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## NON-WHITE STUDENTS ATTACK NUSAS

But meeting ends favourably

**"WE** as students do not trust you as students," was the tone of many of the speeches at a meeting of members of NUSAS Exec. and students at Fort Hare on Monday night. At one stage the meeting was in a complete uproar as insults were hurled across the floor.

Adrian Leftwich, President, and Basil Moore, President-elect of NUSAS, were addressing a general student body meeting at Fort Hare, which had been called to discuss re-affirmation of affiliation to NUSAS.

The meeting opened with a lengthy speech from the President in which he explained NUSAS policy and action.

After this the meeting was thrown open to discussion. The questions put soon provoked lively participation.

It was perhaps obvious from the beginning that no clear-cut decision would be arrived at, because of the wide diversity of opinion expressed.

On the one hand some students felt that NUSAS as a predominantly white organisation was not able to participate

in a genuine spirit in the problem of African students. Other students thought that NUSAS was evading the issues and was accomplishing nothing in a game of political hide-and-seek.

### INSULTS

The meeting continued for another two hours, during which positive suggestions mingled with further adverse comment.

A more optimistic note prevailed at the end of the meeting, and although no resolution was passed, most of the students, aware of the advantages of affiliation to the national body, expressed their desire for closer contact with other NUSAS affiliated centres.

## Debate takes new form

### Mass meeting Friday

**A** GENERAL meeting of the student body is to be held on Friday night at 7.30 in the Great Hall.

#### NUSAS

At the meeting a report on the recent NUSAS congress held at Rhodes will be presented to the students. Other matters of student interest will be dealt with.

• The S.R.C. constitution provides that a general meeting of students be held at least once a term.

**O**N Thursday, 16th August, Diane Deyton and Basil Moore will propose the motion that "Ours is the era of confusion and disillusionment". They will be opposed by Mike Bands and Alan Dashwood. The occasion will be the Individual Best Speakers' Debate, an innovation which replaced the Best Speakers' Debate of previous years.

#### NOMINATION

The speakers were formerly elected by the members of each hall, and spoke on a topic of their own choosing. This year, they have been nominated by the committee of the Debating Society on the basis of skill as displayed in previous debates and public meetings.

There will also be an inter-hall debate for which speakers will be elected by the members of each hall. This will be a **competition**, not a debate, where the speakers choose their subject.

## Mission makes impact

**PROF. COULSON'S** impact on the campus has certainly been greater than that of any previous missionary. Many students turned up night after night to hear what were in fact straight lectures on Christian Doctrine.

Since his first lectures he has also been kept busy with interviews in his room at Kaif. Students were very impressed with his friendly manner.

Over 450 students and many members of staff were present on Wednesday evening, 8th August, at the Dedication Service at the end of the Mission.

Prof. Coulson conducted a simple, dignified service and gave an address, preaching on the text, "Lord, I believe. Help Thou mine unbelief".

He emphasised that he had not tried to prove that Christianity is true, for that cannot be done. Prof. Coulson had attempted to show that it does not

necessarily come into conflict with reason.

Doubt, he stressed, is the necessary complement of faith, and pointed out to those who are Christians that they must expect doubts to continue as a necessary part of a vigorous and mature faith.

He showed also that to live the Christian life membership of the Church is absolutely essential, for Christian fellowship and communion with God through worship and sacrament.

Finally Prof. Coulson pointed out that Christianity is not easy, faith will grow slowly, and that "though Christ will help us we will still fall short of what we aim."

Many commented that this was one of the most profoundly realistic religious addresses they had heard.

Prof. Coulson now goes on to Wits. to deliver two lectures there, after which he flies back to Oxford. He goes remembered with gratitude and respect by many Rhodians.

## Swart to be boycotted?

**I**T is rumoured that certain lecturers have contemplated organising a staff boycott of the ceremony at which an honorary degree is to be conferred on the State President, Mr. C. R. Swart.

The ceremony will take place on September 3rd, which has been declared a university holiday.

The decision of the University Council to confer the degree on Mr. Swart has proved to be unpopular among certain sections of the staff and student body.

Many students feel that while they intend no disrespect to the office of the State President, the present incumbent's political record is so much at variance with the principles of academic freedom and human dignity, that they cannot support the award of an honorary degree to him.

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### The good of NUSAS

**W**HY should students belong to a National Union? This type of question is being asked with increasing frequency by many people at South Africa's English medium universities.

They point out that membership of NUSAS brings very little immediate material benefit, and the affiliation fees could be better spent by individual universities.

NUSAS provides direct benefits to individual members in the form of discount schemes, educational programmes, vacation employment, bursaries, scholarships and direct financial aid through the relief scheme, as well as opportunities to travel overseas very cheaply and comfortably.

More important than these benefits, however, is the fact that NUSAS is the only real link between students at different South African universities, and represents South African students in the International Student Conference.

Students at Rhodes should be conscious of the fact that they belong to a brotherhood, one of the oldest and most important in the world. All students worthy of the name (for it is an honoured one) hold certain principles in common—the principle of freedom of expression, freedom of research, freedom to be taught anywhere, and by the best qualified teachers, regardless of race or colour.

If NUSAS did not exist to affirm the adherence of South African students to these principles, we would be regarded as outcasts by the other members of our great brotherhood, and we would be intellectually and spiritually impoverished as a result.

### Art or the apes?

**W**ITH the prospect of Arts and Science week looming in the near future, producers and actors of the Rhodes stage are again wondering whether the usual attitude towards drama will manifest itself as strikingly as it has so far this year.

It has been a surprising facet of the Rhodian character that the average man or woman at this University is even more culturally agnostic than the average South African, who has this year been widely publicised as living in a cultural desert.

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# S.C.A. queries report

Sir,

**F**OLLOWING on the report in your last issue of the recent meeting of the Rhodes S.C.A., where it was decided to disaffiliate from the national body, certain inaccuracies in your report must be pointed out.

Besides the glaring errors in the spelling of the names of some of the Rhodes delegates to the Intervarsity S.C.A. Conference at Roodepoort in July, you have presented a distorted picture of events subsequent to the Conference.

#### PARTICIPATION

The Rhodes delegation did not 'resign'

### Gloomy intellectual outlook

Sir,

**I** CONGRATULATE you on your new format and the promised regularity of Rhodéo issues. A newspaper is not worthy of the name if it cannot appear weekly. But this noble venture may have one unfortunate consequence.

Rhodes is not exactly an institution renowned for the violence of its intellectual temper, nor for its addiction to controversy. The debates we have held in the past have produced clichés but no originality; symposia are poorly attended; Coulson preached to the converted. I fear that the Rhodéo of the future will merely serve to emphasize the truth of this truly lamentable condition into which this University has lapsed.

From now on—we are told—we shall be regaled with the benefits of a weekly paper. Chief among these benefits will be the opportunity of stimulating arguments in these correspondence columns in a way that was impossible in the bad days when this paper emerged from Mr. Godwin's soul once every five weeks.

But I predict that the intellectual content of the correspondence columns will remain at the level set by last week's letter—sensible though it was, and necessary—about recalcitrant senior students.

T.I.T.

This apparent disinterest does not stem from a dislike of anything that might be termed "cultural", but from an appalling lack of awareness as to what constitutes culture in terms of our Western Civilisation.

At University the chance is offered to the cream of the population of this country to gain higher awareness and appreciation of the "finer" things of life.

**Why, then, the question must be asked, do students habitually shun those very aspects of life that their attendance at University offers them?**

from that Conference; in fact they participated in it to the very end. They were dissatisfied with the way in which the Conference proceeded, but they nevertheless contributed their full share to the Conference for its duration.

At the beginning of this term the delegation presented its report on the Conference to the S.C.A. committee. On hearing this report from the delegation, the committee then initiated the move to disaffiliate from the national body. This move did not originate with the delegation.

#### VOTE

The vote taken at the general meeting of the S.C.A. in favour of disaffiliation was not the meeting's seal of approval on what the delegation had initiated; it was a vote in favour of the motion which had come from the committee after it had received the delegation's report on the Conference.

JAMES GRIBBLE

## LETTERS

### What price Coulson?

Sir,

**A**FTER a week of so-called enthusiastic brain washing by one scientist who professes to believe in Christianity, it seems from a fairly wide contact with the student body that the only members to have benefited are the science students.

The professing Christians have learnt no more than they already know, but the scientists were wafted out of their sphere of learning into something which they will probably never understand and are never likely to be able to put to practical use in the future.

Prof. Coulson's lectures, apart from being devoid of originality, were fortunate enough not to take the style of a Billy Graham crusade, but were just as unconvincing. It seems that he should have been invited by the Scientific society instead of the S.C.A.

The question to be answered is . . . Was it really worth the expense or the trouble?

A. THEIST



# Chamber Choir in sparkling form

**I**N their first performance in Grahams-town this year, the Chamber Choir gave a delightful evening's entertainment on Friday. The recital began with a series of motets by Gallus, Weelkes, Monteverdi and Bruckner.

These were adequately sung but it is a pity that the preponderance of women's voices tends to upset the balance of these works, despite the sensitive direction of Dr. Gruber.

Perhaps the most successful achievement of the evening was Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols", beautifully sung by the women's choir with the lovely solo voices of Inge Gruber and Annatjie Conradie. The entrance and exit processions were specially impressive.

In a programme that was distinguished by its variety, the first song to be dedicated to the Choir was parti-

cularly novel. This was Percival Kirby's setting of Shakespeare's well-known song, "Oh Mistress Mine". It was sung with rare accomplishment and sensitivity.

As usual, the choir ended off with some international folk songs, the most popular part of the programme. These were rapturously acclaimed by the audience. "Die Alabama", "The Road to the Isles" and "Waltzing Matilda" proved to be real show-stoppers. In all it was a successful evening's music which augurs well for the Choir's overseas tour.

P.S.

## CAS lecture:

# NOVELIST'S VIEWS ABOUT S.A. BOOKS AND COLOUR

**A**T a meeting of the Contemporary Africa Society last Thursday night, Mr. André Brink, who lectures in Afrikaans, gave a talk on four South African novels and the colour problem.

Mr. Brink is a novelist himself.

The novels Mr. Brink dealt with were "Cry, the Beloved Country", by Alan Paton; "Swart Pelgrim", by F. A. Venter; "Ons die Afgod", by Jan Rabie, and "A World of Strangers", by Nadine Gordimer.

Two of the books, he said, accepted the colour situation in South Africa as a fait accompli, and merely examined what happened to people as a result of it. They were "Ons, die Afgod" and "A World of Strangers". They accepted the fact of urban life, and the part of Africans in it.

## NO SOLUTION

The other two portrayed collisions of tribal Africans with urban life, and the

disastrous consequences. "Cry, the Beloved Country" saw the solution to this clash in an attempt on the part of Black and White to build the land together. "Swart Pelgrim" left most of its questions unanswered.

In "Ons, die Afgod", Jan Rabie accepts as inevitable that a solution to the problem is impossible.

Alone among the four novelists, Mr. Brink said, Nadine Gordimer never portrays the situation as a general problem. She sees it solely as a set of human relationships, for whose problems there can under no circumstances ever be any solution.

Miss Gordimer makes her main character an outsider, a visitor from England who has no strong convictions about

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## Bettman wins singles

Harold Bettman won the men's singles at the 1961 Rhodes tennis championships on Sunday, when he beat Colin Sparg 11-9, 6-4, 6-3.

## Minister to visit Rhodes

**I**N view of the importance of the recently introduced Orange River Development Scheme, the Commerce and Economics Society has made arrangements for the Minister of Agricultural and Technical Services, Mr. P. Le Roux, to visit the University and deliver an address on the above topic during Arts and Science Week.

The address will take place at 5.15 p.m. in the G.L.T. Since this topic is of interest to all students, they are urged to attend.

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## KNIGHT'S

CHURCH SQUARE



## Three Rhodians to play Lions

**FOUR** Rhodians have been chosen to play for Central Universities against the British Lions today.

They are Roley Rogers, John Jones, Max Fine and Bruce Anderson. Unfortunately, Anderson has been forced to withdraw due to a pulled hamstring.

The first team will play Graaff Reinet Training College as the main curtain-raiser to this game.

The first team has been hard hit by injuries during the last week, and a number of changes will have to be made.

Stuart was to have played fly-half on Wednesday, but was injured on Saturday and the position is once again vacant. Either Brotherton or du Toit

should fill this position.

Two of the loose forwards, Musett and Grogan, have also been injured, but fortunately we have two reliable reserves, Connellan and Gouws, to fill the vacancies.

Ian Baxter is returning this week from the provincial hockey tournament recently held in Pretoria, and has been chosen as wing for Wednesday's game.

Dicks, at front-rank, and Bouwer, at scrum-half, will fill Fine's and Rogers' places respectively. This will be Barrow's first appearance for the 1st XV.

## Sports Talk:

## Weightlifters form club

**A**T a meeting on Thursday the Weightlifting Club became affiliated to the Sports Union. The Union felt that they deserved official recognition after their impressive performance at intervarsity.

A letter was read from the South African Universities Weightlifting Association congratulating Rhodes on their fine performance at the intervarsity.

The club was formed this year and members have been training in a room in Graham House. They hope soon to be able to have a proper training room and to be able to buy much-needed equipment.

### RUGBY PAVILION

At last the Sports Union has decided that our rugby pavilion is inadequate and that a new one is needed. It has

been found that the stand is unsafe and spectators will now sit on it at their "own risk".

### SPORTS BALL

It was suggested by the treasurer of the S.U., Mr. Locke, that sporting awards, such as first team blazers and colours, be awarded at a special Sports Ball.

He pointed out that in the past the awards were posted on the notice-boards and were hardly noticed by the majority of students.

### CLUB TIE

Sportsmen will perhaps have noticed the latest club tie on the campus. It has been awarded by the Rugby Club to all those players who went on tour with the club to the Western Province.

Hugh Stacey, the club secretary, suggested at the S.U. meeting that the club have a special badge and blazer. Although many other universities have clubs with their own badges and ties, the meeting felt that Rhodes was not large enough to allow each club to have its own blazer.

They said that it would only lower the prestige of awards made by the Colours Committee.

The motion was then withdrawn.

# SOCCER TEAM FAILS AGAIN

**T**HE 1st soccer team is not quite good enough. Last week they went down 3-1 to the log leaders, Arcadia, while on Saturday they were beaten 2-0 by lowly-placed Walmer.

The team's play is characterised by slow running and half-hearted tackling. This is a pity, for the ball control and positional sense of many of the players is very good. A good victory is very much needed, both to restore morale and to throw off the general lethargy that seems to have crept into our play.

Rhodes did well to hold Arcadia to a 3-1 defeat last Saturday. Ray Palfra-

man, the Rhodes S.A. Varsities goalkeeper, was as agile as ever and brought off some excellent saves. Vlotman, Kalil and Cann were solid in defence, if a little wild in distribution.

The forwards lacked dash, although Johnny Tindall always looked dangerous when in possession. He scored our only goal.

Last Saturday, the team disappointed

by losing 2-0 to Walmer. This was a match we should have won. The team's play lacked fire, and the forwards, especially the wings Green and Henen, indulged in too many cross-passes. Despite a territorial advantage, the forwards lacked finish although Tindall hit the cross-bar twice and Green and Goldbatt came close to scoring.

Ritchie Blythe, the captain, had an excellent match, his power and speed contrasting the slow movements and general purposelessness of his team mates.

Rhodes can do better. We are not doing as well as last year, when in our first season of 1st Division football we finished 5th on the log. At the moment we are lying bottom, despite the experience many of the players gained last year and the unflagging enthusiasm and knowledge of Eric Muller, the trainer.

## AGAINST COLLEGIANS:

## U20's triumph, but firsts lose

**R**HODES lost 11-3 to Old Collegians in a closely contested league game on Saturday at Uitenhage.

Old Collegians did most of the attacking in the first half and opened the scoring with a penalty from 30 yards. Rhodes were close to equalising when Brotherton's drop goal narrowly missed the uprights. The half-time score was 8-0.

Rhodes came back strongly after half-time and were close to scoring on a number of occasions. Bottcher and Jones, the two Rhodes wings, saw more of the ball than their opposite numbers. Stuart, the newly-promoted fly-half, reduced the deficit to 8-3 when he kicked a drop over from the 25.

Although Webber and Gillespie gave us a fair share of the ball from the lineouts and scrums, Rhodes were not

as fast as usual on the loose ball.

### U.20's WIN

Rhodes U.20 side compensated for this by convincingly beating Old Collegians 34-6.

Although the game was marred by some rough play, the backline produced many entertaining movements. The fast wings, Esselaar and George, between them scored all seven tries. George in particular had a good game, scoring a try after a solo run from his own 25.

This excellent win resulted mainly from the speed with which the ball was swung out to the wings. From both scrums and line-outs, the ball moved quickly out to the backline.

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