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WELCOMING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

AT a recent S.R.C. meeting, twelve members of the Welcoming Committee for 1963 were appointed. They are: B. Andrews, M. Griffiths, J. Pistorius, A. O'Connor, A. Evans, D. Barrow, I. Baxter, D. Riemes, T. Crossman, R. Blyth, N. Fisher and T. Anderson.

At the meeting members of the S.R.C. put forward nominations and then a vote is taken. The object is to appoint a representative committee which includes members selected from the various Halls.

The function of the members of the Welcoming Committee—formerly known as Proctors—is to maintain discipline among the first year “Inky” students and to do their best in seeing that they become fully integrated into the life of the university.

WITS. ELECT BANNED STUDENT

DENNIS BRUTUS, banned under the Suppression of Communism Act, polled the third highest number of votes in the recent Wit's S.R.C. election. Mr. Brutus, by provision of the Act, was not allowed to make any election statement in the student newspaper; an election poster read, “Mr. Brutus cannot ask for your vote”.

Mr. Brutus is secretary of the South African Sports Association, a member of the S.A. National Convention Movement, and well known for his campaigns for non-racial sport.

Legal advice is being sought to clarify whether Mr. Brutus will be able to attend S.R.C. meetings and whether any motion proposed by him can be recorded.

YOUR SRC AT WORK

Your new S.R.C. has not been idle. Here are some of the points discussed at last Wednesday's meeting. Do you approve? Among the decisions taken were:-

- To investigate the formation of a Publications Union to co-ordinate student publications.
- To investigate possible changes in the Rhodes electoral system.
- To press for improvement of the Students' Union.
- To oppose Mayor van der Vyver's dual medium university scheme for Port Elizabeth.
- To grade as Inks all ex-army trainees who come to Rhodes after doing their training straight after leaving school.

ELECTIONEERING CONSIDERED

The disadvantages of S.R.C. election campaigns and manifestoes, which are permitted at U.C.T. and Wits., were explained at last Wednesday's S.R.C. meeting. Such practices as promising the impossible and character-smearing may result from electioneering.

However, the Executive is investigating possible changes in the Rhodes electoral system, and will report early next year. Past S.R.C.'s have considered Rhodes small and compact enough for the present system.

PUBLICATIONS UNION

A Publications Union, similar to the recently-formed Academic and Cultural Unions, was proposed to co-ordinate student publications such as “The Rhodian,” “Rhodent” and “Rhodeo.”

The “Rhodeo” also applied for a

R1,250 grant from S.R.C. funds and possibly from students' fees. The S.R.C. foresaw several difficulties, but will meet the “Rhodeo” executive for discussions.

FACILITIES PROMISED

The S.R.C. promised last Wednesday to press for such needed student facilities as licensed premises on the campus and the improvement of the Old Kaif lounge by installing card tables, magazine racks and other amenities.

MAYOR'S PLAN OPPOSED

The S.R.C. passed a motion stating its “... total opposition to the establishment of a separate ‘dual medium’ university in Port Elizabeth”. In addition, the S.R.C. supports the Rhodes Council in continuing to firmly establish the Port Elizabeth branch of Rhodes.

The reasons for this motion are that the proposed “dual medium” university

lacks the support of many major organisations, commercial or otherwise; and that Rhodes intends, and is better equipped, to present those courses, given as the main reason for establishing the “dual medium” university.

The motion was carried unanimously, with little debate.

TRAINEES TO BE INKS

At the S.R.C. meeting on Wednesday, it was decided that the definition of “Ink” would be extended to include those students who do their military training immediately after leaving school and immediately prior to entering Rhodes. This would include men over 19 years old.

It is felt that, if this step were not taken, there would be too many “Freshers”, who would not benefit from the facilities enabling new students to be introduced to a fuller university life, which are available to “Inks”.

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LETTERS

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BANDS' TONE MUFFLED

Sir,

The first thing which seized my attention in the latest edition of the Rhodéo was "Bands Strikes Up". I thought, what an imposing heading, and expected, for once, a first class report on what was definitely the finest Debating Society activity we've had at Rhodes to date..

Mike Bands must have felt very deflated to find that, after his striking headlines, he was rewarded with barely six lines of print. No mention was made of how he spoke (I thought his speech was brilliant) or of the presentation of the trophy by Dr. Alty.

BASKETS

Mr. Editor, may I suggest that the reporter entrusted to covering this very important event be relegated the task of emptying waste paper baskets in future.

DISGUSTED DEBATOR.

Ed's Note.—Emptying waste paper baskets is a specialised job and is entrusted only to the senior members of staff.

NORWAY TO HELP EDUCATION

THE Norwegian South Africa Committee has decided to attempt to persuade schools in Norway and Sweden to sponsor young South Africans who are being denied the advantage of higher education because of political conditions in their homeland.

The Norwegian schools will raise the means necessary to send young South Africans to boarding schools in such places as Basutoland.

HOUSE RUGBY

Sir,

With reference to the letter by "Rugby Enthusiast" in the issue of the Rhodéo of September 9th, I would like to say that the inference about the partiality of the referee in the Smuts-Adamson game is deplored both by myself and by all the Smuts House team.

There is considerable feeling on the campus that the House Rugby competition should be abandoned because it detracts from the strength of teams representing Rhodes. If House Rugby were abolished, however, probably well over a hundred rugby players would be deprived of their weekly game.

It seems that no more University teams can be formed due to travelling expenses, etc.

Another point is that House Rugby does provide a pool of players keeping in reasonable practice those who can be drawn on in an emergency.

REINIER LOCK.

Note.—This letter has been shortened.

SUPPORT GOVT. FOR CHANGE

Sir,

POLITICALLY ours is not an age of reason. Yet reform can only take place within the framework of the social values of the age.

Reason is clearly not the political criterion in either racial groups of the country at present. Coercion, being the present criterion of value; we should abide by it in achieving our ends. The end justifies the means. By our support the present government will achieve its end quicker.

Now by its nature this end will be an unstable one. Thus the quicker it is achieved, the better. It is fruitless to support opposition to this end. This instability would probably result in violence, and if both factions resorted to it, it is logical to assume that neither would be victorious. A truce accompanied by conference would result. Hence a change in values, and the age of reason would begin, at last.

CESARE.

NUSAS SUPPORTS MEREDITH

NUSAS has sent a cable to the US National Student Association condemning the efforts of the Mississippi student authorities to entrench reactionary colonial attitudes, and giving full support to means used, in the interests of justice and academic freedom, to crush the reactionary efforts.

This cable was sent in response to an appeal from USNSA organisation to all National Unions that they should uphold the rights of James Meredith, the negro student whose admission to the University of Mississippi has caused riots and violent outbursts of racial prejudice.

LETTER

NUSAS sent a letter to the president of the student body at Mississippi, condemning racialism and segregation, and sent copies of this letter to the New York Times and USNSA.

Rhodes SRC, too, has sent a telegram to Mr. Meredith and the USNSA, expressing sympathy with Mr. Meredith and giving support to the USNSA.

Recently students at Pretoria University sent a cable to the students of Mississippi University reading, "Be assured of our unwavering moral support in your battle to uphold white civilisation."

CAMPAIGN

Mr. Leftwich, the President of NUSAS, says that there are other students who are seeking admission to Mississippi University. There is a campaign to open the universities in the Southern States to Negro students. All overseas student organisations have been asked by USNSA to send cables of support to Mr. Meredith.

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ATHENIANS PRAISED

Sir,

I would like to congratulate the group of sensitive Inks who have formed the Athenian Club amongst the first years.

This Liberal Organization ostensibly aims to encourage intellectualism amongst the Inks and to counter the trend towards barbarism so prevalent amongst newcomers to 'varsity.

This noble group hopes to aid inter-racial happiness through acts of kindness to our equal, but less privileged Bantu Brethren.

We wish them every success in their humanitarian undertaking.

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NUSAS ON A TIGHT-ROPE

NUSAS is walking along a tightrope with the extremes of white and black racialism on either side of it. This is the opinion of Basil Moore, expressed at a NUSAS meeting last week.

In a speech entitled "Types of Opposition to NUSAS", he outlined the early history of the movement, dealing with the split between NUSAS and the Afrikaans universities which took place over the war issue.

He also spoke of the repeated refusals of the A.S.B. to co-operate with NUSAS. He was not optimistic about a reconciliation between the two organisations. Although opposition to the discourteous nature of the A.S.B.'s dealings with NUSAS had arisen within the Afrikaans body, he did not think that this opposition was widespread. Various left-wing student groups which had expressed their opposition, regarded the possession of a white skin as the mark of an oppressor.

Mr. Moore ended by stating his views on the future of NUSAS, explaining that he was speaking in his personal capacity, and not as the President-elect of the organisation.

He said that an increase in strength would depend largely on the political situation in South Africa. There was undoubtedly a swing towards white racialism on the part of a considerable section of the population. This section had never really accepted liberalism, but had been opposed to Afrikaner Nat-

ionalism, and was now formulating a racialism of its own. In addition, the Nationalist Party itself was beginning to reject the doctrine of self-development as too liberal, and coming to favour complete white supremacy.

NUSAS HONOUR LUTHULI

BASIL MOORE, President-Elect of NUSAS, and four members of NUSAS visited the Nobel Peace prize winner, Mr. Albert Luthuli. They invited him to become Hon. President of NUSAS, as a result of a motion passed unanimously at the 1962 NUSAS Congress.

Mr. Luthuli accepted the honour.

The association of NUSAS with Mr. Luthuli, who is so widely respected overseas, will be an incentive to students to work harder, "for the New South Africa that must come," said Adrian Leftwich, the President of NUSAS.

RADIO RHODES?

HOW Rhodians would shake South Africa if they set up their own radio broadcasting service! A University in California has done just that. It now has its own radio broadcasting service, which provides a public service to students for broadcasting.

Programmes, based on surveys, include all types of music, drama, sport and news (both campus and national). The radio broadcasts from 3 to 11 p.m. every week day.

The Nationalist Chinese government in Formosa goes one step further with the recent introduction of a university television service, but for a more urgent purpose—to supplement the shortage of classrooms.



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RHODES WIN STIRK BOWL

FINE DOUBLE BY HARTLEY

A GOOD start to the athletic season was made by Rowan Hartley on the Rhodes track on Saturday when he won the half and quarter mile. The meeting was won by Rhodes. Running under rather windy conditions, he managed to come within .8sec. of the Rhodes record for the half-mile with the time of 1min. 57sec.

This is an outstanding effort for the beginning of the season. He led the field from the start and won comfortably; P. Irons was third in 1min. 59.2secs.

Hartley completed a great double by winning the quarter-mile. Although the conditions were not conducive to record-breaking, Hartley came very close to Malcolm Spence's record with a time of 50.5secs., 1.9secs. behind the record.

The second fastest time for the 100 yards sprint, 10.2secs., was that of Ben van der Linde when he won his heat. In the final he was beaten into second place with a time of 10.4secs.

A new Stirk Bowl record was set up by Barry Andrews in the pole vault. Although he failed by one inch to equal his own Rhodes record, he bettered the previous record set up by the Springbok Blommaert in 1952, by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, with a vault of 12ft. 3in.; Blommaert was third with 10ft. 6in.

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Rhodes were well placed in the women's 80 metres hurdles, having Pat Lownds palced second and Joan McKecknie third. Pat Lownds went on to win the women's long jump with a leap of 16ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Whitear was placed third in the pole vault and Palframan came second in the 120 yards hurdles.

SPORTS TALK

FACILITIES:

RHODES' growth over the past ten years has been phenomenal. The University has doubled its numbers since 1952. The authorities, however, seem to have been blissfully blind to all this expansion.

The worst example of this attitude has been the total neglect of our sport facilities. Consider these facts:

- The weight lifting club who came second at Inter-Varsity have to use the old changing rooms, the roof of which is not high enough to allow weights to be lifted arm's length above the head.
- The first and second cricket XI have to share one net, which is placed in the darkest corner of the great field.
- The six rugby teams have only one officially-recognised field. The top field is badly kept and played on so often that after a referee had twisted

his ankle, it was declared unfit for official league matches.

- The boxing club has no ring and has to use a small room in old Kaif, which is too small to allow more than four boxers to spar at a time,
- There is only one recognised boat for the rowing club, which has five crews.

At the sports union meeting it was suggested that a start be made on a sports hall, especially as a large increase in our numbers is anticipated in the near future.

It is imperative that the Rhodes Sports facilities be overhauled and brought up to date. No one denies that vast improvements have been made, but nevertheless facilities lag far behind the demand.

The sports union is not to blame; they are limited financially by what the authorities give them. The fault lies with the Council and Senate, who alone are in a position to institute vast improvements.

ROSE-INNES HITS CENTURY

THE Rhodes 1st XI completed a very successful weekend by defeating Port Alfred on Saturday and Kingwilliamstown on the Sunday.

Against Port Alfred, Rhodes faced a meagre first innings total of 122, chiefly due to a fine spell of bowling by Glen Hall, who took 7 for 37. But the highlight of the match was still to come. Rhodes opening bat, Mike Rose-Innes, hit a swash-buckling 104 in 70 minutes, which included 11 fours, 5 sixes, and one lost ball.

Rhodes declared at 126 for 2. Port Alfred in their second innings made 109/5, leaving Rhodes an hour in which to make 105. They did it with 15 minutes to spare and four wickets in

hand, to win the match outright. (105/6 —Brotherton 48, Hall 33).

On Sunday Rhodes put out the powerful Kingwilliamstown side for 141 (Fenix 52). Hall again struck top from claiming six wickets for 62. Stacey (3/33) and Godden 1/27), who clean bowled Springbok "Buster" Farrer, supported Hall well at the other end.

Rhodes made the required runs with six wickets in hand (142/4) after being given an excellent opening stand of 93 by Colin Archibald (43) and the successful Rose-Innes (49).

LIFTERS LOSE

THE Rhodes Weightlifting Club were narrowly beaten in a return match against the Saxon Club in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

The Rhodes team lost by 95 pounds to a much-strengthened Saxon Club. The Rhodians showed an all-round improvement and Esselaer, in his first contest, showed promise. Liddiard did well to unofficially break the South African Universities record.

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