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## RHODEO BECOMES WEEKLY

**F**OLLOWING on the meetings between the Managing Editor of the Rhodexo and the other student editors of South Africa at the Student Editors' Conference and the Publicity Commission at NUSAS Congress this year, The Rhodexo has been completely overhauled.

### Kaif service brisker

**T**HIS term sees Kaif under new management again. The new manager, Mr. Swanepoel, has already made many improvements in the running of Kaif, and service is now considerably brisker than it used to be.

The new arrangements seem to please most students, although some people have been heard to voice the opinion that they preferred Kaif as it used to be.

Prices have not been affected by the change of management and many people have expressed their satisfaction that Kaif may now be put on a firmer financial footing.

The main change that has taken place is in the format of the paper. The second major difference is that the paper will now be a weekly.

#### NEWS

This small weekly paper will endeavour to bring to the students the news of the University, together with any topical letters which may be written. Comment, review and features will be almost completely cut out.

There will, nevertheless, be opportunity for this in Rhodexos of the old

format which will still be printed approximately twice per term. This large issue of the Rhodexo will be devoted almost entirely to comment and features of a mainly political or local nature.

The papers will not cost any more than before and the subscription paid at the beginning of the year will cover all further issues this year.

#### BI-WEEKLY

It is hoped that later, either this year or next year, we will be able to produce the small Rhodexo as a bi-weekly appearing every Wednesday and Saturday, but this is still in the planning stage.

With the present "expansion" there has been created a demand for more staff for the paper, and the Editorial Board appeals to all students who may be interested to waste no time in making application for joining the staff.

### Moore to head NUSAS

**B**ASIL MOORE, popular SRC chairman, was elected President of NUSAS for 1963 at the recent Annual Congress held at Rhodes during the July vacation.

Basil has a long record in student affairs. Elected to the interim SRC at the end of 1960, he served on the executive in 1961, holding the position of secretary.

At the end of 1961 he was elected President of the SRC, as successor to Ian MacDonald.

After completing a B.Sc. at this university in 1956, he became a teacher, and later worked on the mines.

He returned in 1959 to study theology. He has represented the university at badminton.

The editor and staff of the Rhodexo join the students in congratulating Basil Moore, the first Rhodian to occupy the most important position in student affairs.

## S.C.A. break from national body

**T**HE Rhodes S.C.A. have finally broken away from the national S.C.A. as a climax to many years' mounting disagreement. The national S.C.A. represents all racial groups, but has been dominated by the Afrikaans universities who have pursued a granite-wall policy.

The Rhodes delegates, Ann Lightbody, Linty van Straaten, Pat Silverthorn and James Gribbel, resigned at the most recent congress at Roodepoort during the vac. They found that the assembly refused to discuss the vital issues of the

day. This applied particularly to racialism, which the Rhodes delegation felt was contrary to the Christian belief.

#### APARTHEID

Much of the congress was segregated and the spirit of apartheid prevailed. This they felt was also contrary to the practice of the World Student Christian body.

At a general meeting of the Rhodes S.C.A. on the campus this term the action of their delegates was supported by a majority of 55-12. The S.C.A. regret having had to leave the national body but Rhodes felt the time had come for a stand on principles.

### COULSON DRAWS CROWDS

**F**ILLING the Great Hall almost to overflowing, the lectures of Prof. Coulson have aroused great interest on the campus.

To the surprise of the organisers of the Mission, numbers have been consistently greater at the purely theological lectures than at the popular science and other 5.15 lectures.

#### CHAT

Prof. Coulson has a calm conversational way of speaking and has the knack of making a lecture in the Great Hall seem like an intimate chat. He does not rely on rhetoric to give force to what he says, but expects it to stand on its own feet.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

All letters to the Editor will, where practicable, be printed in the Rhodéo. Letters should be signed but may, if the writer wishes, be printed under a nom de plume. The Editor would like to make it clear that views expressed in letters and signed articles do not necessarily reflect the views held by the Rhodéo and its Staff.

**SENIOR STUDENTS SLATED**

Editor, "Rhodéo".

**SIR,**

I should like to protest most strongly against the practice apparently adopted by the senior students of some of the Halls at our University.

It seems that if a notice to be read out at lunch time is either uninteresting or rather long then such a notice is conveniently overlooked, with the result that the senior students' job is lightened, but many functions go unpublicised.

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Since the reading out of notices is one of the few adequate methods of advertisement at this University, it seems a shame that more care is not taken to ensure that all notices are collected and read out.

I hate to sound quibbling, but the way some students read out the few notices they condescend to announce makes many of those notices completely unintelligible. It is surely not too much to ask that notices are read through once before being cast like pearls before the swine to be completely disregarded.

N.J.I.P.

Note.—This letter has been shortened.

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**B**ASIL MOORE, chairman of the SRC, has added another credit to his list of achievements in his election as President of NUSAS for 1963. He will take up his position next year.

E. K. Moorcroft was elected chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee of the SRC at a meeting held last week. Offenders will now think twice when faced with this giant of a man.

Charley Baillie, sub-warden in Founders Hall, has won the Founders Hall Honorary Award in the second year of its institution.

Tony Ardington has been awarded the Abe Bailey Travel Scholarship for 1962.

Ian Mutton has been selected to the Piet Retief House Committee to fill the vacancy left by John Inge, who is now sub-warden. With Kelvin Hendry as warden, Piet Retief is unique in having a student in this position.

Lorna Symington was elected regional secretary for the Eastern Cape for NUSAS at this year's Congress, held here at Rhodes.

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**KNIGHT'S**

CHURCH SQUARE



# Students held in sabotage demonstration

**M**ORE than 300 students of the University of Cape Town taking part in a peaceful torchlight demonstration against the General Law Amendment Bill (Sabotage Bill) were prevented by squads of plain-clothes and uniformed police from leaving the grounds of the University of Cape Town in Orange Street, Cape Town, to take up positions in the street outside. The students were arrested.

The demonstration was called by the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) and the Students' Representative Council of the University. It was originally to have taken the form of an orderly procession from the University down Queen Victoria Street, along Wale Street to the Houses of Parliament, and then up the avenue back to the University.

This was planned for the evening of 13th June, so as to prevent dislocation of traffic. However, on the advice of the police, the Town Clerk forbade the procession.

The organisers then decided to form students up in groups of four or five, and march at twenty-yard intervals. The Presidents of the SRC's of the Universities affiliated to NUSAS and the President of NUSAS (Mr. Adrian Leftwich) decided to line students, holding torches, along the route, and themselves to risk arrest by marching alone, on behalf of the 17,000 students they represented.

As the students arrived they were watched by scores of policemen and special branch (plain-clothes) men. Others were posted at strategic points around the University. Mr. Leftwich explained procedure to the students, who formed up ready to leave the grounds. More police arrived and blocked the streets surrounding the University. They stood at the gates, preventing students from leaving.

Col. J. J. Gouws, District Commandant of Cape Town, told the organisers that he would "take action against" even students lining the street. It was decided that Presidents of SRC and NUSAS would go out alone. The students, however, all wanted to go out together and get arrested. They formed up again ready to go out singly, with torches extinguished.

Realising this, the police moved in and locked the gate after the first seven students had gone out, leaving the rest inside. The students inside were now thoroughly aroused, and made efforts to get out. Two students who tried to burn

the handcuffs locking the gate, with their torches, were arrested and taken away by the police, who by now almost outnumbered the students.

The students then demanded that the two arrested—a man and a girl—be released. Col. Gouws informed Mr. Leftwich at this stage that the two students would be released, but when they failed to return, it was suggested that the others force their way out and get arrested voluntarily.

Col. Gouws then repeated his assurance that the two had been released from the Caledon Square gaol, and Mr. Leftwich informed the students and suggested that they wait five minutes, to give them time to return. When they did not, the students began looking for a way to get into the streets. Col. Gouws again pleaded with them to wait, and despatched constables to find the two students. Meanwhile riot squads had gathered in the street outside.

Shortly afterwards the two students turned up, those who had gone outside were allowed back through the gate, and the students again conferred. Special Branch men mingled with the crowd, taking photographs and listening in on the discussions. A vote was taken: about half the students decided to end the demonstration, and the other half decided to continue with the original plan of lining the street.

The students made for another entrance of the University, but police cordoned off the gateway. They then found another entrance, and got through into Queen Victoria Street, where they were met by hundreds of policemen and police vans, which were blocking off the street. In attempting to get through, ten were arrested and taken in a police van to Caledon Square.

The police again cordoned off the street, and the rest of the students followed the van to Caledon Square, where they waited in and outside the charge-office. There were a few scuffles, during which three students were almost pushed under an oncoming car by the police, who were pushing them off the pavement.

It was by now about 10.30, and the students decided to wait outside the charge-office until the ten inside were released. Some ten minutes later, they were all released, without having been charged, and the students finally dispersed.

The demonstration was held in pouring rain, in Cape Town's coldest spell for five years.

## S.A. delegates at festival

**T**HE VIIth World Youth Festival began in Helsinki on 28th July, and will continue until the 6th of August.

Student and youth organisations from every part of the world send delegates to the festival, and some 15,000 visitors are expected by this year's organisers.

As in the past, a number of delegates have been sent this year by South African organisations.

The festival's programme includes a wide variety of social, cultural and sporting activities. The purpose of the festival is to promote friendship and a sense of brotherhood among the youth of all countries.

## ONE-ACT PLAYS

**T**HE Dramatic Society is now advertising for would-be writers at the University to submit an original composition of a one-act play written by students. A prize of R50 is offered for the winning entry.

The closing date for entries is 11th August and so far the response has not been as good as was expected.

## RHODES DRAW IN DOOR GAME

Rhodes and Albany drew 3-3 in a scrappy and uninteresting game on Saturday.

The first half developed into a forward struggle with few three-quarter movements. Rhodes dominated the line-outs with Webber and Moorcroft jumping well. The little we saw of the ball from the scrums was often wasted by

excessive kicking by Rogers. The fly-half Stuart was given little room to move in by the harassing Albany loose-forwards.

Anderson, playing his usual good game, opened the scoring with a penalty kick, to give Rhodes a 3-0 lead at half-time. Albany drew even with a try by Grocott shortly after half-time.

Rhodes back-line looked dangerous in the last 20 minutes, but the ball never seemed to get past the centres to the wings. The wing replacement, Cummings, failed to impress, while the new centre, White, should give the back-line their much needed speed.

## Bright rugby by U20's

Playing their first league game of the season Rhodes U20's did well to beat Albany 12-6 in an entertaining game.

Although Rhodes had a fair share of the ball from both line-outs and scrums there were few three-quarter movements in the first half. Many opportunities were lost by poor handling. Rhodes were down 6-3 at half-time.

The team made a good recovery in the second half and the line looked dangerous whenever they got the ball. Two excellent tries were scored by the wings, Esselaar and George. The other points came from a try by Rippon and a penalty goaled by Weatherdon.

## TOP TENNIS PAIR DO WELL

Colin Sparg and Harry Betman did well to beat the No. 1 Albany pair 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, in a tennis match held on the Rhodes courts on Sunday. They played attractive tennis with both pairs smashing and returning well.

## WEEK-END SPORT

### RUGBY

Rhodes I 3, Albany 3.  
Rhodes II 14, Albany 3.  
Rhodes III 17, Port Alfred 6.  
Rhodes U20 A 12, Albany 6.  
Rhodes U20 B 0,  
Invitation XV 0

### SOCCER

Rhodes I 1, Arcadia 3.  
Rhodes II 1, Arcadia 6.

### HOCKEY

Rhodes II 5, Ramblers 3.

### TENNIS

Rhodes 10, Albany 12.



## Rhodes disappoint in easy match

**R**UGBY enthusiasts were sadly disillusioned on Saturday, July 28th, in their hopes of a better performance by our 1st XV in the second half of the season.

### A.U. changes name

**A**S part of a drive towards rousing more interest among the students, the Athletic Union, the body which caters for and administers all the sports clubs on the campus, has changed its name to the Sports Union. It is hoped that this will give new students a better idea of the function of the Union.

### Future of intervarsities endangered

**C**HANCES of future inter-varsities were severely jeopardized over the last vacation by the irresponsible behaviour of a few students. The behaviour of these students at the annual rowing intervarsity led to extremely wide and perhaps unnecessary publication in many of the countries newspapers.

University authorities have for some time been searching for incidents that would justify, in their own opinions, the cancellation of these traditional events.

#### LOSS

It would indeed be a great loss to S.A. sport and to student fellowship if these increasingly popular events were stopped. It has been suggested that intervarsity be held every three years. This would be a poor substitute, to say the least.

Even if the authorities are prepared to overlook this incident the students involved have done irreparable harm. The manager of the hotel involved is suing the students for R500. Fortunately Rhodes were not involved.

The captain of the Rhodes rowing club, Trevor Webster, feels that the whole affair has been exaggerated. He feels that such newspaper head-lines as "Fire, Flood in hotel as students run wild" are merely attempts at sensationalism.

Playing what should have been one of their easiest wins of the season, Rhodes went down to the weak Police side 9-6.

Although we were handicapped by an injury to the wing, de Villiers, and our new fly-half Jos Stuart, the line still failed to make the best use it could of a fair share of the ball.

Rhodes scored in the first half from a penalty kick by the full-back Anderson, and maintained their 3-0 lead until half-time. De Koning, the young Police fly-half, equalled the score with a try in the corner. Police then took the lead with a penalty scored by Webber.

#### STRONG ATTACK

Rhodes attacked strongly towards the end and drew level when Fine scored a try from the line-out. The team showed a determination not previously seen in the game in the last twenty minutes.

Gillespie, Simpson and Moorcroft were conspicuous amongst the forwards. But Police reversed the run of play, giving their full-back de Jager an opportunity to snatch victory with a dropped goal. Perhaps a truer reflection would have been a draw.

### Rhodians in E.P. team

**P**LAYING their first game since a rather disappointing performance at inter-varsity, the hockey team lost 1-0 to G.M. in an uninspiring game. Lack of fire characterised a team which, during the first half of the season, had a reputation for its fitness and determination.

The Rhodes attack failed to penetrate G.M. defence. Passes were often blind and were inclined to go astray. There seemed to be a lack of teamwork. We only hope that the forwards have learnt from this game to use the diagonal pass more often.

The potential ability of our players is shown by the fact that seven of the team were chosen to represent E.P. Those chosen are Baxter, du Plessis, Archibald, White, Fraser, Woods and Dickson. They will leave for Pretoria for the annual provincial tournament on Saturday.

## Sports Talk:

# Clubs try hard during July

**R**HODES can be proud of the fact that twelve clubs were represented at intervarsities during the last vacation. Not many universities of this size can claim such a wide variety of sports. Although none of the teams won, many were among the top few. Because we are prepared to "have a go" at all sports and maintain a good perspective, we have gained a reputation for true sportsmanship.

It was with surprise that Rhodians learnt of the activities of the Gymnastics Club. They entered a team for intervarsity which they thought was being held at Pretoria. When they arrived in Pretoria members of the team found that inter-varsity was being held at Stellenbosch. They decided that Stellenbosch was rather far away, so they thought it better to forget about the whole thing and go home.

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#### WHITE

The first team rugby selectors were saved another headache last week by the return of the hard tackling and fast running back-line player, Gavin White. Although he played last season he was forced to give up rugby this year. His return is a welcome relief to a side that needs speed in the back-line.

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#### HOCKEY

One of the reasons why the men's hockey club did not do as well at intervarsity as some expected is because they are not used to playing on grass fields. The ball travels slower on a grass field than it does on a gravel field and it is therefore necessary to adjust your style of play.

Most progressive clubs have already changed to grass. This puts us at a considerable disadvantage. Dave du

Plessis, the club captain, is in favour of the change, even though this will mean that the field will be out of action for at least a season. The only obstacle in the way of change is the Sports Union, who realise that a grass field will require more attention.

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#### RUGBY

We seem to have been struggling all season for a fly-half for the first team. Nicolai was at least beginning to settle down at the position when he had to withdraw with an injured ankle, at the end of last term. Eric Brotherton was brought in to fill the position and, although not as nimble as Nicolai, is a dependable player. Unfortunately Eric was forced to withdraw and once again the position was vacant. Instead of calling on an open rugby team player such as the ex-Stellenbosch man, du Toit, the selectors picked the Under-Twenty fly-half, Stuart.

Although Stuart is a hardy and intelligent player, a fly-half is one of the most exposed men in a team and it will be difficult for him to sustain the continual knocks of first league players. If he is not injured in the next few games he will become nervous. Many a promising player has been ruined due to over-eager selectors promoting him to first league too soon in his rugby career.

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