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## 153 PETITION SENATE

**RHODES INKETTES** are currently protesting against the latest Senate ruling which allows them only two social nights out a week, instead of three.

A petition signed by 153 Inkettes was handed to the Registrar after a meeting in the G.L.T. last week

The Senate recently announced the ruling which allows inkettes to as many society functions as they like, but reduces their social nights to two.

On Thursday, Miss Janet Hollingshead, Internal vice-President of the SRC, and a well-known campus feminist, called a meeting of all Inkettes in the G.L.T. A petition was formulated and signed.

An S.R.C. motion, which was passed unanimously last week, labelled the Senate move as "highly unsatisfactory." It called the Senate to allow first-year women students three social nights a week as well as any number of committee nights.

In a letter to the Registrar, Miss Hollingshead said "It is felt that this move is an unnecessary restriction on the right of the student to plan his/her academic and social life.

"If the University wishes to maintain a high academic record and reputation, more stringent measures for the selection of applicants should be employed."

Miss Hollingshead ended, "I trust this matter will not be shelved, as the students are becoming distressed at the inroads on their integrity to live and act as adults."

Miss Rosemary Wright, Miss Rugby Inkette 1966, said the ruling was "absolutely ridiculous." Three nights out were little enough.

Miss Lorraine Emphy, Leader of the Drum Majorettes, said "the Senate's ruling makes us want to bunk. We should have three social nights a week as well as our society nights."

Miss Sue Eales, said: "It is a bit unfair to cut off one night for people who don't go to society

meetings. We have not been told the reasons for the action."

In reply, Miss J. Chisholm, Warden of Oriel House, said two social nights were adequate, as Inkettes could attend as many committee nights as they wished. "Students are here for an academic purpose."

Mrs. H. L. Nixon, Warden of Atherstone House said: "It is a pity that students only think in terms of nights out. But the Inkettes have every right to protest and make their wishes known."

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### SRC Accepts Suggestion

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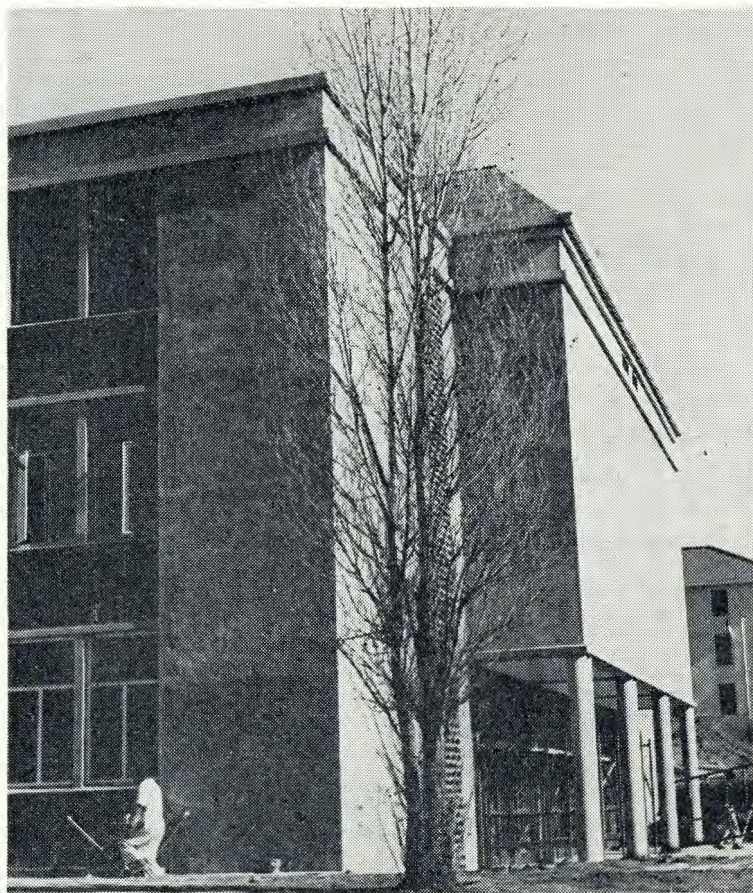
Last week the SRC accepted the suggestion of the 1966 Rag Chairman, Mr. Errol Campbell, that the outgoing Rag Committee recommend the next year's members to the SRC.

Applications from the student body will still be considered.

The Rag Chairman will be appointed in June in future, which will allow him to attend the national Rag Chairman's Conference during the winter vacation.

### Gane Banned

The Rhodes SRC last week passed a motion condemning the banning without trial of Miss Gillian Gane a former Rhodes student. Miss Gane was recently charged in a Grahamstown court with illegal exit following her defection to Swaziland in 1964. She is now restricted to Johannesburg.



As finishing touches are being put to the new theatre in Prince Alfred Street it is already in use with daily rehearsals on stage and lectures in the speech and drama section. The picture shows a view of the front.

### Four Pages

RHODEO has been reduced to a four-page edition this week in an effort to stave off financial embarrassment for as long as possible. Sole sources of revenue are advertising, subscriptions and the annual SRC grant. On June 30 revenue from advertising and subscriptions totalled R516, printing costs totalled R1546 and the SRC grant was R1300. This situation can be attributed to the highest-ever printing costs this year and our chronic inability to raise advertising. The SRC President, Publications Councillor, and Treasurer met the RHODEO Editor and Advertising Manager this week to discuss the situation.

## A Check-Mated Cupid?

SEEMS AS IF Cupid can put his bow and arrows away—dating in a "scientific manner" has come to Rhodes and the head will be telling the heart how to feel.

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The scheme, called Check-Mate, is the brainchild of two Johannes-

burg students, Frank Garrun and Mervyn Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg said he felt that in this modern age it was "pointless spending hours searching for a suitable companion, and then discovering, many hours later, that there were no intellectual or emotional affinities." Why not use a computer for all this "drudgery"? he asked. So computers were called in to take the folly out of falling in love.

The partners hired a psychologist to draw up a questionnaire which includes questions dealing with everything from physical appearance to emotional charac-

teristics. All a person's vital statistics and those of his ideal date are fed into a computer which comes up with the names of compatible pairs. Participants fill in a "community code" so your ideal other half will be in dating distance. The scheme, they say, works like a charm, because the computer is usually right.

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RHODEO subscribers will receive Check-Mate questionnaires with their newspapers next week.



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## INSULTED INKETTES

Rhodes Inkettes may know what they want but they seem to have hazy ideas about why they want it. At a "protest meeting" last week there was a noticeable lack of speakers on the subject of why they should be allowed out three nights a week instead of only two.

However, they cannot be blamed for this state of affairs. It is precisely the attitude of the Senate towards first-year "social" rules that breeds this kind of cowed silence in the face of an uncomfortable turn of events.

The same logic of "the Inky system makes Inks" can be applied to the Inkettes. High School treatment breeds high school mentalities incompatible with what is expected of the product of a university education. If Inkettes were given the opportunity to act in a responsible fashion there is no reason why they would not do so.

In terms of practice the granting of three "social" nights out a week would be immaterial in relation to the new sense of responsibility that could be built up. It is doubtful whether a full-time student would have the time or the inclination to go out three

times a week every week but the knowledge that she may if the occasion arises would tend to make her feel more mature and less pampered. This is surely one of the things a university should try and do for its students.

The aura of unfairness which tends to surround such precipitate action such as this in the minds of those concerned could be dissipated if the students were at least consulted on the matter. The SRC asked that outings to society functions should cease to be counted as nights out for Inkettes. This was granted, together with the ruling that only two "social" nights out would be allowed.

The Senate should have made it clear before any ruling was made that if Inkettes were to be allowed to all society functions they would forfeit one night out a week. The Inkettes could then have chosen between the alternatives placed before them — either three nights out a week or two with access to all society meetings. Whether Inkettes or not, they should be accorded some say in rulings which affect them. To be treated with little respect must breed defiance.

## BLITHE SPIRITS IN ECLIPSE?

**WHEN STRUBEN** House goes, will the irrepressible spirit of the House go too?

This is the question being asked of this men's residence which seems doomed to be changed into an administration block.

Once called the "House of Infamy", Struben has had a colourful history.

Since it was first occupied in 1936, it can boast of having housed men like Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and Professor J. Gledhill, as well as Rocky.

But most of Struben's notoriety arises from other causes.

It claims to hold the World Dustbin Record — 17 people in

a dustbin. It claims also to hold the Rhodes record for bathing the most Inkettes.

It was in Struben that the exclusive Footprint Club was founded in 1963. Membership was restricted to those who had climbed the university's clock tower from the outside.

Struben is perhaps the only residence at Rhodes which has coined its own label — "straub" — and it has stuck.

The "Arts and Straub" exhibition, during Arts and Science Week, has become an annual event enjoyed by students and staff alike.

## Cecil John II



## This showcase of the intellect

**RHODES, DEAR READERS** (That's right. Last week's excellent column brought me two more readers — but, on the other hand, Mr. Lock has given up reading altogether) is an intellectual place. It's a centre of higher education — a place for the development of the mind. Once a year, to show just how intellectual we are we have "Arts and Science Festival." The university opens itself to the public and shows its widely-ranging activities of the mind. Excellent speakers — men of great learning are invited to talk to groups of serious thirsting students.

Now, let's see who we will have this year: Firstly there's Archbishop Hurley — not too bad — and Adam Small tolerable. But then, oh then, take courage before reading on — then we have a bunch of assorted politicians (not to be confused with liquorice allsorts). We are told we will be addressed by Mr. Martin Louw, "an independent Nationalist candidate in the last election" — in the last *how many* elections? It seems as an *independent* Nationalist, the main thing is he is independent of Parliament. We would like all our readers to be able to clearly distinguish between Nationalists as such and independent Nationalists. The former are inside parliament, the latter outside.

Then we have Mr. Colin Eglin. He is — we are told — "a Progressive candidate". Well, one thing about the Progs, they're strong on candidates, but not so long on members.

Now, Dear Readers — to come to the piece d' resistance: we will have also a genuine true-blue (We won the War) "United Party Membah of Parliament". I appeal to you, readers, treat him with care — with great care — for this is a vanishing species in South Africa. In fact it is almost extinct. I might even suggest that after his address he be put in the Natural History Museum — right next to the Dodo in a heavy glass cage.

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I wonder how many readers realise that rugby season is almost over. As a matter of fact

I wonder how many readers even realise that rugby season has started. I wonder how many readers even realise what rugby season is: It's that period between the cricket matches at the beginning of the year and the cricket matches at the end of the year. It's time when sweaty men chase a dirty ball and young girls aspire for the glorious title of no less than "Miss Rugby Inkette". I wonder if her grip in the scrum counts.

However, to get to the main point — what I wanted to record was that recently the rugby club actually won a match. They beat Albany — upon my word of honour!

While the rest of us were living it up quietly during the vacation, the sportsmen, I note, were busy as usual. Among the many events, I note that Mr. Mike Sprout was placed second in a competition to choose "Mr. South African Universities". Ah well, I have always said the university students represent the cream of our country's intellect.

Soon, soon, I swoon, it will be that great and democratic — nay, almost Pericleian, period of the year: the SRC elections. Well to the candidates let me utter one little word of warning: I shall be reading your manifestoes gentlemen. I shall not only read them gentlemen — I shall read them carefully. You might even care to say that I shall scrutinise them with a hawk eye. Perhaps the candidates will be a few more fine average South Africans — like Mr. Wanless.



# GOVT. TO STOP SOCIAL MIXING?

## American's impressions of Rhodes

AFTER two weeks here, Dr. A. Myquist, visiting American sociologist, still has a good impression of Rhodes.

Dr. Myquist, who is working in the Institute of Social and Economic Research, will be here for 18 months. He is doing a survey of the African elite in the Eastern Cape.

In an interview with a RHODEO reporter he said he had formed a good impression of Rhodes although he did not have much contact with the student body.

Dr. Myquist has Ph.D in Sociology from the North Western University, near Chicago.

Professor T. H. Kennedy, head of the department of Sociology at Washington State University, is visiting Rhodes this week.

He is spending a year at the University of Cape Town under an American exchange programme. He leaves Rhodes on Saturday.

## Blood letting

THE new Rhodes Blood clinic will take donors this Monday in Grad Lounge, Kaif.

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## MIXING?

CAPE TOWN. A controversial Bill to end social mixing between students of different races on the University campuses is expected to be introduced in Parliament soon.

The Minister of Education, Arts and Science, Senator Jan de Klerk, promised to introduce legislation to this effect earlier this year. He was commenting on the dispute between the University of Cape Town SRC and the Conservative Students' Association, which was banned by the SRC because it would not allow non-white students to become members.

### INTOLERABLE

At the time, Senator de Klerk said if the "intolerable" situation at UCT was not changed, he would report the matter to the Cabinet which would see that the policy of the country was carried out.

Non-whites are only allowed to attend the "open" universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand on Government permits, and if the courses they wish to take are not available at the tribal colleges. There are about 400 non-whites at UCT, out of a total of 6,000 students. Fewer non-whites attend Wits. — SANSPA.

## TIPPY-TOES

INCIDENTS of crushed toes at Rhodes balls should be on the decline.

A former television and cabaret star, Suzanna McFarlane, has started student classes in modern ballroom dancing. Already a number of students have signed up.

Classes in Modern Ballet, the type of dancing seen in films like "West Side Story," have been welcomed by women students, but have received little constructive male response.

Suzanne is Latin American dance and Cha-Cha Champion of Zambia.

## Tech. Staff Shortage

THE coming into use of the Rhodes Little Theatre has presented the Technical Staff with manpower problems.

After the Theatre comes into use on August 19 five series of productions are planned. This means more work than the present numbers on Tech. Staff can handle.

Technical Staff Chairman, Mr. Tony Robertson, has appealed for "new blood" and "we specially need first year students who are interested in set building, back stage work and operation of special effects such as lighting and sound," he said.

"We need people who we can train now to carry on next year when many of us on Tech. Staff leave." Mr. Robertson can be contacted in Graham House.

## Sprack honoured

Soon after being elected vice-President of NUSAS, Rhodes SRC President John Sprack heard he had been awarded an Abe Bailey Travel Bursary.

The travel bursary is an organised six-week tour of educational institutions in Britain. Worth R800, it is awarded annually to 12 students from South African universities who have shown academic merit and qualities of leadership. The tour lasts from December 1966 to February 1967.

## APOLOGY

Sir — Further to an article in the RHODEO (May 19) dealing with matters of feeding in the university, a section dealing with the remarks reputedly made by the warden of Thomas Pringle Hall were given prominence. After due investigation, it has been found that this matter was grossly misreported and not based on fact. Consequently, it is regretted that under these circumstances this official's integrity was placed in any doubt by the undersigned.

F. D. SUDANO,  
Catering Manager.

# COLLEGE CRISIS — Rhodesians Row

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE of Rhodesia has been closed a month before the end of the term. But the question now being asked is: will it ever re-open.

The detention of lecturers and students by the Smith Government has incensed many on the campus, and it was to prevent any outbursts of feeling that the acting principal closed the university for a month.

Forty-three members of staff wrote a letter of protest about the detentions to the London "Times." They further indicated that unless the lecturers were released, they might resign. Observers say the university could not afford to lose so many of its staff at one time, as it would be almost impossible to get replacements.

President Kenyatta of Kenya, meanwhile, has offered to assist students whose academic careers have been hampered by the close-down of the university.

The Smith Government has always regarded the university with suspicion. Its latest action in deciding to deport

the detained lecturers indicates it is not very worried about the consequences of the deportations.

Last month, the Rhodesian Minister of Education, Mr. F. Smith, indicated that students who did not behave themselves might lose their government assistance. He was commenting on the disturbances which took place at the university's graduation ceremony, when white and non-white students clashed.

These points — the detention and deportation of lecturers, threats of more than 40 lecturers to resign, student unrest, and Mr. Smith's threat to take away government grants from students — lead observers to believe the university may have closed for the last time.

If the university does re-open, say observers, the Smith Government will impose tighter control on students and lecturers. — SANSPA.

## First-year failure

## rate high

FORTY-FIVE PER CENT of students who entered South African universities left without qualifications, said Prof. O. Horwood, principal of the University of Natal, recently.

He was speaking at a conference on Management Education. Because of the way the subsidy formula operated, universities could not afford to sift their entrants more carefully, he said.

"The fact that subsidy on first-year failures is needed to maintain the courses for more senior

students leads to the uncritical acceptance of students with little or no hope of success."

"The Government, for its part, understandably opposes a higher entry requirement for fear it may keep out of university a few students who might graduate successfully, in addition to those who might blessedly be spared inevitable failure."

"For the sake of the few successes who are desperately needed, this extravagant system is allowed to continue."

"Because of deliberate policy we are faced with the awkward necessity of providing top-level professional and administrative manpower from a European population of little more than 3 million for a total population of some 18 million. Inevitably our resources are strained," he said.

Rhodes Registrar, Brig. R. Martin, refused to comment on failure rates here. He said it was "not University policy" to release the number of failures at Rhodes. — SANSPA/RHODEO.

# Revitalised Rhodes Dramatic Society

THE REVIVAL of the almost forgotten Dramatic Society has taken place just in time, with the opening of the Little Theatre a few weeks away. The society was recognised as an official society by the SRC at a meeting last week.

The man behind the revival is Mr. John Jackson, who is producing Tennessee William's "Glass Menagerie." The play will tour the Easter Province and Border during the September vacation. Mr. Jackson hopes the tour will culminate in a three-night run, commencing on 29th

## Society

September, in the Little Theatre, so that the play can be the student contribution to the opening.

Mr. Jackson is enthusiastic about the dramatic scope offered by Tennessee William's unusual play. The set is abstract and the lighting and sound effects are unconventional, he said. He felt the play would set a promising trend for future productions.

The Dramatic Society is raising money for their tour by

sponsoring, jointly the Students' Union Committee, the visits of Des Lindbergh and Nick Taylor.

Further projects include play-readings for the local schools of their set-work dramas.

Miss Dolores Wright, President of the Society, shares Mr. Jackson's enthusiasm and hopes students will come forward and display their dramatic capabilities. This is indeed to be hoped now that the Little Theatre offers such opportunities.

Mr. Jackson is anxious to discover somebody with experience in lighting.

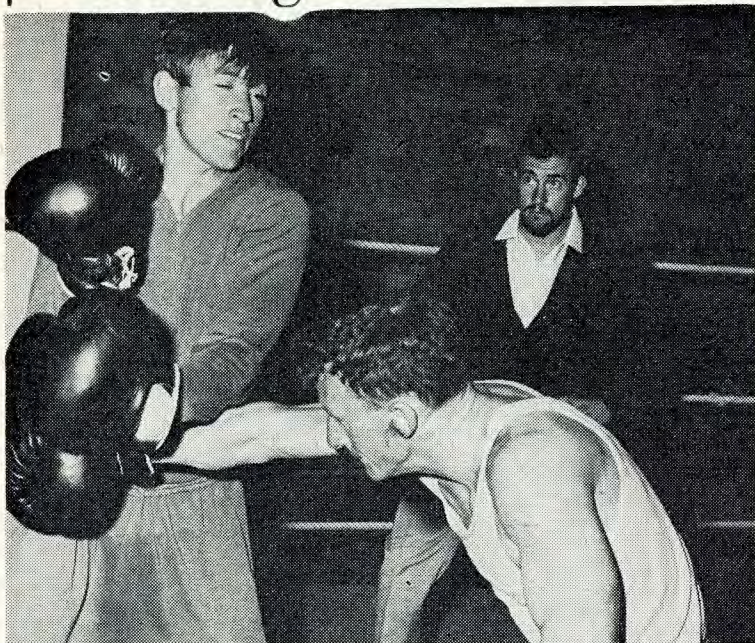
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## Training



Inter-Hall boxing will be held next Friday, and contenders are training under the supervision of members of the boxing club. In the picture Bruce Cole and Peter Cuff are seen sparring under the watchful eye of Lionel Newman, captain of the club.

## Scrappy First XV display

**RHODES PUT UP** one of their poorest displays of the season in losing 15-3 to Old Collegians.

This game was extremely dull from the spectator's point of view, and except for some good movements by Rhodes, in the closing minutes, would soon have been forgotten by all. The tackling was poor, in fact often negligible, and the Rhodes side left much to be desired.

Saayman opened the scoring for O.C. when he scored after a 40 yard run. Poor tackling by the scrappy Rhodes defence resulted in this try which was unconverted. Lewis was putting his boot to good use and he had some excellent long range touch kicks. O.C. scored again after Rothman gathered in his goal area and kicked a poor cross kick into Nel's hands. The conversion failed 6-0.

Tolken then scored another unconverted try for O.C. after an excellent run by their scrum-half Kinghorn 9-0. Du Plessis scored for Rhodes just before half-time after the first full line movement by Rhodes. (9-3.)

The second-half deteriorated into a dull forward struggle in which O.C. scored twice more to make the final score 15-3. Towards the end of the game Rhodes had a few good movements, but the line seemed to be running at half pace and could consequently not penetrate the O.C. defence.

# EFFORTLESS SOCCER WIN AT Uitenhage

**THE RHODES SOCCER XI** had little trouble in beating Drostdy Park 5-1 in Uitenhage on Saturday. The game was spoilt by a brisk wind which made control difficult on a hard ground. The Rhodes defence was scrappy at times lacking its usual solidity. Drostdy Park however only scored once, bringing the total to ten goals conceded by Rhodes in ten league games played this season.

Rhodes opened the scoring early in the game when a shot by Gambale was parried by the goal-keeper and left-back Cecchini followed up to score. Gambale made it two nil afterwards when he ended off a good movement with a well-placed left-footed

drive. Skipper Yiannakis scored from a penalty to make the half-time score 3-0.

### SECOND HALF

Soon after the change-over Rhodes went further ahead through Gambale who lobbed the ball into the net. Simoncelli, bursting through after a good movement, scored the final goal for Rhodes. Drostdy Park netted in the closing stages after a goalmouth melee, to make the final score 5-1.

Interest now centres on tomorrow night's game against league leaders, East London City. A victory in this game will put Rhodes in striking distance for league honours.

## Interhouse knockout

**INTERHOUSE** rugby this term will take the form of a knock-out competition divided into two leagues, the A league competing for a cup presented by Derek Jacobs.

After the initial knock-out stages which will reduce the number of teams by half, a plate event will be started for those teams knocked out in the first round.

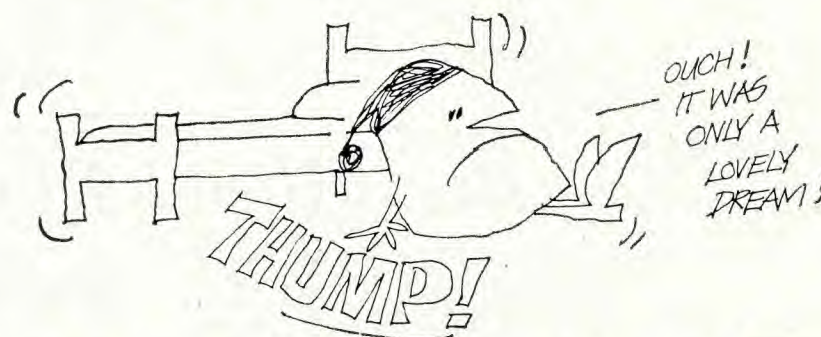
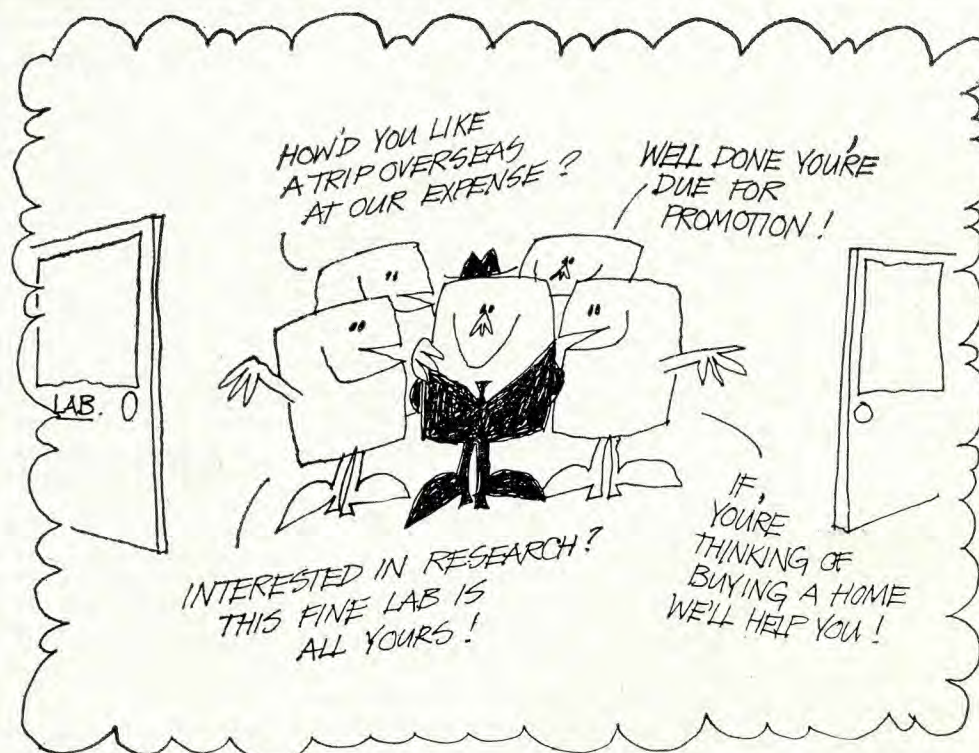
It is hoped to stage the finals of both leagues in a mid-week floodlit match.

Results of games played last Sunday:

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College 5/Oppidans 3.

Cory-Matthews 5/Smuts 3.



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## Cross Country

**THE** lack of training during the vacation caused the downfall of the cross-country teams in the Marine Drive road-relay on Saturday. Rhodes 'A' team finished fourth behind P.E. 'A' and 'B' teams, and Archilles 'A' team.

The inter-provincial match between E.P. and Border over 7½ miles will be run in Grahams-town on Saturday.