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BANDS STRIKES UP

MIKE BANDS, representing Founders, won the Inter-Hall Best Speakers' Competition on Wednesday. Close runner-up was Rinty van Stratten (Retief).

In the first round, of prepared speeches, Mike, a Northern Rhodesian, spoke on "The White Man in Central Africa," telling of the prejudice of White Southern Rhodesians against the White "barbarians" from Northern Rhodesia.

Rinty kept the audience laughing in his speech "Wall consciousness To-day". "From the walls of the womb to the walls of the coffin, walls rule our lives. Firing squads need walls.

In the final, where each speaker had three minutes to prepare a speech on "No Single Art Makes Sense", Mike claimed that no single art made sense to him. To his primitive N. Rhodesian mind, an art like archery was senseless since the target was inedible.

Rinty avoided the issue by saying, philosophically, that everything is in the mind, and as the question was inconceivable to him, it did not exist.

Tony Davenport (Drosty) in "Democracy is Bunk", claimed that democracy is inefficient, decadent, and corrupt, and that it collapses or becomes dictatorial in a crisis.

LOVE AND WAR

Jill Gane (St. Mary's) in "War" said that the H-bomb has cheated our generation of war. Our two most intense emotions are the opposites, love and war. Take on away and the other dies; life dies.

le Clanche du Rand (Milner), in a sketch of contemporary American novelist, J. D. Salinger's, work showed with sustained irony modern American youths' rejection of their "phoney" environment.

John Sprack (Smuts) showed how symbols like cars, and not true worth, determine "Social Status" under capitalism. Yet a classless society is impos-

sible because some men inevitably rise above others. Therefore, by equality of opportunity, we must liquify class barriers.

LIFEBLOOD

Tony Ardington (Pringle) showed that "The Tragedy of S. Africa" is the advance of the desert due to soil erosion by uneducated farmers, not politics. For the earth is our lifeblood.

Eve Grey (Oriol) in "The Age of Disillusionment" said that Man today, by cold analysis, has realised how insignificant and futile he really is. Man, fearing to believe, has no ideals, no God, no freedom. Only unattainable love attracts him.

This is the first year that the event has been run as a competition, not as a debate.

SUMMERY SURPRISES IN THE SWIM:—

THE BARE FACTS

BOLDEST Bikinis have taken Rhodes' conservative males by the bare strings of their fashion consciousness.

During the vacation the sunny days that graced our city brought out the most meagre of feminine attire from the bottom drawers of the female residences. Spotted, striped, and plain shreds of material tried as hard as possible to afford some covering from the berg wind which swept over the precincts of the Rhodes swimming bath.

NOTHING

The fashion nowadays at Rhodes seems to be all, or nearly nothing. Other more quantitative swimsuits worn by some

of the women made the bikini wearers look like the local remnant counters after the sale rush had cleared everything worth purchasing. On the other hand, the more elaborate swimsuits . . . those with the short sleevelets . . . provided an elegant figure with an elegant covering.

MEN'S BEHIND

Men's fashions in the swimwear section seem to be chugging along in the rut that was left behind by the American war veterans in Japan. Probably the reason for this, is that there is not very much scope for manufacturers to juggle around with the scanty material that constitutes such a costume.

HOW TO COPE WITH EXAM FEVER

EITHER you're clawing the ceiling and eyeing the gin lovingly or you're smiling tremulously, nursing the secret fact that you have done just a "little bit more than your duty".

The aim of this article is to nurse the former group, which is probably in the majority, back to life. We won't bother about the smug group—we hate being patronised.

BATH WEEKLY

To begin with the sick—all is not lost, there is still hope, etc. Whatever you do, DO NOT associate with the smugs or you're bound to take to the hills. Make neat little lists of everything you have to do and tick off a few items for good encouragement. Bath once a week so as to repel any K.P. friends, stock up on coffee and wear your dressing-gown while spotting.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

Let the exams' come as a surprise—it makes them so much more fun. If you happen to have no notes do not despair—the examiner craves any form of originality. Besides positive thinking and the fact that "if the other morons can pass so can I", keep in mind that next year is another year.

BETTER

It is better to do a little work and pass some of your exams. than to give up the ghost completely.

Good luck, good swotting, goodbye.

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SHOULD RHODESIANS TAKE PART

The question of the morality of Rhodesian students participating in South African student politics is a topical one at the moment, at a time when student politics are passing through stormy weather.

Opinion on the campus is divided. Rhodesians who object to taking part in student politics do so for two main reasons.

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One, the Nationalist Party is not the only party with members in the Government, and never will be, unless the State becomes completely authoritarian.

Two, all South African students are subsidised in exactly the same way.

DEPORTATION

A second objection raised by the Rhodesians is, as they say, that they are unwilling to run the risk of deportation, and thus do not wish to offend the Governing regime.

Many Rhodesians are, however, in favour of taking part in political activity where it concerns University life and questions such as Academic Freedom. They feel that they are not only Rhodesian students but also students at a South African University, and as such have rights of action in matters affecting them.

FALLACY

The idea that Rhodesian nationality debars a student from voicing his opinion on such questions as racialism in South Africa is wholly fallacious.

The destinies of the Republic and Rhodesia are closely allied, and are bound to influence each other.

Lastly, many of the most contested issues in South African politics are ethical matters, and must surely be judged by anyone who has a conscience, irrespective of nationality.

GOVERNMENT REFUSES VISAS

THE Government has refused visas to a number of overseas people who were invited to attend a conference on Human Relations and Communications Today.

The conference, due to be held in January, 1963, was planned by the South African Institute of Race Relations and the University of Witwatersrand, but has been cancelled.

Eminent overseas authorities invited included the British physicist, Sir John Cockcroft, Dean Griswold of the Harvard Law School, Mrs. Elizabeth Huxley, and Dr. Clark Kerr, President of the University of California. Over three thousand people representing organisations in South Africa were also invited to attend. A draft programme included such items as international co-operation, culture and communications, race, nationalism and religion.

Dr. Verwoerd said of the conference: "Under cover of allowing important and knowledgeable authorities to discuss various problems with regard to human relations, the objective is the most blatant propaganda against the Government's policy both inside South Africa, and in the world, and for the liberal ideology".

The Government also refused visas to members of the International Student Delegation to Africa.

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Only twelve players came. The winners were Herman and Bettman (North-South); and Koendermann and Elgie (East-West).

Bridge News

IN an hour before dinner on Thursday, 20th September, four remarkable bridge hands were dealt in Matthews House common room. In each of the four, seven no-trumps were bid and made. In the first three, the total point count in the two matching hands were 36, 38 and 40.

In the fourth hand, one player was dealt twelve diamonds (missing only the five) and the ace of hearts. He opened seven diamonds. His partner, with the missing diamond, and two other aces, bid seven no-trump, which was cold.

His reasoning was that for his partner to open seven diamonds with twelve diamonds, he must have the other ace.

MEETING RESULTS

The results of the Bridge Club's meeting on 18th September were:

North-South

1, Ashmole and Scott, 246; 2, Wigg and du Plessis, 239; 3, Tregoning and Gavshon, 234.

East-West

1, Mayne and B. Farley, 272; 2, Bettman and Klotz, 247; 3, Philips and R. Farley, 246.

The "pick-up" evening held on 19th September was very poorly attended.

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NUSAS REGIONAL SEMINAR

DURING the September vacation there was a Regional NUSAS Seminar at which lectures were given on political and racial questions. Our reporter was told that informal discussions revealed sharply contrasting opinions among members present.

Lectures were given by Mr. N. Bromberger on, "The Student and Political Involvement", by Father Ashby on, "The Ethics of Illegal Action", and by Professor Irving on, "Techniques of Reduction in Race Tension".

The Seminar was attended by about 30 members from local NUSAS branches including Rhodes and Fort Hare. It took place at Stone's Hill, and was the first of its kind to take place in Grahamstown.

PARISIAN BAZAARS

NEUROTIC? TRY PEEBEE, NOTHING FOR NEUROSES
THERE: FIRST PLACE TRIED 'COURSE.

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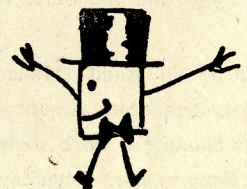
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LETTERS

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WAR PHOTOS NOT SORDID

Sir,

May I through your columns reply to the letter in the last issue of the Rhodex, concerning the S.A. Peace Council's exhibition.

It was nowhere suggested that the horrors of war should be glossed over. In fact it was pointed out that an awareness of the horrors of war may be a salutary warning. What is suggested is that it is time attention was turned to constructive means of averting such horrors, instead of wasting time on what is a negative approach.

GUIDANCE

May I illustrate this. Sunday papers are seldom without their lurid tales of marital infidelity. He would be a fool who imaged that an airing of such sordid facts helps at all towards a solution of divorce problems. What does help to solve the problem is marriage guidance.

Further, your correspondents presume to speak for the feelings of Germans who may have seen the exhibition. I question their right to do so, and indeed the insulting way in which they impute motives to others reflects an intolerance and insensitivity little short of that which they themselves are criticising.

L. HEWSON.

RADICAL ALTERNATIVE SPEAKS AGAIN

PERMIT me through the medium of your excellent publication to reply to Pat's effort in your last issue.

A criticism of the student body for non-attendance at this student body meeting is surely not justified. Firstly, as Pat points out, the meeting was very poorly advertised, and in addition, the time chosen was either advertently or inadvertently such that it clashed directly with the inter-house relay race.

Far be it for me to suggest that this race should claim preference over such a weighty affair as a Student Body meeting, but the facts of the matter are that under our present system of election it is entirely unnecessary for the proposer or the candidate to be present at all since anything that may be said could be construed as canvassing.

MISS TWIDDLE

The latter fact is the reason for this epistle and the time has surely come for a revision of our electoral system. Much was said of this before the last election, yet nothing was done. I submit that it is up to the S.R.C. to sound the Students' Body on its views in connection with the revision of the electoral system. Till this is done we will indeed be justified for the lament, "We brought it on ourselves, Miss Twiddle."

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BROTHERTON HITS CENTURY

ERIC BROTHERTON, the Springbok Squash player, opened the cricket season on a high note by hitting a brilliant 130 runs against Stanley on Sunday. Rhodes won by 79 runs.

SPORTS TALK

SWIMMING

Prospects are good for the coming swimming season, which starts with the annual Rhodes championship gala on October 20th. Although training is well under way, it is unlikely that records will be broken so early in the season.

It is hoped to stage an inter-hall relay consisting of teams of fifteen: as the response to this has been so encouraging, it might even be possible to stage an inter-house relay. The programme for the gala shows no lack of events and should provide an entertaining afternoon.

The water polo team has been strengthened by the addition of four provincial players, Meyer, Gould, McQuire and Coetzer and the experience and ability of Oldridge should be a great asset.

SPORTS UNION

The Sports Union are holding their A.G.M. on Thursday and there are two interesting items on the agenda. Both items are proposed changes in the constitution. The newly formed weight lifting club are apply for the awards of team blazers, colours, etc. This change should not meet with any opposition as they have done exceptionally well during the year.

The other items is the proposal by the U20 Rugby Club for a team blazer to replace the award of a tie. As the U20's are a separate Rugby Club from the open Rugby Club, most sportsmen feel that they are entitled, as are other first teams, to a team blazer.

CLOSE SOCCER MATCH

IN a closely-contested game on Fiddlers Green Rhodes went down 1-0 to Saints—the local Grahamstown team. Although the game had many exciting moments, the standard of play never reached great heights. The lack of fire which has marked Rhodes' play all season, was again evident. Ritchie Blythe was our best player at left-half.

Despite the fact that their goal was an opportune one, Saints were worthy winners.

Rhodes were 271 for 5 at lunch but failed to maintain this encouraging start and were all out for 285 soon afterwards. Brotherton was well supported by Archibald, who made 26, Bond 41, while Anderson and Evans scored 24 each. Rhodes scored their runs in under 200 minutes. Stanley replied with 206 all out. Eastern Province player Wilmot was top scorer, with 26, for Stanley. Of the Rhodes bowlers Stacey took 5 for 31, Glen Hall failed to impress, taking 2 for 87. Godden had a long spell and bowled accurately to finish with 2 for 46 in 18 overs.

During the vacation, Rhodes beat the touring Stellenbosch side with a minute to spare. Rhodes batted first and made 238; Brotherton 82 and Anderson 84 not out, were the top scorers. Hall took 5 wickets for 60 runs and Brotherton 3 for 26. This was the first game of the season.

On Saturday the second team opened their season by beating Assegai Bush. Thorpe was top scorer with 56, while Eksteen scored 31.

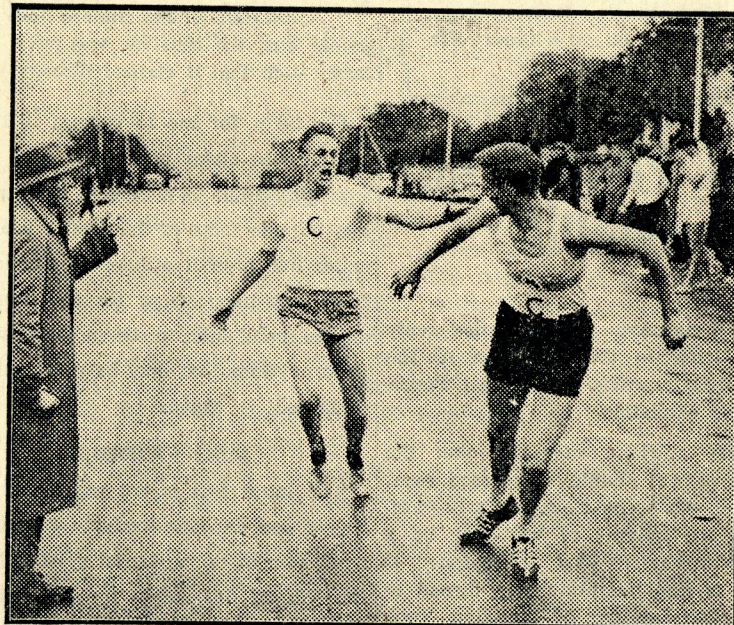
1st XV END SEASON WELL

RHODES deservedly beat the strong G.M. team by 17 points to 13 for the second time this season, in their final league match on Saturday (September 22nd).

Rhodes went into the lead when Ulyate, playing an excellent game at fly-half, dropped two goals within the first ten minutes (6-0). Botcher then scored his first try from a high kick by Ulyate (9-0). He again crossed the line shortly afterwards for Ulyate to convert (14-3).

In the second half Rhodes faded somewhat and G.M. scored a further 10 points. Botcher scored the only Rhodes try in the second half to make the final score 17-3. A feature of the match was the fine display by the Rhodes forwards.

COLLEGE TAKE OVER



Lubke takes over from Thompson (College House) in the inter-house relay race. College eventually won the race in a total time of 37mins. 23secs.

RECORD SMASHED

A NEW record was set up by Pixie Pope, who won the women's Inter-Hall cross-country with a fast time of 11mins. 58 secs; second was Daphne Adams. St. Mary's were the overall winners, with Oriel second, and Milner third.

The men's cross-country was won by Dickson, with the time of 30mins. 47 secs., followed by Gradwell and van Heerden. Founders were the clear winners over Smuts, followed by Pringle, Drosty and Retief.

An inter-house relay, the first of its kind, was held at the end of last term.

College House won with a total for the six runners of 37mins. 23secs. Oppidans came second. Dickson, who clocked in a time of 5mins. 58secs., had the fastest run of the day. The large turnout of 19 teams was a commendable effort.

U20 Bs. LOSE VITAL MATCH

THE U20B's lost their "cup-decider" game against Parks 11-0 on Saturday. Prior to this game both teams had only lost one match.

The score was a true reflection of a match in which Parks held the upper hand throughout. Rhodes never looked like really scoring.

The team now ends the season second on the log.

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