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MATIE BANNER CAPTURED

Jack Court and Les Greenwood proudly holding the captured flag.

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Mannequins Sought

RHODES women may take part in a mannequin parade at the City Hall next Saturday night. Tall, graceful girls are being sought by the S.A. Wool Board's fashion show now touring the Eastern Cape.

Vital statistics required are:
Height: 5-ft. 6-in. to 5-ft. 8-in.
Bust: 36-in. to 38-in.
Hips: 36-in. to 38-in.

"Rhodes has much of this talent," writes Mr. P. J. Norden, the local Wool Board executive Member. Approval of the Lady Wardens is yet to be obtained.

ABSENT MINDED?

WHEN Sam Slater, Botha House, returned from his "12.20" one day last week, he was amazed to find that fire had broken out in his room, severely charred his bookcase and damaged some books.

Sam had accidentally left his electric iron on. The blaze was quenched by two Botha types with fire extinguishers.

LECTURER SAILS

SAILING today for Germany on the "Winchester Castle" is Dr. C. J. Meyer, Senior Lecturer in German at Rhodes. Dr. Meyer will spend six months' study leave at the University of Göttingen. He will resume his researches into German literature, broken off when he left Germany in 1939.

TO-DAY, A MONTH AFTER THE INTER-VARSITY GALA, WE BRING YOU THE AMAZING STORY OF INTRIGUE AND COUNTER-INTRIGUE, WHICH LED TO THE CAPTURE OF THE STELLENBOSCH SWIMMING-BANNER BY RHODES. HOW TWO COLLEGE TYPES, JACK COURT AND LES GREENWOOD HOODWINKED A PRETORIA STUDENT AND GOT THE BANNER, HAS BEEN KEPT SECRET BY "THE RHODEO" STAFF AND SOME TWELVE OTHERS.

Stellenbosch brought their banner along with them and hoisted it in full view on the opening day of the gala. Later, fearing capture, they decided it would be safer to sit on it. During a water polo match when excitement reached fever-pitch, the Matie guarding the flag rose to his feet. When he sat down the flag was gone. Stellenbosch were baffled. Meanwhile the Pretoria student responsible, afraid to keep it in his own room,

EXPENSES?

SAD news for Oriel pushes is the recent announcement, that men are not to be allowed to come to tea in the mornings. Gone are the pleasant rustic scenes of man and maid relaxing under the shade of our trees. Now we hurriedly gulp our tea and in solitude return to our toil. The reason for this untimely blow?—"cutting down expenses".... I wonder.....

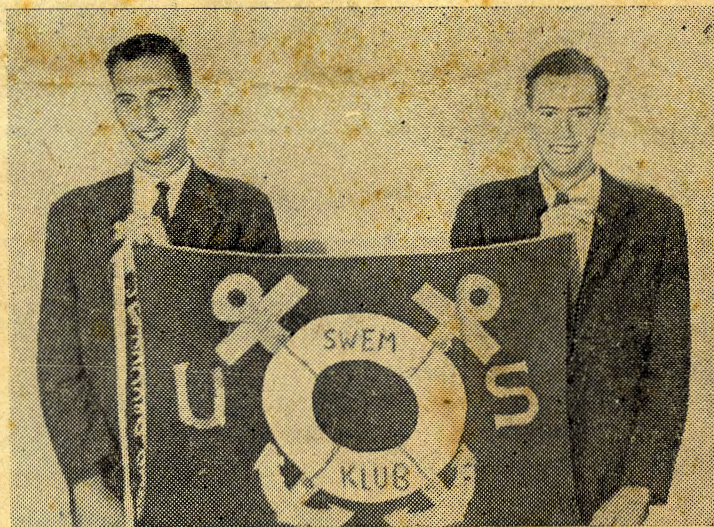
NEWS FLASH: All talking on Oriel Hall doorstep will cease.

handed it over to Jack Court. It was hidden under a floor-board in "Woodrow Wilson's" room in College where it remained until Monday. Due to leave that night, Pretoria claimed their spoil. Court returned it—but a counter-plot was already afoot.

Expecting their victim to beat the farewell dinner "the conspirators" entered Graham. Unfortunately the Tukkies was in. A plan was made to lure him from his room by a fake 'phone call. This proved unnecessary as the Tukkies went out leaving the coast clear. While others kept watch Court stealthily entered the room, hastily rifled the Pretorian's suitcase and removed the banner. Hiding it under his jacket he slipped out of Graham unnoticed. The Matie banner was ours!

The following afternoon the victors hung up their prize in College common-room. But an hour later it had vanished! This time, however, to Court's relief it had been hidden for safety. Stellenbosch was on the war-path.

Since then the banner has been hidden; you will find it hanging in Kaif to-day.



LAW SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM ON:

World Government

A CAPACITY audience in the General Lecture theatre on April 15 heard five members of the staff discuss World Government.

The main causes of war were economic, said Professor Irving. War was neither socially innate nor a biological necessity, and a solution could be reached through social engineering.

Law, said Professor Beinart, could only give clearer expression to forces already existing, and in this respect international law was fairly well developed. Nations did not deny the existence of law, but rather attempted to show that their acts were in reality in accordance with it.

Mr. Slee stigmatised national-

ism as the cause of war. The solution would be an organisation which could attract the loyalty of individuals rather than attempt to put States on an equal basis.

Mr. Threlfell denied that economic causes were most important. He favoured an international body which could attract the same allegiance as individual governments, break down customs barriers and establish a world currency.

Mr. Le May, feeling "naked and somewhat ashamed," showed that after each attempt at forceful world domination nations had unsuccessfully tried to achieve world government by consent. The only hope for peace was to find an ideology of equal force to counter Communism.

FIRE SCARE

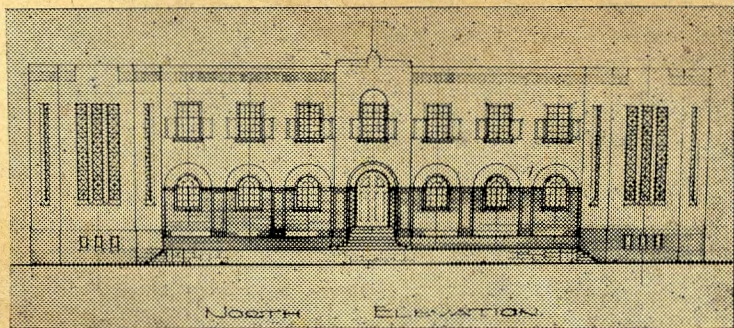
RUMOURS of a strange new incense-burning cult at Rhodes have followed reports of an unsolved fire mystery at Phelps. A strong smell of smoke alarmed the Lady Warden, who sent Inkettes scurrying round the house to investigate. No fire was found.

IAN FERGUSON TELLS OF:

OLD IMMORTALITY REMEDY

ALCHEMY, ancient and modern, was the theme of Ian Ferguson's Presidential Address to the Scientific Society last week. Among the facts which emerged from his lecture were the following:

- * Wine, beer and cosmetics were known and used in ancient Egypt.
- * The Greeks considered that laboratory work was fit for slaves, and for no-one else.
- * Immortality may be obtained by cooking a mixture of cinnabar and gold on a mountaintop after fasting for a hundred days.
- * A German prince of the 18th century kept a special gallows for hanging alchemists on.
- * Experiments were sure to fail unless sun, moon and stars were in the correct positions. This probably explains some of the events that take place in the laboratories at Rhodes.



Hostel for Theologs.

WORK has begun behind Jan Smuts Hall on a new hostel for Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational theological students. The hostel will house 24 and will include a chapel, a large lecture room and a library. It will probably be opened at the beginning of next year.

"The purpose is to provide for intending ministers the professional training for which the university faculty is not responsible," the Rev. Professor D. Horton Davies, head of the Divinity faculty told me. Special classes and practical training will be given in ministerial work. The Rev. L. A. Hewson, now part-time lecturer in the Divinity faculty, has been appointed Warden of the hostel. He will be assisted by other ministers of the three denominations concerned living in Grahamstown.

The Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches will meet two-thirds of the costs and the remainder will come from the Government.

All divinity students will spend their first year in the ordinary Rhodes residences before being admitted to the hostel. If the hostel is not filled, we may admit students of the three denominations concerned, who are taking the Social Studies diploma in Youth Leadership, Professor Davies said.

Youngest son: "Daddy, what is 'college-bred'? Is it the same as ordinary bread?"

Father (grimly): "No, my boy. It's a three-year loaf."

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RHODEO

Tuesday, April 6, 1948

"EVERYBODY
SING"

THE POOR SHOW put up by Rhodes spectators at the Intervarsity gala has brought to light the serious shortage of Rhodes songs. While other varsities maintained a never-failing flow of songs and chants Rhodes was limited to half-hearted rendering of "Tatinkata tonkata," "We want a win," and faulty attempts at the war-cry. There were no Rhodes cheerleaders. But for a few, who took the initiative in leading what Rhodes utterances there were, Rhodes would have remained a silent partner throughout the proceedings. Rhodes' predicament was due to two obvious factors. Firstly, we haven't got enough songs and cries—and of those we have none are applicable to swimming. Secondly, the words of the songs already in existence are simply not known.

The need for more Rhodes songs is obvious to every Rhodian who attended the gala. Following an appeal by Mally Gillmer, a movement to revive Rhodes' songs is already afoot in the Rugby Club. The "Rhodéo" wholeheartedly supports it.

The singing of songs at intervarsity meetings and the manner in which they are sung together form one of the few outward indications of college spirit. On this rating, the visiting teams must surely have taken back with them a poor report on the spirit at Rhodes. It is in the belief that the spirit is there, but needs some medium of expression on public occasions, that we are launching a "Songs for Rhodes" competition.

From the results of this competition we shall produce a printed sheet of Rhodes songs, which will be issued free of charge. It will include both the old and the new.

We appeal to all of you who feel that you could write a song, to try and do so. We

(Continued in column five.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gratitude?

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my gratitude to the Inks and Inkettes of this year.

Last year, lectures were so dull, one had to listen to the lecturer. This year we are entertained for forty minutes by varying views on life, and memories of the previous evening's push. It's so nice to find so many people who have no inhibitions about reticence.

It's a pity, however, that lecturers have to waste so much effort in delivering their subjects in raised voices. Wouldn't it be much simpler for all concerned to institute a series of socials instead of lectures for the benefit of our first-years.

Yours, etc.,

"CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIC."

College Grant?

Dear Sir,

I have often wondered what the relation between our Rhodes publications and the governing body of R.U.C. was. It appears that R.U.C. is one of the only universities in which the local rag is produced entirely by students, without either S.R.C. or Senate assistance. Having had some previous newspaper experience, I am fully aware of the difficulties that face the organisers of such a venture, not the least of which is the financing of it.

Surely it is up to the Senate or S.R.C. to provide a grant in order to establish once and for all a permanent Rhodes newspaper, for it cannot be denied that the present system is most unsatisfactory. The forms in which we have seen Rhodes publications in the last few years have been so varied that we have come to regard them with a fairly warranted suspicion. If we could feel sure that we were investing in something that was organised on a permanent basis, in something that was financially

secure, how much happier we should all be.

What we want is a permanent vehicle for self-expression, a paper to be proud of.

Yours faithfully,

"PERMANENT PETER."

Hurt

Dear Sir,

On behalf of myself, as an ex-Umtata-ite at Rhodes, and of those men who are not here to defend themselves, I should like to put on record a big moan concerning your "Close-up's" opinion of Umtata men in general. May I call to her attention the highly entertaining and instructive letter by "Village Maiden" in the same issue (7.4.48) and ask her to study its contents closely?

Yours, etc.,

"TRANSKEIAN."

(Eds. Note: Miss Smyter referred to Rhodes men as more "pleasant and entertaining" than those at home.)

Thank You

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my great approval for, and appreciation of "The Rhodéo" in its new form. You have certainly taken a great step forward—a step in the right direction.

The paper now seems to be well on the way to becoming a suitable organ for the expression of the activities and thought of Rhodes students. I am sure that it will become something of which we can all be justly proud, and in which we can take a lively interest, feeling that it is truly "ours."

I hope that the great promise which is shown will be amply filled, and that you will succeed in building up a strong and enthusiastic body of readers.

Every success to "The Rhodéo"—and a long and vigorous life.

Yours, etc.,

H. L. WATTS,

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Grahamstown.

Bare Facts...

MANY read the old Rhodes proverb (new to them) about the "carless man." But they feel that it's not the car that counts but what's in it—though the car does help!

Customer: "Have you the book called 'Man, Master of Women'?"

Salesgirl: "The fiction counter is to your left, sir."

CIVIL SERVANTS'
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O Lord, grant that this day we come to no decisions, neither run we into any kind of responsibility, but that all our doings may be ordered to establish new and quite unwarranted departments for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE PRUDENT
STUDENT
FORGETTES
INKETTES.

F.G.

There was a young lady called Maud,

A sort of society fraud,
In the parlour, 'tis told,
She was both shy and cold,
But on the verandah—My Gawd!

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BLENKINSOP BATTLE

A GAIN we bring to you that fight for favour, that labour for love—the battle for Miss Blenkinsop! We are now at liberty to print the names of the two insistent suitors—Mr. Ivor Bankbalancestein and Mr. ffoulkes.

You will remember Mr. ffoulkes intended to buy a car. Unfortunately for him, however, Mr. Bankbalancestein discovered that it was to be auctioned at a local junk yard and thwarted his rival by outbidding him by 1/5thd. But the tables were turned. Mr. Bankbalancestein received news that his father had developed acute gold-ionotrightis—a disease causing paralysis of the hand while writing cheques. Thus it was that our dingy dandy dashed home for the vac in his luxurious model T Ford (to Nomannersburg), leaving Mr. ffoulkes a clear path.

Mr. ffoulkes, that blonde bantam from Barrow-in-Furnace, was educated in England, first at Eton and then at Borstal. He came out here under somewhat cloudy circumstances in '46. In fact, as he says: "it was damn foggy the whole trip." Towards the end of the vacation Mr. ffoulkes was asked to comment on his success in wooing the fair Miss Blenkinsop now opposition was lacking: "Fine," he said disconsolately, shaking out his purse and watching the three used scope-tickets, two trouser buttons and one torn postage-stamp as they made their way earthwards. With a dry laugh he told me she liked to go to scope three or four times a week, in the two-and-ten-pennies, of course; that she inhabited kaif at least twice a week, and was very fond of ice-cream parfaits and lots of cakes; that at hotels she never drank anything stronger than champagne and although she thought caviare a trifle vulgar, she liked to try a little occasionally. **Her mother had told her never to accept gifts from strange men, but she never found men strange after she'd known them for a minute or so.**

Since that luscious lady was observed the following day on the arm of Mr. Willie Seemee of Snooptown, one may safely assume that for the present Mr. ffoulkes has retired from the fight.

No Englishman has any common sense, ever had or ever will have.—G.B.S.

CLOSE-UP

DO you recognise this grim unrelenting figure on the bench in the Native Affairs Department? The Assistant Magistrate you see here is none other than popular 27-year-old Tom Mullins, of Struben House, while working at Kentani, Transkei, during the Christmas vac.

When he is capped next week, Tom can justly claim to have established a Rhodes record. He came to Rhodes at the beginning of last year with three credits, and completed his B.A. by December. Previous experience in the Civil Service before the war did not help him in his remaining subjects, and he had to start Latin again after ten years. That experience, which includes two Civil Service law exams, will be more help in his LL.B., which he hopes to complete this year.



Tom was all booked to come to Rhodes in 1937, but changed his mind at the last moment. It was a decision he regretted but he got a second chance ten years later.

One of the few people at Rhodes who combine work with pleasure and get results, his motto is "the harder you play the harder you work." He believes in making the most of the opportunities Rhodes offers. He has a car, sees most of the good flicks and seldom misses a Rhodes dance. Between these he plays rugby, squash and tennis and more than dabbles in photography. The Camera Club have found him an active committee member. Last year he contributed two of the only four Rhodes exhibits accepted by the S.A. Universities and Youth Salon.

His activities don't stop here. He still manages to attend society meetings and to read books on philosophy. His big problem—to find time for all he wants to do.

MEMORIES, Mostly Informal

by Dusty

THE first informal of the term produced nothing startling bar many absences, and the men were in a happy shtate of mind, hic, shuch a pity.

We noticed Stompie having all his Paul-Joan's. He told us he enjoyed his vac at Jo'burg in general—enough Brandy, Stomp? or is it Van da Hum? Vippy is back again, as before strictly on OPS (other people's Stompies)—no more Tom-boying for her!

A certain blonde inkette felt that she had Laid the Law for her pushing activities this term. What went wrong? Perhaps, as she said "blondes are too common."

Many male pushers have felt their noses put somewhat out of joynt by the arrival of a Wits student. Pam doesn't mind, though.

In my father's town (or is it Ma's dorp?) we see Andre gets off Scott-free rollocking round on Sunday afternoons.

The vac seemed to be a "Vacation from Marriage" for a certain colt called Johnny and his Phylly. Maybe they didn't like the role of gay divorcees.

And what's this we hear about Claudius being pruedent again?

We end with our thought for this week—

To push or not to push, that is the question,
Whether 'tis simpler in the single state to stay,
To suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous gossip
Or to take up arms against a sea of words
And by opposing, strengthen them.
To push—'tis bliss,
But marry—'tis hard!

WITHOUT COMMENT

"A large dairy is continuing to meet demands for milk with the aid of its European female clerical staff."—E.P. Herald report of Bulawayo strike, 15th April, 1948.

Love and scandal are the best sweeteners of tea.—Fielding.

PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Answered by the PSYCHOLOGY EDITOR

DEAR SIR, I—a newly-arrived Ink—find—in spite of a genuine desire to carry out my duties—however irksome—that I have—unfortunately—an overriding fear of answering telephones—what shall I do?

PHILIP FONETHNOT.

Your case seems to be one of Telephobia; you also appear to be a paraphonic. This condition is due to the incorrect co-ordination of the unconditioned reflexes with the de-central, parasynthetic nervous system. This causes a hiatus of the reflex, deflex, influx and lighting flex which has made you a parasyssy. Or, in simple language, you've had it.

Your condition is often associated with the excessive use of dashes in writing. If you ever notice this tendency, please let me know.

I suggest that you try ringing yourself up. You should have no difficulty in answering. This will build up your resistance or insistence as the case may be.

Dear Sir, The modern girl's taste in clothes revolts me.

GIVES YOU

"EXAM LORE"

"THE attention of students is drawn to the moral indefensibility of examinations."—University Senate.

One of the subjects carefully not taught in universities is how to pass examinations. Lecturers spread the myth that only knowledge will ensure success, and so build up gloom and pessimism in the students so that they adopt a completely negative attitude at examinations, and can be failed with impunity.

Actually the student is not nearly so helpless. In these articles it is intended to reveal the jealously-guarded secret of technique, and to indicate some of the weapons available to the student, so that he can fight back. Let us start with the Department of English.

All that is necessary here is to spot the required number of questions. The actual question paper set makes no difference. Suppose you don't get your spots on Browning, Keats or Wordsworth, but instead the question: "Discuss the poetry of Herrick." At first sight this is disastrous, but really all is not lost. Begin:

"Herrick's poetry is an expression of both his personality and his outlook. He would probably disagree with Keats that 'poetry should please by a fine excess,' and with Browning that it should express character. He is perhaps more akin to Wordsworth, who holds it to be 'emotion recollected in tranquillity' . . . His style, too, is in marked contrast with that of Browning. It is unthinkable that Herrick would ever write:

'As long as I dwell on some stupendous
And tremendous (Heaven defend us!)
Monstr' inform' ingens—horrendous
Demoniac-seraphic
Penman's latest piece of graphic . . .

as did Browning. His style is pure and limpid with none of the obscurity (safe bet) and tortured rhymes (cert) to which Browning is addicted . . ." Get the idea?

A very important art in answering questions in English is the art of quotation. Try to include in each answer some quotes which will be

familiar to your lecturer, and some which will be unknown to her. If she is able to recognise all your quotations, she will think that you have read only narrowly, and have a shallow mind. On the other hand, too many unfamiliar quotations are also bad, as they will make her feel inferior, think that you are one of those smarty-pants intellectuals, and cause her to fail you anyway. A nice balance is essential.

To be quite sure that she will not know some of your quotes, it is advisable to make them up on the spot. An alternative method is to borrow some of her books during the course of the year, and learn the poems on the pages she has not cut apart.

The art of choosing a familiar quotation is rather more difficult. In the past, one could assume with fair safety that lecturers would recognise the saltier parts of the classical poets, but nowadays they worship at the shrines of strange gods like MacNeice and Spender. The only safe way is to arrange for tutorials and unobtrusively find out what your lecturer knows during the pre-exam. period.

There are other minor points, such as knowing your way about your Bible in Anglo-Saxon exams., but these are of importance only to those trying for a distinction, and we should not be grasping, should we?

(Personal Problems)

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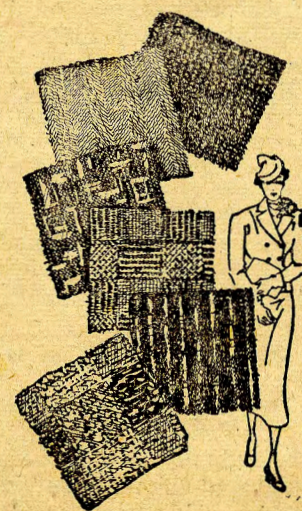
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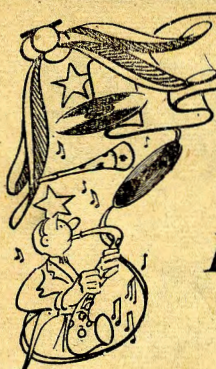
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(with apologies to "The Sable")

THESE FOLLOWING THINGS have I, a stoodentum of the lesser scribes, impressed upon tablets of stone, in the third month after the coming together of the tribes of Rhodii at the place which is with much knowledge, even as I have been commanded

"So a further fragment with the life and the ways of the people of Rhodos is introduced. We have pleasure in presenting a literal translation of this fragment."

—Editors—"The Rhodeo."

And it came to pass that on the fourth day of their assembling the Mas-tah, High Priest found himself without a Higher Priest, and he betook him to the temple which is very old and yet is still the meeting place which is Great and which is called by the name of Hall. Selah!

Whereupon the Mas-tah, now unopposed leader of the Rhodii, spake unto the tribes which were gathered before him. Yea, not only did he speak to the tribe of the Ink-um and the Ink-et-um, but he spake also unto the tribe of the Se-ni-or and also the tribe of the Su-per-se-ni-or. Gathered together with him to give him great dignity were his sub-leaders, the Sen-naat.

Of the First Prophecies and Warnings.

THUS spake he unto the host before him saying, "Esmah! The Time draweth nigh for ye to do work at this Uni-ver-city and all pleasures wherein ye have previously indulged, ye have also had."

And the tribes murmured softly, saying:—"Yea, verily we have had it, even as thou hath said!"

"Many," did he say, "would fall back one year if they did not heed this warning, and I prophesy," echoed he, "that the 'wayside' would have many in its broad lanes."

Of the Act-tiv-vit-ties that followed.

NOW there is to be found here a place, which is likened unto the great tombs, which is the Lie-brew-ry. But be not misled oh ye of mighty thirst. This is the storehouse, which is very quiet and wherein ye will not be disturbed in your labours, where all the tablets are housed. Unto the quiet of this place did enter the tribes of Ink-et-um and also of the Ink-um for they did wish to seek, but few there were who did so because it wise for so to do, the instructions impressed on these tablets.

Many and strange were these things that the other tribes did see. They did see that some of the tribe of the Ink-um and Ink-et-um did find the tablets that they were seeking and knew not where they found them, and some found them not and knew not where they found them not. And they were sore distressed and began then to hold in great reverence those who before them had also had these trials and tribulations.

Of the Cloth of Many Colours.

NOW also was it ordained of old time that these tribes of the Ink-et-um shall wear about their necks a portion of cloth which is a ri-bon, that by their colours the other tribes shall know their place

of, abode in order that those who did sparkle at the eye might receive the honour of a poosh. Yea, verily they were to present themselves at the sound of bells until they had sojourned here for four periods which are the terms also. And likewise shall the Inkum be known by cloths of many colours about their necks.

Of the Misuse of the Temple which is the Hall which also is Great.

NOW the mighty tribes did wish to be pleased chiefly by the womenfolk of the Ink-et-um. The same were to be displayed as musicians in this Temple. The hearts of many were then made glad, but those who did first go to the Homes of the keepers of the Inns did distress the tribes, yet, Woe is me because they were envied, even because they did misuse the Temple so. This revelry was called by many, the Con-sert.

Of the Bocks-ing.

THERE are Rez-denz-ies wherein abide the men of all the tribes. These places are the Halls, Found-ur which is the oldest because it was the first, and that of Jahnee which is the youngest because it is the last, and Droz-dee which is neither the oldest nor the youngest because it was neither first nor last. Now the rulers of these places of abode did set their hearts upon winning themselves fame by doing battle for the cup of silver which was the prize that the old and mighty prophet "Waa-kerr," who is May-jorr also, did set before them so that their hearts may be turned to the mightiness of the contest, Esmah! Many there were who rose but fell again. Those that did not use the leather in their hands, and not the leather which is on their noses, did relinquish their foes. The same who did come forth victorious did also carry fame with them, yea verily the cup was carried too, but it ran not over to the Hall which was the first founder, but rather unto the habitations of the warriors (for it is now proven so) from Droz-dee, which remains yet in the middle but foremost also.

the growth of new lyrics, which told of the exploits of folk heroes and memorable events in local history. They could be referred to as "Epic Blues," for they bemoan the natural and man-made distasters such as floods, lynchings, and the type most popular to-day, disappointments in love. Songs of the same kind have been composed about the grand figures in southern history. To-day these documentary blues commemorate popular Negro figures like boxer Joe Louis, famous blues singer Bessie Smith, and trumpeter Louis Armstrong.

The decline of the blues to-day, no doubt follows the standardisation that is taking place on every cultural level in the U.S.A. It is indeed a great pity that this healthy folk-art has been made commonplace by the humdrum of the modern commercial jazz bands, and has been subject so unmercifully, to the plagiary of the so-called "popular song" composer.

Of the Contests after the Exodus, which was the In-ter-arsity.

NOW the time drew nigh for all the tribes to disperse once more and few did stay to receive this Collosus the tribes from Uet, and Nuc, and Wits and U-cough, and Tuc, and of Mah-tie, and thus was Rue sadly represented and it appeared unto all that they were not strong. Selah! There was to be amongst these tribes, assembled at the waters edge, much merrymaking that also it may be seen which of the tribes could enter the water and be the first to leave it after passing through it to the bank which for some was far away. Yet, verily I say unto, "There were no boats, neither did the water part at the centre for then would it have been unjust, because some were not to pass at the centre nor would those have lived who did leave the air at great height to meet the water with their heads. It grieved me sadly also that the water could not be walked upon by Rue for many it seemed walked as easily over the heads of these their foes. "Now may the writers of papyrus record these happenings that in the days to come, which are twelve months distant, we shall not again allow these tribes from far places think us weak in these things. Hear ye! Hear ye! We had taken from us much fame. And thus these days were remembered

Junior.

The love of money is the root of all evil: yes, and we'd all like to have the tree growing in our garden.—G.B.S.

First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity. —G.B.S.

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The Birth of the Blues

by Musica Ficta

BLUES, by virtue of its rhythmic, modal, harmonic and melodic characteristics, may be justly considered the essence of Jazz. The Blues were born in the days of American Negro slavery. They are simple, elemental and have the profound depths of feeling that are found in any race that has known slavery.

The American Negro is no stranger to this suffering. Out of these songs of hardship, work-songs and spirituals sprang that melancholic note so characteristic of the early blues. First blues were singing music, only to be played incidentally on whatever instruments happened to be handy, and, although many years have passed since the music enjoyed its "classical" era, it has retained much of its vocal characteristics.

The melancholic note of the songs is acquired largely by the use of a slightly flattened third against a major chord in the accompaniment. This provides the unexpected minor effect, to which the term "blue note" has been applied. Sung, or played solo by any wind or string instrument, this note sounds like one purposely played off pitch.

The lyrics of the blues are exceedingly interesting. They are filled with the deepest emotions of the slave, charged with satire, irony and buffoonery. In his lyrics the Negro expressed his true feelings, his hopes, aspirations and ideals. Illiterate as many of them

were, there was a noble and sincere quality in these chants. True many of the blues lyrics are vulgar and the suggestive quality has crept in, but when one realises that as paid entertainers Negroes were catering for public taste—a taste of a decadent American community—this is quite understandable.

Many slave songs carried a note of protest against slavery conditions. Among the many meaningless stanzas, one often would be found voicing the singer's discontent as in this typical example of a blues ballad:

"De ol' bee makes de honeycomb De young bee makes de honey De niggers make de cotton and corn En de white folks get de money."

Even after their emancipation the Negroes cried out against the treatment they received:

"Slabbery an' freedom is mos' de same Lord, no difference hahdly cep' in de name."

Gradually the Negroes migrated from the cotton fields. This new found freedom of movement stimulated

ATHLETES ADVISED....

CUT DOWN ON PUSHING!

(A copy of an anonymous letter sent to all Rhodes athletes.)

DEAR CLUB MEMBER,

This letter is to notify you of a fitness campaign being organised by the Athletic Club prior to the Intervarsity Meeting. As you know, this is THE meeting of the year, and it is absolutely essential that our athletes be at the peak of their form. We urge you to attend the P.T. classes conducted by Mr. Powell at 5.15 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as these classes will ensure complete body fitness.

There are, however, other factors in athletic training which coaching alone cannot combat. The first of these is the mental state of the athlete. This is all-important.

The typical neurosis of the university student is the anxiety neurosis, and this is by no means alleviated by what we at Rhodes term "pushing." If this state of affairs is allowed to continue it may give rise to maladjustive reactions, repression, self-repudiating reactions, projection and undoing. It may even become more serious, however, and lead to psycho-neuroses, functional and/or organic psychoses such as hysteria and multiple personality, maniac depressive psychoses, involutional melancholia, schizophrenia or dementia praecox. Even to general paresis, obsessions, compulsions, motor agitations, doubts and scruples, feelings of unreality and de-personalisation.

On these grounds we urge you to cut down on pushing, not necessarily cutting it out altogether, though this is perhaps the easiest course, as it is less painful to cut off a dog's

tail with one blow than inch by inch. However, talk this over with your push, who, if you are fellow athletes, will probably see reason, but if you push with a non-athlete, you are likely to experience some slight difficulty. Do your best, however, and remember: Rhodes athletics comes first.

The next item is diet. American coaches have proved by exhaustive study of the subject, that a faulty or inadequate diet detracts from good performances. So cut out that bread, not more than five slices at lunch, and don't have that fourth piece of toast at breakfast. This staple affects the Molotov area, thereby shortening the wind and so detracting from physique. (Dean B. Cromwell). It has also been the practice of Rhodes athletes in the past to have grills at cafes. If you are one of these, make sure that the steak is grilled and not fried, as the fat content of fried steak forms a lining in the stomach, counteracting the beneficial effects of large quantities of alcohol. Do not eat pastry as this takes 36 hours to digest, besides Rhodes pastry is made from bread leftovers. (See above note on bread.)

Yours sincerely,
HAFTA THROWWIT
(Coach)

MARCH HARE,
(Psychologist and Medical Adviser.)

in seven nights—it's about all the human constitution can stand." Another put it more succinctly in the remark "Squash. . . . Gosh!"

We met with the most open-handed hospitality wherever we went and a thoroughly good time was had by all—so much so that—guess where Mark Dovey, for instance, is going for the next vac.? Sch! (Mike Metelerkamp will also be racing.)

J. T. POWELL ASKS:-

IS YOUR TENNIS GOOD?

THOUGH the standard of tennis is high in this country there will always be beginners. If you are one of these, or a not-so-good, read on. Here are a few points worth remembering.

The basic court position is about three feet behind the centre of the base line. Always try to return to this position as soon as possible after making a stroke, except when you are attempting to crowd the net.

In all strokes attempt to play the ball to the particular spot on the court where it will be most difficult for your opponent to return it successfully.

Play with the idea of practising rather than winning until you have mastered the fundamentals. Tennis is simplified if the basic principles are learned and followed. Change and improve only after you have mastered the fundamentals.

EASTER SQUASH

A TEAM of six men and six women set out for Natal during the Easter vac. The men: M. Pennington, C. Silcock, M. Metelerkamp, M. Dovey, P. Strachan and M. Impey. The women: S. Taylor, K. Tredgold, D. Pennington, T. Green, E. Lancefield and R. Edwards.

Our first opponents were the Michaelhouse staff—probably the strongest side we were to meet on the tour. They beat us 4-1. The following morning the girls played a boys team and won 5-0. In the afternoon the men beat the boy's first team 3-2. A combined university and school team drew with the staff 4-4, while the girls defeated a stronger school side 3-2.

While the girls went off to Durban, the men stopped over in Maritzburg for a day to play the Victoria Club. Here we were unlucky to lose 2-3 in a very close match. On Tuesday, while the girls were cleaning up the Jewish Club to the tune of 4-0, the men again lost, after a great struggle, to the Durban Club, 2-3. Wednesday saw both teams matched against the Durban Country Club and this time it was the men who swept the board with a 5-1 victory, while the girls won 4-2. The final match was against a team of Old Rhodians, with one or two Durban players to augment them. Here the men won 5-1 and the women 4-2.

Altogether the results were very satisfying. For those who like statistics the men played 7 matches, drew 1, lost three and won three. And for those who like statistics even more, we won 19 sets and lost 14 while games were 71-59 in our favour and points 914-846.

As for the women, it is now two years since they lost a match, which shows that they are definitely a force to be reckoned with—the men saw for themselves on the tour.

Someone summed up the whole tour very adequately in the words "Seven matches in seven days and seven parties (Continued in previous column.)"

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DIARY

By Barn

VERY little has been happening in the world of women's sport since my last report. Nearly all the "sporty types" packed up and went away for the Easter vac. and seem to have come back to Rhodes to recuperate. One or two clubs do not seem to be suffering from the general hangover, and here's what they have to say for themselves.

Tennis:

This year we are entering two teams in the Grahams-town and districts league and a long list of fixtures has been received. The firsts are playing in the "A" division and the seconds in the "B" division.

To-day the firsts are at home to Bathurst. The seconds will play the Infant School Teachers (T.C.) team.

Plans are still afoot to hold an intervarsity here in July but Wits. have written suggesting one in Johannesburg over the long week-end in May. Unfortunately we can only travel by car because time is so short.—Any offers?

Hockey:

Practices have begun and the first matches will be played this afternoon. The 1st XI play Fort Beaufort here while the seconds have an away match against T.C.

Netball:

Practices have been delayed by the state of the field, but matches have been arranged against T.C. for April 28 and May 5—both at T.C. Our second and third teams will meet Convent on their field on June 2.

OLD BOYS' WIN

OLD SELBORNIANS played attractive rugby to beat Rhodes 8-6 in a friendly game on the Rhodes field last Saturday. Their forwards and backs combined well and they fully deserved their victory. Playing their first match of the season, the new Rhodes team lacked combination and took some time to settle down.

The visitors won most of the scrums and the line outs and only good defensive work by Rhodes kept them at bay. Twenty minutes from the start Hansen goaled a penalty from 30 yards out to give Rhodes the lead. 3-0. Old Boys' attacked strongly and came close to scoring. From a loose scrum the ball swung out to Rausch on the right wing who dived over in the corner. The kick failed. 3-3.

Old Boys were getting the ball and their line moved well. Soon afterwards Marshall, a forward, scored their second try which Snyman converted 8-3. Just before half time one of the Rhodes pack broke away and gave to Neil Mac-

Donald who put in a dashing run.

Shortly after half time Rhodes were seeing more of the ball and both wings put in good runs. An unsuccessful drop by Tyler, followed up by MacDonald, saw Rhodes nearly score. Old Boys returned to the attack and from a line-out the ball shot out to Rausch. Birrell saved a certain try, was injured, and left the field for a few minutes. Hanley went full-back.

The ball was now coming out regularly to Old Boys who made dangerous attacks. Tyler however was prominent with nice breaks but Old Boys drove Rhodes back. Rhodes forwards were outstanding in the loose and Eric Norton, falling back, brought the crowd to their feet with a 50 yard dash before being forced into touch.

Ten minutes from time Rhodes' threes got away, Gillmer side-stepping his man and cross-kicked. The forwards were there and ended in Hart going over. Hansen just failed with the kick. The final whistle found Rhodes on the attack.

SECOND TEAM

Old Boys (two goals and a try) 13
Rhodes (one dropped goal by Basson) 4

THIRD TEAM

Rhodes (three tries) 9
Old Boys (one try) 3

UNDER NINETEENS

Parks (a try, a penalty and a drop) 10
Rhodes 0

Dave Hansen gains three points for Rhodes with a penalty early in the first half against Old Boys on Saturday.



RAIN SPOILS HOCKEY

(Photo MANN & MORRISBY.)

PLAYING in drenching rain, in a game more notable for graceful slides and nose-dives than good hockey, Rhodes won their first Eastern Province League match of the season against General Motors at Port Elizabeth last Sunday.

Two good goals by Strachan and a glorious solo effort by Winnicott made the score 3-0 in Rhodes' favour.

In a friendly match against Occasionals on the Saturday, Rhodes emerged the victors by five goals to two. Two goals were scored by Kirkby, and one each by deWet, Winnicott and Strachan, while the opposition goals were both scored by ex-Rhodian Gus Gathorn.

A friendly game has been arranged for to-day against the Mental team, which beat Rhodes 2nds 4-1 last weekend. To-morrow the first team meets its two strongest league opponents, the Port Elizabeth Club and Old Grey in two successive games at Port Elizabeth.

WOMEN LOSE

RHODES 1st "B" Women's Hockey team went down 4-0 to Town 1st in the first match of the season, played on the T.C. field last Saturday. Lack of teamwork and positional play weakened the Rhodes attack. Owing to Fort Beaufort dropping out, Rhodes has now five teams in the league.

Some promising play was seen at a Rhodes Inter-Team Tournament held on Saturday.

May all your labours be in vein.—Blood Banker.

"Songs for Rhodes" Competition

"THE RHODEO" is appealing for new Rhodes songs. (See Editorial). Rugby songs are welcomed but those which can be sung on all inter-varsity occasions, will perhaps be of the greatest use.

Entries will be judged by:
Neil Macdonald—
Rugby captain.

Mike Hanley—
Athletics captain.

Anton Murray—
Cricket captain.

Mike de Wet—
Hockey captain.

Ivor Lewis—
Swimming captain.

DROP YOUR ENTRIES, HEADED "SONGS FOR RHODES," INTO THE RHODEO BOX AT KAIF; OR GIVE THEM TO ANY OF THE RHODEO STAFF (INCLUDING DISTRIBUTORS).

BOXING CHAMPS.

HEAVY rain prevented a large crowd at the Boxing Championships in the Great Hall on Monday night. The boxers showed a marked improvement in skill and fitness on the Inter-Hall Tournament last term.

Things started off with a real bang in the welterweight semi-final between Hall and Becker—perhaps the best fight seen at Rhodes for some years. Becker won.

The pace was more sedate in the other welterweight semi-final, where Bulley beat Humphrey by a small margin.

The second half of the evening saw an entertaining exhibition bout between Veyssie and Kitkat, who were unmatched in their respective weights.

In the lightweight final, Johnstone faced strong opposition from Treehaven who was awarded the best losers cup.

Becker received a good deal of punishment from Bulley in the final of the welterweight but was attacking all the time and won the fight.

Cochrane showed himself a good boxer with a heavy punch in the final of the middleweight, which he won by a t.k.o.

NO RHODES TEAM FOR INTERVARSITY

RHODES will not send a team to the Athletic Inter-Varsity at Pretoria next month, owing to the poliomyelitis scare in the Transvaal.

the section, which Rhodes won 3-1. Posner scored twice and Winnicott once.

The final against Grey lacked liveliness. Strachan scored just before time to leave the score 1-1. Grey was not anxious to play extra time, and Rhodes won the resultant toss.

The second team did well to beat Odds and Tods 2-0 and drew with Uitenhage though losing to Walmer 1-0 and Old Grey 2-1.

In the first game against the newly-established Redhouse team, the ten-minute-a-side periods were insufficient for either side to score. In the second game Rhodes succeeded in beating P.E. B 6-0. Goals were scored by Winnicott, Strachan, Joynt and Jordaan.

The third game against the Pirates (first league team) was won 1-0, Posner scoring the only goal. In the fourth against Odds and Tods, Strachan and Jordaan each scored one, making the result 2-0. General Motors and Rhodes, both undefeated, faced each other in the final of

(Continued in previous column.)

(Sports Shorts.)

Playing conditions, the weather, and strange courts will have their say, but experience, the wonderful understanding between our doubles combinations, and the determination of de Villiers, Rooke and Lurie in the singles might well be the cause of the Cup staying in Grahamstown. It will take a good side to beat them.

I HEAR that Keith Mac-Millan, ex-Rhodes and E.P. No. 8, is playing for U.C.T. firsts this season. Keith is doing his third year Engineering and writes that the social life at U.C.T. cannot compare with that of Rhodes. He is hoping to come up for Grad. next week.

Bookseller: "Here's a book that will do half your work for you."

Student: "Good. Give me two of them."

★ SPORTS SHORTS ★

THIS AFTERNOON three Rhodes teams will clash with Somerset East on the Rhodes field in the first Midlands league matches of the 1948 season.

Little is known of the Somerset East. first team. They are reported to be a young side and have already beaten Port Elizabeth Police 12-9, though they went down 11-10 to Kirkwood. Somerset have only gained one reserve wing in the Midlands side and on paper Rhodes are the stronger team. Last year Somerset and Rhodes each won a match against each other, Rhodes victory being 52-0. The seconds should win their match against Somerset 2nd who were beaten last year by Rhodes 3rds playing in the Country second league. Thirds themselves should have no difficulty in coping with their opposition.

RHODES golfers are taking their game seriously this year. Handicaps, I am told, are generally much lower than last year with Stan Thienhaus down to six and Claude Reynolds playing to an eight. The Solly Fischer Cup competition is now in progress. The competition—open to all members of the Club—is a singles match play contest based on handicaps.

Golf players are urged to play off as many "ladder matches" as possible and to hand in their cards, as this will help in selecting the team to play Kowie on May 2.

THE SQUASH CLUB have a fuller programme than for many years, Mick Pennington

tells me. This term they visit Greydeane Club, Queenstown, and ex-1944 Rhodes captain Tubby Zartz is bringing up a side of ten from Port Elizabeth. A reply is still awaited from Wits. about an inter-varsity here over the long week-end next month. U.C.T. may also take part—for the first time.

Next term will see the men's and women's championships, and in the final term, Milner will defend their possession of the Interhouse Trophy, donated by Rex Pennington, while the two women's halls will compete for a cup presented last year by Val Pretorius. A trip to Port Elizabeth, matches against the staff and Albany Club, and a visit from a strong Army side have also been planned.

A reply is expected soon from the Council regarding the request for a grant towards a new squash court.

AT CAPE TOWN to-day, Rhodes will defend their possession of the Wilcocks Cup in the annual Inter-Varsity Tennis Championships, scheduled to begin there yesterday. With the exception of Owen Kelly, Rhodes have the same side as last year. Other universities taking part are Wits., U.C.T., Stellenbosch, Tukkies and N.U.C. Strong opposition is expected from Wits., and from U.C.T., who did not compete last year.

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