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CHOIR TRIUMPHS IN RHODESIA

THE Rhodes Chamber Choir completed a most successful tour of the Rhodesias during the July vacation. Including the performances in Kimberley and on the Rand, 25 recitals were given in 17 different centres. Dr. Gruber's outstanding choir has greatly enhanced the already high reputation of Rhodes University in the Federation and on the Witwatersrand.

KIMBERLEY

The tour opened with a concert at Kimberley, where the Rhodes singers were warmly received for the second consecutive year. The first concert to be given by the Rhodians in the Federation was that at Plumtree, where they stayed at the well-known Boys' School.

AFRICAN CONCERT

After a visit to the Matopos, the choir moved on to Bulawayo, where they gave several performances and a broadcast. They also took part in an African concert, where the audience reciprocated with an exhilarating rendering of African songs.

The visit to Wankie included an excursion to the Game Reserve, but of outstanding interest to choir members was their stay at the grandiose Victoria Falls, from which they moved on to Lusaka.

DUST HARMS THROATS

The choir travelled about the Federation by motor coach, which was neither well-sprung nor dust-proof, both serious disadvantages on Rhodesian strip roads. As a result laryngitis occasionally incapacitated singers, and several concerts were given under great difficulties.

KARIBA GORGE

Ample compensation for such inconveniences was to be found in visits to such interesting places as the Kariba Gorge, where the Rhodians were shown over the workings of the huge hydro-electric project. The choir members even entered the tunnel through which the waters of the Zambesi will be diverted. Later they sang to the workers, many of whom were Continentals.

UMTALI A TONIC

The concerts in Salisbury were well received, and glowing Press reports praised the choir's precision singing. An excursion to Umtali, before returning to Salisbury for a further concert by popular request, proved both rewarding and restful. Not only were the choir able to revel in the scenery of Umtali, but it was here that they found the Feder-

ation's finest auditorium, with perfect acoustics and comfortable apartments.

ZIMBABWE RUINS

The choir then paid brief visits to Que-Que, Gwelo, Shabani and Fort Victoria, and at each of these towns they were greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences. While at Fort Victoria, the Rhodians visited the Zimbabwe Ruins.

JO'BURG IMPRESSED

From Bulawayo the choir travelled by train to Johannesburg, where they sang in the Wit University Great Hall, earning unstinted praise from audience and newspaper critics alike.

The final concert of the tour was given at Pretoria, where some gauge of its success can be gauged from this remark of a newspaper critic:

"The choir is something to grow lyrical about... its excellence will before long be spoken of beyond the borders of our country."

BRILLIANT SOLOISTS

Norman Bailey, Yolande Racka, Felicity Mather-Pike, Gill Cowper and Ernlé Young scored brilliant successes as soloists wherever they appeared. Despite fatigue, bad arrangements and natural hazards, the Rhodes Choir, under the kindly and cheerful chaperonage of Dr. and Mrs. Gruber, returned secure in the knowledge that Rhodes and South African music has never stood higher in the estimation of Rhodesians.

MIDSUMMER-NIGHT'S DREAM

Local experts were unanimously enthusiastic in their praise of the Port Elizabeth production of the Dram. Soc.'s "Midsummer Night's Dream." The whole cast had acquired an increased slickness and finesse, and technically these productions were far superior to those in Grahamstown.

LARGE AUDIENCES

Large audiences received the play with acclaim, and many were the congratulations at the Mayoral reception held after the first night, which was graciously laid on by the Mayor, Mr. Louis Dubb, and the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Struan Robertson. The audiences loved the burlesque of the Yokels, with Bottom (Yeowart) and Quince (Phillips) firm favourites.

Whitehead's increased confidence made him an outstanding Puck, whilst the lovers, Ro Paling, Angela Read, Duncan Buchanan and Noel Wright, gave polished performances.

All in all a successful production, and the members of the cast

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CHOIR MEMBERS POSE EN ROUTE TO RHODESIA



From left to right are Arcanja Gomes, Rump Schmidt, Bernice Brenner, Keith Forbes-Milne, Patsy Thompson, Bee Timberlake, Ernlé Young, Beth Motyer, Tim O'Sullivan, Jill Froneman, Penny McIntyre, Erich Bigalke, Gill Cowper.

Science Week a Success

JUDGING by the attendance at lectures and the number of people who visited the display of scientific exhibits in the Great Hall, Rhodes Science Week was a great success.

The G.L.T. was packed to capacity by students and outsiders who came to hear Prof. Gledhill's illuminating inaugural lecture on "The Threshold of Space," while Prof. Ewer's witty discussion on "What is a Scientist?" was well received by an appreciative audience.

"FYSICS IS PHUN"

One of the most interesting of the Departmental exhibits in the Great Hall was that of the Physics Department. Among the exhibits was a Geiger-Miller tube used to detect Beta and Gamma radio-active rays. Up to 50 counts per second were recorded when bottles containing uranium oxide and fluoramonium were placed next to the tube. Various substances could be seen to change colour under ultra-violet light. Colourless minerals were seen to take on bright hues, enabling them to be identified. Many spectators were fascinated by a climbing electric arc inside a tube containing ionised air.

MOLECULES VISIBLE

On view was a field-emission electron microscope, which magnifies 500,000 times. When switched on, the microscope produced a large image of a small crystal of tungsten less than 1/100,000 inch in diameter, revealing the atomic structure.

People allowed sparks of electricity to jump to their fingers and felt the prickly sensation of

a high frequency electric discharge with a voltage of several thousand. The discharge was harmless because of its high frequency.

FISH SYSTEMATICS

The Department of Fish Systematics really went to town at the Science Exhibition. Rhodians saw works on fish, paintings of fish and the method of sketching the rapidly fading colours of tropical fish immediately they have been caught. Particularly interesting was a 170 million-year-old fossil coelacanth from Greenland, as well as a large marlin caught at Mossel Bay. Also on exhibit were numerous press cuttings about Prof. Smith.

GEOLOGY

Among the exhibits of the Geology Department were two excellent 3-D geological map-models, one of Grahamstown and surroundings and the other of the Hogsback dolerite sills and sheets. Both were the work of Prof. Mountain.

The fossil fish in the Cave Sandstone attracted much attention. These fish, like a number of others, were found hundreds of miles from the present-day sea.

AFRICA UNDER ICE

The Geography exhibit consisted largely of maps and diagrams with a physical bias. Students were interested in Tillite rock samples from Grahamstown itself, deposits left by the great ice cap which covered South Africa about 200 million years ago.

LAND UTILISATION

The Geographical section of the Border Regional Survey had

on exhibit its methods of mapping the land utilisation of the region. The Elgin-Grabouw basin is the only area outside the Border which has yet had its land utilisation mapped.

BOTANY

The Botany Department had on view samples of South African timbers, plants suffering from various mineral deficiencies, samples of soil, and apparatus for plant and soil analysis. Particularly interesting were specimens of seaweed and a number of useful products manufactured from these algae.

The Chemistry Department had quite a lot of complicated apparatus on view. Schoolboys showed interest in the acid-base indicators, in which certain fluids changed colour as if by magic when an acid or an alkali was added to them.

LIVE SCORPIONS

The Zoological and Entomological exhibits were most varied. Not only were blue ticks in various stages of development on view, but visitors were able to see various types of dips as well as a huge Bancroft Manometer used to study the respiration of arsenic-resistant ticks after various treatments.

Live ants crawled about their nests, but the centre of attraction in this part of the hall were the hideous live scorpions. In spirits were three-inch long Queen termites from Natal and a five-inch long giant Queen termite from

The Shell Company had on view a fine collection of photographs illustrating the building of the Storms River Bridge over the 405 foot high gorge.

Old Fourlegs

Professor J. L. B. Smith's book, "Old Fourlegs," is being translated into German and will be published in Germany in the near future. Professor Smith has stated that a leading American publishing house has its own edition in press for publication in the United States, and at present the story of the coelacanth search is appearing in serial form in several London periodicals.

S.R.C. Election Results

Jan Smuts: Thomas Gore.
Founders: Billy Yeowart.
Drostdy: Hymie Touyz.
Oriël: Dawn Harris.
St. Mary's: Diane Dacombe.

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would like to thank Prof. Butler for his inspiration, and also all those kind people who acted as hosts on tour.

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EDITORIAL

THE DANGER OF OVER-SPECIALISATION

"THE Universities are peopled with men and women deeply schooled in their particular subjects, but in many cases lamentably ignorant of the learning of their fellows"—Dr. A. E. Morgan.

While browsing through the calendar of a neighbouring university I was shocked to read that **only in exceptional circumstances**, and with the approval of the senate, may a first year course in Mathematics or one of the Sciences be included in the curriculum of any B.A. student. Similarly no B.Sc. student may study any arts subject without the special permission of the senate of that university. This is lamentable indeed, for few first years will be so imbued with the idea of an all-round education as to undertake the trouble of appealing to the senate. Newcomers to such a university are virtually doomed to narrow specialisation in the subjects of a particular faculty, with gross ignorance of what lies beyond its borders. Such narrow specialisation makes it impossible for students to major in History and Mathematics or Geology and Geography, as a number of our leading graduates have done.

Fortunately not all universities are as bad as this. While looking through the calendar of an overseas university it was pleasing to read that at that particular institution all B.A. students have to include at least one science subject in their curriculum, while all B.Sc. students have to include at least one arts subject in their curriculum. Such a regulation might well be adopted by South African universities if they hope to produce students with a balanced outlook. Of course this would not be so necessary if the training in our secondary schools was adequate, but what Professor J. F. Latimer of George Washington University says in his survey of American high schools is equally applicable to South Africa:—

"By permitting high schools to become the vocational bargain basement of education, we have insulted the students' intelligence and encouraged mediocrity, by prescribing mediocre subject matter as an incentive for mediocre minds."

KNOWLEDGE FOR ITS OWN VALUE

Of course we cannot revert completely to the ancient Greek ideal of seeking knowledge solely for its own intrinsic value, for we live in a fiercely competitive world in which special qualifications are needed for almost every type of employment. Specialisation is essential and unavoidable, but in addition to specialising in one, two or three subjects, according to his ability, every university student should endeavour to dabble in as many other fields as possible, for that is the only way he can see his special subject in something of its true perspective. As I remarked in "The Rhodian" last year, a true student is one who knows everything about something and something about everything. Nothing is more admirable than the academic nosy-parker.

MAJOR DISCOVERIES ALONG THE FRONTIERS

When one looks at the field of science one notices that the majority of the major discoveries and the most outstanding services to humanity are being made on the borders of well-established subjects. It is worthwhile to remember Isaiah Bowman's remark:

"We live by advancing and changing and discovering, not by defining and hedging about."

If you have kept to your prescribed subjects all through the year you have not been making proper use of the university, which is the ideal place for a little fruitful dabbling in new and unknown fields.

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RHODES ABSTAINS ON FORT HARE QUESTION

At a highly successful Congress in Pietermaritzburg this year, students from all over the country met for the 32nd Assembly and the second Winter School. Altogether, eleven centres were represented on the Assembly which proved both fruitful and entertaining. A representative of the German Student Union, Mr. Hans Griegolite, was given observer status on the Assembly. Hans was the first person to be given this status at an Assembly and was most helpful in his judgement.

RHODES DELEGATION

The Rhodes delegation consisted of Duncan Buchanan, Christopher Cresswell and Christopher Murray, with Janet Irving as an alternate. June Ginsberg was on the National Executive. Altogether 14 Rhodians attended and enjoyed Congress. The Rhodes delegation abstained on a number of motions, on which they had been mandated by our SRC. An amusing sidelight to this was the presentation towards the end of Congress of the Natal shield by the Durban delegate to the RU delegation "for abstention-ness."

FORT HARE

Probably the most interesting debate from the Rhodes point of view was the Fort Hare debate, when the Vice-Chairman of the Fort Hare SRC addressed Assembly in his personal capacity. The motion that was eventually passed was that, in the light of available

information, the governing body was not justified in closing Fort Hare, and that a commission of inquiry consisting of the NUSAS Executive be set up to investigate the closing. Rhodes abstained from voting, after having put forward their viewpoint.

Messrs. Coombe and Rubin were elected to represent NUSAS at the World University Service Conference in Bangalore, and either John Didcott or Gordon Alexander to join them at the International Student Conference in Ceylon.

WINTER SCHOOL

Concurrently with Assembly, Winter School was run under the able direction of Trevor Coombe, and its theme was "The Fate of This Country." Among the most interesting speakers were Prof. Allport, Miss Van Heyningen and

Dr. Terblanche. His lecture on CNO was an interesting reflection of that approach to education, but was generally thought to be unsound in principle. Mr. Nguni-bane gave a very fair and objective address on the effects of Bantu Education Act.

SOCIAL SUCCESS

As always, Congress was a great social success. Being held in a smaller University, there was more opportunity to get together and exchange ideas. Amongst the entertainments organised was a musical evening, a visit to Nagle Dam, and an entertaining Symposium on Love, at which the speakers were a psychologist, a philosopher and a clergyman. The Intervarsity Debate was won by Mr. S. Simkin of UN (P.), but the standard of speaking was not particularly high. A visit to the Durban Medical School was thoroughly enjoyed.

APARTHEID

At the Research Conference, some interesting papers were presented. The Rhodes Research Project on "Student Attitudes towards Apartheid" will be presented at next year's Conference.

RANDOM NOTES

Dr. W. D. Maxwell, formerly of Dunbar, Scotland, has succeeded Dr. N. H. G. Robinson as Professor of Divinity. He is not a stranger to South Africa, for a few years ago he spent some months lecturing in the faculty of Divinity at Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. Vernon Forbes is at present on six months' holiday in Britain. He has completed his thesis on early Cape explorers, and "devoutly hopes" not to find any new material in London. Mr. Forbes's place in the Geography Department has been filled by Mr. J. Henderson, B.Sc. Hons., of Sheffield University.

Margie Roberts, who graduated with double distinctions at Rhodes in 1953, is now back from Oxford to lecture in politics.

Janet Irving has left for the United States where she will read for an M.A. in Sociology at the University of Kentucky. Recently she became engaged to John Darbyshire, who at present is finishing off an M.Sc. in Botany.

Petal Tyson left Northern Rhodesia by air on July 30th. After spending a month in Britain, she will journey to Paris to commence her studies in French Literature at the Sorbonne.

Rowena Essex-Clark finds teaching in a secondary modern school in the East End of London rather harassing.

Catholic Conference

Eight Rhodes students attended the 13th Annual Conference of the National Catholic Federation of Students held in Pietermaritzburg in July.

The theme of the conference was "The Layman and the Liturgy." Rhodes read the first paper on "The Layman in the Church."

Altogether, the conference was a great success from the spiritual, intellectual and social point of view.

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For the past six years he has held the post of Senior Lecturer in Economics at Rhodes, and has proved himself to be an excellent lecturer and conscientious teacher. Perhaps he was at his best in tutorials with his more advanced students, when his lucid exposition enabled many to gain an insight into the methods and more abstruse problems of economic analysis, and his enthusiasm fired them with an interest in this difficult field. There are many who will recall happy evenings of discussion in his flat, when the more difficult parts of process analysis of the theory of capital were mellowed by a cup of tea and cake, sometimes followed by music.

For a time he was Warden of Jan Smuts House, but relinquished this in order to be able more fully to enjoy his gramophone and indulge his deep love of music, which it was his pleasure to share with his chosen friends.

He was universally respected by staff and students, and won the esteem and affection of many. His death at the early age of 38 is a sad loss not only to his friends, but to the University, and to the whole study of economics in South Africa.

STEKEL THROWS THE BONES

After a hectic vac., we are here once again to throw the bones with you. We didn't have to rest in the vac. because we got that all at —

DROSTDY BALL

Flitting into my murky gloom of Drostdy Ball, Stekel was suddenly blinded by official lights being turned on; this, fortunately, was counteracted by unofficial lights being turned off in the bushes outside—if this is a taste of KING size, give us ordinary dances everytime. Stekel didn't notice anyone because, like everyone else (except the officials), she was so bored with the proceedings.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Stekel, hiding in a drop of "love in idleness," was alarmed to see that BOHMKE and HAIG had taken an overdose, and had to retire to the couch to think things over. KRITZ, fighting off a bevy of stage hands, decided the only antidote to this purple passion was found in the Lion. GILL DEACON was longing to get back to ENGLAND (that scepter'd isle). Seriously for a minute, congratulations to PROF. BUTLER and all his helpers.

CHOIR

The choir had its usual crop of spiritual romances followed by spirited break-ups. Not the least of which was when PENNY cried CHIC and IAN stopped roosting. (Does this remind you of anything HURLY?). We hear BRENNER'S hysterics were a good advertisement for a certain make of tissues, while ERNLIE took some time to make up his mind, but after all, that is the privilege of the YOUNG. DENNIS McCRYSTAL'S left hand technique seems to be a new approach in the art of courting.

Here, again, we would like to give Dr. GRUBER and his choir a pat on the back for their remarkably successful tour.

NUSAS CONGRESS

The "sleepy hollow" was rudely awakened on the arrival of the Rhodes delegation. As a result, JANET IRVING and JOHN DARBYSIRE have got engaged — congrats you two! With JANET in Kentucky for the next year, John will be in the unique position of being the one and only "blue grass widower" Rhodes has ever produced. CHRIS MURRAY had to do some quick thinking to appease both GERALDINE FERNLEY and JUNE GINSBERG — Rhodes' local Don Juan without his shiny green chariot discovered to his dismay that the absense of his car also meant the loss of his sex appeal, but

with his return to Rhodes, both are again functioning.

HOCKEY

Stekel, flying above the dust storms of South West Africa and hearing the barbarious notes of a drunken spree, descended to find the Rhodes hockey team in their customary positions (on their backs) with the town's bewildered inhabitants looking on. Even BEEF HURLBATT'S feat of beating the German beer drinker could not eclipse the bad name these fellows gave to Rhodes—jolly poor show, chaps.

HOCKEY INTERVARSITY

According to all reports, the Rhodes teams didn't come up to their usual standard in the social life, although it must be admitted that SYLVIA tried to NEAME every available opportunity. BSME, judging the Rhodes Selection Stakes, backed POLL to win, with SNYDER and HURLY dead heating for second place. CLARANCE tried to keep it a strictly family affair without much success, while VAN BLOMMESTEIN look overORRED by a Witsie.

SCIENCE WEEK BALL

Breathing fumes of H₂S, we slunk into the dance, only to find that DENIS CLUR had PALMERED off his partner to CHRISTOPHER COTTRELL. BATMAN ROSSEINSKY was trying to persuade ANGELA McELHINNY that even young bats don't have hair, while CARTWRIGHT was also proving a BRILL(-iant) line shooter. HEMENS meanwhile had shot GERRANS right out of her life. HARRIS and DENTON were trying to find out which of them had the deepest blue eyes, and MARY MACQUARRIE, with her maternal INKstinct aroused, was worried in case he didn't get his 4-hourly feeds. PIET DE JONG and VICKY LUYT were doing their best to achieve perpetual motion, with NICOL and PHILLIDA coming a close second.

RICH MOGG was seen tastefully dressed in an immaculate dinner jacket in the latest shade of black, his fashionable trousers were also a modish black. His gleaming white shirt was impressively studded by what looked like beer. His glittering shoes traced a merry path on the smooth floor, to the consternation of some dangers. His sartorial perfection was set off by a cheeky bow tie at JUST the right angle. He was accompanied by a partner.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

What did the Old Selbornians do to make CLARE BARRATT

stop talking? Does SYLVIA know what the colour of her fringe means? (Answer to be sent in plain sealed envelope). Are LOUIS and EUGENIE still wandering hand in hand through their Dey-dreams? Is it true what they say about DIXIE? Was PADDY D'ARCY'S lecturer as innocent as he looked?

ODD BODS

Stekel wandering into a SRC meeting, i.e. the Serious Romance Co-op Ltd., noticed BUC & DI and BILLY & RO billing and cooing. Their sweet nothings were drowned, however, by the harsh invectives of the GINSBERG-MURRAY feud (?).

Slipping downstairs to Kaif, we noticed a curious biological phenomenon in the form of a Siamese twin. REEKIE and CHUBB seemed to be joined at the shoulders, while GALGUT and WHITE have since been separated. MULLIGAN, like little BO Peep, was noticed once again with her SKAAP. Mr. AARONS was seen waiting at a table for prospective clients. KEITH FORBES-MILNE was trying to find someone new to share the consultation with him.

Having consumed our pint of purple passion and caught the last train out of town, we bid you a fond farewell.

Wishing you all a sexessful term,

Yours ever,

MRS. STEKEL.

Geological Congress

Twenty-three students attended the SA Mining and Geological Students Congress, which this year had its venue at Grahams-town. The local organisers were Chic Boehmke and Gus Gerrans. The students spent an interesting and enjoyable time being shown round the Eastern Cape by Professor Mountain, Professor Rennie and Mr. Ruddock.

WIDE RANGE

Although poor in economic minerals, the area around Grahamstown has a wide range of rock formations, including the Cape System, the Lower Karroo System, the Cretaceous System, Tertiary marine deposits and geologically recent surface quartzite.

FOSSILS

A source of great excitement to Transvaal students were the numerous marine fossils to be found around Swartkops, Coega and in the Alexandria district.

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SCIENTISTS HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON

IN his address on "What is a Scientist?" Professor Ewer told his audience that the only thing in common amongst scientists is that they are humans. Although it is impossible to define a scientist, it is possible to define Science, which is concerned with diminishing the irrational appearance of the world around us.

Prof. Ewer commenced his lecture with a number of humorous examples of scientists remarkably different from one another, including the contemporaneous Darwin and Huxley, two men quite different in psychological make-up.

Seeing that there is little agreement on what a scientist is, Prof. Ewer next examined the goal of scientific investigation. As a preliminary, he briefly sketched man's evolution from the role of hunter, gatherer and toolmaker to that of farmer, involving the domestication of animals and crops. Man, the farmer, is in even greater conflict with his environment because he is no longer free to move from place to place, and hence from a very early time man sought to control nature in his own interest.

The ancient Greeks took an interest in Science and rose to fairly high levels, but Prof. Ewer regards Plato "as probably one of the most unpleasant of influences that has spread from Greece."

MODERN SCIENCE

Modern Science stems from the discovery of the sea route to India, when the Mediaeval World suddenly expanded to receive the stimulation of new ideas. In 1543, Copernicus put forward the idea of the earth being the centre of the Universe, and this was the first major discovery of modern Science, which was now concerned with the "Search for Regularities."

METHODS

Professor Ewer next dealt with the methods of Science. All scientists start with a recording and consideration of observable facts, for example the enormous amount of recordings of Tycho Brahe enabled Kepler to compile his astronomical laws. The correlation of theory with fact can easily be carried too far, as in the case of the ancient Egyptians, who believed that the rising of Sirius each year was the cause of the Nile floods.

These phenomena were coincident, but the floods were caused a few months previous to the rising of Sirius by rain in Equatorial Africa, about which the Egyptians had no knowledge.

PRACTICAL CAUSALITY

Causality in Science is largely a practical concept. As example, Prof. Ewer cited the case of a man throwing a cigarette onto a pile of waste in a warehouse, causing it to burn down. One might say that it was not the man's action of throwing down the cigarette that caused the destruction of the warehouse, but rather that there was a pile of waste capable of catching alight. One might blame the destruction on Sir Walter Raleigh, or even on the warehouse itself, for if there wasn't a warehouse, it couldn't possibly burn down. But while one can no longer control the actions of Sir Walter Raleigh, one can control the

smoking of a man in the warehouse.

GOOD AND BAD SCIENTISTS

Returning to the topic of scientists, Prof. Ewer said that there are "great scientists," "good scientists" and "just scientists." Science depends for its advancement on ideas, which largely come from the great scientists. Newton once wrote that "If I see further than other men it is because I have been standing on the backs of giants." We can forget about the giants in the meantime and concentrate on the "seeing further," the vision, the seeing beyond the facts, which is the quintessence of the great scientist, who picks up fragments of the jigsaw puzzle and puts them together into a pattern. The just-scientists merely make the bricks, while the great scientists construct the buildings of scientific knowledge and laws.

Deriving conclusions from facts can be quite difficult and exasperating. Gauss once wrote "I have had my results for a long time, but I don't see how I am to arrive at them." Often facts come into direct conflict with theories. Even Charles Darwin was no exception, and he had a special notebook for recording the facts which didn't agree with his ideas.

AESTHETIC APPEAL

Prof. Ewer enumerated four characteristics of Science:

1. Science has a greater aesthetic appeal than the Arts. To take an extreme example, those with some slight scientific training who know the mechanics of a rainbow are able to appreciate it far more than those benighted arts students who don't know how the rainbow's colours are derived.

EMOTIONAL

2. Scientists have been very emotional from earliest times, as witness Archimedes' joy and excitement at the discovery he made in his bath.

3. Science can also be boring. Prof. Ewer estimated that 80 per cent of scientific work is sheer boredom, 15 per cent of the scientists' work is accompanied by wild irritation because the apparatus won't work, while only four per cent of his working hours are accompanied by mild pleasure. The remaining 1 per cent consists of moments of real excitement and wild ecstasy.

4. Science is an activity. One is not a scientist when one learns facts, but by creating things. Science is not a form of historical research, but, to sum up, it is concerned with diminishing the irrational appearance of the world around us.

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FIRST TEAM

The Rhodes First Fifteen continued in its winning vein with two successive victories over Fort Beaufort, and so consolidated its position at the top of the league. The "away" game proved to be an entertaining spectacle, and the same can be said for the game on the Great Field.

There were stagnant periods of useless loose play, but all in all, the team opened up whenever possible. The handling among the backs was certain, and consequently there was more thrust in evidence than ever before. Also, there was less of short punting ahead, which never seemed to get anyone anywhere, but this criticism does not include Jardine's angled kick to the wings.

Jardine took some awkward passes at full speed, which afforded the line a chance to move. Both Searle and Starke are good centres with perhaps a tendency to hang on just a little too long; whilst Myers is a fast and determined wing. When Myers moves the whole team appears galvanised into action, but the wings had limited opportunities due to the recurrent failure of the backs to run straight and at top speed.

VERSATILE BACKS

It is indeed a versatile back line. The spectator is repeatedly surprised at the lengthy kicking of all the threes, whilst as opportunists they are quick onto the dropped pass.

Masterson gains confidence with every match, but one can detect a certain lack of judgement with the high kick onto him.

The forwards are beginning to look an all-round competent pack in the tight and the loose. Nevertheless, when Lategan is away, the line-outs look most indecisive and ragged. In the last match Rhodes won the scrums with ease, and all credit should be given to tight forwards, Cripwell, Wybenga, Lategan and Yeowart.

The loose forwards, Campbell, Pringle and Strauss are most successful on defence, but on attack none seem quite the force they have been previously.

SECOND TEAM

Besides the first team, one must remember the unsung and unlauded teams, chiefly the 2nd XV. This is a good side, its pack is heavy and powerful, and the backs, whilst lacking the speed and finesse of the firsts, make up for it in hard-running determination. They have had a successful season with some crushing victories, but not all their opposition has been really strong. One can criticise this side by saying that there is too much individualism — several players suddenly change direction to show themselves in an attacking light, but only succeed in stopping a movement.

HEAVY PACK MAULS

In this heavy pack one can single out Hurlbatt, Shelper, Steyn and Tarr as forwards of some class. Ian Anderson shines in a backline which can and does move well; he is a tower of strength on defence in a team which does tend to maul rather than tackle.

TOP OF LEAGUE

All in all, looking back at the first half of the season, we see Rhodes at the top of the league, unbeaten and deservedly so. The team has improved from game to game, and is now a strong combination with few weaknesses but it is hoped no feeling of smug complacency will creep in. Attendances at practices have been satisfactory so far this term, and Rhodes is not that firmly established at the top.

CENTRAL VARSITIES

Congratulations to Ian Campbell, John Cripwell, Bernie Myers and Peter Searle on their well-merited inclusion in the Central

Universities side. Myers could not make the trip, but the other three acquitted themselves well.

It is rumoured that Searle must have come very close to selection for the SA Universities side. Some fine place-kicking characterised his general high standard of play.

One regrets that a place could not be found for Colin Wright at the base of the scrum, but the UOFS player is of high provincial standard.

CLOSE UP

Biddy Fitzwilliam's university career has been stabilised by devotion to academic study and to steady pushing.

Like so many other Rhodians, Biddy has made her mark on the Rhodes campus. Some will remember her for the "Coca-Cola bottle figure," others for her double first in English and History last year.

She arrived here in 1953 after finishing her schooling at the Bulawayo Convent. In her second year she played social hockey, an ambiguous kind of squash and swam for enjoyment. (She was captain of the swimming team at school). She was also elected

third term member of the SRC, an office which she also held in her third year. Her comparatively subdued existence reaped



BRIDGET FITZWILLIAM
"The Girl Next Door."

with a view to teaching in Salisbury at the end of 1955, when she was awarded double firsts in her Arts degree.

This year she is taking a UED degree later on. She is also head student of Oriel and a member of the House Comm. On two occasions she has been nominated as Rag Queen, a fact which bears out our claim that she has both good looks and intelligence. As a TV announcer at Rag Scope Night we were quite captivated by her charm.

FAIRY TALE ROMANCE

Her friendship with John Cripwell is drawn straight from the "story-book" tale of the girl-next-door. They met in Gwelo for the first time when she was only 15. To facilitate matters, their respective families kindly settled down in the same neighbourhood in Salisbury. Only a width of a street divided them then, while the gap shows no sign of getting wider now. Just as in all fairy tales, they plan to marry in due course. We wish them every happiness for the future.

COMMENTS

Rhodes: Be as insignificant as you can and you will get away with murder.

Dislikes: Grahamstown weather, swinging a pick and having her photo taken.

S.R.C.: Waste of time; just social chatter.

Dances: Damn uncivilised.

Rhodes men: Nice individually, but as a bunch they're awful.

Rugby: A fine game. Allows men to work off their belligerence.

U.E.D.: Hasn't caught up with the changes in educational standards over the past 20 years!

Winnie Maxwell: The most stimulating and invigorating personality I have yet met—a perfect tonic.



A view of the campus of the University of Ceylon at Peradeniya, where the Sixth International Student Conference meets this September. Read about it in "UNIVERSITAS."

Adelfords Match

Rhodes beat Adelfords by 16 points to six in a rather depressing game on August 18th. After an early enterprising spell the threes started mishandling, and play deteriorated.

This seemed to affect the forwards, who lost the initiative and were overshadowed in the loose.

Myers turned in a consistently good game, but the other threes did not recapture their usual sparkle, though, in the face of continual harrassing, Wright and Jardine combined quite effectively.

This was an "off-day" generally, but fortunately against weaker opposition than that soon to be provided by Albany.

POSSESSIONS IN DANGER

Repeated thefts of money is causing concern among students of Oriel Hall. Unfortunately the women are not given keys with which to lock their rooms and safeguard their possessions.

The system of providing all men as well as St. Mary's women students with keys has proved satisfactory up to a certain extent, and it is a pity that this system cannot be extended to Oriel Hall. Yale locks are installed on all Oriel bedroom doors, yet the women have not been provided with keys.

Wolfish Worses

TWO ANGELS

Two learned she-scholars, delight of the dons,
(A Second-Year one, and the other in Hons.)
For brains they have got the whole bunch of you tree'd—
Hail Angela Norman and Angela Read!

The norm of the Norman is alpha at least:
A tough chunk of Plato to her is a feast;
The Meaning of Meaning's the quest of the other—
It's frantic semantics from cover to cover.

The one has a Shape and a velvety voice
(But spaniel eyes are not everyone's choice)
And the nose of the smaller is pretty and pert,
But goes with a manner that's apt to be curt.

The Norman remaineth from Conquest immune:
She judges the ornery wolf a buffoon;
And eke from the other you'll sheer off with speed
If you should misread your Miss Angela Read.

THREE CHICK-A-BIDDIES

I celebrate next in the glories of verse
Three Bridgets whose presence to me is a curse—
Three tender-fleshed chickens all ripe for the kill:
I'd wolf the whole brace-and-a-half with a will,
But which to begin with divideth my heart—
Should Handley come first, or Fitzbilly, or Smart?

—D.O.M.

At Rhodes the Girls live by their wits,
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TABLE TENNIS

LITHINS SHOWS PROMISE

Rhodes were the hosts for the table-tennis intervarsity this year, a tournament which proved to be a social success, if not such a complete sporting success. Rhodes came low down in the final placings, but as a whole the team played surprisingly well. One says "surprisingly," as the team is comparatively inexperienced and lacking in any match practice. There is no league in this area, consequently there is little incentive for attendance at weekly practices.

At the tournament it was found that Wits and UCT were as strong as ever, whilst the other varsities have improved. The loss of Mike Bernstein is severely felt but it is hoped that Dave Lithens will partly fulfil this need. This player improved with each match, and his steady game earned him six victories in 15 games, a very good result by Rhodes standards. Lithens played with determination and, despite lack of practice, excelled himself. Aubrey Meier did not reach top form, but did enough to justify his selection. The formidable opposition proved too much for Julius Perelson, who disappointed us after showing much promise last year.

WOMEN

It is regretted that no women's team could be arranged, but only Margaret Caley is up to competitive standard, though much is hoped from the keenness of Daveen Hodges and Phil Goldberg.

In an effort to revitalise the Club, matches are being arranged against Port Elizabeth and East London clubs. The senior Championship will also be coming off at the end of the term, and the championship is wide open, with Lithens perhaps the favourite.

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Rhodians at Stellenbosch

AT the Cross Country Interschools held at Stellenbosch on July 4th, the Rhodes team was beaten into fourth place. The 5.3 miles race up the lower slopes of Simonsberg, and then down again, was won by Wally Barker of Wits.

NATAL WINS

The team result was as follows: Natal 1st, UCT 2nd, Wits 3rd, Rhodes 4th, Stellenbosch 5th and Pretoria 6th.

Rhodes, which had come second to Wits for the last two years and was very hopeful of winning this year, was dogged by bad luck from the outset. Just before the team was due to hitch-hike off to Stellenbosch, one of its best runners, Jimmy Polly, went down with 'flu and had to withdraw. The majority of team members were unfit, while hitch-hiking fatigued all.

COMBINED VARSITIES

Nicol Childs was the only Rhodian to be chosen for the Combined Varsities team, which ran the same course against Western Province on Saturday, July 7th.

Despite the efforts of Gordon (Natal) and Childs, the Western Province A team beat Combined Varsities. Western Province runners secured the first two places, while Gordon and Childs came third and fourth respectively.

CROSS COUNTRY TO BREEDT

Jannie Breedt, of East London, won the Eastern Province and Border Inter-Club cross country championship in 36 min. 31 sec. over the 6½ miles Rhodes course on June 16th.

Nicol Childs was second with a time of 37 min. 14 sec.

A field of 34 runners took part. Three teams were entered by Rhodes and one each from Achilles, Port Elizabeth and East London.

RHODES WINS

The Rhodes A side won the team event with ease for, with the exception of Breedt, Rhodes runners filled the first eight placings. East London came second and Rhodes B came third.

KING-EAST LONDON

On Saturday, August 4th, two Rhodes cross country teams journeyed to King William's Town to run the 36 miles road relay race from King William's Town to East London. The A team consisted of Childs, Cragg, Colborne, Polly, Nimmo and Cooper, who ran in that order.

East London won the race in a new record time of 3 hours 26 min. 16 sec., with Rhodes A second in a time of 3 hours 31 min. 11 sec. Port Elizabeth came third.

Campbell-Rogers make history

The Badminton Interschools provided no surprises as far as Rhodes was concerned, with the UCT representatives sweeping the board. In the doubles, Rhodes faded away in the face of strong opposition.

History was made for the Club with the inclusion of the Campbell-Rodger sisters, Ann and Claire, in the Combined Universities side.

It is the first time that sisters have simultaneously represented a combined sporting side. Ann's selection was for the third successive year, whilst Claire's selection was the culmination to a week's fine play.

It was unfortunate that the team lost the services of Erik Andersen due to illness, but Ian Bellis and Viv Harris were fortunately at hand to fill the gap.

In the individual knock-out
(Continued in Column 4)

Rhodes women excel in Durban

The Tennis Interschools at Durban also proved to be a social success, even if the results of the Men's team were disappointing. Rhodes were eventually placed fifth out of eight competing sides. The absence of Buster Farrer is sorely felt.

The men were, on the whole, outclassed against far stronger opposition, only Dave Lithens really playing to his true ability. The doubles events presented a better picture; Derek Varnals and Owen Emslie winning the majority of their matches.

It is felt that Rhodes could not have done much better. The material is just not there, and the numbers playing mitigate against much tournament play. In Grahamstown it is difficult to arrange matches against sides from bigger centres, and the local sides are not of a sufficiently high standard.

NEAME AND SHARP

On the other hand, the women did extremely well. Once again they occupied first place, this year jointly with Wits. Jennifer Neame, Pam Sharp and Margie Farrer never lost a singles match, and eventually Miss Neame was chosen as No. 1 for the combined Interschools team, with Miss Sharp as No. 4. Even so, this team was not at full strength, for the side would have been fully complemented by Ruth Collet and Sylvia Neame.

(Continued from Column 3)

championships the women were well to the fore. Ann Campbell-Rodger played with rare skill to reach the singles-final, and with Claire, reached the finals of the doubles. They were unlucky to lose both matches.

CLOSE UP

After a year of post-matric, Duncan Buchanan came to Rhodes from St. John's College in 1954. At school he was a prefect, captain of the squash team and for a time held the Under-16 backstroke swimming record, which he modestly maintains has since been broken four times.

As an Ink, Duncan tried his hand at athletics, but after hitting the last hurdle in the Border 220 yards championships, he hung out his spikes and became a most efficient track official and announcer. During 1954 Duncan also played for the Under-19



DUNCAN BUCHANAN
"Escaping Wrath."

rugby team and took the part of Macduff in the notorious Rhodes production of "Macbeth."

SQUASH CAPTAIN

Last year Duncan was secretary of the Athletic Union as well as the Debating Society, and ended up as Chairman of the Anglican Club. He has played squash for Rhodes at three Interschools, and is now captain of the Rhodes Squash team. In 1955 he also met Diane Dacombe with whom he has since "pushed" steadily.

PRIZE WINNER

On the Campus Duncan is best known for his activities in dramatics. At last year's Drama Festival his excellent portrayal of Merik in the Tshekov play, "On the High Road," brought him a well-earned prize. Later in the year Duncan acted as one of the guards in "Antigone," and this year shone as Demetrius in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Duncan maintains that this is the only time he has been chased by a woman on and off the stage!

This year, Duncan is a member of the SRC as well as Chairman of the Anglican Club and the Debating Society. After three years of service to the University, Duncan will be leaving us in November. He hopes that August 1957 will find him reading theology at Cambridge.

We are sure that Duncan's pleasant nature, ready advice and bare minimum of inhibitions will make him a most popular and successful pastor.

COMMENTS

Likes: Baked beans, Dacombe.

Dislikes: Pious people, organising socials.

Rhodes: "Blessed is he that learns, for he will escape wrath."

Pushing: Feed me!

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FAREWELL TO Mr. POWELL



Aubrey Cooper, Captain of the Rhodes Athletics Club, cracks a joke at the dinner given at the Grand Hotel in honour of Mr. John Powell, three days before his departure for America on Saturday, August 25th. In the picture, from left to right, are Heather Ballantyne, Aubrey Cooper, Professor Mountain, Mrs. Mountain and Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell will spend a year studying at the University of Illinois.

S.W. Hockey tour
a social riot

The tour undertaken by the Rhodes Hockey Club in South West Africa during the vacation, proved to be a riot socially, if not quite so in the sporting sense. All players are full of praise for the hospitality afforded them by local hockey enthusiasts.

Several leading players could not make the trip, consequently some players found themselves out of position due to some necessary reshuffling. Players like Hooper and Noel Wright were considerably missed, the result being that the team was a rather inexperienced one in strange conditions.

FIVE MATCHES WON

Rhodes won five matches out of nine, but the results could have been better had the forwards been able to finish off movements. This was also true of Intervarsity, where poor finishing nullified some good defence and positional play. There was a definite lack of cohesion in the team, and a goal-scoring combination was never really achieved.

Another feature of both tournaments was the inability to fight back after an early relapse. This lack of aggressive spirit seems rather prevalent in all Rhodes sport—there is too much of a "laissez-faire" attitude.

The side as a whole is not weak—several matches could easily have gone the other way, especially in the games against the eventual winners, UOFS and Natal, which were lost by the odd goal.

Players who emerged with credit were Peter Stokes, who won a place in the SA Universities side, Mark Rein, Barry van Blommestein and promising newcomer Raymond Williams.

Great hopes are held out that Mike Barker, recently returned from Oxford, will recapture last year's form.

RHODIANS TRIUMPH

On August 18th, the Rhodes team gained four of the first five places in the six-mile Cross Country race against Achilles and Port Elizabeth teams at Port Elizabeth.

George Goussard of Achilles won the race in 36 min. 44 sec., with Nicol Childs second in 37 min. 9 sec.

Cragg, Colborne and Cooper came third, fourth and fifth, resulting in a convincing win for Rhodes.

FIRST DEFEAT OF
SEASON

The defeat by Old Selbornians showed up two things:

Firstly, that the pack could be subdued by a good club combination; and secondly, that the three-quarters have speed and penetration. It is only to be regretted that they did not see more of the ball.

Searle played extremely well. Myers, on the wing, Wright at scrum-half and Jardine at fly-half all showed dash and determination. Jardine's handling is particularly good.

Masterson put on a polished performance, but he still shows some weakness when the ball is kicked onto him.

Only Cripwell shone in the forwards, who could not quite match the heavy East London pack. Lategan played well, but did not receive enough sustained support in the line-outs.

Women's Hockey

THIRD IN INTERVARSITY

To all appearances this year's women's hockey side is not as rich in material as was last year's combination. Rhodes slipped to third in the final Intervarsity ladder. It must be stressed, however, that if the local side had defeated UCT in the last game, it would have emerged as joint winner.

Individually, the team has some fine players with speed, determination and clever stickwork, but as a team there appears to be a stodginess of movement and less co-ordination between halves and forwards.

Ann Elliott is as safe as ever in goal, whilst Edith Allnutt, Edna Cretchley, Ann Green and Esme van Reenen provide a solid core of experience.

ALLNUTT IN COMBINED
VARSITIES

All these players excelled at Intervarsity being chosen for the final game, with Edith Allnutt winning a place in the Combined SA University side.

An inexplicable omission was Milly Mankowitz who played with rare skill throughout the tournament. In addition, both she and Edna Cretchley represented Albany in the South African Women's Championships, Miss Mankowitz receiving some glowing reports in the local Press.

RHODES
OVERWHELM
CRADOCK

In the match against the strong Cradock side on August 11th, the first team showed considerable improvement, and won by 16 points to 3. The forwards played as a real pack, the binding in the line-outs was particularly effective. Yeowart turned in a fine performance, whilst Cripwell, Lategan, Campbell and Pringle continually caught the eye. Theirs was a hard struggle against a rugged opposing pack.

Play was enterprising and attractive. With the forwards ensuring a fair share of the ball, the backs cut through at every opportunity.

The entire back-line were seen to advantage, and it is invidious to praise any individual, though Wright was effective with some elusive breaks round the scrum.

If they maintain this form, Rhodes should win the local league for the first time in some years.

RHODES
ROWERS BEATEN

Rhodes were well represented at the Intervarsity Regatta held on the Buffalo River, three crews making the trip. The weather was well-nigh perfect, even if the organisation did tend to be rather chaotic. At one stage, the rowing was almost mixed up with a power-boat regatta.

Results were only very moderate, the crews being unsuccessful in winning any event. The Seniors were well beaten, but the Novices, rowing in a leaky boat, were not disgraced and rowed pluckily throughout. Eventually in the finals, the "Novice B's" beat the "A's" into 4th place.

These results are not surprising, for the crews lack match experience, all being only in their second year of rowing.

BORROWED BOAT

This hardship is made all the heavier due to the fact that the Senior crew is obliged to row in a heavy boat—a borrowed one at that—as the club has not the type of boat required for racing.

In general then, the club labours under the heavy burden of poor facilities and poor equipment. No matter how hard the club tries to economise—even to the extent of bicycling 11 miles to Howieson's Poort—it is impossible to buy a new boat. A fully-equipped boat costs £350, whereas the club's annual grant is £30.

CLOSE UP

Ro Paling, the Oriel girl with the Continental looks, is a combination of the two cardinal virtues, beauty and brains. Her academic career can be plotted as an upward curving graph. It started initially at Salisbury Girls' High, where she was a prefect, chairwoman of both the Debating and Dramatic Societies, and was awarded the cup for the greatest contribution to the cultural side of school life. School days to her were "times of irresponsibility," and earned her the title of the most "worldly-wise" schoolgirl. She also kept the Prefect study in fits with jokes, "just a little below the belt."

As one of the quixotic quartet, including Dot Heath, Evadne Wilson and Allison Gibbon, she joined the Oriel ranks in 1954. For a week she cried solidly for Mommy and Daddy, but soon made amends for her lack of spirit by astounding the campus with her Spanish dance at Inky Scope night.

After that eventful start she settled down to work on her B.A. degree with English and French as majors. To break the monotony, she bunked out regularly, and once got four nights' gating for pouring a bucket of water over one of the House Comm. members. She also took to

SOCCER
CINDERELLA

The Soccer Club at Rhodes is weak, no one will dispute that. One tends to ridicule their efforts as they lose so many of their fixtures, but this is due in the main to their having been pitch-forked into too strong a league. They play in the Eastern Province First League, which means that they play against opponents with far stronger club backgrounds. Eastern Province soccer is now of a high provincial standard, consequently it is unfair to Rhodes to expect the side to hold its own.

The weakness lies in inexperience, and a paucity of players: a complete beginner can almost walk immediately into a team. This lack of experience shows itself in poor ball-control, lack of co-ordinated passing and generally a marked hesitation in tackling. These mistakes allow their opponents to capitalise, which means that rarely has Rhodes the initiative in attack. The soccer played by Rhodians is rarely cohesive, but is more of a hit-and-rush affair, and it was only against Uitenhage SAR that the team really looked dangerous.

The poor results mean poor morale: there is a marked lack of enthusiasm at practices. The attendance at these also leaves much to be desired. Perhaps this inclusion in a higher league will benefit Rhodes soccer in the long run, but whilst these defeats continue, one cannot help but note the apathy. Rhodes must improve in higher company—perhaps the improvement lies in a fuller attendance.

Only three players seem to be up to First League standard, viz. Bamford, Norman and Stoker, but the Intervarsity proved that Rhodes does seem to be developing skill and teamwork. The results were poor, but the side was not disgraced, and a marked feeling of optimism was encouraged. Anyway, one looks forward to better things, and it looks as though Rhodes will emerge in time as a reasonably formidable combination.

pushing with Alistair Todd, whom she met on her first day here.

Her second year brought her new laurels in the field of dramatics, where she won honours for



ROBERTA PALING
"Below the Belt."

her part in Allan Hall's production of "Everyman," and also in "Antigone." She also took an executive role in the French and Debating Societies, and captained the Women's Cricket Club.

Also in her second year, with a neat "coup de main" she hooked Bill Yeowart, with whom she has been pushing ever since.

This, her third year, has seen her as an outstanding Hermia in an equally outstanding "Midsummer Night's Dream," SRC and House Comm. member, chairwoman of the Dramatic Society, and a member of the "Rhodent" Committee.

Fortunately, Rhodes men will see her around for yet another year, as she plans to take a UED prior to teaching speech and drama in Rhodesia. Like all ambitious young women, she plans to go overseas in the near future. We have no doubt that her personality and zest will enable her to "win through," no matter how great the cost.

COMMENTS

Likes: Smoking, bright red finger nails and short hair.

Dislikes: Gutsless females and Continental hedgehogs.

Professors: Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad.

Graham Hotel: Makes men wink, drink and stink.

Rhodes men: Always have the last word but one.

Pushing: "Up the hill and over the lee, that's the place for Billy and me."

S.R.C.: "Never did such base and rotten policy, pierce its working with such deadly wounds."

Basketball
hopes dashed

High hopes for the foundation of a Basketball Club were dashed when it was discovered that the Gym. could only be used if it were for the benefit of the Phys. Ed. Department exclusively. This means that it would be more of a departmental sport than one open to all participants, and this is, of course, not what the organisers intended.

Pending the erection of some sports building—about which there has been several rumours—the prospects for this sport do not seem very bright.

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