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**NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION
IN RUGBY
DISPUTE****S.R.C. Chairman
Deplores Trend
To Politics**

A WARNING that the present trend to politics at Rhodes would split the student body and destroy its university spirit was given last term by the Chairman of the SRC, Mr. Howard Kirkby, in a statement to "The Rhodeo."

"The student body is in danger of losing its true H. KIRKBY. university spirit due to the increasing part played by politics in student life," he declared. "It would be disastrous for Rhodes, which was 95 per cent. residential, if the student body was split by party politics."



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"EVIDENCE TOO CONFLICTING"

"NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS CALLED FOR," SAYS THE OFFICIAL REPORT — RELEASED LAST WEEK — OF THE SPECIAL ENQUIRY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE E.P.R.F.U. TO CONSIDER THE DISPUTE OVER THE RECENT RHODES-CRADOCK RUGBY MATCH AT CRADOCK.

Evidence before the enquiry, the report adds, was too conflicting to justify allegations of partiality on the part of the referee.

The individual members of the Enquiry Committee working independently of each other, were unanimous on all points, it is reported.

—Says Enquiry



[Photo: Key's Studio]

Rhodes and UCT get together for a happy group after UCT had narrowly won by 13 games to ten in an Inter-Varsity Squash Tourney in Grahamstown during the vac. Left to right: Ross (UCT), Pennington (RUC), Dovey (RUC), Rooke (RUC), Mitchell (UCT), Hodgson (UCT). Bottom row: Impey (RUC), Heather (RUC), English (UCT), Tasker (UCT), Silcock (RUC), Brown (UCT). (See story page 6.)

**SRC DRIVE FOR
FORT HARE RAG**

POOR attendance at the Fort Hare Rag Concert, held in the RUC Great Hall on a cold, rainy evening last term and resulting in a loss of £10, has led to a "bob-a-head" drive launched by the SRC this week in aid of the Rag Fund.

Proceeds will go to Dr. Bokwe's Maternity Hospital in Middledrift, which the Doctor has been supporting out of his own pocket for fifteen years. £150 was raised for the fund last term in the Alice area.

The SRC hopes to make the Fort Hare Concert a regular third-term tradition in future years, as the annual Inter-Debate has already become.

Film Masterpiece

Main feature at the Film Society's show on Friday, October 8, will be "The General Line," among the masterpieces of the famous Russian director, Sergei Eisenstein. Also showing will be the absorbing British documentary, "North Sea."

**24 DEBATERS VISIT
FORT HARE**

THE RHODES DEBATING SOCIETY scored a striking success last term with its major away fixture of the year, the annual Fort Hare Inter-Debate.

The team, which was the largest on record, including 14 men and ten women, left RUC after lunch on Wednesday. They did not get back until 2 a.m. The Chairman, Miss Fourie and Mlle. Tricaud travelled in Miss Webb's luxurious automobile; the rest in a jolly but companionable lorry.

THE debate was on a motion introduced by the Socialist Government—secession from the British Commonwealth. At question-time, the leader of the Royalist Loyalist Party (Mr. D. Prosser) protested that the Prime Minister (Mr. Farquharson) was below the age of consent, and therefore should be debarred from taking his seat. Speaker John Rex explained that admission to the House was on a basis of mental age, and that the qualification had had to be repeatedly lowered in order

to admit Mr. Prosser to Parliament at all.

In the debate itself, passionate pleas by the Prime Minister and vulgar interjections from the Opposition (principally Miss Webb and Mr. Prosser) led to a high level of hilarity, culminating in the ejection by the Sergeant-at-arms of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Radomsky) and the Minister of Education.

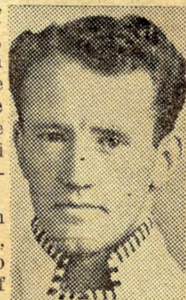
Fort Hareans made impassioned speeches on both sides, and the final vote resulted in the defeat of the Government and the motion by 40 votes to 23.

**OLD RHODIAN IS
YOUNGEST M.P.**

AN OLD RHODIAN, who fought with Italian partisans for five months behind enemy lines after being shot down, and then walked across the Alps to rejoin the Allied Forces in France, last month became the youngest M.P. in Southern Rhodesia.

He is 29-year-old Ian Douglas Smith, first post-war SRC Chairman and Senior Student of Drosty Hall, now farming in the Selukwe District. He was one of the five Liberal Party candidates returned.

As a pilot in the R.A.F., "I.D." rose to the rank of Flight Lieutenant and returned to Rhodes in 1946 to complete his



I.D. SMITH.

Hepburn and
Jeanes**SENATE SHELVES
SEX TALKS**

NO sex lecture will be given to men at RUC this year, the Senate decided last term. No reply has yet been received to the SRC's request made last term for the minute of the Senate's decision.

I am willing to love all mankind except an American—Samuel Johnson.

RHODES, it is held, did not deal with the situation through the proper channels, which would have been to submit their grievance to the Midlands Sub-Union.

The Committee urges the re-organisation of the system of appointment of referees in the Midlands and the formation of a properly constituted Referees' Society. It recommends provision for the examination of country referees, as in Port Elizabeth, to ensure that they maintain a certain standard.

Rhodes is recommended to "remain an entity of the Midlands Sub-Union" to assist the affairs of the Sub-Union on the understanding that by doing so they will not jeopardise their chances of entering the Town Circle.

See full report on page 4.

**BETTISON BRINGS BACK
BALTIMORE BRIDE**

WHEN he returns to Rhodes next week after a three months' visit to the United States, 22-year-old Dave Bettison will be accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Barbara Brady, of Baltimore, whom he married last month after a whirlwind courtship across the Atlantic.



BETTISON, Hepburn and Jeanes an eight weeks' course of study with U.N.O. They were married in Baltimore on September 21 and set sail for South Africa the following day. She is an M.A. of Fletcher College, Harvard.

**"12th Night" for
"King"**

Permission has been granted to the Shakespeare Society to take "Twelfth Night" to King William's Town this term. They hope to go on October 16.

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EPILOGUE

WITH THIS ISSUE, the
"RHODEO" closes down
for 1948. The Staff would
like to take this opportunity
to acknowledge the debt of
gratitude it owes to all those
whose assistance made the
publication possible—the ad-
vertisers, who support enabled
us to meet our printing bills
and to include photos and
adequate lay-out; the printers,
who have shown unfailing
kindness in dealing with last-
minute copy and news-items
when under no obligation to
do so; Key's Studio and
Messrs. Hepburn and Jeanes,
who provided photographs
which have added interest to
the paper. Finally, we should
like to thank our subscribers,
who helped put the
"RHODEO" on a sound fi-
nancial basis and eased our
monetary qualms at the be-
ginning of the year.

The "RHODEO" is by no
means an inexpensive under-
taking. The cost per issue,
between £40 and £50, has to be
covered by advertising and
sales, and, throughout the
year, we have utilised any
surplus, apart from £19 set
aside for next year, by the
inclusion of additional
material and photographs.

This year, we have endeav-
oured to set a standard; to
produce a newspaper keeping
Rhodians informed of all the
latest and forthcoming events
at Rhodes, and of any outside
developments affecting
Rhodes; to encourage the
progress of Rhodes and the
well-being of its students. At
the same time, we have striven
to avoid printing the views of
authors who are not compe-
tent to formulate them. Next
year, we hope to maintain
that standard, if possible im-
prove upon it, and how far
we can do so will depend on
the number of subscribers who
come forward to support The
"RHODEO" next year.

The future of the
"RHODEO," then, depends
on the goodwill of its readers
—in keen anticipation of
which we look forward to
1949.

Till then, happy exams!

It's only a
matter of time

When Uncle Sam will
have a new building.

In the meantime we
can assure you of a
first class meal pre-
pared under hygienic
conditions.

VICTORIA HOTEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Chairman's Thanks

Dear Sir,

As I believe this is your last
issue for the year, I should like
to take the opportunity of ex-
tending my thanks to all mem-
bers of the 1948 SRC for the
loyal and generous way they
have given of themselves in the
organising and conducting of
student affairs. I am not for-
getting, either, the members of
the sub-committees whose lab-
ours in connection with the
catering and the decorating for
college dances has so contributed
to make those occasions the out-
standing successes they have
been.

I should especially like to
mention the members of the
SRC Executive, Miss K. Tred-
gold, who, together with Mr. D.
J. Thornton, has shouldered the
responsibility of Dance Min-
ister; Miss Sheila Barbour and
Mr. Ian Robertson, who have
ably acted as secretaries; Mr.
"Stompie" MacDonald, who has
often been a very harassed
treasurer, and last but by no
means least, Mr. Stafford Glass,
whose assistance to me person-
ally has been invaluable and
indispensable. One other name
I should like to add, that of Mr.
Desmond Trehaeven for the
efficient way he has undertaken
his duties as Kaif Councillor.

I should also like to thank the
Student Body for the support
that they have given to the Coun-
cil throughout a year that has not
been uneventful, to say the least
of it, and among which, the ad-
vent of The Rhodoe in its
improved form has been most
outstanding. Congratulations to
the Editor and Staff and here's
to hoping that it will continue.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. KIRKBY,
(SRC Chairman).

Pusher's Comment

Dear Sir,

We find your new comic
feature, i.e., NUSAS Logic, by
Johnny Rex, quite a commend-
able effort. We are particu-
larly glad that you are now
catering for the juvenile minds
of the College as well as for
the sports fans.

Yours faithfully,

M. DENT.
L. J. DRY.

Student Slavery

Dear Sir,

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fitting newspaper advertise-
ment for this "university":—

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meddle in any party politics.

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instruction in sex matters.

If they are women we will see
that they have no opportunities
to be tempted to break the most
Victorian moral codes.

Even if they are ex-Servicemen
aged twenty-five they will
not be allowed to live where
they like.

In fact, parents, Rhodes
undertakes to withhold from
students all opportunities for
independence or responsibility,
as Rhodes prefers to turn out
bookworms rather than men
and women fitted for life.

From an observation of pre-
sent trends it appears to me that
this accurately describes Rhodes
unless we students are active in
defending and extending our
liberties.

Yours in slavery,
A. SERF.

Botha House.

Students Politically
Smug and Selfish

Dear Sir,

Although agreeing with the
reply given by Mr. Rex to Mr.
Glass's call for a so-called
"TRUE" National Union of
Students (à la excluding Non-
Europeans because we don't
want to face facts) I cannot help
feeling that Mr. Rex's insinua-
tions about Mr. Glass's political
ties are uncalled for.

I am one of the many this year
opposed to the ARTIFICIAL if
not IMMATURE policy, adopted
by Senate Regulations, that
politics "ist verboten" at Rhodes.
At present most students accept
the wet situation, that as the
regulations forbid it, we must
behave like sweet obedient
CHILDREN. Are we afraid of
politics because it will upset our
selfish smug lives? Are we so
utterly weak that we are scared
to face the problems of our
country? If it is because of
their racialistic flavour surely
this is all the more reason why
we should discuss politics. Act-
ing as individuals or having bed-
room chats is not sufficient—in
order to achieve anything we
must act as a group or in groups.

Almost without exception
students who graduate from
Afrikaans universities are poli-
tically active. It is not right
that the English-speaking
students should be politically
gagged—we are failing in our
duty towards South Africa.

Last year a Communist-Roman
Catholic discussion was dis-
allowed; special permission had
to be sought to have a discussion
on Zionism this year, and a
Nusas beauty contest was among
the many things forbidden. We
have to have ridiculous D.P.
forms signed, sign our names at
lectures, etc.

I ask you what sort of a
UNIVERSITY is this where our
freedom is unnecessarily cur-
tailed not only in the political
field but also in the academic
and social fields???? Wake up
Rhodes!!!!!!!

Yours faithfully,
D. P.

Founders Hall.

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THAT'S THE WAY THE MONEY GOES

Estimated Income and Expenditure of "The Rhodoe," 1948

(Based on actual figures for the first nine issues and an estimate
for the tenth)

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
Printing and Block- making 416 3 0	Subscriptions (includ- ing Postal Subscrip- tions) 96 17 0
Stationery 5 5 0	Cash Sales 29 17 0
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Song Competition Prizes 1 1 0	
Bank Charges 1 12 0	
Staff Teas 0 17 0	
Advertising & Posters 1 15 0	
Sundry Expenses 3 11 0	
Balance: Surplus of Income over Expen- diture 15 10 0	
£ 461 14 0	£ 461 14 0

There was a surplus carried forward from "The Rhodoe"
of 1947 of £4, which, together with this year's estimated surplus
of £15 10s., will enable us to carry forward £19 10s. to next
year.

FOUNDERS FUN IN CAPETOWN

CAPE TOWN, September 12.

CAPE TOWN OLD RHODIANS celebrated Founders' to-night in traditional style at Judge Thompson's Newlands Avenue residence with a highly hilarious cocktail party. Over 150 ORs, including wives, fiancées, families, friends and sundry pushes attended this magnificent gathering, and reminiscences rattled the Georgian building.

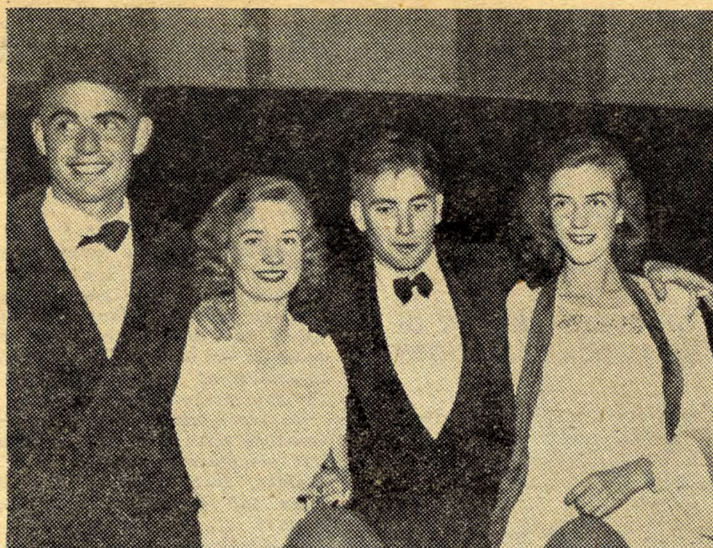
Among the familiar faces were those of David Bates (with fiancée June Chapman), Leslie Smythe (also engaged), Joan Tarr (ditto), Pat McCabe, Gus v. Aardt, Tony Heugh, Elaine English, Joy Hopwood (now Mrs. Kohler), Bevan Meine (boasting a four-week baby), Keith McMillan, Roy Ehman and fiancée, Betty Bradford bewildered by bottled specimen of grass, and Denis Smythe.

TABLES groaned under the weight of bottles and food. The first hour passed rapidly as people mingled and talked about happenings past and present.

Later on, when the walls were beginning to sway a little, Mr. Leon Burman announced that a Committee had to be elected. Dr. Goldschmidt was unanimously elected as chairman, Messrs. Boehmke and de Villiers as vice-chairmen, and Mr. Burman as secretary. Mrs. Leary, Miss Dowsley, Miss Lutteral-West and Mr. Bevan Meine were elected as additional members.

Before long, the party got going again, and the neighbours were once more complaining of excessive noise in the lusty shouting of the (old) Rhodes War-cry, followed by

(Continued in column 3.)



Just another scene from last term's social highlight—Founders' Ball—roundly rated as the most subdued "Founders" on record. Brian Rooke and Owen Kelly, with their partners, Cynthia Stanford and Liz Joubert.

[Photo: Key's Studio]

IT'S LOVE THAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND

(with apologies to Dryden and Dusty)

by
A SHADY LADY

PROLOGUE

IN PIOUS TIMES when pushing did begin,
When drink and smoke were thought a deadly sin,
When man and maid no escapades designed,
And one to one was cursedly confined.
Then Rhodians were by custom firmly bound
To steady-push, and not to flit around!
But times have changed, and like the Lover Hart
Men now their love to various maids impart.

CANTOR I.

ANOTHER HART man says for Margaret he will die,
"Honey-lamb, honey-babe, honey-child, honey-Pye."
Young Frans's no longer Parkin next to Beit,
But thinks instead that Jenny is dead right!
And Harry and Ham are fighting it out like gents
For the favours of Lambie—with no laments,
And Dick to Pam now makes his way
While the latter keeps her heart for Ray.
Like Jonathan, who a David did adore,
So Pattie—two—(she wanted more!)
The game of Golf Estelle has now embraced,
For Claude in her affections has replaced
Law and Llyn, Harry and Russell too,
Who strove to be among the favoured few.
With Barry gone Miss Mary went 'ad'elvin'
And dug up from the club a lad named Melvin.
Ridley for Joan now blows the clarion
Maybe he thinks she looks like Marion!
For Prue we have a chappie "squashing" all,
Hoping to rise in her esteem, not fall;
But has she settled down at last?
We wonder, with such pushing in her past!
We see a rugby player on Beit mat
To visit Jympsie—could it be Ian Pat?
After flitting around with Jympsie and Carmen
Bob's taken young Atholie right into his harem!

EPILOGUE (these days).

HOW safe is "cutting-out," what's more,
For all is fair in love and war;
When pushes can change and no regret be known,
Since in another's push one finds one's own.
So in this poem we care not what we say—
For soon they'll all reshuffle anyway!

Crisis On Debating Soc. Committee

LONG-SIMMERING dissention on the Debating Society Committee broke into open warfare late last term when Chairman Donald Prosser asked his Committee for a vote of confidence. He was not getting the backing he deserved, he said.

Of the three members present, only Mr. Morrisby raised his hand in support of the Chairman. Miss Farrelly and Mr. Farquharson glowered ominously. Was defeat in sight?

"Now votes against, please." Mr. Prosser's fate was to be decided now if ever. Miss Farrelly, leader of the discontents, held up a determined hand. And Mr. Farquharson? His vote could in a moment expel the Chairman from his position. But no move came from the placid secretary. The Chairman announced the verdict: "One-all. I therefore give my casting vote in favour of the confidence motion!"

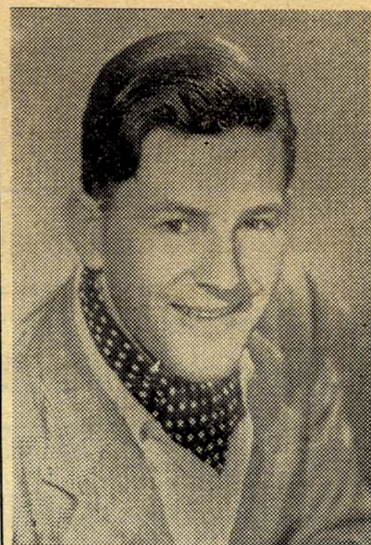
Cheers from Mr. Morrisby. Black looks from Miss Farrelly. A broad smile on the face of the Chairman, his seat saved by the narrowest hairbreadth. For the Committee, a crisis past—Mr. Prosser will continue to fill his position until the end of the year.

FLASH: As a result of further conflict regarding the distribution of seating at the Fort Hare dinner on September 22, Miss Farrelly intends to raise the matter again at the next meeting. A defeat now will endanger Mr. Prosser's right to attend the Society Dinner next week. Watch for further developments.

CLOSE-UP

NEIL MacDONALD

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD Rugby Captain and Senior Student of Founders Hall. SRC Member for Founders last year and "Carrying-on" Chairman at the beginning of this year. Until injured was a regular choice as right wing for E.P., which he Vice-Captained in his first inter-provincial match against Border. Spitfire pilot in African campaign and invasion of Sicily. Shot down over Yugoslavia in November, '43, and POW in Germany until released by Russians in May, '45. Came to Rhodes in '46, and now doing final year B.Comm.



[Photo: Rembrandt.]

COMMENT.

SENATE?—This is the very last year they should have chosen to start restricting student social activity. Their continual cry is for more work and less play. Yet they waste paper, temper and hours of time dealing too hastily with student appeals, e.g., Athletic sports.

To attempt to restrict forcibly the athletic activities of 900 young and virile students in favour of work is ludicrous.

The Senate has been losing ground with the students all the year, but its biggest loss of prestige lies in the stalling of the men students' appeal for sex instruction. They have given the Victorian impression of having been embarrassed!

GREAT HALL?—"PLEASE GOD make it the next on the list."

SECOND YEARS?—One of the lowest forms of the human species—especially the "women."

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"Viva la RUC" and "There is a tavern." I am sure I perceived tears in the eyes of some of the old-timers, and, confidentially, in many of those who had only recently left. Our thoughts were definitely 500 miles away in Grahamstown.

Special Students' Rates at Concerts

Special reduced rates will be charged for students when the Cape Town City Orchestra, conducted by the famous Enrique Jorda, visits Grahamstown this month. Three concerts will be given in the City Hall on October 18.

RUGBY ENQUIRY FINDS EVIDENCE TOO CONFLICTING

THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE ENQUIRY INTO THE MIDLANDS RUGBY DISPUTE.

THE match between Cradock Rovers and Rhodes University College on September 1 was in the nature of a "needle" match.

During the course of the season the Midlands Sub-Union had agreed upon a method for the appointment of referees which was to the effect that a committee of three should be formed in each town who would appoint the referee for home matches in that town.

This method is, in the view of the Enquiry Committee, unsatisfactory and not to be commended.

Pursuant to the aforesaid arrangement the Cradock Committee of Three appointed Mr. van Eeden, who is a member of the Committee of the Cradock Rovers Club, to referee the match.

On the morning of the match on the arrival at Cradock, the Rhodes Captain protested to the Secretary of the Rovers Club and asked for another referee.

The Secretary of the Cradock Rovers neither contacted the Committee of Three nor Mr. van Eeden, which we think was unfortunate.

Rhodes accordingly took the field to play under the Referee appointed.

The Referee has entire control of the game at which he officiates and is sole judge of fact as well as sole judge of law (subject to appeal to S.A. Rugby Board) vide the laws of the game.

Rhodes players alleged partiality on the part of the referee but the evidence before the enquiry was too conflicting to justify this conclusion.

Rhodes were clearly dissatisfied with the control of the game but lodged no protest in terms of Rule 29 of the Union's Rules as it was open for them to do if they so chose.

Instead Rhodes precipitately decided to withdraw from the Midlands Rugby Sub-Union which we do not consider was the proper method of dealing with the situation. They should have submitted their grievance to the

Union for consideration through the usual channels.

After considering the evidence as a whole we consider:

(a) That no disciplinary action is called for against any person or persons.

(b) That a properly constituted Referees' Society should be formed in the Midlands.

(c) That a more satisfactory method of appointment of Referees to officiate at matches in the Midlands Area should be evolved such as (for example) that the home side submits a panel of names of referees to the visiting side to choose from seven days before the match to be played and should the visiting side not be satisfied with any of these referees the E.P. Referees' Society be asked to appoint the referee to officiate.

(d) That with the object of attaining (b) and (c) a conference of delegates from the two Sub-Unions and Referees' Societies should be arranged to meet representatives of the Union in Port Elizabeth.

(e) That if possible a method should be evolved by the Referees' Society for the examination of country referees as in Port Elizabeth to ensure that referees attain a certain standard, particularly in view of the overkeen spirit prevailing in country towns which leads to an entirely wrong spirit and attitude towards referees and must make the lot of a country referee a most unhappy one. It must be appreciated that referees in general sacrifice a great deal of time and energy to officiate at matches for the benefit of players.

(f) That the Union should consider assisting Referees' Societies financially if possible so that Town referees may visit the country and vice versa.

(g) That Rhodes should be requested to remain an entity of the Midlands Rugby Sub-Union in order to use their influence and assist the affairs of the Sub-Union on the understanding that by so doing Rhodes will not in any way jeopardise their chances of entering the Town Circle competition if they so wish and if the Union should so decide.

NEIL MacDONALD SAYS

"NATURALLY we must accept the findings of the Court of Enquiry. I think we lost our case through lack of evidence. I should think one of the most difficult tasks in the world is to prove the partiality of the referee, 'who is the sole judge of fact and law.'"

"So much has been said of our constitutional errors in handling our complaint. This is just a fleabite compared with the main issue and we consider it unimportant."

"Certainly we will take part in discussions regarding the future of Midlands' refereeing. Our withdrawal from the Midlands Sub-Union remains firm."

"In conclusion, we have never officially mentioned applying for entry into the Town Circle next year."



BOOTS, the Rugby Club's new mascot, which accompanied the team on the tour to the Copperbelt, Northern Rhodesia.

U-19's WIN 13

OUTSTANDING teamwork and keenness shown by all the members of the club has distinguished the U-19 rugby season. Out of 17 matches, 13 have been won, 2 drawn and 2 lost, with 190 points for and 55 against.

At the beginning of the season they took a little time to settle down into a well-balanced side. This done, they always played a pleasing, open game, characterised by excellent team spirit and integration between forwards and backs. Much of their build-up into a co-ordinated team they owe to their coach, Mr. Powell, who has agreed to coach the team again next year. About half the present team will once more be playing.

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A BETTER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By L.P. and A.M.

Across

- 1 Hot - tempered person sounds like good-bye—to two sailors?
4 Did Charles Martel use it in carpentry? (6).
8 This flower sounds clumsy! (6).
9 It was rolled out in the post (6).
11 An American language gave this fruit its name—it is not as cold as it sounds (1, 7, 5).
12 This can be half, full, or three-quarter (4).
14 One of this dynasty built the Great Wall of China (4).
15 SMEAR reassembles to form French arms (5).
17 A book becomes like a cur if its pages are treated like this by you (5).
18 It causes a superficial appearance if you pat it in (5).
20 Harbours or asylums (6).
21 Fertiliser starts with a head (6).
22 Threat ends with the best (6).
23 These society people sound like flowers (6).

Down

- 1 Shame both came—to his symphony concert (6, 7).
2 Ruffle (5).
3 All things have one, tho' some say the sky is the — (1, 5).
5 An absurdity starts at a distance (1, 5).
6 Dry, sweet or Nino (7).
7 These restless people might be lazy botanists.
10 Primitive Rhodian? (4, 3).
13 Vehicle and a vehicle makes a vehicle (7).
15 This kind of verse first lamented the death of a handsome young hunter and lover (6).
16 Flirts with cutlery (6).
19 Sounds as if I stick here with this dwelling (5).

(Solution on page 6.)

LAST CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across: 1, Whalebone; 8, Eel; 9, Aviary; 11, Rhino; 13, Toe; 14, Gail; 16, Osa; 18, Wert; 19, UNNRA; 22, Cats; 24, Radical; 27, Fido Oasis; 30, Poet; 31, NUSAS.
Down: 1, Werewolf; 2, He; 3, Ali; 4, Evolution; 5, Bisons; 6, Oats; 7, Eye; 10, Roar; 12, Nota; 15, Arcade; 17, Dances; 20, No; 21, Trio; 23, Elisa; 25, Dot; 26, Ass A.U.

South Africa Will More Than Hold M.C.C. This Summer

SINCE my return to England after coaching in South Africa many people have asked me my impressions of South African cricket and what are the prospects of the forthcoming Tests.

At the time of writing the M.C.C. have published their side to tour the Union and naturally the topics of conversation in the cricket world are concerning the forthcoming tour.

To the numerous questions I have been asked, I have given answers which are entirely my opinion and are in no way influenced by outside opinion.

I have every reason to think that South Africa will more than hold its own and the M.C.C. will find them a much better side and a far tougher nut to crack than the side which visited England in 1947.

THERE is no doubt that Dudley Nourse will be captain and in him South Africa have a man who knows every aspect of the game. To me Dudley is an ideal man to have as captain. He has a deep and understanding knowledge of the game and has the very fortunate asset of being able to keep every man on his toes without the usual handclapping. I can safely say without fear of contradiction, that South Africa are indeed fortunate on having a leader to call upon such as Nourse.

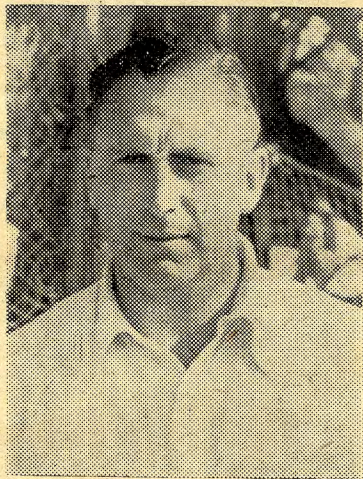
With the captaincy decided, the selection of a team becomes almost a matter of current form, but as my knowledge was of last year's cricket, there will most probably be one or two newcomers.

To open the innings there are few better qualified than Eric Rowan, who with all his clowning is still a force to be reckoned with. Even if he has said goodbye to 40, he is fit enough, and does not appear any older than when I met him first in '35. With him perhaps Ken Dumbleby, or shall we give the younger generation a go? Somehow, I think McGlew will make the grade. He is a youngster with an abundance of confidence and the right temperament. Does it matter if he is only 19?

Here, unfortunately, my memory of names runs a little hazy, but I can recall many names and deeds of players during last year's Currie Cup games. I just conjure up memories of such good batsmen as Harris, Roothman, Georgeu, Fell, Phillips and many others. With these to call upon, I have no hesitation in saying the M.C.C. have no easy task in front of them, and their bowlers are certainly going to sweat and toil under an African sun to get through to the nine ten jack batsmen.

There is, of course, Billy Wade to contend with after the regulars have been dismissed. Even if the experts say he is not a top-line keeper, he would certainly do for

says
HAROLD GIMBLETT
(English Pro.)



ONE of the five English professional cricketers who coached in the Union last season under the UTC scheme, **HAROLD GIMBLETT** has been a regular opening batsmen for Somerset since 1935. In his first county match he won the Lawrence Trophy for the quickest hundred of the season v. Essex in 63 minutes. He has represented England in three Test matches—twice against India in 1936 and once against the West Indies in the same year. The highest score in his career of 310 last August constituted the highest score in England since 1939.

In this article, exclusive to THE RHODEO, Gimblett discusses South Africa's chances in the forthcoming Tests against the M.C.C. South Africa, he feels, will be a far tougher nut to crack than in 1947.

me and as an all-rounder will take a bit of beating.

IN the bowling line we have the services of Tucket, Dawson, Plimsoll and McCarthy, which gives plenty of speed and swing with Tucket and McCarthy getting my performance.

In the spin line we have as left-handers Mann and Payne, who, by the way, after a long chat with Emrys Davies, of Glamor-

gan, is bowling better than ever before and imparting quite a lot of spin.

Ian Smith and Markham can bowl enough leg-break and googlie stuff to satisfy anyone while A. and D. Rowan and Tayfield can be relied upon to send down plenty of the normal off-break stuff.

I, without hesitation, say that South Africa has a better chance of winning the rubber than ever before.

During my short visit to the Union last year, I had the good fortune to see most of the big centres of cricket and also saw the Nuffield School Matches at Port Elizabeth.

I must admit I was rather astounded by the tremendous enthusiasm for cricket which prevails at the moment. I was told that before the '47 tour, cricket in South Africa was a sport which was played between the rugby seasons. I can hardly imagine that in such a short time so many people could be converted, but nevertheless many apparently have been.

I WITNESSED more enthusiasm and hunger for knowledge both practical and theoretical than I have ever experienced in the whole of my cricketering career. I was told more statistics than I have ever bothered about. So keen were the statisticians than I had to procure Wisdens.

Now that the wave is in full flow no doubt much will be done to help the potential Test players. Even in the short time of five months, conditions for practising improved. Many concrete pitches were laid in place of the matting. For practice the concrete strip with a thin layer of canvas over the top is ideal and gives a highly satisfactory surface for bringing on strokes and gaining confidence.

Of School Cricket, I saw enough to know that much is being done for the younger generation. At Port Elizabeth I saw over a hundred boys take part in a week's cricket. With my friend and fellow professional, George Cox, I saw many very good boys and although but few names are remembered, I feel sure many will represent their provinces in the near future.

I conclude by saying that cricket in South Africa is definitely on the upgrade and soon she will be a force to be reckoned with.

SOCCER MAKES GOOD PROGRESS AT R.U.C.

AFTER a very poor start the newly-formed Rhodes Soccer Club can look back on the season with considerable satisfaction, when it is realised that the club was only started this year.

THEIR efforts were culminated by their affiliation to the AU and subsequent grant from the SRC to enable a team to compete in the first Inter-Varsity Soccer Tournament, where they finished fourth out of the five

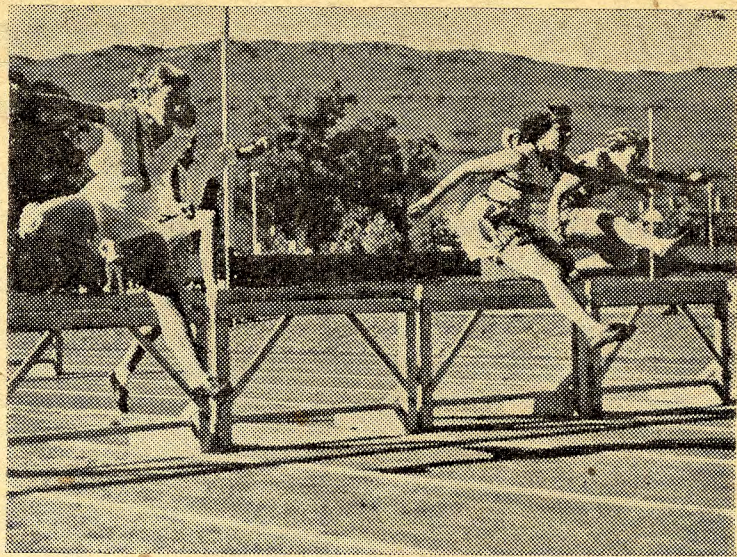
competing universities by beating Stellenbosch. In addition, Walker (goalie) and Lind played for combined universities while Fletcher was reserve.

Since then they have shown improved form, despite several injuries, and developed into a sound combination. After convincingly beating Air Force 6-2 to get into the semi-finals of the Lawrence Charity Cup, they lost 6-3 to Arsenal in very muddy conditions.

In the latter part of the season a second team has made its appearance and has acquitted itself well, going down 4-3 to Fort England and 2-0 to Arsenal clubs' weakened first teams.

Their improvement during the season can easily be gauged when their record after the first three games is studied. Played 3; won 0; drawn 0; goals for 2; goals again 25. Compared with the log for the rest of the season, which is: Played 14; Won 4; lost 1; points for 36; points against 36. The most encouraging thing about this is the great increase in the goals scored by Rhodes.

For the last month of the season the club had the use of one of the rugby fields for some practices. It is hoped that they will be able to arrange this again next year, when they are expecting to get soccer really going at Rhodes.



Rhodes' big hope in the 80 metres Women's Hurdles in the Quadrangular on Saturday is blonde Elizabeth Almon, shown here leading the field in the Queenstown meeting last term. She finished second.

[Photo: Raymond Lee, Queenstown]

WOMEN'S SPORTS DIARY

by BARRI

HOCKEY CRITICISM :: NETBALL REVIEW

AT the beginning of the 1948 season the return of numerous familiar 1947 first team members augured well for the firsts. The result was not perhaps quite what was expected—there appeared to be no serious individual weaknesses, but the team showed a very low standard of play.

The forwards failed to combine and were weak in the circle; the defence was erratic, going to startling extremities of dependability and otherwise. The defence began gradually to work together, but the forward line was slow in responding. Under Miss Thomson's able coaching they showed infinitely better stickwork.

ONLY at the close of the season did the firsts play as a reliable team, and no longer as 11 individuals. Match results have been inconsistent but the team has benefitted enormously from steady coaching. Room for improvement is still seen in defence—each marking her own forward, in passing to her forwards with consideration of their position and ability to pick up the ball, forwards—in flicking and controlled passes to one another, in rushing shots at the goal and in tackling back.

On goal averages the firsts were able to top the log, winning the newly-presented cup. The second XI did well in the first league and it was hinted that they might defeat the firsts. Fortunately the firsts prevented this by a 4-1 win. Surely a catastrophe had the seconds held the cup over the heads of the firsts.

CRITIQUE

Goalie: P. Rowland—inclined to lose sight of her own goal and consequently is found out of position. On the whole plays a steady game.

Right Back: J. Gadson—rather erratic.

Left Back: B. White—has played an excellent game throughout the season.

These two backs deserve special mention for sound play and good combination at the Inter-Provincial Tournament, and in league matches.

Right Half: Y. v.d. Merwe—has controlled her game considerably and is rapidly becoming a useful member of the defence. She must mark her wing and not her inner, however.

Centre Half: V. Lowe—often leaves her centre unmarked in the circle. Her play in the field is outstanding and with more experience she should prove an invaluable member of the team.

Left Half: P. Trinder-Smith—shows some constructive work, especially in combination with her forwards, but if the wing breaks through she invariably fails to catch up.

Right Wing: F. Riley—loses ground by holding up the ball too long, but with opportunity initiates good movements.

Centre Forward: E. Lancefield—is now combining far better with her forwards and is a good goal-scorer.

Left Inner: L. Walker—has played a sound game throughout the season. Experience gained at Tournament has led to improved play in the circle.

Left Wing: M. Lowe—weakness lies in picking up passes but has developed a good cross hit.

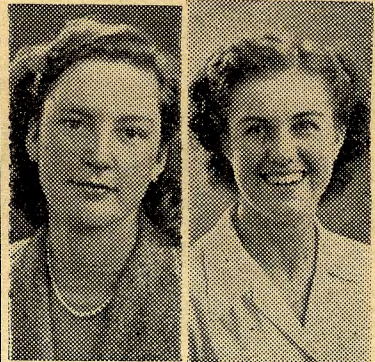
E. Sills and P. Walton have proved useful reserves and adequately filled gaps during the season.

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NETBALL

AS can be seen from results of recent matches, play on the whole has improved this year. The second team especially have held their own, showing good combination between all members.

Their final match of the season against Convent firsts was per-



VERSVELD KERNICK

[Photo: Hepburn and Jeanes]

haps their best game as regards team-play, and although in the lead from the start efforts did not flag.

Of first team members mention may be made of Pennith Kernick who has played consistently well and Cecily Versfeld, who has shown considerable improvement. Our captain, Mona Schwartz, has proved a good one. More and keener practices are, however, essential. Thanks go to Miss Thompson for her co-operation and coaching. It is hoped that next year students who have already benefitted from her Phys. Ed. classes will join the netball club, and that under her able guidance netball will reach a really high standard.

Matches played during last term:—

August II: RUC I v TC I, lost 3-6; RUC 19 v TC III, lost 2-5.

August 25: RUC I v TC I, lost 3-13; RUC I v VGHS I, lost 4-7; RUC I v Convent I, won 4-3; RUC II v TC II, lost 7-8; RUC I v VGHS II, won 6-4; RUC II v Convent II, won 12-2.

September 8: RUC II v Convent I, won 19-3; RUC III v Convent II, won 12-6.

HOCKEY TOURNEY

A depleted Rhodes hockey team—the absentees included Mike de Wet and Mick Pennington—reached the final of the all-day tournament at Port Elizabeth on Sunday, September 26, but went down 2-0 to Uitenhage.

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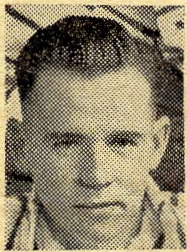
MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM REPEAT LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS

COMING up with a strong finish, the Rhodes Men's Hockey team succeeded in pulling off the E.P. League for the second year in succession.

The team came through a hard season of many setbacks and finished up with distinction. The chief difficulty centred round the fact that only three of last year's victorious team returned so that a completely new team had to be built up. It is not surprising that five of the six points dropped this season were lost during the first half, and most of them in the very early stages.

THE team started most encouragingly by winning the opening all-day tournament very convincingly, but after this they fell off. Unfortunately, most of the strong teams had to be met in the early away games, and the team was not at all convincing in its performances. Improvement came with the return of Impey, but the team was still vastly inexperienced, erratic and uncertain, and this was all too apparent at the Inter-Varsity at Wits. in July.

It was on their return to Rhodes that the metamorphosis came about, and with Campbell



JORDAAN.

Impey back and Chappie Jordaan showing hitherto unimagined form, they gradually swept up the log. Jordaan, incidentally, was awarded the stick for the season's most improved player. Disaster struck when Jeanes Impey and Peter Strachan were both injured, and all the strength dropped out of the forward line. However the team managed to scrape home each week and it was finally the match against the local Occasionals that proved decisive, Rhodes winning 3-1 to annex the league.

The strength of the team lay throughout in the half line of Blackburn, de Wet and Pennington—without a doubt the strongest in the province, and as strong as any Rhodes has had since before the war. Not only were they solid on defence but they backed up every forward movement loyally.

The backs started raggedly and their tactical weakness was very noticeable at Inter-Varsity. However, they learnt their lesson and later in the season showed marked improvement. In goal Eadie put up a grand performance in his first season in that position, being chosen for E.P.

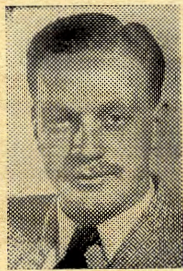
Among the forwards it was a sad tale of constantly varying form and continual adjustment and re-adjustment, with Posner and Winnicott about the only regulars. Jordaan played beautiful hockey after June, while Niblett was capable of spasms of brilliance intermingled with pathetic patches of uncertainty. Roy Joynt was reliable on the wing.

The team provided six players for the E.P. team: Pennington, Eadie, Niblett, Winnicott and Posner, with de Wet captain.

RHODES ARE HOSTS IN ATHLETIC ATTRACTION ON SATURDAY

PROFILE

BIG THINGS are expected on Saturday from 6-ft. 3-in. **ERROL BRILL**, Rhodes' star turn in the Hop, Step and Jump. Educated at Butterworth High School, Errol came to Rhodes in 1943 and left the same year to join the S.A.A.F., returning to Rhodes in 1946. Leg trouble kept him out of sport until this year when he resumed his athletic career by leaping 43-ft. 10-in. in the Hop, Step and Jump—a new E.P. record. On his second outing he leaped 46-ft. 0½-in. to establish a new Border record, and was the third South African to beat 46-ft. This leap, incidentally, would have placed him fifth in the 1947 United States grading.



BRILL.

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On the rugby field this season Errol played one game as a lock for firsts and several for seconds.

Last year, when injuries kept him from the track he turned his attentions to the Dram. Soc., and was Stage Manager when the society reached an all-time high.

Other Interests: Bambi.

SOLUTION TO "BETTER" CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across: 1, Tartar; 4, Hammer; 8, Orchid; 9, Barrel; 11, A Mexican chili; 12, Back; 14, Ming; 17, Eared; 18, Paint; 20, Havens; 21, Pollen; 22, Menace; 23, Astors. Down: 1, Thomas Beecham; 2, Ruche; 3, A limit; 5, A farce; 6, Martini; 7, Rolling stones; 10, Kaif man; 13, Caravan; 15, Adonic; 16, Spoons; 19, Igloo.



A photo of the E.P. log leaders taken on tour. Standing (left to right): Joynt, Blackburn, Strachan, Winnicott, Impey, Eadie, Fieldsend. Kneeling: Kirk-Cohen, Pennington, Niblett, De Wet (capt.), Cowie. Sitting: Posner, Jordaan.

[Photo: Rand Daily Mail]

SATURDAY'S BIG ATTRACTION will be the Annual Quadrangular Athletic Meeting on the Rhodes track where Rhodes are hosts to Combined East London, Achilles and Port Elizabeth Athletic Clubs. Rhodes stand an excellent chance of pulling it off for the third year in succession and many records should go—Provincial, Rhodes and Quadrangular.

HOWARD KIRKBY, if his leg has healed properly, stands a good chance of winning both sprints while Mike Little should be well placed in the 440.

If his ankle is better, Spook Hanley should walk away with the 120 hurdles.

while the 220 hurdles will be a battle between Joynt and Old Rhodian Jock Muller. Jim Clark stands a good chance in the long jump, while both he and Errol Brill should smash the E.P. record in the hop, step and jump. Dan Esterhuysen should win the high jump and in doing so may break his own provincial record.



HANLEY.

[Hepburn & Jeanes]

Ronnie Vincent and Ben Dry should both be well placed in the pole vault, while the discus should go either to Clarke or Joynt. Chops Cason and Spook Hanley will battle in the shot putt.

Daley will have to run very well indeed to beat Crossman and Thompson, both of whom are doing close under the ten minute mark. Michell will have his hands extremely full in the two miles where he comes up against Miskin, Gee and Kendrick, all of whom can break 10 minutes. Billy Collet should be well placed in the one mile walk, which has just been introduced to the programme.

Nancy Purdon and Elizabeth Almon will have an uphill battle in the sprints, but the latter should have it all her own way in the 80 metre hurdles. Mary Smyth and Val Lowe should both do well in the high jump.

(Continued in next column.)

RUC LOSE SQUASH INTER-VARSITY

UCT narrowly beat Rhodes by 13 games to ten in an Inter-Varsity Squash Tournament at Grahamstown during the vac., each side winning three matches.

No. 1 player, Mick Pennington, beat the UCT champion, Mitchell, in a hard game 3-1, but Rhodes champion, Colin Silcock, disappointed somewhat in going down 0-3 to Brown. Dovey lost 1-3 to his opponent. Brian Rooke started well against English but, however, faded out towards the end, his opponent getting about the court much faster. The heat was terrific and tended to slow down the games, the players noticeably feeling the effects. Impey in one of the most enjoyable games of the afternoon, came off the victor by three games to one. The hardest game of a very enjoyable afternoon's squash was that between Heather and Tasker, the match going the full five games with the Rhodian coming off winner.

The visitors were given an opportunity to become acclimatised the day before when the two teams had an afternoon's informal squash.

Second Hockey Team Avoid Relegation

THE second team started off the season very badly, and during the first half lost all their matches but two. On their return, however, they also underwent a metamorphosis and managed to climb out of the cellar, finishing the season on a high note. Chief stalwarts were halves Bruce Fieldsend and Errol Tatham, and forwards Awre and Youngleson.

Norton Again Captain

With the resignation of Anton Murray, Eric Norton has once more come forward to skipper the Cricket Club. His eye injury, sustained in the last rugby practice last term, is reported to be progressing favourably.

The Rhodes domestic championships, which were to have been held last term, will take place next week, either on Wednesday afternoon or on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons after 5 p.m.

RUGBY SEASON ENDS ON HIGH NOTE

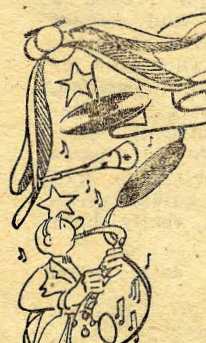
RHODES have just concluded what has probably been the most successful rugby season on record. We came within an ace of having all four senior teams in the semi-finals—a remarkable achievement when we remember that Rhodes has not had prior to this any single champion of its league for ten years.

A large degree of this success must be attributed to the solidifying effect of the many ex-service players, whose dominance may be assessed from the fact that of the Copperbelt Touring Team only four were not servicemen.

THROUGHOUT the season great stress was laid on fitness and warming-up before practices, which bore excellent fruit in the relatively low number of crocks and the high standard of rugby. Of their league fixtures the First XV won five, drew two, and lost three, while in friendlies, including the highly successful tour, they won five and lost four. The second team, unbeaten in the Midlands, was probably the best Rhodes has ever had—finishing up with 266 points for and 46 against. Both the Thirds and Fourths did well to top their logs in the Midlands and failed narrowly at Port Elizabeth against Crusaders.

It was indeed unfortunate that the end of an otherwise golden season should have been marred by certain unforeseen hitches and that neither the Second or Third XV managed to survive the semi-final.

Credit must go to the Rugby Club Committee and especially the captain, Neil MacDonald, for the way in which they have led and managed the Club.



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