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TOUGH SCREENING ANNOUNCED V.C. outlines new Rhodes policy

Discrimination feared at Maties

FORUM, the independent student newspaper at the University of Stellenbosch, comments in its latest issue on the sharp decrease in the number of English-speaking students admitted this year to the University's Helderberg residence.

Only one first-year English-speaking student has been admitted to Helderberg this year, and compared with last year, there are now 90 per cent fewer English-speaking students at the residence.

POLITICAL

"In the light of these facts, the matter takes on an ugly political complexion," declares Forum. "We can only hope that this manifestation is purely coincidental."

Forum adds that the university has the right to refuse to admit any student without giving reasons.

"Undeniably there is a danger in the regulation that a democratic principle may be undermined, if the persons who possess this right abuse it," says Forum. "As is apparent from the circumstances, a person's personal freedom in respect of association and even of speech may be affected."

PURGE

Some students feel that, as a result of the refusal to readmit a number of students to Helderberg, there has been a "break-down of good faith" between many students and the university authorities.

Some students even fear that the events presage a purge of "verligte" elements on the university campus.

RAG CHAIRMAN APPEALS

Saturday April 27 will mark the end of the 1968 Rhodes Charity drive. The Rag Committee have put months of hard work into what I am sure will be the greatest Rag we've had. This year we are faced with a record figure reached in 1967, but I am confident that the spirit of the student body indicates another record for Rhodes.

While we strive to match this campaign the success that our welfare organisation need let us remember that the principle of a Charity Rag is good

BY BRYAN ROSTRON

RHODES WILL take a tougher line in future on the screening of new applicants to the University and particularly those seeking re-admission after first-year failure.

Dr. J. M. Hyslop, the University Vice-Chancellor, outlined this new hard-line policy in his address to Convocation last week.

The stricter screening will also apply to cases where students possess conditional matriculation exemption certificates.

RESIDENCES

He also revealed that money was now available for the building of new men's residences. When these were completed, the old residences would be converted for use by women.

The need for new residences presented a problem for urgent solution, he stressed, if Rhodes was to retain its essential character, unique in the Republic, of being almost wholly a residential university.

BUILDINGS

Dr. Hyslop said when the necessary funds became available the council would proceed with further new academic buildings.

Referring to the shortage of high-level manpower in the Republic and to the so-called "brain drain," Dr. Hyslop claimed the staffing at Rhodes was satisfactory. He said he was glad to report that Rhodes' students had displayed a very satisfactory standard of achievement in open competition.

SCHOLARSHIP

The policy of the University authorities would be to continue to promote scholarship at the highest level, and to retain, if not improve, the social amenities enjoyed by students, so that visitors would continue to say "This is a real university."

He disclosed that the final figures for student enrolment last year was 1,763 and the total number this year was slightly higher.

faith. I refer here to the unnecessary destruction of university and public property and trust that there will be no cause for post-Rag inquiries this year. Also let us view the very unfortunate incident at the Natal (Durban) University Rag as a warning.

I take this opportunity of appealing to the student body to make our "Proverbial Rag" a successful and happy occasion for all concerned. The Rag Committee have strived for this. "A Rag's a Rag ou pal": it's over to you now.

Cape Town SRC is ratified

THE STORMY two-and-a-half-year constitution crisis at UCT ended last week when the University Council granted recognition to the 1967-1968 SRC.

Recognition was withdrawn last August shortly after the elections, when the SRC defied the University Council by refusing to adopt a new constitution handed them by Council.

The crisis had its origins early in 1966 when the SRC suspended the constitution of the Conservative Students' Association on the

grounds that the association was discriminating against students by admitting only White members.

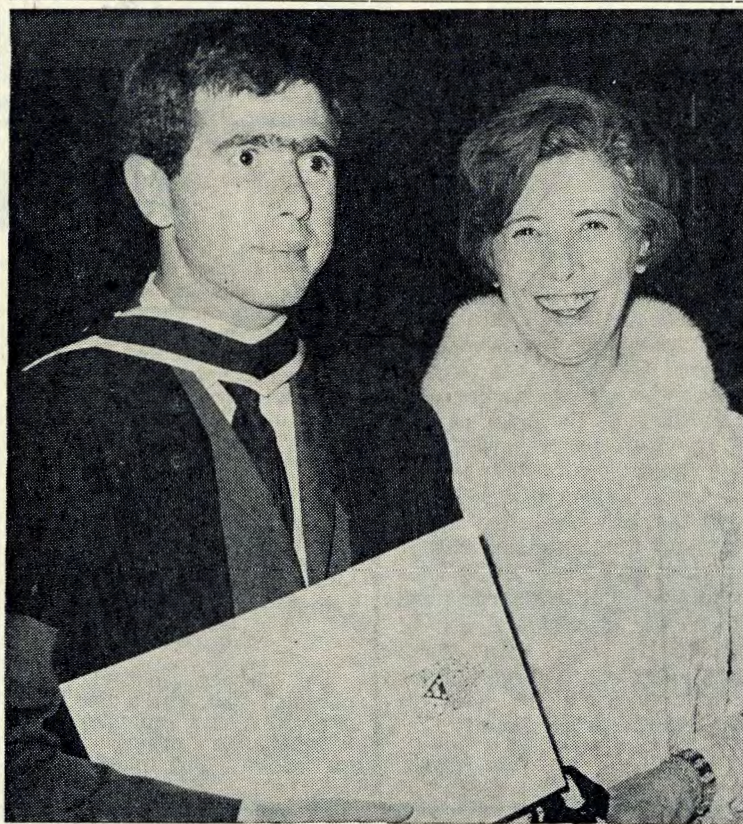
UNBRIDLED LIBERALISM

These actions angered the Minister of Education who threatened to introduce legislation to curb the "unbridled liberalism" of the UCT SRC. This legislation was, however, withdrawn.

Last year a new constitution was presented to the SRC providing for the existence of racially segregated societies and consequently was rejected. After refusing to conduct last year's election under the new constitution, the SRC was suspended, but was allowed to function as an "interim students' council" pending new elections in March.

LUYT

Soon after Sir Richard Luyt took over as principal, negotiations were reopened for a settlement of the crisis. The solution which was accepted by the university authorities was an amendment to the new constitution entrenching the open membership principle in the SRC's standing rules and orders.



Seen after Friday night's Graduation Ceremony is Saville Kapelus, who was given a First Class Master's degree for his thesis on Communication. With him is his mother.

Hoffenberg leaves

More than 1,000 staff and students from UCT were at D. F. Malan Airport when Dr. Raymond Hoffenberg, the banned lecturer, and his wife, left Cape Town last week.

Two hundred Wits. Students also gathered at Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg to say farewell to the Hoffenbergs.

After the Airport demonstrations the SABC attacked the principals of the University of Cape Town (Sir Richard Luyt) and the Witwatersrand (Professor I. D. MacCrone) for encouraging "a spirit of protest and demonstration". In recent speeches the two principals have defended the right of students to protest.

Tukkies „druk neuse toe”

A HEAVY ATTACK was made by "Perdeby" (the Tukkies newspaper) last week on the Wits. Society for Human Rights' annual commemoration of the Sharpeville riots (which took place in 1960).

The heated editorial says that "only the devil" knows what the object of this commemoration is and "after the happenings of the last few weeks probably the devil doesn't quite know what is going on."

The Society for Human Rights exhibited a series of photographs of the riots, including some pictures of dead and dying Bantu. "These Bantu," says Perdeby, "were the sacrifices of unfortunate circumstances when a handful of police had to defend themselves."

POLICE

It is thanks to our police and "veiligheidspolisie" that certain "undermining elements," which were gaining force at the Sharpeville riots, have been largely eradicated. "Their spirit lives on in organisations such as the Society for Human Rights. This assertion cannot be refuted if the close association of NUSAS with the Society is considered."

The only achievements of an exhibition of these photographs, according to Perdeby, are firstly "a promotion of

antagonism towards the protectors of law and order in our land and hence also towards the Government under which they serve"; secondly it evokes sympathy for agitators and "skreeuers vir menseregte" and thirdly it "gives food to the hostile international Press."

"They (the Society for Human Rights) are disciples of bad-smelling 'winds of change' which are blown in from international ash-heaps."

The editorial ends: "Ons druk ons neuse toe daarvoor."

RHODEO

BANTU EDUCATION

THE GOVERNMENT has recently been lauding the fact that they have Budgeted thirteen million rand for Bantu Education. It looks quite an impressive figure.

But on closer inspection this proves to be a paltry sum.

There are roughly thirteen million Africans in South Africa, which means that a mere one rand per African per year is put aside for their education, yet roughly fourteen rand per year is spent on each White South African.

Can this be called Separate yet Equal?

How is the African ever to improve his lot if he is not given the means with which to achieve this? Can we, the Electorate of the country feel satisfied that everything possible is being done in this direction? Or is it that we just do not care about the plight of the African who seeks a better and fuller life?

A rational and stable society is built upon sound education. Our Government seems to think that the more ignorant the proletariat, the fewer will be its demands. A look at events elsewhere in Africa and the world would prove to them that this is a gross fallacy.

His death concerns us

"I HAVE A DREAM that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character. With this faith we will be able to hew out the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

Dr. Martin Luther King was the leader of a civil rights movement in the United States of America. It would be tragic, however, to view his loss as nothing more than a loss to that movement.

SYMBOL

By virtue of his greatness, Dr. King had become to the world a symbol for the evolution of true democracy by a programme of non-violence. To him, the fact that what he cherished did not exist in his prejudice-ridden society was not merely cause of an uneasy conscience.

MOURNED

His passing is to be mourned by all freedom-loving people the world over, and yet in the death of a great man, the spirit of his living becomes accentuated. How many students at this and at other universities in South Africa have failed to recognise the duty to speak out against injustice, as embodied in the man of Dr. King? How many have fallen so tragically into the pattern of conformity demanded here, that they have missed the relevance of the insane shooting? How many have noted this relevance, but have remained silent, out of a general fear of retaliation? How many were even prepared to examine their existence, when the news of Dr. King reached them?

Pete Harris.



"Why can't we have MORE power failures in Grahamstown?"

Rag is to LIVE

Cecil John



There's an ugly rumour going around that Rag is a time for raising money for local charities. Destroy it. Stamp on it. Beat it to death. It's quite untrue. Rag is a time to fill local hoteliers' tills with folding and our bellies with grog. Bugger the charities. Let the masses eat cake.

After all, who wants to think of the starving hordes while one is having a helluva good time, being as canned as a lord and escaping from the grim realities of life?

* * *

Far better to take our parents' cash, (in a few cases our own), and squander it on Bacchanalian orgies. Bloody marvellous. But please don't

misunderstand me, if some poor fools down-town want to throw the odd cent at our drunkenly constructed floats, they're welcome to. After all, I'm sure they get a sloppily sentimental kick out of doing it.

And as for destruction of public property, why should we worry? The town's quite used to it by now. They expect it of us.

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I really don't know why everyone complains about our behaviour. It's the one time in the year when we can REALLY do many things we've been itching to do.

Who in all fairness can blame us? Our narrow-minded Authorities always keep us under such a tight rein during the year that we must break out sometime. Have a heart mate, you can't be a saint the whole time.

I'm all for having a good time. I want to remember Rag for the rest of the year as the Time of Release. I want to remember it as the time I downed ten beers in half an hour, a gallon of wine in a morning, destroyed the Milner float

(they're dragons anyway) and was too canned to go to Rag Ball. Bloody marvellous.

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And all those little urchins buzzing around the floats in the Procession. Who said I was doing anything for them anyway? I go to Rag to enjoy myself, not worry myself with their troubles.

Rag Comm. are the biggest suckers on the campus. Catch me slaving myself for nothing. Oh, I'll sell Rhodents, but then only because I get commission.

Look, as I see it, the world's basically rotten anyway, so why try and make Rag into a Humanitarian Institution? At best I would regard myself as a latter-day Robin Hood, certainly not as some agent for human betterment. I'm a simple sort of guy, not a principled do-gooder. I'd rather leave that to some one better qualified. Just give me my bottle and maybe some stupid grunt and THEN I can say I'm living.

Be honest now, isn't that basically what Rag's all about? Oh yes, my parting thrust. Do you know the best way to be labelled "Anti-social" over Rag? Remain comparatively sober. It's a cinch.

VIEWPOINT

He turned back from the comfortable life that his qualifications made possible. He devoted his entire existence to the cause of an undying belief in the worth of every human being.

He died, as he lived, working against a further isolated instance of a social injustice that had its origins in racial prejudice.

Students are encouraged to submit their own viewpoint to RHODEO. The sentiments expressed here are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

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The fun-organizers



Pictured above is the 1968 Rag Committee. The Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Warrington, is seated second from the left. Next to him is Mr. Rollie Cooke, the Vice-Chairman.

Milner knits

Twenty-seven Milner girls started out at 1 a.m. on Sunday morning in an attempt to break the world knitting record of 50 hours. Many had just returned from Grad Ball.

DONATED

20lb. of wool were donated by a Port Elizabeth firm and another 20lb. by Grahamstown shops and people working in downtown offices. By 12 p.m. on Sunday ten girls remained in the running, although heavy-eyed and half-asleep.

The wool is being knitted into strips which will eventually form blankets to be distributed among local charities.

CROQUET

At a meeting of OOF, it was decided to challenge Club 15 to a croquet match next term. The challenge was accepted on Friday night. The venue will be the Assegai Guest Farm and the date, the 2nd Sunday of the second term.

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MUSIC WHILE YOU EAT

SRC denounces Interference Bill

SRC MEMBERS hit out strongly this week at the proposed Improper Political Interference Bill before Parliament at the moment.

The Bill seeks to ban all multi-racial political parties, and already the Liberal Party have announced that it will disband if the Bill becomes law.

Mr. Andy Murray, S.R.C. NUSAS Councillor said: "It is a logical progression of apartheid. It furthers the end of baaskap."

PROTEST

On the role of students, Mr. Ian Kirby, SRC Vice-President, External, said: "Students, as citizens should register their protest."

Mr. Pete Harris, SRC President, commented:

BRICK

"The Bill can only be seen as yet another brick in the wall of apartheid that is being methodically constructed.

World record

ANOTHER WORLD RECORD has been established to publicise Proverbial Rag. Andre Nel of Smuts and Laren MacLachlan of Adamson started playing Badminton at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 22 hours 15 minutes and 16 shuttlecocks later they went to bed, having played an estimated 63,000 strokes.

I can only wonder how long it will take before other non-racial organisations are effectively crippled.

NUSAS is not directly affected, but how much longer can we acquiesce in our protected complacency?

S.A. students praised

"SOUTH AFRICAN COMMERCE students can pat themselves on the back for they certainly have the respect of Commerce students around the world," says the Report on the twentieth annual AIESEC Congress held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Activities of the S.A. Commerce and Economic Students match up to those of students anywhere in the world. This was proved at the 20th Annual AIESEC International Congress, held during the first two weeks of March.

AIESEC (International Association of Commerce and Economic Students) aims to promote international understanding and education, and organises an "Exchange Traineeship" programme, whereby students gain a first hand knowledge of working conditions in a foreign environment. To fulfil these aims South Africa contributed 70 of nearly 3,000 exchanges this year.

The demand of foreign students to visit South Africa is quite fantastic, so great that South Africa cannot meet this demand. S.A. was called upon to play a major role as a "developed" country in an "undeveloped" continent.

Kaif couple interviewed

"WE WOULD RATHER see the clientele of Kaif all male," says Mr. Hughes, who took over the management of Kaif with his wife at the beginning of the term.

Commenting on the slowness of the queue, Mr. Hughes said he felt he could serve ten men in the time it took to serve one woman. "With women," he continued, "there is no happy medium — they either know exactly what they want or else they take half-an-hour."

In defence of the fair sex, Mrs. Hughes said that the women generally made many more small purchases.

Prior to coming to Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were in the hotel business for about twenty years.

This experience has meant that they have not become too weighed down by the long hours at Kaif. On market days they are up at 6 a.m. and sometimes they do not finish work until 12.30 in the evening.

Because of these long hours, Mrs. Hughes stressed that she felt it "very petty and trivial and making a mountain out of a molehill" when students complain on the rare occasions when Kaif opens three or four minutes late.

Mr. Hughes considers the senior students to be the most co-operative and they often go out of their way to help. The least helpful tend to be the new students and the women who are often "downright rude."

Kaif has been busier this term than for many years. One member of the kitchen staff who has been working in Kaif for twelve years said she had never known such a busy term. The commercial travellers say three times the normal amount of merchandise is being bought.

CO-ED COHABITATION CONDONED ON U.S. CAMPUSES

ABOUT FIVE YEARS ago many university administrators throughout the United States had a bright idea that solved perhaps their most nettlesome problem: policing the sex lives of their students. "The policy now," says an assistant Dean at one of the biggest universities, "is one of letting sleeping co-eds lie."

College students, of course, have been cohabiting for years. But with the pill and the new permissiveness — and the proliferation of off-campus housing — the practice of couples living together before marriage has become much more common — and common knowledge.

dropped or are enforced half-heartedly.

"Girls used to sneak in through the kitchen door," says a matronly Cornell housemother. "Now they do not even bother to sneak out any more."

UNMARRIED

At California's Pomona College, some co-eds list their boyfriend's addresses when signing out overnight.

An estimated 1,000 unmarried couples at Berkeley have set up housekeeping. "We certainly do not allow cohabitation in residence halls, but we have no control of it off campus," says James Lemmon, the Dean of men.

FBI

If the University of Minnesota, for example, tried to check on the activities of the two-thirds of its 40,000 students who live off campus, it would need a miniature FBI.

Indeed, on scores of campuses, curfews, sign-outs and dormitory requirements have been

More publicity for Rag

FOLLOWING on the recent spate of Rag pranks, a number of equally original and publicity-provoking stunts were staged last week.

On Sunday Pringle beat the record for non-stop soccer, by playing for five hours. During the vacation Mr. Pete Roberts and other students intend riding a tandem to Newcastle, carrying with them a piece of coal.

LEAFLETS

To publicise Rhodent, 3,000 leaflets were dropped over Grahamstown on Friday afternoon.

Tickets for Scope Nite, Film Premieres and Rag Ball can be

purchased from Miss Sue Griffiths in the Arts Block during morning tea. Booking for Rag Ball can be done with Mr. Hughes at Kaif.

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LIFE DOWN UNDER

NEW Zealand, 1,400 miles across the Tasman Sea from its nearest neighbour Australia with whom it has much in common . . . so much, in fact that many cannot differentiate between the people of both countries as to speech, customs, dress, and social outlook. There are however, subtle differences; New Zealand is populated by New Zealanders, not Australians, for although she was from 1823-1825 a sub-colony of New South Wales, she has since developed separately as a fully self-governing dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In the two small islands today live people with one of the highest standards of living in the world. Tourists flock in thousands annually to New Zealand. Structurally and climatically one can find a portion of nearly every country in the world. A car-trip from the sub-tropical north to Southland with its Scandinavian fjords takes two-and-a-half days.

EARTHQUAKES

My home is in the Bay of Plenty on the Volcanic Plateau which is the most thermally active area in the world. Frequent earthquakes and faults occur on this mere crust of solid earth under which lies a bubbling wilderness of hot lava.

As a nation we are very sport conscious and the majority of us go in for basketball, rugby, athletics and swimming. We have excelled internationally in athletics with Jack Lovelock, Peter Snell, Halberg and Arthur Lydiard obtaining world records; golf, with Bob Charles winner of the British Open in 1965; horseracing, swimming and rugby — the All Blacks being without doubt the greatest rugby team in the world.



EDUCATION

New Zealand has a 'national educational system' in contrast to the South African separate provincial matric exams which I consider to be very

inefficient as some 'Boards' seem to have a higher standard than others.

There are 6 universities in New Zealand having professors and lecturers from all over the world. They are Auckland, Victoria, Hamilton, Otago (a physical education university) and Canterbury. We also have an agricultural varsity — Massey — where graduates are sent on to the outback of Australia for 2 years practical experience. Our varsities offer a wide range of courses, from archaeology, to photography and acting. We have fewer vacations than South African varsities.



New Zealand has 8 television channels and censorship in both TV programmes and films is very relaxed and virtually non-existent. Well-known entertainers from beat to ballet make frequent trips to our country. While at home on vac. recently, the fashion designers Hardy Ames and Courreges were introducing their latest clothes. Simultaneously, Herb Alpert and the Beach Boys were performing in Auckland. The average New Zealander is rather lazy when it comes to self-expression, especially in the fields of politics and current world affairs. He would rather have it all brought to him on a plate by the telly.

This lazy streak is apparent in his speech which on the whole is rather nasalized with slurred and drawled syllables. I think our language is 40% slang with numerous sayings picked up from the Maoris.

In a world scarred by conflicts of race, colour and culture, New Zealand with a Maori population fast approaching 200,000, stands out as a nation typifying harmony between two races of different colour and very different cultural backgrounds.

Today the Maori people of New Zealand, three-quarters of whom are under 30 years of age, are represented in all

walks of life: medicine, law, the clergy, politics, the professions and trades. A number with careers of great distinction behind them have been honoured with Knighthoods. Sir Naui Pomare and Sir Peter Buck (Te Rangi Hiroa) are outstanding examples. In every sphere, the Maori enjoy equal rights and privileges with their fellow "Pakehas."

Official racial policy is that integration is not only the best path to follow, but ultimately and inevitably the only path that will maintain a harmonious community. New Zealand is a living and vital example of this.

If a young New Zealander visits South Africa, he must be prepared for the complete contrast in way of life. The great contrast between poverty and wealth in South Africa shocks

one most. In New Zealand one would never see beggars as everybody, through the racial policy, is given equal opportunity to make and take what they really want in life.



Tired jokes appear in Rhodent

NOT EVEN ONE really amusing joke, one clever trick of lay-out or one funny and topical feature has found its way into the minds of the editors of Rhodent '68.

It is as if they had attacked the job the morning after the Rag Comm. party. And it would have to have been quite a party,

as they say, to explain away the content of Rhodent.

PHOTO-STORY

The editors seem to have lifted any number of tired jokes from past Rhodents and were unable, as usual, to resist the doubtful charms of the comic photo-story. Even this last could be happily rejuvenated with good captions and ingenious lay-out, but the editors have set their hearts firmly against any such risky and taxing innovation.

The mag is generally bare of clever feature material, and there are regrettable numbers of puerile American "co-ed" jokes, obviously culled from equally puerile comic-books.

CARTOONIST

The cartoonists' abilities have not been sufficiently exploited either in lay-out or, for that matter, in the more essential humour. A pity when those abilities are apparent, as they are.

Rhodent presents the general appearance of a lack of directed and imaginative effort.

Should Rag Comm. rise in a self-righteous and charitable fury at this, let me assure them that these remarks will not affect Rhodent sales at all. Nor should I wish them to do so. A position where every year readers are being forced to swallow their distaste and push their charity a little harder, is clearly unacceptable.

P.M.

J.L.

Mikado to be graceful this year

THERE WILL be no baby elephants in this year's Light Opera Society production of "The Mikado".

Many comments were received last year about the less graceful members of the female chorus of fairies in the production of Iolanthe.

The production of Mikado, which will be staged on 20th to 26th May, is employing a cast of 50 and a 20-piece orchestra.

The female lead will be played by Ann Bircher and the male lead by Bill Holderness.

ENTHUSIASTIC

The other leads are: Anna van der Riet, Gill Hollingshead, Bill Gordon, Ian Kirby, Ian Lowden, Jim Davidson, Mr. Stephenson. The musical director is Alfred "Stumbo" Thomen.

Eddie Deutschmann, the producer, said: "Rehearsals are going well and the cast is enthusiastic. The Mikado cannot help but be a success."

Movie disappoints

LAST TUESDAY, the Film Society screened "Nobody Waved Goodbye."

This film is the first feature to come from the National Film Board of Canada and it is interesting to compare their ambitious attempt with the superficial productions churned out by Ster Films of South Africa.

The theme of adolescent rebellion is pretty well-worn by now, but director Don Owen tries to revitalize by using halting dialogue, accentuating the insecurity of the boy and his girl friend.

FANCIFUL

However the dialogue is too fanciful to lift the plot out of the specific and on to a general

plane. Peter's complete break with his parents and Julie's pregnancy crystallise a situation which Owen is unable to resolve.

John Spotton's photography seems surprisingly static to an audience conditioned to Nouvelle Vague techniques and does little to relieve the unreal depth.

However, the film was not a complete failure. A brilliant performance by Peter Kastner promises an exciting career.

The Film Society hopes to bring, in the near future, Brunel's famous Mexican film "Viridiana" and "Sawdust and Tinsel" by the Swedish director Ingmar Bergman.

A.J.R.

Novel Scope Nite

THIS YEAR'S Scope-Nite, "Paint The Ceiling, James", produced by Mr. Nick Develin, was written in a different manner to that of former years. Instead of selecting a script from several submitted by students, this year's Rag Committee appointed a director who channelled the ideas of six writers into one script.

The result is a topical and satirical revue. No elaborate sets are being built, the emphasis being rather on the use of props to give an impression of the scene.

The music was written by Mr. Antony Alexander, the musical director, and Mr. Art Clarke, last year's producer. The band includes drums, guitar, piano and an organ lent by a Grahamstown hotelier.

P.P.

OUR TOWN NOT BAD

The Speech and Drama Department's presentation of "Our Town", which opened on April 3, provides hope for the standard of Rhodes' Theatre which up to this point has added a new dimension to the Theatre of the Absurd by having no standard whatever.

Jane Osborne's superb production of a mawkish play, realised sensitively what had been created sentimentally, and gave conviction to what was unconvincing.

PERTNESS

Isobel Rennie as Emily Webb was excellent, never falling into the easy error of confusing pertness with inanity. Noel Roos' somewhat effete rendering of the Stage Manager was disappointing. Mr. Roos' interpretation lacked the maturity necessary to establish a powerful rapport with the audience and a control over the action and characters he was presenting.

Arthur Clarke as Doctor Gibbs was outstanding in a part complicated by a lack of clear definition. His performance was made all the more pleasing by the absence of those stock technical tricks so favoured by the British rejects who form South Africa's theatrical elite.

PRETENTIOUS

Rick Miller and Audrey Marsh as Mr. and Mrs. Webb were also good. Although managing successfully to create the pretentious character of the newspaper editor, Mr. Miller's performance was marred by very little tonal versatility.

Among the smaller parts, John Burch, underplaying brilliantly, made a brief appearance as Simon Stimson, the drunken choirmaster. Mr. Burch is one of the few performers at Rhodes who can distinguish between acting and declaiming. Franz Dobrowsky gave a delightful caricature of a professor in Act One, and a more serious but equally impressive cameo of a grave digger in Act Three.

Altogether a very good presentation of a very bad play.

J.D.

Students honour Negro leader

A GROUP of students and artists gathered in the early morning rain last Saturday at the Joubert Park open air art exhibition in Johannesburg and paid silent tribute to the memory of Martin Luther King, the American Negro leader who was assassinated last week.

The students brought a record player and played a Negro spiritual. They stood silent for several minutes.

One student said: "We are all against violence. Dr. King was the exponent of non-violence. It is in this spirit that we pay tribute to his memory."

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Famous cowboy film

ELDORADO (showing all week at the Odeon) is a hard-drinking, gun-toting Hollywood Western. Co-starring are veteran cowboys John Wayne and Robert Mitchum.

Mitchum plays the liquor-bound sheriff. Wayne is the bad guy with a latent good streak,

who first beats up and then reforms the sheriff. The two then proceed to clean up the town.

Cinema

The blood-letting is interrupted periodically by the female element.

Western enthusiasts will enjoy this film.

B.R.

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Miss Laraine Woodward, Rag Queen 1968, is seen seated in the light aircraft hired by the Rag Committee to drop publicity leaflets over Grahams-town last week. This is the first time such an advertising method has been used.

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TRACK SUITS

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LUTHER KING IS MOURNED

SIR, — The following is a copy of the U.C.M. President's letter, sent to Mrs. King and her family on the occasion of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dear Mrs. King and family,
We were deeply shocked by the news of your husband's vicious and cowardly assassination. Although few of us have met him or heard him, he has been a symbol of hope and inspiration to many of us.

PREJUDICE

To us Martin Luther King was a man whose time and energy were largely devoted to helping other people overcome the crippling effects of racial prejudice on their lives.

Some he helped to see through the lies and half-truths of racist propaganda; to others he gave a new sense of their right to be free and to be treated as persons rather than 'negroes'.

VIOLENCE

His insistence that violence, whether in bolstering up or changing the status quo, is always self-defeating and self-destructive is eloquently and tragically confirmed by the riots which have followed his assassination.

Just as the actions he performed while he was alive affected the lives of his fellow Americans and his fellow men, so will his death. And while some may be so small as to say no more than 'he asked for it', many more will understand that his philosophy and methodology of non-violence presents us with an alternative both to doing nothing in the face of injustice and to responding to it with hatred and despair.

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Scants incident explained

SIR, — In reply to the article in Rhodéo, I would like to clarify what happened when the Botha gentlemen rescued the ten Oriel girls from Piet Retief.

The spirit of the Botha members was one of good humour with no bad tempers. All the "Ugly Scenes" that were reputed to have occurred were grossly misinterpreted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The reasons Botha went to the rescue were:

(a) That Oriel sent a deputation to us appealing for help.
(b) That the girl who was recently awarded the freedom of the House was one of the captives.

I hope this will serve to clear the air concerning this affair which seemed quite harmless to Botha.

A Botha House Member.

New image for S.A.

STELLENBOSCH students have established an organisation, SASCI, which aims at improving South Africa's image overseas.

SASCI (South African Student Contact International) is an "independent organisation, aiming to stimulate international student interest in, South Africa."

SASCI's founders felt the necessity of such an organisation because "students in foreign countries are often woefully uninformed regarding conditions in South Africa, and the South African student, as a greatly privileged member of his community, bears the responsibility of promoting his country's welfare and protecting its good name." Because the "upholding of South Africa's good name is a duty which every student should feel bound to fulfil, no matter what his party affiliation." SASCI leaders recently had a successful interview with the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster, to explain their aims, and to seek his advice.

Non-Whites attend Rag

BOTH Whites and non-Whites will attend all the Wits Rag functions this year, including the Rag Ball. Said Mr. Stephen Grass, convener of University talks and dances, "The way in which we are arranging it will be strictly according to the laws of the country."

NON-RACIAL

According to South African laws, an integrated function must be private and held at a private venue. The integrated Rag is in line with the SRC's decision last year to dispense with segregated Rag functions. This is in contrast to the decision of the Pietermaritzburg student body (hosts of the Natal University Graduation this year) not to have a non-racial Graduation Ball. This meant that the large numbers of non-White members of the medical faculty did not go to the ball.

Homosexuals fight Bill

Homosexuals throughout South Africa have launched a drive to raise R40,000 for a campaign to fight a proposed law that would send them to jail if they were found guilty of certain offences.

The Cape Town advocate, Mr. D. P. de Villiers SC, who won the case for South Africa at the International Court at The Hague, will be asked to represent them.

An organisation was started in Johannesburg by some homosexuals who meet regularly to discuss their problems. It has spread to Durban and Cape Town.

The Durban representative of the organisation said, "Many of us felt that we should make some sort of organised protest against the Immorality Amendment Bill, but we didn't know how to go about it. Now Johannesburg has given us the lead."

SECRECY

"The new Bill is outrageous. Sending a homosexual to prison will do nothing to change his outlook. We've got to get the authorities to understand that."

Homosexuals all over the country are being asked to contribute R2 a month to pay for the campaign.

"The trouble is that we don't know how many homosexuals there are in the country. The homosexual has been forced to live in secrecy for so long that most of them now find it impossible to come out in the open and oppose this new law," said the Durban representative.

A central committee has been formed in Johannesburg to discuss how it should approach the committee on the Immorality Amendment Bill drawn up by Mr. P. C. Pelser, Minister of Justice.

"Kafferboetie" M.P. raises storm over jibe

MR. DAVE MARAIS, The U.P. member of Parliament for Johannesburg North, was called a "Kafferboetie" by Nat. M.P.'s because of his plea for more money for the African population, last week.

He said the R13 million grant for Bantu education looks impressive but when the total African population is considered, very much more is required. "It is rather a sad state of affairs when one has to think twice before rising in this House and making a plea for our Bantu people", he said. "If we are not very careful we will reach a stage that whenever a member pleads the case for the non-Europeans he will be shouted down."

REPRESENT

He emphasised that it is the duty of every member to represent everyone in his constituency, irrespective of race, as the non-Whites have no mouthpiece in Parliament. If this was why he was called a kafferboetie "then members opposite can call me a kafferboetie for 24 hours long, and it would not make any difference to me."

BREADLINE

Mr. Douglas Mitchell, (U.P. leader of Natal) said "I defy anyone to tell me how these people can live above the breadline . . . We forget that the

Censorship lifted

IAN Smith, Rhodesian Premier and ex-Rhodian, announced last week the lifting of Press censorship.

He claimed this as another indication to the world that Rhodesia had won the battle for independence and the country could now return to a way it used to know.

Vorster announces independence for Fort Hare

THE University College of Fort Hare, along with other non-White university colleges in South Africa, is to gain independence and full university status. This was announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster last week.

Fort Hare is expected to have the first claim to academic independence, being the oldest-established non-White university college in the country. Until 1959, Fort Hare was affiliated to Rhodes, when it was placed by Government Bill under the University of South Africa.

CONDITIONS

Mr. Vorster said that each of the five colleges would gradually be released from the central control of the University of South Africa.

He said that each college "may, subject to certain conditions, provide for its own syllabuses, the training of students, conducting of examinations, introduction of new courses for

Bantu, wherever he lives, particularly in the urban areas, has to pay exactly as much for the necessities of life as members of this House have to pay."

Wits scheme for study

FOLLOWING the establishment of a "Shadow School" at the University of Nebraska, Wits students have initiated a similar institution on their campus.

The "Shadow School" idea is designed to allow students to choose courses which interest them most. In an address introducing Shadow School courses at University of Nebraska, a professor said, "The Shadow School does not have the traditional structure of professors and examinations."

RESPONSIBILITY

"At the core of the idea lies the basic assumption that students have the right and responsibility to take a much more active part in what they study and how they study it."

Initially the planned Shadow School will offer counsel to the student body, but it is hoped that students will eventually request their own courses. If at least ten students sign a request circular for a course, it will be arranged for them by a Shadow School co-ordinating committee and opened for general university registration.

Wits students look to the whole campus for support in their aim at "total education."

degrees, diplomas or certificates and for the award of its own degrees and diplomas."

"For the purpose of maintaining academic standards," the statement continued, "co-opted members from other universities would be included on the Senate and faculty boards of each college, as is done by the new University of Port Elizabeth."

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Founders triumphs

In an inter-Hall water-polo match in the Rhodes bath on Sunday a Founders Hall team beat Smuts Hall by four goals to two.

With their greater experience and, in most cases, superior fitness the Founders Hall side played with more cohesion than their opposition and had possession of the ball, a vital factor, for a greater part of the time.

CHANGE

It should be mentioned that while Smuts had enough players to change and give each player a rest for at least one quarter, the Founders team kept the same seven men in the water throughout the game. This may of course have been to the latter's advantage in that the Smuts team could not play to the same pattern throughout.

It was in the first quarter that Founders took the lead when Pete Morelli of Matthews put the ball well past goalkeeper Neaves. In the second quarter Morelli did it again with a very powerful shot that left the goalkeeper little chance in the third quarter Kevin Williams, who played a solid and clever game throughout, beat the goalkeeper again and Founders was 3-0 up.

ENTERTAINMENT

At this point the seniors were beginning to look a little tired and Smuts fought back well to be rewarded when Tidge Cartwright flicked the ball past goalkeeper Rich Kennedy of College to make the score 3-1. As the game pro-

ceeded into the fourth quarter, Founders went further ahead when Jack Mason gave the goalkeeper no chance whatsoever with a power-packed shot from fifteen yards out. In the last minutes of the game Smuts collected another goal through John Aubrey who put a well-angled shot into the right-hand top corner of the goals. This made the final score 4-2. It is to be hoped that there will be more of these Inter-Hall games, for they provide a good opportunity for unknown players to show their worth, as well as giving good entertainment to the crowd who watch them.

SMALLS

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MESSRS. W. W. PARKER, P. CHANNING, J. VASSAY and R. KENNEDY wish to advise that they will be unable to accept any further invitations to Rag, and those who have already applied have been put on a diminishing scale of preferences. The winners will be announced at a future date.

Practice needed

GRANDSTAND VIEW



The attack, which was on the whole somewhat ineffective last season, has two new additions. Davidson has moved up from half to left inner. This should provide the forward line with some of the vital shooting power which was so lacking last season. Kelly, on the right wing, lacks the speed, but is, nevertheless, a useful player. The forwards appear to be slow, particularly down the right side, and they will have to play extremely constructive hockey to compensate for this shortcoming.

The next game will be an intervarsity against Natal during the vacation. This should be an extremely hard game, but it should be of some value, as it will give the players a chance to get to know each other's capabilities. This season then will require a lot of hard work from the players if they are to remain near the top of Eastern Province hockey.

The great record-breaking soccer game drew a small crowd, but was, nevertheless, one of the more exciting sporting events of the week. If the Pringle Republic is to have any chance of getting into the play-off for the World Cup, they would be wise to start training. The players, after the first four hours showed that they lacked fitness, and this was one reason for the game's moments of scrappy play. Mundell, for the Whites, surprised the spectators with his skill and dash, while Clarke and Bonyng, for the Greens, were a tower of strength in defence. The shooting, in general, was of a low standard and Pringle will have to rectify this if they want to shape in the inter-house (let alone the World Cup) competition.

SATURDAY'S FIRST XV game against Albany, although disappointing, did reveal some important points. The team was evidently lacking in match practice, and was thus not as cohesive a unit as it should prove to be once the league programme gets under way.

But, if they wish to play a university on Rag day, they must put in some serious practice to eliminate some basic faults. Perhaps the most glaring of these was the inconsistent handling. A few possible chances were lost, owing to poor catching and passing.

The handling should improve once the players get to know one another a little better, but even so, they would be advised to do something towards improving the handling, as this was a major cause of Rhodes not being able to win the game.

By SPORTSWISE

Although outweighed, the forwards, on the whole, played reasonably well. However, if they wish to improve upon last year's performances, they will have to play a far tighter game than they did on Saturday. With its traditionally light pack, Rhodes must make the most of any opportunity it gets of winning the ball in the loose. This fault may also be ascribed to lack of match practice, but there did appear to be times when the forwards did not seem to be looking for the ball. On two occasions, they failed to heel the ball when it was under their feet. Therefore the forwards would be advised to tighten up their play, thereby denying the opposition of the loose ball.

On the whole, the three-quarters lived up to expectation. There were some very constructive movements which showed the line to be capable of producing fine rugby. The defence was generally sound, although there was a tendency to be a little slow when coming up in defence. Carlson proved a very effective fly-half, and if he can receive a consistently good service, he will inject some adventure into Rhodes' three-quarter play.

Other than this, the Rhodes performance was marred by some unsound positional play, which should be rectified with a little more match practice. I feel that, generally, the bounce of the ball was against the side, but that discounting this, the game showed the team to be a competent one, capable of better showings.



Pete Gradwell

This week, our Sportrait features another Rhodes lecturer, Peter Gradwell.

Peter completed his schooling at St. Andrews, Grahamstown, and in his final year, played 1st team rugby, cricket and athletics as well as receiving colours in all three. He also won the School Cross-Country race and was the St. Andrew's Five Champion in 1960.

In 1961, he played cricket for Midlands XI and Bedford rugby. The following year, he began higher education at Rhodes and in 1962, represented Eastern Province in athletics and attended the Cricket and Cross-country Interschools — in the latter, he gained 12th place.

In 1963, he played E.P. Country Districts cricket. In June of that year, he left for Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, where he continued his distinguished sporting career. In 1964 and 1965, he played cricket for Oxford Authentics and five rugby games for the Oxford Blues. During the entire period at Oxford, he played rugby for the Oxford Greyhounds (2nd team). He also represented his college — Worcester, at rugby, tennis, cricket, squash and athletics. In his spare

SPORTRAIT

time, he completed a B.A. in Psychology.

Peter returned to Rhodes in 1966 and joined Albany cricket club, of which he is still Captain. In 1967 he won the 50 mile walk in a record time (his own from 1963).

During the last cricket season, he played in the E.P. Country Districts Cricket team and in the E.P. cricket trials. At the moment, he is hard at training for Athletics.

Peter Gradwell joins Dave Woods as the "old boys" of the Varsity who have continued their excellent sporting careers, and Rhodes can only benefit from their experience.

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Terry gains Bursary

A R2,000 BURSARY (tenable for three years) to Cambridge has been awarded to Patrick Terry, an Honours graduate from Rhodes. This is the Elsie Ballot scholarship which is allocated to two or three South African students on much the same basis as the Rhodes' scholarships. The only other award was made to Wally Orchard from Natal.

Patrick leaves in September and hopes to have his Masters' degree completed by then. He intends studying for a doctorate in physics at Cambridge.

RHODES LOSE PRIMARY

Albany Plays Better Rugby

IN A VERY INTERESTING pre-season friendly at City Lords on Saturday afternoon, Rhodes were narrowly defeated by Albany.

The most intriguing feature of a hard-fought match was the debut of the promising U/20 players, Carlson at fly-half and Pennyfather at centre. They took a little while to settle down, but as the game progressed they found their touch and Carlson in particular penetrated the Albany defence on many occasions.

The Rhodes three-quarters showed up very well and on many occasions were unlucky not to score. With more experience they should develop a better understanding of each other's play and realise their full potential. The centre/fly-half trio of Yeo, Pennyfather and Carlson are capable of making a lot of openings for the speedy wings Mike Cowley and Andy Gilbert.

FASTER

The forwards, due to very good work by Royden Vice and Tim Muirhead, dominated the line-outs, but the stronger Albany forwards had the better of the scrums. Many set-scrums went to Albany that should have gone to Rhodes, due to the Rhodes pack being pushed off the ball. The Rhodes forwards partly made up for this fault by being the faster team to the loose ball.

Albany's centre, Castelyn, scored first from his fly-half's kick, and du Toit's conversion put the score at 5-0 after ten mins. A few minutes later Yeo missed a penalty.

SCORED

Rhodes' superior speed to the loose ball paid dividends after 25 mins. A bad touch kick by Rhodes bounced infield near the halfway line, eluding the full-back. Cowley and a group of forwards were there, and the Rhodes wing scored easily under the posts. Yeo converted to level the score at 5-5.

Pennyfather's grubber-kicks saw the Albany backs sadly left behind, as the Rhodes three-quarters were far the speedier. The Albany back line sensibly continued to kick, and Castelyn scored a second try from a corner kick by the fly-half. The acute-angle kick failed, making the half-time score 8-5 to Albany.

After a minute into the second half, Castelyn missed a penalty, and Albany continued to keep the game tight. The Rhodes forwards were being pushed out of possession in the scrums, but still held their own in the line-outs.

Ray Carlson was penalised in front of the posts after a loose maul, and du Toit converted for Albany to lead 11-5.

CORNER

Well into the second half, Carlson junior worked a double dummy scissors with his centres, and fed Cowley who went over in the corner. Yeo missed, and after no further score, the whistle left Albany with an 11-8 win.

Kelly Cup

THE ANNUAL KELLY CUP Golf Tournament was held at Kowie on Sunday March 31, in perfect conditions this year. Rhodes had a field of 32 players, one of the largest ever.

The Cup was won by Pat Quirk and Clive Seigal with an excellent score of 94 points (43 and 51). The runners-up were Paul Bradford and Pete Cleary with 88 points (46 and 42).

The booby prize went to Jack Mason and Neil Davidson with a score of 73 points (31 and 42).

The winner of the longest drive was "Beep" Fletcher, while Doug Keller won the "closest to the pin". The "drunken" drive was won by Chris Thompson.

Mention must be made of the terrific 67 gross of Doug Keller in the first round. Unfortunately, as there is still pegging, this score will not be ratified.

The course record at present is 70. In his dream round Doug had seven birdies, 10 bogeys and a one-over.

Diary

28th April — E.P. Country Districts Championship.

12th May — Kowie Cup.

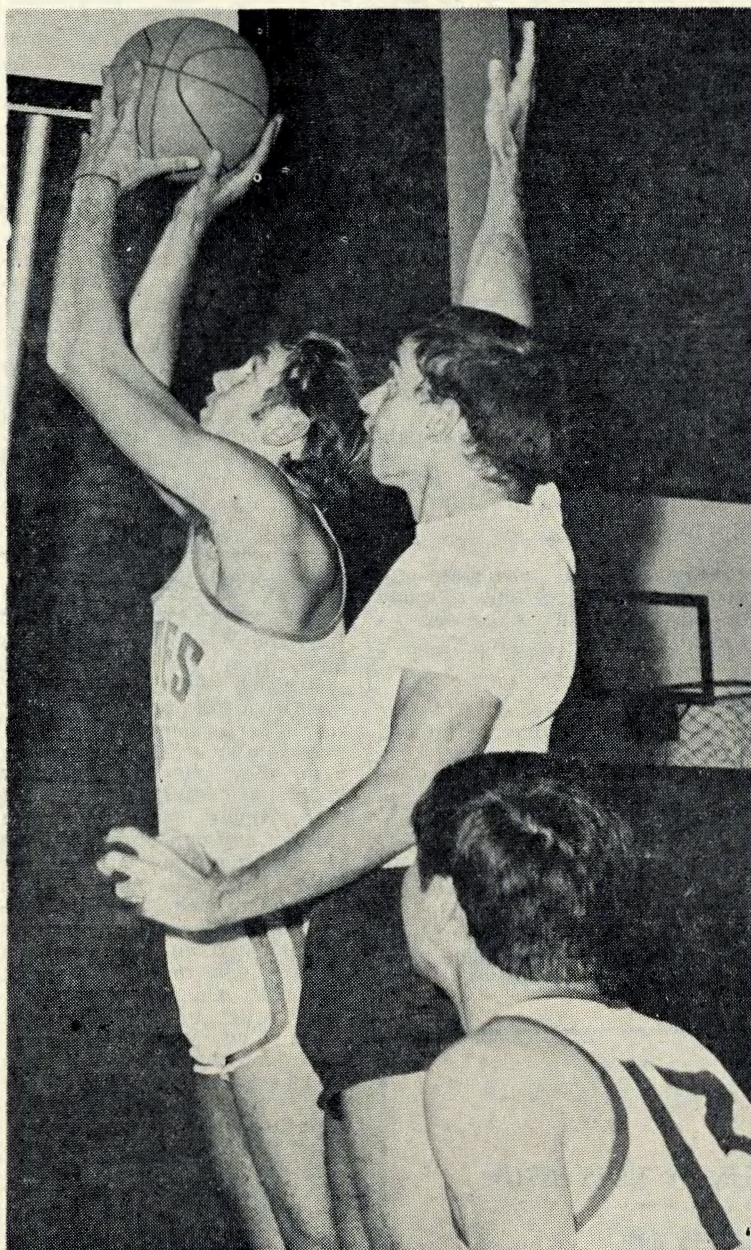
18th May — Inter-Varsity against UPE.

31st May — Rhodes Championships.

1st June — E.P. Match Play Championships.

July Vac. — Inter-Varsity at Durban.

Up, up, up . . .



Up they go! Rhodes basketball players at practice.

HOCKEY MEN EXCEL

THE MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB started the season well, with both the First XI and Second XI excelling in the tournament in P.E. on Sunday.

The First XI reached the semi-final before losing narrowly to Walmer. In all, Rhodes scored seven goals in their six games and only conceded one.

VIGOUR

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect was the good play in all departments shown by the Rhodians so early in the season. They managed to break what has almost become a tradition, by not allowing their opponents to score within the first few minutes. In fact, the first eleven began each game with vigorous attacking and the forwards were well backed-up by a sound defence.

PLEASING

Altogether the performance given today was indicative of what may well be a successful season. Pleasing features of the day's play were the forwards' willingness to shoot immediately in the circle and the solidity of the defence as a whole.

The next test for the hockey club will be when they meet a touring team from Natal University, in an Inter-Varsity to be held at Rhodes towards the end of the vacation. If Rhodes show similar potential in this game they will be one of the stronger teams in the Eastern Province league this year.

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Mistakes Cause Defeat

RHODES U.20 "A" put up a satisfactory first performance in a friendly fixture against Uitenhage Swifts on the King Field last Saturday.

The Rhodes' pack, led by Lofty O'Connor, showed much potential and was at times encouragingly mobile. The Rhodes players' one glaring fault was that they made fatal mistakes within their own 25. This invariably led either to a try or penalty for the opposition.

INTERCEPTION

Swifts opened the scoring with a penalty by Coates and this was soon followed by a try by Rhodes when a forward fell on the ball after a loose scrum. Castelyn, the Swifts centre, intercepted a pass on the half-way line and outstripped the defence to score under the poles. This was converted by Coates, who put over another penalty just before half-time, bringing the score to 11-3. He converted another two penalties in the second half.

LOSS

The Rhodes centre, Tony Siopis, took a low pass from scrum-half Jones and then accelerated through the gap to score next to the poles. Hofmeyr, the other centre, converted. Rhodes, in the last 15 minutes, seemed to take new heart, despite the loss of full-back Strugnell, who injured his knee. They were awarded with a pushover try when flanker Clow-Wilson fell on the ball after a loose melee.

The final score was 17-11 to Swifts.

LINK

Rhodes halves lacked combination and seriously hampered the adventurous spirit displayed by the three-quarters. With a bit of polish in the line-out work and half-back play, the U.20 "A" could prove a very formidable team on the strength of their first match.

The U.20 "B" team showed a marked improvement in their match against the Swifts U.20 "Bs". The Rhodes team won 17-5.

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