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# SRC & POTCH pool problems

## Important talks at "Rhodes"

By Bryan Rostron

A MARATHON six-hour conference, described by Mr. Pete Haxton, SRC President, as the most significant meeting between English and Afrikaans councils in the past three years, was held last week between the Rhodes and Potchefstroom SRC's.

Discussion was mainly on student administration, and speakers deliberately avoided exposing their views on controversial matters.

### San under fire

SEVERAL STUDENTS have complained about the medical treatment of a Drum Major-ette during Rag Week.

A Sister at the sanatorium attended to the student, who was suffering from an injury caused by boiling water. Two blisters were dressed and elastoplast was stuck to the burnt area surrounding the blister.

When the student removed the plaster, the skin beneath peeled off. The student was then treated by a doctor.

#### JUSTIFIABLE

Sister Kelly said she felt the treatment was completely justifiable. Asked to comment, she said she disliked criticism from unqualified people.

Questioned about students' objections concerning inadequate treatment at San., she said: "There's a future waiting for the man who finds the cure for the common cold or cough."

Sister Kelly also said cases of food poisoning are exaggerated. "We have had only one case of genuine food poisoning."

The only point of controversy was the issue of student representation.

The Potchefstroom delegation said they believed each racial group should be represented by their own race, but where there were two racial groups at a university, they should be represented by Whites.

It is for this reason that they will not have dealings with the "rebel" UCT SRC.

### Spoke English

Potchefstroom's Afrikaans-speaking delegates agreed to speak in English for the benefit of the Rhodesians on the Rhodes SRC.

Some spoke with great difficulty, and the final speaker, Mr. Ben de Klerk, ASB representative, spoke in Afrikaans. His speech was translated.

The two SRC's differ basically in their elections. The Potchefstroom SRC elections are for specific posts, and their constitution contains the clause empowering the standing SRC, in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, to veto any nomination considered "unsuitable".

### Friendly

Mr. Willie Coetzee, Potchefstroom SRC President, who is also the South African hurdle record holder, said the conference had been a great success because of the friendly atmosphere of the talks.

Relations with authorities and the student bodies; finance, cultural activities and sport at the Universities were on the agenda.

The Potchefstroom representatives were particularly interested in the Rhodes' Rag. At present the University for Christian Higher Education has a "day of joy" (Vreugdedag), but as yet no traditional Rag Week.

The seven Potchefstroom delegates were shocked to learn of the Rhodes' Inky segregation system. They claimed their accent was on integration in university life rather than initiation.



WHICH OF these faces will appear on the cover of André Brink's next book? The finalists in the "cover girl" competition were chosen this week.

## WHICH FACE WILL BE CHOSEN?

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They are: Miss Jennifer Levinsohn (left standing), a Fine Arts student from Grahamstown; Miss Isobel Harris from East London, who is a Speech and Drama student; and Miss Ruth Hargrove (seated), a B.A. student from Bulawayo.

Mr. Brink, at present a lecturer in the Afrikaans-Nederlands Department at Rhodes, will be returning to Paris at the end of the year. The book, which is set in that city, will be published at about the same time.

## Do not overstress co-operation — Sprack

INCREASING co-operation between English and Afrikaans universities should not be over-emphasised, according to Mr. John Sprack, Vice-President of NUSAS in an interview with RHODEO last week.

He was answering questions about his views on current issues effecting NUSAS.

#### STELLENBOSCH

Q: Mr. Sprack, what were your impressions of the recent debate between Miss Margaret Marshall and Mr. Boy Geldenhuys at Stellenbosch?

A: The debate did NUSAS nothing but good. The Stellenbosch University students were particularly receptive to Miss Marshall. I felt that they were uneasy with Mr. Geldenhuys' isolationist policy, but were unusually pleased with Miss Marshall's statement that NUSAS policy is closer contact with all students in South Africa.

#### COMMUNICATION

Q. What do you feel about the increasing communication between English and Afrikaans universities?

A: This is a healthy development, but it should not be over-emphasised. For example, the Johannesburg College of Education SRC recently applied for affiliation to the ASB. It was refused them. This is deplorable, but I'd be the last person to underplay the recent willingness to talk which has been shown through the Stellenbosch debate and the tour of the Potchefstroom SRC.

Q: Do you think that the Government is likely to ban any more NUSAS officials?

A: While the situation in the country has not improved, the climate of opinion has eased. People banned in the post-Robertson era are mainly Non-whites who have recently come out of jail.

Q: What impressions of student attitudes did you gain during your tour?

A: The general feeling is that university students throughout the country do not actively participate in student activities. The SRC's are consequently burdened with more and more administrative work. I emphasise that SRC's should concentrate on leadership and on making student bodies aware of their rôle as leaders in student activities.

### Caught with their pants down . . .

Those ghastly white figures will flit around the campus no more.

Nine suspected members of the B.B. Club were called before the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. Hyslop, and warned that anyone apprehended running naked round the campus would be expelled.

The B.B. Club sent its members on runs in the nude late at night.

The Club has now changed its name and initiation.

Women students need station themselves at their windows no longer — fat bottoms swinging into the distance are out.



# RHODEO

## Breaches in the barrier

This year seems to be marked by greater co-operation between English- and Afrikaans-speaking students in South Africa.

Last week the Potchefstroom University SRC paid an historic visit to Rhodes to thrash out mutual problems and to exchange ideas. The six-hour conference achieved no dramatic results, but it was a significant break-through.

Only last year the then Afrikaner Studentebond President withdrew from a debate with NUSAS Vice-President John Daniel at the University of the Witwatersrand. He said he could not hold such a debate with a leader of a "liberalistic" organisation.

It is believed that pressure was brought to bear on him to withdraw.

Yet this year the present ASB President, Mr. Boy Geldenhuys, debated with NUSAS President Margaret Marshall at Stellenbosch — and there are rumours that he accepted only after pressure had been exerted from within the ASB.

After years of negotiations, the Afrikaanse Studentepersunie decided in the latter part of last year to co-operate on a technical basis with the South African National Student Press Association. Relations between these two organisations are now particularly cordial.

So, it seems that breaches are developing in the dialogue barrier between students of different languages and points of view in South Africa. Isolation can never last forever.

On the other hand, full co-operation between all students of this country is still a long way off. ASB leaders refute any ideas of a national union whose members are not all Afrikaner Christians. They want no official ties between the ASB and NUSAS.

The English universities have always shown a great willingness to meet their Afrikaans counterparts. Now that dialogue is developing, both sides should make a supreme effort to promote it.

The only way in which students can learn to understand one another is for them to talk it out. We hope they will do so on an increasing number of occasions.

## Extend library hours

RHODEO must give its full support to campus moves to have the library hours extended.

Although we realize that this will place an extra burden on the shoulders of the library staff, we feel that the importance of the library to students warrants any added expense of having to employ more assistants.

Many a Sunday is wasted, academically speaking, because essential books are not available to students. And students often need the quietude that only the library can give if they are to work on a Sunday.

We appeal to the authorities to investigate this matter very carefully and to extend the library hours as soon as possible.

## UNDERSTANDING?

BY TONY BATES

**THE VISIT** by members of the Potchefstroom SRC to Grahams-town for talks with their Rhodes counterparts, seems to be a step towards greater understanding and sympathy between English and Afrikaans speaking students.

The step, however, seems to be contrary to ASB policy, if one is to believe what Mr. Geldenhuys, president of ASB, said in his recent debate with Miss Margaret Marshall.

In reply to a speaker from the floor, Mr. Geldenhuys, when asked if he and Miss Marshall had anything in common, seeing that firstly they were both South Africans and secondly students,

Marashll, who was an English-speaking student.

That such a statement should be made by the spokesman for Afrikaner students, must be extremely disheartening to those members of the government who are campaigning for greater unity between the two language groups.

Some members of the government, including the Prime Minister, have been advocating greater understanding between language groups, but it appears as though the ASB want no part in this.

Why is it that while the rest of the white population of the country can work together for the common good, the English

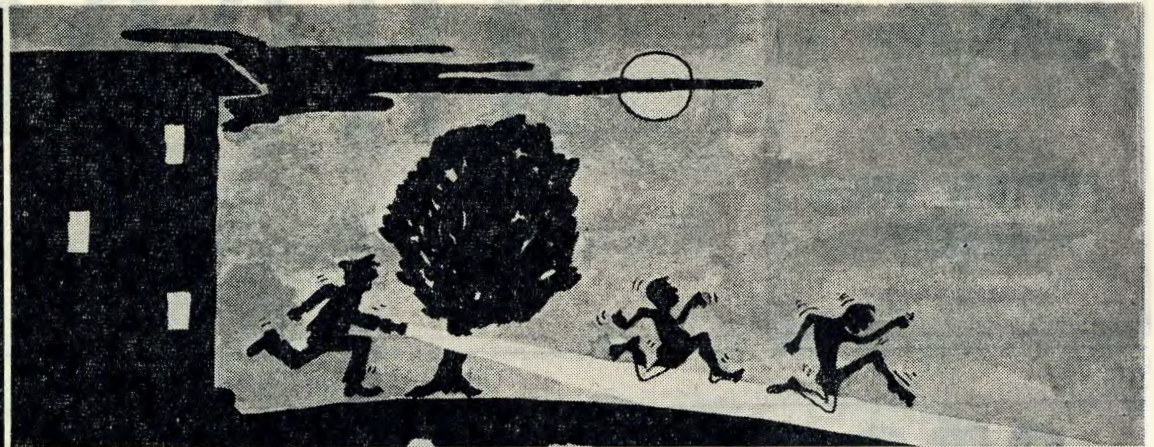
and Afrikaans students always seems to be at loggerheads?

A possible explanation is that English and Afrikaans students are not as far removed from each other as it may seem.

It could be that while the students of both language groups have much in common, the unions that represent them have not. Perhaps NUSAS and the ASB represent the extreme in both the groups, and as such are poles apart. NUSAS, however, at least recognizes that all students have something in common.

As long as the ASB refuses to acknowledge that English and Afrikaans students have something in common, future understanding between the two groups seems limited. It is in this light that the visit by the Potchefstroom SRC must be seen as an historic and enlightened step.

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



"And as they pass Oriel it's B.B. leading by three lengths . . . Now into the final straight and . . ."

## The blinking blini

Can you believe it? Recently in the Evening Post our own campus caterer confessed that in 38 years of culinary experience he had never heard of an "apple blini".

There must be some mistake. I've eaten (?) them frequently in Founders dining hall. An apple blini is a brown, amorphous object consisting entirely of tasteless goo or pastry (optional), completely devoid of food value, served with cinnamon sugar and either burnt custard or coconut sauce.

Known as an apple blini because hopeful Inks, surveying the exotic monster placed before them, wrestle with their imaginations and decide that it must contain apple.

"Blini is the sound made when such an object is later thoughtfully placed on the floor and carefully killed by means of squashing it with the left foot.

\* \* \*

I'm quite sure that the person who is now in possession of my little red wooly cap will appreciate the finer sentiments behind my carefully thought-out gift.

Studying its history we find that it was carefully borrowed from a sleepy patron of a pub in New Street one warm summer's evening. In its youth it possessed a delicately-shaped pom-pom of an identical red shade, which was detached in an instant of extreme vandalism by a senior member of our SRC during an evening of celebration some years back.



Perhaps the new owner can now really appreciate the deeper significance of a gift of such great sentimental value. I would also like to have the bloody thing back as soon as possible. Dishonest swine.

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Lunatic fringes are again in evidence. We've had FOG (Fraternity of Goeners), BBC (B. B. Club), but the latest fad is GOATS (Get Ourselves 'Airy Together Society).

These lunatics wander dreamily around the campus sporting fringes in a vague attempt to reassert their virility amongst their fellows, following their unenthusiastic Rag appearances with an assortment of macabre objects that would have made Frankenstein regurgitate.

"What it did for Farther Cull, Prof. Branford, Doctor Baart and Oom Paul it can do for me." — Ha! But can it?

Rather disappointing, isn't it, when after two weeks of feverish mirror-gazing that very object

comes up and says, "Why haven't you shaved this morning?"

Meanwhile I suppose we'll just have to put up with a crowd of neurotic try-for-ruminant's meandering about with their private louse collections and soup-kitchen.

Naturally, as soon as end of term comes and home looms near these lunatic fringes will disappear. No neurotic ever has the courage of his own conflicts.

One of these days Rhodexo will, I suppose, contain handy cut-out patterns for your new own personal icky-wicky mod bell-bottom shaped brassiere. Jane Lurie hit a new low last week (incredible as that sounds) with her feeble fashion tripe, pandering to the fickle inane female creatures with which mankind is unfortunately endowed.

Incidentally, Jane, do you normally walk about with your petticoat showing? Or is that now "In" (yecch)?

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## VIEWPOINT

said he was firstly an Afrikaner. This made it impossible to have anything in common with Miss



# RAG WAS VERY PROFITABLE — Martin

**THIS YEARS' Rag** has grossed R6,000 more than last years' Rag at the same stage, according to the Rag Chairman, Mr. Gordon Martin.

To date the gross total is R24,000, of this sum Rhodent sales are responsible for R7,307, the procession and street collection made R765.85.

Campus Carnival which was marred by rain, brought in R711.51. On the other hand Rhodent sales were generally good. Only in East London were sales disappointing.

With regard to expense money. The Chairman said that many people had criticized the system because of misunderstanding.

## COMMISSION

Gordon Martin emphasized that the money was not a commission and that it was not feasible to assume that students profited by this system.

In many cases it just covered expense.

Expense money was not paid for local sales, nor was it given in selling blitzes organised by the committee.

The Chairman mentioned U.C.T. as a case in point. Last years Rag committee gave their students 33½% Commission for each magazine sold. The resulting sales of Sax Appeal exceeded Rhodent sales in P.E. — virtually Rhodes' home ground.

## PREVIOUSLY

Previously students had been adverse to selling Rhodents as far away as Durban; mainly because they had to pay their own expenses. This apathy also meant that Rag Committees of the past lost quite a lot of money in expenses, due to insufficient sales returns. With expense money this problem has been solved.

Commenting on student apathy Gordon Martin said that every campus had its share of unenthusiastic students, but this year's Rag returns demonstrate a definite decrease in student apathy on this campus.

In the light of Rag returns Gordon Martin felt that they had been successful in their aim of removing this apathy and in engineering more support from the student body.

## COMMENDABLE

The part played by T.C. was commendable and their float was an example of their achievements. T.C.'s efforts in regard to selling Motor car tickets was especially worthy of mention.

"Rag committee consists of 18 people and it is impossible for these individuals to raise R20,000 in three months. It is only with the enthusiastic support of the students that this is possible.

"Our target is R20,000 and we've come very close to it; to date we have grossed R6,000 more than last years committee.

"We have tried to make the student and the public enjoy giving their money to charity through the medium of Rag and other innovations which were introduced this year.

"I would also like to express my thanks to the students for their support and also to the Rag Committee for their considerable efforts in making Rag the success that it has been." Mr. Martin said.

## V.C. leaves for overseas

The vice-chancellor Dr. J. H. Hyslop departed on Saturday the 13th May for a three month trip overseas.

During the trip, he will be visiting several European Univer-

sities. He will also be receiving an Honorary LL.D. degree from Glasgow University.

Dr. Hyslop will be returning about the middle of August.

## The choir travels again



Perhaps happy in anticipation of the Chamber Choir's next tour of Europe are these eight members. Nearer home, they leave tomorrow for performances in East London.

## Longer library hours

A PETITION ASKING for more extensive library hours has been circulated on the campus by Mr. T. D. Meyer.

Mr. Meyer, a final year B.Com. student and Student Counsellor of Jan Smuts, said the petition has drawn good support. Approximately 240 signatures have been collected so far.

The petition asks for an extension until 11 p.m. Mon-Fri., and for the library to be opened from 2-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Mr. Meyer said: "I feel another eight hours a week is not unreasonable."

## CORY LIBRARY

Many History III students mentioned the need for an extension of Cory Library hours in particular.

Students signed on the condition that there be an increase in the Library staff.

When approached for his voicing, Mr. Pete Haxton, the SRC President said: "The petition seems to have the backing of a very large majority of students consulted. I think that negotiations with the Librarian should bring positive results."

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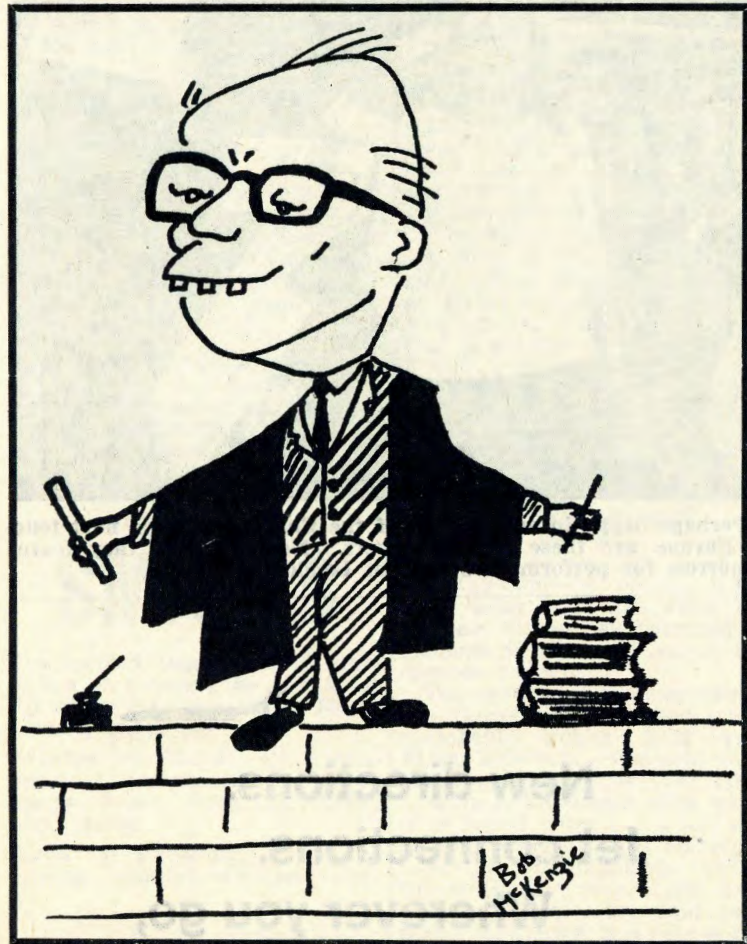


BY DONALD POHL

if you are at university it is very likely that you are an

## EGGHEAD

THE TERM "EGGHEAD" is not a very affectionate one nor is the association very commendable. The traditional picture of the egghead emerges only too clearly.



Modern psychologists, however consider this picture and attitude as entirely wrong. Their picture is somewhat different, less distinctive and more engaging. Of course, they concede, the gifted are sometimes snobbish and anti-social but it is scarcely any wonder. Ridicule and antagonism is hardly likely to produce any other response. They maintain, on the whole, that gifted children are distinctive only in their abilities (and frequently for their wide popularity).

A reason can be found for this reassessment. In America particularly a new type of pioneer is needed. The hard-fighting, crack-spitting frontiersman is out whilst the maligned egghead is definitely in. Creative new values have to be found and traded for the old. And incidentally there is a necessity to keep technologically ahead of the Red Joneses.

Not surprisingly the cult of the gifted is emerging.

## DEFINITION

The term giftedness, now that it is becoming so eminently respectable, requires definition and many definitions have been tentatively suggested. Perhaps

the most acceptable is that which, in itself, admits an alternative. Giftedness may, it is suggested, manifest itself in a high level of general intelligence as measured by I Q tests or it may consist in special abilities of a high order which are not necessarily associated with high intelligence.

The limits generally set are an IQ of 130 and above or a percentile ranking of 95 and above in any chosen gift — (I.Q. is the relationship of mental age to chronological age multiplied by one hundred. The Percentile is a relative ranking out of a hundred.)

## RESEARCH

Even this definition does not, however, escape criticism or qualification. Recent research suggests that while performance of the so-called talents or gifts need not require a high IQ, creative activity in such fields requires an IQ of at least 120. Besides his basic gifts, it has been claimed, the creative individual differs really only in temperament from the non-creative, highly-intelligent being. It is claimed that such temperament is largely conditioned by environment.

The scientist who practises "convergent thinking" is frequently the product of a home that is radically Puritan. Tied up with this is an avoidance of personal relationships, a single mindedness and an analytical approach. The "divergent" thinker or creative artist is deemed to be preoccupied with people, to be sensitive, sociable and liberal in attitude.

But, if, creativity is basically an environmental question then it follows that, provided there is sufficient basic intelligence, it can be nurtured and cultivated. For this reason educational methods are being suggested and attempted.

## EDUCATION

The question of education of the gifted has become an important issue since the egghead has been considered the answer to the problems facing society and technology. Up to recent times (and remnants of the belief still linger on today) it was considered wrong to single them out and give them exclusive treatment. It was argued that such a practice could only result in feelings of inferiority and hostility by the rest of the class and an attitude of superiority on behalf of the gifted.

Now it is argued that the gifted should be suitably stimulated to prevent them from becoming too neurotic and, incidentally, from driving the teacher to insanity along the way. Various methods of distinctive training have been suggested. "Enrichment" is the simplest and most lowly of these. The gifted child is merely expected to read around the ordinary topic presented to the class generally. He therefore gains a wider and deeper knowledge in this particular field.

## QUICK-WITTED

It has been pointed out, however, that gifted children are frequently quick-witted and lateral detail can hardly be expected to consume their excessive intellectual energy.

"Acceleration" is another method of education suggested as suitable for the gifted child. This enables the gifted individual to remain in a class or grade only as long as it is proved necessary. In this way

he can pass through several school standards in a single year and thereby shorten his school life.

Alternatively the gifted can be grouped together and constitute a class of their own. In an environment of intellectual peers they can progress at a rate in keeping with their ability.

The method of learning has also been revised. Independent research by gifted pupils themselves has been advocated, the teacher serving merely as a counsellor ready to discuss the topic and advise the pupil.

## CREATIVITY

Special measures to inculcate creativity include the avoidance of an overburdened time-table

so that plenty of time remains for speculative research.

Education should be directed from within, as conventional patterns of instruction by the teacher lead to group conformity. In a nutshell: the gifted should learn through discovery and not through formal instruction.

From the above it may be seen that the shattered image of the egghead is being repaired with great vitality and success, not by all the king's horses and all the king's men, but, more appropriately, by the psychologist. Perhaps such examination will even lead to a deep-seated change in the cultural heritage. In any event the personal effect of such attention on the egghead is bound to be far-reaching. •





# 'Iolanthe' - a suitable choice

At Rhodes there is no established critical standard for student theatre productions. The difficulty is that productions have often been so bad that one glance with a critical eye would have left very little standing.

The Rhodes' Light Opera Society this year staged Gilbert and Sullivan's musical satire "Iolanthe". In many ways a G. and S. is a very suitable choice. The whole style of presentation is so firmly entrenched in tradition that an unimaginative company has only to follow the instructions and success invariably follows.

From an organisational point of view Eddie Deutschmann and his productions team must be congratulated on some very fine work. In the company there were undoubtedly a number of talented people. The standard of singing was relatively high — i.e. relative to the standard in previous productions. Reg Medley did well to bring together a larger orchestra than Musical Directors have managed in the last couple of years. Special mention should be made of the catering on the gala night — the evening became a glittering social occasion. All this is good management.

## ARTISTIC MERIT

The administration, however, is surely something to be taken for granted. We should go beyond the organizational factor and consider the real issue, that of artistic merit.

The first act was delightfully colourful. The autumnal shades of the woodland glade served as an appropriate background to the beautiful costumes. Dave White's wooden bridge gave just the right touch to overcome the incongruity of the floorboards. The décor work of the second act of Ann Miller and Delia Spoor outside Houses of Parliament was unfortunately drab and badly finished.

Nutsy Moore, as the Fairy Queen carried himself with a surprising feminine grace. The

pantomime element, though, was somewhat of a bandy. Iva Torres was captivating as Iolanthe. The strange vibrato quality of her voice was particu-

## CRITICISM

larly effective in her solo "My Lord, a suppliant at your feet." On the whole the fairies were rather a cosmopolitan lot.

## UNCONVINCING

The chorus of peers was unconvincing. Many of them were larks whose "straight" make-up rejuvenated them into schoolboys. Apart from some of the choreography (Irene Styles) there was little evidence of a grasp of even the most rudimentary principles of grouping and movement.

Bill Gordon as Strephon and Ann Beardsworth as Phyllis were outstanding in both acting and singing. Their performances helped the production to maintain a certain buoyancy. Their duet, "None shall us part" was well received.

Bill Holderne as Earl of Tolloller had a good tenor voice and a pleasant manner. He and Alfred Thomen (as Earl of Mourstararet) made an amusing team.

## ABILITY

Ian Kirby in the role of the Lord Chancellor showed ability as a character actor and handled his difficult patter songs well. His performance suffered however from the rather aimless wandering around the stage.

The well executed lighting plot was a credit to the production. Occasionally however, the hesitant spotlight broke away to give a performance of its own.

It was pleasing to have more than an ensemble of musicians. The music nevertheless could have been taken a little faster.



jane lurie observes ..

## Campus mothers-in-law

She's the most maligned person in men's residence, the butt of the most raucously received Scope-Nite jokes, and the general mother-in-law of Rhodes' life.

And yet when I went to see her she proved to be the sort of person who could say with quite a tolerable smile, "A warden's lot, my dear, like a policeman's, is not a happy one."

Another of these untouchables (who have also been compared unfavourably with the fabulous beast who came up against St.

George) expressed the wish to meet some of the senior men students informally, and commented on the friendly co-operation which they had shown in dealing with noise and bad behaviour during periods like Rag.

And the austere rules-for-rules' sake disciplinarians? Well, the harshest most extreme sentiment that I could wring out of these harsh extremists was the observation that they had a responsibility to the parents of women students who were not yet of age, which necessitated a certain amount of supervision. But all were explicitly of the opinion that apart from the above consideration the function of women's residence rules was primarily a practical one.

## HAGS

And the nagging, complaining hags? Well, one of them did say that she felt that revellers outside residence in the early hours of the morning were possibly a superfluous feature of her life. And another suggested that men students running destructive riot in women's residence on Rag Day could indeed be shrugged off once a year, but once a year was enough.

Naturally I wasn't fooled by the fact that all these ladies spoke to me with no small measure of kindness and humour — I knew that they were going to creep off to their rooms to breathe sulphurous flames and hatch new gating systems . . .

## Student leaders win U.S. awards

TWO PROMINENT student personalities have been awarded scholarships by the International Institute of Education.

Miss Ruth Prentice, S.R.C. secretary will study for her M.A. in American Literature at Kansas University.

Miss Prentice leaves Rhodes at the end of this term prior to her departure from South Africa in August 18.

## DANIEL

Mr. John Daniel, the immediate past acting President of NUSAS will study for his M.A. at Western Michigan University in the United States. The award was made following an academic competition which is open to South Africans of all races.

Mr. John Daniel obtained his B.A. degree and UED at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. In 1965 he was elected Vice President of NUSAS. He led NUSAS for nine months after the banning of Mr. Ian Robertson last year.

Mr. Daniel and his wife will leave for America in August.

## Spirited stallion stars in 'Smokey'

Fess Parker, six-foot-six star of six Disney films, the "Davy Crockett" and "Daniel Boone", and now 20th Century-Fox's De Luxe colour feature "Smokey", has shared star billing with many beautiful ladies in many films and now has a new and different co-star. This time it is a spirited stallion.

## Cinema

Also starring in the film are Diana Hyland, Katy Jurado and Hoyt Axton. Playing a trouble maker opposite Fess Parker, Hoyt Axton acts and sings in Smokey. Axton, the popular folk singer who made good at singing his own songs, sings four new compositions in the course of this outdoor adventure.

## SUZIE WONG

This film starring Nancy Kwan and William Holden should not be missed. It is the story of two lovers, centuries apart, flung together in Hong Kong's brawling Wanchai District.

American artist Robert Lomas (Holden) comes to Hong Kong with a burning desire to prove himself as a painter. He becomes involved with a beautiful Chinese "Yum-Yum" girl (Nancy Kwan).

The gulf between their cultures prevents the course of their love from running smoothly but eventually the gap is spanned and the affair resolved.

—Ralph Goldswain.

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## SASCES HEAD VISITS RHODES

In an address to the Rhodes' Commerce students last week, Mr. J. Brewer, President of the S.A. Society of Commerce and Economics Students, told the students that they enjoyed little prestige in the academic and business worlds.

This was partly due to the high failure rate (54% of Commerce students did not graduate in 1965), and because a large gap exists between the student world of theory and the practical world of business.

For this reason, SASCES was established in 1966.



## THE STUDENT WORLD

THE University College of Rhodesia, at Salisbury, was raided by the police last month. They carted away the stencil and mimeo-sheets of the latest issue of "Black and White"—a satirical magazine circulated privately on the campus, in defiance of censorship regulations. They detained a lecturer and student for questioning.

- Students of the University of Warsaw are still in an uproar over the expulsion from the Polish Communist Party of their Philosophy professor last October. Despite repeated expulsions, they persist in holding discussion meetings and circulating petitions on behalf of their ousted colleagues.
- The Bolivian National Student Union (C.U.B.) has organized the first seminar on education to discuss selected problems of population growth, vocational training and university admissions.

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# RAG CHIEF DEFENDS "BRIBES"

Sir,—I reply to the ignoramus styled "Charitable," who intimated that the Rag Com. thrived on "dishonesty" and has run a "brothel."

Firstly, the writer of the letter to which I refer, has accused the Rag Com. of "secrecy." Why did he (she) not sign his (her) own name instead of a pseudonym if he (she) is so much against "secrecy"?

Secondly, no Rag Com member has ever discouraged publicity of any form in the Rhodoe. The new system of increasing sales of Rhodents and car competition tickets, introduced by this Rag Com, was known by the general public and was published in most of the Eastern Cape newspapers including the mouth-piece of the students, viz RHODEO. I can only infer that the writer of the letter referred to doesn't read his newspapers.

### EXPENSE MONEY

Thirdly, the term "commission" has never been used by this Rag Com—not because it has shied away from this word, but because the money returned to students is not commission, but expense money.

The system of expense money has proved itself beyond every reasonable doubt. Last year 32,000 Rhodents were sold compared to 34,000 this year (that is without Rhodesian sales when it is hoped a further 6,000 will be sold in July), thus making a total of approximately 40,000 Rhodents. Last year 11,000 competition tickets were sold compared with 39,000 this year at the time of going to press.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

At a Rag committee meeting held last Wednesday evening, the monies banked up to that time amounted to approximately R24,000. This gross amount is nearly R5,000 more than last year.

The aim of every Rag Com. is to raise money for charity. This year's committee has raised a record amount and it is not because the student body has been "bribed," but because of a more satisfactory method of eliciting support from the so-called "apathetic" student body. May I add that in the light of this year's Rag achievements the students have proved themselves anything but "apathetic."

"Charitable" had so much to say in his letter; would he (she) like to publish a report of what he (she) did towards this year's rag? It might also include a financial report and also the number of Rhodents, etc., he (she) has sold.

Gordon Martin.

## RHODEO must improve

Sir,—It is with regret that I have come to the conclusion that, although there are a number of major technical improvements in Rhodoe, the "newspaper" is this year becoming progressively more sordid—From Cecil John on the second page to Grandstand View on the second last page (as was the case especially in May 4 edition). This is a trend which was not in evidence last year.

Admittedly Cecil John 1967 does lack the polished satirical wit of his more intellectual predecessor, but is there no alternative other than resorting to crude army barrack quips? And when is Grandstand View again going to be limited to sports news and views, leaving the analysis of the sexual antics of students to the more appropriate hands of the more sober-minded Features Editor?

Perhaps the Editorial Staff needs to be reminded that RHODEO is read both on and off the campus, by people of all ages and in all walks of life, and even those quite unfamiliar with 'varsity life are not always incapable of reading between the lines.

RHODEO is, after all, meant to be a newspaper, not a medium of expression for bar-side humorists who, withdrawn into a separate and artificial world, hide their insecurity behind a veil of brazen conformity to the degenerate principles of Peter Maxwellism.

Keith Hurter.

## Hairum scare 'em

Sir,—For those of you who did not see it, here is a short summary of "Iolanthe" written by G. and S. (not Gilbert and Sullivan, but Gargoyles and Squeaky-voice.)

The male lead, the lecherous Lord High Chancellor, could not even Kirby his enthusiasm for a girl who went through about six lovers and ended up with the name Phyllis. Even if two of her lovers, who expressed on the stage a disgusting self-attraction existent since childhood, were not fairies (although I had my doubts) they ended up as such through the benevolence of the Nut Queen.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Phyllis married a shepherd who was only a half a fairy with the blessing right from the heart in the (synthetic) bosom of the Fairy Queen. Now this honourable Pringle hairy fairy (we believe he has modelled for the "before" part of Nair adverts) was especially orchestrated for the part. With his pleasant high-pitched voice, he was truly cut out to sing the hermaphrodite lead. Indeed, so impressed was John Gardiner with the performance that he passed out on top of his violin; and from the audience came repeated encores fore "Moore!"

Surrounding this regal, Queenly figure (and I do mean figure) was a throng of other fairies, more scary than hairy. At one stage, in a lull during the stomping, mine ears picked up the memorable lines: "We are dainty fairies, tripping hither, tripping thither, and von der Walzing all over the stage." The outburst from the audience drowned the rest of the song.

Why, you ask. Well, a reliable source estimated 250lb. to be the minimum requirement at the weigh-in for fairies.

Then talking about songs, now and again the lines were rendered in a form suitable for a crunchy cheerleader in a jukskei tournament. But one cannot help complimenting Ian Kirby on an excellent performance and Gordon, the shepherd of Billy-goats on his voice.

So, all in all, Mr. Deutschman is to be congratulated on a most Eddie-fying production. T.C.

## I like prof.

Sir,—In RHODEO Viewpoint last week, Mr. Pohl made by implication, serious allegations against a certain department in this university, which cannot pass without comment.

How does he attribute indoctrination to a department whose professor considers it a duty to provoke students into thinking and who derives great enjoyment from those who, after reading and thinking, are prepared to challenge ideas and propositions put forward in lectures?

Then again, the concept of indoctrination is hardly compatible with a person whose mind is always open to new ideas, who never lets dust collect on lecture notes, and whose concern for the subject in question and the students who enjoy it, is clearly evident in the almost superhumanly long hours devoted to the business of teaching.

### THINK

All this would be unnecessary if the sole aim were to drill students into one particular line of thinking.

Inevitably a viewpoint will come across in lectures but surely this is permissible where students are scrupulously guided to sources and are encouraged to think and if necessary to differ, with impunity.

Although "small in stature," the compensation lies in a capacity for work which, in conjunction with a brilliant mind, has carried the name of the professor and the department beyond the bounds of South Africa, above all in students who have achieved high academic honours in continuing their studies overseas.

Cleopatriot.

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## Who is this Mr. John?

Sir,—All open minded students, whatever their faults, should welcome criticism and advice. Between Cecil John and Jane Lurie we get a fair amount of it. We all know who Jane is and she has to make sure that she herself is beyond reproach when she criticises us—but who is Cecil John?

By deductive analysis, based on his last few articles, we say that;

Cecil is a handsome male who is hard put to fight off the hordes of admiring "gracks."

Cecil feels that he is superior to Eddie Deutschmann, Tony and Terry Bates, Pete Harris, all the blots and Jane Lurie.

Cecil deplores imbibing too much alcohol over rag (presumably if he drinks at all he confines himself to vinegar.)

Cecil doesn't like sour unsmiling faces (boy! if that doesn't take the cake!)

Cecil is full of sarcastic criticism of crowded Rag balls (but he hasn't got the wit to suggest any solution.)

Cecil deplores pushing. Cecil is definitely not apathetic (in fact he is one of the 18 chosen few).

Cecil has a fondness for elephant jokes.

Cecil loves singing and swinging to "Tertinkerta, tonkerta—"

In spite of all this his excellent qualities, Cecil has the initiative to question regulations. Cecil is intelligent (have a banana!)

Yes we can stand criticism from someone whom we know is in a position to give it, but while remaining in anonymity Mr. John should confine his didactic literary efforts to helpful advice to a "Dear Sandra" column.

So come down Cecil, or some jousting knight will unhorse you one day, and you'll have so far to fall you'll splatter. Frantz.





Tim Woods

OUR SPORTS star this week is Tim Woods, who is at present studying for his M.A. degree in History.

Born in Pietermaritzburg he was educated at Michaelhouse, where he represented the first team in cricket, hockey, squash and rugby.

He came to Rhodes in 1962 and can be classed as one of the few genuine all round sportsmen here at present. In his first year he played first team cricket and hockey and also represented Eastern Province at hockey for the first time.

The following year he turned to squash as well and achieved the distinction of getting his Rhodes squash colours, playing Eastern Province squash and also being selected for the S.A. Universities squash team. In the same year he also represented S.A. Universities 2nd cricket XI.

In 1964 he got his hockey colours, played Eastern Province hockey and squash and again represented the SA Universities squash team. Yet his highest moment in squash came in the following year when he won the SA Universities squash championships and captained the Knights Touring Team to Britain

Last year he maintained his excellent sporting record and again represented Eastern Province in hockey and squash, and played for the combined SA Universities squash team for the fourth year running.

As an all round sportsman, Tim has enhanced the Rhodes strength in the sports world. He has captained the squash side since 1964 and represented Rhodes well at all squash intervarsities. He captained the hockey side last year, when they won the league outright and is captain of the side again this year. He has also attended most of the hockey and cricket intervarsities since he came to Rhodes and has helped strengthen the sides considerably. This is his last year at Rhodes and his departure will be missed by all sporting clubs on the campus.

T.B.

STUDENTS' UNION MUST WAIT

"There is no hope of having a Students' Union Building before 1969."

Mr. Pete Haxton, SRC President, said this after an interview with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. Hyslop.

"The Vice-Chancellor said that though the Council would apply to the Government for the promised R50,000 grant, they did not expect to get it at this early stage.

"He pointed out that there are priorities in the future expansion of the University, such as the Chemistry Block, and the Botany and Pharmacy Departments.

"He felt that there is also an urgent need for two new men's residences."

Mr. Haxton said that 1969 would be the earliest possible date to begin building the Students' Union.

He said: "The authorities have not yet been approached for a liquor licence.

"I see no reason why this should not be included in the Students' Union complex. It will be a means of making money, as well as a much-needed amenity on the campus."

Not so small

Sir, — Mr. Pohl's criticism of a professor under whom he studied for three years would imply that he has learned to think, along lines different from those of the professor.

Mr. Pohl could hardly be expected to acknowledge that his point of view is not sensible, and he is too modest a person to claim originality in being able to "break free," yet retain a sensible point of view.

Or does the learned and kindly scholar of "small stature" encourage students to THINK?

Anthony.

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Apathy strikes again

GRANDSTAND VIEW



John "Lindbergh" Gardner is a has-been.

CECIL JOHN may be a bigot, a nigh illiterate imbecile and the laughing stock of Rhodes—but at least he is honest. (That will be a mitigating circumstance at the pearly gates anyway, C.J.).

Sportswise (touching pun, eh?) I wholeheartedly endorse his literary assault on the all-pervading apathy that has crept in at the university. At the beginning of the year the absence of athletes jogging around the track was painfully notable. I grant you there were the few stalwarts like Jeff Ilsley and Pete de Villiers but where in hell were the rest of the athletes from last year?

I won't bother mentioning the non-existent Inks. Due to the "integration" efforts and their own bone-idleness, they merely oozed around that building near the Kowie Ditch. Horrible little creatures . . . By the way that applies to the Inkettes as well, but I'll leave them to the tender mercies of my colleague, C.J. Have fun, mate.

What really amused me was the way the papers so hopefully and expectantly raved about the school athletes, rugby stars, Nuffield cricketers and Bill-Jean Kings who were going to honour Rhodes with their presence on the playing fields. "Promising up-and-coming young latent talent, etc."

By SPORTSWISE

Rhodes provides excellent facilities, the sports Union breaks its neck trying to sponsor clubs and what happens? The ruddy Inks and the rest of RU shrug their shoulders and carry on playing poker, ping-pong (restricted to the top common-room of Smuts) or just collapse into their grimy little hovels and pull out last August's "Playboy," dragging on the inevitable Texan.

Fair enough, I grant you a university is created as a centre of higher education and not a glorified sports club, but don't stagnate in those books. "A healthy mind in a healthy body" holds true no matter how much you love Maths.

Although it sometimes appears to be, this is not a high-school where one is practically forced to play sport, but for your own benefit — and the name of the university, as an integral part of a sports loving nation — get with it!

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Details from J. West or D. Sudano, Rhodes University

Jones take it casually with his "commercial" handicap. The mountain disdainfully shook his craggy head and teed up. Four hundred yards later a battered Dunlop 65 came to rest.

Pity it was 250yd. hole, huh Mike?

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Rhodes Hockey has practically withdrawn all claims to the EP Log leadership after their ghastly display on Sunday. Last year's scintillating displays are now a pleasant memory.

Attack and defence need "improvements to avoid the bottom of the log. In the circle, a total lack of cohesion and mutual understanding resulted in a wicked squandering of opportunities. The backs in turn made a few token efforts in defence and while they vainly waved their sticks around, the PEM forwards sliced through with ease. An excellent display by Pete Harris saved Rhodes from complete annihilation."

Put some effort into the game for heaven's sake!

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An 800 cc Norton Atlas roared through the Bloukrantz Pass at 120 plus m.p.h. and slid to a halt at the Kowie golf course. A young mountain of a man critically watched Clive Scigal blow up at the 12th, Merv Thal play poker at the 19th and Barry

Due to the Exams hanging over our heads like the proverbial sword of Damocles, the Mountain Club has unfortunately been forced to call off the proposed climbing meet in the Winterberg over the week-end. The chairman, however, informed me that a new climb has been opened in the Grahams-town district.

Rock-climbing practice abounds on a cliff which, incidentally at 400ft., is the highest in the Eastern Cape. Beautiful surroundings with abundant fresh water makes this area idyllic for future meets.

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Adamson evidently has it in for the USA. On Sunday a bunch of horrible little creatures gleefully marched around the soccer field flying the stars and stripes up-side-down. Good clean fun is all very well but some foreign students took exception to this degrading display of a respected nation's flag. Try some other way of attracting attention — like winning sometime, idiots.

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# WOMEN ON TOP FORM

## Gymnastics catches on at Rhodes

Gymnastics at Rhodes is becoming increasingly popular.

This year the club has about 30 members, half of whom are first years. The club has been very fortunate in getting the services of Mr. Jack Charteris as the official coach of the club, and the enthusiasm with which he has tackled his task has done much to keep up the enthusiasm of the club.

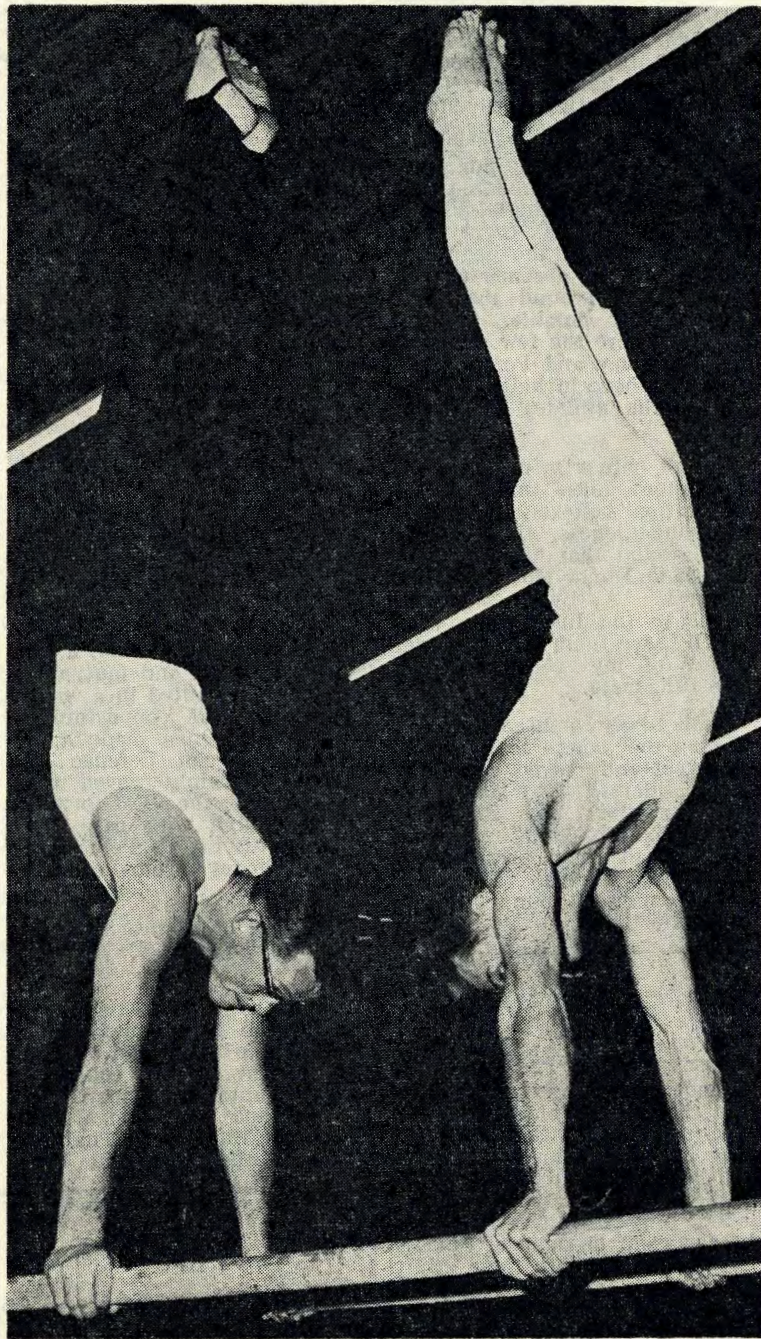
The club meets every Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the new Sports Hall, where all the necessary facilities are available. Professor E. Locke, head of the Physical Education Department, and President of the Gym Club has also taken a keen interest in the activities of the club.

### SPRINGBOK

Unfortunately there are no clubs nearby for competition purposes.

However the Gym Club hopes to send a strong contingent to the annual intervarsity to be held at Stellenbosch on 30 June and 1 July.

The club captain, Ron Abbott, a first-grade gymnast, has been selected for the Springbok trampoline team to tour Europe in June, and attend the World Championships in London.



Two members of the gymnastics club, Peter Swart and Ron Abbott demonstrate their skill on the parallel bars.

## SOCCER XI LOSE

In a highly entertaining, but rather disappointing soccer match played in Port Elizabeth last Saturday, Rhodes lost to Harrison Motors 2-1.

The game was slow in the early stages, but in the 25th minute Speyers cut down the wing and crossed to McGibbon, who slammed the ball into the net. With the defence standing flat-footed, Harrison scored to make it 1-1 before half-time.

Rhodes were playing well in the second-half with the wind behind them, when against the run of play Harrison broke away to make it 2-1.

**HEWITT & PALMER**

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## CAN RHODES BEAT O.F.S.

One of the highlights of this rugby season should be the coming match between Rhodes and the University of the O.F.S.

It is not as yet certain on which date the match will be played though the 24th May is the most likely. Although it is a home game for Rhodes, it might have to be played in Port Elizabeth if the E.P.R.U. insists on greater gate takings to cover the touring team's cost, though the union is not likely to press home this point.

### FREEK CUP

Besides being an intervarsity match, the game with the O.F.S. will probably be for the coveted Freek's Cup as well. It has been traditional for Rhodes to play the University of the O.F.S. for this cup, which is a memorial to one of Rhodes' finest ever rugby stars — Freek, who played for England but was killed in the war.

As yet it is not known who will make up the O.F.S. team, though there will be very tough opposition for Rhodes, who are not expected to make any changes. Let us hope that this leads up to a win for Rhodes in their third intervarsity of the year.

## House Rugby

### House Rugby Results

Oppidan "B" 6 — Graham 3  
Pringle "A" 9 — Adamson 3  
College 20 — Smuts "A" 9  
Cory-math 19 — Smuts "B" 5  
Retief 5 — Pringle "A" 3

## Good Hockey weekend

BY TONY PLOWMAN

**A**FTER BEING defeated 8-2 by Greydene last week, the Rhodes Womens' hockey teams showed a welcome comeback to their usual high standard.

On Saturday, Rhodes 1sts swept the field to beat T.C. 1sts 7-0. The game which was played on a bad field was rather scrappy, but there were some excellent movements which enabled Garlick and Lownds to put 3 goals each into the net. Meyer was notable too and scored a well deserved goal.

Rhodes II were just as effective. In a well played game Rhodes convincingly defeated T.C. II's 7-0. Birks was really outstanding, and scored 5 goals for the home side.

On Sunday Rhodes I took to the field again, this time to meet the tough P.E. Ladies side. The teams were very well balanced and after a fast but rather uneventful first half the score stood at 2-2.

### BRILLIANT

In the second-half Rhodes reached their peak. A brilliant hat-trick by Lownds was the real feature of the game, and tended to overshadow the high standard of play that prevailed. The excellent teamwork and combination of the team enabled Rhodes to win by a well-deserved 7-3.

Although Rhodes II's match was rather scrappy, Birk's frequent attacks on the goal paid off when she scored a goal in the last few minutes of the game. Rhodes won 1-0.

### SUPERIORITY

In both teams the defence was shaky at times but it did not take long for Rhodes to show their superiority in all sectors of the game. If Rhodes can maintain this high standard it will prove to be a most difficult side to beat. As it was, it provided Rhodes with one of its best weekends hockey for some time.

## But men lose again

In a fast-moving game Rhodes hockey XI lost 2-1 to P.E.M.

Rhodes struck first when Brian Surtees netted after picking up a good pass from inside right, Paul Abbott. At that stage it appeared as if Rhodes were going to settle down and break the spell of defeats which has befallen them this season.

P.E.M., however, retaliated determinedly and soon equalised. With the game at one all both sides settled down and attempted to play the short constructive type of hockey. In many cases good-looking forward movements by both sides came close to scoring.

P.E.M. then took the lead and spent the rest of the game trying to keep out some determined attacks from the Rhodes forwards. Their backs, who played a hard game, saved them on numerous occasions.

### POISED

The game was equally poised that it could have gone either way at any stage. Good movements by both sides often came close to scoring.

Altogether, Rhodes, who badly need another win this season, played a good game and were unlucky to lose. The P.E.M. forwards were quick to capitalise on any mistakes made by the Rhodes defence, and perhaps this is where the weakness lay in the home team this game.

Next week Rhodes travel to Uitenhage and will be eagerly looking for a win to re-instate their hockey prowess and remedy the spell of defeats they have suffered lately.

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