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At a meeting of the Standing Committee of SRC Presidents held at Wits last week-end an urgent letter was compiled to be sent to the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Muller, from the president of NUSAS. Mr. Duncan Innes.

The text of the letter is as follows:
"Dear Mr. Muller, — During our recent meeting I understood that you would be prepared to review the refusal of visas to certain students. I am informed that two of the students affected, Messrs. P. Harris and A. Murray, have reapplied and are most anxious to know the outcome of the application.

URGENT MATTER

"You will understand that if the applications are to be materially useful to the students they will have to be informed soon because their reasons for wishing to return to South Africa, i.e. university and business commitments, are obviously very pressing.
"I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.
Yours sincerely, Duncan Innes."

OUTCOME SOON?

Commenting on the letter, Mr. Bill Meaker, president of the Rhodes' SRC said, "It is very important that Pete Harris and Andy Murray know the outcome as soon as possible. We also want to know whether the negotiations have broken down or not."



Removal of Moore is Rhodes' loss

REV. BASIL MOORE'S recent departure from Rhodes has meant the loss of one of its most dynamic figures.

His radical theology and experimental worship caused concern in his church and his leadership among students has angered the University and the Government.

For the past three years, Rev. Moore has been the Methodist Chaplain to Rhodes and a Research Assistant and part time lecturer in the Theology Department. Last October the Stationing Committee of the Methodist Conference transferred Mr. Moore to the tiny congregation of Aberdeen. The post of lecturer in theology for which he applied, has not yet been filled. Rumours surround this non-appointment.

DALZIEL SADDENED

Commenting on Mr. Moore's move to Aberdeen, the Presbyterian Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Jack Dalziel said: "The Rev. Basil Moore is a brilliant young man who has much to offer young clergy, but his theology is undoubtedly very, very modern, and a fact not always appreciated by the older and more conservative laymen and clergy." Rev. Dalziel was "saddened" by the move.

MAJOR ROLE

Mr. Moore has a long record of student leadership. In 1962 he was Rhodes SRC President, and elected NUSAS President. His commitment to the church prevented him from taking the NUSAS Presidency. He played a major role in the founding of UCM, and became its founder-president (1967-1968).

When his passport was withdrawn last year, Mr. Moore had to abandon his plans for studying overseas. At present he is completing his Ph.D. thesis at Port Alfred.

Opinions on education aired

"IT IS QUITE PROPER for students to be interested in this sort of thing," said Professor D. Morton, of the Education Department, when asked his opinion of the Education Sub-committee.

This is a student committee set up by the SRC to investigate the D.P. system, examination and lecturing techniques, and formulation of curricula.

Professor D. Oosthuizen, Dean of Arts and Professor of Philosophy commented at length in his personal capacity on the topic under review. He considered that it was perhaps irresponsible to abolish the D.P. system at present. It has great advantages in that extended D.P.s can be given to students who, in cases of illness, cannot write their exams when scheduled. The system is devised for the weaker student. "Isn't it better to tell a man, 'You have no chance of passing this subject,' and let him concentrate on his others?" From the lecturers' point of view the system's abolition would be ideal; staff would have more time for research, instead of having to mark essays and prepared work.

However, if a system could be devised to remove the dis-

advantages without destroying the advantages of the system, "everybody would be perfectly happy."

Concerning the problem of students helping to arrange their own curricula, he said that the students pay, and it is their duty to suggest improvements in the courses offered, provided that the criticism was constructive. There must be a dialogue between lectures and students, a "common pursuit of knowledge."

Prof. K. Gerber said that he thought investigations should be made as to how students spend their spare time, for a start.

A pharmacy student considered that "no D.P." would lead to a lowering of standards. Exams, he said, do entail spotting and speedwriting, but should be retained. If tests are held every two weeks and counted in final marks, the "loafer" will have to work.

Several other students inter-

viewed thought that the D.P. system was good and should be retained, although it is perhaps not as effective as it could be. "It will never be possible for undergraduates to plan their curricula, but perhaps Honours students could," said a Zoology Student.

Most people think that the exam system is good, or at least fair. The structure and composition of tutorial groups is considered most unsatisfactory however. These should be smaller groups entailing more student participation and less domination by the presiding lecturer.

SCPTICISM

Students were rather sceptical of the Committee having any success as regards positive change. One student said that "the government will step in anyway as the torch of academic freedom has been extinguished." Others thought that student opinion would count very little against any lecturers' veto. Opinions on all the topics under investigation are many and varied. A more accurate reflection of student opinion should be gained from the questionnaires, which the Committee is planning to distribute in the near future.

R4.74 for Sarah?

In the style of the Chicago twenties campus beauty, Sarah Coldham, was handcuffed and blindfolded and rushed off to a deserted farm house ten miles out of town on Sunday evening.

According to our informer the kidnappers, John Turner, Farmer Pole and Vic Banks returned Sarah to J.K. after a ransom of R4.74 had been paid for the prize possession. One would think that the kidnapping of Miss Coldham has become an annual event.

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NUSAS MINI CONGRESS AT RHODES

THE NUSAS Mini-Congress is to be held in the Great Hall over the weekend of 29th and 30th March. Delegates from all the institutions of higher learning in the Eastern Cape will be in attendance, these being Rhodes, the Federal Theological Seminary (Alice), St. Paul's Theological College, Grahamstown T.C. and the University of Port Elizabeth.

Mr. Jon Stoffberg, NUSAS Regional Director, expressed regret that Fort Hare will not be able to attend, but university regulations prevent students from having any contact with NUSAS.

Personal invitations have been sent to individual members of the UPE students Representative Council, and general invitations have been issued to the other institutions. About 50 delegates (about 20 from Rhodes), and many more alternate delegates and observers will attend.

STOFFBERG CHAIRMAN

The Congress will be under the chairmanship of Mr. Stoffberg. It will be divided into two parts; commission and debate.

Working papers on various subjects will be sent to all centres in the next week, and at the the Congress the delegates will divide into commissions to discuss various topics allotted them — NUSAS international policy of speech, press and association (freedom in society); education in universities, colleges and schools; welfare; benefits. The decisions reached will go forward to NUSAS Head Office in the form of recommendations for future policy.

FIRST TIME

This is the first time that a Mini-Congress is to be held prior to the National Congress in July and when asked the purpose of it, Mr. Stoffberg replied: "The solution passed at the 1968 NUSAS National Congress, which instructed regional directors to hold mini-congresses each year. The aim of the mini-congress is to bring the individual student into the functionings of NUSAS."

INDIVIDUAL OPINION

A claim has been made that NUSAS does not consider the views of all students it represents and that "Left wing" resolutions taken at National Congress do not reflect individual campus opinion. This mini-con-

gress will ensure that the views of individual students are heard and are taken into consideration. It will also serve as an opportunity for those students who do not go to National Congress to play a role in the formulation of NUSAS policy. I sincerely hope that as many Rhodes students as possible will attend, especially those students who disagree strongly with certain aspects of NUSAS policy."

SEMINAR SUCCESS

FRESHERS ENTHUSIASTICALLY rated their seminar at the Hogback last week-end as "worthwhile" and "extremely enlightening". Many wished it had been longer.

Students from Rhodes and the Alice Federal Seminary — 63 in all — thrashed out the problems of the role of the student in society.

STAFF PRESENT

The Reverend James Polley, a post-graduate student, spoke on this theme and initiated a lively discussion. This was followed up on Sunday when a panel consisting of Professor D. A. Oosthuizen, Professor of Philosophy; Mr. Dave Tucker, a lecturer in Politics, and Mr. Dave Novitz, a Philosophy lecturer, led more discussions on the topic. There was a general consensus that although the student's primary obligation to society was in his studies, he had an important obligation to it as a citizen as well.

Inter-SRC Congress set back

THE original plans for the Inter-SRC Congress to be held at Rhodes on Wednesday, March 26, have been set back due to the intervention of the Rector of UPE.

Representatives from the institutes of higher education in the Eastern Province, namely UPE, TC, and the Alice Seminary were invited to attend. The Rector of UPE has refused to allow the University's SRC to have any contact with Africans in an official capacity. They may attend unofficially.

CONGRESS

The Agenda for the Congress will be drawn up today at an SRC meeting.

All interested students are invited to attend the Congress as observers.

PRINGLE RAVAGES SMUTS

TRUE TO ESTABLISHED TRADITION Pringle, with military precision, executed their annual raid on Smuts.

Smuts cut their own throats by kindly providing the necessary funds for suitable ammunition. How? A group of Pringleites went to each Ink and asked him to donate a few cents in order that the Rag Queen's silver crown could be replaced by one of gold. With hearts overflowing with generosity for this noble cause, they dug deeply into their pockets.

In battle-dress (T-shirt and jeans) Pringle took up battle formation by lining both sides of the path leading from Smuts Hall to the House.

ASSEMBLED FORCES

The battle opened with a concentrated barrage of flour and water bombs. The Smuts hoard retreated panic stricken, and assembled forces on the first storey balcony of Smuts Hall, where they were besieged by the Pringle Army.

Boiling oil not being available, the Inks proceeded to throw gravy, coffee and tomato sauce (bottles included) on to those below.

Pringle regrouped while those Inks who had escaped from the cordon attacked with their heavy artillery (fire-extinguishers). The battle now broke up into small skirmishes.

Two Smuts P.O.W.s were

delivered, each in their own washing basket, into the safe hands of Milner and Hobson.

With the arrival of the security officer "peace" was restored. Warden Doc Coetzee appealed to Pringleites to help clean up Smuts Hall. There was an immediate response and using Pringle brooms the mission was completed in record time.

Library steps up security

DR. VAN DER RIET, the librarian of the Rhodes library, has introduced new security measures which, he hopes, will prevent theft of books and periodicals.

An assistant has been posted near the library entrance, who scrutinises all books as they go out, and also issues books being borrowed from the university. Students also have to sign a borrowers' registration form — which serves both as a record for the library and a reminder to the student that he or she is responsible for the books borrowed from the university.

FREE ISSUE

"Although all university libraries are subject to security measures," says Dr. van der Riet, books are still issued freely to students."

The loan of current loose periodicals and newspapers is discouraged, but bound volumes may be borrowed.

A borrowing section is provided in the periodicals department, where there is also a special selection of student newspapers from other universities.

New counters have been placed in the research section and Dr. van der Riet says that he has various other changes in view.

NUSAS Tour Competition

THIS year NUSAS is holding a Tour Competition; the prize will be a free tour to Europe at the end of this year.

This tour is valued at R900, and is generally regarded as one of the finest student tours available. Ticket sales for this competition will commence this week. The price of a ticket is R1. This may seem expensive, but if one takes into consideration the fact that only 2,000 tickets are being sold on a nationwide basis, the proposition is more attractive. All profits accrued from the competition will be used to help needy students to further their education.

TERRIFIC GAIN

"I have never spent such an enlightening and interesting week-end," said Mr. Guy Watson-Smith, "and am sure that everyone else on the seminar gained a terrific amount from it. I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

IDEAS EXCHANGED

"The seminar was characterised by a frank and open exchange of constructive and conflicting ideas," said Mr. Jon Stoffberg, NUSAS Regional Director. "Students of all races mixed, most of them for the first time, in an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual friendship. The standard of the discussion, especially among the freshers and freshettes, was exceptionally high."

Israel and the war

THE chief education officer to the Israeli defence forces, Colonel Bar-on, did much to clear up misunderstandings of the current political situation in Israel in a lucid and interesting talk at Hillel House on Friday night.

Colonel Bar-on was born in 1928 and has had a distinguished career in the Israeli Army and is closely connected with education in Israel.

Colonel Bar-on explained that there was a distinction between the Palestinian Arabs and the other Arab nations. After the War of Independence the Palestinian Arabs realised that they were not part of Israel nor were they part of any Arab country. They were accepted by Jordan, but they did not really belong.

These are the Arabs that are

at present carrying out guerilla activities against Israel with help from Jordan. If these Arabs could be convinced that once there was peace, Jews might be prepared to give back some of the occupied territories, it could result in peace. Colonel Bar-on stressed that they were not prepared to divide Jerusalem again. But he believes that the Palestinian Arabs are showing signs of breaking away from President Nasser.

President Nasser cannot begin negotiations with Israel because that would turn the opinion of the guerillas against him. Furthermore, Nasser knows he would be beaten in another war.

Israel would continue to prosper in spite of guerilla attacks. It had done so for 40 years.

He stated that Israel was not prepared to retreat unilaterally without any tangible move towards peace on the part of the Arabs. It would be suicide to do so.

SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT

Colonel Bar-on said that the Jewish claim to Palestine on historic grounds was not a legitimate one. However, the Jewish people have a claim to a country of their own. They had tried to settle in other countries, but because of their deep sentimental attachment to Israel, this was the only place they could build a nation successfully. He said the Jews must have the moral strength to realise that they have no legitimate claim to the whole of Israel.

By A. Jordaan.

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WILL YOU DRIVE FOR RAG?

ARE YOU KEEN on escaping from Rhodes for a while? And have you a car? Well then, the Rag Committee have a job for you — just the job you're looking for.

They need transport to take ticket-sellers to King William's Town, Queenstown, and Port Elizabeth. These ticket-sellers, who have already been chosen, are to help raise Rag funds by selling tickets for the car competition.

Their visits to King William's Town and Queenstown are planned for Saturday, March 29. As for the Port Elizabeth trip, it is hoped that two cars will be able to go down on Friday afternoon of April 12 to make a blitz on the cinemas. The rest will follow on April 13. Accommodation will be provided for those going on the Friday so that they can stay overnight in Port Elizabeth; and all petrol expenses will be paid.

Applications should be made to Rob Waddington at the Rag Office — as soon as possible.

R10,000 PROCEEDS

Besides those selling tickets in these three organised trips, all students are expected to sell one complete book, consisting of 24 tickets, during the ten day vac. The Rag Committee hope to gross R10,000 from the proceeds of this effort. So far, they have collected R500.

For those lucky enough to buy the right tickets, four handsome prizes are offered; not just one, as in previous years. The four prizes are:

First prize — A sand-coloured Volkswagen 1500, on show at Westaway Motors.

Second Prize — A radiogram, valued at approximately R250 and donated by Rave Discount Stores.

Third Prize — A two-week holiday at the Four Seasons' Hotel, Durban, including evening entertainment.

Fourth Prize — A tape recorder, valued at R70.

by A. Peake.

I've got eyes for you, baby



I've got eyes for you. Frank Ross introduces Judy Tucker at last week's mannequin parade.

by Cecil John

What would the Greeks have said about this?

From the Olympic Height of the Arts Block, Zeus has given a blast against the monstrous regiment of women.

Through the bubbling lips of the Victoric Oracle he divined that the Massacre of Smuts last week was caused by the desire of Paris to win the fair Helen, a Rag Queen finalist.

Before the storm of Pringle, Paris addressed his Inks: "We will fight them in the road; we will fight them in the Hall. We will fight them as long as we've got enough flour. We shall never surrender. And anyone not wearing a gown will be fined R5."

While Heroditus was pondering what could have happened to the wooden horse, while Pringle were still panting after Vestal Virgins and Smuts still sucked lollies, a portentous hush distilled the campus. But where the hell, Zeus was wondering, had Bacchus gone?

MOVIE NEWS

If you are not interested in flour bombs, there is plenty of movie news for you.

"The Verligte, the Verkrampte and the Ugly" is a tension-packed movie telling the story of Billy the Bud, a gun-throwing Plattelander who shot up Fort Hare and turned it into an ethnic university. This is a must — a real drama thrilling tension-buster.

Warner Brothers are producing a nerve-rendering double feature which promises to be one of the most taut romances in screen history. On the same bill are two great motion pictures, "The Taming of the Shrew" and "St. George and the Milner Dragon."

TWO COMEDIES

For never-ending, non-stop laughter one must see the comedy of the year, "Majuba", a brilliant, biting satire on South African Film-making.

Another hilarious, rip-roaring, fun-packed comedy which has been acclaimed by the critics is "Prudence: or how I learned to stop worrying (and love the bomb)". In this tragic-comedy, the American Chief of Staff takes his wife's pills by mistake, goes insane and tries to start a nuclear war in order to cut down the world population.

Profile

Byrne sums up Rhodes

OVER THE LAST YEAR a familiar face in the Chemistry Department has been that of Dr. Mike Byrne. Dr. Byrne, who obtained his B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees at the Houldsworth School of Applied Science of Leeds University, came to Rhodes last year on a Teaching Fellowship. The Houldsworth School, where Dr. Byrne submitted a thesis on Experimental Thermochemistry, is renowned for the fuel scientists it has produced. Eminent among them is Prof. W. Bone, joint inventor of the Bone and Wheeler Apparatus.

PAPAL DEGREES

Dr. Byrne soon shunned the dismal smog and pitheads of the industrial wasteland and escaped, "in the tradition of the English Romantic idealists"

to the racy Mediterranean. Here he lectured chemistry at the Royal University of Malta in Valletta, the oldest university in the British Commonwealth. Established by the Jesuits in the 1590s, the university originally conferred Papal degrees and supplied the island's three main professions: doctors, lawyers and clerics. Dr. Byrne tells, half tongue-in-cheek, of the typical Maltese student, wearing a Mafia-type dark suit and dark glasses, with his test-tube in one hand and a girl in the other.

ACADEMIC OVERLOAD

After four-and-a-half years in Malta, Dr. Byrne returned to England for a few months before coming to Rhodes. His contract with Rhodes has recently expired and he is keen to travel to Australia and work there. He has found Rhodes very interesting and likes to compare and contrast it with overseas universities:

"The Chemistry Department compares very favourably with the departments in Britain as regards facilities and academic standard in spite of the credit squeeze. But first-year students here seem to be much more overloaded with academic

work — this might be alleviated were there a post matric for prospective university goers in all the high schools. There is also the impression of an abnormally high proportion of students graduating in the third class, whereas in the U.K. most students obtain at least an upper second.

"However, the fact that almost all Rhodes students live in residences is encouraging — this is a definite advantage. At Leeds, only 25 per cent were in res. Luckily I was one of them. The Oppidans seem to be adequately housed, though there are reports of inferior quality digs.

WRONG ATTITUDE

"The staff-student relations are not as good here as at Leeds and other Commonwealth varsities. I think this is because of the low staff/student ratio. The staff at Rhodes are too busy to meet enough students regularly and tend to adopt a school-masterly attitude. It would be a good thing to leave Wednesday afternoon free of lectures, tutorials and practicals as is done at many universities in the U.K. I am disappointed by the small turn-out of staff at

1st XV fixtures — there could be regular inter-departmental staff hockey, cricket and soccer matches as well. This should help to create a better spirit of staff-student camaraderie than exists at present.

DISTINGUISHED

"I find the students here very similar to those in Malta and in the U.K. The Maltese are dead keen on soccer — here and rage is rugby. Recently in the U.K. some school-leavers have been spending a year in overseas service in developing values before entering university. I think their studies benefit as they become more mature and grow used to a more independent life. Here of course, there is compulsory military service which many boys undergo before varsity. Overall, I think Rhodes is an academically distinguished university and I will also retain pleasant memories of my stay here."

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STUDENT SHEEP

THE ANNUAL ROUND of "blots' concerts" and inter-house raids has been enacted once again.

The mass mentality of Rhodes students was shown up last week when the water-throwing, flour-bombing gangs from Pringle attacked Smuts students as they left their hall after dinner.

There was probably a leading group who were the main culprits. They built up a tense atmosphere, which sparked the remaining "sheep" into action.

Such events are inevitable on a campus where so many students are living close together and where the danger of being ostracised for not following the general trends and joining the popular cliques is a factor in the minds of most. Students feel that they will be left out if they do not get drunk at a "blots' concert" or do not join in the inter-house raids.

Excessive drinking of the type seen at the recent "blots' concerts" is more than anything an abuse to one's own person. It is also an abuse to those people who have to witness the crude spectacle of drunken students staggering and lurching back to the university.

The inter-house raids are more than a mere expression of an underlying spirit of aggression, which seems to be such a common South African characteristic. More than anything they show up some of the worst characteristics of Rhodes students — a lack of individualism, a failure to be guided by one's own intuitions and convictions, and an inability to live with oneself.

FILM SEGREGATION

SEGREGATION is a common enough South African characteristic.

But last week it manifested itself in a new light, when men were prevented from seeing "Helga", the sex education film.

A kind of crude puritanism is a characteristic of the communist authorities in Russia. It also seems to be a characteristic of the South African Board of Censors.

When the trend in Western countries is towards an increasing frankness in attitudes to sex, South Africa's censors mercilessly continue to wield their sword.

Films showing scenes of disgusting brutality and violence as seen in "Africa Addio" are not only permitted, but positively encouraged. But sex, in the eyes of the censors, continues to remain what D. H. Lawrence called "that dirty little secret."

It is a strange outlook that will do much to increase ignorance on such matters, and nothing to bring about popular enlightenment.

The dictators of tomorrow

THE STUDENT REVOLUTIONS that flared up in many parts of the world last year took nearly everyone by surprise. And now, in the lull, people are asking — why?

In many ways the violence of last summer was inevitable. Perhaps it was the only logical conclusion to a development which has been germinating in Western thought for the last 200 years. But in terms of such an idea the ultimate conclusion has not yet been reached: and it points to an ominous future.

This process might be said to have begun in the 18th Century when Hume proved that ultimately there could be no logical, empirical reasoning, even as to existence.

Thereafter some form of irrationality was inevitable. Hume marks the point between a time when, generally speaking, philosophers tended to be within the system to a time when they were without.

Obviously it is a dangerous situation where the greatest minds are alienated: how much more so when there is a large sector of the population to join them; like the students.

Bertrand Russell has said, "Hume's philosophy, whether true or false, repudiated the bankruptcy of 18th Century reasonableness." But essentially Hume was himself reasonable and as Russell points out, "Hume was sane and ignored, Rousseau mad and popular."

After Hume, of course, the Romantics. In very general terms and despite frequent fluctuations there has been an ever increasing stress on subjectivism. This leads to a position, such as adopted by Henri Bergson, where the intellect is rejected in favour of intuition. Last summer we saw a complete intellectual renunciation; and student radicals could shout: "Imagination has seized power!"

It sounds marvellous. There is something of a Promethean apocalypse which must appeal to most young men in the cry, "The revolution first, then we'll see what happens." But that is the philosophy of mediocrity.

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... it's for Thomas Pringle Moose, Baas. — Why?

SYMPATHY FOR INK PLIGHT

I MUST SAY that I partially sympathise with the plight of Mr. James Heaton who complains, although he is only an Ink, of not being treated as an adult.

First of all: Doesn't Mr. Heaton and his young intellectual friends in Smuts know when they are well off? Haven't they heard of the days when initiation at Rhodes was so bad that most men at least thought twice before coming here? It wasn't exactly like Tom Brown's Schooldays where novices were thoughtfully cooked over a slow fire, but it was bad.

In contrast to those days the present integration pattern is permissiveness gone mad, and it will assuredly lead to the pendulum swinging back to the other extreme.

Perhaps it would be better to abandon integration completely. Integration is a natural process which each newcomer undergoes in his own particular way. But I do believe that there should be a re-introduction of some definite process of initiation — a rite de passage, graded perhaps for different kinds of people. Admittedly there are people at Rhodes (the majority) on whom the severest initiation would make no impression. Let these future frequenters of the Vic be roasted over a slow fire and then be made to drink a gallon of beer: They would love it and it would confirm their hopeful belief that they have come, not to an institution of higher learning, but to some kind of exaggerated Tudor tavern where learning is regarded, as some of the mediaevals regarded it, as a corrupting feminine delicacy.

But for Mr. Heaton and his friends, a more subtle treatment is needed. Could not the SRC appoint an ad hoc committee for developing a programmed initiation for adult Inks? Perhaps their particular form of hell could consist in reading long passages from "Collected Speeches of Harold Wilson", into the early hours of the morning.

Now for the vexed question of adulthood. I agree with Mr. Heaton that the Freshers' Reception Committee is not a kind of fairy godmother who, by a series of talks and a bit of judicious threatening, can turn frogs into fairy princesses.

It is sad, but true, that the privilege of being an adult is a quality which is beyond the power of bestowal of even the Freshers' Reception Committee. Many Inks are adults before they arrive here; most are not adults long after they have left and had children of their own.

As for being treated as an adult: Mr. Heaton will find that there are certain members of staff who, being mental and emotional Peter Pans themselves, will treat him as a child long after he has received the Nobel Prize for Literature or whatever it is that he is aspiring to. In his years at Rhodes he and his friends will encounter all the peculiar academic vices: arrogance, dogmatism, insensitivity, superficiality and pride — and all this from the most eminent people.

He will also encounter those rare and blessed academic virtues of tolerance, good-humour,

humility and genuine learning which will make his stay at Rhodes memorable and fruitful.

Why, if one encounters so much of the spiritual vices among our enlightened staff, does Mr. Heaton expect the lowly, rather human Freshers' Reception Committee to be exemplifiers of wise-planning? What about the mass of Rhodes men?

One had only to look at the empty, occasionally leering faces of the crowd (all men) who lined the dais when the Rag Queen Finalists modelled clothes last Thursday to realise that adulthood is an eternal, elusive mystery which unfortunately will escape, forever, the clutches of most of our contemporaries.

My last word, Mr. Heaton: develop your adulthood as a private virtue, to be encouraged in silence and behind locked doors, rather as you would circulate subversive literature in a communist state. Don't try to reform official institutions (like the FRC): in their corruptibility they are inviolate.

As for your Ink contemporaries: any sublime thoughts they may have had, any aspirations to adulthood, will probably be destroyed by incompetent and boring lecturers, on one hand, and, on the other hand, by the primaevial flood of beer which flows from the cornucopiac doors of the Vic and which fertilises our dubious intellectual life.

They have the might, But have they the right

by David Novitz

TO HALT PROTEST?

OF LATE it has become fashionable to speak of students "as interfering in affairs which do not concern them". After all, why should students interfere? Do they know any better than their elders who have had so many years of experience — who know the ins and outs of politics, who know just what strings to pull and what buttons to push?

After all, their elders know how to maintain law and order and know how to build up fine armies with guided missiles and secret weapons in order to maintain the peace.

There can be no doubt that students should concentrate on their studies. Students should try to get good degrees, should try to acquire knowledge, and above all should try to put their knowledge to good use. But when confronted by those ominous words that students "should not interfere in affairs which do not concern them" there is a general confusion and fear — mainly because with this authoritarian injunction the student role becomes wholly vague.

A duty

On the one hand students are told that they have a duty to society — that they have to put their knowledge to good use in society; while on the other hand they are told to keep their noses out and preferably to press them to the pages of their books.

The paradox is quite easily understood. The Afrikaanse Studentebond is never accused of "emotional involvement in society" or of "interfering in politics," even though its policies and declaration of policy are often obviously political and clearly emotional.

Hypocrisy

In other words, the injunction to students to keep their noses out of politics, and not to become enwrapped in social affairs is plain and unmitiga-

ted hypocrisy. It is part of the university's struggle to maintain its place in the good — though unacademic — books of the powers that be, and it is part of the authoritarian struggle to freeze change by seeing to it that the public is fed with only one opinion — the officially sanctioned opinion.

It would be wrong to think that the way to correct this state of affairs is by removing the rights of the Afrikaanse Studentebond to involve itself in the social affairs of this country. On the contrary, it is most important that students put their knowledge to effective use in society in the hopes of bringing about a better society. And no one would doubt the integrity of the young South Africans who comprise the Afrikaanse Studentebond, and their earnest desire to seek the truth and apply it. If these young men honestly believe that they have a contribution to make, a contribution which will improve the lot of all people in this society, then they are duty-bound to propound their point of view. The fact that their opinions coincide with the official opinions should be no reason for either allowing or disallowing them to state these opinions.

Reason

It would follow from this that any student who has conceived an idea likely to be beneficial to the people he lives with, is duty-bound to propound this idea — whether it be an idea for the development of a new wonder-drug, for space exploration, communication, or bettering the education system in this country. And the fact that society may

not take kindly to the idea, does not absolve the student from his duty to propound it. The fact that certain sections of society would not have approved of the contraceptive pill, was no moral reason for its inventors to keep quiet about it.

If South African students are aware of the shortcomings of their society, they are obliged to point these out, and there is no room for currying the favour of our vast officialdom. The student's obligation is not only to be present powers that be, but looks towards the future and to the creation of a better world for future generations. What no one can in honesty maintain is that our society is perfect; and for this reason students sensitive to their duty, are bound to try and improve it by arguing fearlessly and thoroughly for their points of view, and by supporting their points of view in every legal way. Improvements in society are never brought about easily, and where we have no men prepared to struggle for improvement, we have a decaying society.

No right

But what of the authoritarian injunction "that students should not interfere in politics" or "should not become involved in social affairs?"

A person can only be said to interfere when he has no right to do what he is doing. When a perfect stranger tells you how to wear your hair, or what to do on Sundays, how many babies to have, how long to wear your skirts, what subjects to study at university — he is interfering precisely because he has no right to make these personal decisions for

you. Of course, he can advise you — but this supposes that you have asked for his advice. It is when he orders you or tells you to do things which he has no right to tell you to do, that he is interfering. But no one can interfere in his own society, and no one can interfere in politics. We all have, so to speak, a stake in our society, a positive duty towards it, and as a result a right to be involved in it, and especially in its improvement.

In a similar way, it is impossible for anyone — even a student — to interfere in the political affairs of his society. Politics is just one channel through which any student who has the vote is entitled and obliged to try and improve the well-being of his fellow-men. And since most students do have the vote, it is odd to criticise them for trying to use the vote, and for trying to get others to use the vote effectively.

Courage

If they have ideas which could lead to a happier political system in this country — say a system in which the claims of all interest groups in their society could be heard — they not only have the right to put forward their point of view, but in the interests of the society whose university they attend, they are obliged to argue for their point of view and to argue as well as they are able.

Protest at its best requires moral courage of the highest order, requires long periods of self-seeking, and the full, painful awareness of one's duty to one's society. And students who forgo their studies — for whatever purpose — can no longer fulfil their obligations to society in a university.

Poetry readings on campus

by Roger Loveday

A SUDDEN RASH OF POETRY READINGS has erupted on the skin of the campus, and perhaps the public need some guidance as to what they are all about.

The organisers have deliberately devised two different kinds of evenings for two different sorts of people: one may classify these groups roughly as those who prefer candlelight and informality, and who may, if spirit moves them, prostrate themselves on the floor or moan softly in a corner without disturbing the prevailing mood, and those who prefer a more sober sort of gathering characterised by neon-lit austerity and a Mr.-Chairman-to-whom-all-remarks-must-be-addressed.

INFORMAL VARIETY

Both kinds of meetings have features to recommend them and no doubt many people will enjoy attending both. A reading of the informal variety was held on Wednesday, March 12, and poetry and short stories were read, including two chapters from a projected novel by Don MacLennan. (Another meeting of this type will be held about a week after Rag.)

SECOND READING

Yesterday another evening was held at which further poems and short stories were read. There is at the moment no intention of changing the venue from the Oppidan Common Room where the first type of meeting was held so that future audiences are advised to arrive early in order to be assured of a place.

Scope Nite has farce potential

RHODEO and Juliet, describing a farcical conflict between the House of the Drostulets and the Foundergues, could be incredibly amusing. The script exhibits a certain potential — potential which might never be realised unless production is fully adequate, to cope with tracts of dialogue, which, in the raw, would appear to be rather trivial.

AMATEUR

A cast of 50 led by Doug Skinner and Tessa van der Walt, have an enormous task on their hands. Co-operation, which is perhaps the essence of the success of such amateur shows, could well prove to be the vital factor in this production.

Miss Geldenhuys, authoress, and director of "Rhodeo and Juliet," is wished all the success she deserves in her undertaking. One looks forward to an evening of jolity, and frivolous fun.

Scope Nite needs some discipline

SIR, — The Rhodes Dramatic

Society is in a sorry state; a very sorry state. This is partly due to the fact that the Speech and Drama group is a separate body, thus splitting in two such talent as there is in the varsity, but to a greater extent to the muddleheadedness of those in control of the society.

The rehearsals for Scope Nite are in themselves reason enough for this statement, so let me describe one to you. Where words fail, please use your imagination.

UTTER CHAOS

Picture the Great Hall, deserted but for almost 20 ever-eager and essentially empty-headed egocentrics all clamouring over-loudly for the limelight, of which there just isn't enough to go round; deserted but for one producer, who is none too sure what "producer" means; and deserted but for complete and utter chaos. If this explanation isn't sufficient, then look in on a rehearsal yourself — as I did. You'll come away saddened.

With a little discipline and experience, so much could be done. The script for Scope Nite is really very funny, and the production could be sparkling and extremely entertaining.

But, as matters now stand, I can see the audiences, not laughing, but lamenting among themselves: "Well, the cast must have had a good time."

Aspirin.

Society's Diary

THE Psychological and Social Science Societies promise to be the most active societies on the Campus this year.

FILM AND LECTURES

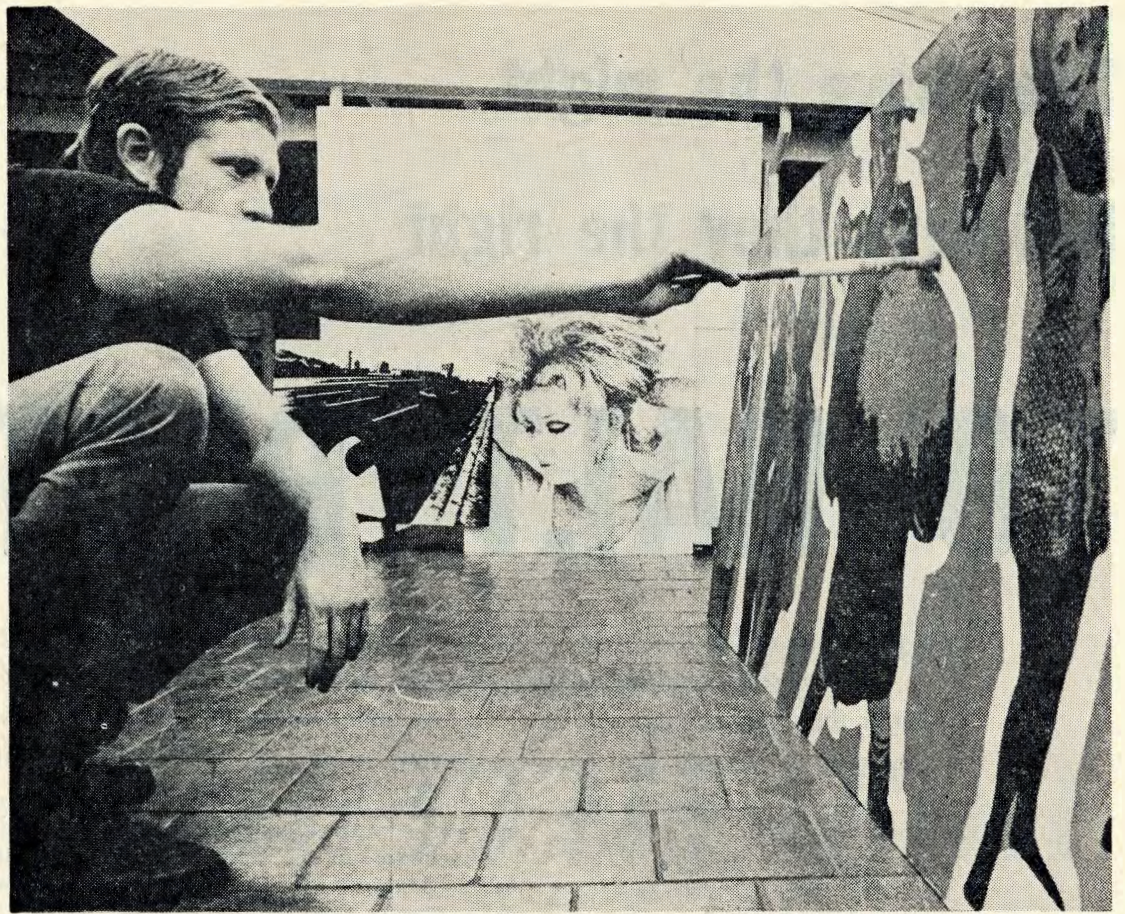
A lecture on the psychological effect on unmarried mothers and child development before birth is scheduled for next term. A film on childbirth will be shown. Following this will be lectures and symposia on a variety of subjects including drugs, prison-life and neurosurgery.

This year for the first time, the South African Inter-Varsity Bridge Tournament will take place at Rhodes.

BREWERIES VISIT

The Commerce and Economics Society will be addressed by prominent men in this field. A highlight of the year — for the men students — will be the planned visit to the South African Breweries.

The University Christian Movement hopes to hold another of its controversial 20th Century Worship Services on March 30.



Bob Brooks, a lecturer in the Art Department, seen putting the final touches to a photo for his exhibition which will be held soon.

Photo by Angus Walker.

Film Reviews: Taming of the Shrew

Liz Taylor makes an excellent shrew

THE BURTON-ZEFERRELI FILM "VERSION" of The Taming of the Shrew defines the comic conflict between lusty and mercenary intuitionism and a shrewish intelligence. As the adapted script moves into a bathetic conclusion, one is left in some doubt as to whether Burton as Petruchio (rather than Petruchio, played by Burton) has come up with the answer to an age-old question 'How to handle the woman?'

SUBTLE

Katherina, played by Elizabeth Taylor introduces to the relationship the more subtle generalship for which the female mind is infamous. Ultimately one is impressed by the fact that his forceful domineering through a brief courtship and into marriage might well have had the reverse effect.

MERIT

I do not for a moment suggest the infallibility of the original dramatist. One must nevertheless grant Shakespeare his merits. The occasional alterations tended rather to distort than to enhance the screenplay. During an awkward marriage ceremony one supposed Zefferelli to consider that full-screen shots of Burton's facial ruggedness, and Elizabeth Taylor's bosomy femininity emphasised in a superb — and not to be wasted — gown by Irene Shariff, would have a greater mass appeal than the Shakespearean line spoken by (as cinemat-

cally presented) an efete Signor Grumio.

HILARITY

Burton — outshone by Taylor — delivered a first rate, but not brilliant, performance. Supported by a more than competent cast, they provide their audiences with an evening of splendid hilarity.

Of costume and setting, whose effect was fully realised by some excellent filming, one may only sing their praises. The rich sensuousness of an early renaissance Paduan setting was fully exploited.

Altogether an outstanding achievement, and not to be missed if simply for its sheer enjoyment.

CONCERT

THE FIRST CONCERT of the year to be sponsored by the Grahamstown Music Club will be a recital by Andre Novarra, the famous French 'cellist, in the City Hall on March 28.

Helga

Men should see sex film too

WHAT is all the fuss about?

The South African Board of Censors has decreed that only women over 18 years of age should see the sex-education film, Helga. Why?

Presumably it is the fact that there is a sequence showing the birth of a child, which prompted the Board to prohibit men from seeing the film. Most men marry and their wives have children, so surely they have just as much right to know about childbirth as women.

FOETUS

The film is similar to the one that was shown in the GLT last year (and which Rhodes men saw). It began by showing photographs and diagrams of male and female sex organs, then continues to show the growth of the foetus in the womb. This part of the film is particularly well photographed.

After showing the expectant mother doing routine ante-natal exercises, there is a short sequence of actual labour and childbirth. An educational but entirely inoffensive film.

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TT Blots preferable

Sir, — We have in recent weeks been informed that the policy of this university for new students is integration and not initiation. This policy appears to be working very well, but there is, I feel, a little hypocrisy in this, as the policy makes known full well that the men students will all get their initiation in second year, when they move into senior residences.

"STONED"

I myself am not against initiation provided that it has a constructive purpose. Unfortunately one initiation ceremony I have witnessed, but did not take part in, did not have a constructive purpose, as its sole purpose was to get "stoned" and see how many blots "hurled." This performance unfortunately does not apply to only one residence.

DANGEROUS

Perhaps it would not be bad if the students were not abusing such a potent and dangerous beverage as alcohol. South Africa has one of the highest alcoholic rates in the world and this is largely due to our "traditional way of life." According to Jellenick, a Dutch researcher, who worked on the problem of alcoholism for many years, the higher the acceptance of drunkenness, the higher the alcoholic rate. This conclusion was reached after a survey of 25 countries and cultures. The Jewish culture, whose acceptance of drunkenness and excessive drinking is very small, has one of the lowest alcoholic rates in the world.

EFFECTIVE LEADERS

Out of every 100 chaps on the campus who drink today, at least six will become alcoholics in the future. We certainly cannot become effective leaders of the

CLOETE'S PUN

SIR, — Even NUSAS seems to have realised that the President's speech to the first years was a lot of half-truths and emotional claptrap. But was it really necessary to hold the Hogsback Freshers' Seminar at a house called Innes Free?

T. D. CLOETE.

SMALLS

Unclassified smalls will be published on request, the cost being: 20 cents for 10 words. Thereafter two cents per word.

THE GRAHAMSTOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY welcomes student members. Meetings are held monthly at members' homes. For further information contact Mr. van Wyk Smith, English Department.

THERE WILL BE a get-together for South West African students on Tuesday evening, 25th March, at 8 p.m., in the lounge of the Graham Hotel. All friends welcome.

BRIDGE

Bridge Club Results, 11th March, 1969: N-S: 1. Godley and Harrison 63 per cent.; 2. Hibbert and Ensor 60 per cent.; 3. Kaplan and Van der Zee 57 per cent.

E-W: 1. Warneke and Gold 71 per cent.; 2. Miss Preston and Miss Burt 63 per cent.; 3. Geerdink and Bartlett 58 per cent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondents please note: RHODEO cannot publish letters unless they are accompanied by the legible signature and address of the writer, even if a pseudonym is used. In the latter case the writer's name will be kept in the strictest confidence.

future if so large a proportion of our own leadership will be incapacitated in a few years time. Not forgetting too that each alcoholic affects at least 15 others around him.

This type of initiation has to stop now! If people on the campus still want initiation then let's have it, but without alcoholic beverages in any shape or form.

Cecil writes nonsense

SIR, — I cannot understand why such a conglomeration of unadulterated nonsense should be printed in Rhodeo as was printed in the Cecil John column in your last issue.

I am sure that the garbage therein cannot have come from the pen of the writer who was responsible for the first instalment. Was his second issue column not perhaps an editorial effort in response to a letter of criticism published in the same issue?

I trust that your readers well not again be taxed with such nonsensical tripe in the future.

Yours,

Grazzled.

Last week's Cecil John was not an 'editorial effort.' — Ed.

Hopes for Boxing

THIS year promises to be a highly active one for the Boxing Club.

For some years now boxing has been a "Cinderella" sport at Rhodes. Fortunately, however small the attendance has been, the club has managed to keep going.

This year has provided the highest attendance at training sessions seen for many years. Luckily the club has acquired a trainer from town, which should prove a great asset and should provide an attraction to prospective members.

WELCOME MEMBER

Rhodes has always been a welcome member at inter-varsity — this year's is to be held at Stellenbosch — although previously they have only managed to send a very small team.

This year the club hopes to send at least six to eight members to inter-varsity. Besides this, the club hopes to arrange a number of fixtures with Port Elizabeth and Border clubs.

The inter-hall competition was highly successful last year, and should be equally entertaining this year. It will probably be held during the second term.

Grandstand View

THE old controversy of "who should be eligible to play in varsity teams?" has reared its ugly head again, but this time there is a difference. Sympathies seem to have swung to our benefit.

First to raise the question was Potchefstroom University, who brought it up at the A.G.M. of the Western Transvaal Rugby Union. The Union unanimously passed a motion expressing its concern about the existing state of affairs and indicated it would raise the matter at the annual meeting of the Board later this month. This move has aroused some comment.

Dr. Louis Babrow, the UCT Coach, has actually sided with the motion and stressed that there should be a limit to the number of years that a player can play for a Varsity side. We read on Saturday Night in Jimmy Hatles' column, both his views and those of Jannie Engelbrecht.

"Our major concern is the composition of Inter-varsity teams. Wits openly admitted that their team last year was 'loaded with male fide students. One can appreciate their point of view."

The big Varsity builds up a team, which must obviously be built around certain key members — who are probably the older, more experienced players. Withdraw them for Inter-varsities — and your teamwork suffers, your careful cohesive planning is upset, your whole rhythm of play may be altered and you could very easily suffer defeat. So what do they do? They keep them in and laugh off the witticism."

A small university, especially because it is situated in a small town, has no counter to this. We have no reserve of experienced players working as in the big city, no part-time students as compared to the 4,000 at Pretoria University and certainly no Springboks who travel 135 miles to

practise rugby.

The average Rhodian spends two years playing under-20 rugby. At this stage he is only beginning to become accustomed to the stresses of senior rugby, let alone achieving any measure of maturity as a player. He leaves and the whole cycle starts again. The answer does not lie with us.

What then can be done? I suggest that the solution will never come with the mere provision that non "bona fide" students be excluded for inter-varsities only. Instead they should not be admitted to the club at all.

By SPORTSWISE

This is a very difficult thing to do — looked at subjectively and emotionally. But basically for the good of South African varsity rugby — this is the only solution as I see it.

Our own coach played for Maties from 1959 to 1963. He then voluntarily left and played for Van der Stel while still at Stellenbosch. Under Rhodes rugby conditions this was madness but this is an example of how the problem can be overcome.

We cannot solve the problem by adopting the methods of the big Varsities but by lobbying the executive of the Rugby Board to make some binding ruling on this topic.

While on the subject of rugby, "Van" is to be lauded once again for introducing seven-a-side rugby to Rhodes. All the players enjoyed it, although perhaps not at the time, and I am sure that it will develop definite spectator appeal as the players get fitter. Although it is still early in the year, a number of players impressed.

Up from U-20, Tony Siops ran very strongly and scored five tries, Lofty O'Connor

proved he is probably the fittest player at Rhodes and Dick Staple showed glimpses of his true form.

It is probably not known that this brilliant wing had to undergo major surgery three times during the vac. and in fact is very fortunate to be able to participate in sport at all.

Among the older hands, Ray Carlson was his usual brilliant self, and Spud Williams, Chris Christerson and Den Evans showed up well in the general play. This by no means attempts to point out stars of the afternoon but is merely a quick reflection on some more obvious good play during the afternoon.

Rhodes were particularly fortunate last Tuesday to have visiting us the Netherlands International Women's Gymnastics Team. This is particularly so, as Grahamstown was their only venue outside of the Test-Match venues and the organisers are to be congratulated on their hard work in putting on a show of such quality.

The Alec Mullins Hall was packed to capacity as the girls first did their warming-up exercises, then went through their competition movements and sequences. It is a pity that more students did not attend as this was a rare opportunity to watch high-class performance of a lesser-known sport.

This week sees the beginning of the inter-hall athletic event and I hope that the current sporting enthusiasm at Rhodes will be reflected in record entries in every event. This is a genuine attempt to bring sport to all and we should all look forward to Saturday.

My Sportsman of the Week is Karl Hofmeyr, who won three events at the E.P. athletic Championships. This is a fine achievement by a brilliant all-round sportsman.

DICTATORS OF TOMORROW

It is the Leviathan of mediocrity desperately attempting to escape from a restrictive society. But by the fact of its mediocrity is cannot be creative. Destruction is seen as the best means, it also becomes an end. Burn, baby, burn is not only the anguished cry of Harlem; now, it is also that of Nanterre.

Rightly the revolutionaries point to a corrupt society; they see their elders enmeshed in the sterile absurdity of a cold war; bureaucracy everywhere is a proliferating cancer and, above all, they fear they are becoming digits, while technology develops a power of its own.

But all this is met with blind unreason; even savagery. One despises the cultivated peasant arrogance of middle class, subsidised revolutionaries. They, unlike those they so often claim to be militating for, have a home to return to when they have finished destroying the streets.

True romantics give full reign to their passions. Everything must be spontaneous. Yet it is in the frenzied effort to achieve that quality that they lose it. It becomes a cal-

culated emotion, so that would be Romantics, instead of plumbing the soul, merely scratch the surface of an arid waste. All this is fortified with sloppy thought, so that even the leaders cannot substantiate their pretensions. In a television programme where the most celebrated of them were brought together — Tariq Ali, Rudi Deutschke, Danny the Red — they attempted to close the programme with a rendering of the Internationale. Only the song faded away into uncertainty because they did not know the words.

One appreciates the need for constant change. Also that in

certain circumstances it cannot be achieved without violence. But these radicals have taken licence; so that, like Orwellian pigs, they offer only to become tomorrow's dictators.

If the present trend continues; if people continue to indulge in excessive subjectivism — a sort of "self-incest" — the only conclusion can be insanity. Man has been trying to divorce himself from his instincts for too long, now that he wishes to return he has almost forgotten what they are. So the result is mass perversion. If we are not all to become lunatics the intellect must be reinstated.

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CRICKET: RHODES v. ALBANY

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THE RHODES UNIVERSITY swimming gala was held last Saturday afternoon and proved to be fairly successful. Only one record was broken, this by Caroline Dickson in the women's 100 yards backstroke.

In the men's events Barry Munro excelled to win seven of the nine championship events — the other two being claimed by Philip Stunden.

Polly McKenzie swam well to win five championship events in the women's events, with Anne Lovell winning two.

FEW ENTRANTS

The long distance events had relatively few entrants. The introduction of two length and one length races, on the other hand, proved to be very popular.

Paul Joubert and Yvonne Robb won the men's and women's diving respectively.

The overall points and positions are as follows:

Women: Oriel 47, Oppidan 31, Atherstone/Hobson 25, Milner 22, St. Mary's 15.

Men: Pringle 44, Drostdy 29, Retief 27, Founders and Smuts 18, Oppidan 13.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Individual medley: 1, McKenzie; 2, Robb.
440 yards freestyle: 1, McKenzie; 2, Robb. 5:28.7.

220 yards freestyle: 1, McKenzie; 2, Robb. 2:28.8.
220 yards breaststroke: 1, Lovell; 2, Kemble. 3:9.2.
100 yards freestyle: 1, McKenzie; 2, Greyling. 66.0.
100 yards backstroke: 1, Dickson; 2, Robb. 76.5 (Rhodes record).
100 yards breaststroke: 1, Lovell; 2, Dickie. 85.5.
66 2/3 yards freestyle: 1, Robb; 2, Lovell. 42.9.
66 2/3 yards breaststroke: 1, Weiringer; 2, Kempel. 54.3.
66 2/3 yards backstroke: 1, McKenzie; 2, Kempel. 50.9.
66 2/3 yards butterfly: 1, McKenzie; 2, Lovell. 53.4.
Men:
Individual medley: 1, Munro; 2, Henry.
880 yards freestyle: 1, Munro; 2, Hoar.
440 yards freestyle: 1, Munro; 2, Henry. 4:54.8.
220 yards freestyle: 1, Munro; 2, Henry. 2:9.5.
220 yards breaststroke: 1, Standin; 2, Smith. 2:58.5.
100 yards freestyle: 1, Munro; 2, Smith. 60.6.
100 yards backstroke: 1, Munro; 2, Scott. 69.4.
100 yards breaststroke: 1, Standin; 2, Hoar. 76.4.
100 yards butterfly: 1, Munro; 2, Henry. 74.4.
66 2/3 yards freestyle: 1, Collocott; 2, Sherron. 35.9.
66 2/3 yards breaststroke: 1, Collocott, 2, Scott. 48.8.
66 2/3 yards backstroke: 1, Van der Gee; 2, Cartwright. 46.3.
66 2/3 yards butterfly: 1, Whale; 2, Dufton. 41.4.

PRACTICES

START FOR

TABLE

TENNIS

THE RHODES TABLE TENNIS CLUB is looking forward to a full and successful season. League matches only start in the second term, but practices are already under way.

Issy Konfer (the E.P. champion and S.A. mixed doubles champion) is the No. 1 seed and vice-captain of the first team. Dr. Coleman who has represented Rhodesia will also be playing, not to mention Garth Venter, a first-year student who is an E.P. junior player.

ALAN BAKER

Alan Baker, the current Rhodes singles and doubles champion is also playing this year, and we also have the services of Anthony Alexander, the current Midlands and Rhodes doubles champion. John Vahey, who played very well for the Rhodes first side last year, is also available.

E.P. bisley trials

THE EASTERN PROVINCE small-bore trials will be taking place at Rhodes on Saturday, March 22.

Ten shooters will be selected to represent Eastern Province at the national bisley which is to be held concurrently with the South African Games in Bloemfontein.

Seven Rhodes Rifle Club members will be shooting in the trials.

Visitors are welcome to come and watch at the Livingstone Range (behind Jan Smuts Hall). Shooting begins at 8.00 a.m. and the team will be announced at 3.30 p.m.

ALBANY WON the toss and elected to bat in the 1st XI's first match of the term. The Rhodes opening batsmen, Lewis and Paver, gave the side a useful start but this was negated by brittle middle order batting on a pitch that did not allow for any strokemaking.

However, Nupen batted with some resolution to take the Rhodes score past the 100 mark. Gradwell was by far the most successful Albany bowler.

Albany made a disastrous start to their innings and were never given the chance to recover. Particularly hostile fast bowling by Harmuth, who was given good support by Stewart and Fenner, ensured that wickets fell at regular intervals, leaving Rhodes the winners by a comfortable margin.

SCORECARD

Rhodes 1st Innings

Paver ct. Buwalda, b. Gradwell	17
Lewis b. Davis	18
Davidson ct. Buwalda, b. Gradwell	8
Cooke ct. Davis, b. Gradwell	2
Winchester ct. Gradwell, b. Muggeridge	11
Ballance ct. King, b. Gradwell	1
Stewart ct. Mullins, b. Gradwell	2
Nupen not out	25
Jones ct. Howie, b. Muggeridge	5
Fenner ct. Davis, b. Gradwell	7
Harmuth b. Davis	7
Extras	10
Total	110

Albany Bowling

Fletcher	8-4-13-0.
Mullins	4-1-10-0.
Gradwell	19-5-45-6.
Davis	8-4-21-2.
Muggeridge	9-3-14-2.

Albany 1st Innings

Howie ct. Cooke, b. Harmuth	11
Todd ct. Nupen, b. Stewart	0

Buwalda ct. Lewis, b. Stewart	0
Howell ct. Cooke, b. Harmuth	5
Muggeridge ct. Paver, b. Fenner	14
Ford ct. Cooke, b. Harmuth	12
Gradwell run out	0
King b. Harmuth	0
Fletcher b. Harmuth	3
Davis not out	7
Mullins b. Harmuth	4
Extras	0
Total	62

Rhodes Bowling

Harmuth	16.2-5-26-6.
Stewart	7-4-15-2.
Fenner	6-2-9-1.
Jones	3-1-6-0.

Result:— A win for Rhodes by 48 runs.

HOUSE CRICKET

It has been proposed that there should be a "six-a-side" tournament in the near future. All houses are asked to participate and confirmation of their ability to field a team should be made to Room 23, Matthews House, as soon as possible.

STOP PRESS

Tony Coates, the Rhodes U.19 champion sprinter, has been appointed captain of the Eastern Province junior athletics team.

SWIMMING

TIMES

THE SWIMMING POOL is reserved for official Physical Education Department swimming instruction at the following times.

Mondays.	10.40 — 1.05.
Tuesdays.	10.40 — 1.05.
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During these times other students are requested to leave the pool and surrounding enclosure. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Head of Physical Education Department.

RHODES SHINE IN P.E.

THE PERFORMANCE of Rhodes athletes were the most outstanding for at least the past five years at the Eastern Province championships held in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

Rhodes captain, Karl Hofmeyer, began by winning the first event of the afternoon, the 400 metres, in 56.4 seconds.

Karl later also won the 110 metre hurdles (16.0) and the high-jump event with a leap of 5 ft. 10 inches.

EXCITING RACES

Warwick Weedon clinched the hammer and shot put titles with some fine throws.

One of the two most exciting races of the day was the 800 metre clash between Adam Trail and Rhodes Johann

Knoessen.

Knoessen followed Trail until the last 200 metres, when he sprinted past Trail and reached the tape first in the very good time of 1 minute 55.8 seconds (a colours standard time).

FOXY DE JAGER

Knoessen also came third in the 400 metre event with a time of 50.8 seconds.

The second thrill of the day came in the 1,500 metres when "Foxy" de Jager broke the tape a pace ahead of W. Rautenbach, after challenging the latter's lead only in the final straight.

Both these athletes are now current holders of the Eastern Province record for this event, "Foxy's" time being 3 minutes 56.4 seconds (colours standard). Other men's results were:

Rob Cowling (3rd) high jump (5 ft. 8½ ins.). Nigel Hodder, (4th) 100 metres (11.1 sec.). Bruce Niland (4th) 400 metres (51.5 sec.). Nigel Gallacher (5th) triple jump (43 ft. 4½ ins.) Ian Dix (5th) 1,500 metres (4 min. 11 secs.).

WELL REPRESENTED

The Rhodes' relay team came third to Port Elizabeth and Police with the time of 44.1 seconds.

J. Hill-Lewis came third to Janet Melville and Zimmerman in the women's javelin.

From the overall performances on Saturday, Rhodes athletes stand a good chance of being well represented in the Eastern Province team now being selected for the 1969 South African championships.

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