

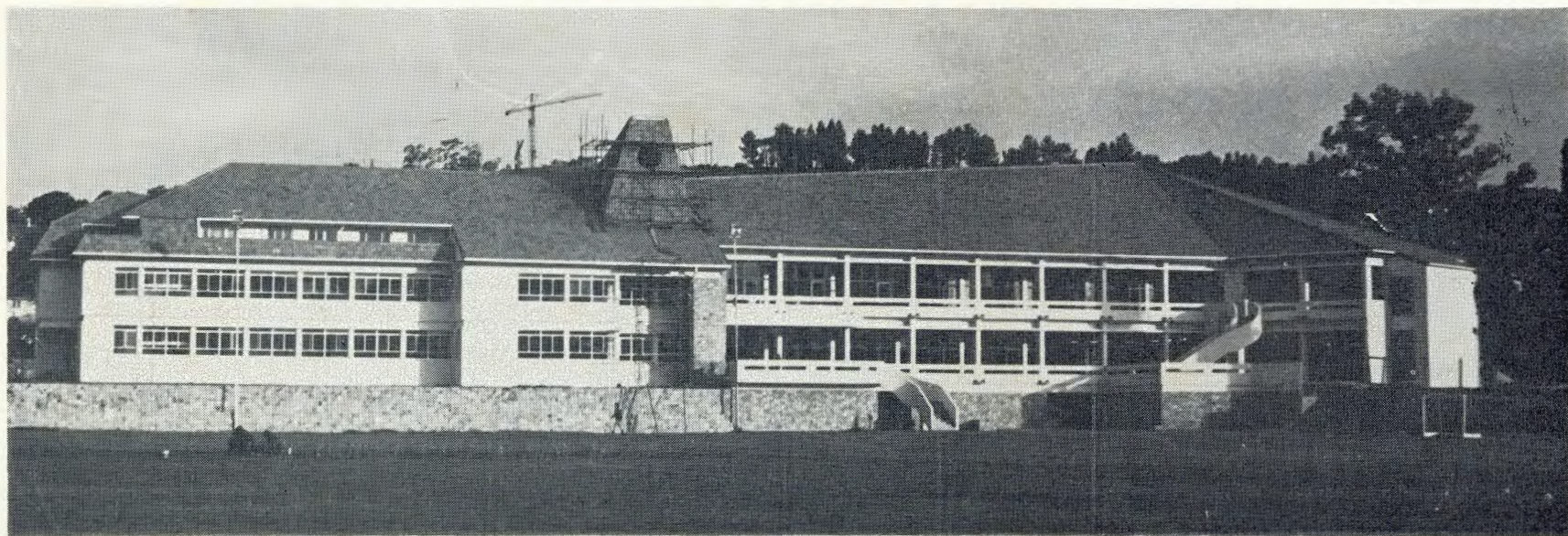
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IT'S ANOTHER CONCORD



THE new Rhodes Student Union and Kaif, the subject of widespread speculation before its opening, has exceeded all expectations.

The building, christened George's Folly by a few campus wags, has been hailed as a brilliant example of 1950 nouveau riche, in perfect keeping with the traditional campus architecture of such landmarks as the theatre and the Chemistry block.

A typical opinion was that expressed by a sociology student: "It's like ... well, you know ... like, well, it's there, man, you know," he said.

NO FOOD

Students screamed in delight when the food ran out in the American-style Kaif last Friday.

"Isn't it marvellous," said Cheyenne Bumleigh, 14, this year's Miss Inkette, "It's so ... so spontaneous."

Those diners who missed the cut-off were equally amused.

"You lucky bastards saved by the bell," shouted one satisfied customer.

The Kaif's new slot machines have also added a new dimension to a dull, everyday experience.

"Fantastic. Coke and tea with cream in one cup," breathed a user after five tries this week.

The Rhodes Mathematics Department has calculated that it is possible to beat the machines if the bet is doubled after each loss.

PRAISE

The building's other facilities have come in for equal amounts of praise. Credit has been heaped on the architects for the spacious

passages in particular. It is planned to use them for rugby and hockey practice during the summer months.

TRENDY CLUB

Members of the exclusive Rhodes Culb (membership is limited to "ordinary members" and "females") have been amazed at the trendy self-service facilities and astonishing range of T-bone steaks offered by the restaurant.

The club's Friday night discotheques have also been praised as having the atmosphere of the first class lounge on the Titanic at some unspecified time.

It was planned that members would be able to watch the spot where the cricket pitch used to be from the luxurious second-floor bar.

NO BAR

In the absence of a liquor licence, however, the bar is to be converted into a 24-hour socio-sexual counselling room open to all sexes, of which there are believed to be five on the campus.

Editorial Comment

RHODES has done it again. As a "concerned" "liberal", English-language institution, Rhodes has this week shown its true colours. This is a crisis period for South African universities. There is no need to stress this point, suffice to say that UCM has disbanded. NUSAS is being scrutinized by a Select Parliamentary Committee while the bannings and passport removals continue. Indeed, the general outlook for the universities is bleak.

Yet despite the problems facing students in South Africa at present, Rhodes trundles along oblivious to the national student situation.

This is a period when it is crucial for students to have strong leadership ... the type of leadership that will be able to weather the hazards of the present and near future.

Yet Rhodes has not been able to scrape up enough leadership to even constitute an SRC.

Nothing could be more indicative of the general attitude of this university than the fiasco the students have made of the recent SRC elections.

At the meeting last Wednesday calling for nominations for a new SRC, only three candidates came forward. When the late nominations period had elapsed, there were only nine candidates. They now constitute the new SRC ... PATHETIC. What an indictment on this student body ... that only nine students from a total student body of close on 2 000 should come forward.

What makes it even worse is that this is the first time in over a decade that this has happened ... little wonder the Nationalist

Government refuses to take English-speaking students seriously. Why should they when we can't even take ourselves seriously.

A university is only as good as its students. The recent SRC election debacle is a clear indication of just how good Rhodes really is. Three cheers Rhodes, you have gone a long way in elevating yourself to the status of a Tribal College.

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Inside...

- NEW SRC ELECTED
- CECILS AND JOHNS
- SPORT (for the ruggers).

U.K. props Nats

By Peter Kenny

LESLIE HUCKFIELD came sauntering down the steps of the GLT looking more like a student than a member of that sacred paice, the British House of Commons. He spoke as part of the enthusiastic Civil Rights week Rhodes had.

With a metre length scarf flying from his unshaven neck he held the hundred students who decided to honour him with their presence captivated by his stirring attack on the evils of apartheid.

"Even if I were a Nationalist I could not support the police state that South Africa is . . . The police state has not become a means to an end, but an end in itself. If they can't get you in

court under one act, they get you in another," he said.

"After all this South Africa poses as untotitarian," continued Mr. Huckfield. He stressed that this country has more nationalism and public ownership than Britain and many other European countries. After touring this country Mr. Huckfield found that there was not only a conspiracy of double-think, but a conspiracy to stop people coming to see for themselves.

"I am in favour of resettlement camps and withdrawal of passports for people who think like that" the MP for Nuneaton said firmly.

Because of their selfishness the real political leadership has been lost by the whites said Mr. Huckfield. White party policies may

solve consciences of Liberals but they are irrelevant to blacks. He stressed that black consciousness is what is relevant today.

Going on to his own country's relationship with South Africa Mr. Huckfield said, "I'm not prepared to see the British Government propping up apartheid. British firms contribute 60 per cent of the foreign investment in South Africa. They are discriminating against African workers. If they do this they must get out."

"We want equal pay for equal work and not just the rate for the job. I want to see black and white Trade Unions uniting against their employers," said Mr. Huckfield. Mr. Huckfield is a graduate of Oxford and has lectured at Birmingham University.



Cecil John

Gives brickbats

FELLOW comrades, I'm back in action. Oh how I've missed you all these long months; as my pet aardvark 'a million miles for one of your smiles' said, "when you've got Hiss who needs Rhoeo anyway that is who needs Jeyes when you've got Hiss.

It's that time of year again when the Cecils and the Johns (awards that is) are taken from a dusty corner in one of the many empty and silent rooms in the new Union and are handed to the lucky winners.

First the Cecils; This year I will confer the following Cecils:

Sportsman of the year — Pete Reed for rugby.

Sportswoman of the year — Pat Going for athletics.

Actor of the year — Derek Ward.

Actress of the year — Marge Hughes and Jannet du Plessis.

Mosy dynamic society — Film Society.

Now for the Johns, we won't mention the Jolly John — he's a John anyway.

Campus Cassanova: Nick Rooney alias 'Crumblebum' for his achievements at St. Mary's tea.

Campus Arty: Babe Fletcher for his dainty performance in the Oppies/Walker production.

Campus Harty: Brian Bradshaw for the iron grip he has on all the fine arties, known to all his terrified students as 'The Caveman.'

Campus Ruggerr-bugger: Akkers Ackerman to finally prove that he's not a fairy.

Campus Grogger: No hesitation, right in — 'Jungle-bunny' for taking his sport so seriously, he even moved into the Vic. But putting in a good trot is 'Geeelarch' Trini Lopez McLoughlin.

Campus Smoothy: Ernie Burmeister, the revolving Volvo vam-

pire for his sophisticated rhetoric at the grizzle session long, long ago.

Campus Pedant: Nigel Henson for his clear, concise and encapsulating speeches and his ability to keep his audience awake despite himself.

Campus Legs: Bidi Wallace, for the extra time she has been putting in at D. F. Malan airport.

Campus Reptologist: Sidney Posturepedic Python (senior) Forbes for his practical demonstrations from 'Fitzsimmons on Snakes.'

Campus Miner: Unanimously awarded to 'Pumper' Penefather for the amount of underground work he has put in this year — especially in the vicinity of High Street.

Campus Landlady: Twelvebird for the extra lodger (plus toothbrush) she's been accommodating during the past five months.

Campus Model: Coathanger Walpole for being too buxom for the art school.

And that's it friends, the end of yet another cogent series.

For the lucky award winners who may feel affronted — "the truth hurts" — contact "Mottel" at the law library. He will be only too pleased to file a lawsuit against yours truly — at a price, of course!!!

Res. fees soar

IT WAS announced last week that residence fees will go up as from next year. Students will now have to pay R480 a year to stay in res. The last increase was in 1970, when the fees were put up by R50. This represents a 37 per cent increase in res fees in two and a half years.

It is hard to believe that inflation is enough to justify such a large increase in residential fees during the past three years. It is true that staff salaries, equipment, books and other odds and ends that make up an academic community are never static, but at the same time, the university could have made an effort to explain why the fees are rocketing at such an alarming rate. It should be remembered that a large number of students are putting themselves through university and they would like some explanation.

Most students will agree that the standard of accommodation at Rhodes has little to recommend it in several spheres, but most students are forced to stay in res, because of various rules governing their living habits.

People may start thinking that the university is trying to offset the costs of the New Students' Union by passing the costs on to the students.

And why shouldn't they think so?

Arts and science flops

By Don Neale-May

ARTS AND SCIENCE WEEK shuffled in last Monday. Over 700 students and staff members packing the Great Hall to listen to the Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand, Dr. W. R. Bozzoli, deliver the opening address.

As the week progressed, it deflated like a gourmet's bladder. This was through no fault of the organizers, who put a tremendous amount of work into the festival which was beset by difficulties from the start.

The reason?

General apathy of students in attending lectures and discussions.

How many students can honestly say they put themselves out to support the week's programme, full and varied as it was?

According to Mike King, organizer of this year's festival, Arts and Science Week did almost not materialize.

The reason was that the original organizer, Ant Sherren, absconded and left Mike "holding the baby" with only two weeks left before the festival was due to start.

He thus had the unenviable task of making last minute arrangements.

Another problem which faced the organizers of this year's festival, said Mike, was the disappointing showing of Grahams-town residents.

He attributed this to the fact that the residents probably had a "mouthful" of the students during the academic year.

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"Divorce is fun" smirks Aunt C.

Hello there, daahlings — this is your friend, Auntie Cecilia back to do the job of cleaning up and exposing your nefarious follies. Apparently you have not managed without my sound advice and control?!

In the first place, Rhodes has re-established itself as the Marriage and Divorce Stable. All these flashy rocks on fingers and nuptial masses, too! Sorry you lost, lads; your shareholding wasn't good enough — she's now become a private enterprise, despite attempts at maintaining international sporting relationships! Then there's Hoff and Wall, Sunshine Cloete (note: Roche has become an uncle), Hustler, Gray-Lewis — Oh, it goes on and on!

On the 'splitville' supreme court scene, the following divorces have been finalised: Harmuth v. van Nierop, Berrange v. Harmuth, Turner v. White, Robey v. Leng, Gums v. Clegg, Nupen v. Twelvebird, the Volvo v. Hillier, Coates v. Dugmore, Fletcher v. van Niekerk (but conjugal rights restored) — so, for

those out in the cold, like Nix and Sopes, join the 'bus stop brigade'! Advice to all hopefuls; the brigade bans slacks! Siss . . . with no direct reference to Fletch or the Lion!

And while on the subject of clubs, award of the year goes to those who finally succeeded in decontaminating Club 15 . . . and we congratulate the League on yet another smashing success at the Vic, but we'd like to know who the gentlemen really are?

Finally, for those of us bored with lekkies, join the pool-set in the NEW UNION — like it's such a kool scene having all those facilities right on the premises; now we have lots of lovely things to do to keep us away from all those nasty kommie plots!

As the light begins to fade, and you pack away your tattered ball dekorasies to be re-hashed next year, I leave you with this thought, "Have you made the most of your time at Rhodes? If no, do not despair . . . there are still four shopping months to Christmas!!" Ta ta, now!

Shows: No-one goes

RHODES has been fortunate in seeing a great deal of theatre over the past month, much of which has been adventurous and experimental. We regret that they were so poorly attended.

For Arts and Science Week, Tony Akerman directed Marge Hughes, Janet du Plessis and Heather Murie in *The Maids* by Genet. This was a particularly difficult undertaking, the complex play providing problems with both setting and interpretation. We succeeded admirably in over-coming these, using a split-level set to great advantage. Students in the future should be encouraged and challenged by this example.

Peter Felix and the Rest, written by Richard Tomlinson and directed by Giles Hugo, was not a success. Although visually exciting in parts, it failed to stimulate either an understand-

ing or an appreciation of what they were trying to put across. When a performance becomes too personal it loses its definition as a piece of theatre.

The Serpent Players brought Camus' *The Just* to an invited audience. The play itself is powerful, but here the direction was weak and the players failed to achieve sufficient variation of character portrayal.

For those of us who have seen Peter Prowse's *Diary of a Madman*, his *Evening with Charles Dickens* was somewhat disappointing. However, he succeeded in captivating his audience for a lengthy period and brought *"The Christmas Carol"* to life in a series of distinctive characterisations.

The CAPAB Opera Company brought *Don Pasquale*, which many students missed because of a semi-private booking system,

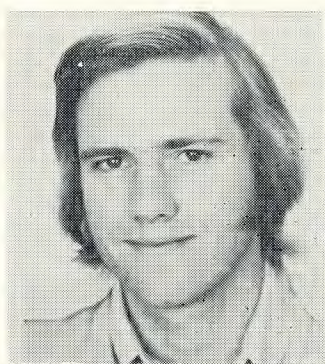
which left very few tickets available. The singing was of a high standard, accompanied by the symphony orchestra (a welcome change from the taped music used for ballet presentations) and it was generally well-directed.

Surely one of the most outstanding productions to visit the theatre this year has been CAPAB Youth's *The Butcher's Bad Dream*, directed by Roy Sargeant and featuring ex-Rhodes drama students, Lois Butlin, Stephen Gurney, John Burch and Lorraine Bellamy. The fast-moving collage telescoped a few major features of Shakespeare's original and, as it progressed, one somehow couldn't laugh at the clown, who pointed truths in the play which were very close to the bone in a South African context. This was a triumph for CAPAB and a sign of good things to come.

It's your new SRC



ASHLEY DRIVER, is a first year B. Journ. student who believes that an SRC exists to lead and serve the student body." He says he hopes "to continue to press for reforms in the residence system." The establishment of Faculty Councils is one of Mr. Driver's aims. He wants to promote multi-racial activities on the campus.

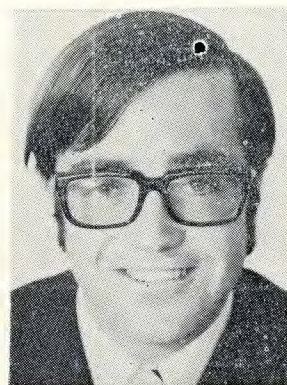


A B.A. (Hons.) student, **MR. BEN PARKER**, feels the SRC has two main functions — representation and leadership. Mr. Parker feels that externally the SRC should "act as a voice of conscience, while, achieving internally, effective communication at all levels and putting the views of the student body forward.



JOE SLATER, a B.Comm. II student, feels equipped to continue the work of the outgoing SRC.

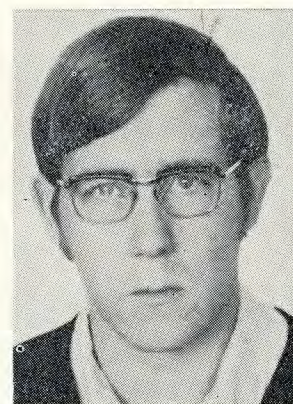
He feels "valuable contact" has been established with the university administration, the provision of an effective Student Health Service, the residence problem and the Faculty Councils.



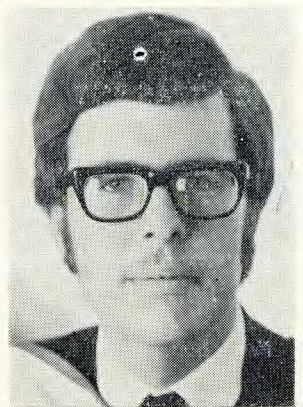
MIKE WALWYN is a B.A. III student who undertakes to promote the continuity of the existing SRC.

Educational reforms rank high in his priorities.

He feels strongly about the "unsatisfactory position" of the two student publications Rhodoe (sic) and Rhodian.



MIKE KING is doing a B.A. (Hons.) Black wages and poverty on the campus and in the Grahamstown area concerns Mr. King and he hopes to help alleviate this.



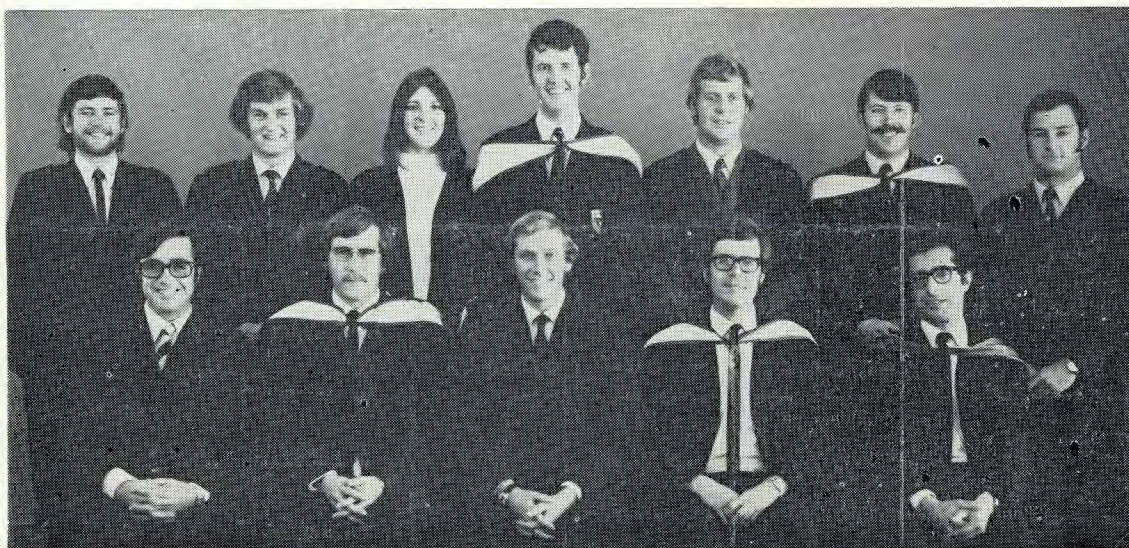
NIGEL HENSON, has served on the SRC for the past two years.

He thinks the residence structure has now reached a crucial point and the SRC should promote an active participation of students in decision-making.

He urges the importance of Faculty Councils. The work done (and the results shown) in the recent survey have shown, "that the SRC must press hard for the establishment of a Student Health Service," says Mr. Henson.

Mr. Henson would like to do something about the "appalling" Black worker's wages on the campus.

The Cast of the Goons



Of course we did our best! We stabbed a few friends in the back in the process, drank pots of tea with old Jimmy, pulled off a slick coup and went right up the spout on a socio-sexual kick. Two of us refused to resign after being voted out by the student corpse, one of us was elected

chairman of Arts and Science week — an integrated affair — I resigned when it disintegrated. Of course we still smile, most of us that is. One of us won second prize for the longest standing relationship at the NUSAS conference, one of us has a Volvo, one of us a bicycle (and a car for dirty

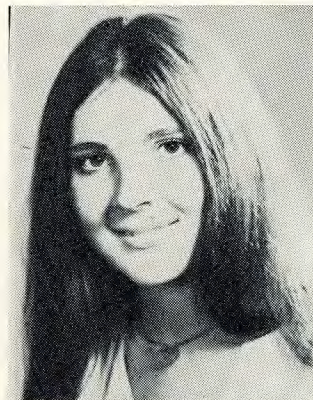
48s), one of us has a moustache — "got it in a lucky packet and stuck it on with bostik for my engagement party" and all of us are "jolly fine lads."

"Some of us have had so much fun at submarine parties we're standing again, and again and again."



PETER SMITH is a final year B.A. student. He thinks the ideal residence system would include the abolition of the "Smuts Rules" and the granting of complete autonomy to each hall. He feels the appointment of a G.P. is essential as is the implementation of student medical aid.

Mr. Smith wants to promote a closer link between the various faculties by means of Councils. He will improve the wage scales of Black employees on the campus.



JO LENG was an exchange student to Canada in 1970. She served on the SRC in 1972. She wants the SRC to change residence rules and to establish Faculty Councils and a health service.

Survey and response

There has been a very favourable response so far to the SRC's socio-sexual survey.

So far about one thousand questionnaires have been returned and there are still some outstanding.

Mr. P. Clark, who initiated the survey, said last week that he had been pleased with the response and hoped that the survey would be a success.

"There is still a lot of work to be done. The questionnaires have been collected, but compiling will take some time," said Mr. Clark.

Members of the SRC spent much of last week working on the questionnaires and gathering outstanding forms.

Open Letter

Dear Students,

I wish to express my distress at the fact that only nine out of 2 000 students have seen fit to come forward for nomination to the SRC. I cannot but condemn this total lack of interest by a student body, who, if they don't feel the SRC is representing them, offers no other alternative.

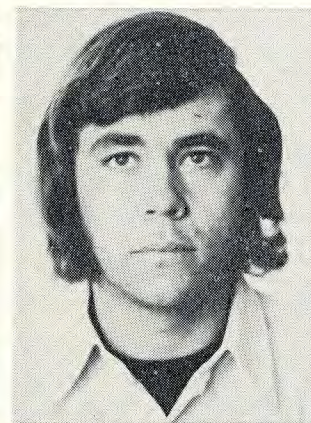
ALTERNATIVES

If students feel that the SRC is not the representative body which they would like, then they should suggest alternatives. If,

on the other hand, they feel that it is the body which they prefer to be represented by, then they must realise that they can do nothing to improve their lot or the lot of others unless they put forward representatives for the SRC.

If the present situation is allowed to continue, students must realise that they will have no representation and the administration has no alternative but to run their affairs, as is the case in a high school.

PETER CLARKE (President).



NICK TAYLOR is an M.Sc. student, who feels the efforts of Rhodes to "promote a more just society" should be extended. He thinks a more careful research in this field and a clearer direction will make it more effectual.

Mr. Taylor believes communication is the only way of resolving differences and gives support to the recent rugby match with the Federal Seminary and the SRC meeting at Stellenbosch.

Non-racial sport escalates

AS A RESULT of the spate of non-racial sports fixtures at universities in South Africa recently, in which Rhodes has played a major part, a meeting has been convened in Durban for September to create a national student non-racial sporting organisation.

The meeting, which will draw student delegates from all South African universities, will take place from September 22 to September 24.

Each university will be sending

three delegates and invitations are open to all South African institutions of higher education.

It is planned that an ad hoc committee for non-racial sport will be elected at this meeting which will function as a co-ordinating body between the various institutions that wish to participate.

This move comes at the same time that two influential Afrikaans newspapers in Johannesburg, *Die Transvaaler* and *Die*

Vaderland, have expressed the possibility that White and Black rugby teams will be able to play each other and that Coloureds will be considered for the tour to New Zealand next season.

The student meeting in Durban also hopes to formulate and decide upon arrangements for a non-racial sports tournament to be held in January on an inter-provincial basis.

It is also hoped that the ad hoc committee will be able to get finances for a possible overseas tour of a South African non-racial students sports team.

According to the chairman of the Social and Recreation Club, Mr. K. Swift, negotiations are now underway for an inter-iversity between Rhodes and a combined Federal Seminary and Fort Hare sports team.

"It remains to be seen whether the programme will escalate or fizzle out. A lot depends on the students at this stage", said Mr. Swift. "The response by Rhodes sportsmen and women has been far greater than we first expected and I am confident that the students will give their support in the future."



RHODES Vs. FED. SEM. — A REAL DIALOGUE.

Sports-torque

BEV NICHOLSON

WITH the rugby season near, over, it would be safe to say that House rugby this year has been a fiasco. With a few exceptions, most houses have had the utmost difficulty raising sides to play.

At the beginning of the season there were few who foresaw this and as the season has developed, the rugby club has decided on a new approach. Next year the houses will be divided into sections and they will play six games each and all in the second term. There will be a final between section leaders also during the second term.

In the third term, friendlies and cup games will be played and there will be internal leagues within the Halls, and possibly a few Inter-Hall

matches. All rugby players will be allowed to participate in house games and those who play will be eligible for Rhodes representative teams.

This year's League has not been all that "friendly". The big late match between Oppidans and Walker is now over. It appears that any house which takes house rugby seriously will be the subject of criticism — remember Adamson last year (the Walker crew this year in fact) and Struben in 1970.

Next year's house rugby system promises to be a great deal less taxing on those who want to play semi-serious rugby. Social rugby seems to have disappeared into the various Lags sides — a great pity!

In the representative rugby, Rhodes 1st XV have made a welcome recovery and are still in the hunt for the Border Cup. The last three league matches have seen convincing wins over Cambridge and Hamiltons and a thrashing for Transkei in Umtata.

The Rhodes Collegians side has had good wins over Cambridge 11 and Police 11, and are lying top of the Border Second League.

After a setback against a powerful Villagers side, the Under 20 side has found its feet again. Though they are well down on the Log, they have had a few good wins recently.

An interesting soccer cup final saw Botha go down 3-2 to Cory in a close match. In spite of fears that soccer was losing popularity because of house rugby, it seems to be very much on the up and the soccer club committee can be thanked for arranging such a good tournament.

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