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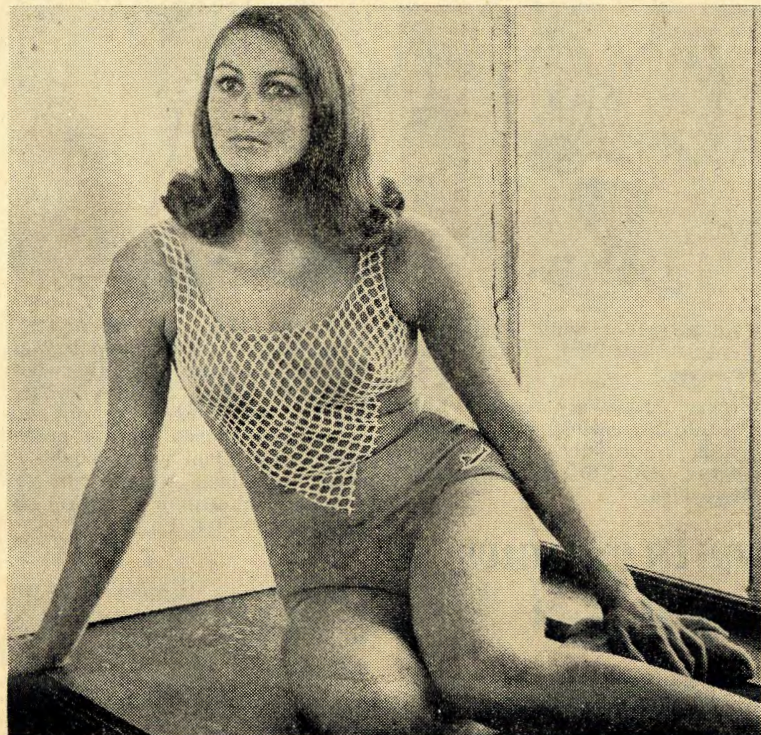
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STUDENT BODY TO PROTEST?



What better incentive to work could there be than Rag Queen Jill Campbell seated on top of one's table?

A republic born

THE NEW republic was declared on the wreck of the "Seafarer" at the beginning of the week-end when members of the Rag Committee at UCT boarded the stranded vessel and established an "embassy" on shore.

At noon on Saturday the President made a declaration of independence over a public address system, and inspected the troops drawn up on the sloping deck.

BEDRAGGLED

A bedraggled State President, Prime Minister and other high officials of the world's newest republic staggered ashore at Cape Town at the end of the Easter weekend, leaving their deserted territory stranded beyond the waves.

Contact with the shore was maintained throughout the three days of the republic by means

BLONDE SOUGHT

Well-known Afrikaans author André Brink is seeking a suitable girl to adorn the cover of his next book.

Mr. Brink, who lectures at Rhodes, needs a blonde, blue-eyed girl.

The three best photos will be selected and each girl will receive R5. If the publisher chooses one of these the girl will receive an extra R10.

Aspirant cover girls should contact Mr. Brink's office, Room 330, in the main building, between 10 and 11 in the morning or phone him at 1321.

The closing date is April 12.

of a two-way radio and public address systems. Members of the republic reported that many visas (obtained for a donation to Rag funds) were issued, and many visitors boarded the republic.

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LEADERS' ARE LAX

Most societies' chairmen are apathetic, according to Mr. Sandy Young, Societies General Councilor. He stated this in an interview last week with a RHODEO reporter.

Mr. Young said that ignorance was the greatest problem. Many chairmen did not know their constitutions and some societies were at present operating without one.

He particularly criticised society chairmen for being un-

aware of their responsibilities. Lack of interest in society functions was due to bad advertising.

In a SRC investigation this week all chairmen will have to give an account of their activities and justify their application for funds.

The Musical Society's appeal for R400 has been cut to R30 and similar cuts may be made for other societies.

Doctorates choice under fire

TONIGHT'S student body meeting discusses a controversial motion on the conferring of certain honorary doctorates.

The motion questions the Senate's choice of those who will receive honorary doctorates at this week's graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Peter Haxton, president of the SRC, described the issue as a delicate matter which needed delicate handling.

Protest

When asked about the nature of the proposed protest he said: "The SRC will have no part in any form of organised protest on graduation day."

As an act of courtesy the SRC has officially welcomed those honoured by doctorates to the university, as people who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields.

They were also asked in the welcoming letter to support and uphold the traditions of Rhodes University. In particular the principles of academic freedom and university autonomy.

Freedom

The letter asked support for "our stand for freedom of expression in teaching and studying by staff and students." The correspondence ends with the hope that the honorary graduates "will be closely associated with the university and its spirit."

The SRC feels that the role of honorary doctorate comprises an important, although small, section of the university. Mr. Haxton said: "A university's reputation may be largely judged by the quality of its honorary doctors. It is high time that the students formally welcomed them."

Film grant

The Film Society has R4 remaining of its 1967 grant of R95.

This is due to accounts received after the SRC books closed in September last year and also the deficit of that year, which has to be paid off by the Film Society.

To raise more funds, entrance fees will be charged for future film shows.

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Integrity at stake

Tonight's Student Body meeting discusses what could be the most controversial motion of the year so far — the conferring of the Honorary Doctorates.

The result of the meeting will be far reaching, more so than many students realize at the moment. At least the Student Body decision will be much publicised by the national press.

Political views should not come into the controversy. The question to be asked is: How are individuals singled out to be honoured in this way?

Because they have money? Because they have political and other powers? Or because of their contributions to education, the humanities and science?

It has been said that it is the general trend today to choose individuals who can "be of some use to the university". Until recently Rhodes has preserved its academic integrity and has not joined the trend.

This year, when a record of nine Honorary Doctorates are to be conferred on people whose contributions to the academic field are under suspicion, we wonder if Rhodes still retains its academic integrity.

Let the Student Body consider the motion put to it very carefully tonight with this in mind.

Senate secrets

What is the Senate trying to hide from the Student Body? Why are they so unwilling to release information of any kind?

Last week a RHODEO reporter approached the new Security Officer for ordinary factual information about his job. The reporter was referred to the Registrar for "permission" for such an interview.

A secretary would not let the reporter see the Registrar but spoke to the latter herself. She then told the reporter that only the Registrar himself, the Vice-Chancellor and the Liaison Officer were allowed to give interviews of any kind.

Even an interview like this?

An official would not let another RHODEO reporter have biographical details about the receivers of Honorary Doctorates and delayed before giving the SRC itself their addresses.

Why?

Rhodes prides itself in being called a liberal institution, and yet its authorities do not allow freedom of enquiry.

We appeal to the Senate, if they have nothing to hide, to release to the student body all the facts which they have a right to know.

Those doctorates...

A QUESTION which has been asked much of late is, what are the criteria which govern the awarding of honorary degrees.

Is it old fashioned to award honorary degrees to individuals who follow the dangerous path of actively supporting the concepts of academic freedom and who stand for freedom of expression in teaching and studying by staff and students?

VIEWPOINT

The progressive members of the senate are in close touch with the changing face of South Africa. They, it seems, have disregarded the old criteria and have, instead decided to honour a bunch of assorted politicians. Their methods must certainly be looked upon with favour by higher powers as being in accordance with the South African way of life. For example, they have refused to disclose their reasons for awarding these degrees. Moreover, it was only after a great deal of hesitation that the addresses of the candidates were given to the SRC.

We can only hope that the public orator will be able to justify the senate's decision at the graduation ceremony.

Perhaps one should take a closer look at this group of

august gentlemen, to see what all the fuss is about.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr. Nico Malan, is a notorious supporter of the National Education Bill which is in every way possible contrary to the concept of academic freedom. In his role as Administrator, Mr. Malan played a significant part in gaining provincial and parliamentary approval for the bill — a bill which tears at the heartstrings of anyone with even a deep-seated trace of social and moral conscience. As we do not know the reasons for his inclusion in the list of candidates we can only speculate.

Is it perhaps due to the senate's and Mr. Malan's mutual interest in the 1820 settler tradition?

The Principal of UCT, Dr. J. P. Duminy, is a notorious hesitator, as witnessed by the Ian Robertson affair. But unlike the proverbial hesitator, this time he has not lost. Perhaps he is being honoured for his educational achievements of which prominence must be given to the fact that he was instrumental in gaining a scholarship for Mr. Robertson.

Major Van der Byl impresses one neither way. Perhaps here again the public orator will be able to persuade us that the Senate has chosen wisely.

The SRC is to be complimented on its dignified attitude. It has

SOMETHING FROM SPORTSWISE

I RETURNED from a fabulous long week-end in my home town, Durban, to hear some really disheartening news. Disheartening for Sportswise, anyway. Rhodes, Gentlemen, actually won the rugby!

This means that Sportswise can have no corny suggestions to make this week — you know.

"Rhodes' Rugby First XV would really do so much better if they were delimited into the Transkei Pineapple Breeders' League.

"The fine form displayed by Stead and Muirhead in the magnificent defeat by UCT on Saturday could be far better employed against giants like Mpele and Potokile of the Breeders' New Golden Butterworth City Murderers, for example. How about it chums? Try it out, will ya?" etc.

Unluckily, no such result came about. UCT's training programme was obviously at fault. These gentlemen used to take a run up Table Mountain twice a day, I'm told — which explains why the full-back was the only fit member of the team.

Mainly because the Table Mountain Cable Car only carries fourteen people.

Poor old Sportswise. Nevertheless this week we look forward to a fascinating commentary on Rhodes' highlight of the season, the 50-mile walk:

"MacTavish was a pleasure to watch as he effortlessly swung

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- A letter from Pringle
- Come on, Mike Williams

round the Bloukranz curves, thousands of feet below him the mist writhing and oozing, serpentine. However, when walking he really should try putting one foot before the other. I found this a satisfactory method in the past."

And of course there will be mention of Sportswise's hero, John "Lindbergh" Gardner. (Who the hell is Lindbergh, anyway? And for that matter, who the hell is Gardner?)

"Cassius Clay, who is, as you may know, World Boxing Champion is fighting the Draft. Where, oh where is John 'Lindbergh' (?) Gardner (?) ? How can he miss this opportunity to fight this fellow Draft in his own beautiful inspiring fantastic magnificent inimitable style?"

Sorry, Sportswise. Cecil John does not say "Hell". He just says "Ugh", with some justification, he feels.

Yesterday a letter was slipped under my esteemed Botha door. It was a note, no less, from one of our Pringle compatriots. With a peculiar thrill I realised that in my hands I held tangible

written to the candidates welcoming them and expressing the hope that they will enter into the spirit of the Rhodes tradition. Unfortunately, Mr. Malan's emotional commitments are far more deeply rooted than the new ones handed to him.

Ralph Goldswain.

Students are encouraged to submit their own viewpoints to RHODEO. The sentiments expressed here are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

Cecil John



evidence that some enlightened Pringle soul had at last learnt to write.

(For those who don't know, Pringle is a building near Milner which produces swimmers, boxers, and SRC Presidents, and little else.)

Mackie, this ain't "Henrietta's Heartbreaks", but if you Pringle manne keep sending that lady gifts like naked Inks in laundry baskets, with love, I'm not surprised she looses nightly canine cacophony upon you. You'd do more than bark if she sent you a naked Inkette in a basket. By God, yes. You'd howl.

Something's happened to the campus this year. It's dead. It's so dead there's nothing to talk about. Won't somebody do me a favour and start up EPSCA again, or something ridiculous like that?

I mean, Jane Lurie, Inks and the campus prudes have all become so utterly detestable that there's no more humour in them. Some people even like them: Peter Maxwell, Sherry Garlick, and Jan Harris, for instance.

How about something from you, Mike Williams? I hear you've taken over from Reinier Locke (Dear Reinier!) as SRC three-hour speech-maker. Won't you say or do something ridiculous, just for me? I know you will eventually, so now's as good a time as any. How about that?

I have said nothing about the Miss Inkette competition. What is there to say? — except that Rhodes again expressed its appreciation of filthy public humour, this time from Mr. Brian Surtees.

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BIOGRAPHIES OF HON. Ph.D.s

Rhodes will confer eight honorary doctorates at its graduation ceremony this year.

The eight people, all prominent South Africans, are: Colonel J. A. I. Agar-Hamilton (D.Litt.); Dr. J. P. Duminy (LL.D.); Dr. the Hon. Henry Gluckman (LL.D.); Dr. M. A. Pocock (D.Sc.); Mr. Adolf Schauder (D.Soc.Sc.); Mr. F. J. Todd (LL.D.); Maj. the Hon. P. V. G. van der Byl (LL.D.).

Col. Agar-Hamilton came to Rhodes in 1959. He is the author of several well-known historical works. He retired as Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the end of 1966. He has an M.A. from UCT, and also is an M.A., B.Litt. of Oxford.

DUMINY

Dr. Duminy retires as Vice-Chancellor and Principal of UCT at the end of this year. He holds the degrees of M.A. (Cape), M.A., B.Sc. (Oxon.) and Hon. LL.D. (Natal).

Dr. Gluckman was the M.P. for Yeoville for 20 years. During the period 1945-1948 he was Minister

of Health and Housing. He is at present President of the National War Memorial Health Foundation.

Dr. Pocock is known for her outstanding contributions to botanical research. A former head of the Botany Department at Rhodes since 1954, she has been an honorary lecturer and research associate of the Department.

MALAN

Mr. Malan was a Member of the Cape Provincial Council for nearly 20 years. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 1954-1960, when he became Administrator of the Cape.

Mr. Schauder was Mayor of Port Elizabeth 1940-1942. He was made a Freeman of the city in 1957. Mr. Schauder is well known as a member of the National Housing Commission for 20 years.

Mr. Todd has played a leading part in the pharmacy profession for the past 40 years. He was the first President of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa.

Major Van der Byl has had a distinguished military career. He was a member of Parliament for 37 years and a Cabinet Minister under Smuts from 1939 onwards. He held the portfolio of Native Affairs, 1943-1948.

Doctor Agar



Famous five film fixture

From Piet Retief House, a wealthy extrovert wants to gain control of the world.

This is the plot of "The Famous Five," the Piet Retief film this year.

To fulfil this nefarious global ambition the extrovert employs a mad scientist (Dave Novitz) who creates havoc through earthquakes, tidal waves and avalanches of his own devilry.

A group of investigators is formed who call themselves "The Famous Five."

These sleuths include such characters as James Bond (Bernie Yeowart) and Derick Flint (Ced-

eric Pratt). Jill Campbell stars as Modesty Blaise.

The film, parts of which have been shot in South America by Rob Jupp, will be produced and directed by John Haigh and Keith Davis. There will be a full supporting programme.

April fool

Startling posters greeted students on April Fool's Day this year.

Posters announced the overnight banning of NUSAS and a protest to be organised against this. Several students rushed to their radio sets and anxiously listened to news bulletins, while others set out for the Great Hall, where the "protest" was to be held.

A seemingly formal notice informed members of Jan Smuts Hall that there would be no lectures that day. Several Inks were fooled by the notice until enlightened by others.

Several women students of St. Mary's Hall were likewise deceived by a similar notice which stated that breakfast April 1 would have to be over by 7.30 a.m.

There were, too, several double distinctions in the B.A. results among this year's graduands. Some of them were: J. E. Cock (History and Politics); M. Daly (English and Latin); D. B. Tucker (Politics and Philosophy) and M. A. B. Williams (Economics and Politics).

1966 Honours List

AT this year's graduation ceremony approximately 150 graduands will be capped on Friday and some 140 on Saturday.

Six Ph.D.s will be conferred — on D. J. Tarr and G. M. Grant (Physics); G. R. Kaplan and H. M. Sciaiman (Chemistry); T. J. McCarthy (Pharmacy) and F. M. Chutter.

B.Sc. (Pharm.) degrees with distinction in Chemistry go to M. H. van der Westhuizen and S. J. Klagsbrun.

There were several B.A. (Hons.) degree passes with distinction, among them Werner Kruger (in German); Lindsay

Lawrence and Mary Tagg (English); and Rinty van Straaten (Philosophy).

Similarly, among the First Class B.Sc. passes were I. G. Borrow (Maths), R. E. Jacobs (Geology), J. R. Blowers (Entomology), J. M. Haigh and R. Hancock (Chemistry), I. Hill (Physics) and Miss I. M. Styles (Psychology).

Graduating with First Class B.D. passes will be D. A. Maker and E. A. Perkins (Systematic Theology) and J. Metcalf (New Testament Studies).

An M.Comm. goes to B. Dalton and First Class B.Comm. degrees to C. Boonekamp and A. Mortima.

Among the double distinctions in B.Sc. were D. G. Baker (Maths and Physics) and D. J. Brothers (Botany and Entomology).

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jane lurie observes ... tasty kaif spaniel

WHERE is the food unappetising to a degree, the company totally uncongenial, and the rules thoroughly ridiculous? Relax ladies—I'm not on my usual crusade against Women's Res. Kaif has it this time.

I object to being told that chips can't be served after eight o'clock, that's all. One wonders whether, like the dolls in the toyshop of the story, the potatoes come alive at night, and the humane qualities of the manageress don't allow her to end their revels.

And that curry! I won't acquaint you with the fouler symptoms suffered by some of my friends, as no doubt most readers have already been initiated. Suffice it to say that I have not seen that rather rheumy old spaniel that was wandering around the campus last year. A big spaniel he was too. Should be good for another week.

And then of course the people who come to Kaif. Cecil John is always there needless to say.

INTELLECTUAL

Another of the species to be found in this region is the Kaif Intellectual. He is the being who lounges in his chair in the far corner wearing a weary and cynical smile, and commenting with what he imagines to be incisive wit on all who approach.

One of these bright gentlemen once remarked to me that he spent his entire day there because "the behaviour of the masses is an education in itself my dear." Ughh!

And the Inkettes. They arrive in chattering hordes and, like magpies, strip the counter of all the Crunchies and Bar Ones in sight. Then, gradually settling, they begin to puff at cigarettes with a distressing consciousness, and round-eyed, crane their necks to observe possible victims.

In defiance of Mr. Young's censure, I might as well disillusion them now. All they will ever find in Kaif are Crunchies and Bar Ones.

Take your pick, girls. Crunchie any time—that's what I say.

American singing group for Rhodes

Six American College singers who are on a four-month tour of South Africa will visit Rhodes.

The group was chosen out of 6,000 students and includes students who have majored in architecture and music education. All the members excel as instrumentalists and combine keyboard, voice, trumpet, trombone and guitar with dynamic effect.

Mr. Trevor de Bruyn described them as "a talented group, thoroughly conversant with campus life, whose fresh approach to religion can be appreciated."

The group will be sponsored by the combined religious societies on the campus and are due to appear in the Little Theatre on April 10.

Rothmans King Size really satisfies



DR. BECKER WRITES ON Arduous African Adaptions

ALMOST two centuries have passed since the first contact, along the Great River, between the White pioneers of the Cape and the Bantu of South Africa. Since those times, and especially since the settlement of White men in the interior, striking changes have taken place in the way of life of the Bantu, a steady process of adaptation to Western standards by tribesmen employed either on farms or towns.

As the Bantu have entered in ever increasing numbers into domestic, commercial, and industrial activities, certain misconceptions regarding their true character have emerged.

This is the result of failure on the part of employers to gain insight into the rudiments of Bantu customs, beliefs, and languages; they have not always realized that adaptation to our comparatively exotic way of life has been arduous and often confusing.

soweto

Consider for a moment Soweto, the vast Bantu Settlement south-west of Johannesburg and comprising 24 large townships with a population almost as large as that of Basutoland.

In this great Bantu complex levels of income and education are unequalled by comparable indigenous communities anywhere in Africa; yet inspection reveals that even in Soweto Bantu are to be classified according to three main social strata ranging from a vast selection, only one step removed from the kraal, to a significant upper crust, or élite of educated and moneyed Bantu, some of whose homes compare more than favourably with the best in European middle-class suburbs.

Bantu society is therefore essentially heterogeneous, but all urban dwellers and many rural dwellers have this in common: they are assiduously status-conscious, all having sought and found status through emulating European standards of personal appearance and grooming; and many have acquired additional status through education as well as the acquisition of a variety of so-called luxury items known to be coveted by their White employers.

traditions

In tribal religions, where only occasional contact is made with White men, tradition dies hard. This is particularly evident in tribal farming, where incalculable difficulties arise as a result of efforts by agricultural officers to replace the Bantu's traditional and unenlightened concept of cultivation and cattle-breeding with modern scientific methods.

Imagine an agricultural officer visiting a kraal of huts in central Bechuanaland. The kraal patriarch, Tau Molefe, is a genial man, but one whose contacts with White men has been confined mainly to the South African gold mines.

"How many bags of mealies did you reap last season?" asks the agricultural officer.

"Five bags, Morena." Molefe replies.

"Only five," says the White man, feigning surprise. "Well then, I feel sure you will be interested in a proposition I have to make. This summer, when the rains come, I will plough and fertilize your lands and then plant special high-class seed for you, free of charge. Next year you should reap not five bags, but twenty-five from the same field."

"Awu," exclaims Molefe, "but what will I do with twenty-five bags of mealies when I only need five to feed my family."

secret

"The government will buy the extra twenty bags from you," the officer explains, "and then with part of the money you can buy first-class seed and fertilizer, for this is the real secret behind the big harvest you are bound to reap."

But Molefe is unimpressed. For many years, he explains he has received a magical powder from his medicine man, not dissimilar in appearance to the White man's fertilizer. This powder, planted in a selected spot in the mealie land, has guarded the crops against disease, drought and hail. Seldom has it failed to produce the five bags of mealies required for his family, and never has it cost more than a rooster.

Let us assume that after some haggling the agricultural officer succeeds in gaining Molefe's confidence and sets about ploughing and planting as promised. Now a frustrating situation emerges. Should misfortune befall the old patriarch's crops, whatever the cause, not only Molefe but probably all Bantu in the neighbourhood will henceforth look upon agricultural officers with added suspicion and reject their advice.

adaption

Whereas in tribal society, the lowest rung in the ladder of Bantu social development, adaptation to Western standards is continually being hampered by deeply entrenched traditions, in urban areas, in the course of four generations, daily contact with White men has brought about a fascinating compromise between Bantu and European ways of life.

It is essential to recognise the implications of this compromise if we are to promote sound relationships with Bantu employed in our homes, offices, and factories.

How often have we not thrown up our arms in despair, and accused a Bantu employee of malingering, when, say, twice

DR. PETER BECKER, an authority on Bantu history, languages and anthropology, is known to non-White peoples of South Africa as Vul'indlela — the Opener of the Road. He was born on a farm in the Transvaal where his association with little African herdboys awakened his interest in the non-White peoples. A graduate of the University of the Witwatersrand, he is a fluent Zulu linguist. He has undertaken many research trips into the territories of the different tribes of Southern Africa and has recorded, in writing and on film, the fast-disappearing traditional customs, beliefs, ceremonies, and rituals of tribal life.

in three years, he has asked leave to attend his father's funeral?

"But you have already buried your father," exclaims the irate employer, "how many fathers have you?"

explains

"Six," replies the servant, but given the opportunity he might explain that Bantu, rural and urban, irrespective of social strata, usually have more than one father and more than one mother. For, in Bantu society, my father together with all his brothers would be my fathers, and my mother together with all her sisters would be my mothers. So it is quite feasible for the servant to attend the funeral of two fathers, or six for that matter, within three years.

Since time immemorial the influence of magic and witchcraft has dominated the lives of Bantu, in much the same way as it once plagued the minds of

European peoples. With the development of science in Western countries phenomena once regarded as mysterious wonders dictated by supernatural powers, witches, or sorcerers came to be accepted as commonplace — part of the everyday business of living. Gradually, therefore, belief in magic and witchcraft waned. Among the Bantu, excluding the well-educated members of the very top stratum, the formidable influence of magic and witchcraft prevails to govern the habits and beliefs of men, women and children.

thriving

Bone-throwers, witchdoctors, medicine men and especially herbalists thrive throughout the country, in rural and urban areas. Indeed, most of them perform a worthwhile service in banishing fears from the minds of the Bantu. There are scores of licensed Bantu herbalists whose businesses compete favourably in turnover with European-owned chemists, and

at least two are known to be millionaires. Besides the large variety of medicines they dispense from indigenous roots, herbs, leaves, bark, seeds, and animal and reptile fats for stomach, liver and other ailments, herbalists conduct a flourishing trade in love-potions, aphrodisiacs, magical charms and even brain tonics for students during examination time.

This presents a clear example of compromise. The vast majority of Bantu, although convinced of these advantages of European clinical or hospital treatment, are equally convinced that certain of their ailments are beyond the comprehension of Europeans and can therefore be treated successfully with indigenous remedies provided only by indigenous doctors.

discussion

I recall a discussion I had some years ago with a paramount chief in whose great royal kraal I had been researching. Seated together beneath a spreading tree we were watching a royal diviner throwing magic bones. I asked the paramount chief, most tactfully, whether he believed implicitly in the predictory of the bone-thrower.

"Of course I do," he replied, and then smiling facetiously added: "After all, you White men believe in horoscopes and fortune-tellers, don't you?"

Wartime Progress

by EVERETT BAKER

INVESTMENT in people is important in a developing country, not only because the public welfare is the only legitimate aim of any state, but also because the future of any nation depends to a great extent on the health and skills of its people.

South Vietnam's needs for better health and education facilities are great. When the country became independent it had few Vietnamese physicians and the educational system was antiquated. With help from abroad, the Government of South Vietnam has made progress toward overcoming the weaknesses. But progress takes time. And it is made much more difficult when the nation's government is forced to spend much of its budget for survival against armed attack, and when terrorists and hostile armed units prowl the very countryside where better health and education programmes are most sorely needed. Casualties resulting from the stepped-up pace of communist military activity have added greatly to the burden on South Vietnam's health resources.

PHYSICIANS

In 1966, only about 900 Vietnamese physicians were available to treat a population of 16 million, and these included physicians working with the armed forces. The University of Saigon is training 60 to 70 physicians a year, and in 1967 the University of Hue expects to graduate its first class of about 30 physicians. With U.S. aid, the University of Saigon expects to increase its training of medical doctors to 100 a year by 1970.

Meanwhile, some of the most urgent needs are being filled by physicians from many nations who have volunteered to serve in South Vietnam. Most of them have temporarily given up profitable practices, pleasant living conditions and well-equipped modern hospitals, in order to help alleviate suffering brought on by war and disease in a far-away nation. Nurses and medical technicians have come too. These dedicated men and women work long, hard hours, often in facilities that would be considered crude and inadequate by home standards. The hardships are well known, but still increasing numbers of

medical teams keep coming from all over the world.

EDUCATION

The people of South Vietnam are eager to educate their children, but opportunities are limited by shortages of facilities and teachers. Some 1.6 million students are attending elementary schools. It is estimated that another one million children of elementary school age, most of them in rural areas, are not in school for one reason or another.

The South Vietnam Government has been building new schools in rural areas at a brisk rate, and with the help of the U.S. aid programme has been providing materials and technical assistance to villagers who are willing to build their own.

METHODS

One result of the teacher education programme is to bring a more modern style of teaching into South Vietnam's classrooms. Previously, education consisted largely of having children memorize material from copybooks. Now South Vietnam's classrooms are enlivened by more class discussion and other forms of student participation.

RHODENT COMMISSIONS ATTACKED

Sir, — I was dismayed by the article which appeared in the last edition of RHODEO, concerning the commission which the Rag Committee is prepared to pay students for selling copies of Rhodent.

Financial support for students who are selling large quantities of Rhodents in cities afar off is understandable. But it seems unnecessary to pay every Tom, Dick and Harry Student who sells 25 copies a 12% commission, and over 25 copies a 20% commission.

Has the spirit of Rhodes students dropped to such a low ebb that they can't afford to give up a bit of time for Rhodes without remunerations? Let me remind them that Rhodes has given them much which can't be quantified in monetary terms.

BRIBE

Do students have to be bribed to support charity? It seems to me that this new system is yet another sign of the growing apathy on the campus.

The question also arises in my mind as to whether the end justifies the means. Will the sales of Rhodent increase to such an extent that the students can be paid their percentage and the amount collected for Rag still increase? Surely this new system is merely splitting the profits.

PITFALL

Another pitfall of the system is that the students will not be prepared to take too many copies of the Rhodent in case they fail to sell them and thus incur expenses. The Rag Committee will be left with a quantity of Rhodents, some of which they can sell elsewhere as planned; the rest will still not be sold. This will defeat the object of the new move.

The facts will show us if the proposed system is more effective than the old system and if it is more effective, I think it will be a sure sign that something is wrong with the spirit of Rhodes students. For this reason I can only hope that the system fails

this year and that we return to the old system with a new spirit of charity in our little academic hearts next year.

"High-Spirited."

Rhodeo censorship irritates

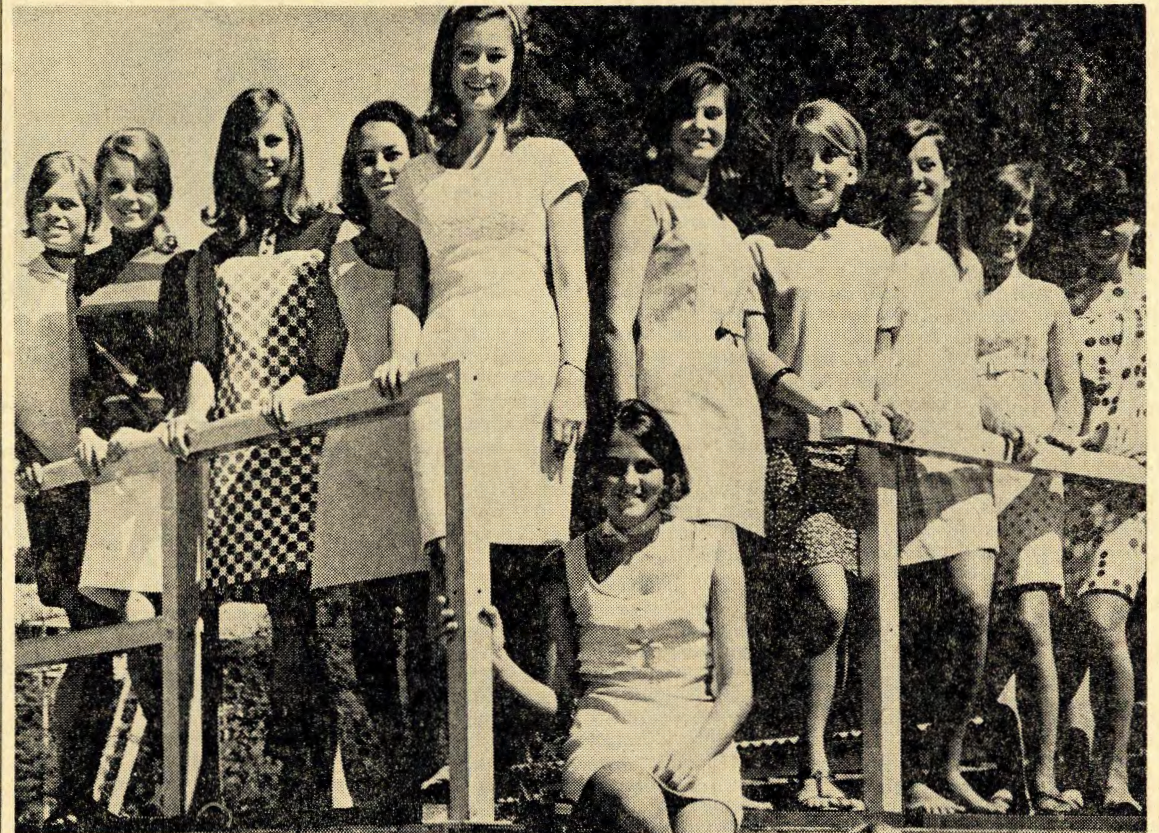
Sir, — Let's face it, Rhodes is just a glorified boarding school. It grew from a boarding school, was stuffed by school masters, in a town full of schools and nothing else besides churches.

One of the more irritating faults of Rhodes is the censorship of RHODEO. It is amazing that in a "liberal" University, in the place where S.A.'s freedom of press battles were conducted, the student newspaper is censored. No other English university in S.A. has to suffer this.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't expect, students, to see a venerable Professor with a red pen sitting in RHODEO office on a Sunday afternoon. Oh no. For the last three years RHODEO has been on repeated "probation periods," to prove its responsibility, no doubt. A magnanimous act of the Senate lifted censorship in 1965 — for the first six month period.

In other words, if RHODEO



There is no need to go off the deep end about these Inkettes, boys, even though they were photographed on the top of the Swimming Bath diving board. They are all drum majorettes, and you can see them all again on Rag Day.

make one teeny-weeny little criticism of the Senate or any of their other schemes, censorship is reintroduced. Not as if it didn't already exist.

Censors have already started on Rhodent — they will no doubt keep it at its usual putrid level — which is that of the worst English rag mag in S.A.

When is the Senate going to bring this University to its full status? People from U.K. say this in the only real University in S.A. I'd hate to see Oxford

Anonymous.

A Rag Queen from T.C.

Sir, — Training College has once again joined with Rhodes to celebrate our annual Rag festivities. These charming young lasses supply us with a float for our Rag procession, funds from pushing licences etc., and they are strong supporters of our Rag entertainments, including Rag Ball. In fact Training College participates fully in all aspects of Rag excepting in one important event: Rag Queen Competition.

Sir, I feel very strongly that, in spite of the competition Training College "Beauties" will give to our Rhodes contestants (horrible thought), they should be allowed one or two entries for the Rag Queen Competition.

I feel sure that the women (mini-dragons?) on the campus will hate the idea of sophisticated competition; so come on you men of Rhodes (and Inks!) and let's bring a wider variety into the most important "wolf-whistle" event of the year.

Misogynist.

That word again

Sir — I would like to express my disgust at the apathy (that word again) of the first year students as regard to the spirit during sing-songs.

I estimated that there were about 80 students present at the sing-song last Tuesday night, 22nd March, of which the majority were seniors.

Now that the Inky Dinkies have had their fun during their so-called integration period, do they still need to be bribed by social functions, for example Inky Picnic, before they show "interest" in the spirit of Rhodes?

Botha Ghost.

Correspondents please note:

RHODEO cannot publish letters unless they are accompanied by the legible signature and address of the writer, even if a pseudonym is used. In the latter case the writer's name will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Inks must swim

Sir, — It has come to our notice that in the past three editions of RHODEO, there have been numerous sarcastic comments from senior students that the Inks and Inkettes of this year have not been given a proper incubation.

We realize that this is due mainly to the rulings of the Senate, but we do not feel that the senior students should complain that we are not being as properly initiated, as in past years.

When we came to Rhodes we thought our initiation would be far more severe; since we expected this, we were surprised when we were given a comparatively mild "welcome" and even more surprised when our older fellow students resented this fact.

RECTIFY

Surely it is not up to us whether we have a harsh initiation or a mild one, and therefore if other students are dissatisfied it is up to them to rectify this, not us.

Another point we would like to refer to, is the fact that we have been considered as being "grotty" all over! Is this the first year that there has been an intake of Inkettes with shapeless legs and who wear micro-mini skirts, bell-bottoms and dangling ear-rings?

As there has been an apparent change in the general appearance of this year's Inkettes, allow us, then, to have a change in dress as well.

Inks and Inkettes must swim!
The Untouchables.

The rollicking story of Moll Flanders

ADVERTISED as "The rollicking story of a ribald century that really should have been ashamed of itself," "Moll Flanders" romps from beginning to end.

Cinema

Set in the 18th century, the film follows Moll (Kim Novak) from an orphanage through a multitude of male arms, carrying her to a kinky ending with her highwayman lover (Richard Johnson).

Moll has few morals and even fewer qualms about "borrowing" any tempting article exposed to her nimble fingers.

Twenty-eight of the 1,500 18th century costumes formed Miss Novak's wardrobe. She complained that "the corset gets uncomfortable after a while and I

have to run to the dressing room to loosen it."

Director Terence Young (Dr. No., From Russia with Love) moved the entire 18th century stocks from renowned London Silver Vaults to Shepperton Studios for one sequence.

"In playing Moll, I use my instincts rather than my intellect." This is clearly the explanation for Miss Novak's commendable performance in which she merges with the character of Moll.

The plot is the story of the poor little girl's climb to love and fame. It is an unconvincing fable.

Stelio Stylianou.

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THE STUDENT WORLD

● In the United States, drug traffic among students has become serious enough to warrant the appointment of plain clothes student undercover agents. Professors of Cornell University and Ithaca College regard this intrusion into the Campus life as violation of academic freedom. Most students seem to support the move.

● The Malaysian Parliament passed a Bill recently prohibiting scholarship-holders from participating in politics. The Malaysian Student Union criticised this Bill, stating that two classes of student would emerge. Those with political rights and those without.

● In London apartment blocks are being built to accommodate students. The idea of a local building corporation, the blocks will be built in eight London districts. The apartment will comprise a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. Rent will depend upon the rate of interest gained on the money granted by the Government for apartment construction.

● In Washington recently a two-day conference was held on Draft and National Service. Student leaders urged the abolition of the draft and encouraged voluntary service in humanitarian projects. A National Students Association poll indicated that 60% of American students objected to the present draft deferment system which makes a student's exemption from military service dependent on his exam, successes.

● The Socialist German Student Federation protested vigorously against a search by the police of their Berlin District premises. The reason for the action was a libel charge by the professors of the University of Berlin. Leaflets had been distributed describing them as "professional idiots in their fields." The Students' Federation denied any knowledge of the pamphlets.

Intolerance of Intolerance

LAST week 1,200 UCT students rejected apartheid on their campus and the new constitution imposed on the SRC by the University Council.

The new constitution permits racially exclusive clubs and societies to operate at UCT. The SRC was instructed by the student body to draw up a constitution of its own.

In proposing the motion, SRC president, Ian Hume, said: "The issue is simple. This isn't a matter of being liberal or conservative. It is simply a matter of being right or wrong."

The rejection of the constitution was not meant to be an act of defiance of the University Council, but a token of the hope that negotiations between the SRC and the Council would be reopened.

UNDEMOCRATIC

A second motion calling for the acceptance of the new constitution was shouted down. The proposer, a member of the Independent Students' Union, said: "It is undemocratic to deny the right of closed societies to exist."

The only non-white member of the SRC, Mr. Casoojee was loudly applauded when he said: "The students don't want closed societies."

So strong was the feeling that swept the Jameson Hall that night that SRC member, Andrew Colman, walked out because the meeting was being held under the new constitution, which had officially come into effect. Mr. Colman said that he could not understand why the meeting was being held under the very constitution that was being rejected.

The motion rejecting the new constitution was passed with only 53 votes against.

HELEN

In a recent address Mrs. Helen Suzman encouraged UCT students to continue their fight for the preservation of democracy. She said: "There are ominous portents that the so-called English liberal universities will fall into the mould now established for the schools."



WE WENT WALKING

Both 50- and 25-mile walk records were broken on Sunday, when 160 men and 110 women students participated in the 5th Annual Big Walk along the Grahamstown-Kowie road.

Mr. Peter Gradwell completed the walk in 7 hours, 12 minutes, breaking his own record, set up in 1963, by 23 minutes. Peter Gradwell is a former Rhodes scholar and lecturer in Psychology.

Lex Smit, of Graham House, was second in 8 hours flat. Russell Shone, last year's winner, took third place in 8 hours, 31 minutes.

Jill Abel's record of 5 hours 33 minutes set up in 1966 for 25 miles was bettered by both Myma Birks and Alice Featherston who completed the walk in 5 hours 7 minutes and 5 hours 30 minutes respectively. In third position was Alison Rotheno and Jan Harris in 5 hours 39 minutes.

Of the 160 men who entered this year over a hundred finished. Out of a similar 160 who entered last year, 91 finished.

To win a "50 mile" tie, men had to complete the course in 20

hours and this year, for the first time, women who finished within 10 hours will receive a small purple and white medallion. Previously the reward for women was the mere satisfaction of having supported Rag.

This year's Big Walk was organised by Eddie Deutschmann, who told a RHODEO reporter "the times this year are very much better than ever before."

According to Mr. Pete Harris, chairman of the Fresher Reception Committee and SRC Councilor: "Everyone should try it once." Other comments received were:

John du Plessis (a fader after a few miles): "I got quite bored, as this was my second time."

Rob Turner who completed the Comrades' Marathon in 10½ hours last year: "The second time is definitely easier than the first."

Lex Smit: "A little spoungy will do it!" (Spoungy being a blue sponge re-saturated at ten-minute intervals.)

Meledy Fletcher: "Great fun and quite an experience."

(Meledy and Dileas Nisbet sang all the way to keep going.)

Tom Cloete, who finished at 12.40 a.m. in 1966: "I'm still recovering from last year."

First Aid Posts were set up at eight-mile intervals by the St. John Ambulance Brigade from P.E. and Grahamstown. They rendered valuable assistance to the walkers.

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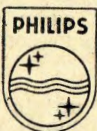
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WEIRD music, purple fluorescent lights, sketches of bats decorating the walls and some three hundred people combined to make the Great Hall look like anything but the Great Hall at the Happening on Easter Saturday.

Spotlights were the only illumination but the participants were not deterred. Some danced madly around the floor while others moved in small circles, or locked in one another's arms.

A travesty of "To Kill a Queen" was shown on the ceiling and enthusiastic spectators staged a "lie-down" strike to

watch it. Onstage a wild young man stripped. He was well received!

One oppidan was heard to comment that she wasn't drunk enough.

A distressed Inkette sighed wistfully: "I thought it was going to be an orgy."

"Only L.S.D. would have made it bearable. At 30c it was robbery," commented a senior student.

An Ink said: "It was a Kaif Krawl with a bit of colour in it."

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SPORTRAIT



Peter de Villiers

Sportrait this week features Rhodes athlete Peter de Villiers. He was born in Durban and educated at Durban High School. At school he played cricket and rugby besides being Badminton captain and representing the Athletics team for four years.

Pete began athletics at the age of 10 and concentrated on High Jump. He held all the records at school from the U-11 to the open age group, as well as breaking the Natal U-16 and U-15 records.

He came to Rhodes in 1964 and represented both the Rhodes and Eastern Province Athletics teams as a sprinter.

He broke the E.P. 100 yards under-19 record and shares the E.P. 100 yards Senior record. He also holds the E.P. All Comers Decathlon record. In the South African championships he has shone in the Decathlon event, being runner-up in 1966 and gaining third place this year.

He has been the Rhodes Athletics Captain since 1965 and has represented Rhodes at intervarsities since 1964. He has also been a consistent member of the Eastern Province team, captaining them in 1965 and having the distinction of being the first junior ever to captain the senior side.

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Rowers keen

The sudden upsurge of interest in the Rowing Club has promised to give the club one of its most dynamic seasons for a long time.

Many of the new members have had previous experience of a high standard, but in spite of this relatively large number of experienced rowers, the club has started a course of instruction in the elements of rowing and teamwork for the many beginners.

The emphasis this year is on fitness. Mr. Webster, who captained the 1963 Rhodes side, has embarked upon an extensive "get fit" campaign for the limited amount of time that he is in Grahamstown.

In an effort to improve on the rather dismal performances of Rhodes crews at the last few inter-varsity regattas, the club has already arranged several competitions. A regatta is to be held at Kowie in June, and for the first time in many years the club is entering in the South African championships to be held in April.

The interest in the club is so wide that it is hoped to hold an inter-hall competition before long, and regattas with local schools may soon be organised.

With enthusiastic membership, and one of the fullest programmes for years, the club, captained by Hill, promises to be very successful in 1967.

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SHOULD BOXING GO GRANDSTAND VIEW



"TO box or not to box;
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In the mind to suffer," etc.

Dr. Louis Babrow gave his views to the U.C.T. newspaper, Varsity, last week.

"The risks of severe and permanent damage in the ring are great. Student boxers should realise the consequences and give up boxing in favour of some other sport.

"Dr. Babrow's notion does not aim to have the University Council enforce a ban on boxing, but proposes to put the case before the students so that they themselves will realise that boxing is harmful to the body and mind and undesirable as a University sport.

By SPORTSWISE

"Dr. Babrow pointed out that people overseas had begun to realise the inherent dangers of the sport." In Britain, on the Continent and in America, boxing at the institutions of higher education is practically non-existent.

"Barring the dangerous aspect, Dr. Babrow feels that a University is not a place where a pastime of such barbarous nature should be staged. Boxing appealed to man's basic instincts. The more the blood flowed, the more the spectators enjoyed the fight. This was a natural reaction of the spectator. But at a University these basic instincts were meant to be kept in tow.

"Dr. Babrow felt certain that once U.C.T. took the first step, every other South African University would follow suit."

Any comments?

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Rhodes' First XV shock defeat of U.C.T. over Easter provides tangible proof. Our pudding in this case is the Border delimitation proposal.

For once Rhodes started the season against a side which prides itself on open, fast rugby. The rot of indoctrinating dourness (a feature of E.P. Rugby) had not yet set in.

Although lighter up front, Rhodes advantage in the first half could not be overhauled by the powerful Ikeys.

Scintillating threequarter and fiery loose forward play laid the foundation for the most memorable milestone of Rhodes Rugby in recent years.

Surely it is glaringly obvious that we could use our type of play to far more advantage in the Border Rugby Union?

Why do people always have to blow their own trumpets? On Sunday morning at approximately 4.30, the Pringle 50-mile contingent set out, cheerfully rousing the rest of the disgruntled establishment with a cacophony of bugles and "doedel-sakke." You clots weren't so chirpy that evening were you?

Four members gained valuable experience under the leadership of the chairman, John Davison, and it was apparent that with the up and coming talent available the club should go from strength to strength. The club has received a grant from the Sports Union enabling it to purchase a basic equipment of ropes, slings and karabiners.

The Club has applied for affiliation to the E.P. branch of the Mountain Club of S.A., and this application is to be discussed at the next committee meeting of the E.P. Club.

In the April vac the Club will be holding meets in Cape Town in conjunction with the UCTMC. One of these will be an assault on Table Mountain, and a four or five day meet will be held in one of the Western Cape's magnificent mountain ranges. Any climbers interested in joining these meets should contact John Davison in Pringle and if transport is available efforts will be made to accommodate them.

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Rugby XV triumph

In 30 minutes of glorious rugby Rhodes scored 16 points and then fought and tackled their way through another 50 minutes to win the intervarsity against UCT by 16 points to 14.

It was the best exhibition of fighting rugby seen on the Great Field for many a year. The smaller Rhodes pack was beaten hands down in the tight pieces but they more than made up for that by playing an inspired game in the loose.

Rhodes went ahead in the first minute when they were awarded a penalty 25 yards out and Lewis did the kicking.

Minutes later the UCT flyhalf tried to run with the ball from his own line and Yeo tackled him. Crossan picked up the ball and crossed near the posts. Lewis converted.

INTERCEPTED

In the fifteenth minute Rhodes scored again because of excellent tackling by Crossan and Hughes. Ilsley intercepted and raced 40 yards to score under the posts. Lewis converted.

UCT came back to kick a penalty after Lewis had been ruled offside. But he evened up the score when from a scrum infringement UCT were penalised and Lewis put over the kick from 30 yards out.

Half-time score 16-3.

The second-half opened with UCT trying desperately to narrow the lead.

The Rhodes line never got the ball. Only on two occasions did the ball get to the second centre. The wings never saw it. Rhodes had closed up the game and they were quite entitled to do so at that stage.

PENALTY

After 20 minutes UCT were awarded a penalty 35 yards out. Pollock, their right wing, using the unorthodox "soccer kick" made no mistake about it.

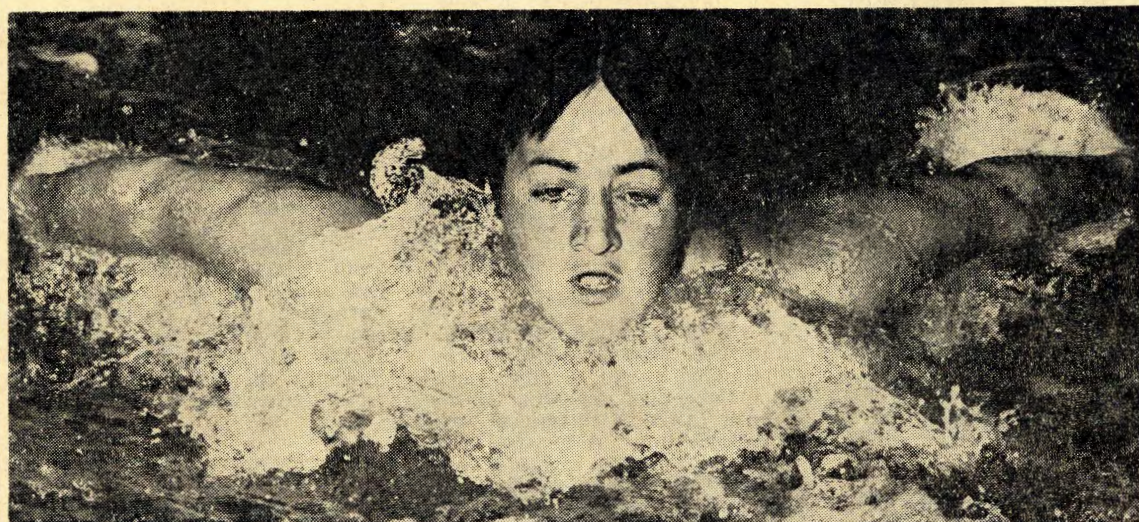
Five minutes before the end of the match there was a maul near the Rhodes line out of position. Denham, the UCT centre, was given a sitter of a try. Pollock missed the conversion.

At this stage Rhodes were throwing themselves into the game, trying to keep out UCT. Muirhead and Rowett were often prominent in the loose while Shaw put in some telling tackles, one of which saved a certain try. Hofmeyr, who played a courageous game, tackled the UCT wing just short of the line to save what looked like yet another try.

CROSS-KICK

With so much of the ball UCT were bound to score again and they did so when a cross-kick from their right wing found their forwards and Le Roux went over near the posts. Pollock converted.

To shouts of delirium the final whistle sounded and the crowd surged on to the field to hoist the team shoulder high. It was a great victory for Rhodes and especially their captain Dave Lewis.



Dianne Ludorf, Rhodes and Springbok Swimming star seen in action in a butterfly event.

Boks dominate gala

Broken records were almost the order of the day in the recent Interhall Swimming Gala held at the Rhodes pool.

The Women's events were dominated by Springbok newcomer, Dianne Ludorf, who broke

records in the 100, 220 and 440 yards freestyle, as well as in the 4 x 1 length individual medley and 66 2/3 yards butterfly. Together with Springbok Shirley van der Poel, who came second in almost all her events, Dianne Ludorf helped make St. Mary's Hall certain of winning the cup.

MOLLER

Lyn Moller of Oriel Hall was outstanding. After swimming for Border in the South African Swimming Championships this year, she succeeded in coming third in most of the numerous women's events, and won the backstroke in a hard race.

The men's section was won outright by Pringle Hall, who had Springboks Reen and Elliot and provincial swimmers Ludorf and Prior among its strong team. The first four places in almost every event were occupied by Pringle who also succeeded in breaking many of their own previous records.

OLDRIDGE

The men's 220 yard freestyle record was broken by Reen, as was the 4 x 2 individual medley where he tied with Elliot to beat Neil Oldridge's record of 3.03.3 by doing 3.01.7.

Founders Hall won the 15 x 1 relay race, which proved to be one of the most interesting events of the evening.

The spectators were on the whole rather unenthusiastic in their support, and this tended to spoil one of the best interhall galas for some time.

McDougall and Rice win Kelly cup

Rob McDougall (not again!) and Vernon Rice won the Kelly Cup played at the Kowie Golf Course on Sunday with an excellent total of 92 points.

While not attempting to detract from this meritorious effort, there is no doubt that some serious consideration of their handicaps is required.

Dieter Donian and Stewart Cohen were runners-up with 86 points.

The prize for the best morning round went to Mike Groch and Bruce Hopewell, while Ivor Schlosberg and Phil Bettman

won the prize for the best afternoon round.

Alan Sutherland won both the "Nearest-the-pin" and the "longest drive" competitions, while Beep Fletcher, at that stage a rather inebriated Ink, won the traditional "Drunken Drive."

Mention must also be made of an excellent 72 gross by Peter Stapp during the afternoon round, and the odd spell of indifferent putting by Charlie Brandenburger who thereby successfully managed to lose a good friend — his partner.

ATHLETES DISAPPOINT

In a rather disappointing meeting in which only one record was broken. Pringle won the 1967 Athletics Championships by one point.

Despite the fact that Pringle's entrants swamped other competitors in most of the events, Piet Retief made a rapid ascent and led Pringle in points up to the last few minutes of the Championships.

De Villiers of Retief was outstanding. He won the 120 and 440 yard hurdles, high jump and 440 yard track event. He was well-supported by Taylor who led in the 880 yards and won the Mile Run.

Elliot of Pringle won the three mile event, and Pringle swept the board in the Triple Jump (Futter), Pole Vault (Futter), Javelin (Holderness) and Cricket Ball events. The Long Jump was won by White, also of Pringle.

Founders, who came third, won the Discus, 100 yard, 60 yard dash, 220 yards and 4 x 110 yard relay events. In this team Ilsley proved to be a great asset.

RECORD

The only record broken during the whole of the meeting went to Wood of Oppidans. With a throw of 102 feet 1 inch in the Hammer event he helped to raise Oppidans score considerably. Marais, also of Oppidans, won the Mile Walk in 8.06 minutes.

The Women's section was dominated by the Milner-Atherstone House combination. This team won the High Jump, Shot-Put, Long Jump, 100 yard, 220 yard and 4 x 110 yard relay events.

Oriel won the 80 metre hurdles and came second with 21 points. St. Mary's won the discus and javelin events but even Rothera and Hill-Lewis could not raise their team above third place.

The women's events were marked by a noticeable lack of competitors, and one event, the woman's 880 yard had to be scratched from the programme.

The blustery conditions that prevailed over much of the Championships probably adversely affected the performance of the athletes, but with its pool of talented athletes, Rhodes should be able to look forward to many more broken records in the future.

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