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FEUD COMES TO A HEAD

Sports Union to meet the SRC

BY A RHODEO REPORTER

THE SPORTS Union and the SRC, after a series of misunderstandings, have finally agreed to a meeting between representatives of both bodies, at which they would discuss matters common to them.

This comes as a result of a number of exchanges between them.

The first incident to cause friction occurred last year when an inter-varsity rugby match between UPE and Rhodes, held in Port Elizabeth, clashed with the last day of Arts and Science Week.

The SRC felt this detracted from the events of the day and that with sufficient liaison between SRC and SU the clash could have been avoided.

TWO YEARS

Mr. Barnes, SU secretary, said "Had we refused the invitation we would not have got another such invitation for at least two years."

A second incident occurred this year when the Sports Union found the Rag Committee occupying a downstairs room in Old Kaif. The Rag Committee had used the room in previous years, with prior permission from the Sports Union.

The SU wrote to the SRC complaining that furniture bought by them had been removed and the room used without their permission. The SRC maintained that they had the sole prerogative to allocate rooms in Old Kaif.

PERPETUITY

The SU claimed Mr. Eddie Webster, SRC president in 1964 had given them the use of the room in perpetuity. Mr. Harris, in an interview with RHODEO, said, "One member, at a meeting, could not speak on behalf of the SRC, without prior policy having been taken. There is no record of any long term agreement was ever ratified."

At the SU General Meeting held on Thursday, March 21, SRC members were present when the matter of the room in Old Kaif was raised. It was discussed with no real decision being realised.

RUGBY

Mr. Kirby also made a statement, which caused much comment from students afterwards, that the Rugby Club should not have backed out of holding an inter-varsity on Rag Day.

Several suggestions were made by other SRC members on the functioning of the Sports Union and the SRC. They were thanked for their contributions to the meeting by the chairman Mr. R. W. Jones.

Mr. Pete Harris said, "I think it would be very short-sighted to view the misunderstanding of the room allocation as an issue in itself."

SEPARATE

"This must rather be viewed as an example of the type of clash of interest that can arise as long as two separately constituted bodies function in a parallel manner."

"Both are striving towards the same end (that of student service), but have no link-up in a final authority. This is the problem in its broadest context, and this is the situation that must be thrashed out at the next meeting of the SRC and Sports Union representatives."

Students should discuss politics

"Students jolly well ought to discuss politics," said Mrs. Helen Suzman, Progressive Party M.P. for Houghton, speaking at the Cape Provincial congress of the party in Grahamstown last Friday.

She was replying to a questioner who had asked how the Improper Interference Bill might affect NUSAS. She said the Bill's contents were unknown, but felt that it was directed more at party politics than at such organisations as NUSAS.

EUPHORIA

Before an audience of about 600 people, Mrs. Suzman spoke of "a strange euphoria creeping over the country" and said that it was an illusion that the Nationalist Government under Mr. Vorster was more enlightened than under Dr. Verwoerd.

"Laws have become tougher," she said, "and the implementation of those laws much harsher." Last year there were half a million Africans convicted for tax evasion and infringement of the curfew and pass laws. This made the African "the most legislated against creature in the world today."

COLOURED

Mrs. Suzman mentioned the plight of the Coloured people. Politically thinking Coloured people," she remarked, "cannot be particularly enamoured of the political era that lies before them."

"When this Parliament ends," she continued, "the last vestige of non-white representation in Parliament will end too."

On the future of the Progressive Party, Mrs. Suzman said, "It is essential that we keep the Progressive Party determined and strong and that we highlight the issues that need to be highlighted."

"Disbanding," she went on to say, "is the last thing that should be done."

Rhodes Rag Royalty 1968



Queen Loraine Woodward, Princesses Sue Goddard and Phe Bachelor-Adams.

Doctorate for snake man

A REPETITION of last year's controversy over Honorary Doctorates is not expected this year.

At two graduation ceremonies on April 5 and 6 Rhodes will honour a number of eminent South Africans.

Two old Rhodians will be among the recipients of Honorary Doctorates. They are Dr. V. F. M. Fitzsimons, who will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science degree, and Mr. C. J. Ross-Spencer who will be capped a Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa).

FITZSIMONS

Dr. Fitzsimons is an internationally recognised expert on reptiles and has enjoyed a distinguished career as director of the Transvaal Museum (1946-1966). He has more than 50 scientific publications to his credit and many species and sub-

species of living things have been named after him. He holds an M.Sc. degree from Rhodes and was Victor Ludorum in 1919 and 1920.

After graduating in commerce at Rhodes in 1929, Mr. C. J. Ross-Spencer went on to a successful career as a chartered accountant in Johannesburg and has served that city with distinction in the municipal field. He has maintained his link with Rhodes by playing a major role in fund-raising.

The Rev. John McDowall will receive a Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He has represented the Presbyterian Church in the Department of Divinity since its foundation 21 years ago until 1965 when he retired. In addition to holding the highest office in the Presbyterian Church — that of Moderator in 1953 — he has played a major role in the field of education.

The Hon. O. H. Hoexter will be capped an Honorary Doctor of Laws. He has enjoyed a distinguished legal career, having been before the time of his retirement in 1963, a senior judge of the Appeal Court. He was Chairman of the Rhodes University College Council in 1948/49.

The orations at both graduation ceremonies will be delivered by the Public Orator of Rhodes University, Professor W. A. Maxwell.

Booksellers attack cuts

JOHANNESBURG booksellers, angered by the cut-rate prices of the SRC Bookshop at Wits, are making a concerted effort to force it to close down.

The bookshop — a non-profit making concern for students — aims at selling to staff and students at the lowest possible prices. This cuts across the policy of the Booksellers' Association of South Africa, which fixes book prices through-

out South Africa, and is against giving discounts to students.

This attempt by the larger booksellers in South Africa to force the bookshop to close down has been going on for two or three years. They have pressurised book publishers into refusing to supply the bookshop. Many publishers in South Africa and England have already refused to supply books.

The bookshop manages to sell to students at 15 per cent less

than the normal bookseller, who can make anything up to and over 100 per cent profit on British paperbacks.

The Associated Newspapers are trying to prevent similar bookshops being established on other campuses. However, the SRCs at Cape Town, Natal, Pretoria and Rhodes have approached Wits for information in connection with starting and running campus bookshops.

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LESSON LEARNED

THE RECENT petty yet protracted quarrels raging between Sports Union and the SRC have served to highlight something which is basically wrong with the administrative system at Rhodes.

There is too little co-operation and co-ordination between the various authoritative bodies on the campus.

Sports Union, SRC and Senate exist in virtual isolation from each other and vital information often takes too long to filter through from the one to the other.

This often leads to misunderstanding and mistrust.

All these institutions supposedly exist for the benefit of students at Rhodes. How can this be possible if, at times, they work against each other?

It does seem rather incredible that three constituted bodies can each have authority in overlapping fields without there being some sort of central co-ordinating committee.

How much better it would be for all concerned if these three bodies were to work in closer co-operation, with a much freer flow of ideas and suggestions between them.

At present each is too jealous of its authority and rather than concede a point, will hang on grimly, whatever the cost.



"— well, they said they wanted more Rag stunts . . ."

Drop Integration

THE LAGGING and repetitive dialogue on the subject of integration might prompt one to pack up the subject for another year in comfortable Rhodes fashion.

But before we do so, let's have a look at the 1968 Students' Handbook on "Integration".

"You are now freshers and freshettes involved in a progressive system of integration without humiliation" the first-years are told — and we must in fairness acknowledge the creditable efforts of Mr. Kirby and his committee in this regard.

But, continues the handbook, "In deference . . . to those students who respect tradition more than modern integration we offer the following advice:

Insolence to seniors and unmannerly behaviour of any sort is severely looked down upon . . . be humble and friendly, retaining your dignity . . ."

IRONY

In deference to the editors of the handbook, one assumes that the irony here is conscious. However, should they be serious, I feel that next year's first years must be spared the ambiguity that has characterised Integration '68, or the SRC will be forced to approach the Speech and Drama Department about quick courses for "freshers" in looking humble, friendly and dignified simultaneously . . . As well as sporting a ridiculous bow and placard.

In fact, even the present "progressive system" of integration is dispensable. Let's scrub it next year.

Obviously the introductory addresses by the Principal, SRC, and representatives of clubs and societies should be retained. Through these, if anything, the new student does have some introduction to what should really constitute those elusive animals, Rhodes "spirit" and "tradition".

VIEWPOINT

UNSPEAKABLE

But the bows, the placards, the unspeakable Song Practices, the very vulgarity of the term "freshers" and the other "traditional" accoutrements of integration — surely these are nothing more than a sop to the most immature and would-be stultifying element in the student body?

Why not let them go? And let's not have that favourite "the Inks-like-it-anyway" argument. We should rather acknowledge with concern the fact that they have to be educated into disliking it. And the SRC's creative energies would be better spent on this sort of education than on the merely palliative "progressive integration".

JANE LURIE.

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Bile 'n Bats

AND as I take my poison pen, (dipped in Bats Bile) . . .

Jeremy. Rumour has it that Jeremy is cross with the SRC. In fact he was so cross that I believe he panned one member a helluva shot with his hand-bag. Also I believe he's most upset that they've turned his play-pen into a Rag Office. Then I hear that he's positively livid that the SRC are trying to get invites to his private little K.P. (Otherwise known as the Sports Union.) Shame.

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Ian Kirby. Oh blessed Nature gone wrong — this man is truly beyond comparison.

In his estimation — All Inks, Dracula-like, perish at the sight of water; all Inks are mummy's boys who would dissolve into tears at the fact of having to wear bow-ties; all Inks are too weak to bear the weight of a placard around their tender little necks; all Inks would simply expire at the thought, let alone sight, of a Proctor's Committee and fur-

ther that no Ink could possibly withstand the strain of having to wear a jacket in public.

For goodness sake, stop molly-coddling the Inks. Some of them are kraaking great brutes, quite able to look after themselves. We live in a supposedly man's world. Let them earn their place in it; I think that most can, and are longing to be given the opportunity to do so.

Just take a look at the entry lists for the 50-mile walk. Bursting with Inks only too eager to prove that they are men, and not one of Mr. Kirby's lily-livered little lackeys.

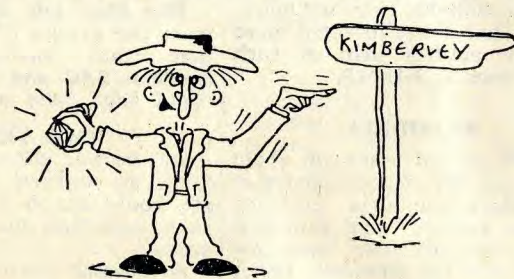
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The Inkettes need no condolence. My God, what a horde of Amazons. I made the near-fatal error of inviting one to Coronation Ball. This sweet young thing went there hell-bent on breaking the foot-crushing record (currently held by Graham "Twinkletoes" Hayman).

She nearly succeeded. I retired to San. at 9.30 (never got a chance to see what fearful Medusa-like grunt they'd seen fit to crown) and right up until 12 midnight was joined at fiendishly regular intervals by several other males who had fallen foul of her crushing hob-nailed dancing slippers.

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Cecil John



Someone so aptly said "chasing Inkettes is the most vastly over-rated pastime on the campus". I've reserved judgment until now, but Sweet Caesar, was the man right! Never in the history of human endeavour have so few displayed so much ignorance, stupidity, incredible bad dress-sense and such stomach-turning ugliness.

I would never venture forth in daylight with one of those mistakes of creation clinging octopus-like, to my arm. Their giggles are nauseating, their conversation ridiculously limited and their poise completely non-existent.

Yet they have the audacity to advertise their pitiful condition by wearing little bits of cloth around their oesophagi. T'is indeed a strange world, Master Jack.

* * *

And before you start preening your bedraggled feathers you dragons of the shelf, you forgotten playthings of the past, you wretched second and third years, let me remind you, that for sheer boredom, for a vast waste of an evening and for frustration personified, you just cannot be beaten. Crawl back into your holes you blighted specimens of spinsterhood.

Oh, one parting thrust. Have you heard of the easiest way to become Rag Queen? Just date a member of Rag Comm. It's a cinch.

Bye-election candidates



Tom Cloete

Pen Sketch:

B.A. student majoring in Roman-Dutch law and English.

1966: Grahamstown Municipal Scholarship, Robert Godlonton Scholarship, 50-mile walk, Rifle Club First Team, Poseidon in "Vroue van Troje".

1967: Rifle Club First Team and Committee member. Rhodes Shooting Colours. Eastern Province Shooting colours. Male lead in "n Bruid in die More".

1968: Cory House Committee, Rag Committee, Rhodent Co-Editor, 1st Year Mentor, Rhodes University publication committee Chairman, Afrikaanse Vereeniging, Photographic Society Committee, Eastern Province Small-Bore Rifle Association Council.

Manifesto:

I believe that an SRC should be concerned principally with internal affairs; and it should interest itself in politics only insofar as those politics affect the students whom it represents. If elected I would concern myself mainly with activities calculated to improve student facilities on this campus, particularly (1) agitation for additional squash courts and improved sports facilities in general; and (2) the early establishment of a Students' Union so necessary in a residential university.

I also believe students should be represented on a national level, but each student should have the right to choose the organisation that will represent him.

Proposed:

Tony Wallace.



Burt Geerdink

Pen Sketch:

Second year B.Com.

Five years business experience of which a considerable period was spent at managerial level, both in South Africa and abroad.

Manifesto:

I stand for a firm approach towards the fund raising and planning of the Students' Union. Planning and possibly construction will start this year and I believe that a sound background in practical business management is an essential prerequisite for the organization of such a project. The building must be designed with our needs in mind, and must be large enough to cater for the requirements of students in years to come.

I am opposed to the present examination system and would prefer that merit throughout the year play a bigger part in results.

Proposed:

Sandy Young.

Ball pleases

The election of this year's Rag Queen at the Coronation Ball rather than at a variety show, met with the general approval of students.

Many favourable comments were made about the band, which was led by Mike Fuller, an ex-Sheridon. One student said it had "the Sheridan touch."

A feature of the evening was the amazingly short time taken for the result of the Rag Queen elections to be made known. There was only a space of 20 minutes between the casting of the first vote and the printing of the result by the computer.



Reg Medley

Pen Sketch:

1966: Rhodent reporter, Sports Union Grounds Committee.

1966-67: 1st Hockey XI, Secretary Men's Hockey Club.

1967: 50 mile walk organiser, Sports Union Finance Committee.

1967-68: Light Opera Society — Musical Director.

1968: Captain Men's Hockey Club, Fresher's Reception Committee. Final year B.Com. Student.

Manifesto:

Since it is impossible to forecast what will happen during 1968, I do not propose to make any rash promises.

However, if elected, I will endeavour to serve the best interests of the students.

Although much has been done to raise funds for the new Students' Union, I would like to see a more dynamic approach towards the commencement of building operations.

I feel that the SRC is not taking enough interest in sporting activities and also feel that they should continue to try and influence the university authorities into taking a more realistic attitude towards discipline.

Proposed:

I. Kirby.

INQUIRY INTO MORALS SLATED

STUDENT APATHY reared its ugly head once more when less than 30 students attended the Student Body meeting on Friday afternoon.

The motion arose from Senator Theunis Dreyer's request for an investigation into student organisations, newspapers, moral standards and leisure activities.

The proposer of the motion, Mr. Barry Streek, said that, while he welcomed an investigation into student organisations and newspapers, both English and Afrikaans, he rejected any intrusion upon the privacy of the individual.

NUSAS

NUSAS had been the target of a severe smear campaign, and there existed a false conception that it was a subversive organisation.

Mrs. Helen Suzman had tabled a motion in the Assembly asking for a judicial investigation into NUSAS. At the beginning of the year, the SRC presidents of the English-speaking universities wrote to the Minister of Justice asking for the same, saying that they had nothing to hide. There has been no investigation.

TRUTH

On the subject of student newspapers, Mr. Streek said that an investigation would reveal that they were concerned with the truth rather than some diluted form of truth. Enquiry here was only to be welcomed, but Senator Dreyer would be carrying the investigation too far if he attempted to delve into the "moral standards and leisure activities".

FORMATION OF E-TYPE EMPIRE

Last year five eminent Rhodes businessmen formed a financial syndicate. With the general shakiness of world monetary affairs coupled with the high cost of living at Rhodes (fines, damages, etc.) these five gentlemen decided to secure their meagre allowances by investing in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The making of a profit is the main object and the buying and selling of shares is done after a vote is taken, any one member being able to veto a decision. A constitution has been drawn up as well as a set of rules.

The name of the syndicate is perhaps the most interesting feature because it incorporates the dream of every member — the ownership of an E-type while still at Rhodes.

of students who, like fellow human beings, are entitled to the right of privacy.

AFRIKAANS

If there was to be an investigation into student affairs, it should not be confined to the English-speaking universities, but should include those of the Afrikaans as well. Mr. Streek said that it was up to Rhodes to show that they would welcome an enquiry by passing the motion which was carried unanimously with only one abstention.

Fifty mile torture

HANGOVERS and heavy eyelids, as well as the usual sun and blisters, will torture the 360 Rhodians on Sunday's 50 and 25 mile walks on the Kowie road. The men will leave Drosty Arch five hours after the end of NUSAS Ball, while the women start at about 8.30 from Bathurst.

Last year 160 men and 110 women set off and of these 102 men and nearly all the women completed the walk. Both the winners, Peter Gradwell and Myma Birks, set new records; 7 hrs. 12 mins. and 5 hrs. 7 mins. respectively. Peter Gradwell, Lex Smit (who came second last year) and Tubs Turner (who has done well in both his previous walks) are all walking again this year. Peter Gradwell and Tubs Turner also intend entering for the Comrades Marathon this year.

There will be eight first aid posts staffed by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade to treat the sick and injured, while an ambulance will pick up the dying. Food of sorts will be supplied on the way, but any artificial stimulus will have to be supplied privately.

The reward for males completing the walk before one o'clock on Monday morning is a tie. Females get a blue and white medallion for doing 25 miles in under ten hours.

HOMOSEXUAL MAY SPEAK

PROBLEW

Mr. Geoff Verschoor, chairman of the World Affairs Society, has appealed for a homosexual to come forward and explain his problem. He stressed that the society was not imitating UCT. He said they had merely anticipated them.

Mr. Verschoor commented, "There are more homosexuals within our society than many of us realise. In this symposium we will be discussing the lives and future of some of our colleagues at this university who are, unknown to us, homosexuals."

Homosexuals are being solicited by the World Affairs Society for a symposium on the subject on Wednesday, April 3.

A seminar on homosexuality was recently held at UCT, where a student of the university, who was a homosexual, spoke out. He stated quite openly that he was a homosexual and pleaded that the proposed legislation be scrapped because it would ruin the lives of many people in the country.

AFRIKANER

Another speaker at the seminar said the Afrikaans people

would be the worst hit by the law as many prominent Afrikaners were homosexuals.

The main speakers at the Rhodes symposium will be a psychiatrist, a social worker, and a minister from Port Elizabeth, noted for his work among homosexuals.

Discussion will be on the new legislation being put through the South African Parliament to make homosexuality between consenting males a criminal offence, when Britain has recently moved in the other direction by abolishing such legislation.

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"I guess Rhodes is like all varsities, one has to get used to the animal behaviour, ... queer people accosted me on the way home from functions. I expected too much. I wanted a university but instead have found a high school."

It's been an anti-climax because there's been no initiation."

"Morals? What morals?"

"I'd expected a campus filled with long, long-haired bugs drugging more than drinking but I found it rather normal except for a bit more drink."

"Grahamstown? Where is it?"

"The women here are a bunch of social-climbers."



"Rhodes is very pretty — in fact, pretty dead!"

"I arrived, feeling petrified of what was coming. Didn't know what was potting."

"Kirby and Harris must swim!"

"We drank more in the army."

"Having been to boarding-school I appreciate the amount of freedom we are given. Women's residences are run on reasonable lines."

"Males? The same here as the world over: give them an inch and they'll take a mile."

Yes — even Inks and Inkettes, it seems, are entitled to their own opinions. (Who was it that said this? Cecil John or Ian Kirby?)

In a general survey this week our first-years really spoke out, and hit out, too. "I expected a darn sight better than this" was one unabashed complaint.

One of the greatest points of dissension seemed to be Rhodes social life, particularly from the Inkette view-point:—

"The social life," said a bright young thing, "is far

more extensive than I thought, and the students are quite normal, healthy young people."

Others said: "The drunkenness amazes me," and "What I have seen doesn't impress."

One Inkette remarked that certain Kaif-Krawl incidents had been very infra dig, and embarrassing, and another said unenthusiastically, "The social life is nothing to rave about."

"It's hard to get down to work!" was the thought uppermost in the mind of one girl who was interviewed. Another noticed with approval that there was far more casual mixing in contrast to the well-established "Marriage Bureau" idea.

One Inkette had the last — rather wistful — word on the subject: "Nothing's happened to me yet ..."

The Inks are far less concerned about the moral shocks of Rhodes campus life: "Just O.K." said one. "The social life? Lots of brawls, dances, music and that sort of jazz," was another remark.

How did the Inks and Inkettes feel on their arrival in Grahamstown? From the Inkettes:—



"I loved being told I was 'Ugh horrible' by some rather inebriated blots and seniors, and, 'Where the hell are we going to find any drummers!'"

"My first glance at the residences told me they were old-fashioned, but at least they were better than the male talent — clean and sober."

"I arrived here and oh gee — my blood pressure rose — I'd left my 'beauty bag' at the station. I had a good howl!"

"I felt dismal and confused. I unpacked everything in a couple of minutes — which had previously taken me hours to pack."

First glimpses of Grahams-town produced comments varying from an awed South West African girl's:

"It was a shock coming to such a big area", to a disparaging city-girl remark:

"Where is it?"

The general consensus of opinion was that it was "A one-horse town in which the horse died long ago" but several admitted to noticing features of particular interest: Bots and the Cathedral!

Impressions of Rhodes were similarly varied:

"A huge frightening monster with lousy res. restrictions."

"Ideal for romance — closely-knit."

"You can do what interests you and you aren't chased or forced to go to meals."

It was generally felt that the friendliness on the part of senior students was very encouraging to Inks and Inkettes especially in their first few days at Rhodes. After three weeks at Rhodes, one first-year thought Rhodes was like a "big family of which I now feel part."

The real and the ideal was often contrasting, or conflicting, in many opinions. Said one disappointed Ink:

"I guess I expected too much. I wanted a varsity but instead found a high school." Several first-years had expected "a more academic atmosphere", are disappointed in the lectures, but are overwhelmingly in favour of the tutorial system.

Inkettes versus the male element was a recurring line throughout the interviews: "I don't know how I got the impression," said one girl, "but I expected all Rhodes chaps to

be unshaven, inebriated, wearing frayed jeans cut off at the knees, and leather-thong sandals!"

Another Inkette told of a forfeit conjured up by the seniors of her house, involving proposing marriage to a chap in Pringle. One girl couldn't get over the "queer people" who accosted her on her way home from various functions.



Another Inkette chose to be ambiguously non-committal with her comment: "I had been worried about the bad reputation of the men, but I haven't been disappointed."

We found many of the first-years were disappointingly vague when approached with questions by the Rhodoe Feature Staff. By far the majority, however, had very definite opinions and impressions of the campus and the moral shocks involved.

On the topic of campus facilities, the majority found the sports amenities to be "excellent" and waxed enthusiastic about the Student's Union-to-be.

One girl, interviewed in Kaif, raved about the "mush Milo."

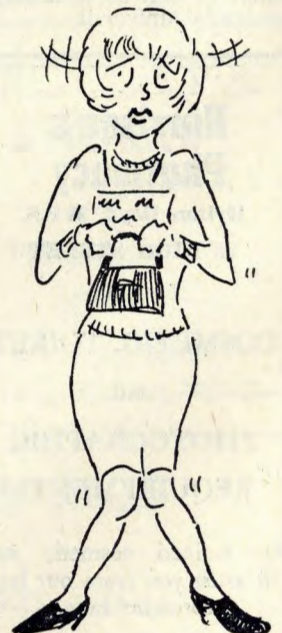
Integration versus initiation — that flogged horse — was a question very much to the fore in Inky opinions. At this point

we might consider just how well the Inks and Inkettes have been integrated. Judging from many of those interviewed, one wonders whether too much stress has been placed on the fact that first-year students must undergo an "integration process."

Many Inks and Inkettes seem to have been "integrated" since they arrived here. They have assumed their Inky status with an air of nonchalance and one can say they are already securely in their respective social and academic grooves.

These Inks and Inkettes form a group who have observed Rhodes from the outside or who had become acquainted with campus life prior to their arrival in Grahamstown.

But what about those first-years who still have to find their feet in this new environment? The first onslaught of social events left them floundering and occasionally, thoroughly disillusioned.



The tempo of campus life leaves them breathless and bewildered. Given time, they will no doubt achieve the studied confidence of the more blasé group.

inks & inkettes '68

Virginia and Rhodes band



A lesson from Miss Lee?
Virginia Lee flanked by Rhodes pop artists, among them members of the disbanded Sheridans.
Vic Butler (at the piano), Gerry Paul and John Fryer.

Bold production of "Our Town"

IN GRADUATION WEEK, the Rhodes University Speech and Drama Department will stage a performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."

This will be purely a departmental production utilizing the talents of the second and third year students under the direction of Jane Osborne. During the vacation it will tour East London and King William's Town.

Modern materialism, while it may establish a price for everything, realises the value of nothing. Wilder recognising this fact of modern existence, attempts in his play to provide more than a picture of life in a small town: he evaluates the smaller events of day-to-day living.

CHARACTERS

His characters are intimate, and vary from milkman and newspaper boy, through the participants in a high school

romance (portrayed by Ian Walters and Isabel Rennie), to the G.P. (Arthur Clark) and his neighbour, Mr. Webb, a newspaper man (Rick Miller), and wife (Audrey Marsh).

BOLD

The Department's presentation of "Our Town" will be bold in its simplicity: jettisoned has been the all-too-dispensable bric-a-brac in a move at once strikingly audacious and welcome. The design of production throws the entire onus onto the actor — which is where it should be — who can no longer take refuge in the usual mis-en-scene.

Much is expected of the re-assembled cast of Twelfth Night.

Inks support integration

IT EMERGED from Opening Debate that the new system of integration had met with almost undivided support. The motion "Inks must swim" was defeated by a favourable majority, and several first years spoke up strongly against it.

OLD SYSTEM

The motion was proposed by Gill Theunissen and seconded by Rory Taylor. He advocated the old system of initiation on the grounds that first years fresh from the exalted positions of school prefects, etc., needed to be shown empirically their new lowly position.

DANGER

Mr. Pete Harris, in opposing the motion refuted the idea that initiation would induce this respect for seniors, and stressed the danger of producing a stereotype student. Stephen Denfield, his seconder, spoke out strongly against the motion, terming initiation as a "barbaric system" of no positive value.

The debate was very poorly attended, and after a few speakers had expanded on the evils of initiation, the vote was passed, defeating the motion.

Church needs new approach

THE LOCAL church is not meeting the need and sustaining the interest of the majority of Rhodes students. Students expressed this view at a recent student/clergy dialogue organised by the University Christian Movement.

CONSERVATIVE

The conservative style of worship, the metaphysical theology, the archaic language and music were criticised by students. It was felt that these were unpalatable to the modern student whose interest in the church dwindled at university.

Denominationalism was thought to be dying out on the campus and it was recommended that an ecumenical service be held on the campus once a term. It was also decided to form weekly worship groups, which would be in traditional style, but with modern language, hymns and liturgies.

UNIQUE

The representatives from the local Ministers' Fraternal conceded that the university campus is a community in its own right with its own unique problems and demands. They agreed in principle with student suggestions but practical difficulties arose.

The UCM committee is to continue to meet to discuss ways of inaugurating the suggested services.

Coburn stars in comedy-thriller

JAMES COBURN, whom most of us know as "Our Man Flint", returns to the screen (complete with five rather delectable young wenches), as Eli Kotch in "Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round."

The plot concerns Kotch's attempts to rob an airport bank, and to do this, he changes identities with the aplomb of a chameleon. He charms the ladies with equal dexterity and along the way, he marries beautiful Inger Knudson (Camilla Sparv), who unwittingly helps him in his quest. To say anything more

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would be to spoil your enjoyment.

Billed as a comedy-thriller, it certainly lives up to its name. Coburn and Sparv both put in good performances, as do most of the other actors but the "Russian delegation" is all too Latin in appearance.

The over-all picture is impressive and the photography is good. The story is absorbing and has fine action sequences. "Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round" will be enjoyed by everyone, I am sure.

NUSAS PRESENTS "ANTIGONE"

JEAN ANOUILH'S "Antigone", under the auspices of NUSAS, will be staged in the third week of the next term.

Perhaps the foremost dramatist of our day, Anouilh has modernised the conflict, and intruded thematic material of original quality, into the plot structure of the Sophoclean drama. The end product is a work of phenomenal intensity and impact.

The play will be directed by John Birch, while Bill Gordon from a behind-scenes security, will handle the business of production.

CAST

The title role has been awarded to Audrey Marsh. Opposite her as Creon, is John D'Arcy. Others in the cast include Nan Gray as the Nurse, a first year student of tremendous potential; Anne Hubbard

as Ismene; John Birch as the Chorus; Helen Birks as Eurycle; John Burt as Haemon; with Roland Paver, Patrick Pringle and Chris Dry as the guards.

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Rag tickets

LAST WEEK-END a crowd of 60 Rhodes students, among whom were the Rag Queen and finalists, went to Port Elizabeth on a ticket selling campaign, organised by the Rag Committee.

The students left early on Saturday morning and returned on Sunday having sold 3,500 tickets in spite of bad weather. The total sum raised was R700, and Mr. Des Gerachty and his team won the prize for selling the most tickets.

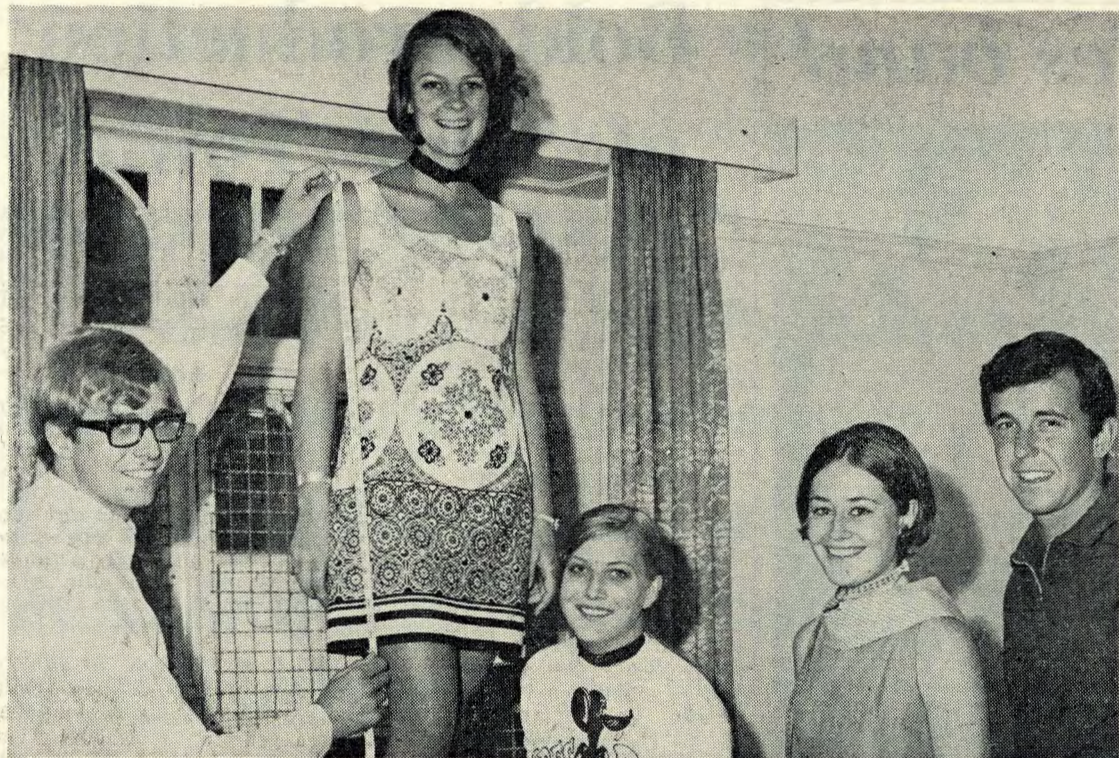
The expedition was provided with a company car by courtesy of Williams Hunt, and the loud-speaker attached served its purpose very well.

Mr. André Redelinghuys was impressed by the co-operation and hard work of his helpers despite rain and other hardships.

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Does she measure up?

Mr. Bedver Irving (extreme left) and Mr. Chris Christensen measuring Inkettes for Drum Majorette costumes.

Societies diary

R.U. LAW SOCIETY presents an address by Judge Kotze this evening at 8.00 o'clock in the Law Library on "Life at the Bar on the Bench". All welcome.

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UCM CAMP from April 5 to 7, Beacon Hill, all welcome. Contact N. Robertson, Livingstone House, or UCM hut at morning tea.

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UCM PRESENTS a play reading "This is the End" at 8 p.m. on Friday in the UCM hut.

Rhodes meets T.C.

THE FIRST of a series of meetings between the SRCs of Eastern Cape institutions took place at Rhodes on Wednesday night when the Rhodes and Training College SRCs met to discuss their functions and problems.

Initiated by SRC president Pete Harris to exchange ideas, the meetings will discuss SRC activities and functions. SRC will meet the councils of UPE and the Alice Seminary later this month.

Last week's meeting chiefly served to underline the radical differences between a university and a training college, by enlightening members of each SRC of their respective functions.

VETO

Electional procedures are vastly different: the TC authorities have a silent veto on the election results as well as the final say in nominations of the top three office bearers.

Religion proved a lively topic. All non-Jewish TC students have to attend Anglican chapel regularly. Mr. Kirby compared this to the Inquisition and Mr. Murray said that it was incongruous that an educational institution should act as a seminary.

Dr. Hyslop replies

THE FOLLOWING is a copy of a letter, originally sent to Mr. John Daniels, president of NUSAS, submitted to RHODEO: I note that in a recent NUSAS publication, student numbers during the past few years were published. So far as Rhodes is concerned, these numbers are completely at variance with the correct figures. Thus I feel that this misfortune in your publication should be corrected as soon as possible, since many unsound inferences could be drawn as a result of this publication.

Dr. J. M. Hyslop.
(Vice-Chancellor.)

WOMEN MUST REVOLT

SIR, — A LOT has been said in the past about women's residence rules and has arisen quite often in many an aspiring SRC candidate's address to the women students. Presumably there must be some sort of dissatisfaction because it does get a certain amount of sympathy when the subject is mentioned.

My first comment concerns the attitude of the women themselves. I must stress that what I say is not the case in all the residences, some do have reasonable attitudes so that one cannot

generalise. I have noticed that women seem to accept authority with more resignation than do men.

A remarkable change seems to come when they reach the senior scale, however, and conscious of their dignity and status, they strongly uphold the very letter of the law.

The women remind me of the Jews in the early New Testament period, sticking to the letter of the law, no matter what the circumstances may be. Similarly, women in their keenness to outdo one another, seem to delight in imposing fines on their fellow inmates. I don't think they have ever heard of the law of love.

The very nature of love is to show a concern for the personal

desires and feelings of others, and in the light of them we should be constantly modifying our obedience to rule. This is of course impossible for those with no real love. This is where I commend men's residences on their comradeship and mutual help.

It seems that Lady Wardens are given considerable amount of freedom in their interpretation of rules which can be pushed to the minutest detail if necessary. I can only blame the women students themselves for the lack of cohesive opposition to unfair punishments and fines.

Dennis v.d. Spuy.

This letter has been shortened.
— Ed.

WILSON HITS OUT AT EDITOR

SIR, — I hope that all Special English students took particular note of the splendid example of slanted writing revealed in the previous edition of Rhodeo.

This was so clearly evident in the report which described my reasons for resignation. How surprising it was for me to read that "a number of interests" prevented me from fully applying myself to my tasks. I fail to remember having used that phase before a ravenous reporter. Come to think of it — I don't even recall speaking to a reporter!

And then the word "perfectionist" crept in. I somehow don't recall having used that word either! But perhaps someone thought it an ideal word to describe my dissatisfaction at not being able to devote all my time and energy to particular tasks.

Reference was made also to the short notice at which my successor would have to take over my portfolio, yet no mention was made of the fact that with my resignation came the offer to assist my successor where and when necessary.

But perhaps I'm being too harsh. Perhaps I should have given one of your reporters the opportunity to find out all the facts first hand. Come to think of it, I've been available all the time.

Don't you think, Mr. Editor, that someone is shirking his duty?

N. S. Wilson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Twinkletoes

SIR, — It is apparent by the performances of certain of our Inkettes on the dance floor that there is no school of dancing on the campus. Although not Fred Astaires or Arthur Murrays, we feel, seeing that there are a number of balls on the campus per annum, that those concerned should at least learn the basic steps.

Flat Feet.

I tender my sincerest apologies for any misreporting which may have occurred. The quotes were perhaps unfortunately attributed to you. They were actually said by various SRC members in your defence at the SRC meeting of March 13, which was attended by a Rhodeo reporter. As reasons for your resignation were outlined at that meeting, it was felt unnecessary to approach you on the matter.

I would, however, like to quote from your letter of resignation which was read out at that meeting.

In it, you state you resigned with "deep regret and great reluctance", that it was an act "not of choice, but of necessity, determined by the unforeseen pressures now bearing upon me".

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding existing in the minds of RHODEO readers.

(Mr. Wilson's letter has been shortened.)

— Ed.

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TC fast — at rugby

A TEAM of Inkettes and a team of first year women from TC have been gathered together to play a ten-minute-each way game of rugby at Rhodes on Rag Day.

Four members of Piet Retief House are organising the game and supervising the training.

TC had their first training session last week and according to Mark Randall, one of the trainers, "they have a fine bunch of forwards, good line-out jumpers, and fast wings".

Rhodes are to have their first training session next week.

SMALLS

Unclassified smalls will be published on request, the cost being: 20 cents for 10 words. Thereafter two cents per word.

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Regatta was disappointing

IN their first regatta of the season, the Buffalo Regatta in East London on Saturday, the Rowing Club entered two crews.

Despite the disadvantage of having to borrow boats, both crews managed to reach the finals. The maiden coxed came second in their heat behind Buffalo Club, while the novice coxed four was third behind Buffalo and Algoa. Through lack of fitness, both crews faded in the finals which were won by Algoa in the maidens and Wemmer Pan in the novice section. The crew was unable to compete in the Junior eight event through the non-arrival of their boat.

RHODES 1st TENNIS

THE RHODES 1st Men's and Women's S.A. tennis teams will be playing Old Selbornians all day this Sunday.

All the Rhodes top players will be in action in what promises to be an excellent match.

Correspondents please note:

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

It was a poor show . . .

GRANDSTAND VIEW



Mike Cowley showed some of his pace and Sean Bownes was dependable at fullback, if he didn't run into trouble.

The latest ill-fated expedition spun their four-wheeled coffin at TC corner, recovered, and sped on into the night. A few drunken miles farther, a relatively sober passenger managed to persuade the hopelessly inebriated driver to head back to Carlton Centre. He did . . .

Amazing what can happen between here and Stone Crescent — but some people never learn.

An extremely strong stand must be taken against those players chosen — at least 20 — who did not even bother to pitch up for the trials. A player — no matter how good — should never be in a position to take his prior performances for granted. I was astounded at some of the excuses given for their absence. Very poor show on their part.

Playing in atrociously wet and unpleasant conditions, the forwards on view proved to be as promising as they are on paper. Muirhead, Stead, Forbes, Williams and Carlson should prove to be a nucleus for one of the best packs Rhodes has fielded in many years.

The backs have met with heavy but warranted criticism from all sides. With the exception of George Yeo, they were extremely slow off the mark, even taking the conditions under foot into account.

The centre positions in particular need some serious jacking up if they intend to penetrate Albany in ten days time.

The overall picture is then, an excellent pack with dubious backs. This unfortunate combination may be rectified by a couple of mature under 20 players moving into the senior ranks.

By SPORTSWISE

In the meantime get some of those lardy pounds off your middles.

The latest hair-raising pastime seems to be impromptu car rallies to Cape Town at the dead of night.

A light-hearted suggestion is enough to get five maniacs frantically collecting money and glad-rags, jumping into a ridiculously small car and haring off to UCT rag.

Some far-sighted person has suggested a block booking be arranged for a Rhodes contingent to see the Lions Test in P.E. on June 22.

There are many points in favour of such an arrangement.

Rhodes may be playing a curtain raiser to this match — still in a conjectural stage as yet.

Rhodesian students have little opportunity to see an international side in action — let alone a Test match — and this is an ideal opportunity.

It being a Saturday, there is little chance of many exams being held that day.

It has been suggested that Bill Gordon, as RU Rugby secretary, look into this possibility before schools and other institutions fill up the block bookings at Boet Erasmus.

I have joint sport stars for this week: (a) Jack Mason, for executing the most perfect backward somersault with half-twist seen this season. Unfortunately there isn't any water below Pringle bridge at this time of year. (b) Clarrie Kemp, who, although unlikely to make World Cup this year, did manage to get in seven goals last week-end while playing for Grahamstown City. Clarence is Grahamstown City goal keeper . . .

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Dave Woods

Mr. Dave Woods, the top squash player, is featured in this week's Sportrait.

He came to Rhodes in 1959 to do a B.Sc. (Hons.) During this time he played squash for Proteas and Eastern Province. He was also a member of the unbeaten 1961-62 Knights team which toured overseas. At Michaelhouse school he played squash, cricket, tennis and hockey.

In 1963 Dave went to Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship where he became a senior lecturer in microbiology. For two years he captained the Oxford squash

SPORTRAIT

team and was their number one player. His team beat the Knights teams and never lost to Cambridge.

Dave also represented a combined Oxford/Cambridge side which toured Scandinavia, where he won the Danish singles and doubles championships. On his return to Britain he reached the final eight in the British Open Squash Championships which is almost a world championship event as it includes both amateurs and professionals.

At present Dave is lecturing at Rhodes and is coaching the squash team. While also playing E.P. country districts cricket, it is certain that he will represent E.P. at squash again this season.

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INTER HOUSE RUGBY SYSTEM PROPOSED

by Bill Gordon

A REVISED system of Inter-house Rugby has been proposed by the Senior Rugby Club Committee. Embodied in this programme is the introduction of an inter-hall competition which to some extent will replace the "A" league house rugby. Though the house system worked well last year, it is felt that there are a number of shortcomings which need to be corrected.

Each hall, excepting Retief and Drosty, will enter one team in the hall competition. The latter two halls will find it exceedingly difficult to enter one hall team plus house teams simply because they have insufficient rugby players. This, of course, may not be the case in future years.

HOUSE TEAMS

Apart from the hall team each house in the University may enter a team in the house league. As in the past Cory-Matthews, Retief-Livingstone and Oakdene-Woodbourne will enter combined teams. The Pringle and Oppidan "B" sides will also take part in the league. No player representing a hall team may play in a house side.

Struben and Graham will enter only the house league as Drosty has no hall team. If people are opposed to this solution for Drosty both Graham and Struben are willing to enter the House competition only on a friendly basis.

The second term programme will be:

A. Inter-hall league: Smuts, Founders, Pringle A, Oppidans A.

B. Inter-house league: Smuts Adamson, Pringle B, Oppidans

B, Retief-Livingstone, College, Cory-Matthews, Botha, Oakdene-Woodbourne, Struben, and Graham.

The inter-house league will continue into the third term. There will also be an inter-hall and inter-house knockout based on seedings drawn up as a result of the league competitions.

The aim of the new system is to reduce the rugby programme for the majority of players representing the university and at the same time give those who play and enjoy only house rugby an opportunity to participate.

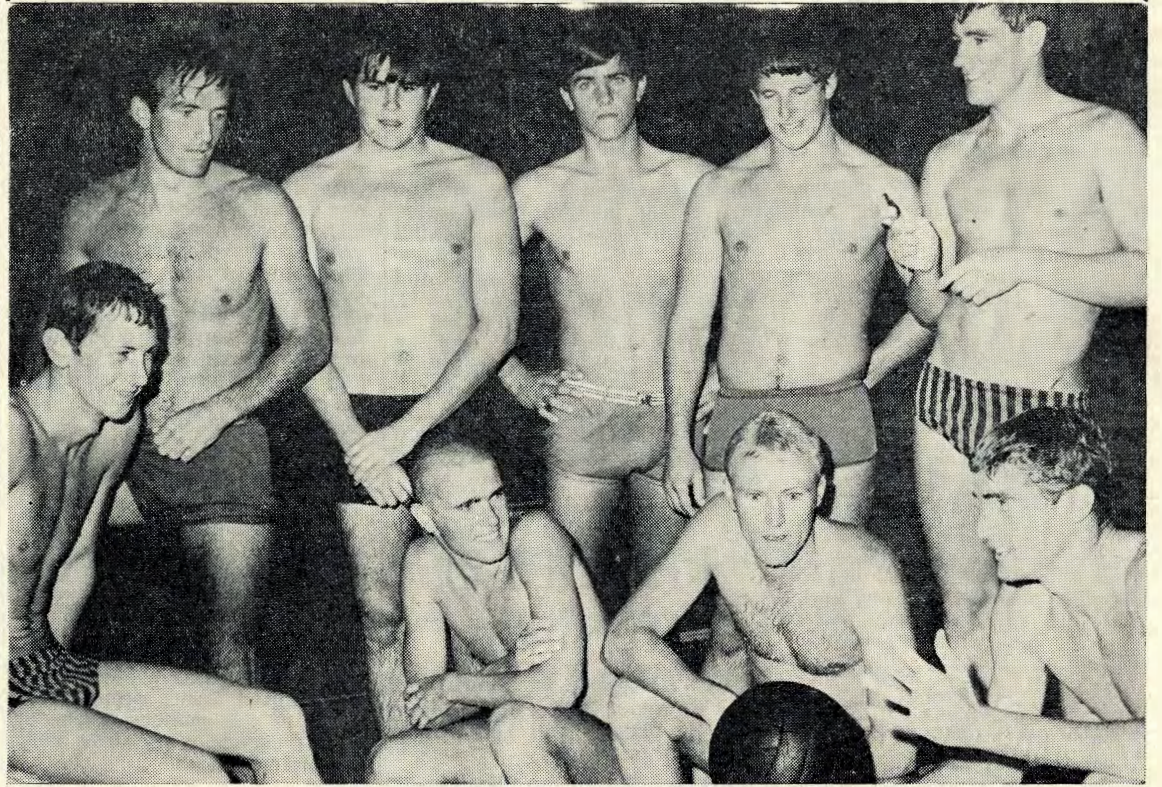
This system need not be established permanently as it could very well be convenient to change the programme next year. However, this can be sorted out at the beginning of 1969.

SUGGESTIONS

Reg Mundell (Pringle) will be responsible for organising this year's programme. He and the Senior Club Committee would welcome any suggestions concerning alterations to the proposed system and the organisation of fixtures.

All comments and alternative proposals must be made as soon as possible so the new system can be finalised at an early date.

Dransfield explains tactics



Roger Dransfield (with the ball) explains a technical point to the rest of the water-polo team at an evening practice. The team is (left to right): Duncan Clarke, Gavin Barnes, Alan Hendrie, Barry Munroe, Ronnie Prior. Bottom: Kelvin Williams, Johnny Neaves, Ian Hoare and Roger Dransfield.

Squash teams suffer defeat

RHODES, playing for the first time with two teams in the First League, suffered two defeats in the season's first league games. Last Tuesday night the Rhodes "A" side went down 1-4 to Jokers and the "B" side 0-5 to Old Grey "B".

Both these matches were played in Port Elizabeth, and the only Rhodes player to win his game was Tim Woods. The main reason for this poor start to the season was the absence of Dave

Woods, Rhodes' No. 1, and Archie Archibald.

Rhodes, the 1967 League champions, decided to enter two teams of balanced strength to give more players a taste of top-class competitive squash, as well as giving players such as Derek Prior and Trevor Cohen an opportunity of playing against the top two players of other clubs. This is necessary if they are to come into the reckoning for the E.P. team.

SOCIAL TEAM

ON Thursday evening the newly-founded Rhodes Social Squash Team won their first match against a team of Articled Clerks, the Rampants, by the convincing margin of six matches to nil.

The Rhodes team completely overwhelmed their opponents and only lost two of the 30 games.

The results were — Rhodes players mentioned first: Bong

Young beat C. Warren 5-0; Tim Rooney beat B. Green 4-1; Allan Mullins beat L. Day 5-0; Gavin Barnes beat G. Philip 4-1; Dawie van Wyk beat A. Flint 5-0 and Des Harrison beat J. Wakeford 5-0.

The team, playing tentatively under the name of the Fat Rats, would welcome any suggestions as to a more suitable name.

Unique soccer to be played

THE soccer field will be the scene of great endurance this Saturday as Pringle attempts to break the UCT record of four hours for the longest soccer match. This will be something different in the record-breaking line.

The match, organised by Mr. Barry Smith of Pringle, is intended as a publicity stunt for Rag. Pringle will elect two teams which will play each other. The game will follow orthodox soccer rules, with the teams changing over at the end of each 40-minute period. The score must be even for the game to continue.

Pringle aims to play for five hours, and intends to have the result printed in the Guinness "Book of Records" if possible. They will deserve to have this record recognised if they are able to endure for five hours.

Rowing prospects

THE Rhodes University Rowing Club should prove to be extremely popular this year, judging from the large enrolment figures. The interest from first-years has been particularly encouraging. With a number of experienced oarsmen as well, the club should be very successful this year.

At the moment the club has three boats, two fours and an eight, and are expecting another four boat soon.

Under the captaincy of Ian Hill, training takes the form of land training from Monday to Thursday and, if possible, each person rows once or twice a week.

This year Rhodes are the hosts at inter-varsity and this should prove an additional spur to the club.

U20 SIDE LOSES

ON SATURDAY afternoon the first rugby match of the season at Rhodes took place between a Rhodes Under 21 Invitation XV, managed and selected by Barry Smith of Pringle, and the Queens-town Under 25 Swifts team.

The game was played in a steady drizzle, which increased after half-time and made handling very difficult.

At the beginning the home team went on to the attack and looked very powerful in the tight-loose, getting the ball to their backs. The match began to look promising and some good moves were initiated by the Rhodes backline, with Robin Pennefather and Ray Carlson prominent. These however, either broke down or were stopped short of the line by a determined Swifts cover defence. The Rhodes team were then penalised for a line-out infringement and the Swifts full-back, Coetzee, put the kick safely over, and the visitors led by three points.

LINE-OUTS

The forward exchanges continued to be well fought especially in the loose. In the tight the home scrum did not win their share of the ball, while the work in the line-outs was decidedly shoddy with far too much tapping and a marked lack of binding. The result was that though the home team's backline moved much better than their opposition (when they got the ball) they did not have the same number of opportunities.

Swifts scored a try after a number of bad mistakes in the Rhodes team which had resulted from a careless pass back from the forwards in a loose scrum. Their loose forwards bolted ahead and eventually Edelstein was given the ball with a clear run and Swifts were 6-0 up. The game continued fairly evenly with both sides sometimes looking dangerous, and at others rather inept and fumbling.

GILBERT

With about 15 minutes to go Andy Gilbert, the Rhodes right wing, put in a strong 40-yard run, and scored ten yards from the posts. Carlson converted and the score moved to 6-5. The home side brought pressure to bear repeatedly on the visitors but their defence held and the match finished without any further addition to the score.

All in all, it was a reasonable game, considering the time of the season and the relative unfitness which was very evident among the forwards, with one or two exceptions. It also must have been a help in shaping and building what could be a very good U20 side this year.

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