

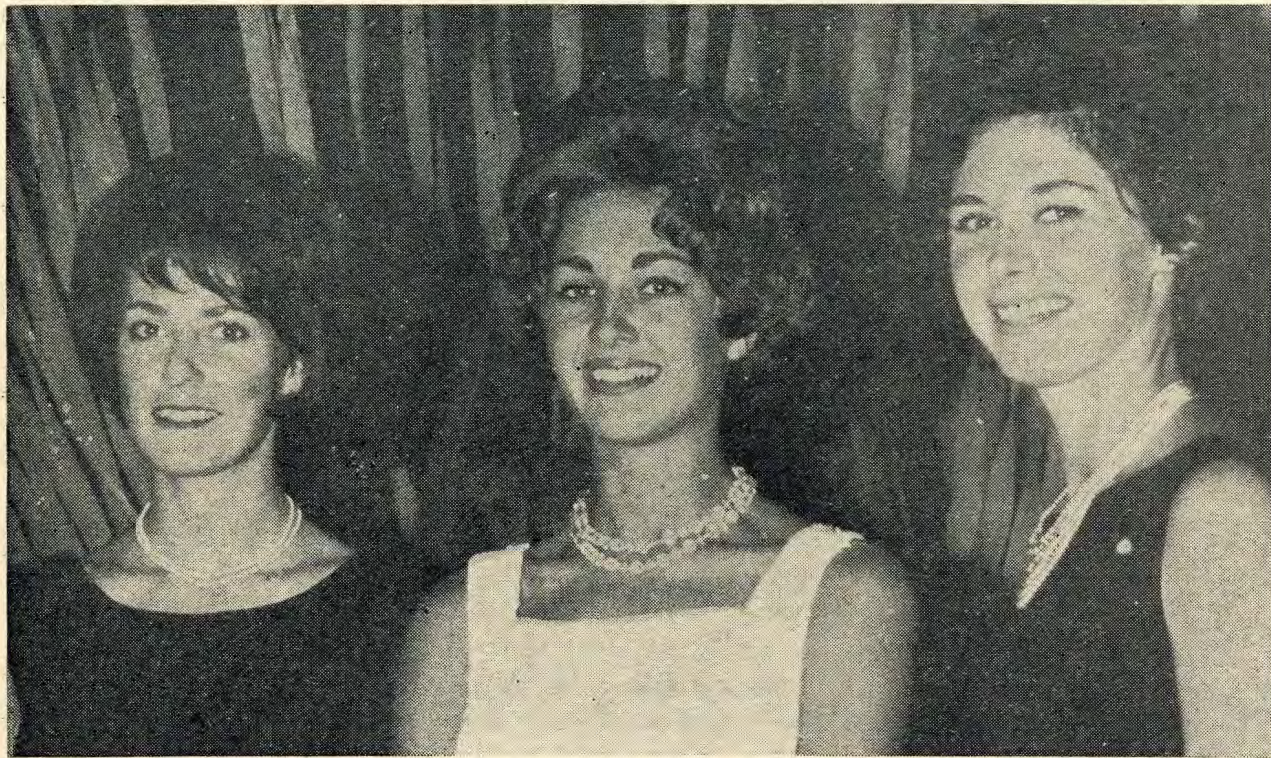
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The very satisfying result of the Rag Queen elections held in the Great Hall on Thursday! The Rag Queen (centre) is Rose Calmeyer and her two princesses are Judy Bell (left) and Heather Makein (right).

LETTER:

They Can't Even Reply

Sir,—I would like to complain about the poor standard of replies to my two letters.

By all means, criticism is a healthy sign; truth is usually hammered out by the interchange of argument and counter-argument. But an argument must consist of more than personal assertions — it must be backed by reasons linked logically to the opponent's arguments. Feminist seems merely content to oppose Kinsey's views.

Her thinking is muddled, and at times she contradicts herself. At one place, she states that a Rag Queen is not meant to be a beauty. Later we see that the Rag Queen "must have personality in addition to good looks." What exactly is her position? I doubt if she knows herself.

OH LOVE!

She claims that men exhibit favouritism because "it is well-known that men are blind". Yes, men are blind and lose their customary objectivity when they judge a woman's looks, **but only if** they are in love.

Nobody but a lunatic would suggest that the men, as a whole, are all personally "in love" with each prospective Rag Queen. But this is precisely what Feminist suggests.

At another place Feminist states that Rag appears to be starting early because a proposal is put forward to disenfranchise woman voters. There is clearly no causal connection between these two ideas.

THE SEXES

In fact, her only argument is that women ought to vote because there are as many women as men on the campus. This is self-evident even to Kinsey. My argument rests on the assertion that women lack objectivity in their approach to voting and are swayed by emotional considerations.

Feminist makes no effort to counter these points, merely stating her personal opinion. This is insufficient as a counter-argument.

I presume Feminist is a woman.

KINSEY.

Developments In Port Elizabeth

THE Vice Chancellor of Rhodes, Dr. Alty, was informed by Senator de Klerk that Rhodes will not be allowed to continue its academic activities in Port Elizabeth.

Dr. Alty received a letter, which will be considered by the Rhodes Council, at its next meeting, in which the Minister stated that it was unthinkable that the Government would allow two university institutions in Port Elizabeth competing for the same students.

He added that if necessary, the Act, allowing Rhodes to extend its facilities to P.E. would be changed. Dr. Alty

was authorised by the Chairman of the University Council to include this paragraph from the letter in his statement to the press.

NOTED

At the P.E. City Council Meeting, no motion either supporting or opposing the establishment of a dual medium university was proposed, the Finance Committee merely "noted" the Mayor's report without discussion. Thus, 2 vital questions remain to be answered.

1. Will the Council honour its obligation to Rhodes, or fall in with Government plans for an independent dual medium university.
2. Will the council pay the balance of the R200,000 to Rhodes, as it has pledged to do, or will it go to the new university college.

DECISION

It appears that the City Council is not keen to come to a decision on the matter, and the next move can thus be expected to come from the government.

Afrikaans

Die Redaksie van die Rhodeo het besluit om van nou af een of ander artikel in Afrikaans in ons studenteblyd te plaas. Alhoewel die oorheersende meerderheid van Rhodes studente natuurlik Engelssprekend is, is daar 'n baie sterk Afrikaanse element hier. Hierdie groep is dikwels onder bespreking, maar bespreek egter selde self iets in die openbaar.

Ons nooi almal uit om enige artikel aan ons te stuur wat spesifiek op die Afrikaner se lewe op Rhodes van toepassing is, hetsy politiek, sosiaal of kultureel.

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EDITORIAL:

Still More Divisions?

The S.R.C. has recently declined to accept the constitution of a new organisation which calls itself the R.U. Evangelical Christian Union (or something to that effect). In the Students Handbook, handed to newcomers to the University this year, one finds five religious societies listed. Discounting the S.J.A. which falls into a slightly different category, this means that there are already four official Christian bodies on the Campus.

WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

Are they additional "Churches" seeking to proselytize and conduct services? Or are they discussion groups aiming at a better understanding of the Faith? If the former, one must immediately ask, are there not already enough churches in town? If the latter, why four separate societies?

THE MOVE TO UNITY

The most prominent feature of the 20th Century Christianity is the move towards re-union, whether one sees this expressed by the World Council of Churches at New Delhi or the Ecumenical Council at Rome. Surely in the academic and intellectual atmosphere of Rhodes University (where even the Faculty of Divinity is an experiment in ecumenicalism) one would expect to find one Christian body dedicated to the better understanding of the genius of the various denominations and the exploration of ways and means for making the oft talked about unity a reality.

WHAT WE DON'T WANT

One does not expect to find separatism and the tendency towards further fragmentation of the Church (whatever interpretation one gives to that term). The establishment of new organizations is out of place here and the aim should be a movement towards understanding and re-union. The prayer of Our Lord "That they will be one", has been quoted ad infinitum and ad nauseum. Has the time not come for the Rhodes Christians to stop talking about it and start using it as the basis for action?

Women Join In NUSAS Drive

NUSAS has started a drive to increase membership at Rhodes. The intensive campaign has been spurred on at the prospect of a small Rhodes delegation at the 1963 Nusas Congress.

Enrolment is almost completed in women's halls and will take place in the men's halls this week. Representatives have been appointed to canvass in each house.

DUTY

The feeling of Nusas councillor Glyn Hewson is that everyone has a duty to enrol irrespective of political opinions so as to ensure adequate Rhodes representation at the Congress.

BIG RESPONSE

This argument, together with the Nusas discount schemes offered by local shops has resulted in an overwhelming response in the women's halls. Prospects that this year's membership will exceed last year's 400 are bright.

Representatives in Men's Houses are:

Jan Smuts: Johan Maree and Robert Kraft; Pringle: Joe Hallis; Botha: Reinier Lock; Matthews: Tim Couzens; Cory: Eddie Webster; College: John Sprack and Drostdy: Tony Carter.

SHAMBLES AT ROYAL ELECTION

Sir, — With reference to the opening function of Rag may the successive functions be nothing like it! To be more explicit:—

1. The organisation was non-existent. The names of the candidates should have been clearly displayed for the benefit of the first-years in particular and the audience in general.
2. The formation and presentation of questions should have been prepared and polished.
3. The microphone should have been erected and tested before the performance.
4. After their appearance, the Hag Queens should have been removed, — a little of them goes a long way.
5. The finalists should have been positioned so as to avoid the glaring sun, and their chairs arranged so that they could all have been seen at once.

We should like to stress that this criticism is intended to be constructive and not destructive.

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TENNIS IN HALL IS DRY

Sir,

Rhodes needs an indoor tennis court. Slashing around in a plethora of stagnant and recently deposited pools of various dimensions while attempting to play scintillating social tennis is not only uncomfortable but sordid. I have found the ideal locale for indoor Wimbledon enthusiasts — the Great Hall.

This monument to Philistine architecture with its antediluvian theatrical equipment and vast floor-space would make an ideal setting for would-be Lavers and Mortimers.

This sporting facility acquired, a theatre in its truest sense could be provided by our oh-so-culture conscious university. Though some more progressive members have already started a Little Theatre Fund, it seems we are doomed to sit through Gilbert and Sullivan fopperettas and Dramatic Society cineramas in the barn-like atmosphere of the Great Hall, squirming uneasily in our economical seats.

DOUBLE FAULT.

ON the first Monday of Rag Week four members of Graham House will attempt to break the world bridge endurance record of 90 hours.

Tony Crossman (right), Bruce Phillips (extreme left), Freddie Swart (second from right), Dietz van der Zee (second from left) have been in training for the past few weeks and are taking matters very seriously.

The attempt will take place in the alcove of Muirhead and Gowie in Church Square. Muirhead and Gowie have already donated six packs of cards and an unlimited supply of soft drinks for four players.

A trial attempt of 48 hours in Port Elizabeth is being contemplated. This would coincide with the distribution of the Rhodent.

Leon Liebowitz, who is the team's manager is arranging requirements for the marathon attempt. Officials are still required to preside over the attempt and anyone interested in helping out should contact Allen Poole (Rag Publicity Agent).

LETTERS

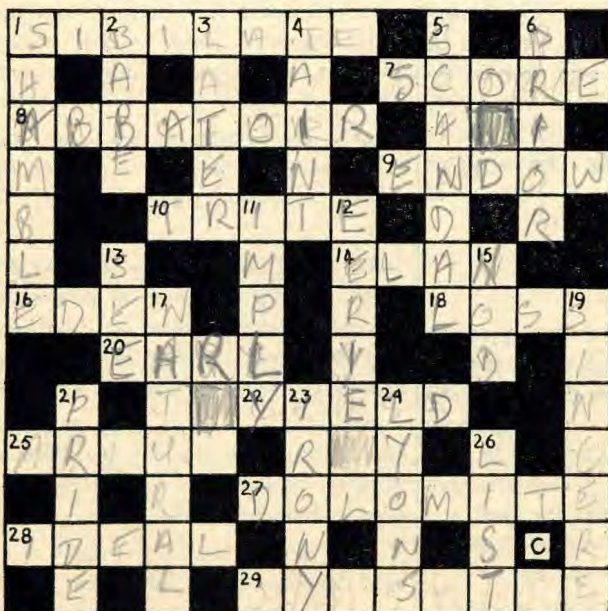
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IMPROVEMENT

Sir,

PERMIT me to say, and I hope fellow Students will agree with me, that I have found marked improvement in the quality of your newspaper this year. I find it set out attractively and the contents are interesting, topical and 'newsy'. The inclusion of more photographs too, has added to the appeal of the "Rhodeo". All in all, one cannot recognise this year's model of the "Rhodeo" from last year's. I think you and your staff are to be congratulated, and I hope you will be able to keep it up.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO. C1



ACROSS :

1. Pronounce with hissing sound (8)
7. Conductor's favourite number (5)
8. Slaughter house (8)
9. We nod and provide a regular income (5)
10. Descriptive of a commonplace remark (5)
14. French vivacity (4)
16. Ex-P.M., or garden (4)
18. What you suffer when you don't win (4)
20. What the derangement of Lear produced (4)
22. Production to give up (5)
25. Those who disagree may do this (5)
27. Not much life in this pitch (8)
28. Like Utopia, for example (6)
29. Counteract dazzle — at Wimbledon perhaps (8)

DOWN :

1. A type of walk, or untidiness (7)
2. One of them was found in a wood (4)
3. Alter alter (5)
4. Spoil (5)
5. Principle subject at Sheridan's academy (7)
6. Holy men who came before (5)
11. Mean, but not despicable (5)
12. Weird (5)
13. Look at the ecclesiastical domain (3)
15. Gesture of agreement (3)
17. Only to be expected (7)
19. Descriptive of those who mean what they say (7)
21. Some would associate it with prejudice (5)
23. Sarcasm is inherent in Roy (5)
24. Radio comedy family, in France? (5)
26. Roster (4)

WYNKEN'S COLUMN

CENSORED

The Convocation Agenda includes Minutes of last year's meeting, and we are glad to be reminded of Miss L. A. Phillip's proposal that Convocation create a "Living Endowment Fund" for the extension of research and library facilities, rather than for capital works. The proposal was handed to the Senior Development Officer for his consideration, and we hear that a question will be asked during "Any Other Business" as to his decision or advice. The proposal seemed to us at the time an excellent one — as we wrote in our last, facilities for research, specially in the Humanities, are very poor at Rhodes, and there can be no better way of encouraging the growth of this University than to provide for the development of advanced study?

CENSORED

Which leads us to another question that is exercised in the minds of certain members of staff for some time:—

Has not Rhodes reached the stage where the establishment of a graduate school which proves the logical step in the development of studies carried out after the first degree? Such a "department" with its own standards of admission and work, could in a short time acquire a reputation which would bring scholars to Rhodes in large numbers. Students would of course maintain the closest liaison with the departments in which they were reading, but would have a greater opportunity than is now available to meet students in other departments, to do work of a consistently high standard, and to experience esprit de corps which is a very real stimulant to research.

We are assured by several candidates for Honours and Masters degrees that they would welcome the chance to become members of such a body.

DISSENTERS

The Dissenters Society made its debut on Thursday night with a discussion on the question of whether man needs beliefs or not.

The Chairman, Mr. Farmer, opened the discussion by stating the aims of the Society, "to encourage a spirit of free enquiry and an independent criticism of controversial issues, unhampered by dogmatism of any kind."

There was general agreement that belief was necessary as an hypothesis for purposes of everyday living. Not a single theological student was present, consequently no one challenged the general opinion that beliefs should only be held provisionally, and that they should be flexible rather than dogmatic.

RHODES JAZZ GROUP

Jazz has at last established itself on Rhodes Campus.

Up to three weeks ago, any music at Rhodes which had been given expression by any recognised society had been mainly confined to pre-twentieth century classics and a kind of Cliff Richardian whining. Despite the widespread interest in jazz and the need for some organization to serve the needs of jazz lovers, nothing had been done to start a society such as those at Wits, Natal, and U.C.T. where jazz thrives and enjoys a high status.

The Jazz Group, a sub-group of the S.J.A., was designed to fill a definite cultural gap at Rhodes. The group aims to widen interest in and to provide scope for all types of serious jazz. Meetings are every Wednesday night at Hillel House where records are played and, from time to time, discussions held. All are welcome.

An attempt is being made to get a group of jazz musicians going on the campus and, if possible, South African jazz artists will be brought to Rhodes during the course of the year.

Anyone wishing to have their jazz records played at Hillel House should contact Brian Thompson (at Botha) or Saville Kapelus (at Graham).

GIVE THE GIRLS A CHANCE

Sir,—We have heard much from such writers as 'Kinsey' and 'Feminist' about the vote in the Rag Queen elections. Personally, I am amazed that we ever managed to get a Rag Queen, who merits the honour (and I do not wish to imply that I disapprove of the choice for 1963).

VOTING FARCE

To have a combination of hunt for talent and one man one vote (or should I say 3) is to reduce the whole business to a complete farce (as witness Thursday's 'election'). The votes of the student body are hardly the way to determine who should be our Rag Queen and Princesses — we are being carried away by this democratic feeling. Our voting let's face it, is swayed by all sorts of considerations which shouldn't influence us in our choice, but they do. Is this the ideal way to choose our Rag Queen? By all means let us have the girls on the stage, interview, etc., but surely the final decision would be better left in the hands of a panel of judges, it happens everywhere else. By voting, it seems to me, much of the dignity of becoming Rag Queen is lost.

FAIRPLAY

Finally, let's hope that next year the finalists will be given more of a chance; let's have more light on the stage, let's see more of them than just a glimpse as they walk from the Compère' to their seats; let them say more, and let's have the show at night, when the girls can be seen at their best, instead of in the late afternoon glare of the sun.

BETTER CHANCE.

KAIF'S BETTER!

Sir,

I would like those people who are so ready to criticise Kaif to cast their minds back to the times before the present management took over.

At Kaif times, or in rush periods, one had to wait 20 to 30 minutes for service, and there was constant trouble about the fact that Kaif was in financial difficulties.

Since the present management took over the efficiency in service has improved considerably. One must remember that Kaif is now a business concern, and is run as such. For the first time in years it is solvent. If the present management was discontinued I think that before long most of its critics would wish that it were back. Congratulations Mr. Swanepoel!

KOFFIE.

Students

Moscow. Saturday — According to a news broadcast today, 3,000 Africans have applied for admission to the Kwame Nkrumah African university in Moscow for the academic year 1963.

WHAT A WALK

Sir,—Enclosed is a cutting from the Daily Dispatch which might inspire Rhodians to walk greater distances than 50 miles!

Let's see if Rhodians can beat "fat old American senators" and young athletic Australians, and make it 103 miles.

IN ANTICIPATION — ADELAIDE: PETER MIDVIK claimed an Australian record today after walking non-stop from here to Murray Bridge and back, a total of 102 miles, in less than 23 hours.

Midvik, who is 21, said he took the walk because he thought the 50-mile marches inspired by President Kennedy were nothing to be proud of.

'Even fat old American senators managed 50 miles in 17 hours,' he added.

Sapa-Reuter.

SOCCER CLUB BEGINS SEASON WITH 7-3 WIN OVER SAINTS

The soccer club started this season with a real bang when they thrashed their local rivals 'Saints' to the tune of 7-3. Gone was the lethargy of last year and in its place was a dash and skill not seen for a long time. Our traditional short-passing game was not only attractive but for a change produced results, — 7 goals including some real beauties.

A goal down in 5 minutes, Rhodes fought back and with a fine display of quick passing and clever positioning — leaped into a 5-1 lead by ½ time, through goals by McGibbon (2), Tindall Henry and Graham.

In the 2nd ½ Saints retaliated in their familiar kick-and-rush manner and scored 2 goals to make the score 5-3. But Rhodes quickly put the issue beyond doubt with two fine goals by Graham and Heneh. From Rhodes' point of view the most encouraging feature of the game was the fine display given by the newcomers Paul and Mannie Yeannakis, Ian McGibbon, Nutsy Moore, and Hilary Graham.

The whole team blended together most encouragingly and, if they can maintain this fine form, should have a very successful season. The Rugby club had better look to its laurels if they don't want to be eclipsed by this fast-rising Rhodes sport.



FITNESS FANATICS. OUR PHOTOGRAPHER CAUGHT THIS HAPPY GROUP OF CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS AT THE START OF A TRAINING SPELL. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE J. CAVE, T. ANDERSON, G. ARNOTT, M. DE VILLIERS, G. HEWSON AND A. CROSSMAN.

Academic Freedom-A Means to an End

"ACADEMIC freedom is not an end in itself but merely a means to more valuable ends, the chief of which is the training of alert and independent minds." So said History Prof. W. A. Maxwell at a lecture on Wednesday night. She was speaking on the historian's concept of a university.

FREEDOM

Despite her renown as a witty, interesting and clear-headed lecturer, the attendance was poor.

Prof. Maxwell, as usual, was content to analyse the problem in its historical concept and passed few value-judgements. She stressed the autonomous nature of the old European

universities with their own rules and corporate status. In the past such independence had been helped by the economic self-sufficiency of the universities which were run largely by private donations.

Nowadays private funds are not sufficient and State aid is needed to maintain the universities.

Prof. Maxwell said she had nothing against such aid in itself but felt that it should be carefully watched and be under strict control as it provided an easy excuse for Government intervention in matters other than finance.

DESTRUCTION

Only if this intervention led to the

destruction of the independence of any university should it be resisted, for (according to Prof. Maxwell) the strength of a university depends in large measure on its independence; it being an institution which should be responsible only to itself.

The lecture was given in a light vein and was "interrupted" at one stage by a song from Gilbert and Sullivan which despite its uneven quality drew much applause.

Prof. Maxwell found the central distinguishing feature of a university in the informal, face to face interchange of ideas, values and arguments between students and staff.

HOCKEY: TRIALS SUNDAY

Pre-season keenness and the acquisition of some talented new-comers indicate that the Rhodes Hockey Club is again going to have a successful season.

Although official fixtures only start next term, training has started and trials are scheduled to be held on Sunday. Hamish Fraser, the Club Captain, is hoping to field at least 5 teams, 3 of which will play in the E.P. Senior League.

The first team is hoping to go on a trip to Bloemfontein just prior to the annual inter-varsity in June. Eight members of last years team are back and with the influx of many new-comers the competition for positions is going to be keen.

SUNDAY'S STROLL

So far the 50 mile walk, a Rag publicity stunt, has aroused considerable interest on the Campus. Even several of the finalists for Rag Queen have publically announced their intentions of participating and many more of the fairer sex will be following their example, (subject to the approval of the Lady Wardens).

Rumour has it that the whole of Struben House will be attempting to break the 20 hour barrier set up by American students. Will members of the other houses be as eager to accept this challenge? (This means you too, Inks!)

MARATHON

This marathon event will start at 5 a.m. from in front of the Drosty Arch on Sunday, 31st March. Come on, men, we can't let the weaker sex beat us to Bathurst and back!

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First XV lose 8-5 to Old Selbornians

The rugby season started off on a rather mediocre note when the first team went down 8—5 to Old Selbornians on Saturday.

Playing in inches of mud and a steady rain Rhodes were unable to make use of their fast back-line.

Playing a tactical game, Old Boys used their heavy tight forwards (averaging 215 lbs.) and the dangerous boot of ex-Rhodes man Ken Weakly, to considerable advantage. The Rhodes forwards failed to stand up to the superior

Old Boys pack and consequently Rhodes did not see enough of the ball.

Rhodes opened the scoring with a try by ex-Durban High School fly-half, Wannenberg, and a conversion by centre, Grey. Although Old Boys were pressing, the half time score was still 5—0. Old Boys drew level with a try by Smith (5 all) and took the lead shortly afterwards with a penalty kick in front of the posts (8—5). Old Boys looked dangerous in the last 15 mins of the game but good tackling by Schonees and Blumrick saved the side on a number of occasions. The final score was 8—5.

The second team won 3—0 in an entertaining game. The backs, whose handling was encouraging, had some good runs. The only try scored was by ex-Duiker wing, Roy Curtis-Setchel.

STELLENBOSCH

Speculation is rife among sportsmen as to our prospects against Stellenbosch on Saturday. After last Saturday's performance, opinion tends to be pessimistic. Although Stellenbosch is considered the home of rugby and nursery for Spring-

boks, Rhodes have always managed to hold their own, even if always in defeat. Last year we went down 19—3.

Rhodes has a dangerous line and, if Clive Ulyate plays fly-half, they should do well. Our forwards are light, but if E.K. can keep up last Saturday's performance he should be able to inspire them to match the Stellenbosch forwards in both the tight and loose.

Athletics Meeting:

Two Chosen

Janet van Lingen and Barry Andrews were chosen last week to represent Eastern Province at the S.A. Championships to be held in Pretoria over Easter.

Janet, who won the Women's Javelin event at the Championships last year, has now improved her throw to 132' 4".

Barry who holds the E.P. pole vault record at 12' 7½", is not far from the National record holder, Hentie Kruger.

VAN LINGEN WINS FIVE EVENTS

Janet van Lingen, S.A. javelin champion won five events at the annual Rhodes athletic championships on Saturday. Running on a rather heavy track, times were not impressive.

Brenda Cloete did well to equal the Rhodes 80 metres hurdles record in a

time of 13 seconds. Phyllis Cummings took the honours in the women's 100 and 220 yds. Cliff Hopkins was a comfortable winner in the mile in 4.33 from Trevor Anderson. J. Finnemore won the 100 and 220 yds. and John Jones turned in a creditable time at 2.016 in the half mile. Pete Ions won the 440 yds. in a close finish from John Jones.

This year's new event, the social 1-mile walk, was won by Tom Maxwell. Rubin Els did well to beat Mike Chapman in the long-jump.

As was expected there were numerous scratchings, and some events were left with only two or three runners. Oppidans won the men's section with 52 points from Founders, followed closely by Smuts Hall. The women's section was won by St. Mary's with 35 points, Oriel was placed second, and Oppidans third.

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Cricketers hammered by Border Colts

Playing their last game of the season, the first XI lost by 7 wickets to Border Colts last Sunday. Rhodes opened the batting and scored 182 runs on a good wicket.

Rhodes top-scorers were Rose-Innes 73 and Burton 59. Helped by poor fielding, Border Colts passed the Rhodes score with only three wickets down. The top score of the day was made by S.A.

Nuffield batsman, Muzzell, with 102 not out. The Rhodes bowling did not fare well with Godden taking two wickets.

The 2nd XI also did not fare well. They lost by 3 wickets to St. Andrew's on Saturday. Rhodes, batting first made 180. Top scorers were Abbott 49 and Lyons 52. St. Andrew's ended up with 180 for 7.

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TENNIS

The Rhodes Tennis teams had a good win against a Central Albany team last Sunday. Results were:—

	Rhodes	Albany
Mixed Doubles	12	5
Men's Doubles	4	2
Women's Doubles	4	3

Notwithstanding this victory the prospects for the season are not very bright. Although the Women's Club has been augmented by promising players such as Shirley Banks, Natalie Sapire and Wendy Brotherton, the Men's Club has lost two of its leading players in Colin Sparg and Harold Bettman.

Table Tennis

The first table tennis game ever held on the campus was won by Rhodes last Tuesday.

Playing the local Grahamstown side in a friendly match, both the first and second teams won 6—1 and 4—3 respectively. The first team consisting of Pincus, Lancaster and Clark have applied for entry into the Cape Midlands League. The application is being considered. A return game is scheduled for next week against the Grahamstown side.

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