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RHODEO CENSORSHIP SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS TRIAL

The Senate has suspended censorship of the Rhodéo for a six months trial period, following a request by the S.R.C. to give Rhodéo an opportunity to prove its responsibility.

The Senate agreed to a trial period, but can re-introduce censorship if it feels the good name of the university has, or might be, harmed by uncensored publication of articles in the Rhodéo.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

But censorship of all other student publications like Rhodent, Rhodian, and the Students Handbook will remain in force, as the Senate feels these are widely distributed beyond the university.

AT LONG LAST

The lifting of censorship is the result of years of protest and negotiations between the Senate and the S.R.C., students, and NUSAS. The regulation under which censorship of student publications was enforced dates back to when Rhodes was founded, which stated that no publication could be produced by students "without the prior consent of the Senate".

The Rhodéo was censored twice last year — the first time on the intervention of a local chemist who claimed he had been smeared by the Rhodéo. A Rhodes student, who was not a member of the Rhodéo staff told the chemist of the article before it had appeared in the paper. The chemist then appealed to the Vice-Chancellor, who cut out the article.

Rhodéo was again censored towards the end of last year on an article on end-of-year exams.

Both the Chairman of the S.R.C., Mr. Eddie Webster, and the S.R.C. Publications Councillor, Mr. John Sprack, have commented on the temporary lifting of Rhodéo censorship.

S.R.C. CHAIRMAN

"Since the Rhodéo first appeared in the late 1930's the S.R.C. has consistently opposed censorship by the Senate, not only on the grounds of principle, but also on the grounds that the S.R.C. and the Rhodéo, not the Senate, would bear legal responsibility in a court of law if we were ever found guilty of libel or any other criminal charge," said Mr. Webster.

"In abolishing the censorship of the Rhodéo for a trial period of six months, the Senate has placed the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the students. We are grateful to the Senate for the faith they have shown in us, and I am sure that the Editorial staff of the Rhodéo will exercise their responsibility with maturity."

SPRACK

Mr. Sprack called the six months trial period "a most welcome step".

"It is to be hoped this move heralds an era of more cordial relations between the student body and the authorities. But it must be noted that the concession only affects censorship of the Rhodéo. All other publications issued by the Rhodes student body remain subject to censorship."

"We thus retain the dubious distinction of being the only university in South Africa which has its publications censored by the authorities."

SEE ALSO PAGE TWO EDITORIAL.

Pete Dekker (standing), co-author and co-producer of this years Scope Nite, discusses a musical point with Mr. Ian Wells (seated at piano), who wrote the music for the show. Rehearsals are in full swing and the show should be full of sparkle, said Mr. Dekker. "The cast are really keen", he said.

Les. Cowie, author and producer of the 1964 Scope Nite, will be musical director. The scenery has been designed by Sue Cowley and Bronwyn McComb.

The leading role is taken by Ian Lindsay (Dr. Kidney Stone).



P.E. varsity refuses debate with Africans

The new University of Port Elizabeth has refused to take part in an inter-varsity debate because Fort Hare was to be included.

Replying to an invitation by the Chairman of the Rhodes Afrikaans Society, Mr. Johann Maree, to take part in a triangular inter-varsity debate, the chairman of the U.P.E. Debating Society said they would not take part as it was against the policy of the country. "The policy of the country has made it apparent that such meetings are undesirable."

Mr. Maree said he was extremely disappointed that political motivations should have destroyed the opportunity of a purely cultural meeting.

"In spite of U.P.E.'s refusal to attend the debate, we still intend continuing our arrangements for holding the debate with Fort Hare. Indications are that they will welcome such contact."

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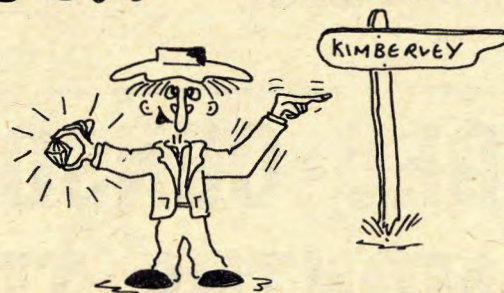
At long last censorship of Rhodeo has been lifted, if only for a trial period of six months. After years of protest by the students, the S.R.C., and NUSAS, the Senate has allowed the Rhodeo to print its opinions, free of the constant threat of censorship. This concession, which may be a major step forward in better relations between the students and the authorities, should, however, be seen in its true perspective. A free press is a right, not a privilege, and censorship cannot be justified on any moral or ethical grounds in a democratic state.

At a time when the Government seems to be moving towards further control of the press, especially the English press, it is heartening to see the university authorities reverse the trend. At university, where students should (although few do) strive towards the truth, censorship is more indefensible. We commend the Senate for this step forward, when the trend is usually towards retrogression. It is to be hoped that they will continue on this path, and that they will lift censorship of ALL student publications, not for a trial period, but permanently. Maybe they will also grant the students more responsibility in fields which are rightly their own.

Freedom of the press, gained in this very city more than 130 years ago, implies responsibility. The Rhodeo will continue to exercise the responsibility it has shown over the past years, but will continue to criticise when it feels criticism is needed. This applies not only to the university, but also to South Africa where students are vitally concerned. A newspaper can still be responsible and yet criticise vigorously. Often it is those who have been criticised who cry "irresponsibility", to divert attention from themselves.

With the millstone of censorship temporarily removed from its neck, Rhodeo's service to the campus will improve. It will publish the truth, regardless of the threats of authority, whether S.R.C., Senate or the Government. The interests of the university can only be served by the publication of the unbiased truth.

Cecil John



SHIELDS AND SPEARS FOR SUPPORTERS?

The Rugby Club does it again. These people must be masochists. Or optimists. Probably both. When they are not attempting to sponsor beauty competitions, they are arranging equally futile and unsuccessful sing-songs. (What exactly a sing-song is, no one seems to know, because raucous chanting hardly qualifies as singing nor qualify as songs.)



Year after year the unsuspecting Inks and Inkettes are coerced into attending these disorganised rantings and ravings, while certain less intelligent seniors attend of their own accord. The latter in keeping with their childish nature usually herald their arrival by blowing their own trumpets. Some even blow whistles — all that they need are assegais and shields and they can do African tribal dancing.

All this reaches the climax with Intervarsity. The day sees an absence of the piano, songsheets and, if the cheerleader is sane, the cheerleader. Those with more foresight are inebriated, whilst others sit with eyes downcast — "watching" the rugby. One hopes that with all the organising the rugby club does that they will eventually get down to playing rugby.

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Tragically enough, it would appear that nobody reads the S.R.C. minutes these days, not even the S.R.C. I am certain that none of the S.R.C. (except perhaps for the unfortunate individual who compiles them) would allow minutes to be passed which do not show the proposer and seconder, let alone the motion. Believe it or not, the S.R.C. does work hard, yet the apathetic,

ignorant and smug students will persist in asking "what is the S.R.C. doing for the student?" How can they possibly hope to know what the S.R.C. is doing for them when they do not read the minutes. One men's hall has had the same minutes posted on its notice board since October last year. But then can you blame the average student? Why, who would want to read the minutes when such important matters as the swimming bath and Kaif Krawls continue to perplex his child-like mind?

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Earlier this year I stated that the "Senate always knew best, Guy Fawkes thought that he knew best and look where he ended up". The Senate must have got the message. These generous men have decided in their wisdom that we are a university and that it might just be a good idea to treat our student press like it is treated at other universities, free of censorship. Of course we are not really free. Just like the repugnant ninety-days clause, it can be returned at the earliest whim. Still I suppose that in the university and the South Africa of today both qualify as freedom. This white tribal college, shall now sit back and say complacently to itself — "we are a university". Bah!

WEBSTER REPLIES TO REDELINGHUYS

Don't Compare Communist Party and NUSAS membership, he says

The Chairman of the S.R.C., Mr. Eddie Webster, has challenged Mr. Johann Redelinghuys' contention (printed in last week's Rhodoe) that membership of the Communist Party and NUSAS can be equated

Mr. Webster said: "In an interview which appeared in the Rhodoe last week, Mr. Redelinghuys is quoted as saying, in answer to the question why he does not 'join NUSAS and try to change it from the inside', that 'if you were against communism would you become a communist to change it from the inside?'"

As this is obviously an oblique reference to a statement I made in an earlier edition of Rhodoe, and affects my appeal to students to join NUSAS in order to 'play a moderating role within NUSAS' directly, I would like to examine Mr. Redelinghuys' analogy a little more thoroughly.

NO CONNECTION

While I acknowledge that this is a challenging question, I feel that Mr. Redelinghuys has used a logically fallacious argument commonly known as an imperfect analogy. Our scientific thinking is largely dependant on analogy and this has proved an invaluable guide to the discovery of new truths.

Yet there is a well known principle in arguing from analogy that we can only safely argue from the possession of one set of characters to another if there is a causal connection between them. A close examination of Mr. Redelinghuys' analogy between NUSAS and Communism fails to reveal this causal connection.

Communism is a political ideology, almost a belief, involving a particular interpretation of the past based upon two broad assumptions. Firstly that human society is conditioned by the economic organization of society. Secondly that society develops according to the laws of dialectic materialism.

KARL MARX

From this particular interpretation Karl Marx interpreted the past, layed a basis of action for the present and predicted the future. NUSAS on the other hand, is merely a union of students whose criterion for membership is not an interpretation of the past, but the mere fact that one is a student.

If I may draw, what I hope is not also an imperfect analogy, NUSAS is a trade union of students and like, for instance, a boilermakers union, would only insist on your being a boilermaker to join the union, so NUSAS demands only that you be a student.

NUSAS DEMOCRATIC

I therefore feel that Mr. Redelinghuys which is translated into political action through an exclusive party élite, has a democratic structure.

I therefore feel that Mr. Redelinghuys has made an unfair analogy, and that my appeal still stands.

WHY BAN BADGES?

Sir — Towards the end of last year Drosty Hall had designed for itself a most attractive blazer badge. It had been hoped to have this in production at the beginning of this year. Now however, word has trickled down from the rarified heights of the Senate that this badge is officially Verboten.

Do not the Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge have each their own badge? Does the Senate feel that these two great and illustrious bodies are rent by rabid sectionalism?

Besides what are all these fiery speeches, these protest marches, these Days of Affirmation in support of Academic Freedom worth when we are not even allowed to dress as we please within the limits of decency and sobriety?

However this is Rhodes. The next step is to find a uniform for us. St. Andrews has a very nice one which we might adopt. The level of thinking is the same.

DODO.

READER SUPPORTS REDELINGHUYS

Sir — We would like to voice our wholehearted support for Mr. Redelinghuys in his demand that NUSAS must be kept white.

For racial harmony to exist in South Africa, it is essential that separate National Unions be created for Chinese, Jewish, English, Afrikaans and Bantu students. True English culture cannot exist at our university while we have to accede to the cultural demands of Chinese and Jewish students. True white unity, on a patriotic basis, can only exist once separate amenities have been created for all racial groups.

Once unity within the separate racial groups has been established, then and then only, can we co-operate with other races.

Those who refuse to accept Mr. Redelinghuys's views can under no circumstances call themselves patriotic South Africans, and should join the Huddlestons in black England.

Addressing the A.S.B. Congress in 1942, Ds. D. J. Vorster (brother of the present Minister of Justice) stated "I see a new trek of British jingoes and Jews, who refuse to accept our policies." This might well be an overstatement of the truth, but his sentiment is a valid one.

MAKE NUSAS WHITE
(No name given)

PENALTIES HARSH

Sir — Is it not time that the recent spate of penalties imposed by the VC and Senate be looked into?

It would appear that the authorities are intent on turning Rhodes into a glorified high school. The VC seems obsessed by the desire to maintain the "good name" of Rhodes to such an extent that a "crime", such as ducking an ink, is regarded seriously and punished by one year's residential probation on the grounds of bringing disgrace to Rhodes. It is beyond us how this affects public opinion towards Rhodes.

Furthermore, a student was recently rusticated for some weeks for an "offence" which was overlooked completely by the civil authorities. The VC should see these offences in the correct perspective and punish them accordingly.

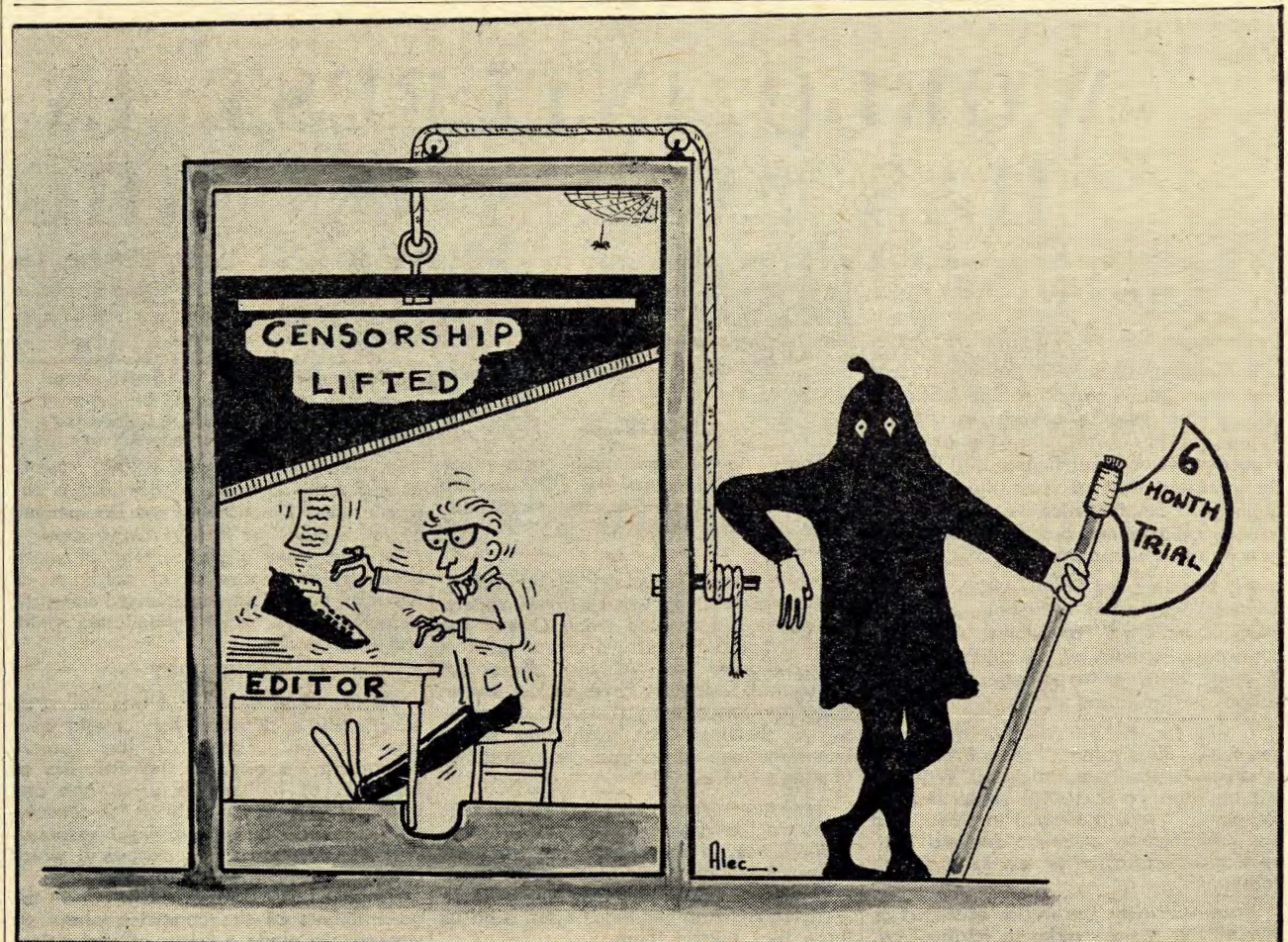
It astounds us that these offences seem to be regarded as being more detrimental to the "good name" of Rhodes than for instance detention under the 90 days clause.

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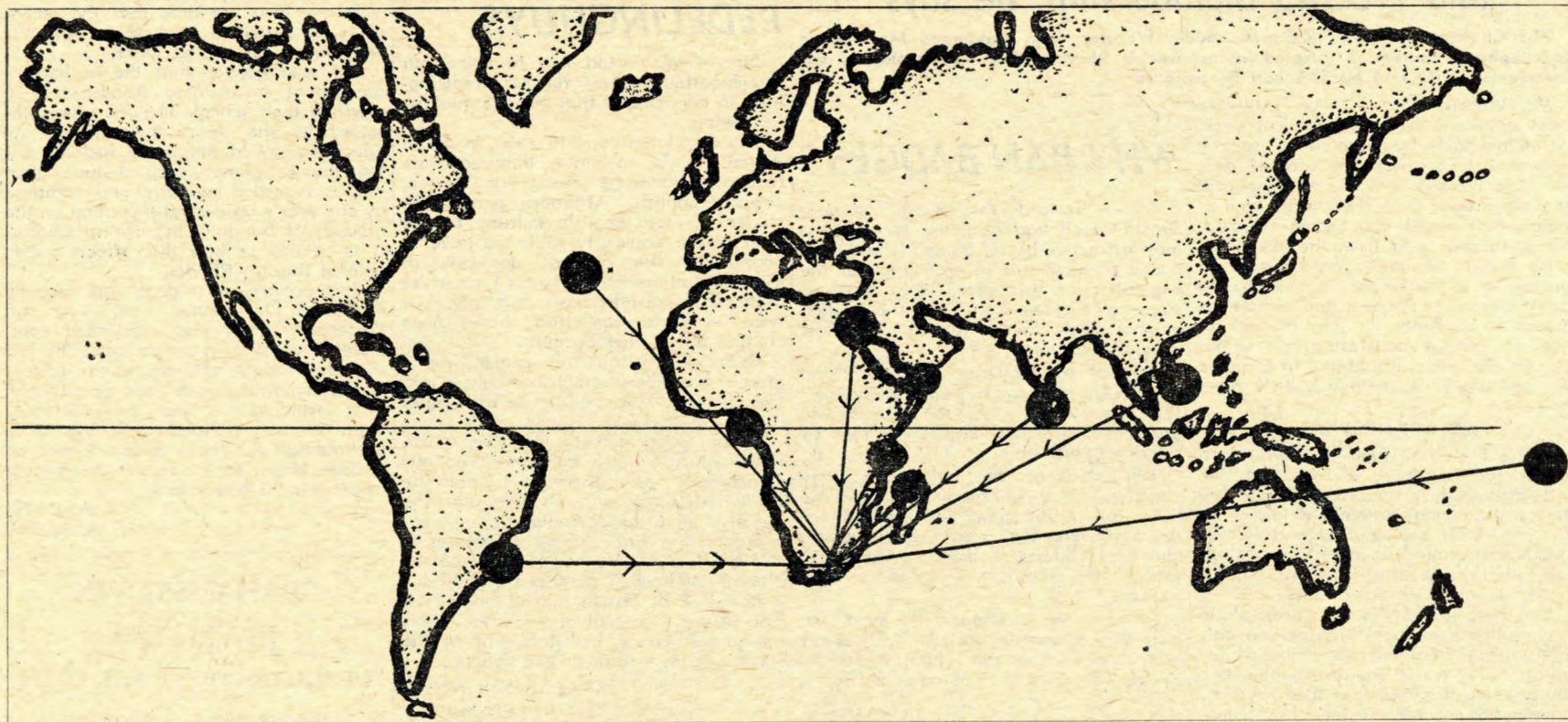
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WORLD INTEREST IN FISH HAS FOCUS ON RHODES

IN all parts of the civilised world there is today intense interest in the vast potential of the sea, chiefly in fishes, and nowhere more than in South Africa. Because of the oceanic conditions about Southern Africa, our fish fauna is one of the most extensive, diverse and interesting in the world. There is hardly any major group of fishes that is not represented in our seas, and new discoveries are constantly being made.

Exploitation of some of the more recent has raised the Republic to the status of one of the leading commercial fishing nations of the world, our annual catch exceeds that of Great Britain and is more than tenfold that of Australia. Further, angling in South Africa is not only the most popular sport, but is probably the best in any civilised country.

All this has led South Africans to be intensely interested in fishes, and from many sources we have long received a continuous stream of specimens, many of great rarity, with requests for identification and information.

It was for that reason that the large, copiously illustrated "sea Fishes of Southern Africa" was composed. With the aid of close on R20,000 subscribed by the public it was published in 1949, and has remained in constant demand both here and overseas; it is now in its fourth edition.

Known all over the world, accepted as one of the major works in ichthyology,

it has become an essential for every library of marine life.

DISCOVERIES

There have been many discoveries since it first appeared, the 1961 edition embraces 1,481 species, and recent discoveries bring the total to well over 1,500.

While some, especially larger fishes, and those in deep water, travel widely, many live in restricted areas. One of the most remarkable features of our work is the discovery on African shores of often small sedentary fishes before known only from lands many thousands of miles away, showing that even tiny feeble fishes manage to colonise vast stretches of ocean shores.

Therefore when a fish new to our seas turns up, to determine whether it is a new species, in some cases the fishes of almost the whole world must be reviewed. This applies not only to fishes found here — scientists in other lands often send us those that puzzle them.

By Professor J. L. B. Smith, head of the world-famous Department of Ichthyology at Rhodes University

As there are at least 30,000 species of fishes this is no light task, but is one of the chief functions of the Department of Ichthyology at Rhodes University.

A vast card index system of many hundreds of thousands of cards is an essential part of this specialised scientific detective work which sometimes yields startling results.

PREHISTORY

At the close of 1938 I was called on to identify a peculiar fish caught near East London. This was the famous Coelacanth, a relic of the fish life of hundreds of millions of years ago and until 1938 believed extinct for seventy-million years. It was no light responsibility to announce this discovery, which caused a world-wide sensation.

Financed by the C.S.I.R. and the governments of the countries where we worked, we made a series of expeditions

to East Africa, where we found so great a wealth of fishes that we collected intensively and brought back the valuable collections that are now a feature of this department.

Final success after 14 years in discovering the home of the Coelacanth at the Comoro Islands north of Madagascar in 1952 caused an even greater sensation.

COELACANTH

In response to many requests, I wrote the full story of this event, counted as the most outstanding in natural history of our time. The resulting book, "Old Four-legs", was published in London in 1956, three different editions (one a paperback) were issued.

After the Coelacanth episode, we continued our expeditions to the Western Indian Ocean, collecting intensively, and finding many more remarkable fishes, numbers new to science.

Many papers describing these remarkable fishes have been published in scientific journals here and overseas.

We planned to produce a treatise on the fishes of that region, which would mean a volume twice the size of the "Ssa Fishes".

Continued next week

Bedevilled bell

The Monday morning slumbers of St. Paul's Theological College went uninterrupted by the customary bell for a while last week. The bell which calls the Toks to prayer was sitting silent in a Rhodes student's room.

The idea was to abduct the bell and demand a R20 ransom for Rag funds. The plan fell through when the theologians seriously considered approaching the police on the matter.

Later last week the Bell of St. Paul's was found hanging in a tree on the Rhodes campus by a still conscientiously searching Tok.

The bell was said to have had a little yellow devil painted on the inside.

Blot expelled

A student has been sent down for three weeks by the Senate for allegedly stealing a bar stool on the night of Inky Social. He is a second-year student in Graham House.

The student was arrested by the police on an allegation of the theft of a bar stool from a local hotel. But the prosecutor dropped charges when the case came before the court and the case was immediately dismissed.

The Senate's decision to rusticate him came after the dropping of the charge.

Three other students, all of Graham House, have been put on residential probation for trying to throw Inks in the swimming bath on the night of Inky Social.

Social Anthropology: religion, man and society

AFS STUDENTS GIVE TALK

"They generalize, we specialize", said Miss Janet Hollingshead at the talk given by three students on the American Field Service exchange scheme last Wednesday.

Miss Hollingshead said that the two educational systems were so different that it was difficult to make a comparison. American high school "kids" get a general outline of a wide variety of subjects; they are taught to be good citizens, democrats, and to think for themselves.

FOUR STREAMS

Four streams are formed at the schools, graded from high above to below average. Competition is carried on within the groups. The grades are accepted, with no hard feeling between the upper and lower, just as our Matriculation and School Leaving Certificates are accepted.

The questions she was asked when over in America as an A.F.S. student, were simple questions on a South African's daily life — not political questions. Miss Hollingshead found that the majority of Americans were amazingly ignorant about Africa, being drastically misled by Hollywood's "African Safari" and "Duel in the Jungle" films.

Of the other two speakers at the talk, Miss Molly Smit gave a sketch of the A.F.S. organization, and Mr. Andy Oram spoke on the impact of America on the foreigner.

Religion in its social aspect is what concerns the Social Anthropologist. He was approaching it from a particular point of view, and was not usurping the field of the psychologist or theologian, said Professor Hammond-Tooke in his inaugural lecture last week. He was speaking on the topic "In Search of the Sacred".

Religion was a social phenomenon received in toto by the ordinary individual from preceding generations and having a great influence on his behaviour, he said.

The religious system was merely a sub-system of society, he pointed out, such as economic, political or kinship system, all of which formed normative rule-governed patterns holding society together. In primitive societies the religious system was often closely linked with the other systems, as in the example of a priest being the senior member of a community in kinship and political as well as religious spheres.

RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

He said the apparent aim of the religious system was no different from that of other systems. Its object was the "good life", either now or hereafter or both. Its aim was not necessarily union with God, for some primitive societies believe that too close a union with God is dangerous. Nor was the aim necessarily life after death, for some primitive societies are not concerned with this.

Where the religious system differed from other systems was in its concept of the sacred, he said. Certain objects were set apart as being different or holy, though they might not be recognised as

such in terms of language. These symbolised something else. Rituals and myths were sometimes used as further symbols of this. In this can be seen man's dependence on non-human agencies.

Professor Hammond-Tooke said that he had not tried to define religion. It was a universal cultural phenomenon and had important functions to both society and the individual. It provided a means of intellectual understanding and an explanation of the ultimate ends of society, while holding that society together. It provided man with moral values, and most important, provided the individual with deep personal experience.

Inky "Debate" tomorrow

Tomorrow at 7.45 p.m. the annual Inky Debate will be held in the Great Hall. The motion is "That intellectual qualities are of greater importance to the modern Rhodes girl than physical attributes".

The motion will be proposed by Pete Dekker and Janet Hollingshead. The Ink and Inkette opposing it are Gillian Campbell of Jameson and Les Boardman of Smuts.

The subject of the debate is a traditional one. Equally as traditional is the controlled havoc which makes this an essentially light-hearted evening. Michael Austin as Chairman will supervise the riot.

ILLOGICAL

Sir — What kind of institution is this which permits rustication? This form of punishment only serves to hinder and discourage a student, especially when he has not even been convicted of a civil offence. The authorities probably argue that to attend a university is a privilege which must not be abused. Perhaps they forget that education is not only a privilege, but also vital to progress. Rustication defeats the aims of education.

WRATHFUL.



These pensive singers above are seen at one of last week's Scope-Nite rehearsals. One of the show's producers, Mr. Pete Dekker is quoted as saying "rehearsals are very promising as the cast is keen". From left to right are Howard Clow-Wilson, Tony Breger, Graham Brayshaw, Ian Lindsay, Janet Hollingshead, and Roy Osborne.

NO DEVELOPMENTS ON U.C.T. CAMPUS AS YET

There have been no major developments on the University of Cape Town campus over the three important issues facing students — banning of segregated dances by the S.R.C., students protest at the banning of Prof. J. Simons, and the suit against the University administration over automatic enrolment into NUSAS.

A mass meeting is expected in the near future on the S.R.C.'s decision to ban all dances until they are "open to all members of the student body". The meeting may have been held yesterday.

The S.R.C. has been forbidden to protest at the banning of Prof. Simons from lecturing. The Minister of Justice, Mr. B. J. Vorster, banned him and Prof. E. Roux of Wits. from lecturing at any South African university because they are named communists. The students may not hold or issue any form of protest until the University Council has decided whether or not it will protest. The Council is expected to meet this month.

There has been no further action in the claim by the Conservative Student's Association president, Mr. Gert van Zyl, that he is seeking a court order to end NUSAS automatic enrolment at U.C.T. It is reported that the University Principal, Dr. J. P. Duminy, is "apparently unconcerned" by the threat.

— SANSPA, VARSITY.

Soccer club wins

Rhodes' first soccer XI forward line played brilliantly at Fiddlers Green on Saturday, with wingers Schultz (five goals) and Knapton (four goals) the stars of the match.

On reflection, however, Saturday's match posed several points worthy of note.

The team's forward line is, without question, the most talented the club has ever had. But there are serious problems regarding defence. The Yiannakis brothers, Thorpe and O'Grady are sound players, and will feature prominently this season.

However, another good full-back and wing-half must be found soon, otherwise many goals will be conceded through these weaknesses. Some experimenting with the limited resources available will have to be done so that a balanced well-knit team can hold its own in a tough League.

The team's first League game will be against P.E. United next Saturday.

Result :

Rhodes N.F.L. 11.
Defence Invitation : 3.

Other Match :

Rhodes second XI : 4.
Saints : 0.

Sprout In Action

This magnificent action picture of Mike Sprout was taken during the Rhodes swimming and diving championships on Saturday March 20. Soaring like a bird above the crowd, he illustrates the near-faultless technique which won him the 1 and 3 metre diving crowns.



Psycho Talk Next Week

Three top lecturers will speak on "The need for vocational counselling in South Africa" at Rhodes on April 7, arranged by the Psychological Society.

It will be the first time that any lecturers from the new University of Port Elizabeth will be speaking on the Rhodes Campus. Professor Strümpfel, the Head of their Psychology Department will speak on the adjustment difficulties of School-children while Mr. van Aart, Senior lecturer will speak on Vocational Guidance for senior students and university students. Mr. de Villiers of P. J. Olivier Hoërskool will discuss the choice of school curricula.

The headmasters and staff of all the schools from Grahamstown to East London have been invited to this lecture as well as the members of the U.E.D. departments and the Training Colleges. The lecture will be held in the Great

The lecture is open to all the students on the Campus. There will be a lecture of twenty minutes with a summary in Afrikaans. There will also be a question period.

News representatives will be present.

Few Insure Themselves

Less than 200 students have taken out insurance offered by the S.R.C. against accidents which occur while at Rhodes.

The premium is R5.10 for men students and R4.10 for women. This provides insurance against accidents from the moment students leave home for university until they return, said the Vice-Chairman of the S.R.C., Mr. Trevor Anderson. "Doctor's fees are covered, and even physiotherapy has a proviso for up to R10 per annum", he said.

"I sincerely hope that students will avail themselves of this opportunity to insure themselves as soon as possible", said Mr. Anderson.

Forms for the insurance can be obtained from the Permanent Secretary of the S.R.C., Mr. Guiney, upstairs in Old Kaif.

EDITOR

Applications for the post of Editor of "Forum" for 1965 are invited. They must be addressed in writing to —

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SPORTRAIT



Jenny Halley

Our Sports Star this week is the 17 year old swimmer from Port Elizabeth, Jenny Halley. Jenny only came to Rhodes at the beginning of this year, but already she has made a great impact on our swimming.

Jenny might be classed as a school-girl prodigy, for she represented Eastern Province in senior competition at the early age of twelve.

For a long time Jenny's path to E.P. Championships titles was blocked by Wendy Burrell, but this year she broke through to claim victories in the 100 yds. and 880 yds. freestyle races. She had a successful time in the S.A. Championships held in Salisbury in February (her 4th inter-provincial tournament), coming second in the 440 yds. (5 mins. 10 secs.), and 100 yds., and third in the 880 yds. (10 mins. 47 secs.) freestyle events. Once again, a Springbok swimmer, Diane Ludorf, stood between her and victory.

Although Pamela Key offered severe competition in the Rhodes gala, Jenny smashed all three freestyle records, chipping no less than 55.2 secs. off the former best time for 440 yds., and 20 seconds off the existing 220 yds. record. She also finished the 100 yds. in the Rhodes best-ever time of 61.9 secs.

She is coached by Mr. P. Elliott from Port Elizabeth, and trains for about 6 months of the year, swimming on the average three miles a day. During the winter she keeps fit with land exercises and running. Jenny hopes to reach her peak sometime next year — when she does so, I believe that Rhodes will once again be supplying South Africa with a freestyle champion.

ATHLETICS TEAM SHINES
IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the E.P. Senior athletics championships held at the Westbourne Oval in P.E. last Friday and Saturday nights, the Rhodes Athletics team put up a tremendous performance, gaining six first places.

The outstanding athlete of the team was undoubtedly Vera Smit who caused the upset of the night on Saturday when she won the 220 yards women from the two E.P. sprinters. Her time of 25.4, an excellent performance on a track which was heavy and not conducive to good time, was .8 secs. better than her previous best. She then went on to show that she is fast regaining her best form in the long jump when she won this event with a leap of 17 ft. 1½ ins. On Friday night Vera had come third in the 100 yards with a time of 11.6.

Peter de Villiers first won the 440 yds. hurdles on Friday night in 57.0 and then caused an upset in the 220 yds. when he beat the E.P. champion, Jerry Cyrus, in a very close finish. Running from the outside lane Peter just managed to hold off a strong burst by Cyrus and both were credited with a time of 22.2 secs. In the 100 yards on Saturday night the positions were reversed and he came second in 10.3.

In the men's 880 yards on Friday night there were two more very good performances by Rhodians. Cliff Hopkins came in second in a most commendable 1 min. 55.6 secs., about 3 seconds better than he has done before, and Rory Taylor was a close third in 1 min. 55.8, no less than 7 seconds better than his previous best.

Taylor is still a junior and his time was .8 faster than the E.P. under 19 record. He is running the 880 and the mile at

the S.A. junior championships in Cape Town next month and is certain to do well.

Cliff went on to win the mile on Saturday in 4 mins. 25.3 secs. In the absence of E.P. record holder Geoff Bacon, Cliff had to run virtually on his own in front and won easily. With closer competition his time would no doubt have been considerably faster.

The Rhodes 4 X 110 relay team (of de Villiers, Palin, Salisbury and Ilsley) ran well to win the relay in a very close finish from P.E.A.C. in the time of 44.3. Excellent baton changing made the difference between first and second place. In the 4 X 440 relay the Rhodes team, although only third, were still well inside of the E.P. record of 3 min. 38.3 secs. They clocked 3 min. 30.3 secs.

Many of the team clocked personal best times at the championships. Phyllis Cumming's time of 2 min. 31.5 in third place in the women's 880 was her best and also inside the existing Rhodes record. Willem Marais took 5 seconds off his best 3 mile walk time when he came third in 25 mins. 16 secs. On this performance he was included in the E.P. junior team to go to the S.A. junior championships.

Judging by the team's performance we should have particularly stirring competition at the Rhodes Championships next weekend. The 880 and mile events promise to be extremely exciting with a tremendous duel between Cliff Hopkins and Rory Taylor. Both are very fit and approaching peak performance, and they could get very near the Rhodes records.

Fifty mile walk on Sunday

The most surprising fact of this Sunday's "Great Walk" is that nearly as many women as men have indicated that they would like to attempt this foot-wearying feat. (The girls walk the upward 25 miles from Bathurst to Grahamstown) So far 146 entries for the girls' event have been received as against the figure of 57 last year.

Two trucks have been hired to take 70 girls to Bathurst, but the 50-mile walk committee urgently needs assistance in transporting the remainder, so that they can start on time at 8 a.m.

Would anyone willing to render such help please contact Pixie Pope in Oriel House? General assistance for all walkers on the road would also be greatly appreciated by the Committee, but most especially by the walkers themselves. Sandwiches, fruit and coffee are being provided by the university, but anything additional in this line would be most welcome, for

walking is both a thirsty and a hungry business.

Several people have indicated that they would be prepared to finish the walk by various novel methods, on a tricycle, on a tandem, and on a horse, for instance — but further Rag stunts would gladden the heart of the Rag Publicity Manager. We leave that to your own initiative and ingenuity.

Roy Osborne is attempting to crack the cycling record for the course, and hopes to complete the trip in less than seven hours. There is no indication to date as to whether anybody will compete against him.

SPORTS REPORTING
CONDEMNED

Sir, — I am depressed that Rhodéo sports reporting this year has plunged to depths which are abysmal even by the puerile standards of this beggarly rag.

What self-respecting person desires to read reports of third-rate sporting events written in third-rate language by third-rate reporters? Who is interested in "exciting Second Eleven cricket matches", in Pincus and his co-performers on the ping-pong table, or whether Rhodes came a glorious fifth in the Intervarsity water-ballet or not? Further one might, with all due politeness, inquire whether rugby is still recognised as a sport at Rhodes. According to this newspaper it is not, or perhaps the reason for the lack of any sort of information on rugby is that none of the first team are members of NUSAS, which is apparently the Rhodéo's sole topic for discussion, if one discounts the spurious ramblings of that verbose and facetious dirt-smearer, whose column regularly discredits the greater half of page two.

Perhaps the Rhodéo would honour us with baseball and netball reports next week.

JUKSKEI SUPPORTER.

SPORTS EDITOR
REPLIES

Every person is entitled to his own opinion as regards the merits and demerits of the Rhodéo in general, and the sports pages in particular, but there are several factors I would like to bring to "Jukskei Supporters" attention. Firstly, we do recognise rugby as one of the major sports, and have been asking the rugby club for weeks to give us a report. We hope you are satisfied this week.

Secondly, we are trying to foster interest in the minor sports at Rhodes, and this is the reason for our reports on table tennis, badminton, water-ballet, etc. Thirdly, the first term at Rhodes is not a great one sporting-wise, so that there is a distinct lack of actual events which one can report on — hence the inclusion of the 2nd Eleven cricket match. If "Jukskei" thinks he can improve the standard of sports reporting, we would be glad to have him at any time.

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WATER-POLO PLAY DETERIORATES

After their fine display against P.E. Rhodes, much was expected of the Rhodes water polo team in their match against a Border invitation side last Saturday. However, after an exhilarating first quarter, at the end of which they led 4-1, their play deteriorated somewhat, especially near goal, with the result that they defeated the moderate Border team by only 8 goals to 3.

Potentially Rhodes remain a very fine side, but both their marking and their shooting will have to be tightened up if they hope to shine at intervarsity at the end of the year. Rhodes' teamwork also tended to break down at times, and there were too many speculative individual efforts, but this lack of cohesion is probably only a passing phase — against the stronger opposition provided by P.E. on gala day, the Rhodes team demonstrated conclusively that they **can** play as a co-ordinated unit.

Rhodes quickly burst into a 3-1 lead against the Border team, who were finding it difficult to settle down. Shortly before the end of the first quarter, Grafton increased the score to 4-1 with a smart backflip. Border managed to pull back one of the goals in the second quarter, but at this stage Rhodes were still playing well, and Grafton and McGaw made the score 6-2. From this point Rhodes became too casual, and only a succession of fine saves by Dransfield prevented Border from cutting down their lead.

In the third quarter, Rhodes put constant pressure on the Border goal, but their finishing was poor. McGaw did, however, score with a grand long shot to the top left-hand corner (7-2). The final quarter saw each side score a goal, but there were further misses by Rhodes, whose score certainly should have reached double figures. The only Rhodes players to reach anywhere near their top form were captain Ewan Copeland and Roger Dransfield.

Scores :

Rhodes 8 (Grafton 3, McGaw 3, Copeland, Prior).

Border Invitation 3.

SMALLS

Will all those prepared to help take girls to Bathurst for their 25 mile walk on Sunday, April 4, please contact Pixie Pope in Oriel House

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Barry Wingrove (left) and Alec Friend pictured practising for the Eastern Province small bore trials, in which they came first and second respectively. They have both been chosen to represent Eastern Province at the national championships next weekend.

RUGBY CLUB TO TOUR NORTHERN

VARITIES

The Rugby Club made an early start to a full season with a match last night against Pirates in King William's Town. At the time of going to press the result of the match was not known.

In addition to an inter-varsity match against the University of the Orange Free State in Bloemfontein this Saturday, the club will tour the Northern universities during the Easter vacation.

The club began training in the first week of term, and have been training every day since then. The trials were held last Saturday and a promising amount of talent was on show. Almost half of last year's first team are back at Rhodes this year. They include Ray Radloff as full-back, Kingsley Amm at centre, and Basil Blumrick at scrumhalf. Amongst the forwards Pete Jooste and Dereck Jacobs, and amongst the loose-forwards Boozy Schnell and Eddie Webster are back.

A number of valuable additions to the club have been found. In the tight forwards Newman, Finnemore and Knipe have been practising with the first team, while du Plessis at wing has been playing good rugby.

The league fixtures for all three of the open rugby teams are strenuous. Both the second and third teams are now playing in the Midlands League, where they have 16 fixtures to fulfil. As usual the First Team will play in the Eastern Province First League.

The tour of the northern universities in April will consist of three matches. The first will be against the Johannesburg College of Education, and the other matches against Wits and Potchefstroom.

The club has lost the services of Attie Maree, who has coached the first team most successfully for the last three years. Roy Simpson, who captained the team last year and who is now teaching at Graeme College, will take over from Attie Maree.

STOP PRESS

Kelly Cup Winners

Brian Cole and Phil Grafton won the Kelly Cup on Sunday at the Port Alfred golf course with a score of 91 points. Runners-up after a count-out were Mike Gottlieb and Charles Brandenburger with 85 points. In stormy conditions in the afternoon, several players complained of being struck by lightning.

Awards :

Longest drive — Al Coetzee.

Longest drunken drive — Johnny Johnson.

Nearest to pin — Tub Turner.

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