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## S.R.C. protest at Fort Varsity Hare arrests

The SRC has protested to the Minister of Justice against the arrest under the 90-days clause of four Fort Hare students on Wednesday, August 19, at 1.30 a.m.

The students are: Messrs. Seretse Choabi, who is studying for a master's degree in philosophy and was president of the Fort Hare SRC until it was disbanded a few years ago, Stephen Gawe, an honours degree student, Abner Saule, who is taking a post-graduate course in social science, and Sam Nolutshungu, who is in the final year of a Bantu teacher's diploma course.

It was reported that students believed the arrest followed written protests they made recently against the 90-days detention clause.

A delegation of students saw the Principal of Fort Hare, Dr. J. J. Ross, about the arrests. . It is not know what the result of the interview was.

 The motion passed unanimously by the Rhodes SRC called on the Minister state of Justice to charge or release the students at the earliest possible moment.

#### NON-WHITE **WAGES UP** NOW

The wages of the non-European staff have been improved, said Mr. Geoff Sproule, the SRC Chair-

The impression created in the SRC Chairman's report that nothing had been done about the wages was incorrect, he said. Nothing had been done from the SRC's point of view, but the authorities had raised the wages.

## Student decline puzzles

No reason has been established yet for the serious decline in the number of South African students who matriculate and who progress beyond the first year at university, according to Mr. Marais Viljoen, Deputy Minister of Labour. He suggested this should be

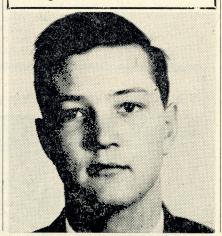
the subject of a study that could be undertaken by a specialist research organisation, like the National Institute for Personnel

Research.
Mr. Viljoen's concern was expressed at a Rapportryers' meetin Klerksdorp on Monday

He stressed that there was an increasing number of students, particularly Afrikaans - speaking youths, who were failing to reach higher levels of education.

STELLENBOSCH. — It is believed that 120 Stellenbosch University students have joined Tshombe's mercenary army. This is causing grave concern to the University authorities and the Principal addressed the students on this topic.

Former students said that they were tired of the traditional way of life and the restrictions of the Dutch Reformed Church. Many of the volunteers came from the country towns where the Dutch Reformed Church's influence is strongest.



GEOFF SPROULE

# draws protest

rong reaction has followed an announcement by the Minister of Justice, Mr. B. J. Vorster, that as from 1965 professors and lecturers at universities who had been named as "communists" would be banned from following their vocation.

Dr. Edgar Brookes, of the Department of History at the University of Natal (Maritzburg), said that even a communist should not be prevented from earning a living. The Minister of Justice could name anybody he wished as a communist.

'It does not follow that, because a man is a communist, he teaches commu-nism to his pupils."

The National President of the Liberal Party, Mr. Alan Paton said the matter was one which the universities should be able to decide for themselves.

#### Apology

It was unfortunately impossible to publish the Rhodeo this week on Thursday because of the public holiday on Monday.

#### SLY TIPPLERS WARNED

Chairman of the SRC in an interview.

Mr. Sproule, in a statement to the Rhodeo, said "The SRC wishes to make it known to the Student Body that the strictest possible disciplinary action will

Strong action will be taken against | liquor licence, it is a criminal offence not attending the ball, but trying to any student who is found with his own to take liquor into any licensed premises, obtain liquor therefrom.

"The SRC also wishes to make it liquor at either Arts and Science or and this applies to the Great Hall Com-Founders' Ball, said Mr. Geoff Sproule, plex — i.e. the Body of the Ball, the stage, dressing rooms, music rooms, verandah, practice rooms and terraces. In the case of this regulation being contravened the person or people concerned will be ejected forthwith, heavily fined, be taken against any person who is found to have taken his own liquor to either Arts and Science Ball or Founders' Day Ball. By virtue of the extended be taken against any person, privilege permanent."

known that the manager of the hotel who is extending his liquor licence has been asked to report any person offending in the above manner, to those in

authority at the Ball.

"Finally, the Student Body is respectfully reminded that liquor at Balls is on a six months' trial period, and there-

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#### Editorial:

#### Academic freedom . . .

The concept of academic freedom, held sacred in the Western world for many centuries, seems now to have disappeared in contemporary South Africa. Academic freedom, which can be defined as the right of the universities to decide who shall teach, whom shall be taught and what shall be taught, is anothema to the narrow idea of "Christian National Education" which increasingly is being introduced in South African universities. As the ruling party believes in CNE, academic freedom must be done away with. It is a strange irony that the Government, which claims it is the last bastion against communism in Africa, adopts communist tactics against the very people they are trying to fight.

The first step to the removal of academic freedom was the 1959 Separate Universities Act which provided for tribal colleges of the Africans. Now the white universities are being turned into tribal colleges. Then came the attacks on the predominantly English-speaking NUSAS. The attempt to scare students away from this organisation failed, so the Nationalist-inspired Conservative Students Organisations were formed. Many students who joined were regrettably ignorant of the motives behind them. A little reading of the daily newspapers would have helped them to realise that they were fronts for ruthless men working against the English universities. Even the CSA's failed, mainly because of the bungling organisation of these, bodies. The next step was, and still is, the arrest of English university lecturers and students.

Where do we go from here? What is the next step? There are probably lecturers and students who have been involved in illegal activities. These people must be tried, and if found guilty, sentenced. But just because a few are guilty of sabotage, and it has yet to be proved that any are, is no reason to attack all those connected with English universities.

Professor van Selm's words could well be kept in mind. The duty of the Government is to maintain academic freedom. "Statesmen should have enough confidence in the soundness of their principles not to resort to indoctrination, but, on the contrary, they should welcome criticism."

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# Prof. van Selms says 'keep varsities free'

The Government should not interfere in the running of the universities, even although it contributed financially to them, said Prof. A. van Selms, in a talk on "What Price Freedom?" in the Great Hall last Friday. About 200 people, including many staff members attended.

He said: "It should be the pride of statesmen not to follow the example of totalitarian governments, either to the right or the left, to make universities into hothouses of state religion or state irreligion.

Prof. van Selms, a Doctor of Divinity, was speaking at Rhodes University on "What Price Freedom;" He is head of the Department of Semetic Languages at Pretoria University.

"Statesmen should have enough confidence in the soundness of their principles not to resort to indoctrination, but, on the contrary, to welcome criticism, said Prof. van Selms.

"Criticism is the first duty of the citizen of the state, and where criticism is lacking or made impossible the state will soon deteriorate.

"The Government, therefore, should show self-restraint for its own sake . . . To say the Government, because it pays fairly large sums to the universities, must have a deciding voice in the manage-ment of these universities is a first-class fallacy.

"To pay somebody does not give you a right to meddle in his affairs.

Prof. van Selms said it was the duty of the state to ensure academic freedom. The Government in all its aspects had to refrain from everything that might lead to an infringement of academic freedom.

Speaking about the role of academic teachers and students in maintaining academic freedom, Prof. van Selms said "Academic freedom depends in the first place on the moral courage of the academic teacher.

"In constant self-criticism he should be permanently on his guard against all sorts of pet prejudices . .

"Besides self-criticism he should be permanently on his guard against every form of pressure from outside.

"Economic bodies and financial powers sometimes bestow generous gifts on universities. They should be praised for this . . . but they should stop there and should not try to influence academic

teaching in any way."

Every gift to a university should be an unconditional gift "and even if the tycoons should forget this, the academic teacher in his torn gown or dilapidated motor car should maintain a proud independence from economic power.

Prof. van Selms said that similarly the academic teacher should never yield to pressure from church groups, semi-

church groups or anti-church groups.

The academic teacher should have no fear of "those who make it their business to dub their opponents with politi-

cal names."
"If they want to call him a liberalist, let them call him a liberalist; it is a

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# lecturer

The first and only African lecturer at the Federal Theological Seminary at Alice is due to leave soon for the United States for further theological studies.

He is the Rev. Theocritus Simon Ndziweni Gqubule, who graduated from Fort Hare Uni-versity College some years ago. Mr. Gqubule has been awarded

a fellowship by the Programme for Advanced Religious Studies of the United States. He will study at the Union Theological Seminary in New York.

#### MAXWELI

A controversy is raging on the University of Natal Durban campus over a recent show given by comedian Peter Maxwell, according to the student news-"Dome."

The report presented two opposing views on the show. One said "His repertoire of jokes, songs, etc., and the quick-ness of his wit left the audience holding their sides and shouting for more." Another view was that the show was "an insult to the intelligence of any normal student. Mr. Maxwell lacks every one of the traits which the comedian who hopes to amuse and entertain his audience should possess — originality, vocal range of characterisation, topicality, versatility, a sense of humour and INTEL-LIGENCE," said this view.

Mr. Maxwell gave a show to a large Rhodes audience last term. He was enthusiastically acclaimed, and the R50 profit went to a Rhodes charity.

Sir, Today, dearest Rhodians, we vote (magic word) again. So far I have been quite unable to make up my mind whether this matter is even important or not. This may sound almost like sacrilege to what may be termed the great democratic mind after all, we are told, the vote is the cornerstone of democracy, our traditional right, government by consent and all that. Noble, rousing sentiments.

But as for today's elections, what really depends upon them; Perhaps only this: the elections will decide which 12 of a field of 25 candidates famed for no particular achievement will represent us in a polite debating society with no particular responsibility. It's all very nice to see. No doubt it even makes quite a nice side-show from time to time as when some of our better hecklers get into full stride at student meetings. But is there really much more than that

Earlier this year our noble and patrician Senate instituted the most drastically unsuccessful experiment in the whole history of the university. This they did without even so much as a "byyour-leave, gentlemen" to the nobly chosen and elected representatives of that great unwashed, viz. the hundreds of students involved. We refer, of course, to the circus farce that was instituted instead of the half-year

Indeed when the SRC sought to make a representation about the matter it was brushed off with a high-handedness that bordered on open rudeness.

Then there is the censorship of the Rhodeo and other student publications. In the case of the Rhodeo, the Senate censors - but should the results of the censors' work be the cause of civil legal proceedings, it is the SRC, who did NOT appoint the censors, who must pay. This is a logic compatible only with the climate of Grahamstown.

But this week, we have the best example of all. The patrician gentlemen, it seems, may have become interested in health matters. Growing boys, they feel, need lots of sleep. Besides the spooks come out after midnight. So now the dear students have been told to be in by twelve lest the bogeyman catch them. Once again, how much did the SRC know of it all. We find that only a week before, its Chairman, Mr. Sproule, reported he did not think rumours of a 12 midnight curfew justi-

This then is rule by consent. Democracy's noble face we see before

Vote on, kiddies!

C.C.

## Survey by Sociology Department

Dr. H. L. Watts of the Sociology Department said in an interview that a sociological survey would be carried out on the campus within the next few

The purpose of this survey will be to study informal groups as a part of residential life, and four residences will be chosen. The investigation will involve the interviewing of approximately 250 students, and research teams will consist of undergraduate students from the department.

It was stressed that in order to achieve any success, the scheme would require full co-operation between research students and those chosen to be inter-

Results of the survey will be made available later in the year.

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# Lethargy, Apathy and Rhodes

things have been manifested on this campus with increasing clarity, almost to the extent of becoming truisms: these are student apathy in taking part in lethargy of their political consciences.

On the whole, students come to university too young to be fully aware of what life at Rhodes offers them. They spend their first and very often second year investigating its possibilities. Final year is of such vital importance in their academic careers that work on committees must be cut to the minimum. It

Sir, — Over the past months, two didates for the SRC this year, many are but when it came to organising a proat present in their third or fourth years out of school, and several have had vital extra-mural experience. Students Council, and the plan was abandoned. who spend time after school working, their own university affairs, and the doing army training, or the especially privileged ones who travel overseas, have the opportunity of viewing life in perspective and seeing the great challenge which it offers. These students do not sink into a rut of complacence, as do many fresh from school who emerge from university relatively immature.

> In regard to my second point, student lethargy in politics is shocking! A grati-

test march, spirits had been dampened test against injustices which are still sufficiently by the action of the City being perpetrated while innocent people

It must be remembered that the gap between theory and practice, interest and action, must be bridged if we are to become useful citizens. For those of us who were personally affected by the arrest of the lecturers, their detention was nightmarish. Vital work had to be done without their indispensable aid. However, with their release and the City Council's threat, indignation evaporated and we were content to leave our protest is significant to notice that among can-fying number attended Reality lectures, to "adequate" coverage in the Press.

Our moral duties as citizens to proremain untried, must be realised in action. We, as students, are comparatively inexperienced in the vicissitudes of life at large. Yet it is time that we awoke to our duty as individuals to contribute to the life and blessings we have been given. We cannot become complacent in our relative Utopia at Rhodes, knowing that life outside its walls is challenging yet hard, demanding yet rewarding, and that fulfilment comes only when we actively participate as moral citizens, in the life of our community.

B. M. BRUNETTE.

## Rhodes U-20 draw i Saders match New Zealand

Rhodes U20A drew their league fixture 11-11 against Crusaders in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

The game was disappointing after the good form shown recently.

were three points up in as many minutes through a penalty by Coetzer. Crusaders hit back with a good try after they had missed two goalable penalties. The conversion failed 3-3.

Play was scrappy and confined mainly to the forwards. Coetzer was successful with another penalty to make the half-time score 6-3.

The second half was a repetition of first except that the forward exchanges became decidedly rougher with Rhodian Van Niekerk enjoying himself immensely. Rhodes went further ahead with a try by Duncan-Brown initiated by Lewis. Coetzer converted 11-3. Then as has happened before, Rhodes allowed the opposition too much latitude and after a good penalty goal, Crusaders drew level with a goal (11-11). Just when it seemed that they might score again, the final whistle ended the game.

Final Score: Rhodes 11, Crusaders 11. Rhodes "B" 6, Crusaders "B" 3.

## **Gathering** in Mexico for **Engineers**

The Mexican Association of Engineering Students (ONEI) will be the host of the next general assembly of the International Federation of Engineering Students' Associations (FIANEI) which will be held in Mexico from August 3 to August 8, 1964. Items on the agenda include: reports on activities and finances; student exchanges; relations between FIANEI and IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience); the life of engineering students; the training of engineering students; the reform of the FIANEI statutes; an international exchange programme; resolutions and fresh elections.

The Mexican Association of Engineering Students will provide for accommodation and board. Engineering Students' Associations wishing to take part in the assembly are requested to inform the hosts two weeks before its commencement at the latest as to how many delegates they will be sending.—(ONEI, Mexico).

# Rhodes kicked off with a howling gale blowing diagonally across the field and

At the S.A. Cross-country Championships held in Stellenbosch on Saturday last, the strongest field ever in South Africa, of 80 runners, faced the starter. The field lacked only three prominent runners — Geoff Bacon, J. Barnard and P. Whewell.

The 7½-mile course was twice round a very hilly circuit. Weather was ideal, sunny, but with a cool breeze.

A feature of the race was the high proportion of failures amongst the star runners, notable of whom were Des Torr, Vernon Barnes, Barry Sawyer and Mike Walters.

The winner, Willie Olivier, was rapidly fading at the end but just managed to reach the finish two seconds in front De Villiers Lamprecht. Only two odes athletes competed. John Cave Rhodes athletes competed. John Cave finished 22nd to be the first E.P. man home and Doug Coghlan 67th.

The Western Province team broke the Southern Transvaal's hold on the team race—which the latter have won for 16 consecutive years.

The first three men home:

- 1. W. Olivier, 40 mins. 4 secs.
- 2. De V. Lamprecht, 40m. 6 secs.
- 3. H. Altman, 40m. 42s.
- 22. J. Cave, 43m. 4s.
- 67. D. Coghlan, 47m. 38s.

At the S.A. Cross-country Union general meeting, held prior to the race, Mr. Doug Coghlan was elected to the selection committee.

CHRISTCHURCH. — The New Zealand Government refused delegates from the communist-dominated International Union of Students (IUS) entry visas to attend the 11th International Student Conference held in Christchurch during the July vacation.

In a unanimous protest resolution

against the New Zealand Government, the ISC sharply attacked the "uncooperative attitude of the Government in this matter." Before the conference, the Co-ordinating Secretariat and the National Union of New Zealand Students (NZUSA) had been given a guarantee by the Government for the granting of entry visas to all persons taking part.

The conference's new working programme for the next two years was worked out in two commissions along with a series of resolutions based on reports from the Research and Information Commission (RIC) of the ISC which were put before the plenum for ratifica-Particular attention was given to a resolution commissioning the Co-ordinating Secretariat to take up negotiations on the basis of possible co-operation with the Secretariat of the International Union of Students in Prague.

Discussions took place at the beginning of the conference on a new charter for the International Student Conference which was submitted to the plenum as a draft and which was unanimously adopted after several days of debate. In this charter, the conference defined the principles of its future work in more detailed form than in the past. charter pledges its member national unions of students to strive for the ideals of the free university, the free society and world peace, and to struggle against oppression in all its forms.

One important outcome of the adoption of the new charter is to be seen in the fact that the ISC — up to now described as a "structure" — has now taken on the character of a permanent organisation, whose members give full support to the basic principles laid down in the charter.

### **Grand** slam for Rhodes table-tennis

Rhodes table tennis players scored a grand slam in the Cape Midlands championships held last week. Annette Ho Yan won the ladies' singles when she beat Jean Low Ring in the final. Desmond Lee Sui and Jean Low Ring won the mixed doubles. The last four in the men's singles were all Rhodians and Howard Lancaster finally emerged winner when he beat Andrew Clark in the final.

Rhodes 1st team beat 101 "B" in Port Elizabeth last Thursday by six matches to four. Pincus won all three singles matches, Lancaster won two and Lee Sui won one. We are now placed fifth on the log and but for the vacation, might be higher.

Our team of Desmond Lee Sui, Raymond Gin, Annette Ho Yan and Jean Low Ring who play in the Cape Midlands First League has won the league convincingly. Desmond Lee Sui won the League singles cup and Annette Ho Yan the ladies' cup.

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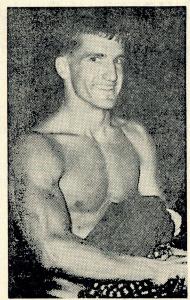
## Outstanding success | Adult Reading for Reen & Co.

Competing in the British Swimming Championships the three Rhodes swimmers, Geoff Grylls, Neil Oldridge and Jon Reen met with outstanding success.

Grylls proved that he is one of the best distance swimmers in the world when he won every race he entered in. These were the 220 yards, 440 yards and one mile freestyle. His winning time in the 220 yards was a British Championship record while he returned a personal best time in the 440 yards

Neil Oldridge had to bow out to fellow South African V. Slovin in both the 220 yards and 110 yards butterfly. He came third and second respectively in these races. However, competing in Scotland after the British Championships, he managed to avenge these defeats.

Jon Reen did very well to come second to world recordholder Bobby MacGregor in the 110 yards freestyle. MacGregor actually broke his own world record in this race. He also came a creditable fifth in the 110 yards backstroke and also fifth in the 220 yards freestyle.



NEIL OLDRIDGE

#### PROF. VAN SELMS-Cont. from Page 3

good thing to have your own liberty and the liberty of your fellow men at heart.

"If they want to call him a conservative, let them call him a conservative; it is a good thing to conserve and maintain everything which has proved of value among former generations.

"But he should never speak as a liberalist or as a conservative; he should speak as a pursuer of truth only."

220 yards freestyle: 1st, Grylls 2m. 3.5s.

440 yards freestyle: 1st, Grylls, 4m. 24s.

mile freestyle: 1st, Grylls, 19m. 10.1s.

110 yards freestyle: 2nd, Reen 55.5s. 110 yards butterfly: 2nd, Oldridge, 60.6s.

220 yards butterfly: 3rd, Oldridge, 2m.

### Ramblers loose 3-0

A wet, slippery and heavy grass ground was not conducive to the best standard of hockey in the match between Rhodes and Ramblers. However, during this match there was a singular absence of constructive hockey and the policy which the Ramblers side adopted was difficult to comprehend.

In the first minute Rhodes scored from a shot by Archibald playing at left inner in place of Tim Woods (on squash duty). From this moment the play deteriorated into a sluggish, point-less wild-hitting affair. Rhodes increased their lead when Surtees beat the defence with some good stickwork and Rhodes deservedly led 2-0 at half-time.

After the interval the Ramblers side never looked like scoring nor did they deserve to since their intentions appeared to be other than goal-scoring. Rhodes' third and final goal was scored by Surtees as a result of the Ramblers goalie being hindered by his own men.

The sooner this game is forgotten the better for those who chose to play the game. This was not a game but resembled the final act of circus clowns.

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### Rhodes versus Somerset East

Playing bright, open rugby Rhodes defeated Somerset East by 31 points to 13.

Indicative of this was the fact that six tries were scored, all by the backline. The wings, Bottcher and Myburgh, and centre, Jones, all scored two tries. Fly-half Jardine converted five of these tries as well as putting over a drop goal.

# Adult

NEW DELHI. - In order to eliminate illiteracy among adults, students are to be utilized in the Indian federal state of Punjab. This scheme provides for 500 university students to teach the "three Rs" to illiterate adults during the two-month summer vacation for a monthly honorarium of 50 rupees. Each adult will be supplied with a first primary and an elementary book. A student will be expected to teach about 80 adults.

The students will not be posted at pre-determined centres, but will be working at places of their choice which in all cases will be where they will be staying during the vacation.



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