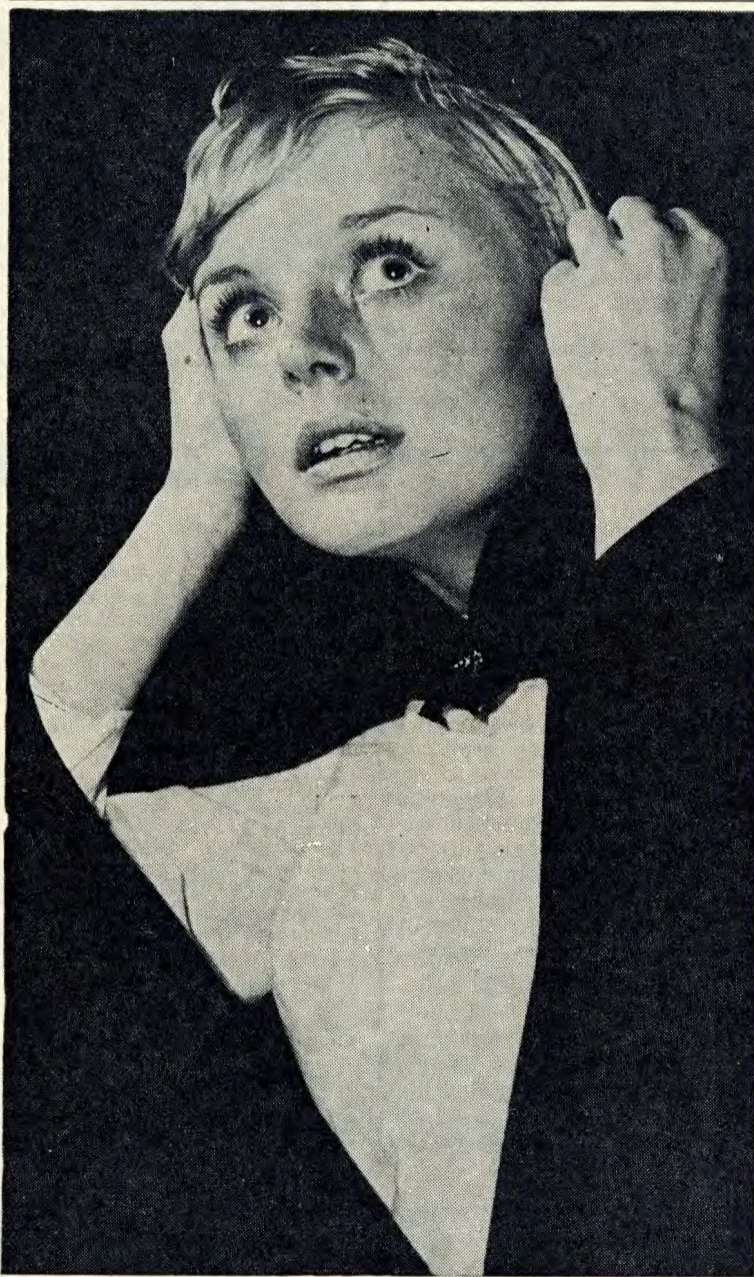
The Law Society applied for R67.50 and was awarded R20. Commenting on this, the chairman of the Law Society, Mr. Ian Kirby, said: "The Law Society is not defunct as the treasurer seems to think. It is absolutely fine."

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Rhodeo applied for an R1,800 grant but were awarded R1,500 in spite of the rise in printing costs. Commenting on this, the Editor of Rhodeo, Mr. Eddie Deutschmann, said, "As we have not received our expected grant for 1968 we are in the rather difficult situation of having to raise our advertising revenue. This could be difficult with the credit squeeze on."

Mr. Tony Wallace, Societies' Co-ordinating Councillor, although welcoming the increased grants, remarked: "There is still not enough money available for societies which are very cramped financially."

Considering the SRC financial policy in general, Mr. Bill Meaker said: "Finances are running smoothly, and this year all efforts will be put into developing a slight balance which can be drawn on in future years."



Isabel Rennie caught in the act during Jane Osbourne's production of "Our Town", currently on stage in the Rhodes' Theatre.

Moore on Black Power

THE BLACK Power movement in the United States was spotlighted in the last Sunday Evening Discussion Group organised by NUSAS Local Committee.

Mr. Basil Moore and Mr. Lawson Lobb, each with recent direct observation of the problem, gave some interesting angles.

Mr. Moore explained the differences between the original Civil Rights Movement of Martin Luther King, with its integrationist philosophy of love and non-violence, and the groups advocating violence, represented in the following of Rap Brown. He sees integration as an impossibility in the States and wants certain states for Negroes.

VIOLENT

Stokely Carmichael and his followers are integrationists but stress the necessity for the Negro to become a violent threat to the Whites in order to obtain integration on his own terms.

Speakers showed how the war in Vietnam had considerable bearing on the Black Power movement. The American army is one of the few areas of activity where advancement is quite readily available to Negroes and the Black Power adherents are using Vietnam as a training-ground for tactics of guerilla warfare.

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25 Scholarships from NUSAS

THIRTEEN medical scholarships of about R250 each, have been awarded by NUSAS this year, nine to new students. The other four are re-awards.

The scheme was started in 1965, when two scholarships were awarded. Over the last four years, the total has risen to 25.

The awards are made to needy students with a meritorious record.

Student killed at Natal rag

A 19-year-old Natal University student, David Muir of Kokstad, was killed during the Rag procession on Saturday, in full view of hundreds of spectators.

As the rag procession was reaching its dispersal point he fell from the float, "Expo '68" on which he was travelling. A rear wheel of the space-age float passed over him.

David Muir's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Muir, who had driven from Kokstad for the week-end were told of his death by university authorities early on Saturday afternoon.

DIALOGUE WITH U.P.E.

THE RHODES — U.P.E. SRC meeting on Wednesday constituted a significant breakthrough after many efforts on the part of Rhodes' SRC to promote dialogue with the neighbouring institution had failed.

On the whole, the atmosphere at the meeting was friendly with honest attempts on both sides to promote understanding.

The differences between the two constitutions were underlined by their different SRC structures. Broadly speaking the U.P.E. SRC seemed largely concerned with the mechanics of university administration, while the Rhodes SRC was a more outward looking body in its defence of universal ideals such as academic freedom and university autonomy, in addition to purely administrative functions.

CONSERVATIVE

The basis of the U.P.E. SRC was conservative and patriotic. For instance the U.P.E. constitution supports apartheid and the SRC itself is bound by the constitution. The U.P.E. SRC has no external officer and as yet has passed no motions on Government legislation. The SRC preferred to take a detached stand on any issue concerning students, as it represented a bilingual institution and could not afford to alienate one or other of the language groups. Hence the SRC would not associate itself as a body with either NUSAS or the ASB.

CAUTIOUS

On the whole the U.P.E. SRC displayed a cautious willingness to examine ideas different from their own and to see what national student organisations had to offer, and to examine possibilities of establishing contact with institutions on a national and international level.

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RESPONSIBILITY

WHILE STUDENT POWER is almost a revolutionary catchword in Britain and the USA, Rhodes proceeds in its rational way. While UCT and UND have rushed their Senates into panicky disciplinary action, Rhodes has the best record of Senate-student relations in South Africa.

But this year we have taken a major step towards an increased sense of responsibility. The Kaif Krawl motion showed a willingness on the part of the Student Body to discipline itself, instead of leaving it to the Senate.

We are only now realizing that the Senate will continue to treat us like children if we act like children — a corollary to Harris's "responsible people get increased responsibility."

This year there's been the usual destruction. The SRC must realise, in its campaign for Student Power, that the SRC disciplinary committee will be useless unless it has someone to discipline.

In the past the SRC has been an unwilling policeman. The fingers of two hands can enumerate the cases it has tried since 1966. That was the year in which the SRC publicly denied that it would act as policeman. The Council must exercise its full powers, and not shy away from being policemen. Otherwise the Senate will continue to do the necessary — in a more unpleasant fashion.

Perhaps the delegation of policing powers to House Committees and Subwardens would make the process more effective by being personal. The House Committees would also serve a better purpose than to decorate the High Tables.

Extracts from

The English Conflict

by Laurence Gandar

IF THERE is anything in the nature of a verligte-verkrampte struggle within the ranks of the English-speaking section, then it is taking place in the universities and is between two different generations of English-speaking people — an older, conservative, cautious and somewhat disillusioned generation and a younger, liberal, positive and idealistic generation.

It is a sad and unattractive spectacle, and there is a lot that one could say about it.

NEW STATUS

This is an age of student unrest everywhere — part and parcel of a process in which youth is seeking and finding a new status in society.

It is a process one must try to understand and guide, not suppress.

In relation to forms of student unrest overseas, our students have comported themselves, with few exceptions, with remarkable restraint. One distinguished university administrator, who paid a visit here recently, described our students as among the most conservative he had encountered — and he was talking about the ones regarded here as radicals.

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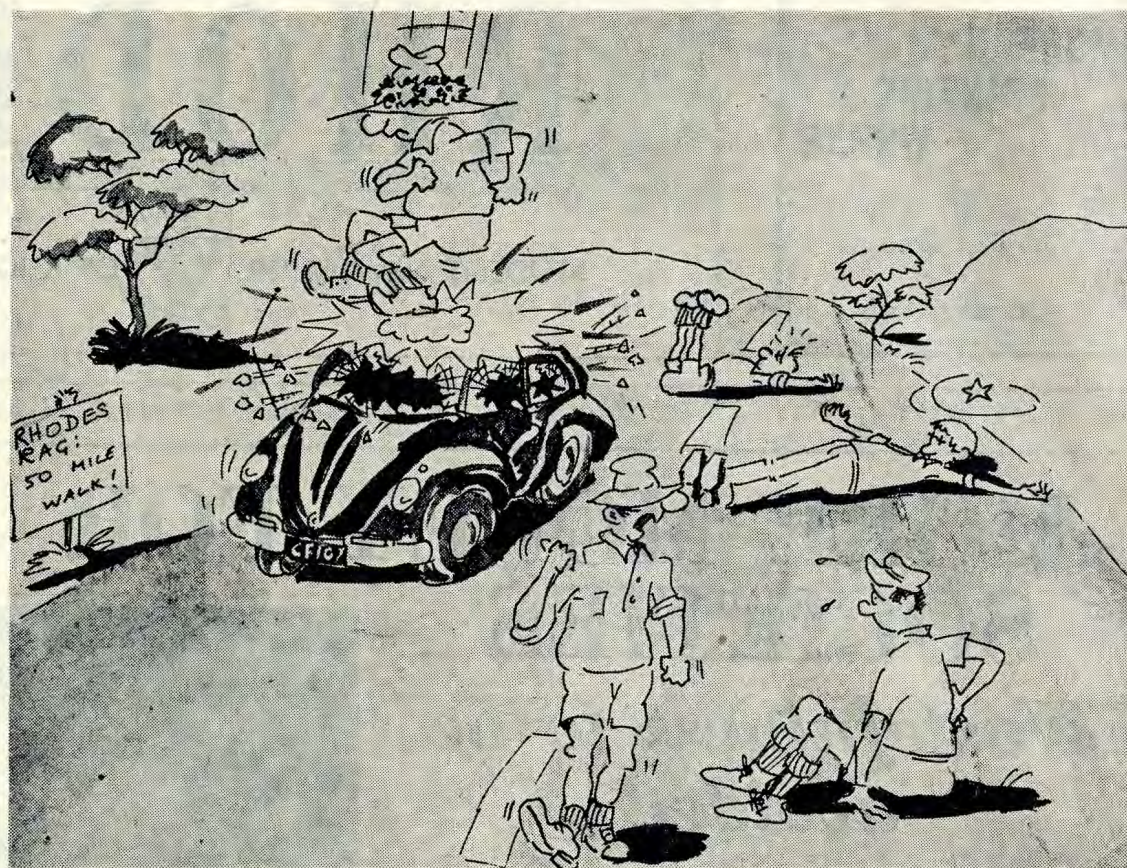
Most of the trouble has been caused by university administrations overreacting to student activities. They should be more relaxed, accepting that much of what students say and do are experiments in self-expression, a groping towards an identity of their own.

LIBERAL

In their attempts, muddled and misguided as they might sometimes be, to uphold the western

liberal traditions of our English-speaking universities — especially in relation to freedom of expression, the right to dissent and rejection of race discrimination — the students are being slapped down, not by Afrikaner Nationalists, but by older members of the English-speaking section who should themselves be helping in this most worthwhile task.

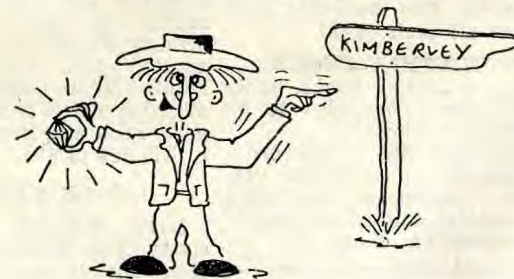
In this sense, what is going on in the English language universities is one of the most mournful chapters in the history of the English-speaking section in this country.



"I believe they asked him if he was enjoying the stroll . . ."

Campus Creatures

Cecil John



GENTLEMEN, have you ever thought how easy it is to identify the residence of our female counterparts just by their looks and actions? In fact, it is just as easy to give them animal personalities on the basis of the residences they inhabit.

Take Atherstone. The Ferrets of the campus. They emerge periodically from their burrow-like structure hidden in the bowels of the Varsity, their beady eyes glinting sadistically, to prey upon the male population of the campus. Their attacks are sharp and swift. With blood stained teeth bared below thin cruel lips they dart back to their warrens and are not seen until the next Ball.

J.K. women are the true pigs of the campus. (Sorry, sows.) Pink and podgy, with an infinite air of porcine pertness, they swing their way seductively

around the campus, grunting affectionately to any male incautious enough to listen.

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Hobson are the mongrels among us. Diverse in character, looks and upbringing, they have yet to decide exactly what sort of animal they are going to be. Judging by the shape of things to come, they may just turn out to be camels.

Peahens inhabit Beit. A supremely arrogant breed possessed of good looks, little brains and even less manners. Observe them at tea strutting around the lawns showing off their fine feathers, and displaying their skin-deep glamour.

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The girls of L.B. are Field Mice. Shy timid little creatures who scuttle along to lectures, living in perpetual fear of the College Hawks. Are known to bite on occasions, under extreme provocation, but usually only protest in high-pitched squeaks.

Jameson is overrun with Hyenas. They are renowned for laughing when in a tight squeeze and howling on moonlight nights when they wonder why they haven't got a man.

The Milner Hogs are a stout breed. Squatter than the usual pig, and with rapacious black eyes, the Hog rumbles its rotund way to lectures leaving a well buckled pavement in its wake.

Olive Schreiner has a fine collection of Parrots. When not in their cages they are squawking blissfully on the Grape Vine.

Oriel girls are a singular lot. Somewhat like sheep. Contentedly grazing on the Bots pastures.

Finally we come to the Black Widows of Phelps. These lure their males with sensual guile and then proceed to devour them; penny by penny.

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This all goes to make Rhodes a particularly frightening place for the innocent First Year. Inks, be warned, when you are asked to Rag Ball take careful note of your partner's res. Forewarned is forearmed.

My parting thrust of the week. Do you know the easiest way of getting the SRC President to invite you to NUSAS Ball? Just become a Rag Princess. It's a cinch.

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RAG STUNTS WOO LOCALS

THIS YEAR'S PRE-RAG activities are being hailed by many as the most original and sincerely spirited for a long time.

Extensive publicity has covered the riot of kidnappings, record attempts and stunts that swept the Campus last week.

Grahamstown locals who have been wary and resentful in the past of many Rhodes Rag efforts are reported to be favourably impressed this year.

Grocott's Mail in its leading article on Friday of last week was outstanding in its praise, saying:

"So far this year, the great game has developed with a spirit quite unparalleled, and stunts, record-breaking and kidnappings have been performed with gay abandon. What a change to see some originality.

"There has been a complete absence of any vandalism and it is true to say that this year Rhodes Rag has an almost cultured air about it."

In previous years students have been accused of confusing Rag with revelry and of spending as much on drink as for Charity.

SENATE

There have been reports that the Senate took a disapproving attitude over this flurry of Rag activity, but it has been stated there is no official view on the issue.

The "con" of the week was when Rhodes students were given complimentary tickets to the Durban Rag Ball by the Durban Rag Committee — and then kidnapped their Rag Queen.

PUBLICITY

Surprised Botha House students opened their newspapers this week to find they were expected to race the train to Port Elizabeth.

Up till then they had not planned any such stunt but they thought that they should try to attempt it as they had received publicity.

When they discovered the feat had been done before, they gave up the idea.

In previous years there have been clashes with the authorities over the issue of bathing and last year several students were fined for bathing women.

BATH

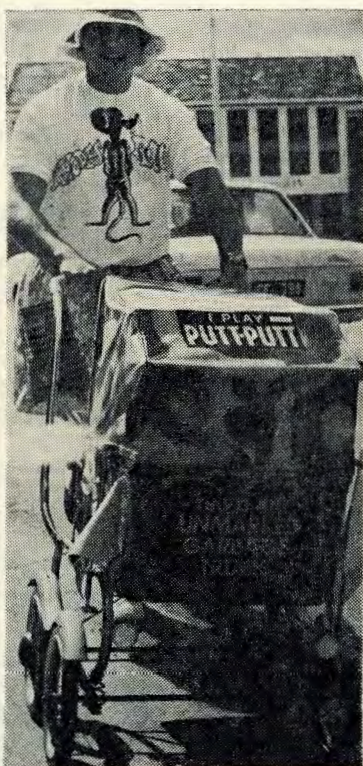
This year Struben borrowed a bath from the Zoology department for a world record attempt at the number of people to be fitted into a bath.

On Saturday afternoon in a trial run 25 people were crammed in.

Soon after two Inkettes were seized and bathed. They also had gentian violet put in their hair as a revenge for similar treatment given earlier in the week by J.K. to two Struben men.

The two men were kidnapped by J.K. and held in a chicken-run, while the ransom from Struben was awaited.

When none was forthcoming, the women gave the captive duo the gentian violet treatment and released.



Seen above is the beginning of the Graham House marathon tram-trundle to Port Elizabeth.

Photo: Camera Club.

Big Bleed Bid

NUSAS COUNCILLOR, Mr. Andy Murray, hopes to beat last year's Big Bleed record of 716 pints during Rag Week this year.

On Wednesday, April 24, the Great Hall will once more be transformed into a bleeding and desperate attempt to break the existing Rhodes' record.

MALARIA

Prospective donors under the age of 21 must have parental permission of someone in authority. Only those under 18, or those who have had either malaria or jaundice are excluded from becoming donors.

The Big Bleed is a worthy cause, and depends entirely upon the response of the Student body.



The picture shows a fiercely concentrating competitor in the recent tiddly-winks race stunt. Photo: Camera Club.

Murder stunt fools the public

THE BOTHA HOUSE murder Rag Stunt was so successful that Grahamstown locals who witnessed the same were severely shocked.

The exercise was carefully planned with human blood, a blank pistol, and with the aid of an ambulance and the police.

As the crowd surged out from the Pick-a-Box show at the Town Hall, a student ran across the street, shouting and fired at another, who fell with blood flowing from his chest.

KILLER

The "killer" ran to a get-away car as a large crowd collected around the "injured" man. The crowd were completely taken in. "Saw it all," said one woman. "He shot him because the other went out with his girl friend."

Then the police arrived and asked her to be a witness. She said, "I saw nothing", and fled.

Miss Judy Calypole, of Oriel, who played the part of the "girl friend" in the stunt was later awarded the freedom of Botha.

Kidnap Alert to Rag Royalty

WARNINGS CAME this week of a possible retaliation by Durban University Students for the kidnapping of their Rag Queen, who was ransomed for R75.

The kidnap operation was performed with military precision by four Rhodes' students from Pringle and Oakdene.

They drove up to Durban last week and attended the Durban University Rag Ball. At 1.30 a.m. they asked the beautiful Rag Queen, Monica Fairall, to sign their car, and from under the noses of her unsuspecting friends she was taken to a secret destination.

CHARMING

The kidnap party used five different flats, as they moved to avoid any possible pursuit.

They arranged with the Durban University Rag Committee for a ransom of R75 after which they released Monica, who later said: "The boys were very charming."

Throughout the operation the Durban students were under the impression their Rag Queen had been taken to Grahamstown. The Vice-Chairman of the Rag Committee even went to the airport to await her expected return.

Back in Grahamstown, one of the kidnappers warned: "There could be some retaliation for our Rag Royalty as well as our Drum Majorette leader."

GIRLS ZAP SCANTS

UGLY SCENES were reported to have flared when Botha House members attempted to rescue ten Oriel girls being held by Piet Retief.

The incident began when the Oriel girls captured a number of scants belonging to students in Piet Retief.

The captured scants were hung victoriously from Oriel and a ransom note was delivered to the owners.

Piet Retief retaliated by seizing ten girls who were then locked in a cage behind Retief. The girls were fed bananas through the bars and at regular intervals buckets of water were thrown at them.

FISTS

While Retief was at lunch, one of the girls, Paula Lamont, squeezed out of a narrow opening and ran for help.

On hearing of the girls' predicament, Botha House members rushed to the scene and smashed the lock, to free the girls.

The members of the two men's houses faced each other and one or two incidents flared, when fists were raised. One Piet Retief student said, "It was ugly and could have turned out nasty."

But tempers cooled and later the scants were returned for a ransom of one rand.

LONE VIGIL ABANDONED

AFTER SPENDING a freezing 36 hours on his ledge last week, a relieved Bruce Gilmer had to abandon his lone vigil when he was kidnapped by a gang of women.

SEIZED

He has now given up his attempt to stay above the Pringle House entrance for a week, as he would have to start all over again.

On Thursday night he was seized from his perch by a group of women from Olive Schreiner. "I suddenly found a sock in my mouth," he said.

He was whisked away by car to Stone Crescent and later transferred to Kingswood School, where he was kept under guard.

POLICE

Then he was taken to the Police Station and from there escorted in a van back to Pringle.

ISOLATION

The kidnapping came as a merciful release for Bruce, who discovered isolation is not always the best part of discretion, as it can be particularly cold.

He joked, "If I hadn't been kidnapped, I would have made sure someone else did it."

The stunt was the biggest attraction of the week on the campus and Bruce said he may attempt it again next year if the weather is warmer.

Smoking Record Set

In response to the Rag Committee appeal, several records were broken or established by Rhodes students this week.

Twelve pipe-smokers lit up at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, in Kaif Grad. lounge in what is the first known attempt to establish a pipe-smoking endurance record. Eighteen hours later Rick Pickering and Mike Nielson retired purple-mouthed and swollen-tongued to bed.

Rick had smoked 56 "stops" and Mike 34, having lasted until 5 a.m. on Sunday.

BURLY

Six burly brutes from Oakdene arrived at the Grahams-town Putt-Putt course on Friday afternoon clad in nappies and rag T-shirts and armed with a set of tiddly-winks. Two teams of three competed in what proved to be a highly successful tiddly winks race.

The winning team, skippered by Joe de Lange, romped home in a time of eight minutes, twenty seconds and each member was presented with a tiddly-winks medallion by Phee Bachelor-Adams.

The City Hall was the starting point at 2 p.m. on Friday, for the Pram Marathon to Port

Elizabeth (organised by Gavin Gluckman of Graham) and of the delivery bike which was ridden to East London by Matthews members. Both operations were to deliver car tickets to the two centres.

DAGGA

The pram cavalcade was stopped and searched for dagga by the police ten miles from Port Elizabeth. Having persuaded the police that they were not dagga peddlers, they trundled up Main Street with Phee Bachelor-Adams in the pram.

On Friday, the Maritzburg University squash endurance record of 21 hours was broken by Rob Roome and David Niven of Smuts.

They survived for twenty-one and a half hours, but three and a quarter hours later Terry Bower and Eddie A'Bear broke the new record by playing for twenty-two hours.

BARE-FOOT

Two Adamson golfers, in perhaps the most commendable feat of them all, broke the golf-playing record. Rich Hargreaves

and Doug Keller teed off at the Grahamstown golf course at 6.15 on Wednesday morning, having been held up for over an hour by mist and drizzle.

The target was to do eight rounds (144 holes) in twelve hours and in so doing they would break the record of 132 holes in 14 hours, held by two middle-aged Bloemfontein men.

Because of the wet conditions, the first round was the worst — Rich did it in 91 strokes and Doug in 88. After that, however, they did not break 80 while Rich averaged 82. After the first round Doug shed his shoes because of blisters and completed the rest of the course bare-foot.

Thirty-five miles later they realised their ambition, as they finished the eight rounds at 6.10 that evening — a time of eleven hours fifty-five minutes.

Next Sunday, Lillian Britten will attempt a world wool knitting record on the library steps.

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Do we have the comfortable, stable and necessary kindly atmosphere here in which "true love" can successfully grow and blossom? Do our 52 churches encourage the high-minded Rhodians down its aisles?

Marriage Bureau. Does Rhodes really deserve that title, albeit a good or bad thing, depending on what your attitudes are?

Consider the facts.

Mini-Marriages

Observe the campus with its many mini-marriages. This is the casual name (casual because they don't seem to last long!) given to the "steady" couples. These couples send stabs of tenderness to the most callous heart, for this is true love. Togetherness is its essence. Going to lectures is heartbreaking for it means separation for 45 minutes — or alas, sometimes two or three times 45 minutes!

These twosomes frequent the swimming pool and Bots over the week-ends, common rooms at Kaif time, bridge tables before supper and Kaif during lectures. The art of a successful mini-marriage is the cultivation of the fine technique of expressing intense feelings of love to the steady, but never to tell the girls at K.P.s or the chaps in the Vic "what the story is."

"Going steady" is meant to be the first manifestation of a promising long-lasting relationship.

But Rhodians approach this subject differently, if we really examine the matter. Grandpa's serious courting is definitely out. Here it is universally agreed the "steady couples" must have their ups and downs, meaning more downs than ups. The regular dramatic "show-downs" are not merely put on for the entertainment of crowds at the Kaif Krawls, but also to show the "steady" partner that their attachments are not necessarily so steady. They are, in fact, "free," don't want to be "tied-down" and are not "owned"; — or so it seems.



What would the Kaif Krawls be like without the inevitable disappearing of your girl friend to see her reappear later, smiling and seemingly happier than she was half-an-hour before? And worst of all, with your friend from across the corridor in res. He was a "good bugger" — now he's a . . . Oh well, the bottle is less expensive and less fickle than a girl anyway.

Such is the general concept of going steady on the campus. Consider a typical ball-date: The girl has spent the afternoon down town laboriously buying new earrings to go with the

beautiful dress Mummy has just sent from home, has set her hair, gone to special pains (like bathing in cold water because the hot has run out) to look especially radiant for the one and only; the only hunk of manhood on the campus who really "sends" her.

Imagine her dismay (frequent at Rhodes!) when she proudly presents herself at the door only to be greeted with the raucous cry of an inebriated soul, lounging over the signing-out book. The usual accompanying remark is "Hi dragon — thought you'd drowned in the bath," or — really pushing his luck now — "Pity! I'd rather taken to this Inkette."

The sporting girl takes this manfully and laughs unsteadily at her steady, leading him carefully down to the Great Hall to find that the love of her life can't manage to dance, although a photograph "with the boys" is essential!

Depressing, really, isn't it? Yet everyone's doing it. One sees these steady couples everywhere on the campus. Judging from the nature of many of these mini-marriages one could hardly suggest we are an exceptionally loving lot in Grahamstown. Perhaps the geographical factor is responsible: two thousand students on a campus measuring one mile by one mile. Are we lucky, or is it cruelty to dumb animals? If the latter is the case, there certainly was justification for the laying of Fort England's foundations on one border and the SPCA kennels on the other.

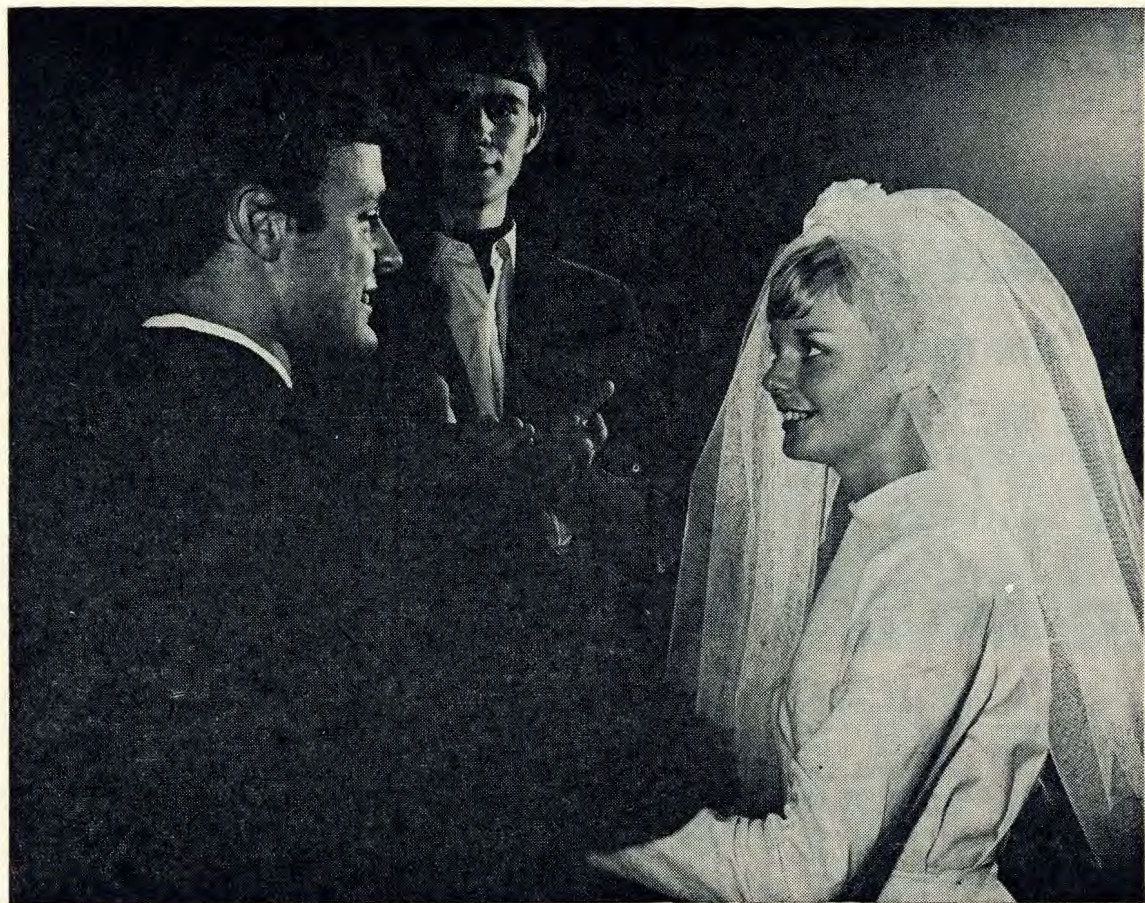
Rare

Seriously though, one shouldn't despair. Love in its true and pure form does sprout its little wings now and then, or so they say. But like all precious things, it is a fairly rare phenomenon.

Let us consider the question objectively for once and for all:

Rhodes a Marriage Bureau? Hardly. Where are all the reported cases of "happily-ever-aftering" which had their beginnings at Rhodes? And many of our campus mini-marriages, to the observer, are poor examples of steady, stable and permanent institutions. One is more and more mystified as to how on earth the myth of the Marriage Bureau could possibly have arisen.





Pictured above is the wedding scene from Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town", being staged this week. From left to right: Ian Walters, Noel Roos, and Isabel Rennie.

"Candida" was enjoyable play

Sharpness and efficiency are necessary requisites for the production of Shaw, and CAPAB's production of *Candida* was not, on the whole, wanting in this respect. One felt, generally, that appropriate enjoyment of Shaw's stinging lucidity and exaggerated characterization.

INTELLIGENT

Frank Shelley's satisfying intelligent portrayal of Morell was probably mainly responsible for this impression. Norman Ettlinger as Burgess and Yvonne Bryce as Miss Garnett were similarly competent.

But Vera Goodenough's rather mannered performance lacked that dimension of calm and humorous compassion which is the stuff of *Candida*. One felt a similar lack of the sense of Shaw's intentions in Ken Leach's Marci banks; the rather pathetic comedy was there, but he missed the resonance of the inspired moments.

DIRECTOR

Our awareness of the serious threat which Marchbanks presents to Morell's self-esteem must be ascribed more to Frank Shelley's performance and the devices of a clever director than to the performance of Ken Leach.

FOLK DUO PRODUCE NEW SHOW

THE WELL-KNOWN folk-singing twosome, John Gardner and Paul Joubert, returned to Rhodes after a successful contract at the Edward Hotel in Durban. They performed in the Troubadour Room, devoted to folk-singing and cabaret, where they were well received.

Public attention first focused on them after their very successful "Folk Profile '67" last year. Then a large agency contracted for them to perform at the Edward. It was a big break for them.

They feel that folk-singing is an effective form of entertainment, the informal atmosphere adding to the musical pleasure.

John is a 3rd year student majoring in English and Music. His great love is the violin, which he has studied for nearly fifteen years. Paul is a 2nd year B.A. student, but holds diplomas from both Rhodes and Natal training college.

NUSAS active overseas

Rhodes and other Eastern Cape institutions have supplied most of NUSAS' overseas committee members this year.

By South African standards, some are liberal, some conservative, but all are labelled conservative by the almost revolutionary British students.

OXFORD

From Rhodes and now at Oxford are Martin Prozesky, former SRC member, Rob Stevens, former vice-president of the SRC and John Sprack, president of the SRC in 1966 and NUSAS vice-president in 1967.

From the Eastern Cape are Sam Noutshungir, past student of Fort Hare and Charles van Onselen, formerly on the NUSAS executive. The remaining two representatives are from Stellenbosch and Witwatersrand Universities.

The Overseas Committee will deal with such matters as the South African Scholarships Programme abroad. The committee will represent NUSAS Overseas at Student conferences.

Folk-singing has potential

THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL for folk-singing on the campus was apparent at Anso's informal folk-singing evening last Tuesday. It was well-attended and the proceeds went into the fund for GADRA.

"We wanted variety," said Miss Jenny Erdis, who, with Mr. Bill Holderness was responsible for organising the evening. Their successful programme was opened by Mr. Terry Keeler who sang three well-known folk songs, accompanying himself on his new twelve-string guitar. This is the first twelve-string instrument he has played but he seemed thoroughly at home with it and performed confidently.

SOLOISTS

Mr. Keeler was followed by two female soloists, Miss Elsie Dunstan and Miss Wendy Isley. Elsie has only been playing the guitar for a year and had not previously sung in public.

She was invited to sing at Anso after playing at St. Mary's Inky concert, and gave a brave if uninspired performance. Elsie sang a negro spiritual and a Joan Baez song. "I like to sing genuine folk songs," she says, and dislikes modern protest songs which masquerade as folk.

TALENT

Miss Isley has been playing the guitar "since I was very small" but has only recently begun singing. Unlike many singers, she does not want to enter talent contests but merely to sing for pleasure. She says, "There's a lot of potential talent at Rhodes but many people don't know enough about folk-singing. There's not enough organised folk-singing on the campus."

MANDOLIN

Mr. Bill Holderness not only organised the evening but also sang and played the guitar, both as a solo item and accompanied by Jenny Erdis on the mandolin. This unusual instrument is ori-

ginally Italian and is not really a folk-singing instrument. It blended with the guitar only in slower songs such as "Lara's Theme." Jenny has had few lessons on the mandolin but says that "it's mainly a question of practising" and can now play classical music as well as folk.

In contrast to the soloists Mr. John Williams' group, "The KKK", sang six songs, all in three-part harmony. This group is well known as one of the best folk and beat groups at Rhodes.

"Cherry Square" acclaimed

Mike Fuller and the "Cherry Square", after only two weeks of practice, were received with great acclaim at Coronation Ball, their first public appearance. They excelled against NUSAS Bal., and can truthfully be said to fill the gap left by the Sheridons.

PERFORMANCE

However, their last performance at Rhodes will probably be Graduation Ball, as they have been signed on by a big East London hotel after this date.

The band members each have at least four years experience, and have been drawn from well-known Eastern Province groups such as the Kynd. One of the players has just returned from Rhodesia, where he has been touring with Gene Rockwell. Mike Fuller said that the band enjoyed their performances at Rhodes.

Shirley MacLaine heads famous cast

WOMAN TIMES SEVEN purports to be an "uproariously satirical survey of modern woman." In essence, however, it simply presents a series of well-known concert hall turns, too cliché ridden to be satirical, too sparkling to be real.

Levine seems to have designed the film as a foil for Shirley MacLaine's acting talent. And act she does. How beautiful is the contrast between the plain housewife playing the romantic heroine in "Super Simone" and Eve, the bitchy socialite in "At the Opera."

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HOMOSEXUAL SLATES APPEAL

SIR, — Mr. Geoff Verschoor's appeal for homosexuals "to come forward and explain their problems" is yet another example of the naive attitude of society towards this group.

Does Mr. Verschoor honestly think that any homosexual in his right mind would come forward at this moment, when the South African Government is planning restrictive legislation against us, in order to explain our predicament? Mr. Verschoor's appeal is like asking South Africans who are secret Communists (if such people exist) to come forward and publicly defend their views.

I would like to assure Mr. Verschoor that there is nothing we would like more than to explain and defend our position in public, but the ostracism which any homosexual experiences after publicly declaring his or her position, is enough to make a homosexual or lesbian think twice about such a declaration.

There are so many myths which prevail in our society about homosexuality that we would like nothing better than to give an accurate picture of our situation.

IMMORAL

One of the myths is that we are all vicious, immoral and degraded people. This is rubbish. Homosexuals are an ordinary cross-section of society, and like all cross sections contain good and bad elements. The average homosexual (if he or she is at all fussy) probably indulges in less sexual activity in his lifetime than the average heterosexual. This is because of the difficulty of meeting and cultivating the friendship and affection of a suitable partner.

Another myth is that homosexuals go around trying to

seduce normal people or children. To most of us the idea of seducing a child is utterly repugnant and we believe, as much as does society at large, that children should be protected by law. As for seducing heterosexuals: a homosexual of any sensitivity and self-control would not dream of forcing his attentions on people to whom these attentions would be unwelcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yet another myth is that all homosexuals indulge in anal intercourse. The thought of this is as repugnant to most of us (85% of us according to a recent British survey) as it must be to the majority of the heterosexual population.

Homosexuality is only abnormal because society defines it as such. If society were more tolerant of us, we would perhaps be more useful to ourselves and to other people.

After all: most of us are just ordinary, unspectacular people trying to live decent lives under trying circumstances. If the proposed legislation is passed, our problems will be even more aggravated.

Hopeful.

Cycles sicken

SIR, — So the whole University has now entered into the new 28-day cycle. If one considers what has already emerged, one begins to have apprehensions of what it will be like at the end of the cycle!

There will, most probably, be many who disagree with me. However, be that as it may, should those who agree with me have to indulge in these delicacies? Surely it would be more reasonable if we were allowed to pay for our lodging and food (?) separately?

In that case, those who wish to, may go to Kaif or elsewhere and regulate their own cycles. At present, this would turn out rather expensive, considering that such people would, if they abstained from the Hall victuals (=euphemism) and ate out, have to pay for two cycles.
I. Diet.

Cecil John lashed by Amazon

SIR, — Did Cecil John write that delightful article on Amazons and Spinsters in this strange, strange world so that we, who obviously fall under that category, would crawl out of our holes, and reply, in blighted disgust? Not only did we find the last few paragraphs completely lacking in humour but also far from the truth.

Cecil John would be amazed to know how happy we spinsters are together sitting on our dusty shelves, instead of going out with the likes of him. The poor Inkette was no doubt delighted when he retired to San. early in the evening. He was lucky she went with him in the beginning, and we admire her tactics in ridding herself of a creature with a "bilated" opinion of himself.

PLAYTHINGS

May we remind Cecil John that old playthings are often kept for great sentimental value, and when they are removed from their illustrious positions for a dust, one never knows what one will find!

To conclude this bat's blurt, may we ask C.J. if there is a slight hint of jealousy in his last comment? This self-esteemed Don Juan attempts to take out an Inkette, not the Rag Queen!

Semi-precious Amazonite.

Praise for Sudano

SIR, — On behalf of the walkers who participated in Sunday's Big Walk, I would like to thank Mr. Sudano and the catering staff for the ample and welcome food they supplied. I also thank the St. John's Ambulance Brigade for their valuable assistance.

John Rowe.
(Organiser, 50 Mile Walk.)

Rally was run democratically

SIR, — On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I would like to express our deepest concern at the gross misrepresentation of facts printed in Grandstand View of the RHODEO 28/3/68.

While admitting that there was an attempted excursion to Cape Town on the night of Coronation Ball (and following morning), I would like to refute most strongly any suggestion that the contestants in the rally were in any way under the influence of one another

Apartheid can be good

SEPARATE development, when related to realism and taken to a logical conclusion, can be good in certain circumstances, according to Mr. Donald Woods, the Editor of the Daily Dispatch. He was addressing the student body on "Separate Development" last week.

Mr. Woods explained his hypothesis of separate development, saying that there would be two states, one multi-racial and the other segregated. People would have the choice of domicile and/or citizenship in either state.

TRANSKEI

The hypothesis, continued Mr. Woods is good practical politics. There is no compromise with principles because the scheme is voluntary and the people are consulted. Mr. Woods cited the Transkei often, as a microcosm illustrating his proposition.

No Rag Ball for Cecil

SIR, — Cecil John beware! Rag and anti-feminist propaganda are twain which have yet to meet. You may find that your toes remain untrod during the first week of next term. Or perhaps your experience of this "ghastly" situation has made you so vehement? Shame . . . Hope you enjoyed your swansong, you and the blighted creatures you misrepresent. No doubt Freud would have found something significant in your meanderings.

I think it about time that one of the "playthings of the past" (A NOTE TO INKETTES: THIS MEANS YOU IN 1969) made her opinion of so-called Rhodes men known. As each year passes, the Smuts population far surpass their "seniors" in gumption and fitness. How swift is their deterioration when as blots they disperse into the various boys' homes. No wonder the Senate hesitates to abolish Smuts.

No, Mr. C.J. and all you physical wrecks infesting the lecture rooms and other damp corners, it is YOU who are shelved — not us.

Teddy Bear.

SIR, — We feel that someone must speak up on behalf of the poor, derided Inkettes who regularly receive a tongue-lashing from Cecil John who does not seem to appreciate the fact that we are having to put up with a lack of decent males, let alone decently sized ones! He must be one of the under-sized ones we have seen crawling around the campus, since he regards the averaged sized girls as Amazons!

The reference to the giggles of the Inkettes is entirely uncalled for as we poor individuals are expected to laugh at all the asinine remarks of the men and now we find that some people don't like this. Well, you can't please everyone.

We thought women were supposed to be catty, but Cecil John's remarks about the Inkettes were absolutely -itchy.

Kaleidoscope.

Priscilla's fury

SIR, — I am furious: I have asked SIX men to Rag and they all refused. I'm sure Cecil John's article had something to do with it. Please ban him, or better still, tell us who he is so I can gouge his eyes out.

Priscilla Peabody.

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Freshers win Trophy

THE EASTERN PROVINCE Championships on Saturday closed the 1967-68 Season. Before the Varsity really had time to realise it, the Athletes were hurried into crash training programmes, — pounding around the oval, hurling missiles into the distance, and tearing up the long jump runway.

And now, as quickly as it all began, it is all behind us, robust rugby players and haughty hockey players now trample the ground on which the feet of nimble athletes used to tread.

STALWARTS

Before the term had begun the old stalwarts were seen on the track trying to get into trim. Rory Taylor, despite a limp injury was in good form, as were Dan Little, Karl Hofmeyr and Dave White who was selected to represent E.P. in Cape Town late in February.

But it was the batch of freshmen who caught the eye. The fact that Smuts Hall won the Interhall Trophy showed the work of such athletes as de Jager, Knoessen, Spiers, Cowling and Glover.

So the stage is set: ahead of us we have a full winter training programme. Weights, cross country, circuit and technique training will put our athletes in tip-top form; ready to recapture that much-coveted Stirk Bowl Trophy which Rhodes has only lost three times since this annual competition started.

Gala was tame

THOMAS PRINGLE and St. Mary's took the honours at the annual Rhodes' Swimming Gala held on Saturday afternoon. After several years of quasi-international performances at this event, this year's Gala was rather a tame affair. Best individual performances came from Ronnie Prior with five first places and two seconds, and R. Johnston, three firsts, three seconds and a third, in the women's section.

Final hall placings were:

Pringle 46, Smuts 15, Drosty 12, Founders 9, Retief 2.

St. Mary's 51, Oriel 24, Atherstone/Hobson 21, Milner 2.

Summer season ends GRANDSTAND VIEW



NOW that the cricket season has finished, Rhodes can look back on a fairly satisfying performance by the first team. For the first time for a number of years, the side has had an opening bowler with true pace. Rowan Harmouth has provided the attack with the penetration which it has lacked in recent seasons. However, a disappointing feature has been the lack of form shown by Bradford. If he could regain the control, Rhodes would have an opening attack which would prove more effective in Super league and at Inter-Varsity than has previously been the case.

The form shown by the batsmen has, in general, been

pleasing. Cooke has had some fine innings and he has been ably supported by the middle order batsmen. The batting line-up would be strengthened next season, perhaps, by the return to form of Davidson who has, in past weeks, been completely out of touch.

The "summer-sports" season ended last Saturday with the long-awaited Swimming Gala. On the whole, it was well-organised, but it was disappointing to see that not all the men's residences entered the 15 by one length relay. One wonders what has happened to the spirit in the men's residences when there are only five entrants in an event which previously had to be swum off in two heats. It is hoped that, in future, the men will show more interest and scrape together enough swimmers to make this event the most closely contested of the programme.

squandering of hard-earned chances. The 1st XV has the experience and the ability to play purposeful rugby, and with determined running and tackling, particularly by the threes, it might be able to turn the tables on those cubs which just managed to scrape home last season. The senior season starts this Saturday with a game against Albany, who are said to be far more formidable than they proved last season. This game should give an indication of Rhodes' chances in the Eastern Province league.

The women's hockey club appears to be less powerful than it has been in the last two seasons. There are only four players from last year's 1st XI who have returned this year. In the past, the women have revealed a general lack of consistency. This has been reflected in their performances at intervarsity, where they have appeared to have played below their capabilities. The first XI particularly will have to put in a lot of hard practice to achieve its former standard. The club is fortunate that Sherry Garlick is at present attending a coaching course in Johannesburg. If she can impart the finer points of the game to the players, the Rhodes crowds can look forward to some interesting hockey.

But it is clear that more application and concentration from the players will be required if Rhodes is to prove a force at intervarsity.

Rag rugby debated

The Intervarsity question has once again raised its head. Natal have asked us to reconsider our decision not to have a 1st XV match on Rag day. There are some serious pros and cons to be considered before a decision is reached.

Messrs. Benyon and Fourie are of the opinion that Rag Comm. have nothing to lose but will definitely increase their gate at Campus Carnival if such a match is staged. Rugby on the other hand may be detrimentally affected. A team going on to the field in a gay, carefree spirit will have their work cut out in con-

taining a determined team with victory as a very serious thought in mind. Furthermore, Rhodes might be depleted if (and this is likely) a few of our players are chosen to play in an inter-provincial on the same day. This is particularly so in the case of our most valuable forwards.

SOBER RAG

On the other hand, Rhodes is a singular rugby club in that, apart from their affiliation to the club, all players have a wider obligation to the University. This must always be an important factor to consider.

If a player is chosen to represent Rhodes at an Intervarsity, he should be prepared to forego the pleasures of a drunken, wild Rag for the honour of the University. After all this is regarded as the greatest sporting honour at most other S.A. Universities.

POSITIVE

Pete Stead has summed up yet another aspect: "Rhodes has been a losing team too long." Never mind what defeat may do to the team. Be positive — play to win and to hell with the consequences. Damn it, we have the players to beat practically any university in the country and people are quibbling over possible ego-deflation of a loss.

Viewed objectively, this is a serious decision to make, with two valid arguments — please think about it seriously, committee members. We'll all be out there urging the team to a great victory on Rag Day.

Give the supporters a break.

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Training for the "winter-sports" season is now well under way. The rugby season has officially started, and the under 20 B's have chalked up the first win by beating Railway Police 28-11. The under 20 club has shown good form in some of their practices, and it is hoped that this will continue and that both teams will show an improvement on last year's performances. The major disappointment has been that the tight forwards have been inclined towards laziness, particularly in the loose, and this tendency must be eradicated.

The senior club also appears to be capable of having a better season than the last one. The three-quarters will be strengthened by the possible inclusion of Ray Carlson and Robin Pennefather, and, should this come about, the hard-working forwards may find that there will be less

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RAIN MARS END OF STRUGGLE



Alan Gunn has his feet attended to by a first-aid volunteer after being the first Rhodes' walker to complete the 50 mile walk. His time of 8 hrs. 24 min. was 1 hr. 12 min. behind the record held by Pete Gradwell. Alan is a first year student in Smuts House.

Photo: Camera Club.

Rhodes win convincingly

Tennis

THE Rhodes first tennis team playing without the services of Rick Buwalda and Sally Harvey, beat the Old Selbornians team by 16 matches to five, in a friendly match here on Sunday.

Old Selbornians is a first league team and thus full credit is due to the home side for playing some good tennis, and for the sporting play and friendly hospitality throughout the day.

With the tennis standard at Rhodes as high as it is at present and the great interest which is shown at the University is it too much to ask the authorities concerned to repair the shocking surface on court number three, which must be a source of shame to all Rhodians when they entertain visiting teams.

Cricket

RHODES had a convincing win in the first intervarsity played against U.P.E. on the Great Field last Saturday.

U.P.E. won the toss and put Rhodes in to bat on what proved to be the best batting wicket produced this season.

Barnes and Nupen made a slowish start against a very mediocre attack. Barnes was the first to go with the score on 63. Nupen then put together a very polished 79.

Briggs, Cooke and Connock all had breezy knocks to contribute to Rhodes' total of 214 runs for 7 wickets declared.

U.P.E. began their innings with a determined opening stand between Naude and Weideman.

After tea, as a result of a penetrative bowling spell by Harmuth, who claimed 6 wickets for 16 runs, U.P.E. were all out for 56 runs. The result was a good win for Rhodes by 118 runs.

Less walkers finish

ON SUNDAY 91 men and 89 women survived the trials and tortures of the annual 50 and 25 Mile Walks on the Kowie Road. The men left the Drostdy Arch at 5.00 a.m. and the women left Bathurst at about 8.00 a.m.

The first man home was John Ball an outside entrant from East London. He covered the distance in 7hrs. 6min., 6min. inside the All-Comers record. John, who has already run the Comrades Marathon 6 times, rated the 50 Mile Walk the more difficult of the two.

The first student home was Alan Gunn, a B.A. student from Bloemfontein. His time was 8hrs. 24min., 1hr. 12min. outside Peter Gradwell's All-Comers record.

Third was Jacques Morel of Struben in 8hrs. 27min. and fourth Johan Spies of Jan Smuts in 8hrs. 55min.

JANE KRIGE

The first woman through the Drostdy Arch was Jane Krige, a second-year Pharmacy student from Olive Schreiner, whose time was 5hrs. 51min., 44min. outside Myma Birk's record of last year. Second was Claire Blunt of Jameson in 5hrs. 54min. and third Biddy Collet of Milner in 5hrs. 55min.

Many walkers had to struggle through a heavy rain storm in the final stages of the walk. For most of the time, though, weather conditions were ideal.

Eight voluntary St. John's First Aid posts were kept very busy throughout the day and were a great help to the struggling walkers.

Organiser of the walk, John Rowe, said that everything went off very smoothly. He wishes to thank the many non-participants for their help and co-operation.



Jane Krige is seen finishing the 25 mile walk.

Photo: Camera Club.

U.20 team wins first points

In heat more reminiscent of December weather, Rhodes Under 20B did extremely well to defeat South African Railway Police Under 20 by 28 points (5 goals, 1 try) to 11 (1 goal, 2 tries). At half-time Rhodes lead by 15 points to 3.

The game was played in stifling heat on the Humerail Ground at 1.45 p.m. and under the circumstances, Rhodes produced some attractive rugby. Early-season lack of match-practice was evident, but the makings of a powerful side are evident. With two of the Under 20 Club's strongest players not available this could be the side to watch.

THREE TRIES

Bob Tait, a big speedy left wing showed considerable promise and scored three fine tries. Other tries were scored by scrum-half Richard Rouhana, flanker Trevor Stretton and skipper Roger Wanless. The kicking honours went to Dawie van Wyk (3), Dirk Benade (2) and Roger Wanless (1).

Six of the opposition's points came from careless play on Rhodes' behalf and this is one aspect of play which will have to be tightened up for the kick-and-rush play typical of Eastern Province junior league rugby.

RUGBY INTER-VARSITY REJECTED

A RUGBY INTER-VARSITY has been mooted for Campus Carnival, but the Rugby Club Committee is unwilling to involve the first team in a major clash with another university on Rag Day. On the other hand, a seven-a-side game or "skills" competition, if undertaken by the Carnival organizers, would be heartily supported. The points against a major inter-varsity are as follows:

Looking to the Club's record in these Rag Day intervarsities, and particularly to the intervarsity against Natal in 1966, it will be seen that the chance of winning are exceedingly slim. On Rag Day in 1966 the Rhodes team was, figuratively speaking, a "sitting duck." It is on the cards that similar outcomes can be expected whenever Rhodes joins issue on the Saturday of Rag week, just after the short vac. and with a half-moulded team. It may be argued that, even so, the Club has an obligation to do its bit by charity. However, the first concern of the Club must always be its duty of morale and team-building and here the eye must focus on the two intervarsities against U.P.E. AND Wits in May; the three intervarsities in Bulawayo in July; and a long season of league matches stretching into September.

LEAGUE

In order that Rhodes, in spite of its awkward vac. dates, may continue to compete in the E.P. Leagues, the provincial Union has been most accommodating in allowing Rhodes to begin its league matches earlier than the

rest of the Union. In addition, as a special privilege and after much juggling, the E.P. Union has succeeded in leaving Rag Day free of a first league fixture because it appreciates the obstacle in the way of putting a fully prepared, fit, and keen side onto the field for a league match on that day. The Union would have reasonable grounds for complaint if Rhodes, after having made so much of its difficulties in playing on Rag Day, suddenly took on an Inter-varsity particularly when the Union has specially set May 18 aside as the day for the beginning of the U.P.E. — Rhodes series of Intervarsities on the Stellenbosch-Ikeys pattern.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

Rag Day co-incides with an Inter-Provincial match against a weakish opponent. The provincial selectors, it may therefore be anticipated, will be keen to try out new talent and new talent and new combinations — which, looking to Rhodes' provincial representation last year — may well deprive the first team of three "stars." Once again, the argument about not playing at a disadvantage applies.

From the purely financial angle, the additional profits to be derived for Rag if the Rugby First Team plays at Campus carnival cannot realistically be assessed at more than two per cent of the total income for Rag. This two per cent would represent R300 at a generous estimate (once hotel accommodation for two nights for the visitors had been deducted) — a fair figure, it is true, but one which, it must also be agreed, is not an overriding consideration when the other factors are brought into the reckoning.

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