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# STUDENTS CENSURE SENATE

## Motion passed in noisy debate

**By Terence Tastard**

A NOISY STUDENT BODY MEETING last week passed a motion condemning the Senate's procedure in choosing this year's honorary doctorates. The motion, proposed by Mr. Pete Harris and seconded by Mr. Ian Kirby, met with much opposition, led by Mr. "Korky" du Plessis.

Not long after Mr. Harris and Mr. Kirby had spoken, Mr. du Plessis moved "That this question be considered one week hence." His motion was defeated by 83 votes to 54.

## What did happen at UCT?

CAPE TOWN is in an uproar after the UCT "happening" in the Old Drill Hall last week. The damage caused by the Students is estimated at hundreds of rand.

The walls were splashed with paint and the floors were littered with debris, including old car parts.

During the happening itself girls stripped to their underwear, and couples danced wildly to the music of three bands and a pneumatic drill.

Contraceptives were later found in the jelly and sawdust on the floor.

The students offered to come and clear up afterwards, but were forbidden to do so by the Town Clerk who wanted to show the city council what had happened. A team of professional cleaners had to be called in.

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Mr. du Plessis then challenged the quorum. One-third of the voting student body must be present to constitute a quorum.

### Adjourned

Upon finding numbers insufficient for a quorum, SRC President, Mr. Pete Haxton, adjourned the meeting until 6.30. It was subsequently further adjourned until 7.30.

When the meeting reconvened at 7.30, Mr. Haxton asked if anyone wanted to challenge the quorum. No challenges were put forward.

Mr. du Plessis proposed for a second time his motion to delay consideration of the question. The Chairman ruled this out of order.

Mr. du Plessis challenged the ruling on the grounds that when his motion was defeated there had not been a quorum. In a snap vote the student body upheld the Chairman's ruling by a large majority.

### Interchange

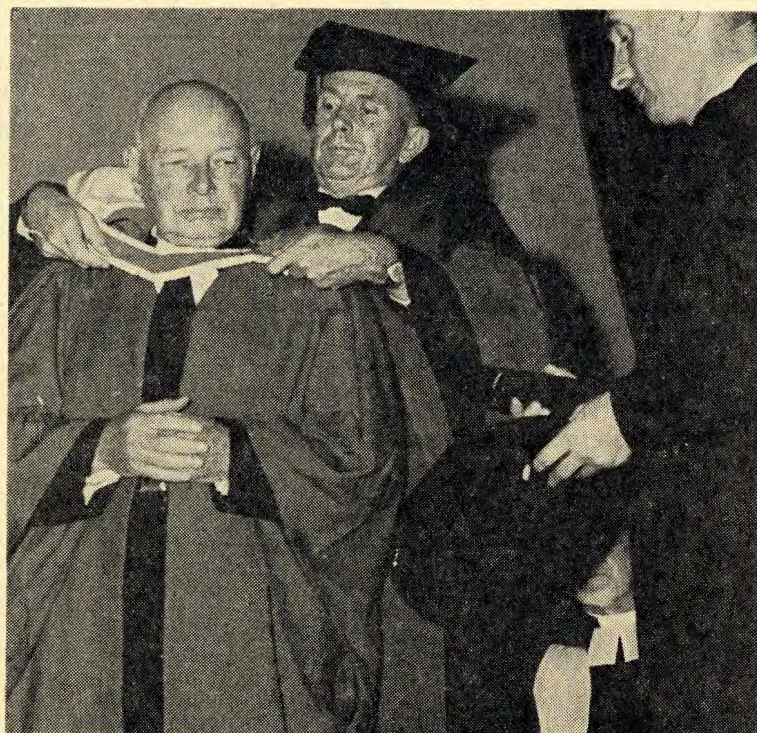
After Mr. Tony Wallace spoke against the motion, there was for some time interchange between himself and Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris made a statement about Mr. Wallace which he immediately withdrew. Mr. Wallace followed suit.

The final vote was 90 for the motion, 57 against with 17 abstentions.

A second motion calling on the SRC to organise some form of protest was proposed by Mr. Dave Tucker and seconded by Mr. Dave Novitz. Half of those attending the meeting had by then left.

Mr. Tucker's motion was passed by 38 votes to 12.

A motion put forward by Mr. du Plessis and Mr. (Bill) Louw, calling for consideration of Mr. Tucker's motion to be postponed indefinitely, was defeated by a large majority.



A proud moment for Col. J. A. I. Agar-Hamilton, being hooded by the Registrar, Mr. W. J. Askew. Col. Agar-Hamilton was awarded an honorary D.Litt.

## Students must use their rights

IF STUDENTS were to make fuller use of their rights to guide SRC policy, the SRC would be able to function in a way much more representative of campus opinion.

## Students witness killing

Several Rhodes students witnessed an ugly scene at the Grahamstown Golf Course last Friday evening, when an African waiter was stabbed to death.

A fracas developed when a Golf Club waiter, Mr. Simon Bolapi, tried to control the behaviour of some caddies. Knives were drawn and several Africans were injured.

By using his golf clubs a Rhodes student, Mr. Rodney Fletcher, managed to pull the alleged murderer away from another person.

Mr. Bolapi was in the Golf Club kitchen when a caddy is alleged to have crept up behind him and attacked him again.

A man has been detained by the police.

Miss Ruth Prentice, Secretary of SRC, in an interview with RHODEO, went on to say:

"Some students seem to think that the actions of the SRC do not reflect truly student thought."

"Actually, the student body has always been able to have a hand in the formulation of SRC policy. Contact may be made in the following ways:

- Any member of the student body may sit in as an observer at statutory meetings of the SRC. Speaking rights may be granted on application to the President.

### REQUEST

- Any student may request a member of the SRC to represent his views at an SRC Meeting.
- Students have the democratic right to express their views at student body meetings.
- The SRC is obliged to call a student body meeting if a petition, dealing with student affairs, signed by 150 students, is tendered to it."

## Mystery surrounds press leak

**By Eddie Deutchmann**

MYSTERY SEEMS to surround the motion passed at a Student Body meeting last week dealing with the Honorary Doctorates.

Apparently a serious press "Leak" occurred which cannot be traced.

At a meeting of the SRC on Wednesday, April 5, it was agreed that Mr. Pete Harris and Mr. Ian Kirby should propose a private motion at the Student Body meeting. This discussion was held in Committee.

The motion was drawn up and delivered to Mr. Haxton's office on Saturday afternoon. He received it on Sunday morning.

A Johannesburg Sunday newspaper appeared the same morning with a front page article dealing with the issue.

On Sunday evening a RHODEO reporter approached Mr. Haxton and asked for a statement and was told that no motion had been received.

Mr. Harris told a RHODEO reporter on Monday that he had handed the motion in on Sunday morning.

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The next day a Border morning newspaper appeared carrying an article about the contents for the motion.

Some SRC members described the article as "distorted" and the SRC President issued a press statement to correct some of the impressions given by the newspaper reports.

The newspaper staff reporter refused to say where he had obtained his information.

Out of the four people who had access to the information, it is not known who divulged it to the press. The information was given without the consent of the SRC President.

## Campus crash

A moped rider was involved in an accident with a stationary car outside the library on Saturday.

He is Mr. Selwyn Peterson, a projectionist at the Odeon Theatre.

A Hospital spokesman said that he was not badly injured.



# RHODEO

## That fishy motion

The SRC seems to be guilty of the same fault that the University Senate was accused of recently. This can be concluded from the strange circumstances surrounding the honorary doctorates motion put to the Student Body last week.

Why did they try to keep the contents of this motion so hush-hush? Why did the Student Body have to get information about it from the national press through a leak? What are the circumstances of this leak?

The motion proposers attacked the Senate for not revealing information about the procedures for choosing the recipients of Rhodes honorary degrees.

Yet the very motion they were proposing is shrouded in mystery.

On Sunday night the SRC President told RHODEO he had not yet been presented with any motion, so did not know who the proposers were. But later a Sunday newspaper and several daily newspapers carried full stories naming the proposers.

On Monday the proposer told RHODEO he had handed the motion to the SRC President on Sunday morning. At Thursday's Student Body meeting, in an attack on an objector for not being sure of facts, he said he had handed the motion in on Saturday afternoon.

Just what are the true facts?

The national press has been accused of misrepresentation in this matter, but did this not occur because the contents of the motion were officially withheld and then leaked out instead? Whose fault is this?

It has been suggested that the SRC deliberately intended the facts to leak to the press in the way they did, so that the motion would get maximum publicity. Such rumours are bound to arise if the SRC acts in this semi-secretive way.

Of all the official bodies on the campus the SRC should be the last to deliberately suppress facts. We only hope that the circumstances are not as fishy as they seem.

## Rag brainchild '67

Every year Rag Committee manages to think up new ideas in the drive for charity. We commend the 1967 Committee for its own brainchild — a special Rag recording.

We wish this ambitious venture every success.

## About collars

**EVERY SUNDAY** night when I send my clothes to the laundry my eye goes down the page of the laundry book and lights upon the space for collars and dress collars.

The fact that these are on the list gives some indication of the era in which the Rhodes laundry is working. I, for one, do not have any collars, and I wouldn't even know what a dress collar was.

It is a well-known fact that as far as residence fees go, the University runs sub-economically. But when the only way to make the laundry pay is to operate a tithing system on all the clothes that come in, then things are going too far.

When one has lost something, assuming it was marked, there is always great difficulty in getting it back. For a start, there seems to be some sort of conspiracy whereby if anyone is seen approaching the laundry it shuts. It seems to have the most irregular hours.

### VIEWPOINT

When one does get in and cannot find one's clothing, the general idea seems to be to let you take something of someone else. This applies especially to hankies, so that the whole varsity must do a swop every six months. But your own things never come back.

The general standard is not very high either. You have probably heard the story of the person who was complimented on her lovely pale yellow tennis skirt. "Yes," she said, "it is nice. But it used to be an even nicer white skirt before it went to the laundry."

This did not actually happen at Rhodes — as far as I know — but it could well do so. The one bit of modern equipment the laundry does seem to have is the button mashing machine. 'Nuff said.

The method of "doing" dirty socks is instructive. What seems to happen is that they are taken, all smelly and dirty, and sewn together. Then they are ironed. They are put back in the laundry bag. Dry cleaning?

RHODEO was going to write a news feature on the laundry this week. But when the reporter rang up he was refused any information unless he gave his name and house. I wonder how his laundry would have come back this week if he had written the story?

Come to think of it, I wonder if I'll get any laundry back at all this week.

Ian Lund.

Students are encouraged to submit their own viewpoints to RHODEO. The sentiments expressed here are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



CONRAD: "OK - GIVE IT BACK; IT ONLY BECOMES YOURS WHEN I LEAVE!"

## [J.C.] beats the Genie

Cecil John

**FOR** political reasons I write under a pseudonym this week.

Gentlemen, I am happy to announce that I have found a new way to beat the Genie! (The one with the Tarnished New Image).

You have all heard of the National Education Bill, otherwise known as the Nationalists for Eternity Bill, or the Natal Elimination Bill, or simply NEBulous.

In case you didn't know, EPCSA (Educational Promotion of Conservative Stupidity Association) had nothing to do with it.

The Genie did it. Has it left you worried about indoctrination, inculcation, and dogma? Stop worrying. Send your child to RHODES UNIVERSITY.

At Rhodes most students habitually miss most lectures — thus substantially reducing the possibility of indoctrination in the class room.

At Rhodes apathy towards censorship and indoctrination is assured by having lots of Rhodesians about who are used to these things. This means that through apathy students are not influenced by them.

At Rhodes serious student-body meetings with political leanings are always turned into jolly "What-a-party" occasions by the usual reactionary pseudo-conservatives, thus eliminating any influence on your child.

In other words, at Rhodes your child will not be influenced into adopting any political direction.

In fact, with such basically incompatible influences about like Toks and Club 15, sanity and Jane Lurie, College House and the rest of the University, Pete Haxton and Good Public Speaking, and people with nothing to hide and the Senate, I doubt very much whether your child will adopt any direction at all at Rhodes.

Look about you if you doubt me.

Fantastic that this University, whose partial function, is after all, study, should place more emphasis on outmoded dress conventions than on a reasonable standard of campus silence. On all Hall notice-boards at the moment is a little note informing students that jackets and ties will be worn by men to all morning lectures and in the Library.

A more ridiculous and illogical regulation would be hard to find. Here again is the stuffy small-town attitude which characterises much of the red tape officiously handed out by the Rhodes Gods-in-State.

School is the place where people are or should be taught

to dress. All evidence indicates that these regulations produce exactly the results they are apparently expected to prevent.

Rhodes Graduates have a reputation for sloppy dress unequalled by the graduates of any other University.

Yet in Grahamstown, where heat and humidity can be notorious, students are expected to concentrate in lectures and in the Library wearing longs, ties and jackets (according to the regulations). Small wonder that many men walk around with loose top-buttons and loose ties, looking infinitely more untidy than they would in smart open-necked shirts.

Dirty, crumpled jeans are the rule as these require less attention than other longs. Yet shorts are banned, although they are often smarter on men than some of the mini-skirts and tights freely flaunted are on our better (or worse) endowed ladies.

But then perhaps this is just another example of the obtuse logic which rules us, and which separates first year men but not women; which hires a campus cop but won't tell us his powers or function; which won't release first-year failure figures, yet allows them to be published in the mass-circulation "Sunday Times," which says it supports academic freedom, but awards its highest honour to people who don't, etc. etc.

And they needn't give us that "tradition" line after recently banning traditional inter-house raids.

While they worry about our dress, meat-headed Campus Cowboys scream freely about the place wrecking concentration at lectures or while studying to a far greater degree, I would suggest, than the presence in the class of someone without a tie or jacket.

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# RAG IS NOW A-HAPPENING

Several events planned by the Rag Committee have already taken place, while others will shortly be held.

From a plane over Grahams-town, the Rag Queen and Rag Committee last week dropped 5,000 pamphlets.

The Rag Queen and her princesses visited children at the Settlers Hospital.

## RESIDENCES

Women's residences have started their annual fund-raising competition. The house that raises the most money for Rag wins a case of champagne.

Mock Trial has had a good response.

Campus Carnival, on Rag Day, will have a piano-chopping contest, in addition to the usual soccer and rugby matches and marching of the Drum Majorettes. Also there as usual will be the beergarden.

Some unusual float titles give a hint of what will come on Rag Day. Among them are —

T.C. "Population Explosion".

Struben "Death of The Student Spirit".

Jameson "Mad Year".

Cory "Rag Wrex".

Oriel "Everybody's Doing It".

## Fun in Club 7

Relaxation and entertainment in the theme of the newly formed club 7 which meets every Friday night.

A spokesman for the club committee, Mr. G. Brayshaw, said that the success of the club was being hampered by lack of advertisement, and an attitude amongst the students, that "this was just another religious meeting."

The programme is unannounced but always provides popular music, refreshments and other items of entertainment.

## Rag royalty in Hospital



Above is the reason behind Rag-charity. The cause was epitomised by the Rag Queen and her Princesses when they visited Settlers Hospital last week.

## Mrs. Van is better

Kaif's active "Mrs. Van" is back on her feet again after making a remarkable recovery from her operation.

During her convalescence she was showered with flowers, notes and visits from students to whom she extends a big "thank-you".

She is looking forward to being back at the beginning of the second term.

## Non-existent letter

The SRC is corresponding with Mr. Ian Smith on the subject of the letter that never was.

This follows a congratulatory letter sent to the "rebel" government on the Declaration of Independence.

The letter was signed on behalf of the SRC.

The SRC has written to him denying responsibility for the letter. It is attempting to ascertain who sent the letter.

## Major Piet capped



The Great Hall was unusually crowded over the weekend with students, parents, members of staff and distinguished guests, attending the Graduation Ceremony.

The Rhodes' Chancellor, Dr. W. J. Busschau, conferred the degree during two ceremonies.

On Friday night 160 B.A.'s and B.Sc.'s were awarded and on Saturday morning 182 degrees from other Faculties, 6 of which were Ph.D.'s.

The honorary doctors were presented by Professor W. Maxwell, who composed and read the orations.

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# SEX: a "disciplined search"

SOME YEARS ago a committee of ten distinguished English Quakers began the task of redefining what the members took to be Christian sexual ethics. The result, a pamphlet *Towards a Quaker View of Sex*, is by far the most liberal Christian statement on the subject to be found. Though its authors are British, the pamphlet has found numerous echoes in the United States.

"In the course of discussions," reports the committee, "we have several times recalled St. Augustine's statement: *Love God and do as you like.*" This statement, of course, implies far more responsibility than would appear at first sight. The love of God requires a "disciplined search" to ascertain what is in God's and man's mind, and it also requires an abiding love of and respect for man. "This is a statement of the greatest freedom but also of the deepest obligation."

## freedom and obligation

In following both the freedom and the obligation by their lights, the group of Quakers producing some results that are quite startling in the light of traditional Christian positions, including the suggestion that strict marital fidelity may mean fear and lack of love and charity; that love outside marriage is not necessarily always sinful; and that even sincere homosexual love is not sinful by reason alone of the fact that it is homosexual.

The report says, in part: "The waywardness of love is part of its nature and this is both its glory and its tragedy. If love did not tend to leap every barrier, if it could be tamed, it would not be the tremendous creative power we know it to be and want it to be. So we are concerned . . . with the anguish of men and women who know that they love one another when marriage is impossible and only suffering can be envisaged.

We recognise that, while most examples of the "eternal triangle" are produced by boredom and primitive misconduct, others may arise from the fact that the very experience of loving one person with depth or perception may sensitize a man or woman to the lovable qualities in others.

"We think it our duty not to stand on a peak of perfectionism, asking for an impossible conformity while the tide of human life sweeps us by, but to recognize, in compassion, the complications and bewilderment that love creates and to ask how we can discover a constructive way in each of an immense variety of particular experiences.

## checking impulses

"It is not by checking our impulse to love that we keep love sweet. The man who swallows the words 'I love you' when he meets another woman, may in that moment and for that reason begin to resent his wife's existence. But it is also true that love may be creative if honestly acknowledged though not openly confessed. We need to know much more about ourselves and what we do to our inner life when we follow codes or ideals that do not come from the heart."

The crucial point in the Quaker report seems to be that it condemns as "fundamentally immoral every sexual action that is not, as far as is humanly ascertainable, the result of a mutual decision." The implication is strong that, conversely, any act that is the result of a mutual, responsible decision may be considered moral. Hence, so continues the implication, only seduction, entrapment or exploitation make an action immoral.

Although most would have a deep respect for the Quakers' scrupulous and moving awareness of the tragedy of life, the majority of Christians will still have considerable difficulty in accepting this drastic reduction of the concept of sin. In this concept, it is simply no longer quite clear whether it is seen as representing an affront to God.

However indirectly, even this most liberal and extreme of Christian views still links the ethics of relationship to the divine. What can happen when this link is omitted, when sex is regarded purely in terms of human pleasure and technique, is difficult to imagine. But as with all dreams of self-contained human perfection, the result is utopia.

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SEX BEFORE marriage has always existed. There is no question that first sexual love can have an intrinsic and breathtaking sweetness that belongs to it and to no other. But first love can be first love only once, and attempts to repeat it or prolong it turn it into hollow fakery, like the woman who tries to stay seventeen when she is thirty. Deliberately to try to maintain the man-woman relationship at a superficial "we enjoy sex so lets have that" level thwarts the polarity towards a deepening permanent relationship. Deeply underlying the wish to please or to be popular or to have fun now, lie deep yearnings for a permanent relationship.

There is absolutely no possibility of having a sexual relationship without irrevocably meshing a portion of your two non-physical selves. Sex is each time such a definitive experience that a part of each of you remains forever a part of the other.

How many times, and how casually, are you willing to invest a portion of your total self, and to be the custodian of a like investment from the other person, without the sureness of knowing that these investments are being made for keeps?

*This week*

*the features page*

*carries*

*the first of a*

*SERIES*

*of articles*

*on problems*

*relating to SEX*

## RHODES TOC CRITICISES . . . Antiquated Residence System

WHAT is your idea of a Toc?

Do you know Tocs other than from a few lectures and Church (except the poor Retief men)? If you do, it is probably through their effort and not yours. At the moment theological students from the Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches are moved into Livingstone House in their second year for two or more years. This system was started for necessary reasons, but is it not doing harm to the Toc and his training?

### Contact

Tocs have lectures with tocs, mainly sit together at meals, and live together. Their contact with other students is limited already because of this. They miss out on things like coffee parties with students of opposing or different views, and therefore both sides lose the

chance of a broad view and understanding of each other's position.

### Gain

Tocs can gain from living with other students. In the process we could lose much of the specialized Toc language which we use; we can keep our thinking in line with everyday language. We lose the opportunity of making friends with the sort of person with whom we will be working one day. Think of the Toc who comes to Rhodes as an Ink: Smuts in his first year and Livingstone the following year! Many students disagree with the beliefs and ways of living of Tocs, but feel that they cannot argue seriously with someone they do not know well. So they criticize those in their ivory tower. This builds up more barriers until dialogue is minimal. Tocs don't want to

be integrated because they are unhappy living together. We can gain and give.

### Staked

The campus can also gain from having Tocs integrated. A Toc comes to university to train for something he has staked more on than most other students. The general attitude to Tocs is distorted because of the basic lack of contact. Therefore the attitude towards religion becomes distorted. Religion on the campus becomes associated with an isolated bunch of men on the hill. It seems up in the air until you get to know a Toc who is, behold, a normal person who likes music and sport. who tinkers on his car and shapes.

Tocs want to be involved in life and not isolated. We have nothing to conceal; we want to share our faith and ideas with people.



# Rhodent — A Meatless Rat

**RHODES CAN LIFT ITS HEAD AGAIN THIS YEAR.** The editors of Rhodent have produced an acceptable magazine. Even so, it is a rat without meat.

The cover must rank as the best in years, but its sophisticated promise is not filled inside. The editors would have done well to have followed the example of the 1965 Rhodent and never had a page of just jokes, but always had a cartoon somewhere on the page.

## CARTOONS

Cartoons are not the strong point of this year's Rhodent. There are not enough of them. Those that there are do not maintain a consistently high standard.

Some are pointless, for example, the one on page nine. Not much imagination has been used in the selection of material. Reams of jokes, however good, tend to pall after a while. The editors could have followed the example of this year's Sax Appeal and put in some original long features.

Some of the jokes themselves are so old and stale that they must be exhibiting blue mould. Bennet Cerf says that there are only forty or fifty basic jokes in

the world. Rhodent certainly drives this home.

## PITFALLS

But Rhodent has avoided most of the pitfalls that beset a Rag magazine. Unlike last year's, the reproduction is good and the size is sensible. It has some variety — but not enough — and a hint of pornography. (Once again, not enough.)

From aesthetic, value for money, and moral points of view, it is a magazine you can sell to Aunt Emily without a guilty conscience.

jane lurie observes...

## girl-grazzling guys

**AN EXPOSE** is necessary. For two weeks or so I've been walking around with these rumours humming in my head. I've tried to dismiss the subjects of these rumours as beneath my contempt, which they are. But for the sake of society I shall now speak.

Friends, have you by any chance heard of the Grazzlers' Club? (Au fait as I am with Rhodes' slang, I've yet had some difficulty in determining the exact meaning of this word "grazze". I understand with horror that it can be applied to the behaviour of a certain entertainer towards a certain female columnist.)

The members of this insidious organization have pledged themselves to date the fairest women on the campus at all times. This, you might say, is the intention of all Rhodians. Yes — but these young gallants have translated their ideal into action. They are awarding points to each other according to the quantity of charms of the favoured ladies. I say "quantity" advisedly, for looks are the only criterion in this game. Also taken into account, however, is the amount of dash and savoir faire displayed by members in action.

Points are awarded at meetings in a room in Struben. So you see that haven of society's outcasts has not lost its pungent originality. The meetings take place after balls, films and other such occasions. So girls, if your

date seems to have a neurotic tendency to count on his fingers, you can assume that you are soon going to be the subject of a most entertaining and lively discussion.

The club spokesman informed me today that the most scrupulous (ha!) honesty is observed at these meetings. Such setbacks as refusal, repulsion, and more hilarious mishaps (like the attempt of one gentleman to hold an Inkette hand which was already clutching a large, sticky marshmallow fish) are faithfully recorded and duly penalised. And I am happy to announce that the score of the most enthusiastic member of the club (wish I could tell you who) hovers around minus 40 at the moment.

And now for the counter-plot. Please don't let me down, girls. Struben must be boycotted for Rag, that's all. The repercussions could be enormous; a basic reform could be wrought in Rhodes' society.

I calculate that missing each Rag function will put each member back about 40 points. The ghastly total will put them at about minus 200 each. I challenge any man, and least of all the Straub species, to make that good.

**THE TOP 3,000** people in S.A. will be interviewed in 1967 and 1968 as part of a study of S.A. elites. The study will be conducted by Dr. W. v.d. Merwe for the Rhodes' Institute for Social and Economic Research.

The major aim is to show the relationship between power, authority and status among the elite. It is hoped that this will make possible predictions of future developments in S.A.

The report will be anonymous — neither informants nor the elite themselves will be identified.



Grouped around Vic Butler at the piano is the cast of Scope Nite, with their producer-director Arthur Clarke. They are (from left to right) Arthur Clarke, Ian Lund, Liz Whiteing, Jane Wiles, Ralph Goldswain, Maureen Matthew, Brian Surtees, Gretchen Hofmeyr, Steve Cruise, Sue Veitch, Rick Welton and John Davidson.

## What do the élite do?

## Extended Play Record of "Ragtime Capers"

The Rag Committee is bringing out an extended play record entitled "Ragtime Capers" as a souvenir of this year's Rag celebrations.

An all-Rhodes cast sings four numbers on the record, coming out on the first day of next term.

The song "Run Yourself on Home" is from Scope Nite, written by Arthur Clarke and sung by Rick Welton. The Sheridons provide the backing, and also sing their own arrangement of "This is my Prayer."

Rick Welton and Colin Kruger, who had great success with their singing during the vacation as "The Bifocals" sing "The World I Used to Know" and Robb Jupp sings his own number "Why is Everyone in Love?"

Bookings can be made with Hall representatives at R1.00 each. The supply is limited to 500 records, if there is sufficient demand, then the order will be doubled.

## Poor support

Student support for Rag this year is poor, according to Mr. Brian Pincus, Rag Competition organiser.

He was referring to the Grahamstown ticket-selling campaign organised from outside the Carlton Hotel last Friday.

Mr. Pincus is now seeking students to sell tickets in Port Elizabeth tomorrow and Saturday.

The Rag Committee has made 30,000 tickets as the target figure. 12,000 have been sold so far.

As an incentive, students are being offered expenses money for tickets sold during the vac. — R25 for every 1,000 tickets sold.

The loudspeaker car which has been doing the advertising in Grahamstown is on loan from a local garage who will also supply the prize car — out of the box.

Some students have expressed the fear that by the time the Rag Committee has finished with the loud-speaker car — popularly believed to be the prize car — it will be a second-hand one.

## That "Darn Cat" steals the scenes

**ONCE AGAIN** Walt Disney's animal literally steals the show from its human co-stars. "That Darn Cat" with Hayley Mills, Dean Jones and Dorothy Provine is one of Disney's best yet.

## Cinema

Hayley Mills is the traditional "sweet young thing" and this time she plays the part of a self-appointed FBI agent. Dorothy Provine is her somewhat prim sister, while Dean Jones is the FBI man assigned to the near impossible job of tailing an elusive cat.

These four are supported by a host of comedians of the best slapstick tradition.

The plot is neither better nor worse than any of Disney's plots. D.C. (the cat) is the only one that can lead the police to a gang of kidnappers. The human beings blunder as only human beings can, while the cat brings the criminals to justice.

The film's worth lies in the masterly handling of the cat scenes. Once again Walt Disney provides top entertainment for all those animal lovers who firmly believe that animals, and cats in particular, do actually think.

Ralph Goldswain.

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## THE STUDENT WORLD

- After staging a nine-day boycott, students of the San Francisco State College have succeeded in getting a 10 per cent cut in food prices at the University Cafeteria. The Cafeteria management is now conducting a survey into student attitudes to food, with a view to further changes in prices.
- A two hour bar tending lecture was given at America's Columbia University. 45 undergraduate students attended this lecture which is given every term by the bar manager of a New York Hotel.
- 200 LSD pills, 2lbs. of marijuana, known in S.A. as dagga, and a quantity of hashish were confiscated in a police raid on the American Universities of Cornell and Ithaca. 23 people were arrested on charges of providing drugs to students.
- Italian Universities ground to a halt recently when 10,000 University staff and 100,000 students went on strike. The cause of the strike is a new curriculum which had been planned during 1962, but which has not yet been passed by Parliament.
- It has been decided by the Government of the Ivory Coast to expel all foreign students who participated in a demonstration in front of the University of Abidjan. Local students who participated will be drafted to the armed forces.
- Universities in Japan are overcrowded to such an extent that only two out of every thirteen applicants can be accepted. About 729,000 young people want to start their studies this year in Japanese universities.

## MONEY

To date a total of 3,000 rand has been awarded by NUSAS to students studying for medical degrees. This year eight scholarships are being awarded. Three of them are being re-awarded, and five are going to new students.

Money is raised both by public appeal and on university campuses.

The trustees of the fund are medical professors at the University of Natal, Cape Town and Witwatersrand.

Re-awards have been made to three students at Natal and one at UCT. Four of the other awards have been made to Natal University students.

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# CATASTROPHIC MEETING

Dear Sir,—The governing members of our SRC seem to be capable of committing the most unwarranted actions at the most inappropriate moments.

Friday's Student Body meeting can be described as "tragically catastrophic." It achieved absolutely nothing except create bad feeling.

Granted, the objections to the number of Doctorates awarded and the manner of election among Senate members, was perfectly valid and of sincere intention.

But the clever manner in which related issues were made into

major points of contention did nothing but leave a bad taste in the mouths of many.

Twisted Topic.

## Keep Rag Queen Rhodian

Sir, — I was dismayed by the letter written to Rhodéo last week. How can a Rhodes student be as callous as to suggest that TC should join into our Rag festivities and immediately be placed on an equal status with Rhodes students? For years the honour of Rag Queen has fallen on beautiful Rhodes girls. Why should TC be allowed to walk into a time-honoured institution of varsity life and win all the prizes?

### REVOLT

If a TC "Beauty" was chosen as Rag Queen, Rhodes beauties would revolt at this slap in the face. This would bring chaos and might even cause the downfall of Rag.

I think "misogynist" was partly insulting our Rag Queen and her Princesses, even although he didn't intend it. I say keep rag for Rhodes Belles.

A Beit Beauty

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### That rhino

Sir,—It has come to my attention that our government is pursuing a disgusting multiracial policy.

White and non-white rhinos are allowed to mix and even miscegenate freely.

The lessons of Animal Farm must not be forgotten. This development is an attempt to persuade white rhinos that they are not really superior to non-white rhinos, and must not be allowed to subvert our national way of life.

Sphinx.

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## Mayor gets ratty



The first victim of this year's Rhodent distribution manager, Mr. "Dutch" Landman, was the Mayor, Mr. G. J. Krige, Mr. S. M. Louw, the Town Clerk, wasn't allowed to peep—he had to buy his own copy (See also page 5).

## Sunday Aid

A group of Pietermaritzburg University students are spending their Sundays working at Edendale African township, together with a troop of Small African Boy Scouts.

Their main purpose is to alleviate some of the damage caused by the recent devastating floods which destroyed many houses at Edendale, and in which numerous people lost most of their possessions.

The students are helping individual householders with reconstruction work, laying foundations for new houses and building shelters. At present some of the flood victims are being temporarily housed in local municipal and school halls until the new houses are completed.

The project is organised by the welfare organisation SPASEC (Students of Pietermaritzburg African Social and Educational Committee).

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## OPPENHEIMER

Mr. Harry Oppenheimer, newly-elected Chancellor of UCT, will be officially installed at an inaugural ceremony at UCT in May, in time to officiate at the graduation ceremony in June.

Mr. Oppenheimer won the three-cornered election contest against Mr. Justice Diemont and Mr. Leo Marquard. He succeeds the Hon. Mr. A. van der Sandt Centlivres, who died in September last year.

Mr. Oppenheimer was elected by the university's 12,000 members of Convocation. The poll of 58% was considered exceptionally high, as Convocation members are scattered all over the world.

The election was accompanied by unprecedented public interest and most newspapers carried arguments for and against each candidate in correspondence columns.

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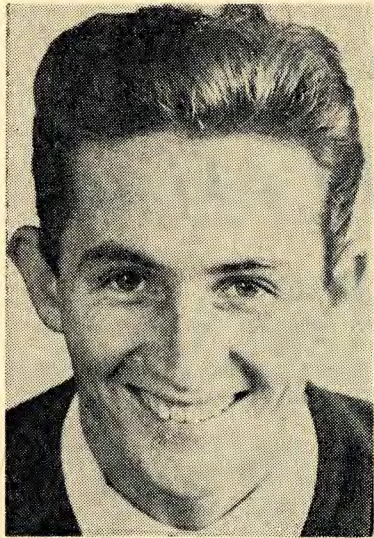
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SPORTRAIT



Ron Abbott

OUR SPORTS star this week is Rhodes and Springbok gymnast, Ron Abbott. He was born in Johannesburg and educated at Selborne High in East London.

At school he concentrated on gymnastics and took a competitive interest at the age of 14. He represented his school's team for four years and the Border School's side. In 1962 he finished 3rd at the SA Junior championships and took first place in 1963.

He came to Rhodes in 1965 and has represented the Rhodes team since then and has been elected captain this year. In his first year here he won the men's second grade title at the South African championships and has represented the Border senior side since leaving school.

This year, following an outstanding performance at the Springbok trials held over Easter, he has been selected to represent the Springbok team at the world championships to be held in London in June.

Rhodesian whites go south

The number of White students starting courses at the University College of Rhodesia this year fell by more than 25 per cent.

A total of 149 White students enrolled for the first time, compared with 205 in 1966. The figure for African students was 120, compared with 115 last year, and there were 28 new Asian and Coloured students, against 22 in 1966.

There are 847 students at the university, including part-time, and post-graduate students. Of this total, 547 are White and there are 300 other races. SANSPA

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Pringle Have Wizzard Team GRANDSTAND VIEW



INTER-HOUSE rugby is at hand once more and the burning question is who will play against Pringle in the final.

It is almost inevitable that Pringle, with a vast depth of talent, must either win or be runners-up.

Most of last year's team is back. Many of the star players of the u-20's of 1966 have added weight to the Pringle threat of superiority.

Frankly, with a pack including men like Pete Stead, "Spud" Williams and Tim Muirhead, they just can't go wrong. To beat Pringle, the answer is to get maximum possession of the ball—highly improbable. Once the backline—including George Yeo, "Pups" Springer and company—gets going they will be hard to stop.

By SPORTSWISE

Last year Pringle, after an extremely close match against College, went into the final. Most campus oracles predicted a closely fought final. This was denied them and "the house near Milner", as Cecil John so quaintly puts it, completely crushed Botha to take the competition hands down.

With a vastly better team this year, my money is on Pringle to win again.

I wonder if boxing enthusiasts realise the full implications of Dr. Babrow's intentions at UCT.

Very little response has been forthcoming from Rhodes boxers with reference to the move at UCT.

Maybe no boxers read this column. On the other hand maybe they just don't care.

Mike Walker, secretary of the UCT Boxing Club has reacted strongly to Dr. Babrow's campaign.

"The aim of boxing is not, as Dr. Babrow thinks, 'to maim.' We are amateurs, not professionals, we box for the sport, the challenge it presents and the spirit which it cultivates. Learning to take a punch, to exercise restraint, to lose well and to fight back. All this goes to make our sport.

"Dr. Babrow points to the dangers of boxing; are they greater than the dangers of rugby, Dr. Babrow's own sport? In 12 years of boxing I have not known of anything more serious than a sprained thumb or black eye."

Here I beg to differ, Mr. Walker. This year alone, two boxers have died in the Eastern Cape as a result of injuries received in the ring. They were young, fit, non-European amateurs. Mike Walker adds: "Moreover, the laws of boxing prevent a boxer, who has been knocked out, from fighting for three months.

ally all that is needed is a pair of flippers, goggles and a snorkel. The most expensive item is the gun. A good rubber or spring gun costs about R15. The point is that the equipment will last a good five years or more — the gun indefinitely.

Having had some experience underwater, I can say without fear of contradiction that the thrill, mixed with a tinge of fear, is second to none. Now don't start with that "surfing is better than sex" cliché.

What happens when the surfer arrives at the sea and the waves are practically non-existent, the water is crystal-like and warm? He probably curses as only a surfer can and morbidly mutters about hanging ten, five, and the inevitable wipe-out.

On the other hand he can whip out his diving gear and enjoy the exhilaration of pushing down and shooting a thrashing, fighting ten pounds of poenskop.

These two are the most complementary sports one could think of. If the one is out of the question its odd on that the other is there for the taking.

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# RHODES THRASH ALBANY

## Soccer team win and lose

**IN THE FIRST** two league matches played this season, the Rhodes' 1st soccer team has met with mixed fortunes.

The first game played against Callie's on last Wednesday night ended in a deserved win of 3-0 for Rhodes. Despite the rain and the fact that Rhodes took a long time to settle down the players played with much purpose and combined well as time went on.

McGibbon (2 goals), Knapton (1 goal) and Speyers excelled themselves in their standard of fine play, and this together with the good defence provided by Attridge, Palframan, Nortjé and Simoncelli prevented Callies from scoring at all.

The team was however, inclined to hold onto the ball too long, and the dribbling was generally overdone on the wet field.

In the Friday night game against East London City, Rhodes lost by 6 goals to nil.

The visiting East London City team, which narrowly missed promotion into the First Division at the end of 1966, gave a display of what is required of a top class soccer team.

But the game was not as one-sided as the score suggests. Most of the goals were scored in the first 15 minutes of both halves, when East London City seemed to be playing their fastest, most direct attacking soccer.

### POOR PASSING

Rhodes played well, but could not get over the initial shock of the rivals' scores. Rhodes could have scored on several occasions if it were not for their poor passing.

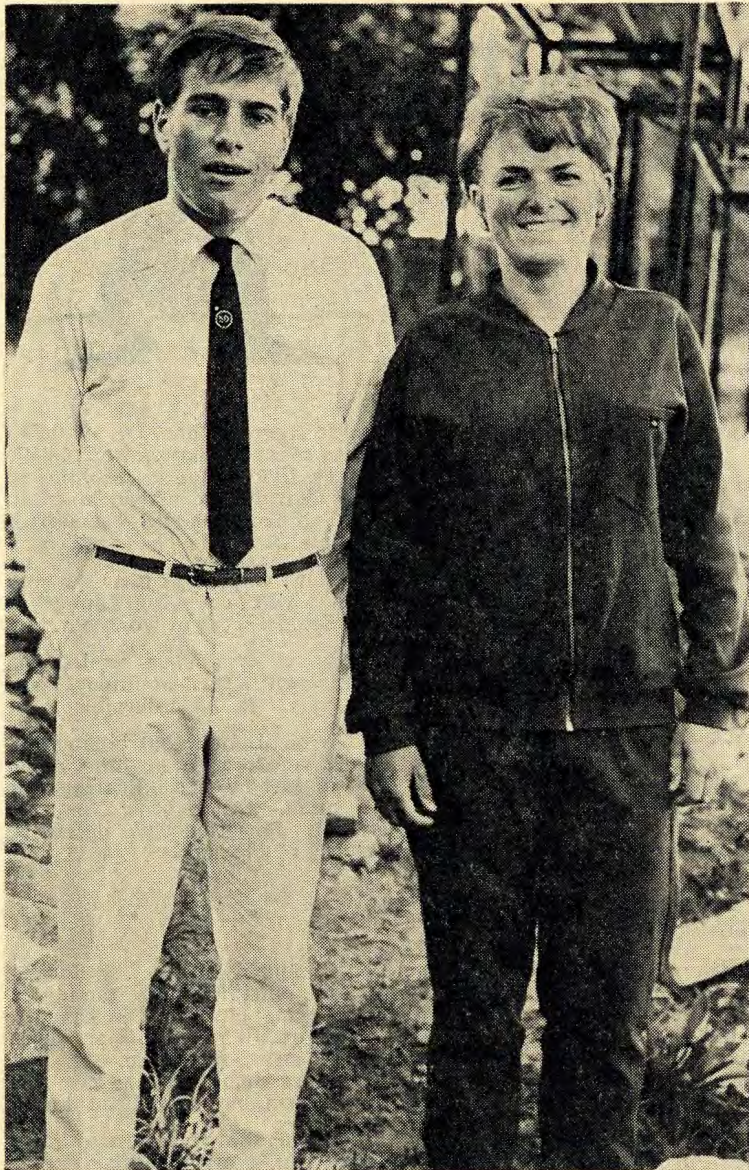
Fouls were only too frequent, and but for them the match would have been extremely interesting for the spectators. The eventual sending off of the East London City right-half resulted in a sharp decline in the number of fouls.

Of Rhodes players, goalie Palframan was the only one who was outstanding. Without his excellent defence, the score against Rhodes would have been much higher.

On Sunday the first soccer start on their Durban tour and despite their initial loss against East London City, they are almost certain of having a most successful series of games.

**HEWITT & PALMER**

*Your Sports Dealer*



Lex Smit and Myma Birks, the two most successful students in the "Big Walk". Lex was the first student home in the 50 mile event while Myma won the women's event.

## Drizzly Bisley

On Saturday 8th April, the Grahamstown Bisley was held at the Livingstone Range.

## Super Surfer Shines

The first ever Annual Championships of the newly-formed Salt Vlei Surf Club were held during the week-end. There were a considerable number of men entrants, but only a handful of women competitors.

Jan Harris completely outclassed all opposition and convincingly won the women's section.

The men's section was divided into grades and heats were held to decide the finalists. "N. O." Currie took first place in the men's "A" grade division and "Midge" Green was placed second.

There were some other outstanding performances by surfers such as Phil Grafton and Lyn Schroeder.

The conditions were surprisingly favourable. The weather was ideal and the surf was adequate, although not to everyone's liking.

Altogether the meeting was a success and a good start to an active future of the club.

An overall number of ten teams, of four members each, were entered with participants coming from Cradock, Kwai-rivier, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown districts.

Rhodes entered a record number of five teams, with Rhodes 'A' coming third overall.

The shooting conditions were unfortunately unfavourable with poor light and slight drizzle prevailing for most of the day.

The Rhodes teams shot consistently well however, but apart from Rhodes A, were not highly placed.

The best score returned by the Rhodians was that of Tom Cloete with 571 out of a possible 600. Of the four Rhodes women who shot, Philippa Morton returned the best score of 547 out of a possible 600.

L. Barnes took second place with 536.

Top scorer of the day was Ian Morton, a former member of the Rhodes Rifle Club, with a score of 588. Len Victor, an Old Rhodian and Springbok, came second with 585.

Fired concurrently with the Bisley was an interprovincial postal competitions between Eastern Province and Natal. The two Rhodians, Tom Cloete and Mike Lawrie who represented Eastern Province at National Bisley in March, were once again chosen to shoot for the province and acquitted themselves admirably.

## Varsity wins with little effort

By Pete Cleary

Playing under easy conditions against a weak Albany side, Rhodes won 43-0.

Even this score was a mere fraction of what they could have scored as Rhodes gave away repeated chances through mis-handling.

Because of a decision by Lewis, (wrongly I feel) 11 tries were unconverted. For, rather than take care over the kick, Lewis and Yeo tried to speed up the game by kicking drop-kicks. This was not necessary as they had already won the game and should have been thinking in terms of practise for future games.

*After a few minutes Ilsley opened the scoring by gathering a kick ahead and diving over far out. At this early stage Rhodes was already having it all their own way in the scrums and line-outs. Vice was playing excellently in the line-outs, and the threes were running hard and trying to find the gap.*

In the 25th minute the Albany No. 8, Blomfield left the field. This further increased the Rhodes superiority up front.

Finally Rhodes was rewarded when Lewis, following a kick ahead by Ilsley, won the race for the touch-down.

### BRILLIANT

A few minutes later Yeo, who had a brilliant game, broke, and Ilsley did the final running to score under the posts. This time Lewis' conversion was successful.

Before half-time Yeo again broke and fed the ball back inside to his forwards. Simpson scored the try.

Half-time score 14-0.

After half-time Rhodes resumed their frantic pace. Williams was often prominent in the loose.

Following a maul the ball came out blind and Ilsley went over to score his 3rd try.

### STEAD

A few minutes later Stead broke beautifully from the back

of the scrum and after gaining about 30 yards passed to Ilsley who returned the pass inside and Lewis scored the try.

In the 15th minute Lewis broke from a scrum on the Albany line and scored (23-0).

Five minutes later an excellent line movement, with the No. 8 Stead in the line, gave Ilsley the overlap and he ran through to score his fourth try. This time Lewis converted it (28-0).

Once again Stead broke, fed the ball inside, and Rowett scored the try (31-0).

### FIERY

At this stage Rhodes were all over their opponents. The forwards, especially Williams, Stead, Muirhead and Simpson were playing the fiery game we saw from them against UCT.

In the 25th minute Schroeder scored when there was a loose maul on the Albany line and Rhodes pushed Albany over.

A few minutes later, after a perfect switch, Shaw found himself with an overlap and scored (37-0).

Once again Stead broke but this time he did the scoring himself.

The final try once again resulted through a break by Stead who kicked ahead, gathered himself, and dived over to conclude a fine game for himself and an excellent win for Rhodes.

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