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FLEW ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

An interview with the philosopher

by Bryan Rostron

ACADEMIC FREEDOM is the right of enquiry and publication, and the right to teach the results without bigoted and conservative criticism. Mr. Anthony Flew, Professor of Philosophy at Keele University, stressed this in a RHODEO interview this week.

Professor Flew delivered the Day of Academic and Human Freedom speech on Tuesday.

Euthanasia — but with permission, says Flew

WITHOUT THE permission of the person concerned, euthanasia would be murder, according to Professor Anthony Flew, Professor of Philosophy at Keele University.

He was speaking last Sunday in the Kaif Graduates Lounge to a large group which crowded in to hear him.

Euthanasia is the legal right to die, by choice, with certain religious safeguards, he said.

The conditions for the exercising of euthanasia are those of incurable and painful physical disease.

He said that the correct approach to euthanasia is concerned above all with the reduction of suffering; but at the same time, it is concerned with human dignity and respect for the wishes of the individual person.

PICK - A - BOX PRIZE FOR WITS

A R600 scholarship will be awarded to a student at the University of the Witwatersrand as a result of the victory of a team of Wits students in a radio quiz show, "Pick-a-Box".

Last year the sponsors of the programme invited a team of Wits students to compete against a team of Pretoria students. The Wits team won the contest and the prize.

In the course of the programme, they also won R240, which they donated to the Edward Roux Bursary Fund.

The scholarship will probably be given to a student who has just passed first year, and will be awarded on the criteria of academic merit and financial need.

—SANSIPA/WITS STUDENT.

When asked if his definition of academic freedom meant that there could be no academic freedom in South Africa, he refused to comment.

He said university entrance should not be by race or colour, but by academic qualification.

Referring to the recent inter-SRC debate when the Potchefstroom delegation said where there were two racial groups at a university, they should be represented by Whites only, Professor Flew commented: "Surely this conflicts with the idea of representation."

Inconsistent

He said that representatives must be elected by the groups concerned.

The rebel UCT SRC controversy was also inconsistent with the ideal of academic freedom. He said where one race is prepared to learn through the medium of another's language, it should be accorded all the facilities of the university.

Integration

Professor Flew criticised the Rhodes Inky segregation system and said that at Keele University the integration of first year men was successful.

"The only reason for such a system is if the seniors are an undesirable influence, and if first years are too corruptible," he said.

Publicity over rumpus

EXTENSIVE NEWSPAPER coverage was accorded to rowdiness at Rhodes, following last week's reports in RHODEO.

Both regional and national newspapers mentioned the week of drunkenness and disturbances on the campus.

The local newspapers were the **Daily Dispatch** and the **Eastern Province Herald**.



Adding a last-minute touch to the dress of a smilingly confident Olivia (Isobel Rennie) is Ken Robinson, designer of the set of Twelfth Night.

CONTROVERSY OVER SPY'S TALK AT DURBAN

The chairman of the Conservative Students' Union, at the University of Natal, Mr. Renier Schoeman, has threatened to call in the police to stop students from defacing posters advertising Mr. Gerard Ludi's meeting on the campus on June 3.

Mr. Ludi, a former Security Branch policeman who is now a journalist, will speak on "How student organisations are used by Communists throughout the world".

Mr. Schoeman said: "We have put up several posters, but all have either been torn down or defaced."

Mr. Schoeman said the editor of the student newspaper,

DOMÉ, Mr. Dave Hemson, had not given the meeting enough publicity.

"This week's issue carried a cartoon of Mr. Ludi and a brief mention that he was speaking," he said.

DISCRIMINATION

"I consider this discrimination of the worst kind.

"Because the meeting is being organised by the conservative students, we are denied reasonable publicity."

• Meanwhile, about 400 students at the University of Natal, Durban, this week expressed their confidence in their student newspaper, DOMÉ, and its editor.

A resolution passed by the meeting noted that Mr. Hemson had at all times presented carefully-balanced views in the paper. The motion said that responsible criticism was necessary.

It called upon the Students' Representative Council to obtain

from the University administration its assurances that it too supported the continued independence of the student Press.

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RHODEO

A lost cause?

Academic freedom. Only a few students will read further — for these are two dirty words, vague words that have something to do with NUSAS. That is bad.

Earlier this week Rhodes' University staff and students reaffirmed their belief in academic and human freedom at the Affirmation Ceremony.

Many students attended the ceremony out of curiosity. They thought the address delivered by Professor Flew was brilliant, and they rose with their fellows to join in the dedication. Then they went off to Kaif and discussed Beit House, the Inter-varsity and "scopes" . . .

Many students did not go to the ceremony. "Only two weeks to the exams, you know".

Fortunately, there are still students at Rhodes and in South Africa who firmly and sincerely believe in the concept of academic and human freedom.

But as these freedoms are slowly and almost imperceptably eroded in this country, as an increasing number of "education" bills pass through our parliament, these people seem to be fighting a losing battle. Their numbers diminish — but they fight on.

What is this academic freedom they believe in? What has it to do with the average student?

The real purpose of a university in society is the pursuit of truth — the unbiased search for knowledge. Academic freedom is basically the freedom to be able to carry out this function unhindered. Without this freedom a university cannot be regarded as a true university.

The fight for academic freedom in South Africa is the fight against an increasing number of hindrances imposed by those who put ideology before truth. It is a fight to have our universities function as true universities — and it is also a fight to retain one of the basic freedoms of society.

At present it seems to be a losing fight. But does this mean we must remain silent? Is our reaffirmation just an empty gesture? Is the cause already lost?

No. While universities like Rhodes continue to pledge themselves to the cause of academic freedom each year, it is not lost. While individuals, however few they might be, continue to speak out in defence of this cause, there is still hope.

While men like Professor Flew continue to keep the flame of freedom ablaze each year, the fight will continue. We thank Professor Flew for performing this vital task this year.

We must print the facts

BY THE EDITOR

AN INEBRIATED student damages some property on the campus. The next week a report appears in RHODEO. Soon afterwards the student is reprimanded by the authorities.

And so some elements have accused RHODEO recently of "causing trouble" in this way.

But is it wrong for a newspaper to print the facts? Has the press the right to suppress news just because it might harm the minority?

Or does the blame not lie squarely on the shoulders of the student who caused the damage or who broke the rules?

Every self-respecting newspaper has to consider the interests of its readers as a whole. RHODEO feels it is in the interests of Rhodes University that large-scale drunkenness and vandalism be wiped off the campus.

DELIBERATELY

Therefore we cannot deliberately suppress news about acts of rowdiness.

But what about the fact that a news story printed in RHODEO might be taken up by the national press?

We feel we cannot leave a wrong uncovered just because of

such possibilities. It is the responsibility of the national press to consider whether the story is in the interests of its readers as a whole.

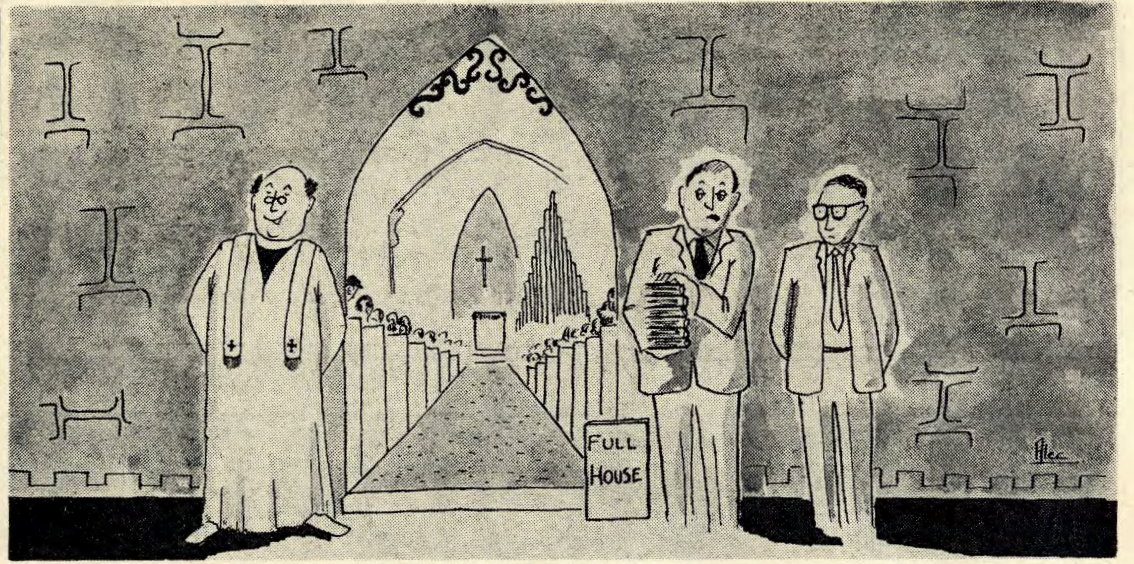
REPUTATION

And it is the responsibility of student offenders to remember their university's reputation before they act, not only when RHODEO wishes to publish their misdeeds.

This newspaper tries to keep Rhodes University's name as high as possible in the country, but we can only mirror the facts.

If a student's name is not necessary to a news story, we do not feel obliged to name him. If it is necessary to the story it is our duty to name him.

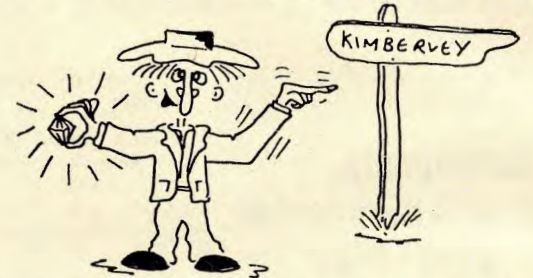
So students should not waste their time asking RHODEO to suppress news or their names for their own petty interests. This newspaper's duty is to its readers as a whole — that is, to the students of Rhodes University.



The vicar is under the impression that it is his "with it" sermons that are drawing the students at this time of year.

Kaif or bust . . .

Cecil John



Some of you may just remember that last year the campus chief suffragette, (one Hollingshead) successfully engineered a new intrusion into the ever-decreasing privacy of the male.

The SRC loves debacles like the one that inevitably followed, and apparently never learns. This year inter-Hall dining is "to be tried again" (God knows what for). Well, if you happen to like eau-de-cologne with your Elephant's Foot or simpering smiles with your apple blini's, good luck and I hope you enjoy it.

This year the system is to be conducted by means of "invitation" (?) — instead of the old way when each Hall sent out its worst half (talent wise) and received the grottiest possible selection from the reciprocating Hall.

As my predecessor remarked, there seems to be only one private place left — and how much time can you spend there.

But then the whole concept of eating at Rhodes has been elevated to a ridiculous level. Conditions being what they are, eating here is a strictly practical business — an attempt to ward off malnutrition, and hardly a social occasion (or, what with one thing, and the other indigestible, hardly the type of social occasion one relishes finding in the realistic outside world).

Take "formal" meals, for instance. Well I must say a gown can be quite useful at times — it can be (and is) variously used to mop up spilt soup or gravy, to blow one's nose, to clean up coffee that cruds have spilt on your cell floor, and has sundry other uses.

But as an attempt to elevate food of a type to a higher level it fails miserably. Lamb once wrote an essay praising roast port (B.Comm's please note that there is no contradiction here), but then he had something to talk about.

Getting the stuff down is the main purpose of a meal — not the honouring of stuffy medieval traditions.

Reports that Brian Pincus has been requested to advise the Israeli army on how to award a commission to distributors of

free anti-Arab propaganda are the short-comings of the integration system.

Last week dear Jane had something to say about Rhodians and their shoes. She omitted mention of Rhodians E and F. Rhodian E wears high heels, simpers . . . enough said. Rhodian F has black hair, walks about with her petticoat showing, loathes everyone without reason, and wears flat-heeled clogs. Rhodian F is Jane Lurie.

Shame, Adamson are all upset with me because they think they have the best spirit (that word!) on the campus. My children, maybe time will teach you that there is a subtle, nay even elusive, difference between good House spirit and sheer bad taste.

But who am I to stand superior? We were all the same in our day. Six months isn't enough to teach the distinction — and of course, Inks can't be blamed for

Three cheers for the Senate! Some of you like to think of yourselves as the Paris Mob storming the Britten. If that's the way you feel, why not go to the Congo? Plenty of opportunity for you there . . .

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PROF'S BOOK BREAKS NEW GROUND

The publication of a book incorporating some of the latest developments in the field of English Linguistics, is the outcome of recent research by a member of the English Department.

The book "The Elements of English" was written by Professor W. R. G. Branford, Professor of English Language.

The book is intended as an introduction to the study of English Language for first-year university students.

"Linguistics like any science has no cast-iron model" said Prof. Branford. He is ready to accept constructive criticism of his theories.

DIAGRAMS

The diagrams by Mr. Kenneth Robinson of the Dept. of Fine Art were described by Prof. Branford as the best he has seen.

Prof. Branford who was educated at the Universities of Cambridge, Cape Town and Natal is Director of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa.

The Institute established in 1964 with the support of a

number of newspaper and publishing firms and the Oppenheimer Foundation has sponsored a number of research projects and organizes refresher courses for teachers of English.

The accident was a stunt

The recent "accident" which occurred in front of the library was a NUSAS stunt.

In this split-second timed hoax, Mr. Mike Sprout, of Oakdene, knocked down Courtney Roscoe, a Soc. Science student. Real blood, which had been kept under his sweater, poured from the "injured" student. An ambulance, siren wailing, arrived to carry him away.

The hoax was organised as part of the NUSAS Road Safety Week. A large crowd of students were fooled, there were also eight phone calls to the fire brigade and a librarian fainted.



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And Sheridons were muddy. Nearly late.

By PETE LAWTON

Worried Smuts Ball Committee, worried Sheridons manager. Where are they? Not a word all day from them. After 5.45 p.m. phone calls, off to station. Find five drowned rats, vaguely resembling Sheridons.

On the way to Kowie to play in Grand Hotel, minibus engine soaked at Kowie bridge. Eventually running on three cylinders. Bus won't make the hill. Out into rain, push up to Hotel. Clothes soaked. Arrive hotel 7.55. Due to start at 8.00. Dance ends 1 a.m. Go to friends house for night. No overnight clothes, as planned to come back that night. Play cards for a while. Suddenly cloudburst in earnest, wall of water bursts in thru door. House swamped.

Spent rest of night till 6 a.m. trying to get water out. Three hours sleep. Push minibus to

garage to have engine dried out. Began hearing reports of roads flooded or washed away between Kowie and Grahamstown. Everybody says no hope of getting back. Have to. Smuts Ball.

No trouble to Bathurst, but three cylinders won't make the hill. Decide to go round. Mud. Push up to knees in giant puddle. Engine under water. Half-hour later get out of "puddle". Engine starts. Amazing. Clouds of smoke and steam. Happy now. Think worst over. Sing.

But, bridge flooded on first detour. Detour washed away in fact. Policeman says road impassible. Turn for Martindale to try to get onto train. Mud all the way. Out into rain and mud and push. Eventually arrive in Martindale. See train leaving. Wrong train, thank heaven. Find 3 drunk inhabitants, plus large dog with desire of eating Fuller's feet. Gerry hungry. Tries to swipe biltong. Train comes. One coach. Train races off at 10 miles per hour. Slightly hysterical at this stage.

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PARENTS AS WELL AS AUTHORITIES in schools and universities should not be ahead of their times in their attitudes towards sexual morality. Instances of pushing children and students too far and too fast are becoming quite common. Most psychiatrists are familiar with fathers who arrange liaisons for their sons with prostitutes or other ladies of easy virtue in order "to make men of them". There are mothers too, who give a diaphragm to daughters who had no thoughts of becoming sexually involved until that very moment. Universities often unwittingly condone or encourage in their students sexual behaviour which is far in advance of the cultural and familial mores of the moment.

Of course when the authorities at a university liberalise their residence rules, they do not do so in the expectation that the bedrooms will become love-nests. The students requesting the changes were asking that they be trusted to behave in a circumspect fashion, and perhaps the leaders who persuaded the administration to change the rules did indeed enjoy study dates and intellectual discussions in the living-rooms only.

But it seems ironical that a university residence should be the only legal place where unmarried couples can share a bedroom. No hotel, motel, club or private homes would allow such goings-on. Of course it is easy to register at a motel with a girl who is not one's wife, but this involves using a false name, which makes it patently obvious to those signing the register that a crime is being committed.

Many of the universities throughout the world, which have been altering their residence rules liberally, are probably unaware also that they are giving tacit consent to the mutual enjoyment of the hospitality of a bed.

This is a generosity above and beyond that given or approved of by most parents, as well as by the law of the land. This permissiveness puts an unhealthy degree of pressure on the segment of the student population looking for help in curbing their natural impulses, as well as on that other group of students who are not ready to meet this kind of challenge though they may not know this themselves.

In another fashion the authorities of a certain university aligned themselves by default with the more free-thinking undergraduates last year by allowing the students to put into effect a rule change permitting an unlimited number of overnight sign-outs to girls in their senior years — this despite the fact that 200 of the 700 girls involved voted against the removal of the protection given by being able to tell their dates that they must be in by one o'clock.

Further indication that university girls are confused and distressed about the rapidity with which sexual mores are changing can be gleaned from the nature of the questions they ask in courses on marriage and dating given under the auspices of some university health or counseling services. Such lectures, giving opportunities to hand in written questions, have recently been held at a few overseas universities.

Typical questions, framed slightly differently in the various universities, but similar in general nature, are:

- What are the psychological and physical effects of heavy petting on boys?
- How can a boy be brought to orgasm short of intercourse?
- Is it true that premarital intercourse prepares a girl for greater sexual happiness in marriage?
- Do individuals want sex more after once having experienced intercourse?
- Does petting to climax become a habit and something which becomes more desired than intercourse?
- Name the reasons why a girl should be a virgin at the time of marriage?

Reading between the lines of these questions and judging from the reactions of the girls to answers frankly given, it seems clear that the problem of how to justify maintaining virginity against the importunate demands of the men whom they love is uppermost in the girls' minds. Because society today still derogates the non-virginal woman more than the sexually experienced young man, these girls feel an understandable reluctance and a hesitation about being able to take their place happily and guiltlessly as complete sexual partners to their boy-friends.

University and expressed parental attitudes should bolster and protect both the girls and the boys who are not yet ready to adopt for themselves the more advanced sexual standards which represent the forefront of what appears to be an unfortunate movement towards complete sexual freedom.

Those ready to take their place in the vanguard will find ways to live by their own rules.

Universities must be careful not to push their students ahead of what is normal by present-day cultural and familial standards but should instead take a clear and firm stand on the conservative side of the continuum. Their responsibility in loco parentis and their natural humanitarian feeling for their students leaves them no other choice.



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BOLD TWELFTH NIGHT

THE SPEECH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT this week staged their first Shakespeare play. This production of "Twelfth Night" by Beth Dickerson was presented in a style which was bold in its simplicity.

The settings, designed and painted by Ken Robinson, were a welcome breach from realism. An interesting dramatic contrast was achieved by juxtaposing the symbolical interpretation of a Renaissance Palace with the soft red brick of Tudor England. The contrast, however, possibly erred on the side of starkness — some element of unity could well have been introduced.

The design of the production threw the entire onus on to the actor, which is where it should be. There was no background detail in which the eye of the audience could take refuge, nor could the cast take comfort in the familiarity of the usual mise en scène.

SUB-PLOTS

The various sub-plots were given a cohesion by the fluidity of both movement and grouping. The well played entrances and exits and the rapid continuity between the scenes helped to sustain the play's comic impact.

In this production, Malvolio (played by Arthur Clarke) was the centre of the play.

This is partly due to this actor out-classing some other members of the cast. Those who shared his technical ability were Robert Parker (as Sir Andrew Aguecheek) and Isobel Rennie (as the Countess Olivia). In his moments of inebriation, Sir Toby Belch (Paul Joubert) came fully to life and matched this standard. Audrey Marsh in the smaller part of Maria showed outstanding technical ability and verve.

Creditable performances were given by Helen Birks as Viola and William Holden as Jester. Richard Lawton as Viola's brother Sebastian, gave potentially one of the most meaningful

performances. Most of this was lost, though, as his portrayal lacked projection.

A general criticism of this worthwhile production is that on occasion lines were lost. This must be attributed to lack of experience rather than lack of ability on the part of the cast.

Des Bishop.



AUDREY MARSH

"Limited future for folk" —Mel, Mel, and Julian

THERE IS a limited future for folk-singing in South Africa. This was said by "Big" Mel of Mel, Mel and Julian after their show in the Great Hall on Sunday evening.

In an interview to RHODEO, "Big" Mel, the spokesman for the trio, said that the group's third L.P., "May-folk Miscellania", will be released during June.

He said that "Little" Mel will be leaving the group in July to settle down. The remaining two, together with a replacement, will be leaving for Canada in January where they hope to become citizens. They are also planning visits to Britain and America.

ANTI-FOLK

"Big" Mel said he did not think there was much future for folk-singing in South Africa. "The greater percentage of people are anti-folk", he said. He pointed out that many folk-singers in the country have turned to cabaret in order to become successful. "One must be in cabaret to get anywhere," he commented, "because the general public don't appreciate folk-music."

Asked who he thought was the most talented folk-singer in the country, Big Mel said he had the greatest respect for Mr. Phil Botha — an amateur from Cape Town. He further stated that the Group had been greatly influenced by the Canadian group Ian and Sylvia.

Big Mel said in answer to a question put to him, that folk-singing would never fade entirely. "It ebbs and flows, like everything, but where there are folk, they will sing, come what may." The show consisted of rather shady jokes interspersed with songs.

WITTICISMS

The witticisms were at first faintly subtle, and had they remained so, the members of the

audience who left during the performance, might have STAYED.

One felt that the V-signs flashed around by the group were not necessary. However, Big Mel must be commended for his accomplished mime and antics. The quick-witted responses to interjections made by members of the audience were a tour de force.

The musical side of the show was extremely entertaining. Solo's were by both Mels. The rather sphinx-like Julian refrained from both solos and smiling, but displayed great dexterity on his guitar.

After leaving Rhodes the trio went to Kowie to play at the Victoria Hotel. From there they go to Durban.

Experimental plays tonight

"AN ALERT and responsive student body is the best environment for experimental theatre. I hope this production will generate experimental theatre in the Eastern Cape."

In these words, Mr. Athol Fugard, well-known playwright and author of "The Bloodknot", explained his presence at Rhodes. He is here to produce two one-act plays, running tonight (June 1st) only at the Rhodes' Little Theatre. The stage sets are designed by Charles Murray. The proceeds will go towards GADRA (Grahamstown and District Relief

Association) which is responsible for African school feeding in the area.

First on the programme is "Krapp's Last Tape", by Samuel Beckett, in which Mr. Fugard himself plays the only rôle. The royalties of "Krapp" were donated to GADRA by the leading London Producer, Michael White.

EXCITING PROJECT

The second play, "The Third Degree", was specially written by Don McClelland, lecturer in English at Rhodes, who plays the lead rôle of the Professor. It has been described as "an exciting project, meeting with marvellous response and assistance from students. The merit of the play justifies Mr. Fugard's participation in the production."

The plays are both examples of the Theatre of the Absurd, a movement which arose out of experimental theatre. The latter was started by a group who shared certain attitudes towards the predicament of man in the universe. The great leader Albert Camus diagnosed humanity's plight as purposeless in an existence out of harmony with its surroundings. An awareness of this purposelessness produces a state of metaphysical anguish, which is a central theme of the Absurdist.

By 1962, the movement seemed to have spent its force, although it continues to have a literary influence.

jane lurie observes... life in the library

THE THOUGHT of June exams having resulted in the usual churnings in my stomach, I footed it resolutely to the library last week to see what I could learn there.

But as I blithely entered that building a Feeling overtook me. Not apathy setting in already, either, but that Feeling which every detective novelist has found so useful when things are getting rather flat. The Feeling of Being Watched. And raising my eyes I beheld eight large gorillas leering at me from the gallery as they gripped the bars of the railing savagely and growled "Hooyoo!"

Shaken, I proceeded into the Drowsing Room and sat down. Here my horrified eyes were faced with South Africa's own junkie generation. The lights in the room seemed even dimmer than usual, a great bank of smoke hung above my head, the eyes of my fellow students were dull and heavy-lidded. I peered at my notes, but the smoke pouring from the Inkette opposite me (who seemed to have lost control of her cigarette as only an Inkette can) caught my eyes, stinging them viciously.

fascinated

For a while I watched with fascination the efforts of one gentleman — half-mad with deprivation — to bum a cigarette from me. For ten minutes I allowed him to contort himself gaily and exhaust his fund of small talk. Then I told him that I didn't smoke. As he began to hit wildly at me I thought it best at this point to go upstairs to find a book.

But as I passed the desk the bright eyes of three librarians registered recognition. The ladies swooped on me as an eagle on some small animal. A book *two weeks overdue*. It was, incidentally, probably the least informative and therefore least desirable book in the library and there were seven other copies on the shelves. But in twenty harrowing minutes I was forced to plumb the foul and selfish depths of my character. Only when they had raised tears did they take my money and release me.

grandstand

I groped my way to the stairs. But when I reached them I couldn't see them. They looked like a grandstand for a World Cup match. Yet there wasn't anything happening in the foyer. And then I realised that the crowd on the stairs was divided into distinct units of two...

I noted the vast empty halls of the library proper, and mused upon the many thousands of pounds which the authorities had sunk into the building thereof. They might as well have built a tree-lined walk.

With a deep feeling of guilt I crept into the Graduate Reading Room, and ignoring the hostile eyes peering out from behind so many theses, settled down to what I hoped was work.

Walt Disney's shaggy dog story

"BIG RED" is the warm and poignant, somewhat sentimental story of a grand champion Irish Setter and the boy who wins him in a fantastic series of adventures.

Beautifully set in French-Canada's rugged pine country, "Big Red" stars Walter Pidgeon as wealthy sportsman, James Higgin; Gilles Payant and Emile Genest as dog trainer and homely philosopher.

Cinema

The boy-dog relationship is established by a kaleidoscopic montage of flowered fields and forests with happy-go-lucky boy and the big red dog bounding through them.

The relationship between orphan boy Rene and wealthy landowner Higgin is extremely subtle and penetrating. The backwoods boy needs the direction and companionship of a father to fulfil his potential, and the proud man needs the love and respect of a son to give meaning to his life. But both man and boy are strong-willed, independent individuals.

Disney never tips his hand in the story, but subtly brings his plot to a sudden, slam-bang climax using a really spectacular fight between a marauding mountain lion and Big Red.

Ralph Goldswain.

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THE STUDENT WORLD

- **SIX HUNDRED** Canadian students at the University of Saskatchewan held a mass meeting recently to protest against the failure rate in university exams. Due to increased work loads imposed on students by the administration, the failure rate has doubled in one year.
- In the **United States**, a handbook for draft-dodgers has been prepared. It describes life in draft-free Canada for the benefit of U.S. pacifists. Information includes immigration procedures and how to apply for residence.
- A lecture strike by 90% of **Manchester** University's students was their way of expressing disapproval of the raising of foreign students' fees by the British government. 40% at both Leeds and Southampton Universities joined in. In Parliament itself, 40 Labour Party M.P.'s stayed away from the debate to register their disapproval.

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FESTIVAL COULD IMPROVE

SIR,—This year's Arts and Science Committee seems intent on making their effort a worthwhile one. Indeed, past organisers have always claimed their optimum in effort, but certain faults have made this event unsuccessful in the past.

These are :

- the date of the event
- the lack of advertising
- student apathy
- staff apathy

May we elaborate each of these points.

SCHOOLS

In previous years many of the schools have been away on vacation during "The Week". One would have imagined such an event would be of vast benefit to potential university students enabling them to broaden their outlook and acquire some information regarding courses and degrees they may hope to pursue.

The tentative date this year is set for September 10 to 16. This date will enable the schools to attend and we hope that it will be retained.

TOWNSFOLK

Every shop in town should display a poster advertising The Week and programmes made available to townfolk, who should be encouraged to come and see how 'their University' functions and cease to regard it as an isolated village on its own.

As regards advertising on the campus, it often happens that a department's exhibit is not included in the programme.

The question arises as to whether student apathy, especially as regards inter-departmental visiting, is really the fault of the students. Anyone with lectures all morning and then a practical in the afternoon will certainly not go out of his way to see some exhibit. A day should be set aside when all lectures and practicals are cancelled, enabling the students to see the various exhibits.

APATHETIC

Students, however, are also in part to blame for being apathetic. The function of a university education is to broaden one's knowledge of both the arts and

sciences. Unfortunately, some cannot even appreciate subjects for which they are registered.

The points made above apply equally to the staff — from the Senate to the junior lecturers. Has the mundane business of running a university blunted their interest or enthusiasm? If they do not try to get around to the talks, exhibits etc., how can any more be expected of the student.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One would also expect that the Administration would be keen on seeing how the departments (for which they are responsible) are functioning.

CONSTRUCTIVE

These points have not been aimed at the organisers of Arts and Science Week as destructive criticism. They are criticisable faults that could be remedied to a great degree. Especially the first point has so obviously been a shortcoming of previous 'Weeks' that we fail to see how it could have escaped attention so long.

Perhaps some departments which have seldom participated or presented a half-hearted effort in the past would be encouraged to give their full support if they were assured of a good attendance.

Not intending this as a threat, may we say that if no effort is made by the organisers to retain the date (10-16) or choose an equally satisfactory one and improve the advertising especially as regards invitations to schools, we shall certainly not bother to involve ourselves in the trouble and the expense of an exhibit.

Once-bitten-twice-shy.

Something worth reading

Sir, — I would be grateful if you could pass the following messages on to Jane Lurie and Cecil John:

To Jane Lurie: The number of foolish women in this world is

infinite, and its on the increase daily.

To Cecil John: Keep up the good work — your articles are at least worth reading.

Trevor Thomson.

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Fines better than words

Sir, — While I agree with "Lecturer" (RHODEO, May 25) that a minority of the Rhodes student body are behaving irresponsibly and giving Rhodes a bad name, I feel it is not up to the students to issue a statement saying that they deplore the behaviour of these miscreants.

and that the present editor and staff are trying their utmost to better it.

I believe that RHODEO is considered either the best, or a close second to the best student newspaper in South Africa. I am sure that the average taxpayer would salute their stout effort.

Pro-Rhodes.

The answer?

Sir, — In last week's RHODEO a number of opinions were expressed concerning drunkenness and vandalism on the campus. No person who has the good name of the university at heart can be content with this situation.

Three tentative answers to the problem were suggested: Senate restrictions, more entertainment, and the need for a "controlled pub" on the campus.

Past experience has shown that rules are always broken, this in itself being an act of bravado. Drunkenness is increasingly being held as a status symbol and more entertainment is not likely to replace that symbol.

The problem goes beyond the reach of any regulations or any amount of entertainment. Is Christianity out of date in this situation? Is man's basic need not still to learn how to live with himself?

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THESE PROMISES WE HEAR . . .

THE SRC of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, last week called a meeting to discuss the poor status of the SRC on the campus.

Only one motion was proposed. It read: "That this student body is disillusioned with the SRC owing to the fact that many of its members have not fulfilled their election promises." It was proposed by Mr. I. Watt and seconded by Mr. R. Lewis.

Mr. Watt suggested the SRC should start doing some hard work. They should fulfill all

election promises and should not have to be reminded of these," he said.

The motion was lost by seven votes: twelve for and nineteen against.

Mr. Basil Budke, SRC President, expressed disappointment at the poor attendance of students at the meeting. He said he felt himself responsible for their apathy and he hoped the SRC would in future be able to correct this indolent attitude. But he said the SRC could do nothing for the students unless they gave them something in return.

A student survey is planned, in which the students will be requested to give details on matters affecting both the University and the student.

Meanwhile in a letter to the student newspaper of the University of Cape Town, VARSITY, Mr. Neil Donen has attacked various members of the UCT SRC for not carrying out their election promises.

He says he has not yet attended a debate with Stellenbosch, nor has he been able to buy "half a beer at Fuller Hall, never mind a decent whiskey." Yet one SRC member promised that debates with Stellenbosch would be encouraged and liquor prohibition in residences eradicated.

He said "closer contact with Stellenbosch" was a hackneyed election gimmick and two SRC members should realise that a concerted and united SRC effort was necessary in order to reap positive results.

SANSPA.

First team amazes GRANDSTAND again

OUR first fifteen never ceases to amaze. Their performance against Free State University last Wednesday was truly magnificent.

In a match of superb cohesion and teamwork, it is perhaps unfair to pick out individuals. In the breath one must acknowledge that Dave Lewis was the mastermind behind the Rhodes victory and George Yeo was the man of the match. How the Provincial selectors have not picked these two brilliant players as the E.P. half-back pair is beyond me. They may wake up after that Cardiff fiasco.

The depth of forwards this year is phenomenal. Even the absence of Spud Williams and Pete Stead was barely noticeable. Their counterparts in the university, Brian Carlson and Boozy Schnell warrant a place in the first team and the former pair should watch their steps.

Sean Bownes is one of the most improved players in the team. From a mediocre, safe full-back, he has developed into a dangerous player with outstanding talent and excellent positional play.

Who would ever have guessed that 1967 would see the historical overflowing of the Great Field Grandstand? Hundreds of students swaying from side to side and wholeheartedly cheering the Rhodes team on to victory at the top of their voices.

Brian, you are an inspiration . . . Be that as it may, for Pete's sake let us do something about those songs. My vitriolic colleague C.J. has torn them to pieces but some of them are reasonable. What we really need is a wider repertoire of rousing, cajoling and even pleading intervarsity songs.

On the field a good song is as good as an overlap. There is a strong possibility of a Tukkie team visiting in the third term so let's give them hell!

With the interhouse "Round Robin" competition near to completion, it seems to be a toss-up between Pringle and Oppidan for top honours. My money is still on . . . you guessed it, the house near Milner.

Last week I sat on top of a mountain, contemplating; will the Editor believe me or think that I was just shirking my column? Having no alternative, I sent a message down to an idiotic Inkette who later told the news, the astounding news to the Editor. I got hell on Monday morning.

To cut a long story short, being an intrepid type of columnist, I decided to join the R.U. Moun-



tain Club on a meet to their new rock-climbing paradise.

Forty arduous minutes of scrambling and stumbling brought us to the foot of the face. Aghast, I gaped at the cliff towering 400 feet above the party. B-but, the ruddy thing overhangs! I stuttered. "It's a bit hairy, but good fun" says leader John Davidson cheerfully. We all made the short, relatively easy climb to the first ledge, whereupon a

By SPORTSWISE

rather attractive Inkette decided it was far prettier down at the river and was lowered. I tentatively followed her, but the cold hearted second, Chris Howe-

Ely tied me on and shoved me up the second climb. The two remaining females and I agreed that this way was fun as we relaxed in the sun on the second ledge.

The third climb was very interesting. I was practically hauled up the impossible ruddy horrible thing, the two females practically sprinted up the vertical face, and the stolid Walt Paine fell a helluva shot. At this stage we were just below the top of the cliff. For two hours John Davidson tried his utmost to cover the last 15 feet but to no avail. About eighteen inches from the top an overhang foiled us completely.

With darkness impending we made our way down an easy route to the second ledge. From there the girls and some of the men were lowered manually to the bottom.

Geoff refuses to accept my apologies for not handing in my column last Sunday. I was ruddy tired, dammit . . .

The club congratulates the two females on their excellent performance on the climb.

SPORTRAIT

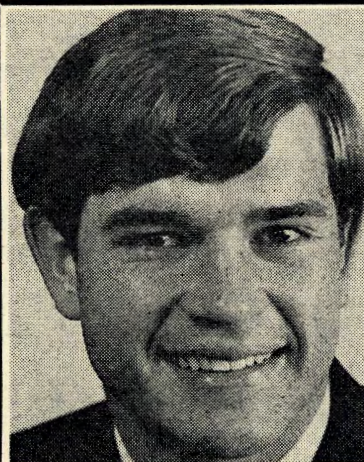
tern Province men's athletics side in 1965 and has continued to do so ever since at all inter-provincial meetings.

Last year he played wing for the Rhodes rugby side and has become one of the most devastating wings in the Eastern Province.

This season already, through his great speed, he has scored numerous points for Rhodes.

Also last year he clocked his best sprint times at the Stirk Bowl. His times were 9.8 seconds for the 100 yards and 21.5 for the 200 yards. Both of these better than the Eastern Province official records, but were not recognised as the officials claimed he was wind assisted.

This year he is Vice-captain of the Athletics Team, and is a valuable asset to both the rugby and athletics clubs. T.B.



Jeff Ilsley

THIS WEEK OUR SPORTS star is the Rhodian athlete Jeff Ilsley.

He was born in Port Elizabeth and was educated at Grey High School. While at school he represented the first teams in athletics, rugby and cricket. Athletics, however, was his first sport and he represented the Eastern Province Schools Athletics Team for four years. He excelled at sprinting and held the U.17 and U.19 220 yards records and the U.17 100 yards records whilst at school. In 1962 he also won the South African U.17 220 yards title.

He came to Rhodes in 1964 and besides athletics, played rugby for the U.20 side for two years. He represented the Eas-

KEITH: Hey John! I feel hungry. Let's go to a cafe and have a bite.

JOHN: Good idea, but not to any cafe — let's go to the GOLDEN PAGODA

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KEITH: Yes, Golden Pagoda are the tops. Hey, wait for me!!

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RHODES WILL BE HOCKEY HOSTS

BY REG MEDLEY

This year the 22nd Annual Men's and Women's Intervarsity Tournament will be held at Rhodes from the 10th to 15th July. It is several years since Rhodes have been host to a hockey intervarsity, but it is agreed that we have the ideal situation for such a tournament as fields and residences are close together.

The men will be accommodated in Founders Hall and the women in St. Mary's. It is hoped that the authorities will allow mixed dining as this has proved to be very successful at previous intervarsities.

This year Rhodes have decided to take fifteen men players to the tournament. They are:— Tim Woods (Capt.), Pete Harris, Paul Bradford, Alan Kenyon, Neil Davidson, Terry Bates, Paul Abbott, Brian Findlay, Brian Surtees, Reg Medley, Brian Wilmot, "Smartie" Smart, Roland Cooke, Bill Fenner and Rod Jones.

As yet the women's team has not yet been chosen, but whatever team they select, they must stand a very good chance of winning the tournament as they have all three of their current Proteas back this year — Wendy Hansen, Sherry Garlick and Elaine Findland — as well as other players such as Jenny Martin (Captain), Barbara Lownds, Barbara Laing and Erica Kent.

The Rhodes men's team, on the other hand, has not a very impressive record this year, but considering that most games will be on gravel, I will safely forecast that Rhodes will be an extremely difficult team to beat.

POPULAR

To get away from the intervarsity and approach more current activities, it seems that Rhodes are not particularly popular with the Grahamstown Selectors at the moment. The Grahamstown "A" team which played in the Annual Inter-Town Tournament at Rhodes on Saturday, contained only six Rhodians, the others coming from Occasionals and St. Andrew's.

The biggest shock was the omission of Brian Findlay, who is undoubtedly the fastest and most accomplished right-wing in the Province at present.

Also the Rhodes goal-keeper, Pete Harris, only managed to gain the 'B' side as a reserve and one wonders how two school-boys could have been preferred to such an outstanding goalie as Pete Harris certainly is.



Rooyden Vice, the Rhodes' Lock-forward, leaps high to gain possession from a line-out in the Rugby Intervarsity.

R.U. Lifters go down

In an inter-club weightlifting competition, staged in East London a fortnight ago, Rhodes were well beaten but were far from disgraced.

The Rhodes lifters, Nev Wilson, Barry Smith and Don Morton, had to contend with a powerful team and consequently went down by 493 lbs. Nevertheless, each improved on his previous best by a considerable weight, Wilson by 57 lbs., Smith by 80 lbs., and Morton by 43 lbs.

Despite the severe handicap of being without a trainer the Rhodes lifters are making fine progress and a steady increase in individual totals is expected during the course of the year.

ANOTHER SCALP FOR RHODES

O.F.S. beaten in intervarsity

BY TONY BATES

RHODES DESERVEDLY beat O.F.S. in a rugby intervarsity last Wednesday. The game, watched by a crowd of 2,500, was closely fought and exciting. Rhodes emerged victors by the narrow margin of nine points to eight, and by doing so qualify to meet the University of Pretoria in the semi-finals of the Intervarsity Competition.

The game was fast with the Rhodes' loose forward trio of Rowett, Schnell and McConnachie all having a tremendous game. Rowett in particular was outstanding, and he was justly rewarded with a fine try in the second half.

Dave Lewis controlled the game well from the base of the scrum, and he had a perfect understanding with George Yeo who played an immaculate game at fly-half.

Yeo was responsible for Rhodes' first points when he goaled a difficult penalty, and Lewis scored Rhodes' first try after some fine line-out work by Schnell.

Sean Bownes, who improves with every game he plays, gave a faultless display at full-back, and prevented a couple of certain tries with his sound tackling.

REDUCED

Pete Hughes was injured at the beginning of the second half, and although he remained on the field his injury was so serious that he was unable to take an active part in the game. Thus Rhodes were virtually reduced to fourteen men throughout the second half.

Rhodes did not use their backs but preferred to keep the game among their forwards. This

proved to be sound policy as Pete Hughes' injury had taken much of the sting out of the Rhodes backs. It also prevented the O.F.S. backs, who were really fast, from seeing too much of the ball.

All the Rhodes forwards played well, both in the tight and the loose, and Pete Jooste out-hooked his O.F.S. counterpart.

Rhodes now meet Pretoria, and fortunately the game is in Grahamstown. Pretoria will un-

doubtedly provide the strongest opposition that Rhodes will come up against this season. Pretoria boast to be the strongest club side in South Africa, and their record appears to support this claim, for they have not lost a game in two years.

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House Rugby Log

— A LOG —					
College	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21	Total
Oppidan A	2.9	—	4	6.9	—
Pringle A	—	4	2.6	6.6	—
Botha	—	2.5	2.9	5.4	—
Adamson	4	—	—	4	—
Smuts A	.3	.6	.3	1.2	—
	—	—	1	1	—
— B LOG —					
Struben	3.2	3.6	4	2.6	13.4
Cory-Mathews	2.9	3.7	3.9	.8	11.3
Retief-Livingstone	4	3.2	2.5	.3	10
Graham	1.6	—	.3	2.9	4.8
Pringle B	.6	2.6	.3	—	3.5
Oppidan B	.6	—	2.6	—	3.2
Smuts B	1.6	.6	.5	—	2.7
Oak-Wood	—	.3	—	—	.3

GOLF TEAM LOSES

The Rhodes' Golf team were unfortunate to lose 8-4 to P.E. Colts in their match played at the Wedgewood course on Sunday.

The game which was played off scratch, was however, well worthwhile. Stapp was the only

one to win his singles match. With his excellent power drives and accurate putting, he beat his opponent 6 and 5. Sutherland and Cohen proved to be powerful hitters and held their opponents to halves in their matches.

Brandenburger played a good and steadfast game, but lost his match on the last hole. Coetzee suffered the same fate.

Despite losing the match, Rhodes played well and gained valuable experience. By concentrating on their few weaknesses they can improve tremendously and become a team that will be extremely difficult to beat.

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