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## Rag Chairman's Message

### MAKE RAG THEME A REALITY

THE Rag Chairman, Mr. Errol Campbell was asked by RHODEO to issue a message to the student body on the eve of Rag. He urges that an all-out effort be made to make the theme of Rag 1966 a reality — a record. His message is set out in full below.

"Rhodes Record Rag" — An ambiguous, and if taken in that sense of the word, ambitious theme. For the past three years the organisers, students and public have done well to better the figure taken by preceding Rags and have in so doing set a precedent — "top last year's takings". This means that the committee has not only to increase the amount of money made by every established method, but must devise new means of raising money which means that more demands are made on students and public every year.

#### INNOVATIONS

In this respect Rag 1966 is no exception: innovations have been introduced, more demands have been made on the student body and the public, and whether or not Rag 1966 is a record Rag as far as finance is concerned now depends on their response.

In attempting to make this a record Rag, the fact that Rag is the social highlight of the students' year has not been overlooked. In fact if the interest and enthusiasm which has already been displayed is anything to go by, a record Rag in this sense is already well on the way.

#### ENTHUSIASM

This enthusiastic and co-operative spirit among the students has continued through all preparations up to this time, and I trust will be evident through the functions to follow. As with the Rag Queen election, plans have been made and money has been spent to make all student Rag functions more spectacular and enjoyable.

#### DESTRUCTIVE

In the past it has been a feature of Rag that some people displaying a perverted sense of humour have introduced a destructive element into the festivities. All that has been achieved by this behaviour has been negative, has spoiled the atmosphere, left a bitter taste in the mouths of the powers that be, and laid waste the efforts of fellow students who have done much to make the occasion enjoyable.

Apart from the odd incident this element has so far been absent, and if I am allowed one plea in connection with Rag, let it be that Rag 1966 be truly, **Rhodes Record Rag**, — may this Rag be continued and ended in the same spirit in which it was begun.

### Cars banned

Float-builders will work all of Friday night to get their floats ready in time for the procession.

Students have been asked to remove their cars from the campus for the night. The SRC and Rag Committee have threatened to take disciplinary action against offenders of this rule.

Artillery Road will be closed off from the Maths block to Rhodes Avenue and also the section between Pringle and Milner. University Road will also be closed off.

The late workers will be able to get refreshments from the E.C. U.'s All-Night Kitchen in Old Kaif.



This picture seems to sum up the overriding purpose of Rag, and also make it all seem worth it. These smiling children belong to the Woodville orphanage, one of the organisations which benefit from the proceeds of Rhodes Rag. They are seen with the Rag Chairman, Errol Campbell (left), Rag Queen Jane Parker, and the Sister in Charge (right).

## SYNOPSIS

- 6.00 : Early morning collections.
- 9.15 : Float procession starts from campus.
- 12.30 : Campus Carnival begins.
- 1.30 : Tombola.
- 2.00 : Soccer Exhibition Match: Port Elizabeth City vs. Rhodes First XI.
- 3.30 : Drum Majorettes' display, Rag Queen and Princesses arrive.
- 4.00 : Rugby Intervarsity: Natal vs. Rhodes.
- 5.00 : Opening of Chinese Restaurant and Beer Garden.
- 8.00 : Rag Ball.

## Those Rhodents sold anyway

CAMPUS reaction to Rhodent has been adamantly anti. Comments range from "Lousy", "About time Rhodent scraped the mildew off the cheese", "Are you a man or the Rhodent editor?" to plain "It's alright I suppose."

However, sales organisers in various centres reported that residents clamoured to buy Rhodent. The Idler, columnist of the Durban "Natal Mercury", gave Rhodent a favourable review in his column. "It is well worth whatever you are made to pay for it", he said.

#### KIDNAP

In East London the sales organisers kidnapped the mayor's son, Danie de Lange, and held him to a ransom of 6,000 Rhodents — which had to be sold in the area. Six thousand, five hundred Rhodents were sold, 2,000 more than last year. But someone must have been worried.

Sales have risen by 1,000 in Grahamstown and 900 in Port

Elizabeth. In Port Elizabeth 6,000 Rhodents were sold. Statistics from the other centres are still approximate, but of the 35,000 printed, about 28,000 have been sold.

#### A MORAL

This favourable reception of Rhodent by the public may mean a moral for the campus — Don't judge a Rhodent by its cover — or its paper, content, printing or editor for that matter.

Rhodents have not yet been sold in Rhodesia, but these are hoped to swell the figures to make this a record year for Rhodent sales.

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# RHODEO



## FLING FOR CHARITY

Out of the flint of Rag is struck charity. This is a time when that characteristic of bold abandon, seemingly peculiar to students, can be put to good use. It is a chance to let the hair down, but not all the way, and only for charity. We do not cavort colourfully in the streets on Rag Day because we believe in the odd free-expression festival, but because it is a means towards losing the purse-strings of the public. Rag is two things: a good time, and a lot of effort.

The Rag Committee can attest to that. Although it is customary, and necessary, that Rag is improved from one year to the next this year sees a leap forward towards a more successful charity drive. Innovation is the key word. In a field that is restricted by Rhodes' geographical position and the size of Grahamstown it is difficult to compete with the gross totals realised in centres such as Cape Town. For Rhodes Rag Committees it takes that little more imagination to squeeze the maximum revenue out of a sleepy country-side. Fortunately the Committee this year fits the bill, with a bit extra.

A notable achievement underlying its normal work has been its success in infusing the campus with the spirit of Rag. Their liberal use of posters has kept students informed of the maze of Rag events and, in contrast to last year, the local press has seen it fit to push Rhodes Rag. The catchy theme and the enthusiasm of the organisers must have fired its imagination. Refinements such as good publicity are the key to success and the Committee seems to have done a little extra with that key.

On Saturday it is over to the students to do the best they can to raise funds — everything that can possibly be done to help them will have been done. The appearance of the floats must not suggest the atmosphere in which they were built, the drum major-ettes must smile and every conceivable method of solicitation must be applied to onlookers to cajole out the last cent. The town gets a carnival and the student's right is recompense. But effort is required and the charities that depend on Rhodes Rag for support expect that effort will be made. It needs to be made, otherwise Rag is pointless, and tasteless.

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## Reader's Views Thele's Column embarrasses

Sir — A sense of humour is a highly individualized aspect of one's personality, and although one would not claim universality for one's own particular taste, I do believe that many people are becoming tired of the brand of wit which we regularly find in the column, "Watching All The World Go By".

Some doubtless find it funny: others are so bored by the mock-satirical, pie-throwing, sledge-hammered wit that they don't bother to read it. At times the narrative becomes so awkward and highly contrived that it ceases to amuse: it embarrasses.

### CECIL JOHN

I remember rather nostalgically the regime of Cecil John, whom, even if he was despised by some, was at least noticed and read. Even Joan of Arc, in spite of her meteorically brief appearance, had a far more controversial and thought-provoking moment of glory than Theles seems to be having.

## It can be ethical

"Racial intermarriage is ethical if either both or one of the partners agree to the ideological inadequacy of their former way of life and willingly reject it", said Mr. Dave Novitz in a talk to the Dissenters' Society last term. The talk was entitled "The Ethics of Racial Intermarriage."

He said he felt sure that every man could agree subjectively that a relationship of love between a couple of different religions or races based on trust, understanding and an intense compatibility, was something morally good. If received objectively, one would probably condemn it.

### REJECT

"However, they must not marry in spite of their different backgrounds: they must marry having rejected their respective backgrounds. They must not marry in the hope of "sorting it out later" for that is to marry selfishly", he said.

Either one or both of the partners had to reject their former way of life, otherwise strife, disillusionment, a broken marriage and fearfully mixed up children are and can be the only result.

If I may be permitted a diagnosis: Theles' rather tedious fantasies about Sheerluck du Preez, Myrtle Kowznotski, etc., do not really comment at all on any event taking place on the Rhodes campus. One can understand the columnist's reluctance to stick his neck out, but surely this is what a columnist should do if he wishes to stimulate and interest his readers.

### PLUNGE

I suggest two possible solutions: either Theles should take the plunge and become acid and satirical about specific people and events on the Campus, or else the Editor should invite contribution for a guest column which would provide some variation on the present monopoly of Theles-style writing. There must surely be some women on the campus who are dying to get years of poison out of their systems? — RED DEVIL.

Theles' took the plunge this week, but his column was unfortunately cashiered out — Ed.

## Printing costs

RHODEO is working out to be an expensive student publication. Printing costs have risen sharply this year mainly due to the high cost of producing pictures. Blocks for pictures are charged extra above the price quoted for the printing of one edition. Last term eight-page issues were costing in the region of R180 a week. Accordingly RHODEO Editorial has found it necessary to cut down the number of pages this term to six per edition.

### RHODES

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# YOU DECIDE: FUNNY OR STUPID?

By Bill Edgeson

TO BE QUITE honest I cannot decide whether "Help!" is the funniest movie I have ever seen or the worst. It is that kind of motion picture.

The theme: well you see luv, Ringo Starr has this ring on his right hand, and if they do not get it off, there will be no sacrifice to the goddess Kaili.

So every time that Starr puts his finger into a sandwich machine or makes a telephone call, or just tries to sleep, the High Priest Clang (Leo McKern) is on the spot, bedevilled by his beautiful priestess Ahme (Eleanor Bron) who thinks, unlike most parents that the formidable foursome are worth preserving for posterity.

### LUNACY

It is all lunacy from start to finish, with snide asides at everything from James Bond to the Beatles themselves.

## CRITICISM

# Neither Amusing Nor Stimulating

Inky Debate, once accepted as first term activities, was this year one of the most entertaining of neither amusing nor stimulating.

The audience, weak in number and wit, was ably assisted by the proposing speakers in turning the evening into a fiasco unalleviated even by the riotous byplay of previous years.

The motion: "In the human race, woman is far out in front", was none too subtly proposed by the first Inky speaker, Phillipa Morton. Her supporting speaker, Gerrit Fourie's, speech, was (mercifully) completely drowned by the audience.

The comments of the opposing speakers, Jill Campbell and Graham Brayshaw, were slightly more succinctly and audibly put; though the senseless roar of the audience hindered audibility.

### RECONSIDER

Notwithstanding the poor timing of the debate, and the perhaps dampening effect of last year's disciplinary action, the time has come to reconsider Inky Debate's fulfilment of any func-

Director Richard Lester's pace is more frantic than that of "A Hard Day's Night" and the dialogue is about as half as amusing. Or so fast that you would have to see the film three times to get the hang of it.

The colour photography is marvellous (David Watkin), lavishing as it does entire snow scenes filmed in white costumes with just a touch of red or green; some of the cracks are really funny and probably the best episode is when Ringo is trapped with a tiger.

### MUSIC

The music, to say the least, is disappointing. What has happened to the songs such as "Yesterday", "Act Naturally", "Dizzy Miss Lizzy" and several others? The Beethoven Ninth is fine, but merely part of the many jokes.

I have been thinking hard but am still not sure whether "Help!" is side-splitting or one of the most stupid films ever screened.

— THE STAR.

tion whatsoever in campus activity.

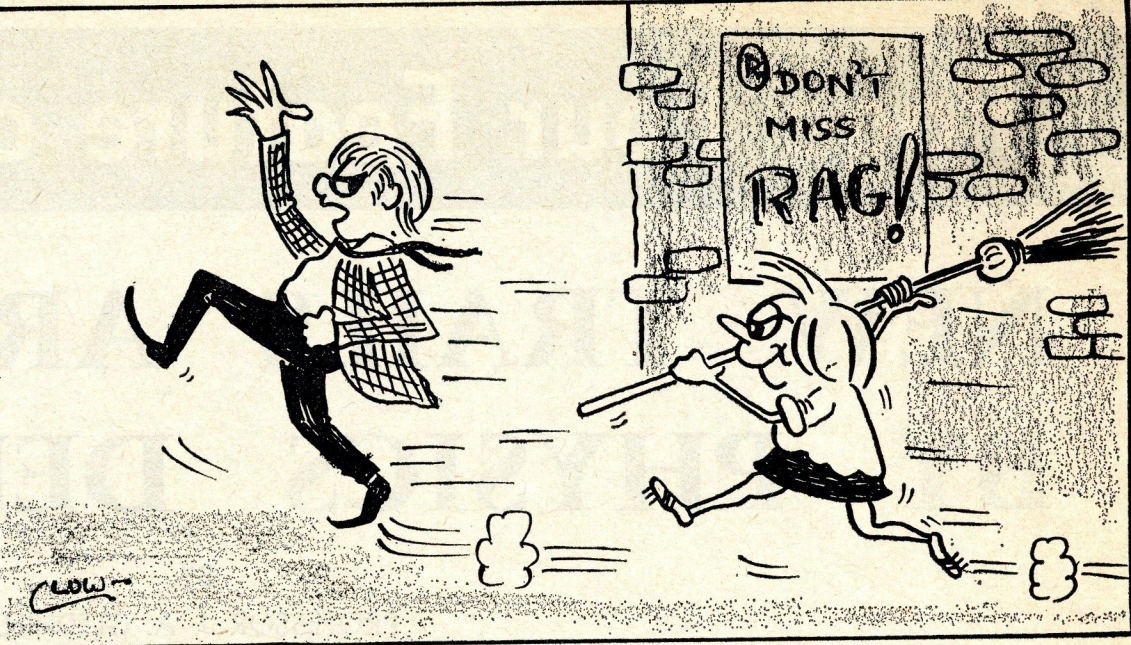
Tradition alone is not reason enough for the continuance of any activity, especially with a social and academic calendar as full as it is at Rhodes.

## NUSAS at Pretoria

The University of Pretoria Branch of the multi-racial student organisation, Nusas, is struggling for its existence. It has hardly gained any members since it was established last September.

A student leader of NUSAS said, "The parents of some students have forbidden them to belong to the organisation.

There are quite a few more students — especially Afrikaans-speaking ones — who would like to join us, but some of them have been threatened by their parents. They have been told that they would be placed in the extramural department of the university and sent to work if they joined.



"But I don't wanna go with you — I've already been invited".

## Graduation Ceremony

# 300 DEGREES CONFERRED

OVER 300 DEGREES were conferred on graduands at the colourful graduation ceremony at Rhodes on Saturday, April 2. The degrees were conferred by Dr. W. J. Busschau, who was installed as Chancellor of the University the previous day.

The ceremony opened with a procession of staff members in full academic dress to the stage of the Great Hall, as the Chamber Choir sang "Gaudeamus Igitur."

The graduation address was given by the Most Rev. Robert Selby Taylor, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town. He also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, as did Dr. A. J. van der Merwe, former Moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Cape.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were conferred on Mr. W. J. B. Slater and Dr. A. W. Burton. Mr. Slater is a former Cape Provincial Secretary. Dr. Burton, from King William's Town, is a well-known historian and scientist.

### POSTHUMOUSLY

For the first time, two degrees were awarded posthumously — to Mr. Tim Lycett and Mr. Keith Aereboe.

Both were killed in road accidents at the end of last year. Mr. Lycett had completed his B.Sc. degree and Mr. Aereboe his B. Com. degree.

Mr. Ronnie Goldblatt, Mr. Mike Stone and Mr. Derek Jacobs, the three Rhodes scholars from Rhodes, were capped at the ceremony, and all received prolonged applause.

Miss Jean Smith, daughter of the Rhodesian Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith, was awarded a B.A. degree. Her mother was present at the ceremony.

At present Miss Smith is working as a civil servant in the Commerce and Industry Department in Salisbury.

### SIX NON-WHITES

Six non-white students had degrees conferred on them. Four were awarded B.Sc. degrees in absentia. Present to receive their degrees were Mr. Chirajlal Ram-

jee who received a B.Sc. (Pharmacy) degree, and Mr. Victor Khumalo, who received a B.A. degree.

## Installation

A member of a University should not be a partisan to one policy or one form of organisation as against another. This was said by Dr. W. J. Busschau at his installation as Rhodes Chancellor on Friday, April 1.

Dr. Busschau, who is a well-known South African economist said economics had undergone considerable changes in the last 50 years. The task of a member of a University was to analyse the different policies or systems proposed.

He paid tribute to Prof. Hobart Houghton, Professor of Economics and Economic History at Rhodes, for his objective approach and his valuable and wholesome influence on economic thought in South Africa.

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# Page Four Feature of the Week

## NEW TRAILS ARE BLAZED BY PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

BY

PROFESSOR J. A. GLEDHILL

**T**HE past 18 months have been some of the most exciting in the history of the Physics Department. Both the research groups, one on Antarctic and Space Research and the other on Radio-astronomy, have made important advances in their fields, which are likely to attract world wide attention when they are published in international scientific journals in the near future.

There has been a Rhodian with each South African Antarctic expedition since 1962, when Duncan Baker opened the innings. He was followed by Doug. Torr in 1963, "Zac" Ezekowitz in 1964 and Derek Sharwood last year. This year Dave Homann is keeping the Rhodes flag flying among the blizzards.

### ELECTRONS

Some very important results have come out of this work, because it turns out that SANAE is the one place in the world where electrons from the van Allen radiation belts might be expected to penetrate into the upper atmosphere in sufficient numbers to cause unusual effects there. Last year Doug Torr was able to prove that this is indeed so, by comparing the Rhodes figures with observations of the electrons in the radiation belt taken by the Canadian satellite "Alouette".

Since then Marsha Harding (now Mrs. Torr) has proved that there are similar effects at other places too, but we would never have been able to prove this if we had not known what to look for by having worked at SANAE. As a result, we believe that we have solved one of the great mysteries of ionosphere physics, namely, the reason for the sudden wild variations in the ionosphere which have puzzled scientists for 30 years and more. It is the entry into the ionosphere of these electrons from outside which is responsible.

### EQUIPMENT

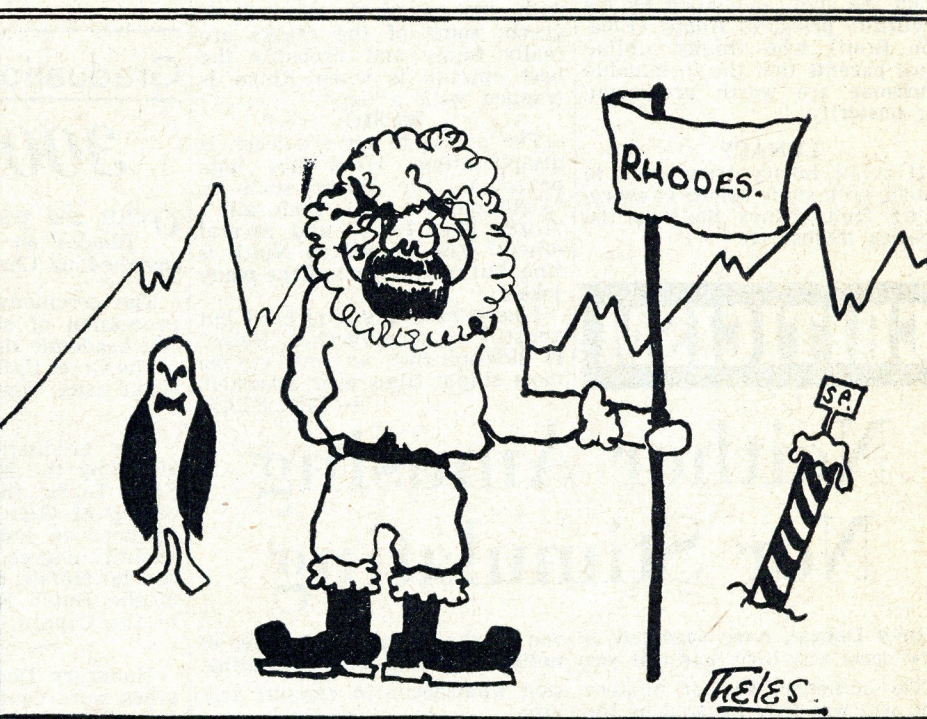
Down there at SANAE, the expedition base, they live in a large hut, with the other 14 members of the expedition. Outside is a mass of wires strung up on

masts and poles, many of which form part of the Rhodes apparatus. An automatic device, called an "ionosonde", determines the conditions in the upper parts of the atmosphere, the ionosphere every quarter of an hour by radar and records the results on film. The Rhodian has to keep this equipment running at all costs, develop the films and then send the results by telex to us. Here they are edited into bulletins by Louis Abrahamson and circulated to over 40 interested centres throughout the world, from Moscow to Buenos Aires and Tokyo to Washington. There is also an experiment on the transmission of radio waves directly from SANAE to Rhodes. The receiving aerial is over the Men's Hockey field and the recording apparatus is in the little hut just next to Atherstone.

### EFFECTS

Only last week Derek Sharwood has had a great success in finding effects at SANAE coinciding with observations of clouds of electrons, shot out from the sun, by the Mariner II probe to Venus in 1962 and the Mariner IV probe to Mars last June. We seem to be tying up very nicely this problem of the entry of electrons into the earth's atmosphere from outer space.

The radio-astronomy group works on the mysterious bursts of radio waves which are found to come from the planet Jupiter. We have a hut at Stone's Hill, crammed with apparatus, and we also have as guests there a group from the University of Paris, who are studying the passage of radio masses from Paris to Grahamstown through the van Allen



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radiation belts. Sometimes the Frenchmen come to visit us, but usually our students, particularly Patrick Terry, run it for them.

### JUPITER

The Jupiter research is done by Dr. Baart, who is at present in America, where he spent two semesters at the Florida State University lecturing and doing Jupiter research with Professor C. H. Barrow, on whose behalf we also operate a receiving set at Stone's Hill. George Gruber has been a Jupiter researcher since 1961 and has made a notable advance recently. It had been found previously that the radio waves seem to come from three distinct places on Jupiter. Then an Australian showed that it also seemed to depend on the

position of one of Jupiter's moons, Io. Georg Gruber has been able to show that there are three distinct kinds of source on Jupiter. One of them seems to emit on two harmonically-related frequencies, 18 and 36 Megacycles per second, and to be related to the position of Io. Another emits mainly between 20 and 30 Megacycles per second and does not depend on the position of Io. The third emits all over the band and is not related to Io.

Peter Harvey is building an interferometer for the Jupiter work, which will allow new and more accurate measurements to be made of the characteristics of the radio waves. Prof. Gledhill is going to Goddard Space Flight Center, U.S.A., at the end of June, for a year's leave, during which he will study the causes of the Jupiter outbursts.



## Woodbourne operative

Twelve students made a move for the better at the end of last term, when they moved into the new men's residence, Woodbourne.

Eight of the students are seniors, of which the majority are honours students. The other four students are blots. Two of them share a room as there are only ten rooms. The rooms are very large and comfortable, say the students.

Dr. J. Walker is the warden, but is resident at Oakdene.

Colin Anderson is the sub-warden of Woodbourne. The students have their meals at Drostdy Hall as Woodbourne is part of the Drostdy complex.

"The facilities are excellent and the ratio of students to bathrooms is three to one," said one student.

After spending their former years in Atherstone, the students feel that their moving into the "luxury hotel" is only their just reward.

## Bi-annual Conferences

At a meeting of the Rhodes SRC and the Students co-ordinating council of the Federal Theological Seminary at Alice last term, it was decided that bi-annual conferences between the two councils should be held. A motion to this effect was passed unanimously.

Part of the purpose of the meeting was for the SCC to find out how the Rhodes SRC is run in case this would help them with their work at the Seminary.

A motion that annual debates be held between the Seminary and Rhodes was also passed unanimously.

Discussion took place in the possibility of arranging inter-sports activities between the two centres. Mr. Tim Woods, the representative of the SRC on the Sports Union was appointed to investigate the possibilities in this regard but no final decision was taken.

In a statement to Rhodexo, Mr. Tim Woods said any participation in such sporting fixtures would be entirely up to the individuals and teams concerned.

## TUKS RAG SUCCESS IN JEOPARDY

SOME Pretoria people are refusing to give money to the University of Pretoria's Rag next month because of riotous student behaviour at political meetings during the general election.

On many occasions last week, students who had been sent on a door-to-door fund-raising effort were snubbed.

One first-year student said: "I visited more than 40 flats in two days and received donations at only five.

"At the other 35 I was politely and often not politely at all, told that I was wasting my time. Some of the people explained at length about how they felt about the university and at several flats I was literally kicked out.

### PLEAS

"My pleas that only a few hundred of the more than 10,000 students at the university had been guilty of bad behaviour at the United and Progressive Party meetings fell on deaf ears."

The Rag Committee is concerned about the probability that funds will be substantially reduced this year because of the attitude of the normally generous people of Pretoria. Student col-

## Chinese Foods

Lovers of Chinese foods should enjoy Rag this year.

The Chinese Students Society will open its Chinese restaurant on the Great Field at 5 p.m. on Rag Day.

The new Chinese Restaurant in Bathurst Street has offered to donate their entire Saturday's profits to Rag.

lectors have been told to emphasise that the money raised is for charity — representative of both English and Afrikaans organisations — and not for the university.

Flat and house dwellers who had refused to donate to Rag said in interviews that they had been disgusted by student behaviour at the meetings. Many were upset at the failure of the Rector, Professor C. H. Rautenbach, to take action against the offenders.

### GATING

One woman said: "At Rhodes, where I studied, such behaviour would have been punished with instant gating.

Some said the student behaviour would not affect their attitude to Rag but others were adamant that they would not support Rag in any way to show their disapproval of the students' behaviour at political meetings.

# SRC PUSHES FOR LIQUOR AT HALL BALLS

THERE has been little or no misconduct at SRC Balls during the last 18 months as a result of liquor being served. This was pointed out at an SRC meeting at the end of last term, during debate on a motion requesting the Senate to approve the extension of the liquor licence to Hall Balls.

The motion, which was proposed by Miss Janet Hollingshead and seconded by Mr. Mike Williams, was passed unanimously. The matter is to be referred to the Senate meeting of June 9.

A motion congratulating Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Inky Reception Committee, on the leadership and strength displayed in promoting the aims of the new system of integration was passed.

### RHODEO

The meeting also raised the question of the Rhodexo budget which provoked considerable debate. In the provisional budget Rhodexo was granted R1,219.

Mr. Sprack and Mr. Prozesky proposed that this be increased to R1,319. The motion was opposed by several members of the SRC.

Reasons advanced for the increase were that Rhodexo served as the only channel of communication between the majority of students and student affairs in general. It was felt that R1,319 was the minimum amount on which Rhodexo could function efficiently.

### TOO LOW

It was also stressed that the number of students subscribing to Rhodexo was too low and that

## Fort Hare Jubilee

The University College of Fort Hare is celebrating its golden jubilee this week.

The celebrations will end on Saturday with the annual Graduation Ceremony when a record number of graduates will be capped.

The graduation address will be delivered by Dr. S. Meiring Naude of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

advertising revenue could also be increased. The cost of printing 20 issues of Rhodexo is approximately R3,000.

Arguments against the increase were mainly criticisms of editorial policy in publishing "non-student" items. This argument was attacked as being a display of "kraal mentality". The motion was carried by 8 votes to 3.



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# WINNING START TO RUGBY SEASON



Rhodes forwards struggle for possession in a line-out in their match against the Military Academy. Rhodes won 8-5. Tim Muirhead jumps for the ball as Ernie Rothman, Spud Williams, John Finnemore (No.6), Pete Jooste, Lin Schroeder, (backs to camera), and Dave Lewis (No. 9) look on.

## EXHIBITION RAG SOCCER

Rag Day this year provides the Soccer Club with its greatest challenge and most worthwhile experience in the history of Rhodes soccer.

Thanks to the efforts of the Soccer Club Committee and the generosity of Mr. Jimmy Crossan, Port Elizabeth City will be fielding their full N.F.L. team for a 60 minute Exhibition match against the Rhodes 1st XI next Saturday afternoon on the Great Field. The match will begin at approximately 2.30 p.m. and will act as a curtain raiser to the Interschool rugby match between Rhodes and Natal.

### ARTISTRY

A question that many people have been asking recently is: How good are P.E. City? This is not the place for an inquest into City's nasty experience with a very good Highlands Park side. But it is sufficient to say that, freed from the exacting demands of big League soccer, the all British P.E. team will turn on a branch of football method and artistry that Grahamstown has never seen before.

What about Rhodes' chances? The Soccer Club Committee have emphasised that this will be an exhibition match, not a grudge contest or a game whereby the visitors might endeavour to score as many goals as possible in an hour's football.

## 126 Finish Walk

At 5 a.m. on the last Sunday of last term 165 men students set off from the Drostdy Arch at the start of the 50 Mile Walk. Of these 145 reached the half-way mark led by Russel Shone in a time of 3½ hours.

Russel Shone was also the first man home at 1.08 p.m. with a time of 8 hours 8 minutes: this was 28 minutes outside Pete Gradwell's record established in 1963.

Second home was John Thing, who finished 5th last year, in 10 hours 50 minutes. The last two men, T. Cloete and M. J. Muirhead, both of Smuts, limped in at 12.30 p.m. Altogether 91 qualified for ties.

60 women students began walking the 25 miles from Bathurst at 8.10 a.m. and the first to reach home was Jill Abel in 5 hours 33 minutes. Last year Annemarie Dekker set the woman's record at 5 hrs. 17 min.

Thirty-five of the women finished the walk, the last arriving back at 5.35 p.m.

Two first year men, Robert Thorpe and Geoffrey Allen, walked the whole way in pyjamas. They returned before 7 p.m. as if they had just got out of bed.

An ambulance, driven by John Pegge, from the St. John Brigade, patrolled the road for a while before setting up a depot at the bottom of Blaaukrantz Pass, to help walkers in difficulty.

One student was taken to the San. with sunstroke after walking 35 miles. He was the only casualty.

## Novelty Rifle Shoot

On the last Saturday of last term, the Rhodes Rifle Club assisted the Grahamstown Club in a novelty shoot held at the Rhodes range. This proved quite successful, although not as many as expected took part.

Last term, two members of the Rifle Club, Margy Griffin and Trevor Thompson, represented Rhodes at the National Bisley held in Bloemfontein, and both

met with a fair amount of success. Thompson also represented Eastern Province in the inter-provincial, in which E.P. came fourth.

An ex-Rhodian, Mrs. Gail Victor, was chosen for the Springbok team which will take part in the World Shooting Championships in Wiesbaden. Her husband, Mr. Len Victor, also an ex-Rhodian, was chosen as a reserve for the men's team.

## But Strengthening Needed

Rhodes 1st XV made an encouraging start to the 1966 rugby season when they held Albany to a draw on Saturday April 2, and defeated the touring Military Academy side on the following Monday. Despite several obvious weaknesses among the backs, the Rhodes teams played with great spirit and determination on both occasions.

In their traditional Graduation Day match against Albany at City Lords, Rhodes started badly, and were three points down after two minutes when Blomfield, the Albany eighth man, dived over for a try. The kick failed. Rhodes then missed a succession of goal-able penalties, but Du Preez succeeded with a penalty attempt for Albany (0-6).

standing. Their tackling was a revelation to those spectators who remembered the feeble efforts of the Rhodes loose men last year. They were also always well up in support of their backs, and Rothman and McConnachie both scored excellent tries between the posts.

### DOMINATED

Rhodes reduced the deficit when Lewis broke from a scrum and passed to Crossen. Crossen was tackled short of the line, but the ball bounced well for du Plessis, and he raced over in the corner (3-6). This was the half-time score, and was a fair reflection of the game at this stage. Albany were gaining a monopoly of the ball from both the scrums and the lineouts, but the Rhodes centres and loose forwards were tackling effectively, and the Albany backline never really got moving.

Academy were the first to score when their centre, Lamprecht, broke, and passed inside to Opperman who dotted down near the posts. Bossenger converted (0-5). The visitors were on top for most of the remainder of the first half but at half time there was no further score. In the second half the Rhodes forwards dominated proceedings and after five minutes Rothman scored. Finnemore's kick was charged down (3-5).

### DANGEROUS

The second half was a scrappy affair, with both fly halves plugging the touchline. The Rhodes backline looked dangerous on occasions, but many promising movements broke down because of faulty handling and passing. The scores were levelled when Crossen dribbled down the field and dived over in the corner — (6-6).

Shortly afterwards Lewis dispossessed the Academy scrum-half, drew the defence and passed to McConnachie who dived over between the posts. Finnemore converted (8-5). Academy came back strongly, but the Rhodes defence, despite looking jittery on several occasions, managed to hold out until the final whistle.

### CAPTAIN

It is obvious that Rhodes need to strengthen their backline before the arduous league season begins this term, but they can take comfort in the performance of their forwards, and also of their captain and E.P. scrum-half, Dave Lewis, who appears to be playing better than ever this year.

The Military Academy match was, by comparison, a far brighter affair. The Academy players were fast and fit, but the Rhodes forwards were well on top for the whole game.

In particular, the loose forward trio of McConnachie, Williams and Rothman was out-

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