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DRUNKS COULD BE EXPELLED

Student Body meets tonight by Eddie Deutschmann

SEVERE MEASURES to curb the recent outbreak of drunkenness on the campus are being considered by both Senate and SRC. Both bodies are extremely disturbed by this behaviour and each have made or will make far-reaching proposals.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. Hyslop, in a meeting with Grahamstown hotel owners said they should report any instances of disorderly behaviour directly to him.

He is reported to have said all first and second-year students would be disciplined internally and seniors would be left to the police and civil courts.

POLICE

Reliable sources state he proposes expelling the first few offenders. He also put forward a proposal that if this did not have the effect of curtailing drunkenness, he would put all pubs out of bounds to all students. Such a solution would only be necessary if all else failed, he said.

SRC ACTION

The SRC will hold a Student Body meeting this evening to discuss ways of solving the problem. It is hoped that a motion will be passed which will outline a possible plan of action. SRC members are as yet vague as to the precise wording of the motion, but hope that the meeting will provide a constructive solution.

The two Kaif Krawls held recently have been described by several students as "disgusting" and "appalling". Students who have been at Rhodes for some years say they have never before seen such disordered and chaotic Kaif Krawls, or experienced such bad behaviour from their fellow students.

ASHAMED

One student said he was "ashamed to call them Rhodians".

Besides the destruction of the carefully prepared seating plan for Opening Ball, three Kaif tables were broken, and a further two damaged on Friday night.

At the Students' Union Kaif Krawl a wash basin in the Great Hall was damaged and as a result Kaif Krawls are prohibited from the Great Hall in future.

PERHAPS PROCTORS

Most students have expressed their abhorrence of this behaviour. Some have said it was the responsibility of the SRC to see that something was done to prevent further outbreaks. Others have proposed that a proctor system be started at the more popular pubs. The proctors would remove any student or students who were becoming destructively drunk.

Another proposal was that a Black List be drawn up of all those students who were disorderly as a result of being drunk and that these people be refused admission to any pub in town.

Many students, while deploring the drunken behaviour, had no constructive solutions to offer, but preferred to see what proposals were offered at the Student Body meeting.



These are the people to blame for any miss matches in the recent Computate Sixtydate computer scheme. They are pictured with the ultimate culprit — the computer, and they especially asked that their names be not divulged.

Festival winner films at Rhodes

MR. RAYMOND HANDCOCK, who won a gold medal at the Venice film festival last year for his documentary film "The Living Laboratory", has been instructed by the Department of Information to film scenes covering social, cultural and academic aspects of life at South African Universities.

Filming at Rhodes commenced on Wednesday, and scenes filmed include the rowing club and chamber choir in action, plus an audience in the Little Theatre. A hidden cameraman took shots of students going to and from lectures on Saturday morning.

Mr. Handcock is now proceeding to UCT and Stellenbosch, having already taken some shots of Fort Hare. The film is to be in colour and will be produced at a cost of R30,000. It will be released in cinemas and on T.V. here and overseas next year.

Regimented Meals

A GREATER VARIETY of food is being served to students under this year's new food system. Instructed by the University Council, the Catering Manager, Mr. F. D. Sudano, has compiled a 28 day cycle of diets to cover all three daily meals, making sure that students are getting what they were intended to get.

After an analysis of last year's menus, Mr. Sudano found that dishes being served were, in many cases, the most easily prepared. The catering staff will now have to comply strictly with the new dish list as Mr. Sudano

intends sending round an Inspector to check the dishes prepared.

SCHEDULE

Caterers have also been issued with a schedule stating the poundage of meat to be served per hundred students. Men are allowed slightly more meat than women.

At present only the main courses have been dealt with in the 28 day cycle of diets. As soon as this system has been established, evening sweets will be included in the diet sheets.

Mr. Sudano has issued to all caterers a glossary of meat dishes, detailing the method in which each dish is to be prepared. Mr. Sudano insisted that "dishes indicated in the diet sheets will be carried out to the letter."

Last year the caterers did not spend all that they were allowed. This was queried by officials and as a result Mr. Sudano is ensuring this year that all is spent and in the best manner possible.

All the meat purchased is first grade prime, as are all poultry, vegetables and preserves. Due to drought it is now virtually impossible to obtain fresh vegetables at a reasonable price. Prices of vegetables have been up 150 per cent since the middle of February. Kitchens are now resorting to buying expensive frozen vegetables.

Sex-appeal advertising

FACED with an advertising crisis this week, Rhodian, the Rhodes annual Magazine, commissioned eight Inkettes to walk the town seeking aid from local shops. The result was a record advertising haul.

The problem arose after the successive resignation of two advertising managers and the advent of the publication deadline at the end of this week.

The solution was to send eight Inkettes and two senior students from St. Mary's Hall to walk the town for three days. They grossed over R400 of advertising and many firms who had previously refused to advertise, advertised or donated money.

Mr. Geoff Verschoor, a third year B.A. student and ex-editor of RHODEO, said: "The response has been fantastic. Sex appeal seems to work."

Bye-election campaign

CAMPAIGNING STARTS today for the two portfolios left vacant on the SRC by the resignation of Mr. R. Jupp and Mr. T. Meyer. Mr. Jupp did not return because he failed, and Mr. Meyer found he was unable to do the honours degree he had contemplated.

The candidates will make election speeches in each Hall and the elections will be held along normal lines. A 60 per cent poll is required for a valid election.

The final bye-elections, for the portfolios of Education and Students' Union Councillors, will be held on March 21.

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Destructive Drinking

DRUNKENNESS COUPLED WITH DESTRUCTIVENESS is a very serious offence. It is an offence which no man proud of his position in society should ever be found guilty of. Especially someone in our super-elite White Universities.

Why then do the men of Rhodes insist on dragging both themselves and their University right into the mud? Never for a long time has drinking been such a problem on this campus. Suddenly we have a vast cancer.

Before, only a few students were involved in this sort of repugnant behaviour, and they were easy to control. But now we have it approaching the level of "the thing to do" — witness the last two Kaif Krawls.

This sort of behaviour is senseless and selfish to the extreme. The offenders destroy property and other people's enjoyment for the mere satisfaction of getting a few hours of inebriated "fun".

The most incredible thing is that when the Senate takes action against these students, there is a general outcry. "The Senate is being too strict and unreasonable" is the favourite call. Like spoilt children they refuse to admit they were at fault.

Let us hope that tonight the students of this University will be able to face their faults squarely and propose measures which will not only rescue the name of the University, but their own names as well.

STUDENT COMMENT

Initiation Attitudes Wrong

WE ARE NOW in the middle of another reception programme, and the old arguments for and against initiation are coming up. Some say initiation is barbarous, while others miss it.

In 1965 the student body passed a motion abolishing the dreaded Proctor's Committee, and since then the initiations have been toned down with each successive year. Hand in hand with this reduction of initiation went repeated appeals for the abolition of Smuts.

It was only in 1955 that Smuts was reserved exclusively for Inks, as the Senate considered their initiation too heavy among senior men.

Now the SRC is trying to stamp out initiation, by persuading everyone, including themselves, that initiation is boorish — hoping to pave the way for desegregation of the Inks.

Already there is hope; Woodbourne has several first years in it as an experiment. But Woodbourne's seniors are of a kindly sort, compared to Pringle's.

So when Smuts is eventually abolished, what will happen? As one disgruntled College man said: "Next year we'll be carrying the Inks' suit-cases from the station." I don't think it will come to this. Very definitely not. There will always be SOME initiation, however much Wardens and others may patrol.

But remember, even the most sensitive person can be brought out of his shell, if the seniors remember that the aim is to make potential friends of the Inks. It all depends on the spirit in which initiation is given.

Graham Hayman.

Growing Student Power

AMIDST THE GROWING number of radical power movements in the world, another has emerged, and funnily enough, it has had some official backing in certain circumstances. Student power is a catchword, but it isolates closely a growing feeling on the international scene.

The way in which society is able to deem many student activities as "irresponsible", is in some way a product of society's reluctance to delegate responsibility to representative student organisation. If students are allowed a greater say in the running of their Universities, the added responsibility should induce more responsible student action.

We have direct control over student finances at Rhodes, but at a time when students the world over want to accept their role as members of society, is it so preposterous to suggest that students should take a further interest in UNIVERSITY matters?

Direct student representation on Senate and Council has been recommended by a senior commission at the London School of Economics. Will we have to wait the usual generation before our conservative autocracy follows progressive trends overseas?

Advocate.



I was shocked at the first Kaif Krawl, but to think of the Great Hall like THIS

Scramble for SRC

ANOTHER ROUND in the busy life of the petty power-seekers would seem to be in the offing. All the symptoms are there — the big smiles, the unashamed scramble for society or sports club office, and naturally the slick, unconvincing promises.

I refer, of course, to the SRC bye-election. Let's take a quick look at one or two of the candidates — not all, you might note, for some of the manifestos are so patently uninspiring, like their authors, that they need no comment. Some, however, I find intriguing.

First of all, of course, there's Tom, who is going to build us new squash courts and diving-boards, not to mention the Students' Union. And when you remember that the SRC doesn't control the Rhodes building programme, that's not bad.

Mind you, Tom's got connections in high places, higher even than on the Cory House Committee, whose status is awesome indeed, especially considering Cory's performance in the Vic last Friday. But Tom, surely putting dramatic performances in a pen-sketch is rather scraping the proverbial barrel? But all is not lost — perhaps you can get the campus bureaucrat (the Societies Councillor, your proposer) to write another of his dreary little circular letters exhorting the society chairmen to vote for you, and you'll have 30 bird-brained votes in the bag. If Starver can make the SRC, you can't go wrong.

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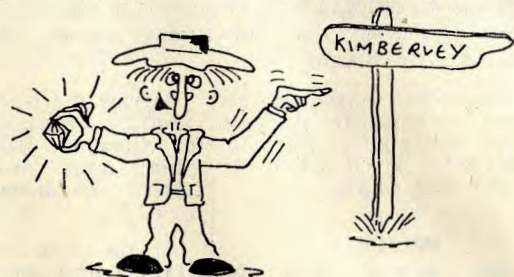
Then there's Sue — I see she wants more direct channels to the SRC.

I notice that she's been getting on to quite a few SRC committees recently, looks like she's found the channels by herself already. I mean, by getting in with the on-crowd. And if her mini-skirts get much shorter, said the fairy to the gnome . . .

But we're all so pleased that she wants NUSAS to unify all students, even those of us who thought that that was the primary function of Hockey Braai.

Gerrit's pen-sketch, on the other hand, is not quite of so new a vintage. But then I'm forgetting, Gerrit's not new to

Cecil John



this rat-race. And now that Mr. du Plessis is no longer with us, someone had to keep up to the old adage that if at first you don't succeed . . .

And with your manifesto, which says precisely nothing that all but a very thick B.Com. student could work out for himself, might I suggest that you stick to the Debating Society Committee, which does precisely nothing that has anything to do with debating, to judge by the number of debates during your no doubt noteworthy term of office.

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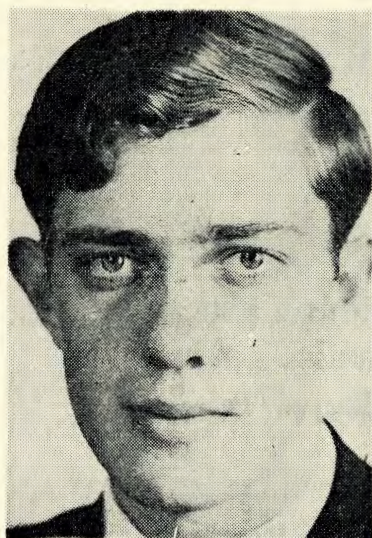
At least we have one smart cookie in the running — the candidate who makes no promises, for the rather profound reason that he cannot foretell the future. But Reg, your knowledge of the workings of student administration would seem to be lacking. You don't think the SRC takes enough interest in sporting activity. Haven't you seen that battered old couch in the office of our so-called student leaders? I don't think it got battered by intellectual activity.

But I might be wrong. Or do you mean that you have a secret crave to see Miss Morton in rugby shorts?

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SRC bye-election candidates



Gerrit Fourie

PEN SKETCH:

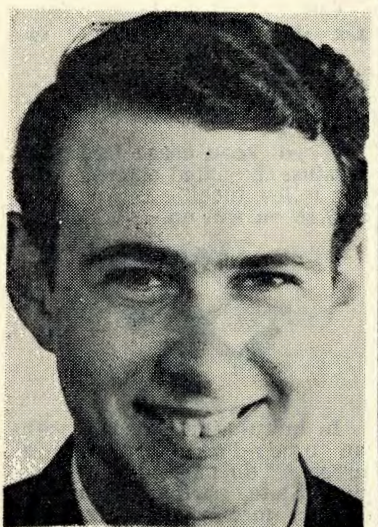
- 1966: Speaker at Inky Debate.
2nd Team Cross-Country.
- 1966-67: SCA Bookroom.
- 1967: Debating Society Committee.
Assistant Stage Manager,
„n Bruid in die Môre”.
Best Speakers' Debate.
Athletics Club Secretary.
- 1967-68: UCM Committee.
- 1968: Triennial Mission Committee.
Classics Society Chairman.
Final year B.A. (Greek and Psychology.)

MANIFESTO:

With a residential university, the majority of issues facing the SRC are internal. The SRC and student body also have a responsibility to students in South Africa, and it is unfortunate that the impression is that the SRC is engrossed in national student politics. These two aspects of SRC activity go hand in hand and efforts should be made to maintain the balance.

The SRC of 1967-68 has made great improvements, but there is always room for changes. The effectiveness of the SRC/Senate liaison committee could improve in the status given to deliberations, as student/senate relationships are extremely important.

Proposed: Sandy Young.



Tom Cloete

PEN SKETCH:

- B.A. III student majoring in English and Roman-Dutch Law.
- 1966: Grahamstown Municipal Scholarship.

Robert Godlonton Scholarship.
50 mile walk.
Rifle Club First Team.
Poseidon in "Vroue van Troje".

- 1967: Rifle Club First Team;
Committee member;
Rhodes Colours; Eastern Province Colours.

Male lead in „Bruid in die Môre”.

- 1968: Cory House Committee.
Rag Committee.
Rhodent Co-editor.
1st Year Mentor.

MANIFESTO:

I firmly uphold the concept of Academic Freedom. But while I will oppose vehemently any limit placed upon such freedom, I will not do so in defiance of Law.

If elected, I will strive for the early establishment of a Students' Union, the increase of Sports Facilities, and in particular the building of additional Squash Courts and the erection of Diving Boards.

I stand for the clarification of Rhodes membership of NUSAS as follows: that while all students must be afforded every opportunity to subscribe fully to the organisation, membership must not be automatic upon registration at the university.

Proposed: Tony Wallace.



Sue Griffiths

PEN SKETCH:

- 1965-66: American Field Service Scholarship.
- 1967: 1st Hockey XI.
Squash Inter-varsity.
- 1968: Rag Committee.
Hockey Committee.
Students' Union Committee.
Freshers' Reception Committee.
B.A. III.

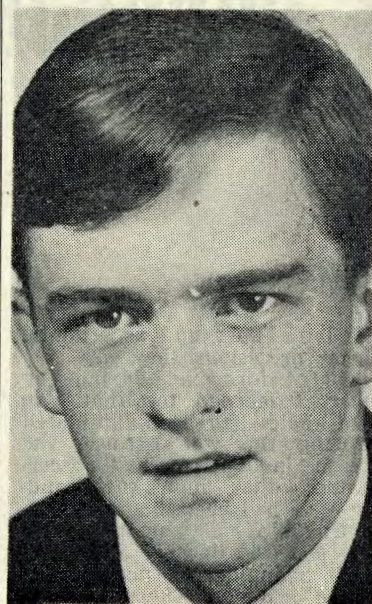
MANIFESTO:

I stand for election to the SRC, as I feel that increased female representation is not only desirable, but that it is essential for women students to have more direct channels on to the SRC.

If elected, I would endeavour to fulfil the administrative and representative responsibilities of an SRC member and to keep in touch with student body opinion.

I support NUSAS in its democratic principles and believe that a national union has an important role to play unifying all students.

Proposed: I. Kirby.



Karl Hofmeyr

PEN SKETCH:

Third year B.A. student (English and Psychology). Intending to do degree in Divinity.

- 1966: Smuts Float Committee.
- 1967: Scrutineer.
- 1967: Director NUSAS Welfare and Relief sub-committees
- 1968: Students' Union Sub-Committee.
Freshers' Reception Committee.
Rag Committee.
Academic Freedom Committee.
Student Councillor, Adamson.
Secretary, Athletics Club.

1966-67: U.20 Rugby team.

1967: Vice-Captain.

1967-68: Carrying on member.

1966-67: Athletics team.

1967: Represented E.P.

MANIFESTO:

My main concern is with internal affairs and I see the following as being essential:

a) A greatly increased fund-raising effort, on the part of all students, to make the Students' Union a reality in our time.

b) Increased dialogue and co-operation between students and staff, and between students and the SRC.

c) Improvement of facilities for every type of student activity.

d) Greater social integration between men and women students.

I support the aims of NUSAS and I shall seek to represent the interests of the student body at all times.

Proposed: Pete Harris.



Reg Medley

PEN SKETCH:

- 1966: RHODEO reporter.
Sports Union Grounds Committee.
- 1966-67: 1st Hockey XI.
Secretary Men's Hockey Club.
- 1967: 50 mile walk organiser.
Sports Union Finance Committee.
- 1967-68: Light Opera Society — Musical Director.
- 1968: Captain Men's Hockey Club.
Freshers' Reception Committee.
Final year B.Com. student.

MANIFESTO:

Since it is impossible to forecast what will happen during 1968, I do not propose to make any rash promises.

However, if elected, I will endeavour to serve the best interests of the students.

Although much has been done to raise funds for the new Students' Union, I would like to see a more dynamic approach towards the commencement of building operations.

I feel that the SRC is not taking enough interest in sporting activities, and also feel that they should continue to try and influence the University authorities into taking a more realistic attitude towards discipline.

Proposed: P. J. Morton.

Freshers meet society chairmen

AFTER ALLEGATIONS at the beginning of last year that the society chairmen were too lax and that they had made little attempt to induce first years to join their societies, there was a strong turn out and impressive enrollment when Inks met the society chairmen last Wednesday night.

Twenty-seven out of a possible 34 societies were represented at the meeting, many with posters and advertisements, and all did well with first year enrollments.

The Debating Society, which was defunct last year, had a good representation and it was estimated that the International Society had an enrollment of 150.

The Driving Club was inundated with requests from Inkettes wishing to learn how to drive.

Mr. Tony Wallace, SRC Societies Co-ordinating Councillor, said, "I was surprised by the turn out. The society chairmen made a good effort this year".

Annexe empty

STUDENTS will no longer be living in College Annexe this year. The building is being renovated for Professor Gerber, Warden of Founder's Hall.

Father Cull insisted that this move was no reflection on the behaviour of students who had lived there in the past and that, in fact, there had been some very hard workers living there. This tends to suggest that the notorious reputation gained by the College Annexe in the past was unjustified.

Sick fuzz

THE POSITION of Campus Policeman will soon be vacant with the coming retirement of Mr. A. Davies. The position is at the moment being advertised. It is reported that Mr. Davies is retiring because of ill-health.

Are inks unhappy?

"FOR THE first time at Rhodes, there was no trouble at Inky Social this year. This shows that the older students are finally realizing that initiation is a dead tradition."

These were the words of Mr. Ian Kirby, chairman of the Freshers' Reception Committee, in an exclusive interview for Rhodéo.

He went on to say, "Integration is going very well. With women students, it's hundred per cent. But, with men students, the wearing of placards, etc., is hard to enforce."

EXALTED IDEAS

In a Rhodéo survey, Mr. Kirby's exalted ideas of integration broke down somewhat. An Inkette said, "We appreciate the usefulness of wearing placards, but where do bows come in? These ghastly colours always clash with what you are wearing."

A group of Inks and Inkettes were asked their views on Inky Social, where the main aim was that first years should get to know one another.

GAMES

An Adamson Ink commented, "It's just like putting everyone

in a box, shaking it up, and expecting everyone to know each other."

An Inkette added, "There was absolutely no spirit. And the games didn't help — they interrupted us whenever we started 'getting to know' people."

Several Inkettes were asked their views of the Freshers' chairman. The general cries were, "Ooh, he's gorgeous!" It makes one wonder at the exact reason for the good attendance at talks, of which Mr. Kirby is so justly proud.

CATTLE PARADE

First-year women students appreciated the fact that they could ask men students to Opening Ball, instead of going to the ball to be "haggled over".

But the traditional "Cattle Parade" took place in the form of the first Kaif Krawl. The sweet and innocent Inkettes were somewhat thwarted on this occasion.

On the whole, the Inkettes — ever-popular and in demand, are enjoying their first year at Rhodes. In contrast, most Inks are disappointed and discontented. "Smuts must go," says Mr. Kirby.

RACISM PARTY ABOVE FATHERLAND THE VON DURCKHEIM STORY LOSS OF UNIVERSITY FREEDOM

by Dr. E. G. Malherbe

WE saw how the universities were dominated by the Prussian State before the First World War. When Hitler came into power in the early '30s, control of the universities of Germany became his first concern. Party-political reliability became a pre-requisite for university work. Students were admitted only if they were politically reliable. They promptly set themselves up as the judges of the political reliability of their teachers. Failure by a lecturer to be vociferously enthusiastic for the Cause was in itself sufficient reason for public disgrace and denunciation.



To this was added the callously blatant denunciation of senior members by their junior colleagues as a means of opening up career prospects. Jews, of course, were automatically eliminated. Many eminent scientists and teachers fled the country and obtained positions in universities in Great Britain and chiefly in America. By 1938 a Ministerial Report was able to reveal that in five years 45% of the established posts in the universities had changed hands. A large number, of course, did not wish to be martyrs and continued to implement the wishes of their paymasters and suppressed any qualms of individual conscience under layers of inbred professional ethics. This comes out very clearly in the book, *National Sozialismus und die Deutsche Universität* which was recently reviewed in the *London Times' Literary Supplement* of May 4, 1967.

At the same time, the quality of the teaching and research staff deteriorated. The scientifically famous Max Planck Institute became a shadow of its former self. When the war came it was too late to save the situation. New blood was not entering the profession.

Vast sums of money injected into university departments which were considered essential for the war effort did little to revive the lost confidence. By 1943 the State Director of Research reported that even in the physical sciences, which had been receiving direct Government aid, German research had fallen far behind the Anglo-Saxon countries. Herr Dr. Rust was at that time Director of Research and became the scapegoat for Germany's failure. Actually the canker had started much ear-

lier, when the universities came under direct political control.

So strong was the Party discipline in the universities that it was sufficient for a professor to be demoted and even fired when he was not even mildly critical of the Nazi policy, but had merely tried to retain his contacts with academics in non-Nazi countries.

Here I can mention two instances which came within my personal experience. As organiser of the International Education Conference the theme: "Educational Adaptations in a Changing Society" which was held in South Africa in 1934, I had invited two representative speakers from Germany. One was Gertrude Baumer, who was Reich Minister of Social Welfare from 1920-33, also a famous historian and literary critic. The other was Professor Friedrich Schneider, editor of the *International Review of Education* (published in English, German and French), and also Professor of Education at the universities of Bonn and Cologne.

Both enthusiastically accepted my invitation. But just as they were on the point of embarking for South Africa, their travel documents were refused. Gertrude Baumer was immediately pushed out of the Cabinet and Schneider was dismissed from his University posts. Both of these eminent scholars were banned, presumably because they had, by accepting my invitation, indulged in international relations. In their stead Hitler's Foreign Affairs Minister, Baron von Neurath, foisted upon us in the most high-handed fashion, two so-called educational experts of his own choice. They came to South Africa but were ineffectual nonentities as far as our conference was concerned.

Schneider and ascertained what privations they had suffered before and during the war. I learned too that Von Durckheim had been liquidated during the war because the Nazi inquisition had ascertained that his great-grandmother had been Jewish.

This story of what happened to Gertrude Baumer and Friedrich Schneider is not an isolated instance. There were in Germany a number of intellectuals like them who valued their consciences more than their comfort. They were usually persons of strong character who had refused to accept the narrow racialistic doctrines of Hitler because their cultural roots were in a wider soil of humanity. Their protestations and their sufferings did not avail at the time, because the German people as a nation had become so inured to totalitarianism that, far from resenting the inquisitorial despotism of the State, far from deploring their loss of domestic freedom, they actually became proud of their chains. The ideals of the Nazi Party had become so ingrained by indoctrination through the schools and mass media that they regarded these ideas as the end-all of their existence. This I found particularly among the younger Nazi soldiers whom we captured during the last War. They refused to be disillusioned, even by Hitler's repeated defeats in battle.

With the advent of Hitler the pattern was already well and truly laid in the minds and hearts of the German people. With this difference, however, that Hitler substituted loyalty to the Party for loyalty to the Fatherland.

The difference was just as important as it was sinister. The home, the school, the church were all subjected to the Party's discipline. The

confirmed. Her teacher, the village pastor, wrote the following words (a translation) into the child's album:

"To the Fatherland, not the Party!

Service to the Fatherland makes one great and free,

Service to the Party narrow and small, untruthful, and unjust,

The Fatherland needs strong characters

The Party fears and hinders them,

By so much as the Fatherland means more to you than does the Party,

So much more does your compatriot mean to you than a co-member of the Party.

In Remembrance, signed Dr. Muller, Pastor, Niederdondeleben."



The Stormtroopers (SS) reported in their publication, *The Black Corps*, that they had "by chance" glanced at the poetry album in question and remarked, "At the moment Dr. Muller is under arrest and in training to become a martyr." This official notice goes on to instruct "that fathers should look into the albums of their impressionable daughters to see if they cannot find some snotty pastor's verses therein."

Pastor Niemoller was one of the Pastor Muller type who, rather than the Party, loved his country more and fought for it as a U-boat commander. He, too, suffered for placing fatherland above party.

In this well-documented book, Erika Mann shows also very clearly how the Nazis through their educational institutions, from the nursery school upwards, undermined the family and the private life of the Germans.

For example, in their school studies in biology, racial science, girls were drilled in the idea that their main obligation to the State was to become mothers. Alfred Rosenberg, in his *Mythus des Zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts* stressed that this important service to the Fuhrer and the State could be performed regardless of whether or not the girl was married. Professor Ernst Bergman, of Leipzig, in an essay called *Knowledge and the Spirit of Motherhood* states: "Life-long monogamy is perverse and would prove harmful to our race. Were this institution ever really enforced — and fortunately this is almost

never the case in reality — the race must decay. Every reasonably constructed State will have to regard a woman who has not given birth as dishonoured.

There are plenty of willing and qualified youths ready to unite with the girls and women on hand. Fortunately, one boy of good race suffices for 20 girls. And the girls, for their part, would gladly fulfil the demand for children were it not for the nonsensical so-called civilized idea of the monogamous permanent marriage, an idea in complete contradiction to all natural facts."

There are also many illustrations of how Nazi children right from the kindergarten were indoctrinated by means of songs, choruses and playlets with the ideas of the glories of war and of hatred for the Jews. In *Songs for the Jungvolk* we find examples like this. (I give the rough English translation):

"You Stormtroopers, young and old, take your weapons in your hand,

For the Jews are a menace to the German fatherland."

Then again:

"A hundred bullets and ten to our aid,

A loaded rifle does the trick, And in our fist a hand-grenade —

Come on then, you Bolshevik!"

Even the girls had in their special songbooks such songs as this:

"Foes all around us, get your gun, get your gun,

Stand fast in the west and east,

Let them feel your zeal increased,

Many foes, much glory!

Brown Army, march Hitler, to Thee!

You will keep peace faithfully Against the hated enemy

We follow thee!" and so on and on.



In inoculating a people with an overdose of its own arrogant dogmatism, the German State, particularly under Hitler, made the most dangerous of all experiments, that of calling into play might and mysterious forces, for example, racism, which eventually proved unamenable to control. We saw this only too well in the persecution of the Jews.

If history can ever teach us a lesson, this is probably the greatest. Let us never say: It cannot happen here.

More from Dr. Malherbe's address to the Institute of Race Relations

One of them, Graf von Durckheim, turned out to be a Nazi spy who, after the conference, drew up a secret report to Hitler, indicating who the people in South Africa were who could be relied upon to collaborate with the Nazis in case of war between Great Britain and Germany.

It should be noted that this sinister business book place as early as 1933, six years before the war started. It was some years after the war when I visited Germany again, that I managed to make contact with Gertrude Baumer and Friedrich

ruthless way in which this was applied is very fully illustrated by concrete, documentary evidence in a book called *A School for Barbarians* by Erika Mann, the daughter of Thomas Mann, the literary Nobel Prize winner. He wrote the foreword and the book was published some time before the 1939-45 World War.

I quote the following incident as an example of the Nazi Party's discipline and its methods of intimidating people.

One little girl in the village of Niederdondeleben was to be

Not a coffee party



It was recently rumoured that TC had no SRC and that if it did, it was merely a glorified coffee party. In defence TC have sent us a photograph of their SRC to show that they DO have one and that it is not a coffee party. The ladies are, front row, left to right, Misses R. Jacobs, D. Hartley, J. Woodin, G. Cockram (senior student), V. van der Merwe, J. Jourdan, and back row, left to right, Misses S. Barnes, J. Scorer, D. Hobson, G. Bern, R. Andrew.

Scope-Nite has many hands

SCOPE-NITE 1968 will take the form of a satirical review and will be produced by Mr. Nick Devlin of "My Three Angels" fame. The music is being written by Mr. Arthur Clarke, last year's producer.

Responsible for the script, which has been described as highly satirical and at times lewd are, firstly Mr. John Gardner and Mr. Paul Joubert, Rhodes' well known folk-singing duo. Mr. Eddie Deutschmann and Mr. Graham Hayman have also contributed, aided by Mr. Pete Slingsby who once wielded the poison pen of Cecil John. Mr. Mike Klein has lent a hand as well.

The script calls for a large cast of good versatile actors, preferably with strong singing voices. Miss Di Newell is organising a modern dancing routine which will lend a more serious note to the show.

Seminar at Hogsback

NUSAS Local Committee will organize the annual Freshers' Seminar to be held at Hogsback on 16th and 17th of March.

A comprehensive programme has been arranged including lectures, leadership training and discussion groups.

The basis of the seminar will rest on two lectures, the first to be delivered by Mr. J. Moulder of the Philosophy Department.

Mr. P. Harris, president of the SRC, will speak on "The Role of the Student in South Africa" — the inescapable dilemma.

Sentimental musical could please

SOUTH Africa is not exactly renowned for its award-winning films, in fact it can be said to have a very much infant film industry. Therefore people going to see "Hoor My Lied," will not expect much. Some of these viewers could be surprised though, because this film does have its moments.

The music is good. It is catchy and lyrical and adds a touch of Broadway to the film. Gé Korsten has a fine singing voice and the producer has made the most of it.

Min Shaw, who has a pleasant enough voice, is a bit too "sugary" in her presentation.

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Cinema

I found the story too sentimental. This film is likely to jerk more tears than "Madame X," but then there are those of us who thrive on that sort of stuff. It is the basic well-worn theme of hard luck overcome by hard work and a stroke of good luck. Nice for little old ladies, children and the more whimsically minded among us.

But don't get me wrong. This is a fine attempt and is perhaps the most ambitious South African film to date. It nearly succeeds. The only reason it does not, is that the actors are all too obviously trying to succeed.

Botha has social intercourse

AN INTRO-RECEPTION scheme has been introduced by Botha House this year, whereby women students meet the members of Botha House every Sunday evening between 6.30 and 8.30 in the house common room.

The idea is to help break the ice between men and women students and also between "blots" and seniors, since "blots" make up about two-thirds of the house this year.

Some evenings will be merely "social" — there will be dancing and the sub-warden Hans Wolf

has introduced an "intro-game" from Europe, called "cherchez la femme comme à la carte." Much mystery surrounds this game, but it is hoped that it will help students to break the ice more easily. Use is also made of computer lists.

Chairman of the Botha House Reception Committee is Roger Wanless, but Hans Wolf guides activities and ensures compliance with senate regulations.

Opinion in the house is very much in favour of the scheme. "First-class idea", "excellent parties", "swinging" have been just some of the comments, and many

Botha students hope that other houses will follow their example.

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Inks slate Inkettes

MANY INKS stated that the majority of Inkettes were snobbish, yet some said they were a "very sociable crowd." Others say "the Inkettes think themselves far superior to the Inks," and are discouraged by their lukewarm reactions. These attitudes were revealed in a recent RHODEO survey.

On the subject of looks, opinions ranged from "a high percentage of grots" to "a better choice here than TC". Most of the Inks stated that the looks of the Inkettes on the whole were average, although one Ink commented: "I have never seen such a bunch of pretty girls before."

It appears that the Inkettes could do a lot to improve their appearance. Apart from being "slovenly in their dress" the Inks' view is that their dress is too low, old-fashioned and "nothing wild and gear can be seen."

I'M MATURE

Some were felt to have nice personalities which are coupled with their maturity; others are "far too immature for University" and their actions "reflect this immaturity." Many of these, Inkettes treat Inks very badly and are the biggest of the "big game hunters."

While the Inkettes are pleased with the increase in male enrolment, the Inks feel that there are far too few Inkettes on the

campus. If there was a larger number of Inkettes they would be more anxious to mix with Inks.

News from UPE

by Marijke v. d. Zeyde

THE UNIVERSITY OF PORT

ELIZABETH is now in its fourth year and thriving. Yet, we at Rhodes are ignorant of the progress and contribution to student life in all spheres, made by our neighbour university.

Never before in South Africa has such an adventurous plan been put into action with the minimum amount of teething troubles thus far. The fact that both English and Afrikaans students rub shoulders and still manage to maintain their own individuality is worthy of our interest and concern.

The vital question is: How is this done? How can one university cater for two official language mediums? Let me illustrate simply by the Social Work course that I took last year. Social Work and Sociology was given in Afrikaans — Psychology, Anthropology and German in English.

I personally had no trouble "tuning in" into my Afrikaans lectures — I was merely an average student in Afrikaans at school.

APATHY

Although there is a fine esprit de corps between the two language groups, there does appear to be a certain apathy among English speaking students as far as playing their part in the affairs of the university is concerned. For instance, at the last intra-mural election, only two English-speaking candidates stood and were elected.

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SENATE ACTION DEPLORED

SIR, — The Senate has struck again: this time a post-graduate student has been rusticated for one term, which virtually denies him the opportunity of obtaining his Honours Degree this year. The crime which could possibly mean an end to his studies and further enhancement of his career, was not more than ten minutes spent in a women's residence one evening before the beginning of term.

That Saturday evening, the student ascended a drain-pipe, in a carefree frame of mind, with the idea of writing on a mirror to welcome forthcoming Inkettes.

FINE

Unfortunately, the way down did not look quite so good and he asked one of the girls to be let out in the more conventional manner, i.e. via the door. Girls who saw him were asked to divulge his name, being told that his punishment would not exceed a small fine.

One term's banishment from the campus and the facilities of his department, means that this student will not be able to complete his course this year.

The course includes about six lectures per week as well as much reading and written work in preparation for four examination papers at the end of the year and from five to seven practicals which must be completed before June and which require departmental facilities.

Should the student decide to leave apart from the severe setback to his career, plus a confiscation of his first-term fees, he will be refused permission to attend his own graduation but will have to pay the graduation fees in absentia.

Concerned.

RES. MEALS A BATTLE

IN 1966 the Students' Handbook carried a little welcoming note intended to quieten the nervous tremblings of first years. It included a phrase about the traditional formal meals, which made us think of well-mannered, intelligent, and well-dressed people being served good food.

Oh what a surprise. In the back tables at Smuts plates were often dispensed with, as was the conventional method of passing food. This latter was replaced by a most efficient air service — potatoes took one twentieth of the time from one end of the table to another. Of course, accuracy was slightly impaired by a few dozen beers, but that only made it more exciting.

SWORD-FIGHT

Matters weren't better in the senior halls. If you know how to read it, a person's gown can be an exciting history book.

Mine has four neat little fork holes in the left sleeve — reminders of a little sword-fight that got out of hand between soup and main course one night. There are also many splashes, spots, stains and acid-burns (can't remember which curry caused that) each with a story and aroma of its own.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No one enjoys the bother of carefully getting dressed for a meal every night — you can clearly see this if you closely examine the dress at formal meals. Track-suits, no socks, sandals, sports shirts are common. Please let's have a bit of legal comfort at meals.

Perhaps you can see now that formal meals have lost their meaning. They are a nuisance, especially over week-ends. If the number was cut to say, two or three times a week, they would be appreciated more.

INFORMAL.

OPENING BALL DISORDER

SIR, May I, on behalf of the SRC and the ball committee, apologise for the seating disorder apparent at Opening Ball.

This was an unfortunate result of the chaotic Kaif Krawl the previous night, at which our plan was ripped from the window and destroyed. Nevertheless, the chaos which threatened was made less acute by the advice and co-operation of most of the students.

I would very much like to extend my thanks to anyone who assisted in arrangements for the evening, especially those ladies who laboriously buttered their way through close on 5,000 biscuits.

Bill Gordon,
Ball Convener.

Dark age initiation

SIR,—There has been in the last few weeks, an inordinate amount of complaints over the abolition of initiation at Rhodes. Cecil John saw it fit to slate Mr. Ian Kirby in his column last week, and most students indulge in vocal daydreams of what they would like to do to the Inks and Inkettes.

As one of those who entered Rhodes while initiation was still in force, I declare my extreme admiration for Mr. Kirby. Initiation to me was a senseless and purposeless soul-destroying time of utter humiliation.

I note that those who share my sentiments are in the minority, but nevertheless they do exist. We are only sorry that the system, which smacks of The Dark Ages, was not thrown out years ago.

Happy.

jane lurie defamed

SIR, — Under the column by Sportwise there appeared last week a defamatory statement about a young lady.

Mr. Sportwise (writing from behind a pseudonym) has misused his position as sports columnist to launch a personal attack on a student. His comment is insensitive and vicious, apart from having nothing to do with sport.

I trust that the harm done by his comment (which will be read by students and staff and people outside the University), should be rectified immediately.

Sandy Young

An apology has been sent to Jane Lurie. — Ed.



The winner of the Miss Mini Contest at last Friday's Kaif Krawl; Miss Pat Donovan (centre) is flanked by the runners up: Miss Jenny Maskew (left) and Miss Robyn Abraham. On the extreme left and right are the two female judges: Miss Phillippa Morton and Miss Jane Parker who is a former Rag Queen. Miss Donovan is from John Kotze House, as is the winner of the Miss Mod contest, Miss Sarah Coldham.

DANIEL OUTLINES NUSAS ROLE

IN HIS ADDRESS to first year students last Thursday, Mr. John Daniel, national president of NUSAS, gave a clear and concise statement of the aims and functions of NUSAS and cleared up the popular misconception associated with NUSAS membership.

TRADE UNION

No individual student is a member of NUSAS, he said, but each student is entitled to the benefits of NUSAS if his SRC is affiliated to the organisation.

"NUSAS is first and foremost a trade union," he said. While it did concern itself with politics, he stressed that it was not a party political concern. NUSAS was concerned with students as students and potential leaders of society and it existed to defend and further the interests of students.

Hence many NUSAS activities concerned travel benefits, loans, scholarships and discount schemes among other practical benefits.

NUSAS was controversial because it was a non-racial organisation, chiefly concerned with the "studenthood" of students and not their colour or creed, in a society which had apartheid and colour-consciousness as its base.

The organisation was unique in South Africa because it provided a platform where all students could meet on an equal footing, he said.

Although based on the universal declaration of human rights, NUSAS was a flexible organisation subject to the direction of participating students.

CHALLENGE

"As students we are trying to build up a better South Africa. I trust that you will meet this challenge and respond," he concluded.

Few students made use of the opportunity to question Mr. Daniel on NUSAS policy.

Student play competition

THE RHODES LITERARY Society has offered a competition to students of the Eastern Cape, the winning entry of which they hope to send to the Johannesburg Arts Festival.

The competition, to write a one-act play, is open for this and the next term. The staff and student members of the Literary Society will judge the entries at the end of the second term.

The three best plays will be produced in the Rhodes Little Theatre and then one of them will be chosen for the Johannesburg Art Festival.

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Promising soccer ahead

THE RHODES SOCCER club will amalgamate with Grahamstown City in the NFL League this year. A Rhodes 1st XI will play in the Albany League.

The merging in the NFL League is owing to the lack of interest and shortage of players last year. The first eleven found it difficult to field a side towards the end of last year. This resulted in a disgraceful inter-varsity when only eight players arrived to play.

The new Grahamstown side will provide a higher standard

of soccer with the best players from two clubs, but it is debatable whether this is really fair towards Rhodes. The best players at Rhodes will be playing for Grahamstown City — thus the Rhodes side in the EPFA league can only be a weaker side.

The object is to win a League. This can only be done if Rhodes has the best players. It is doubtful whether Grahamstown City won promotion to the NFL first division — it could support such an issue.

Mr. Coghlan is coaching the NFL side — Grahamstown City — and is using up-to-date English methods. He has introduced the 4-3-3 system with which England won the World Cup last year. With a wealth of new talent in the soccer club and these new training methods, it should be a promising season, although the merge is only in the experimental stages.

score along smartly to 190 in their allotted time, giving one of the Rhodes bowlers a torrid time by taking 28 runs off one of his overs. The Honourable Gentleman then proceeded to snatch victory with two balls remaining and took their score to 192 — Selwyn Smith made 53.

The match was played in fine spirit and was a worthwhile event in establishing good relations between the University and neighbouring communities. The organizers of this venture displayed great initiative and it is to be hoped that the Honourable Gentlemen's Club will maintain this good tradition.

Festival Cricket

LAST SATURDAY, Seven Fountains saw the Rhodes social cricket team, The Honourable Gentlemen of Tiddler's Invitation XI playing the house team in a match which showed the game of cricket in its best light. Six hundred and thirty-three runs were scored in four and a half hours.

The home side battled first and the captain, N. O. Curry, leading a very versatile team was able to change the bowling regularly, giving nine players the bowling duties.

Seven Oaks were all out for 77 and the Honourable Gentlemen then went in and passed this score with seven wickets standing finally declaring their innings closed at 176 for eight. Selwyn Smith, who also took three wickets, made 74 in the first innings.

NEW MATCH

A new match was started in which each side had 20 overs. The home side rattled the

NEW HOUSE RUGBY SCHEME GRANDSTAND VIEW



THE FATE of house rugby is once more in the balance. This week the committee will consider whether last year's system is satisfactory — rather unlikely — or if yet another hare-brained scheme will be put into operation.

Actually, at the Rugby AGM, Bill Gordon suggested a rather well constructed compromise. The gist of it is that for the first half of the season, an inter-Hall competition — with all players eligible — will be decided.

The drawback is that Pringle will remain at normal strength as it is composed of itself (you know what I mean?).

A suggestion was then made that Retief-Livingstone could be in cahoots with Pringle and thus bring it in line with Drosty, Oppidan, Founders and Smuts in this knock-out competition.

It has frequently been said that in the second half of the season the regular league players are getting somewhat stale playing two matches every week-end. Mr. Gordon's scheme once more plugs the gap rather admirably.

By SPORTSWISE

The latter half of the season will see an inter-house competition with no first team — or possibly even regular league players — eligible.

In this way both serious and social players will benefit. The big deals will be rested on Sunday and at the same time more social players will be drawn into the competition.

The idea has my whole-hearted endorsement and I only hope the powers that be share my approval. This raises some rather interesting conjecture of who will pull it off.

In the past Oppidan and Pringle usually out-classed the other, smaller houses. Let's be honest, no false pride, and all that — but they didn't have a chance.

Combination of houses not withstanding — I reckon Oppidan can raise an awesome side from their widely distributed ranks.

My long-range forecast is then: Oppidans followed by Pringle combination and Smuts a very dark horse as the outsider to watch.

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I see the swimming bath is starting to resemble St. Tropez at New Year. (That's where Bridget Bardot strips to the fascinating minimum occasionally.)

Strolling past the other night, I was pleasantly surprised to see pantie and bra-clad young nymphs noisily scampering to safety while being hotly pursued by some lusty (rather appropriate) gorillas who surprised them in a nocturnal dip.

My candid camera-man dropped his bloody polaroid into the deep-end.

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New sporting systems seem to be the order of the day.

The RU athletics champions will be split into an inter-hall relay and an individual competition.

Relays — being one of the most exciting events at any

meeting — will be a wonderful attraction and at the same time throw the competition wide open.

In the past a house with even one outstanding all-rounder could win the competition with ease. It's a different matter entirely to raise four competitors for each track event. One poor leg could change the whole picture in any one event.

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The field events, with two competitor's distance or heights added together is another rather interesting diversion from the orthodox.

This new approach of drawing interest from the ranks is to be applauded and may raise the athletics facet of RU sport from the rather apathetic condition it has been in the last few years. It isn't Doug. Coghlan's fault either.

I wonder how it feels to be a great coach and watch two young athletes straining around a track built for fifty athletes to train on? Pathetic.

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Tech. Staff has taken to playing soccer in the Great Hall while decorating for the Balls. One budding World Cup player ran into a wall and broke his stupid-looking nose. Shame.

Alexander Young — Sandy that's you — is my sports star this week. He didn't do any thing, but he's been looking so depressed lately I thought I'd cheer him up. Sit up and have a sop, Sandy.

Pete Timmerman

PETE TIMMERMAN has been chosen for this week's Sportrait. During the last couple of years, Pete, a third year B.Com student, has established himself as one of Rhodes' top water-polo players.

He was educated at King Edward High School, where he was an excellent all-round sportsman. As well as being a school first team swimmer for five years and a first team water-polo player for four years, Pete also participated in rugby, squash and cross-country running. He was awarded school colours for his swimming achievements.

At Rhodes, Pete has concentrated on water polo, but has

also done well with his swimming. For two years he has been a regular water-polo player for the strong Western Transvaal team. It is almost certain that he will be awarded his Rhodes colours this year for consistently maintaining a provincial standard.

SPORTRAIT

The Rhodes Water-Polo Club can look forward to a successful year under Pete's leadership. Their first match is against FMC on Saturday.

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Encouraging Prospects

by the Sports Critic

WITH SO MANY of last year's players returned, the season augurs extremely well for the hockey club. Under the captaincy of Niall Davidson the first team should realise that true potential this year which was so lacking at times in 1967.

Of last year's line-up only Paul Abbott and Brian Surtees are missing, so lack of teamwork and experience will certainly not be a drawback. New players include Sherrington (E.P. Schools), Kalil (Natal Schools) and Pollack (Rhodesian Schools). The season opens with a friendly game against Old Selbornians on the 7th April followed on the 19th by an extremely important inter-varsity against Natal. The 1sts, 2nds and 3rds begin League fixtures on the 21st.

TENNIS

The 1968 men's and women's tennis teams are extremely strong this year. All the top players are back and the teams are strengthened by some promising new talent. Two are Rhodesians, Richie Ballance and Peter Stewart, but both have cricket commitments at present and their true worth can only be judged at a later date.

The other promising first year is Peter Southey. Easily the best of the Inkettes is Gilian Lewis, an experienced provincial tennis player from East London. Other potential team members are Jackie Vogt and Anne White.

We wish Rick Buwaldo and Sally Harvey the best of luck for the forthcoming South African National Championships at Ellis Park starting in April 1.

SQUASH

After winning the E.P. 1st league last year, Rhodes will be entering both their 1st and 2nd teams in this league in 1968. All the well known names such as Dave and Tim Woods, Derek Prior, "Archie" Archibald, Dudley Mure, Gordon Boucher, Mike Levine, Bob Abbott and Hugh Morton as back on the squash ladder, and first years are encouraged to challenge for places in the teams.

Tim Woods, well known E.P. and S.A. Varsity player will be leaving for Oxford in September, with the result that his elder brother Dr. Dave Woods will take over as Rhodes No. 1 this year. Inter-varsity will be held at Rhodes this year and one hopes Rhodes can pull this off as well as obtain places in the S.A. Varsity team to tour Australia later this year.

GYMNASTICS

Although this is one of the lesser known sports on the campus, Rhodes has an extremely fine reputation and record in this

field. Although our Springbok trampolinist, Ronnie Abbott has left Rhodes, the team is well served, both with experience and newcomers. Of last year's team, Paul Joubert, Pete Swart, Gerry Paul, Glynn Jermyn and Lynne Edley have returned. Newcomers include E.P. Schools gymnast, Etienne Uys and a number of promising women gymnasts. Inter-varsity will be held at Rhodes this year and all those interested are very welcome to attend club training sessions in the Physical Education Department.

RIFLE CLUB

With Tom Cloete, Mike Lawrie and John Case as the backbone of the side, the Rifle Club seems set to maintain the very high and successful standard set last year. On Saturday 15 new members were at the range to see the president of the E.P. Small Bore Rifle Association give a demonstration of how to shoot. Next Saturday the top Rhodes marksmen will be attending the E.P. Trials due to be held at Kwaai-rivier, on the other side of Cradock.

Cricketers Training



Seen at the nets during a first team cricket practice last week are, (left to right), Pete Jones, Rolie Cooke (captain of 1st eleven), Jeremy Barnes and Frank Richmond.

RUGBY A.G.M.

THE A.G.M. of the Senior Rhodes Rugby Club was held last Thursday. The following committee was elected: President: Mr. G. Fourie; Club Chairman: Mr. J. Benyon; Secretary: Bill Gordon; Assistant Secretary: Tim Muirhead; Committee Members: Pete Stead, Jock McConnachie.

In the first round of the Inter-varsity Competition Rhodes will play against Wits in Pretoria. The probable date for this match is May 22 at Ellis Park under flood-lights.

Another major Inter-varsity will be that against UPE on May 18 at Rhodes. There was much heated discussion on the question of inter-varsity on Rag day, but no decision was reached.

M. C. MARAIS

Mr. M. C. Marais will be the new club representative in Port Elizabeth this year after the retirement of Mr. I. Waldman who has served the Club for 17 years.

The first league match of the year will be against Albany on April 6. This will be a vital match for the Club as it will provide a means of judging the prospects for the rest of the season.

TRAINING

It is significant that during the whole meeting no mention was made of training. In two weeks only two feeble attempts have been made at training together. This is not an encouraging start. If the new Committee does not ensure that serious training starts immediately at least seven times a week, Rhodes will be heading for another disastrous season.

All the other senior Eastern Province teams have already had more than a month of concen-

trated training sessions. Albany have been particularly keen, and are almost certain to beat Rhodes in their first match unless the University players make every effort to get into top condition before April 6.

Athletes Start Well

ELEVEN RHODIANS travelled to Cradock for the Eastern Province Junior Athletic Championships. Although very unfit from lack of training, they did fairly well, and with correct preparation and coaching, should greatly strengthen the Athletic Club team.

Johan Knoesen once again demonstrated his fighting qualities and pace judgment with a fine win in the 800 metres. J. Spiers walked with determination to take second place in the 5,000 metres walk and Neil de Jager did well to run second in the 1,500 metres.

R. Cowling, despite a tight hamstring, was second in the high jump and third in the 110 metres hurdles. Wilken was fourth in the shot and Jackson fourth in the 100 metres. Clark was placed third in the triple jump.

All the Rhodes athletes will be in action again at the E.P. Senior Championships on March 23, at Port Elizabeth.

Brian Elliot Wins

AT THE recent Currie Cup Swimming tournament held in Bloemfontein, with the exception of Brian Elliot, Rhodians were not as much in the limelight as in previous years.

Ex-Rhodian Jan Reen, and Ron Prior were very much off form while our two women Springboks, Shirley v. d. Poel and Diane Ludorf had both announced their retirement from competitive swimming at the end of last season, and thus did not compete.

Brian Elliot won three titles — all of which he had held previously — despite being weakened by a stomach complaint during the early part of the tournament. He was the only individual to break a South African domestic record, i.e. the 400 metres individual medley. Brian's other two titles were the 400 metres and 1,500 metres freestyle.

Jan Reen could only manage a 6th place in the 100 metres freestyle, although his training times still show him to be one of the fastest swimmers in South Africa.

Unfortunately the swimming inter-varsity was cancelled last year. This was a great disappointment at Rhodes (with the exception of the stronger team than the victorious one of the previous year).

With no new provincial swimmers at Rhodes, (with the exception of Irma Wieringa, who had unfortunately retired), the team this year has a pronounced lack of depth and it may take several years to rebuild a team equal to that of previous years.

On the Water Polo scene, Rhodes only representative was Pete Timmerman who played some very good games for Western Transvaal. He should prove an able leader for the largely inexperienced Rhodes team. More than half of last year's team — unbeaten in E.P. — have left.

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