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∴ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ∴

RHODES A GLORIFIED HIGH SCHOOL?

Dear Sir,

We deceive ourselves when we call Rhodes a university. This is not because Rhodes lacks the facilities of a university, but because Rhodians are not students. Last year a Dutch professor visiting the Union stated that in his opinion South African universities are nothing more than slightly advanced high-schools. He did not, to my knowledge, visit Rhodes, but his statement is nevertheless valid in proxy.

There are two factors which I believe prohibit this university from honestly terming itself an institution with the paramount concern that of higher education and the development of the full mature man. The first is the caste system.

DISCRIMINATION

As far as I can ascertain the University authorities have never actively opposed the "tradition" of senior student discrimination against the first years. Because this discrimination not surprisingly results in bullying, the University protects the first year men students by housing them in separate residences from the senior students.

The intention is good, but the practice has largely created the immaturity I condemn. The first years are encouraged by the present system to keep to themselves, and are consequently kept from what steadying and maturing influence there is among the older students. Instead of recognising the desire of the seniors to scorn and shame those younger than themselves, the University should quash it.

"INKY" SYSTEM

The "Inky" system has very little merit. Its only argument is that it "puts the first years in their place". Why the first years need to be "put in their place" more than anyone else I have never been able to understand. If anyone, it is the seniors who exaggerate the importance of their positions. The "Inky" system encourages immaturity in those who enforce it as well as in those restricted by it.

UNIVERSITY COURSES

The other factor which I believe restricts Rhodes to the level of "the slightly advanced high-school" is the presence in the University of courses which have no right to be in a university. The Secretarial Practice course, the Physical Education course, the Pharmacy course and possibly the Commerce course all belong in technical colleges. I fail to appreciate that a course in Physical Education should have the same importance as a course in Politics or Applied Mathematics. While not denying the various merits of these technical courses, their place is not in a university.

"SLOPPINESS"

There is no logical reason why a person who does a Physical Education course should not be as conscientious or as mature as a person who does an Arts or Pure Science course. But practice shows it is unfortunately so. And while I certainly do not believe that students should be shielded from the world, the general atmosphere of intellectual sloppiness does have a decidedly detrimental effect on study and the complete university life and spirit, and should consequently be stifled where found.

We are told that the universities produce the leaders of the future. If Rhodes is failing in its duty, then here is why.

JOHANNESBURGER.

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PUSHING PROBLEMS!

Dear Sir,

To what state of Victorianism is our "University" degenerating? For how much longer and to what greater degree are the students of Rhodes to suffer the strict control of their greatest source of pleasure—relaxation and extramural learning?

I refer, of course, to Rhodes' unlimited glamour.

Any student who has experienced the ecstasy of pushing must know—and even the unhappy tyro knows through hearsay—the obstacles thrown in his way.

Forced far from the "women's residences", as these institutions are euphemistically known, by the jangle of the jailer's keys, and at night by the glare of the sweeping searchlights, the pushers are forced to fly to the sanctuary of the Botanical Gardens, to the tea room, the lawns, and often . . . to the woods.

Who knows to what lengths the normally balanced young ladies are thus driven, the timid through their inexperience, the hard-bitten in defiance of prison regulations? Often the inkette walking back with her escort from an evening's innocent scope, looking forward to the innocuous goodnight kiss on the doorstep, finds herself suddenly illuminated by the lights strategically placed round our little Alcatraz, and retreating in confusion to the nearest rose-bush with her gallant and gentil companion, finds a different person.

He, too, is mentally thrown off by the exposure. He is hurried by thoughts of the imminent clang of the steel door, so punctual, so early, so unnecessary.

"QUOUSQUE TANDEM . . ."

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Rhodéo is the mouthpiece of student opinion at this University. Thus, letters from all students—from Inks to Huffers—are welcomed for publication in this newspaper. Letters should be addressed to the Editor at the Students' Union office. Even if a pseudonym is used, the letter must be signed by the student concerned before it can be considered for publication.

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ENLIGHTENED M.P.?

A Member of Parliament recently stated that he would like to see Rhodes University moved en bloc to Port Elizabeth from Grahamstown—a "sleepy hollow".

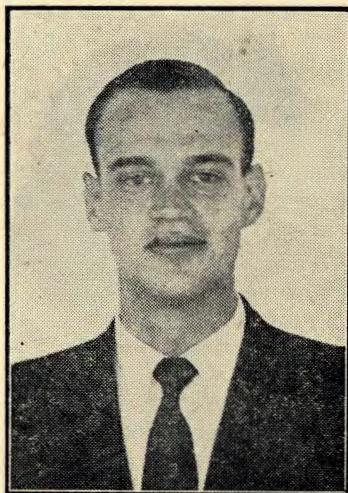
No doubt, the Honourable Member has little knowledge of the change that occurs in Grahamstown when Rhodes students descend on the town. However, to insinuate that Port Elizabeth is more worthy of an educational institution than Grahamstown is little short of ludicrous.

P.E. is a cultural and intellectual "backwater", whose educational atmosphere is as stale as its south-easterners are fresh. Can its beauty compare with Grahamstown's? Is it anything more than a rather scruffy, overgrown industrial town?

Of course, P.E. has one recommendation, which the worthy M.P. could hardly have had in mind—the pubs. are more numerous, and the beer is always cold!

MEET THE 1960 S.R.C.

The Rhodes University Students' Representative Council was elected on Thursday, March 10. The twelve members held their first meeting the following day. Office-bearers were chosen at this meeting. Mr. Murray Bennett subsequently resigned owing to pressure of work. In the by-election, six students were nominated. Mr. Alan Bishop was elected. The Rhodexo takes pleasure in featuring the representatives of the 1,450 students at this university, on this page.



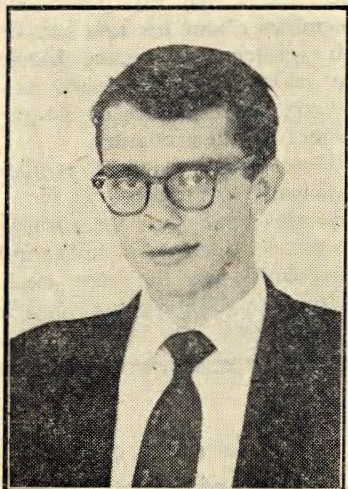
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B.A. Press and Publicity Councillor. A member of the Drostdy House Committee for 1959 and this year studying for Honours in History.



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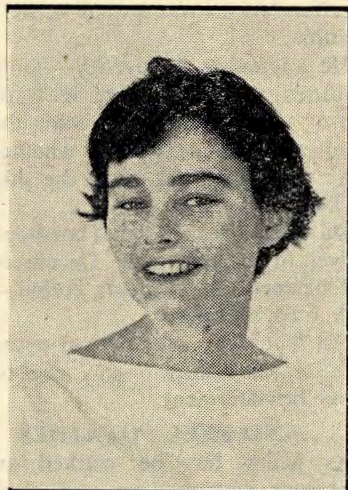
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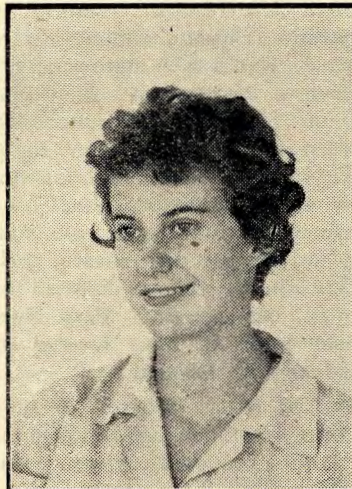
JOHN BENYON.
B.A. (Hons.). Secretary and member of the Executive. 1960 Rhodes Scholar for the Cape Province.



MR. ALAN BISHOP.
Societies' Councillor. B.A. Honours. Chairman of Dramatic Society, Literary Society and Anglican Club, 1959. Editor of "Universitas", 1959.



MARGARET DIEMONT.
Dance Councillor. A member of the 1959 S.A. Universities women's Squash Team and also a member of St. Mary's Hall House Committee. Margaret is in her final year B.A. (F.A.).



LIZ PITMAN.
Without Portfolio and member of the Executive. A member of both the 1959 and Interim S.R.C.'s and Director of Training Colleges on the NUSAS Executive.



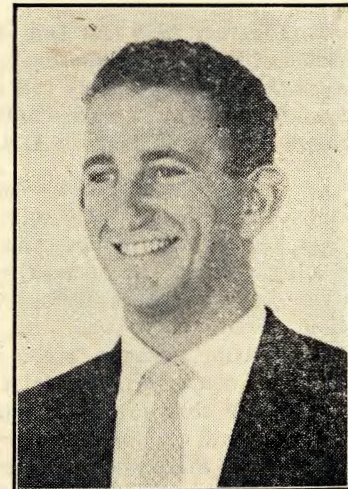
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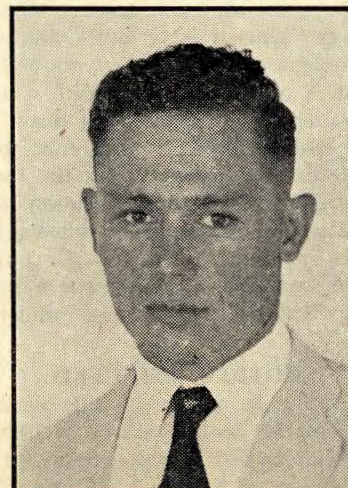


MIKE JARDINE.
B.A. Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive. He also holds the position of Senior Student of Drostdy Hall and is taking his final year LL.B. this year.

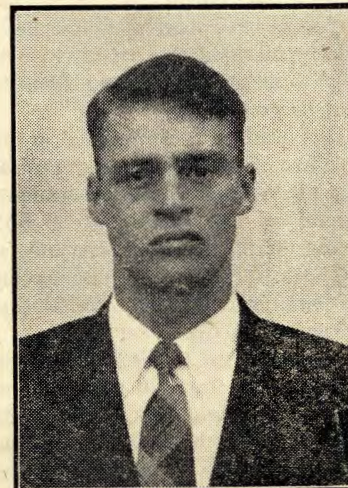


CHARLIE BAILLIE.
B.A. Treasurer and member of Executive. Treasurer of Interim S.R.C. and Sub-Warden of Botha House, Charlie is doing his finals in B.Sc. this year.

RESIGNED CO-OPTED



MURRAY BENNETT.
1959 Rag Chairman and sub-warden of Thomas Pringle House. He is doing B.Sc. III this year.



MR. DENNIS STEVENS.
Honorary Assistant Treasurer. Third-year B.Com. student. First Hockey team, 1958. Only Carnations' representative on S.R.C.

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STUDENT RELATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

WHAT PRICE CONCILIATION?

PART I.

The year 1959 saw two significant moves towards new modes of organisation in South African student life: first, the abortive move initiated by Rhodes for a conference of European student leaders; secondly, the Stellenbosch call for the formation of a new "South African National Students' Organisation (S.A.N.S.O.) to replace both the Afrikaanse Studente Bond (A.S.B.) and the National Union of South African Students (N.U.S.A.S.).

The former scheme failed when it was rejected in the initial stages by the Rhodes student body, and the latter when it was rejected by both the English and the Afrikaans-medium centres.

Though both schemes failed, it is of paramount importance to remember what they proposed, and why they failed; for there is every possibility that the proposals which they embodied will be repeated, perhaps in different forms, in the immediate future.

GROUP IDENTITY

The success of either project would have been a major triumph for the "group dynamics" theorists, who would like to divide students with the rest of the population of South Africa into artificial groups or sections. Ever since their break away from Nusas in 1933, the Afrikaans-medium Universities have maintained as a basic tenet of their thinking that **group identity** must be preserved.

This attitude is exemplified in the structure of the A.S.B., an organisation of **White, Afrikaner** students (Grondwet van A.S.B., F. 1 (a)), having Afrikaans as its one official language (Grondwet C) and having a "Christian National" foundation (Grondwet B (i)).

Recently, the Afrikaans universities, having imposed this straight-jacket on themselves, have been encouraged by the successes of militant nationalism to attempt to impose their system on the student population not included in A.S.B.

PRESUMPTUOUS ATTITUDE

Writing in an issue of *Perdeby* (the official Pretoria University students' newspaper) early in 1959, Daan Verwoerd, son of the Prime Minister, and an A.S.B. Executive, declared confidently that after the passing of the University Apartheid legislation, the "English" centres would have to come round to the A.S.B. way of thinking. They would have to realise that it was in their best interests to organise themselves in an exclusively European alignment with the Afrikaans universities.

Considering the intense opposition of the "English" centres to any attempt to segregate white and non-white students, whether at the open universities or at an inter-university organisational level, this attitude is nothing short of arrogance and presumptuous. Significantly, this attitude is evident in both the Rhodes and the Stellenbosch schemes for

"closer co-operation" between English and Afrikaans students.

CONFERENCE

The Rhodes idea for a "meeting between the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the English and Afrikaans Universities' S.R.C.'s" must be traced to the inter-S.R.C. conference held at Rhodes in August, 1958.

This meeting was attended by representatives of Stellenbosch, University of the O.F.S., and Rhodes. On the first day of the conference, Messrs. C. Murray, I. Dare and R. Gruber, leading members of the Rhodes delegation, put forward the idea of starting a federation of the **European** universities.

The following day members of the Rhodes S.R.C., including Murray, Gruber and Dare, met the Afrikaans universities' delegates to discuss the idea; the result of their deliberations was a draft motion calling for a meeting of representatives of all the "European" Universities. The function of such a conference would evidently be the consideration of plans for the formation of a "National" Union, or federation, of **European** students. It was apparently agreed at the time that the motion would be put before the Rhodes S.R.C. and student body.

MOTION REJECTED

The draft motion was duly placed before the Rhodes S.R.C. in 1959. Discussion took place at full S.R.C. meetings on March 7, 16 and 19, and on the 19th the motion was passed by nine votes to three (Miss E. Pitman and Messrs. G. Crankshaw and D. Etherington recorded their votes against). Minor amendments were ratified on April 22, and on May 7 the motion was brought before the Rhodes student body. It was decisively rejected.

The main objection to the motion was that the proposed conference would exclude non-European students at a time when the impending University Apartheid legislation made it essential for all students who opposed the legislation to demonstrate their solidarity.

Whereas Rhodes shared the Nusas policy of supporting conferences based on non-racial (i.e. multi-racial) lines, the Afrikaans group refused to meet non-Europeans at a conference table. The organisation of a **European** conference on a national scale would be a slight to non-European students all over South Africa.

LIMITED FREEDOM

U.C.T. and Wits. would not

accept any invitation to a conference which expressly or impliedly limited their freedom to send representatives chosen without regard for race. Had it been more generally known at the time that the "draft motion" had originated from a suggestion to form an exclusively European student organisation, opposition would doubtless have been more widespread. As it was, leading Fort Hare students assured their fellow Rhodes students that had the motion been passed, **Fort Hare would probably have severed its relations with Rhodes.**

At the Nusas Congress in July, 1959, a resolution condemning the idea of the proposed conference was supported by all the centres.

After the collapse of the Rhodes scheme, the initiative passed to Stellenbosch.

(This is the first of three instalments dealing with inter-university relations in S. Africa during 1959).

WITHHELD

PROFILE

Head Student of Oriel Hall

It was no surprise that Jenny McLaverty should have been elected on this year's S.R.C. She certainly has a remarkable record of achievement for one entering upon her third year.

When Jenny arrived at Rhodes in 1958, she was regarded as just another Inkette — perhaps slightly more distinguishable to those who saw in her reserved character something of the qualities which made here Head Girl of Durban Girls' College.

It was in the academic sphere that Jenny made her mark in the first year, and often she was the envy of other aspiring students — the males particularly resenting the superiority of this female. Even though studies have never been Jenny's main interest, she has regarded them as most important, and with seven firsts behind her, there is little doubt that this year will see her graduate with distinction.



JENNY McLAVERTY

Whilst realising the importance of hard work, Jenny has taken an active interest in many University activities. It is this ability that led last year to her election as Senior Student of Oriel Hall.

Likes: Rhodesians, the tango, holidays, shooting.

Dislikes: Oriel red meat, Little Richard, Crises.

Inkettes: I think they're cute.

RHODES STUDENTS TAKE A LOOK AT THE WORLD

University students are known throughout South Africa for their fondness for taking on "vac. jobs", particularly over the long Christmas holidays.

Rhodes students are no exception.

Many occupied themselves with the usual humdrum jobs in their home towns — and shop assistant or office worker, as always, was the most common.

Some took on more interesting jobs — ranging from one student whose job it was as part of a team to investigate the possibility of methane gas in the Coalbrook mine, to another who worked for a month in the editorial office of the Sunday Times, Johannesburg.

But perhaps two who spent their time most profitably were John Dickson, of College House, and Ed. Saunders, of Botha House.

JOIN THE NAVY . . .

John, who comes from Cape Town, spent three months on board a Norwegian freighter — working as a galley boy at more than £30 a month.

He applied to an agency — "only because jobs were scarce in Cape Town then" — and was told the company would only know whether there was a vacancy when the ship docked.

On December 3 the Thorshope arrived in Table Bay. On December 4 it steamed out — Canada bound — with John on board.

His first week — for he had never been to sea before — was one of dazed bewilderment.

. . . AND PEEL POTATOES

As galley boy he worked an eight-hour day, starting at 6 a.m. and ending at 7.30 p.m., with breaks in between.

He had to swab the floors twice a day, do all the washing and drying up, see that the galley was kept spotlessly clean, and peel hundreds upon hundreds of potatoes.

Out of the crew of about 40 only four could speak English — the rest

were all Norwegian. Three of the four were students earning vacation money.

"It was the hardest three months I have ever had in my life," John says now, "but it was also one of the most valuable."

"It gave me a willingness to work and taught me there are other people in the world besides South Africans."

HOLIDAY TOUR

Ed. Saunders, a third year B.A. student, spent his three months touring South America.

He visited Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, and as he intends joining the South African Diplomatic Corps, says it has only whetted his appetite for travel. With him on the tour was Lawrence Green, noted South African travel writer.

Ed. is one of the very few Eastern Cape people who have seen the magnificent new capital Brazil is building "in the middle of nowhere".

He went on a quick one-day tour of the city with a Brazilian taxi driver. The capital — at the moment empty — is due to be ready for occupation next month. It has been planned for a total population of 750,000.

NOT POLITICAL

Apart from Brasilia, the capital, other things that Ed. particularly remembers about his tour are the high-spirited, easy-going people, who seldom seemed — unlike us — to worry about politics or the government of their country.

"Most people laughed at their politicians," Ed. told me.

He also remembers the absurdly low prices — apart from hotels and night clubs — and the huge steaks which were the favourite food in all restaurants.

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SORDID SCENES ON CROWDED CAMPUS

STEKEL STUDIES FREUDE

Stekel is jubilant. The first sedition of his thrilling thesis entitled "Holding Hands in the Arts Block" has been granted an X certificate by the University authorities. Stekel is red-eyed and exhausted after a hectic half-hour converting the thesis into a sizzling, sex-filled film version. (Wanted: A handsome man, a palmist and a couple of wrist watchers). This action-packed drama promises to have the biggest box-office sales since "The Slowest Gun Alive" shot up the Rhodes campus.

Stekel, not allowing success to go to his head, brushed off the drove of Pressmen with his usual comment: "It takes two to tango . . ." And throughout the men's and women's residences, great was the tangoing, for this doubling up really is becoming a serious problem. Stekel, having studied Freude (avidly), realises the complications that are occurring because of the clash of two incompatible personalities living in the same room. Things are coming to a head. Many men students have openly stated that they are getting browned off with the present arrangements. However, all the lady wardens have informed Stekel that there is no possibility of new doubling up plans in the future. Stekel thinks they must have read Freude, too!

Even Stekel lost his equanimity when he heard of the engagement of JOHN BOTHMA and PENNY MACKAY. Further investigation revealed that seeing it's Leap Year, PENNY popped the question. Plenty of rowing from now on, JOHN?

FISHY SMITH won VAL BYRD'S heart when he gave her a fishing rod for Christmas. Stekel thinks she must have taken it hook, line and sinker.

ROYALTY

After busting up with JANET, ROBBIE has retained his preference for blue-blooded royalty, and has been seen trying to shape with Rag Princess JACKIE SWART.

When the term started, it seemed as if COURTNEY had been ROBbed of COLLEEN, but they appear to have settled down.

AUB BERKEWITZ is far from settled down, however, and says he prefers the Inks to the Inkettes this year.

Love-lorn MIKE has been SCHORN of PENNY, whilst calamity has befallen DENZIL and JILL—a RUSSELL of Autumn, perhaps?

While KENT is anxiously awaiting the familiar REEK(IE), Stekel wonders if MIKE has been SELLEY-brating since he became ANN-tagonistic.

It is also rumoured that there is something FYSH(Y) going on at Drostdy. What's the score, COSTA?

EPIDEMIC

According to reliable medical sources, an epidemic of GIBOR-itis is sweeping through Struben.

The "On-andOff" affair between CHRIS and HALLOWELL is now definitely off. She is, one hears, seeking greater FELICITY with an Ink. Two minutes' silence in memory of the Ink!

HAZEL had MACDONALD NEIL-ing before her after some early ructions, but everything is

over now. She must be a really LUCKY DEVIL.

Stekel notices that BUGS has been LANG-uishing at Beit lately, and that his extra-mural activities have taken him to Bots pretty regularly. It is also rumoured that BUGS, RUSTY and TONY have been getting into hot water in at least three women's residences. Was it time to come clean, chaps?

NON-SHAPERS

O'GRADY and LLOYD in less than a month have become accomplished non-shapers, while OLLIE ANDERSON is a really happy Wanderer.

ARTHUR TOOK(E) the plunge this year, and has gotten himself a JUDY. She may be a MARTIN-et, so, remembering the authorities' decree, no holding hands in the Arts Block, pur-lease!

GEORGE ATKINSON did not have to stoop to LOUW tactics to take MYRTLE away from STEVE. Meanwhile, back in COLLEGE HUIS, EDMUNDS is, ap-PAUL-ed by the absence of COPELING, and spends much time CHRYSTAL-gazing at photographs in his room.

JAFF REID and COUZENS, voluntary bachelors for a considerable time, have decided that a change is as good as a holiday, and are taking out women again.

Stekel grieves the Senate's ungentle-MANLEY decree of "Out, vile SHELLEY!" Rhodes loses an institution.

TEXAN

From what he's seen this year, Stekel believes that ROLEY must have STEYN-ed his copy book.

He also believes that CONNIE GREVES whenever she is asked out by an Ink, and that she left Inky Picnic early so that she could meet the "wonderful seniors" at Kaif Crawl.

JENNY STAFFORD is getting deep in the heart of Texas-born ELVIS MASON. Stekel thinks his

accent is so sharp that most Texans should be able to sink oil wells simply by shouting at the ground.

UNINHIBITED

EVE has urgently requested Stekel to announce that she intends being uninhibited this year. Stekel gave her some fatherly advice, warning her not to go de-GRAY-ding herself too much.

HAMISH AND HUGGETT, in a combined 21st with their 50 drunken companions, caused a sensation at the H.M., and Stekel wonders if it really was as much as half of them that were politely told to leave.

Another upset occurred at Matthew's House blot concert when a Freudian BLOT recited "Eskimo Nell". Evidently, the ice did not thaw. What price closer liaison between Livingstone and Matthews?

A late news flash: Rhodes at last has a real SEXBY.

ODDS ON

Another question that Stekel has been asked is: Will IMMERMANN change Matthews, or will Matthews change him? After the Blots' concert, the odds are on Matthews.

ELSA-MARIE's greeting of "Hi, fans!" certainly cooled off her admirers during the Rag Queen elections recently.

It has been denied by Alcoholics Anonymous that MIKE SMITH and WILLIE PATERSON have become life members of their organisation.

Whose hand was BOURDILLON holding when the St. Mary's House Comm had dinner in Founders. Did CLOSENBURG really enjoy this meal?

ANDRE JENSEN nearly went too far when he patched things up with his girl friend. At least he didn't decide to travel to Rhodes from Rhodesia on a motor-bike, as did CHRIS ROBERTSON and RON ERNTZEN.

PRINCE CHARMING

GUS GERRANS is trying hard to shape for Rag Prince with LIZ HENDERSON. A case of "when the cat's away, I'm a mouse," is it, GUS?

GLYN PETERS, Rhodes' expert on railway affairs, has gone off the rails and is training PADDY with a view to a tender ending.

Stekel was most alarmed when he heard the news that in the near future, all pharmacy students would have to leave Grahamstown for ever to do their studies at the Rhodes' branch in Port Elizabeth. Stekel is genuinely sorry about this. He regrets that the pharmacists will then be only 84 miles away.

After casting his practised eye over the Inkettes (Note for the brighter Inks: This means first year women students) Stekel's choice for 1960 is JENNY BAKER.

And so, guys and dolls, this is it. Why's it so quiet around these parts? Counting the seconds till Rag.

I am,
Yours fatuously,
STEKEL.



W.U.S. AND THE WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

As one of its major programmes during 1959—1960, World University Service will concentrate on providing assistance to thousands of refugee students throughout the world.

All WUS branches have been urged to bring the problems of refugee students to the attention of University communities in their countries and to organise special fund-raising and educational campaigns. A World Refugee Year Special Fund was established by the 1959 General Assembly to be used as a channel for contributions from university and extra-budgetary sources.

RELIEF

Serious situations face refugee student groups throughout the world. A great number of Hungarians and other refugees in Europe continue to pose a serious challenge to the International Organisation. Extensive refugee relief programmes are carried out by almost all European WUS committees. But there is a need for increased assistance.

Over 4,600 Hungarian students have been provided with scholarships, but those who are still living in refugee camps in Austria are continuing their studies under serious handicaps.

GRANTS

A number of students and senior refugees from other countries require assistance in order to complete their work. In addition to special programmes to be carried out in 1960 WUS will continue to maintain three centres for Hungarian refugee students in Austria (Graz, Innsbruck, Vienna) and provide grants to individual students on the basis of need. But the situation in Europe is nothing like the situation in the Far East. The problem is acute in Hong Kong, in Korea, and Vietnam.

In this latter tuberculosis, malnutrition, and inadequate housing are the chief problems faced by the large student refugee population there. Many of the students are faced with financial difficulties and are in need of assistance in order to meet basic living costs.

BUREAU

The WUS Committee is to receive support for the establishment of an employment bureau which would help

the students find part-time work, the construction of a student TB ward, and the initiation of an extensive student health programme.

The problem of student refugees in Africa, with the exception of the Algerian refugee students, is mild when compared with the acute suffering in Europe and the East. And it is important to see the problems of Fort Hare, for example, in the perspective of world student affairs.

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RHODES IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER

Rhodes is feeling the pinch. About fourteen hundred students have enrolled at the university this year, and dear little old Rhodes is becoming a big boy now. His metaphorical pair of long trousers, the new men's residence, £65,000 Thomas Pringle House, has not yet arrived from the tailor, and Rhodes is bustin' out all over.

When I saw the Registrar, Brig. H. Martin, he was unable to say when Thomas Pringle House will be ready to accommodate its 120 residents. The builder believes the House is a long, long way from completion.

Meanwhile both the temporary tenants and their landlords in the other men's residences hold back their opinions on the housing problem and restrain the urge to stretch. Also "doubling up" are about 45 women in the various women's residences, but they have no immediate prospects of rooms of their own.

NEW LAUNDRY

The new laundry is now in operation. After two weeks of living on borrowed garments, we now look forward to greater cleanliness. The old laundry has been sold to the Wool Institute.

It is not only the students who are aware of the expansion at Rhodes. One hundred thousand books in close confinement await the completion of the new library at the end of the year.

Rhodes Shottist in S.A. Team

A Rhodes student, F. G. Brownell, has been selected to represent S. Africa in the Dewar international shoot for teams of twenty.

This honour follows his success as a member of the University team at the S.A. National Bisley at Bloemfontein last week. He won the Class B championship, for which he received the Spioenkop Shield and a gold medal.

In all, the Rhodes team of Brownell, Victor, Walters and Reid carried off two gold, two silver and three bronze medals.

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P.E. RHODES BRANCH

The proposed establishment of a branch of Rhodes in Port Elizabeth is rapidly becoming a reality, as the Rhodes University Act Amendment Bill has been passed by the House of Assembly with the utmost co-operation and support from all sides of the House.

Mr. T. B. Bowker, the United Party Member for Albany, proposed the Bill, which will enable Rhodes to extend its activities outside Grahamstown and will also remedy various defects in the present Act.

Mr. Vorster, the Deputy Minister of Education, replied to Mr. Bowker and expressed support for the Bill, but said that the establishment of a branch of Rhodes in Port Elizabeth would not rule out the possibility of a completely independent University being established there, should the need arise.

GOODWILL

Mr. Vorster congratulated Rhodes on behalf of his department, and wished us everything of the best, although, he said, Rhodes does not always return this feeling of goodwill. In fact, the whole atmosphere was one of goodwill as the Bill was passed by the House, and was unanimously agreed upon by a select committee.

It is common knowledge that the Old Museum buildings in Port Elizabeth have been taken over with an eye to the establishment of the proposed branch.

WIDER RANGE

Mr. Martin, the Registrar, told me that he could not make a statement on the plans of the new branch, as the Bill has not yet been finally passed, and plans are still in the initial stage. So far authority has been given for departments of Commerce, Accounting and Attorney's Admission to be transferred to the Port Elizabeth branch, but it is hoped that the branch will be expanded later to include a wider range of courses.

The Port Elizabeth branch will bear a similar relationship to Rhodes as exists between the Durban and Pietermaritzburg branches of the University of Natal. We hope that the same spirit of friendly and riotous rivalry in all spheres will rouse Rhodes from its present apathy and revive a stronger University spirit, as well as promoting good relations between Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth.



A CHARMING TRIO—OUR RAG BEAUTIES

These three students, Janet Lea, Jackie Swart and Liz Henderson, are the choice of the University to provide the top glamour at this year's Rag. The Rag Queen, 20-year-old Janet, from Durban, is a third year B.Sc. student. Jackie, 18, of Bulawayo, is doing second year Sec. Prac., while 20-year-old Liz, of Johannesburg, is doing honours in Social Science.

activities. Instead the immense drunken and rowdy element would not only let no-one be heard, but those people who might have spoken were so repulsed by the behaviour that the only speeches which were made were those apologising to the speakers and the first years for the chaos.

SANER NOTE

It was only when Prof. Butler rose to speak, the only speech which was heard during the whole evening, that some order was introduced into the debate. By pouring scorn on the audience and proving to everyone that their comments, shouts and disgusting remarks were not appreciated, a saner note was introduced into the debate.

The empty barrels ceased to make any noise thereafter, and perhaps felt slightly ashamed when Prof. Butler told them that he had never before seen such discourtesy shown to speakers by any audience as was shown that evening.

QUICK END

Needless to say, once Prof. Butler had spoken, the debate came quickly to an end, for those who had come to enjoy an evening of debating and perhaps to speak themselves, were no longer willing to say anything, too disgusted by the evening. The noise by that time had subsided as well, partly because Prof. Butler had shown the College House element, apart from others, how foolish they had been, and also many of the drunks had already staggered out.

Disgusting Behaviour at Inky Debate

Once, Inky Debate was regarded as one of the highlights of the Inky programme. The purpose was to give the first years an introduction to the Debating Society and they were encouraged to attend, listening to speeches by some of the best speakers in the University and also various frivolous speeches by all and sundry. It was a chance for anyone to stand up and say what he liked. Although the speeches were never of the highest quality, they were amusing and when the debate was over, one felt that it had been a very pleasant evening.

The Inky Debate this year was not only complete chaos, but every person in the University with even one iota of decency was disgusted by the evening. Unfortunately there seemed to be very few sane and sensible people in the audience, for from the outset the G.L.T. was filled with drunken cries, obscene remarks.

The behaviour throughout was what one could possibly expect from adolescent delinquents and not University students, supposedly the cream of a generation, who had reached some stage of maturity and adulthood.

INTIMIDATION

A poor note was sounded even before the debate started, when certain oafs decided to make an exhibition of themselves by intimidating the Inks—for whom, together with the Inkettes, the debate is expressly arranged.

In order to show the audience what courageous students they were, these "big boys" forced Inks to sing songs in view of everyone and then the only seating the Inks could find was on the floor—the benches were packed with drunken seniors, some of whom could only be termed senior because of their social status in the University and by no means because of their superior intellect and sense, for none was shown.

INAUDIBLE

When eventually the speakers entered, one would have hoped that

the numerous hooligans would have shown what little decency they possessed, by quietening down, but the converse occurred and not one of the speeches could be heard, even from the third bench. But then one must realise that few of the audience came to the debate to hear any speeches, but purely with the intention of making as much noise as possible and seeing who could shout the filthiest comment.

It would probably be true to say that not a dozen people knew what motion was before the house, nor did many care either. This complete disinterest in the debate itself was shown perfectly when one idiotic person shouted during the course of one of the speeches: "Come on, get to the last page!"

CHILDISH

To harass the speakers further, the audience throughout the debate was showered with toilet paper, perhaps funny the first time, tolerated the second, but by the twentieth time the mentality of those who threw the paper can be termed as nothing but very childish and immature.

Once the main speakers had struggled through their speeches, knowing that few had heard a single word of what they had said, there was not the usual succession of speeches from the floor—the time when everyone can stand up and make profound statements about nothing and give their comments on various University institutions and staggered out.

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MOVE TO EXCLUDE HOCKEY PLAYERS FROM E.P. TEAM?

After decisively winning the Eastern Province first league last season, and supplying half the provincial sides strength in 1959, it came as a blow to Rhodes hockey to hear of a move afoot to exclude all Varsity players from Eastern Province sides in the future.

Last week this became a reality when the E.P. Hockey Council informed Rhodes that they should make themselves available for either the Varsity Tournament or the S.A. Inter-Provincial Tournament.

The reason for this ruling results from the situation during the S.A. Inter-Provincial last year, when seven of the E.P. side came from Rhodes. The E.P. Varsity players were required to go direct from Bloemfontein to Durban, from the S.A. Universities Tournament to the S.A. Inter-Provincial Tournament, and as a result, many had to play fifteen consecutive days of hockey.

CONFLICT

On the surface, the ruling that 14 days should elapse between tournaments, would appear to be a reasonable one, but seen against the animosity and insipient conflict existing at present between Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth, it could be considered as an easy way to remove Varsity players from provincial sides. This year nine days elapse between tournaments and as all hockey players are aware, this affords ample time to prepare for a second week's hockey.

It goes almost without saying, that the Rhodians will choose to play in the S.A. Universities Tournament, so the Eastern Province side entered in the National Tournament, will be virtually a Port Elizabeth team.

TROUNCED

It will be remembered that at the inter-town tournament last year, the Rhodes team (representing Grahamstown) effectively trounced the Port Elizabeth first team. It would be interesting to see how this side fairs against Natal, Transvaal and Rhodesia.

This move by the Eastern Province Hockey Council is, without doubt, against the interests of South African and University hockey, and may cause much concern in South African circles.

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INCONSISTENCIES OF AWARD SYSTEM CRITICISED

Dear Sir,

A few evenings ago, I attended the A.G.M. of the Athletic Union and, as in the past, apathy reigned supreme! It is always a source of surprise to me, that sportsmen who delight in complaining about facilities, awards, etc., cannot find either the energy or the inclination to attend a meeting when such matters come under consideration. During the past four years, I doubt very much whether any A.U. meeting has had a quorum!

The motion which interested me most was that brought before the A.U. by Messrs. Barker and Closen-berg, suggesting a revision of the awards system. The purpose of this letter is an endeavour to explain why I find the present awards system completely untenable. This is my experience after having sat on the Colours Committee, and I would appreciate constructive criticism if it is forthcoming.

TEAM BLAZER

The team blazer, insofar as I see it, is gained purely on representation. When a club decides on its awards, almost invariably all those who have the required two-thirds representation are put up for team awards—and get them!

The result is that the award holds little prestige in many clubs, as in some clubs which have a dozen members, six acquire team awards. One must remember that there are approximately 20 clubs under the auspices of the A.U., all of which are entitled to awards. Some of these do not continue from year to year but make spasmodic appearances.

At the other end of the scale, in a sport such as rugby, for some, injury makes a team blazer a difficult award to obtain. So in this award there is a large degree of inconsistency.

COLOURS

The colours award, I think, is one of the best jokes among sportsmen who know the ins and outs of it. Athletics average about eight colourss awards a season, with a moderately small club; rugby in a year of success manage to get five, and average one or two, with one of the largest clubs in the University.

In some cases, players who have represented two provinces and have toured with South African Universities' teams, have their colours, and likewise, players who have represented Grahamstown have their colours. There is no semblance of consistency!

The colours award as it stands is available to a vast range of abilities. Some claim this is the fault of the colours committee; to me it is clearly the system which is at fault.

HONOURS

The honours award, better known as the "Athlete's Award" (for all but two honours awards in the last decade have gone to athletes) has many shortcomings.

I was interested to note the average ages of Springbok teams in rugby, cricket and hockey over the last few years. The first two were in the region of 25 years, and hockey Springboks ranged in age from 25 to 36 years. How many students are there at Rhodes over the age of 25; of those, how many play sport; and of those who play sport, how many are of international standard?

So one sees that the honours award is really only available to a small group of sports, mainly, I should say, swimming and athletics. Honours in rugby, cricket and hockey requires a brilliance seldom found, the question emerges: Should an award, which is virtually out of reach of most sportsmen, be in the system?

COMMITTEE

From these views, I conclude that a committee of enquiry should be formed to investigate the whole question of awards, and any pos-

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A LATE LETTER

RHODES DELEGATES FOR A.S.B. CONGRESS

Mr. Willie Pietersen, Chairman of the Rhodes S.R.C., and Mr. Mike Jardine, Vice-Chairman, are representing the University at the 1960 Congress of the Afrikaanse Studentebond this week.

At a meeting this month, a letter from the A.S.B., inviting Rhodes to send two White observers, was placed before the S.R.C. The following resolution was adopted:

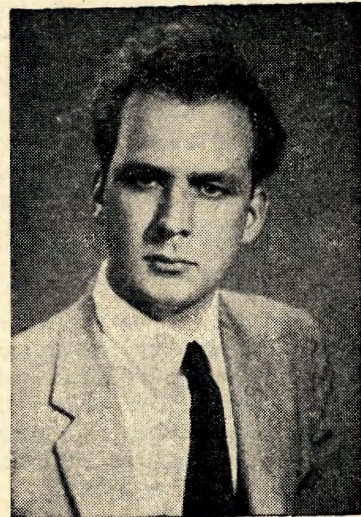
"That this S.R.C., while regretting the attitude of the A.S.B.: (a) in limiting the invitation to observers to Whites alone, and thus precluding the attendance of the "Mixed" Universities; (b) in having only white representatives at this Congress, thereby accentuating their sectional nature.

(1) Nonetheless accepts the invitation of the A.S.B. to send two observers to their Congress in the hope that our insight into the latest developments in the student ranks of the Arikaans Universities may be clarified, and in the hope that some good may be done towards the betterment of Inter-University relations.

(2) Instructs that these observers, when chosen:

- Bring the sentiment contained in (a) to the notice of the A.S.B.;
- Obtain the fullest information regarding A.S.B. developments, and
- Represent R.U.S.R.C. policy and student attitudes at Rhodes to the A.S.B. as fully as they are able."

Two members of the S.R.C., Mr. Hugh Lewin and Miss Liz Pitman, voted against the resolution.



MR. JOHN SHINGLER

VISIT OF NUSAS PRESIDENT

Mr. John Shingler, President of the National Union of South African Students, will visit Rhodes next week. He will address a general meeting of the student body during his short stay in the Eastern Province, and will also talk to students at Fort Hare and the Grahamstown Training College.

History of S.A. Student Organisations

South African students in general can be said to be very politically conscious. In the realm of student politics, however, very few are capable of discussing the subject competently, partly because of the complex and rapidly changing student scene in this country, and especially because of an inadequate knowledge of what has preceded the present day situation.

Realising this, Mr. Neville Rubin, former President of Nusas, has compiled a short, but concise "History of the Relations Between NUSAS, the Afrikaanse Studentebond and the Afrikaans University Centres", which sets out the whole pattern of student organisational development during the past 46 years.

In his foreword, Professor L. M. Thompson, of Cape Town, states: "Mr. Rubin has performed a valuable service in setting out the facts of the origin, development and maintenance of the schism in student organisations.

"He shows how a National Union of South African Students was created in 1924 with the support of the students of the four Afrikaans-medium as well as the four English-medium universities; how by 1936 the Afrikaans - medium student bodies had withdrawn to confine themselves to an exclusively Afri-

sible revisions.

With the growth of this University, such factors as "tradition" should not nail us to an obsolete system, and for the interest of those who attended the A.U. meeting, the system of Blues and half-Blues is one inherited by universities throughout the Commonwealth, and no longer has the connotation of a blue blazer.

GRAEME HART.

kaner organisation; and how throughout its chequered career the Afrikaanse Studentebond had been unwilling to reunite or even co-operate with Nusas, except on terms which no other student body in the world would consider compatible with the first principles of a National Union of Students."

Despite the fact that Mr. Rubin held the highest office of one of the organisations discussed in his book, his treatment of this short history has the merit of being strictly impartial and factual.

For instance, describing the efforts of Nusas to woo the Afrikaans centres after the first break-away in 1933, by refusing to admit Fort Hare students to Nusas, he says: "This . . . was an act of dishonesty, and showed a lamentable desire to place a higher value on the membership of one student than another . . ."

The development of the ANSB—later to become the ASB—is fully presented, and certainly provides a valuable insight into the true character of this organisation, which during the war was blatantly Nazi.

Recent attempts at SRC-level co-operation are also described, together with the ASB standpoint.

In the 20 pages of this book, Mr. Rubin has included facts that all thinking South African students should know. Out of enlightenment comes foresight.

CARRIBEAN CONDITIONS FOR CARNATIONS

UNBEATEN IN KARROO

Despite weather conditions which caused even the sun-hardened local farmers to wilt, the Carnations blazed a triumphant trail through the Karroo in their recent and historic cricket tour. The side played four games, winning three and drawing the other.

Against Union High, Vetch won the toss and elected to bat. Carnations scored 169 for 7 declared, of which Bland scored a scintillating 110, including five sixes and nine fours. Vetch (66) and Borman (35) also batted well. Union High were soon in trouble, but managed to force a draw, their last batsman having to play out the last over of the day. Outram finished with five for 44.

The second game was against the Graaff-Reinet Cricket Club, and Carnations scored a convincing victory. Bland was again the outstanding batsman, his 171 not out being scored in well under even time. Graag-Reinet collapsed badly and the match was over shortly after tea.

REPLACEMENTS

A minor disaster now struck the tourists. The weather proved too much for Vetch and Borman and the tour selection committee sent for Marsh and Hodges to replace them. Never at any stage, however, did the team's spirit falter.

On Monday Rosenberg, primarily a batsman, stepped into the breach as an off-break bowler of some considerable merit. After Marsh had lost the toss for the 17th consecutive time, Rosenberg and Outram quickly ran through the Hairfield side. Carnations then took a commanding first innings lead due mainly to some aggressive batting by Robertson (56) and Outram (53).

BLUNDER

A gallant bid for an outright victory was foiled by a captaincy blunder, in which Marsh, showing little appreciation of the situation, sent in the left-hander Outram first wicket down.

This caused undue wastage of time by the fielders who had continually to change directions and Carnations finished the day two runs short of victory with eight wickets intact.

They did, however, gain an outright victory in the final game of the tour which was an unofficial test match against Jansenville.

Carnations fielded their strongest available team, omitting White. Marsh again lost the toss. Jansenville never recovered from a disastrous start and were all out for 52. Robertson took 5 for 22 and Outram 4 for 17.

Carnations started well, then lost the wickets of Bourdillion, Flemmer, Melunsky, Bland and Marsh in rapid succession. However, Outram and Arnott gave Robertson (60) excellent support, and Carnations totalled 138.

Robertson (8 for 45) then bowled Carnations into a winning position. Left to score 61, the side knocked off the runs for loss of 3 wickets.

BENEFIT COLLECTION

This was Peter Ferraz's benefit game and a silver collection held at the ground raised 3s. 6d., which money has been donated to the newly-formed Rhodes University Jukskei Klub.



The triumphant Carnations team: Back row (left to right): Robertson, Outram, White, Bourdillion, Bland. Seated: Rosenberg, Vetch, Flemmer, Melunsky. Front: Arnott and Borman. (Absent: Marsh and Hodges).

SPORTS DIARY

1960 RUGBY PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

With 11 of last year's First Rugby XV back at Rhodes, the forthcoming season promises to be full of interest. In Tippy Luttig, the team will have an acknowledged leader and a fine rugby player, while Ken Weakley can be relied upon for all the inspiration and support which Chris Stone received last year.

Such experienced men as Nico Schneider, Roley Rogers, Max Fine, Conrad Strauss, Nolan Flemmer and Des Froneman add solidarity to the team which should be very well balanced if the key lock position can be adequately filled early in the season.

Before the first league match on May 14, the first team will have completed a number of friendly fixtures and should be in fighting form.

In addition to the league matches, games against Crusaders, U.C.T. and Natal University have been arranged, and in all probability, we will play against Old Selbornians as well as Stellenbosch University.

All efforts are also being made to get Rhodes to participate in the inter-varsity tournament in Welkom during July.

Incidentally, the tournament is most likely to take the form of central Universities trials, to select a team to play against the 1960 All Blacks.

TRAINING

All in all, a very successful season is envisaged, for both second and third fifteens are scheduled to play many matches. It is hoped that a great spirit will be built up throughout the Varsity, and that attendance at practices will ensure that all the teams are fit and eager for every match this season.

It is only if all our teams are really fit that we will be able to acquit ourselves adequately, and rugby players are urged to turn out to all practices, train on their free days, and KEEP FIT!

Finally, it is up to the non-players to see that this year our rugby teams get the moral and vocal support which one expects from University students.

SWIMMING

At the Swimming Inter-Varsity held at the University of Witwatersrand, Rhodes swimming took a turn for the better. This undoubtedly arises from the changing of the date of the annual swimming championships.

Generally, the whole Rhodes team helped to raise the University's swimming name, but individually the best results were obtained by the women. Betty Miners and Barbara Kent both swam well in the backstroke—so well that they both toured the Federation with the combined team.

RECORD

The best results from the men was in the relay, when our team came third, only one second outside the old Universities' record. This is a sterling effort when one realises that our fellows, with their limited training facilities, were competing against international class swimmers who have the advantage of far superior facilities.

The Rhodes women did well in the medley relay, but the second position we gained was taken away from us by indifferent officialdom. This had repercussions, however, and next year, officials at the inter-varsity will have to be of the same calibre as at any other important gala.

WATER POLO

The surprise of the Swimming Week was the great improvement shown by the water polo team. Our team was rated as the most improved of the week, and this is mainly the result of Lex Fernhead's expert coaching and guidance.

As it was, the team made their opponents fight and struggle every minute of the games. Perhaps the most exciting game was against U.C.T. to whom we lost 4-2. This game was marred by unnecessarily rough and dirty play from U.C.T. The Rhodes team revealed remarkable restraint, and did not reciprocate the rough treatment from U.C.T.

DIVING

Our divers revealed that they are as good as any other University divers.

Both our men divers were placed in their divisions, Esli Theron being second in the 3-metre board section, and Dennis Clackworthy third in the 3-metre event. Here, mention must be made that it is customary to use straight diving boards, and Rhodes would do better if the authorities realised this.

CRICKET

At the end of last year, the Rhodes University cricket team spent a very enjoyable cricket week in Johannesburg. They finished joint

winners of the week with Natal University.

Credit for this success goes to the whole team rather than any "stars". It was a team performance, rather than individual feats that carried Rhodes to victory, and that is how cricket should be played.

No one Rhodes bowler was more successful than the other. They all did their best, and aided by smart fielding, always had the opposing teams in difficulties.

COMBINED TEAMS

Six Rhodians were selected to play for combined universities teams against Transvaal sides. Of these, Colin Bland, Colin Rushmere and Charlie Hepker played for the A team, with Eric Brotherton as 12th man, while Glen Hall and Geoff Closenbergh played for the B team.

The two outstanding events of the week were Hepker's fine knock of 71 against Stellenbosch, and Closenbergh's no less meritorious 64 against Pretoria. The former was a brilliant performance, with Charlie in control every minute of his innings. The Stellenbosch bowlers were to be pitied for their wiles could not answer Charlie's mastery.

THRILLING FINISH

Geoff's innings was scored during a tense tussle and an exciting race against time. With the last ball of the day, Rhodes needed six to win, with Geoff facing. He made a tremendous swing, and the ball sailed high for the boundary rails. It looked as if Rhodes had snatched a victory, but the ball dropped into a fielder's hands on the edge of the boundary, and Rhodes lost the match.

With the resumption of the academic year, the Rhodes teams have resumed their activities in the P.E. League. There the two teams are virtually unchallenged, but have many enjoyable games. We hope that under Colin Bland and Eric Brotherton, the teams will continue to be successful, and perhaps more Rhodians will join Eric Brotherton in next season's E.P. team.



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