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POLITICAL OPINIONS BIASED

Paper says English Students immature

ENGLISH-SPEAKING students do not have as balanced political views as their Afrikaans counterparts. This is one of the conclusions drawn by the Afrikaans newspaper "Ster" from the results of a recent survey made by the paper.

Reprinted in the Pretoria University student newspaper "Die Perdeby," the article also concluded that the English-speaking student was immature in his political outlook. His views were influenced greatly by the English Press.

The questions asked in the survey were: Do you think South Africa took the right step in becoming a republic?; Were you in favour of a Republic before the independence was declared?; Do you think the Sharpeville incident was a result of the Nationalist policy?; Do you read newspapers of your second language?

Views changed

The first conclusion was drawn from the fact that the majority of English students were no longer as anti-republican as they had been, while most Afrikaans students had retained their original views. "Ster" said English students had been afraid that independence would cause isolation and economic instability. As this had not happened, their views had changed.

Sharpeville

The second conclusion seems to have been drawn from the facts that most English students named the government's race policy rather than the role of the ANC or PAC as the main causes of the Sharpeville incident.

"Ster" said "English Students associated Sharpeville with poverty and persecution of martyrs and where they connect it with sabotage trials, inquiries into high treason and the eradication of undermining influences, their sympathy was with the accused."

Afrikaans students remembered clearly not only the Sharpeville incident "but also the murder of White policemen at Cato Manor, the Congo incidents, the infiltration of Communism into Africa and the sabotage pattern in the country."

Newspapers

The last assumption is based on the fact that only a small percentage of English students questioned read papers in the other language. "No wonder their political views are so one-sided" the "Ster" article said. It admitted that Afrikaans students followed

largely the views of Afrikaans papers, but said they were entitled to do this as more of them read papers of the opposite group.

The article attacked the fact that Witwatersrand and other English universities hindered the formation of the Afrikaanse Studentebond branches on their campuses while Pretoria University allowed any political group or outlook on its campus. "This shows that the English students is being isolated by both his press and his leaders. It seems that they fear he will come into contact with the other side of the story."

S.R.C. ELECTIONS

A MEETING will be held tonight at 5.15 in the G.L.T. to call for nominations for candidates for the 1956 S.R.C.

Members of the present S.R.C. standing for re-election are Miss Hollingshead and Messrs. Lock, Sprack and Woods.

CONDITIONS

Others standing for election include Miss M. Inglis, Miss R. Prentice, and Messrs. Anderson, Brayshaw, Clow-Wilson, Prozesky, Salisbury, Van Onselen, Verschoor and Wanless. Mr. P. Haxton will also stand if he finds it possible to return next year. Other candidates who may be standing proved impossible to get in touch with.

At the meeting nominations with a proposer and ten seconders and the consent signature of the nominees will be accepted.

PHOTOGRAPH

Required as well are a 3" x 2" photograph, a pensketch, and a manifesto of not more than 100 words from the aspirant S.R.C. members.

Late nominations should be handed to the Chairman of the S.R.C. before 5.15 the follow-



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In this scene from "Oklahoma!" Ant. Salusbury enthusiastically tells of his visit to "Kansas City." The show opened last night and runs until Saturday.

Interesting programme for Arts and Science Week

NEXT WEEK sees one of the highlights of the Rhodes calendar—Arts and Science Week. It will be opened by Mr. G. S. J. Kuschke, Managing Director of the Industrial Development Corporation. He will give his address on Monday at 5.15 p.m. in the G.L.T.

This was revealed in an interview with Arts and Science or-

ganiser Mr. Johann Redlinghuys.

On Monday evening at 8.00 p.m. the Margaret Ingles production **Much Ado About Nothing** will be staged in the Great Hall. This production formed part of the opening celebrations of the University of Port Elizabeth.

MUSIC

On Tuesday at 5.00 p.m. Dr. McGregor, Head of the Department of Neuropsychiatry at Groote Schuur will lecture on "Modern Methods in Psychiatry" in the G.L.T. At 8.00 p.m. a concert produced by the Chamber Choir and Music Department and entitled "Doc's Discotheque—an Evening of Light Classical Music for all tastes" will be held in the Great Hall.

KRIGE

On Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m. Uys Krige, the celebrated poet, playwright, writer and artist will give an address "Comments on my Work." This will be held in the G.L.T.

At 8.00 p.m. on Friday in the Great Hall Prof. R. K. J. E. Antonissen, Head of the Afrikaans-Nederlands Department will produce Uys Krige's translation of the play **Yerma**, by Loria, in Krige's honour.

On Thursday at 5.00 p.m. in the G.L.T., Bishop Burnett of Bloemfontein will speak on "Christ in the World". At 8.00 p.m. the film "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner" will be screened in the G.L.T.

PHYSICS

On Friday at 5.00 p.m. in the Geography Lecture Theatre Rev. Dr. J. F. Allen, Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Combat of Communism will deliver his address "Christianity and Communism." At the same time in the G.L.T., Prof. Sellschop, Head of the Department of Nuclear Physics at Witwatersrand University, the greatest authority on Nuclear Physics in South Africa, will give an address entitled "The Ashes of Creation."

The week ends on Saturday night with Arts and Science Ball, for which only 100 tickets will be sold.

EXHIBITIONS

Many Departments and Societies will be holding exhibitions during the week. The Zoological Society will stage an exhibition of their recent expedition to Kosi Lake.

The Students' Jewish Association will have a display of books and book covers in Kaif Graduate Lounge. The Grahamstown Group, which consists of the students and staff of the Art School will exhibit their works in the Browsing Room of the library.

In the library Dr. F. G. van der Riet will exhibit, by courtesy of the Cory Library, a collection of five prints and etchings of Grahamstown in the time of the Settlers.

Programmes will be distributed tomorrow.

Rhodeo Editorial

C.S.A. INTO THE OPEN

AFTER MORE than a year of silence and secret meetings, of pushing pamphlets under doors in the early hours of the morning, the Eastern Province Conservative Students' Association now appears to be coming out into the open. Their record of secrecy and deception does not flatter them. The Association was originally formed by one A. J. Charrington-Smith, a rather naive genuine conservative, who, however, was soon axed because he was not prepared to toe the Government line. Others took over, and then there was silence. The silence was broken by an invitation to all students to join E.P.C.S.A. When, however, students tried, they were politely fobbed off; their applications met with stony silence.

Then came the conference of all C.S.A.'s throughout the country to Cape Town. NUSAS and the A.S.B. were invited, but the conference broke up when the A.S.B. challenged NUSAS's delegation. Yet another period of secret meetings, dark threats and illiterate pamphlets followed.

Non-White

During July this year, another conference was held. The Pretoria and Stellenbosch branches of the federation disaffiliated because one branch allowed non-whites to become members. So the U.C.T. branch changed their constitution to debar non-whites. But the S.R.C. objected: student societies have to be open to ALL students. C.S.A. at Cape Town is now persona non grata. The members of the

branch are divided, because the constitution was apparently changed by the Chairman alone, with little or no consultation of the other committee members. A number of students—including the Secretary—have resigned because they alleged the Association was being turned into a Government puppet.

Isolation

The history of the C.S.A. branches throughout the country does not therefore argue well for the hope that these people will provide a challenge to students at Rhodes. Isolated from other centres of higher education, apparently ignored by the new University of Port Elizabeth, students here often hold to their beliefs with little conviction. Only by constant debate and questioning can beliefs, whether conservative or enlightened, be firmly held. E.P.C.S.A. has a duty to provide this challenge.

We welcome their emergence from a secret society to an open organisation. We hope that they will avoid the pitfalls of becoming a reactionary body controlled by a political party and putting over the party line, railing against the bogies of "leftism" and "communism." Conservatism in itself is admirable, but when it allies itself with one narrow political ideology it defeats its own ends. Let E.P.C.S.A. not fall into this trap, as it is very easy to do, but let them rather concentrate on putting over a GENUINE conservative viewpoint, outside the influence of the Nationalist Party.

Crime and Punishment

IN THE last issue of RHODEO, clarification of a previous editorial was published on the front page. The editorial, "Is This Justice?" was not, and was never intended to be, an attack upon any personality. It attempted to show that the Disciplinary Code to which the students at this University are subjected is contrary to the fundamental principles of justice. It was the situation, and not the man, which was being held in question.

Despite widespread protests from the students, publicity in Rhodeo, and the setting up of an S.R.C. commission, the situation remains deplorable. The attitude which seems to be prevalent among the authorities is that the students subject themselves to whatever punishment may be meted out to them (when they sign the Code at registration). A more sophisticated line of argument in favour of the disciplinary status quo is that arbitrary action is necessary in the university situation in order to maintain the necessary respect for the office-bearers of the institution. The setting up of anything approaching a court of law, it is implied, would be a slight on the integrity of these office-bearers.

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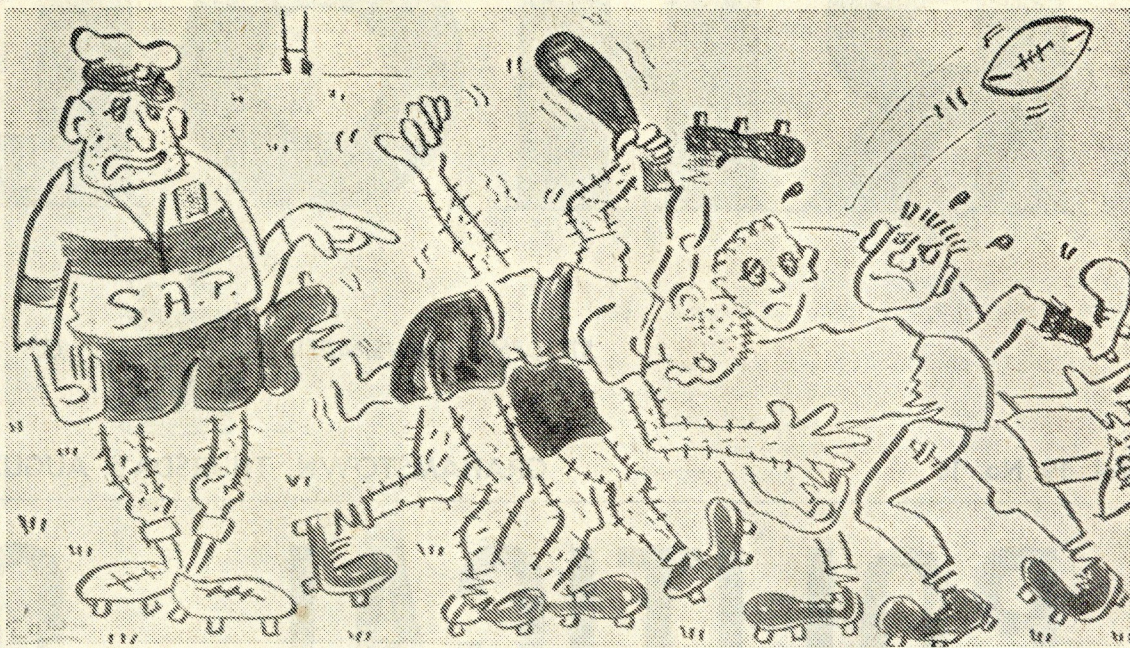
We are convinced that both these arguments are fallacious, although we do not question that they are put forward in the best of faith. Although in the technical legal sense the students do

subject themselves to the Code when they register, every effort should be made to see that the Code itself is an embodiment of equitable principles. Furthermore, the fact that the authorities of the university are prepared to accept the decision of a tribunal, acting in accordance with settled rules of procedure, would only increase their stature and reputation in the eyes of the students.

The RHODEO is not proposing that every offence at Rhodes should be tried by anything approaching a court of law. But we do maintain that, in any case where there is the possibility of the imposition of a severe sentence, such as expulsion from residence, some procedure in rough conformity with the rule of law should be adopted. Why, even in that stronghold of discipline, the Defence Force, men are given a court-martial before any serious punishment is imposed upon them.

Impartial Tribunal

The first priority is the setting-up of an impartial tribunal, adopting accepted rules of procedure. This would be in the interests of all concerned—both the authorities, who are shackled in their administration of discipline by an outworn set of rules; and the students, who have suffered in the past, and may suffer in the future, from the restrictive effects of those rules. For justice must not only be done, but it must be manifestly seen to be done.



"Wag eers boere! Moenie slaan nie—hulle is nog nie in die tronk nie."

Funeral Ball at Founders Hall

I ALWAYS find Hall Balls and their themes very interesting. Not only are some of them well thought out, but some are very apt.

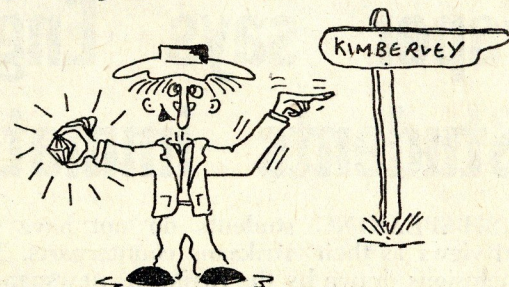
The prime function of the theme and the decorations for the Ball should be to make the guests feel as much at home as possible. Bearing this in mind, I think that the organisers of Founders Hall Ball should be congratulated on the magnificent "La Macabre."

Coffins, mummies and skeletons adorned the walls. The dracula-like Rhodes girls blended in well with the decorations. In fact, they blended in so well that one Botha man ended off the evening by dancing the last dance with a decoration. Must admit, though, it WAS bloody difficult to tell the difference.

Arts and Science week is here again, and for a week, the Arts and Sciences reign supreme. Significant how the Commerce faculty is neglected—and no small wonder. For while the Arts can contribute significantly to the week by production of various plays and play readings, and the Sciences can put on demonstrations of frogs (if you are interested in that sort of thing), the Commerce faculty produces no more than a series of avaricious young money grabbers.

Now this is probably why they have been excluded from the week. For what on earth could they put on display other than a series of young men mounted behind counters and playing the inevitable Jewish Piano (sold by the name of Cash Register). Hardly likely to attract anyone. Still we must not underestimate their role in society. After all what would we do without

Cecil John



people like that business magnate, Mr. D. A. South?

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I see that women can now 'Slim with Rob'. I must admit that I admire this man's courage. For it can only be attributed to courage when a man allows himself to witness daily the horrible physical contortions of a series of semi-depraved, moronic Rhodes women who are obese. This man should be paid for the inhumanities which he is expected to put up with.

Mind you, on looking around, I think that the greatest potential for slimming lies right here in the Rhodeo office. For seldom could an office be expected to put up with such a series of women who make the fat lady at the circus look like the children of the Kupugani posters. Through sheer physical incompetence they are able to type at a bare three words a minute. The best manage three words a minute. The majority can only do three minutes a word.

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Today marks the meeting at which nominations for the new S.R.C. are accepted. Always an interesting business, this highlight of the democratic year at Rhodes. The nominations are usually accepted with a queer mixture of delight and dismay. Delight at all those who are not standing, who you thought would stand and then obliged by turning up missing; and dismay at those who are standing.

Actually the issues, like everything else, are laid down by traditions. The radicals want more pressure on the Senate, and the conservatives want to be nice to the Afrikaans universities. The position at the Afrikaans universities is of course reversed. The radicals want more pressure on our traditional way of life, while the conservatives want to be nicer to the Senate.

Over the years the process has been very much simplified and the election issues have been reduced to the level where even the female voters can understand. All that electing a new S.R.C. involves is this: who do you want to try and change the women's

residence rules for the forthcoming year?

On reading the latest issue of Time magazine, I see that the latest craze in America is the thinnest book joke. According to the Americans, some of the shortest books include 'My future in boxing' by Sonny Liston, while the politicians enjoy 'My years in the White House' by Barry Goldwater. This could of course be adapted to a larger or smaller measure to the Rhodes campus and one immediately thinks of some of the better books which could appear on sale soon.

'Human rights and the African' by Johann Redelinghuys, 'The free girl and residence rules' by a Lady Warden, 'Kaif, Tomato Sauce and the new deal' by Cecil John, 'Good food and the Men's Residence' by a leading caterer.

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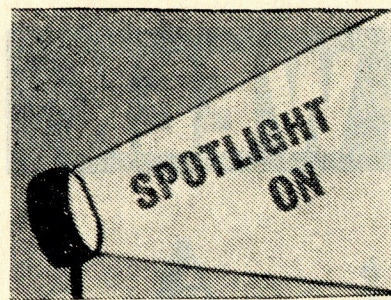
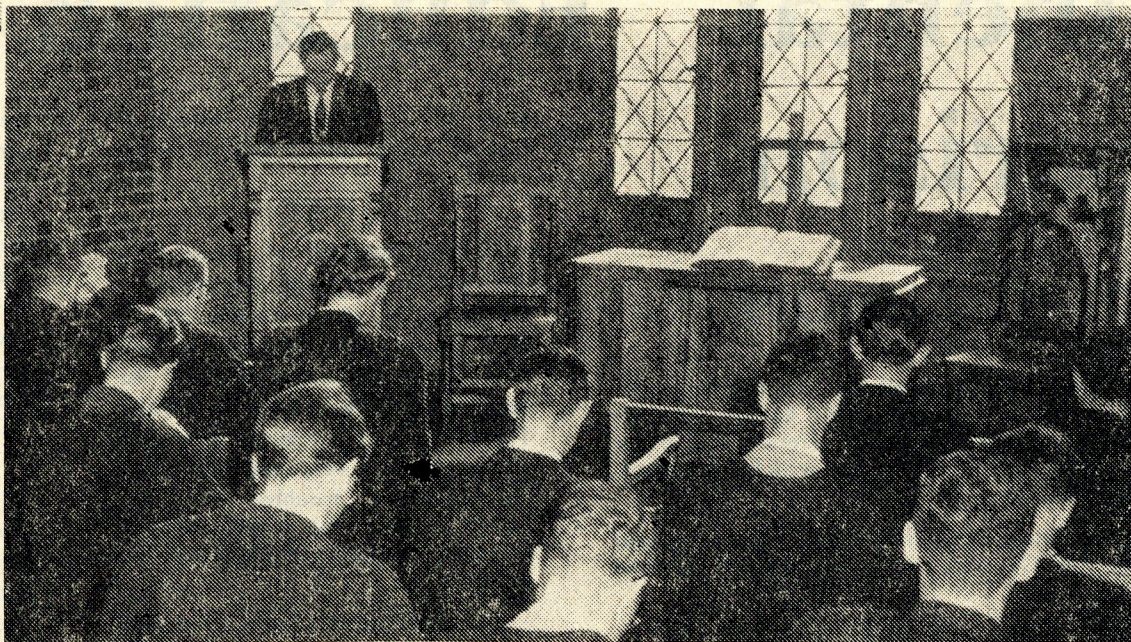
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INTANGIBLE TOKS

BY MARY INGLIS



FROM A Russian word meaning beetle, a Greek word meaning mother of God, or the African Tokolosh, meaning evil spirit—these are some of the theories on the origin of the word "Tok."

To the average student, a Tok is a Rhodes theological student, a somewhat incomprehensible being at times—serious, hard-working, often teetotal, non-smoking, possibly narrow-minded, and aloof. Whether this view is justified or not, most people don't bother to find out.

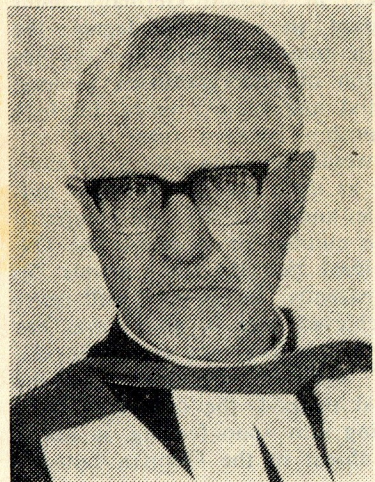
INTEGRATION

The majority of Toks are not very well integrated into campus life. The main reason for this seems to be the emphasis on religious beliefs which makes it difficult for Toks to mix with the rest of the campus. The danger in this is that the Tok can become insulated, forming an island with his own friends.

There are about 70 Toks at Rhodes, 27 of which live in Livingstone House, a separate residence at the end of the campus for Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist Toks. The Toks in this residence have been particularly criticised for not integrating.

PREJUDICE

Mr. Graham Brayshaw, a Livingstone Tok, said Living-



Prof. W. D. Maxwell
Photo by Hepburn and Jeanes

stone performed a valuable function in bringing the Free Churches together in a closer understanding of each others' differences, and in breaking down prejudices. To assist integration, however, he suggested Toks spend at least 2 years in an ordinary residence before going to Livingstone.

"Both students and Toks should make the moves," he said. "Toks should realise they are first and foremost ordinary students, and the student-body as a whole should accept them as such."

INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Martin Prozesky, a third-

year Tok, deplored the present situation. "The key-word seems to be that of Attie van Wijk's—identification or involvement" he said. "At present Toks are in the campus but not of the campus. And Toks should realise that any glory that may be gained from this is not their's, but God's."

The first Toks appeared at Rhodes in 1946, when an endowment from an Anglican-Congregational-Methodist organisation helped Rhodes to found the Chair of Divinity. This was done because specialised training for ministers was needed. Previously trainees for the Ministry had been sent abroad.

Rhodes has the only Faculty of Divinity in South Africa. Other Universities, such as Natal and Wits, have Divinity Departments within the Faculty of Arts, but these do not train clergy. The reason for this is

that the Churches prefer to concentrate on one place for training.

COURSES

Thirty-four undergraduate courses are offered to Toks, some of which overlap with Arts courses, while 20 courses are offered for the post-graduate B.D. course. There are also specialised courses for M.A. and Ph.D.

Professor W. A. Maxwell, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity for the past 10 years, said the Faculty was not able to offer as many courses as they would like because there are only 4 members of teaching staff. Rhodes could not afford a larger teaching staff because as a small university, it gets a relatively small government subsidy. This explains how Stellenbosch could have 8 teaching staff for approximately the same number of theological students.

Commenting on Attie van Wijk's statement that theological training was inadequate, Prof. Maxwell said the inadequacy lay less in the teaching and courses offered than in the fact that not sufficient time can be devoted to the training. The inadequacy could only be made up by training for 7 or 8 years, which would be impracticable.

Theological training is only an introduction to the Ministry, which is a lifetime study, he said. Basically the training is adequate and the right things are being taught.

Mr. Prozesky said he considered the theological fields were adequately covered, but there was a great need for better training in psychology and sociology. Mr. Brayshaw said more experience in practical psychotherapy was essential to meet today's demands.



THE FILM "Becket," like many of these long "epics" which have been appearing in the last few years, has received hundreds of rave critiques and, like all its multi-million dollar predecessors, is worth about as much as the

celluloid it is filmed on. It is a truism that the modern world is brainwashed by propaganda and advertising and audiences attend films like "Becket" with minds already conditioned to enthuse.

The film has numerous failings both in the action itself and in the production. The chief flaw is in the conversion of Becket. There is absolutely no mental conflict and there is no attempt whatsoever to try to account for his conversion from the blasphemous politician of the first part to the selfless martyr of the second.

The device of introducing a young boy, who is at first hostile to Becket and is then persuaded into a change of heart by the Hollywood trick of overhearing a "frank and open confession," is sentimental and completely unnecessary for the action. In fact, the death of the boy detracts from drama of Becket's own death which would have been far more effective had Becket died isolated and alone.

An attempt to portray the corruption of the papal court at the time does not mean that one must introduce courtiers with no more wit than ice-cream sellers. To be a courtier in a corrupt court requires intelligence. In taking leave of the Pope Becket merely turns his back and toddles out.

There are other horrible scenes: the typical scene, for instance, where the hero is in a paradise-like monastery surrounded ideally by cows and goats and things: he is perfectly happy but considers it his "duty" to return to the world. The suicide of the Welsh princess was sloppily done. The crowds were apathetic. The one interesting and effective scene was that of the excommunication.

The attempt to convey a serious theme was lost in cheap and superficial humour, the effect of which is only momentary and without value. The film should be sent to Russia to help promote decadence among the Russians.

HAVOC AT U.C.T. DANCE MEETING

FLOOR BOMBS and darts were thrown at a rowdy student-body meeting at U.C.T. on August 12. The meeting was called to discuss the controversial question of Social Practise.

Mr. Peter Maggs, President of the SRC had to call the meeting to order several times and once even threatened disciplinary action for unruly behaviour.

The motion was proposed by Bruce Ackerman and was to the effect that "closed dances were better than no dances." Mr. John Gurney proposed an amendment to the effect that the SRC should ban all segregated functions "rather than be party to Council's discriminatory policy on this campus."

HYPOCRISY

After Mr. Maggs's speech, Mr. Ackerman spoke in favour of his motion. At the outset he dissociated himself from the "CSA's abortive and unwise attempts to hold a segregated dance." He then criticized the S.R.C., accusing them of "blatant hypocrisy."

Mr. Gurney speaking to his amendment, said that the Council's wish to abide by the customs and conventions of our society was in fact a blanket ban on all mixed functions. He said that this was incompatible with UCT's principles of Academic Freedom.

After a brief summing-up in which Mr. Ackermann made a plea for sanity and Mr. Gurney appealed to students to abide by their principles, a vote was taken. 221 voted against Mr. Gurney's motion, a few abstained, and the remainder, estimated at well over 1,000, were in favour.

Thus students decided that there would be no more dances on the campus until Council lifted its ban on mixed functions.

VERWOERD

This furore took a new turn the following day when Dr. Verwoerd entered into the disputes with a statement made to the Annual Congress of the Transvaal branch of his party.

Under a headline "Government might use force," "Die Burger" reports the Prime Minister as saying "Students of the University of Cape Town who are so intolerant that they will force conservative students at the University to infringe the policy of the nation, will find that they will be forced to follow this policy." "Die Burger" describes Dr. Verwoerd's speech as "a sharp attack on 'neo-liberalism.'" He accused the SRC of not allowing conservative student bodies to exist because they would not have mixed functions as the SRC wished.

APPEAL BY C.S.A.

This statement follows an application by the CSA to the SRC to change its constitution to bar non-white students. The SRC refused to do this and the CSA subsequently refused membership to a non-white. As a result the SRC gave the CSA until 3 p.m. Wednesday before last to change its mind or cease to exist. The CSA has officially ceased to exist.

In an article in "Trend," organ of the Day Student's Council at UCT, Miss Annette Campbell-White, former Secretary of CSA wrote: "The CSA, as far as I can see was never anything else but a minor tool of the Nationalist Party."

—SANSIPA.

New Residence

Oakdene Private Hotel, near the University in Somerset Street, has been leased by the University authorities, and will be used as a residence as from the beginning of next year.

CONSERVATIVE BODY RECOGNISED

THE S.R.C. Executive has recognised the Eastern Province Conservative Students' Association.

The S.R.C. previously declined to recognise the Association on the grounds that several items in the constitution conflicted with official S.R.C. policy. The E.P.C.S.A. have re-considered their constitution, however, and on Monday the S.R.C. Executive accepted the re-drafted constitution, however, and on Monday the S.R.C. Executive accepted the re-drafted constitution.

The S.R.C. disagreed with the

clauses that stated all members were to be registered, that the Executive of the Association reserved the right to suspend the membership of any person who undermined its aims, and that the executive had the power to suspend or expel any member.

RECOGNITION

After a meeting between S.R.C. Chairman Eddie Webster and E.P.C.S.A. Executive member Colin Chambers, a constitution and a memorandum from twelve students asking that the Association be recognised was sent to the S.R.C.

At the S.R.C. meeting last week, Mr. Webster said the criteria for recognition of a society were that the constitution must not contravene any section of the S.R.C. constitution, there should be a need for the society and it should not clash with any existing society, and that the S.R.C. should have the finances to be able to give it an annual grant.

AIMS

The Association said its aims were to "oppose international action against South Africa and any South African supporting it."

Similarly E.P.C.S.A. "opposes any ideology that may undermine the continued existence and identity of white South African." The Association was "patriotic."

The Association "exists to promote the indigenous cultures of South Africa, an understanding of them and of the South African way of life." It was orientated against "leftism" and "communism."

E.P.C.S.A. aimed to cater for student interests to the extent of student exchange systems, bursaries and cultural centres throughout the country.

PAGE FOUR FEATURE OF THE WEEK

Continental Education : A comparison

BY HORST RUTHROFF

I HAVE BEEN asked to write a short article about the peculiarities and characteristics of the German university system. According to my subjects I am more familiar with the Faculty of Arts than with science and other departments. Therefore there will be an emphasis on Arts, which, of course, must not be misunderstood as a devaluation.

To begin with I will give a few basic facts that may help to explain many of the differences between the German and the South African University.

About 7 per cent of the white population of South Africa are enabled to attend a university, whereas in Germany the figure is less than 1 per cent—mass and elite education. Both, of course, have their pros and cons. In South Africa it is a political and economic necessity to have as many academically educated people as possible as a leading strata in the society of today and in the future. In Germany also, there are more academically educated people required, though not as many, but the traditional idea of a higher education that can only be kept up with a small number of really gifted people, is still predominant.

To compare the student who starts his studies at Rhodes with the one starting at the University of Munich it would be necessary to give the whole educational background of both from their first school days till matric. It may be sufficient here to point out that only 6 per cent of the pupils who start at the age of six finally matriculate, now at the average age of 20.

During the last two school years the student has already been told how to study independently, at least to a certain degree. Bibliographical notes and other hints are given to him in order to stimulate his interest in special fields within or besides the normal 13 subjects at school.

A student who has decided to study Arts finds out at the university that he is allowed to study as long as he wishes and how he likes within certain limitations. After four years he can—legally sit for his final exam, but nobody does this; the average Art student writes his examination after 5 years or more.

SEMINARE

A large number of lectures is offered to him. He may attend all or none of them, just as he wishes. But there are certain "Seminare" and exercises that are recommended to him at the outset. He is not obliged to start attending "Seminare" before his second or, if he has sufficient time and money for long studies, third year if he feels he should prefer independent study first.

During his studies, however, the student has to attend a minimum of "Seminare", to write a certain amount of "Seminararbeiten" (essays)—each between 15 and 30 typewritten pages—and to be able to hand in a prescribed number of certificates before he is allowed to write the final exam. This examination can cover the whole range of his studies or the studies he is expected to have "completed."

First and fifth year students may sit side by side in the main lectures. In Munich a well-qualified professor of the English Department addresses about 300 to 400 students, a pro-

fessor of Medicine lectures 800 or more students, half of whom are sitting in the room in which the professor himself speaks while the other half listen to the professor's voice relayed through a loudspeaker, in a neighbouring room. Good lectures are always crowded, and one often sees students sitting on window sills, near the feet of the professor or on steps at the back of the room, even on the floor.

Only professors are allowed to give lectures, the lectures are restricted to lower "Seminare" and Exercises. Therefore there are not as many lectures held as here at Rhodes.

The main part of the studies is done by the student himself or with small groups of friends. I know quite a few science students who have been studying successfully with this group system till their exams. Each one of the group has a special branch of the course to attend and to report on what he has heard, at the end of the week. He hands the typewritten copies of his scripts to the other members of the group. This system spares the student much unnecessary inconvenience such as running about and early rising and en-

ables him to profit from lectures he himself cannot attend due to clashes.

PUBS

Another method of intensifying one's studies is through discussions in the pubs of an afternoon and at night. In Southern Germany, particularly, this is a custom which no student would allow to drop into disuse. The students sit behind their half litre glasses of beer and talk about their interests, troubles, difficulties, and it is there that a great deal of knowledge acquired is expressed and discussed.

To appreciate this habit more fully one must first see the different position of a German or French student to that of a South African. The general mental chaos after the war left the young people with only one thing on which they could rely: honest but deeply ironic, often cynical, criticism of everything, especially of all those "old values" that had failed in the years between 1933 and 1945: the Church, almost a total failure; idealism, exploited; the authority of parents and teachers and professors as questionable as everything else. The only solution that seemed reliable was to severely control one's emotions, to be intellectually critical to the highest possible degree and not to accept "truths" from "authorities" without discussing and questioning them.

Such is the mental position of the Central European student, and the young people developed a certain pride in their new-found independence. They pride themselves on having read a book dealing with a subject on which the professor was lecturing in spite of his not recommending it—perhaps because of a different viewpoint. Perhaps the professor is even a demagogue; who is able to control him?

The results of this detached attitude seem to affirm that the student is on

the right way. A competent professor is still such, but now not because he has perforce to be admired as a person of importance, but because of the integrity of his teaching and the quality of his work. The weak professor is, of course, exposed now to open sarcasm, whereas our parents would have still respected him after a certain fashion.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

For 5 or 6 years the Arts student studies almost unaided. Naturally, there are a few serious shortcomings in this system of "academic freedom." The temptation to study inadequately is great, and it is only because the students begin at the age of 19 to 22 that, in general, they are successful.

But even among the diligent workers there are many who do not pass their final exam. One can only repeat the final exam once, a year later. But if one fails again, all the exertion was fruitless, and the student still has the matric as his only qualification, after 5 or 6 years of studies.

In order to diminish the rate of failures the "Kultusministerium" (Department of Education, Arts and Science) in Western Germany tends to adapt, to a certain degree, the English tutorial system for the instruction of undergraduates, at least for first and second years. Intimate relationship between tutor and student would be quite difficult in Germany as there are not sufficient universities and university staff compared to the number of students. The Oxford ideal that the tutor stands "in loco parentis" to his pupil will never be achieved, and is, after what has been said before, not really the students' wish. So the danger of the tutorial method, the degeneration of teaching into spoonfeeding, is not a great threat in the German system.

THESIS

A student who is regarded as particularly gifted by his professor may apply for a M.A. thesis or a Doctorate. Normally the "Staatsexamen" (final governmental exam) shows the student's qualifications for further studies. Sometimes a few exceptionally good essays in a "Seminare" may be sufficient for the professor to grant him this opportunity. Then the student concentrates on his thesis, but at the same time on usually 2 majors for the oral exam which he has to pass after having handed in the thesis.

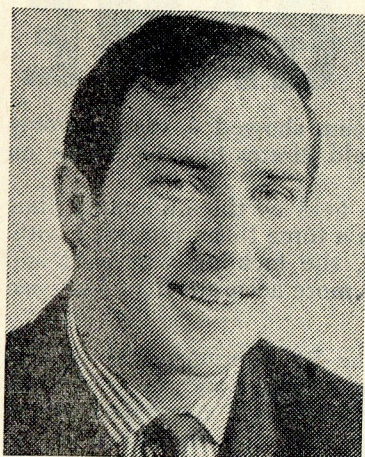
Before I conclude, a few remarks concerning the private life of the student when away from lectures. None of our universities are anything like the Rhodes campus or have anything like this intense atmosphere that is created by a great number of young people living closely together and knowing each other. But this seems to be more a characteristic of Rhodes than of the South African universities in general, and I have been told that the Cape Town students lead to a greater extent the "free" life of the Continental student.

All the characteristics of the post-war German student have a similar trend: emphasis on the development of an individualistic personality. The education in a community has been completed two years prior to their university career. Individualism, however, also has its shortcomings, but here we must understand it as a reaction against a totalitarian system that culminated in its having unlimited power over everybody.



Mr. Horst Ruthroff, from the Universities of Munich and Erlangen, Germany, who is at present taking English Linguistics of an eight-month period on an exchange scholarship. He is at present preparing the thesis for his doctorate in English Literature, which is concerned with the human situations which arise when the two cultures come into conflict.

SPORTRAIT



VERNON LIDDIARD

OUR Sportrait this week is Vernon Liddiard. In addition to being selected for the Proteas weightlifting team for the fourth time he was also awarded the champion of champions trophy for being the best lifter at the recent intervarsity.

TWO TITLES

V.C. (as he is best known) began lifting about 5 years ago and had as his coach the present South African Featherweight Champion, Hubert Montgomery. In 1960 he won his first title, the Western Province Novice Championships, and followed up on this by winning the W.P. Junior title in 1961 and 1962.

In 1962 V.C. came to Rhodes and together with John Horn and Rob Meara established the Rhodes weightlifting club. In the same year Rhodes was represented at the intervarsity, and the team which consisted of only three members did well to come second. At the 1962 intervarsity V.C. won the light-heavyweight title and was selected for the Proteas team. 1962 also saw V.C. win the S.A. Junior middle-heavyweight title.

INJURY

In 1963 V.C. won the E.P. Senior and Junior light-heavyweight titles and at intervarsity was again selected for the Proteas side even though he was unfortunate to lose his intervarsity light-heavyweight title owing to an ankle injury received while playing house rugby.

Last year V.C. successfully defended his E.P. senior light-heavyweight title. At last year's intervarsity he won the middle-heavyweight, and was consequently selected for the Proteas side for the third time.

INTER-VARSITY

At this year's intervarsity V.C. won the light-heavyweight title and by lifting 300 lbs. in the clean and jerk event, broke the existing record by 10 lbs. In addition to being awarded the Champion of Champions trophy V.C. was also selected to represent Proteas for the fourth successive year. Unfortunately V.C. will not be able to defend his senior light-heavyweight title owing to an injured wrist.

Weightlifting is a very demanding sport as regards training, and consequently V.C. (and most of the other lifters at Rhodes) train between five and seven days a week, throughout the year.

CIVIL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN STARTED

CAPE TOWN.— The UCT NUSAS Local Committee has initiated a national educational campaign for civil rights.

Mr. Raymond Suttner, Chairman of the committee, told a SANSPA reporter that he hoped that as many activities as possible would take place at all centres. Lectures would be organized and fact papers issued on civil rights. He also hoped to hold exhibitions.

Mr. Suttner said that the Local NUSAS Committees at Wits., JCE, Rhodes, TCEA, UND, UNP, UNNE had already indicated their support for the campaign. All these centres were already engaged or planning membership drives for the Civil Rights League.

It is reported that messages of support from overseas bodies such as the Oxford Labour Club and the Joint Action Committee Against Racial Intolerance (JACARI) had been received.

On the UCT campus, many well-known speakers have been invited to speak on varying aspects of Civil Rights.

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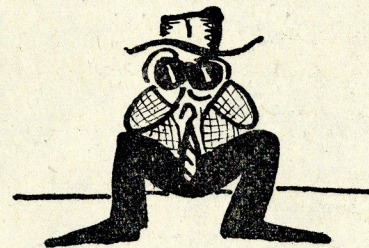
J. K. GATING

A SENIOR WOMAN in John Kotze has been given a week's strict gating. This severe sentence is as a result of her going to the Kowie without signing out, and then coming in an hour late.

Severe gating is like solitary confinement. It amounts to being confined in one's room at night, and reporting to the Lady Warden every hour. No visitors are allowed in the room at all.

The gating is apparently a set rule for the particular offence of coming in late, but its severity has instituted an enquiry. The House Committee is holding a meeting on the matter and it is hoped to have the sentence somewhat mitigated.

POLICE SABOTAGE CLEAN RUGBY GRANDSTAND VIEW



POLICE STRUCK a great blow against the interests of cleaner rugby when they played Rhodes on the Great Field last Saturday; in fact, they struck a great many blows.

The behaviour of a couple of their players was disgraceful, and more fit for the jungle than for a rugby field. Their language was colourful, to say the least. They did nothing to improve their image when they refused to shake hands with Rhodes players after the game.

DEPLORABLE

As long as referees refuse to take immediate and severe action against players using "strong-arm" methods, this deplorable and reprehensible state of affairs will persist in the Eastern Cape. Rugby is not a game when it is played the way it was on Saturday—it is a punishment for the Rhodes players. Last week I criticized people who played House Rugby rather than rugby for their university—on Saturday I could not blame them.

SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

If Rhodes were at times unsettled by the Police tactics, they really had only themselves to blame for their 22-12 defeat. The greatest fault of the 1st XV is not lack of fitness, but lack of finesse; not so much an insufficiency of strength and weight, but an inadequacy of scientific approach towards the game.

Recently, Neil Jardine, the former Rhodes flyhalf and current Rhodesian captain, said: "Rugby is a thinking game—it is NOT a running game or kicking game. This mania for running

with the ball and playing open rugby at all costs is stupid. You must adapt yourself to the circumstances and play to your strength."

THINK

Rhodes must learn to think on the field; its players, in the words of the old adage, must "look before they leap." At least two of Police's tries on Saturday were attributable to thoughtless play on the part of the Rhodes backs.

Two of the few Rhodians who constantly have their wits about them are Dave Lewis and Ray Radloff. The lesson is obvious—one of them is already playing for E.P., and the other should be.

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Turning from rugby to hockey, one is dismayed to hear of bickering and small-mindedness within the Hockey Club threatening to jeopardise the side's league efforts this season. All in all, this has been a sorry winter for Rhodes sport.

CONSTRUCTIVE

Nevertheless, despite their internal troubles, the Rhodes men's team played good, constructive hockey last Sunday against one of the leading P.E. teams, Pirates. Goalkeeper Simon Troughton, who had an outstanding game against P.E.M. the previous

week, played another "blinder" last Sunday.

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A hockey goalkeeper has always been my idea of a sporting "Aunt Sally," and a man in a most unenviable position, but the quick-witted Simon obviously enjoys every minute of every game. His acute sense of positional play and lightning reflexes are a constant obstacle to visiting forwards. As Milton would say: They also serve who only stand and wait." More power to Simon's elbow — or his pads, at least.

While talking of pads, and with summer approaching, one is reminded of the fact that Rhodes have a busy cricket season ahead of them this year. After playing at intervarsity at Stellenbosch (December 6 to 10), they leave on the 11th for a tour of Rhodesia.

RHODESIAN TOUR

In Rhodesia, they will play 6 games — against three Salisbury sides (including an Old Rhodian XI), a Manicaland XI, a Matabeleland XI, and a Midlands XI. The tour ends on December 22. If anyone with transport would like to accompany the team on their tour (and Rhodesian hospitality is famous), he should contact Pete Haxton in Pringle House. A raffle to raise funds for the tour will be held in the near future.

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PERSPECTIVE COMMENTS FROM THE AFRIKAANS STUDENT PRESS

The new President and Vice-President of A.S.B. are both from Stellenbosch University. According to an editorial in "Die Matie" the Stellenbosch student newspaper, this forebodes a new moderation, for which the South is famous, in A.S.B. leadership.

It goes on to say, "The extreme left view of some student organisations can easily give rise to right-extremism reaction in the A.S.B. Should this happen, the Bond can suffer from it, because extremism destroys itself in the end."

We are convinced that the new leaders will give the correct leadership in this respect."

BRINK

Considerable argumentative cor-

respondence between Andrew Brink, one of the leading Sestigers, and "Die Matie" was terminated by the Editor, although Mr. Brink indicated his willingness to "wrestle with ideas" with him.

In an earlier issue of "Die Matie" the Sestigers were accused of not seeking the glory of God in their works.

Mr. Brink, in his reply, denied this as far as himself was con-

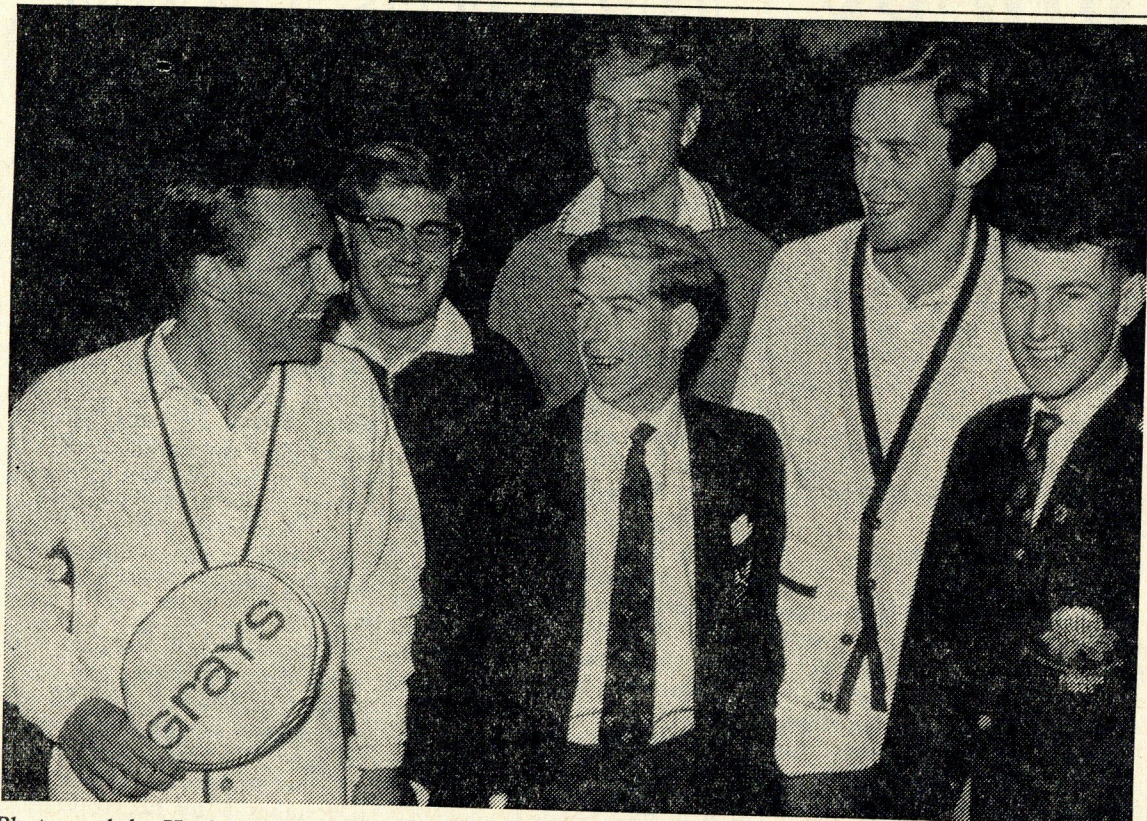
cerned. He adds that God can reveal Himself in more ways than we bear knowledge of and that for those who accept man and creation as the will of God, also recognise atheistic works of art as honouring Him because He allowed it.

In the Editor's reply, he questions whether Mr. Brink is talking of the God of the Bible and whether his work is not just art for the sake of art.

He finally makes an appeal to Mr. Brink to show himself to be a new "Voortrekker with a Bible."

Squash players

IMPROVED

HOCKEY IX
DRAW GAME

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The touring British Colts Squash Team are seen sharing a joke with members of the Rhodes team. In the background are Eldred Archibald, Dave Erskine and Dave Brazier. In the foreground are Peter Gerlow, Clive Francis and Tim Woods. Archibald and Erskine were outclassed by their supremely fit and agile opponents Gerlow and Brazier respectively. Woods put up a magnificent fight to extend Francis to five games. Winning the first game with comparative ease Woods then showed lapses of concentration in losing the next two games. He then drew level by winning the fourth game and in the fifth game after leading 5-4 was unlucky to be beaten 9-5.

GRAHAM HOUSE
UPSET

Graham House caused a minor upset in the house rugby league on Sunday when they drew 3-3 with Oppidans. Graham, generally considered to be one of the underdogs of house rugby surprised the powerful Oppidans' side with some tenacious defence. Oppidans' points came from a try by Tim Ford, the result of an excellent movement started on their own twenty-five. Graham's points came from a try by Olly Claassen.

Badminton

The Badminton Club will be the first team to play in the new Sports Hall on Thursday when they take part in a triangular tournament. Rhodes 1st. Team, league champions, will play against a Northern Zone team comprising of players from Bedford, Fort Beaufort and Alice-dale, and a Southern Zone team which includes players from Grahamstown and Alexandria. This should prove a very entertaining night's badminton as all the best Midlands players will be on view.

First XV beaten up

Rhodes 1st XV suffered a further defeat last Saturday by losing rather a disappointing game 22-12 to Port Elizabeth Police. Earlier on this year Rhodes had beaten the same team in Port Elizabeth.

BOXING SEEMS
TO BE ON
THE DECLINE

WHAT has happened to the Annual Army vs. Rhodes Boxing tournament and the inter-hall Boxing tournament?

It would be a tragedy if these two events were not held this year, especially after the good start the Boxing Club made by winning two novice titles at the beginning of the year.

In the previous couple of years Rhodes have decisively beaten the Army and last year their superiority was particularly evident when the heavier Rhodes boxers outpunched their opponents to win the last four matches.

INTER-HALL

Inter-hall boxing has also been a popular attraction from the spectator point of view with a floating trophy donated last year for the best boxer. Usually the house with the most entrants wins the cup and the prestige that goes with it. In 1963 both Founders and Drostdy Halls entered large teams, Drostdy winning the close contest. In 1964 Thomas Pringle and Smuts had the large teams with a few entrants from the other halls. Jan Smuts won the tournament.

No boxer who has boxed for Rhodes in the past three years is eligible to enter and generally, where possible, boxers are matched according to experience. Great care is taken to ensure that no one will be injured so that a good time is had by both spectators and entrants.

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The Rhodes team seemed to lack fire and failed to take the initiative in a game they could have won. Although Rhodes won a fair share of the ball from both line-outs and scrums, aimless kicking from flyhalf, Wannenburg, and lack of penetration by the back line, seemed to make Rhodes an impotent team.

The defence can only be described as pathetic, although it would be unfair to mention as such the brilliant play of full-back, Ray Radloff. Playing a well-nigh faultless game, Radloff showed once again that the E.P. selectors seldom watch a Rhodes game.

Rhodes' points came from a try by Fairy Newman who crashed over with the Rhodes pack, and three penalties by Radloff.

NEXT WEEK'S DIARY

Friday, August 27—In the G.L.T. at 7.45 p.m.: 'Why I believe in Separate Development'—A lecture by Chief Kaiser Matanzima of the Transkei.

Monday, August 30—The opening of Arts and Science Week in the Great Hall at 8.00 p.m.: Margaret Inglis' production of 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

Tuesday, August 31: 'Light Classical Music for All Brows', a concert produced by the Chamber Choir and the Music Department—at 8.00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Wednesday, September 1 in the G.L.T. at 8.00 p.m.: 'Comments on My Work'—an address by Uys Krige, the translator of Lorca's 'Yerma'.

Thursday, September 2, at 8.00 p.m. in the G.L.T.: The film 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner' will be screened.

THE RHODES men's Hockey team showed a vast improvement in their game when they held Pirates to a 1-1 draw on Sunday.

Although the side took the field as the underdogs they proved that they were more than a force to be reckoned with. They were faster onto the ball, the tackling was hard and purposeful and their passes were more accurate than has been the case in the previous games.

The match was played at terrific pace throughout and the first half saw Rhodes do most of the attacking. They were well rewarded when Bruce Delaney managed to score with a neatly placed reverse stick shot, following a concerted attack on the Pirate's goal. Pirates at this stage were beginning to settle down on the fast, unfamiliar gravel pitch and Simon Troughton made some magnificent saves. Rhodes were clearly superior in this half although there were sporadic sorties by the opposition into Rhodes territory. The half time score was Rhodes 1 and Pirates 0, this being a narrow but well deserved lead.

The second half followed much the same pattern as before and for the first ten minutes Rhodes looked dangerous. However, Pirates then took control as

the Rhodians appeared to fade with fatigue and the next fifteen minutes was a complete reverse in style of game. Pirates centred their attack on Springbok Jon Roberts and during this period the opposition engineered a rather easy goal after a misunderstanding in the Rhodes defence. The Rhodians attacked strongly in the remaining time and all but clinched the game but for a magnificent save by the opposition goalkeeper who cleared the ball inches from the goal.

It was pleasing to see more effort by all members of the team and this paid dividends as evidenced by the score. On this performance, with perhaps a happier medium set up between the forwards and the backs, the team can look forward to more successes in the remaining few games of this season.

WOMEN

In a very slow game Rhodes 1st. defeated the Town side 3-2 (E. Finland 1, P. Pope 2). Rhodes certainly did not do themselves justice, lacking their usual thrust and penetration. Everyone was rather lethargic and slow on the ball. The game was continually being held up by fouls coming from both sides.

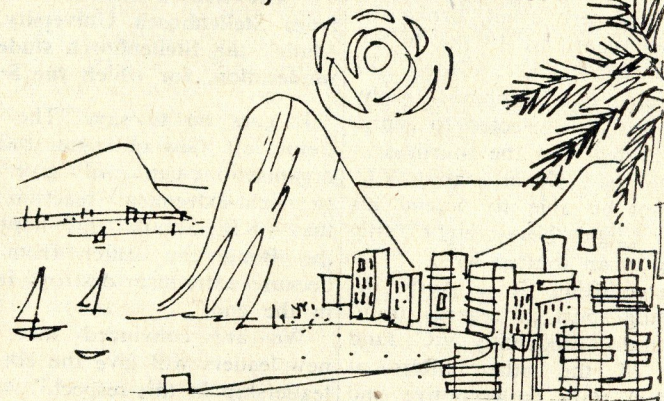
Though the game never reached a very high pitch, it was keenly contested because of its influence on the final positions on the Grahamstown log. With only one league match left, against T.C. seconds Rhodes is now assured of top position, whatever the outcome of this match.

Rhodes 2nd's were somewhat disgraced by being beaten 6-2 by V.G. 1st's in a friendly.

Rhodes 3rd. lost (1-3) to T.C. 1st's.

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