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# SRC WIPE OUT LARGE DEBT

## EDITORIAL

### DISCIPLINE

**STERN MEASURES** were taken last year to curb drunkenness and vandalism on the campus and there is no reason to expect that this year the Authorities will relent in their attitude. In fact the Vice-Chancellor gave due warning of increased severity, in his welcoming speech to the first years last week.

He elaborated on this attitude, by saying that the authorities at the University could be regarded as exercising a "benevolent authoritarianism on the campus. Let us hope, however, that this authoritarianism is more benevolent than authoritarian, and that the powers that be, will, in all cases, realise that no matter how much a student may have erred, his prime motivation in being here was to obtain a degree or diploma, and that only under the most exceptional circumstances should the offender be prevented from obtaining that degree or diploma.

### OBLIGATION

This, of course, implies a dual obligation. The student must prevent himself from landing in a position where the authorities find it necessary to rusticate or refuse to re-admit him. Just as the world does not owe a man a living, so the University does not owe a man a degree; it must be worked for.

The failure rate was appalling last year, compared to previous years. Detailed figures have not been released, but coffee-party chatter and the number of absent friends have been sufficient evidence. A situation like this is disastrous to a University's good name and, knowing how jealously the Senate guards the good name of Rhodes, we may come to realise how serious the position must have been, for them to have had to refuse re-admission to so many.

With hard work and a balanced outlook on University life, this problem will not arise in the future, and this the student of Rhodes must strive for.



Miss Mod 1968, Miss Sarah Coldham (centre), is seen with the two runners up at last Saturday's contest, Miss Robyn van Niekerk (left) and Miss Robyn Chiazzari (right).

## Exploitation alleged

**OPPIDAN STUDENTS** who seek accommodation down town are often exposed to exploitation, claimed Mr. Sandy Young, SRC Internal Vice-President.

He said that there was a limited amount of accommodation and many students were paying exorbitant rents.

The SRC is going to discuss the matter with the University Authorities.

Mr. Ian Kirby, External Vice-President of the S.R.C., objected

to the fact that English Students had to buy a handbook which contained information that could be obtained elsewhere.

Mr. Kirby said the form in the handbook which had to be filled in could be produced at a much cheaper rate.

## Inkette enrollment drops

**THE** number of women students enrolling at the university this year has dropped considerably, while the number of men has increased.

The total enrollment is exactly the same as last year, though the number of inkettes has dropped from 277 to 233, the number of inks has increased from 203 to 267.

Mr. S. Fourie, University Liaison Officer, said one of the main reasons for the drop in women's registration was lack of resident accommodation.

He said new residences were envisaged in the next few years, as well as a whole new men's complex.

Mr. Fourie said it was possible that the credit squeeze and the

present drought may have affected the number of students attending the university this year.

He denied that the University of Port Elizabeth had been a factor in the enrollment at Rhodes. He claimed the numbers of students from Port Elizabeth had actually increased over the last 3 years.

## Strict controls help

by Bryan Rostron

**AFTER A YEAR** of severely curbed spending by all societies, the SRC has managed to wipe out the 1965-66 deficit of R1,800 and make a R215 profit.

This follows an SRC investigation at the beginning of last year into a societies spending spree and the imposition of strict measures to prevent overspending, after allegations about the apathy of society chairmen.

The bulk of the debt was incurred by a lavish R2,663 Dramatic Society production and a commission of enquiry was subsequently set up to investigate purchases made without order forms.

**RHODEO** also overspent by R977, as did eleven other societies by a total of R550.

All grants to societies in 1967 were drastically cut. Mr. Pete Harris, SRC President, and the man behind the financial revival said, "All students deserve praise for not grousing when there wasn't much money."

### AUTOCRACY

Mr. Torr Meyer, who attended the SRC Treasurer's Conference in Cape Town during the long vacation, has resigned as Treasurer as he will not be returning to the University. He reported, "We enjoy a greater degree of financial autocracy than any other SRC in the country."

The SRC budgets for about R8,000 every year and Mr. Ian Kirby, Internal Vice-President of the SRC, commented, "There may be increased grants to societies but we should like to build up a reserve."

Quipped the University Accountant, Mr. Blaine when he heard of this year's marginal profit after last year's austerity measures, "You're already getting too much money."

## MIKADO

The Light Opera Society will stage the "Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan during the second term.

It will be produced and directed by Mr. Reg Medley and Mr. Eddy Deutschmann. Auditions for this production will be on Sunday, March 10.

## Seniors to help

**PAST DRUM MAJORETTES** will be invited to join the ranks again this year, in order to facilitate training.

This was decided at a meeting of the Rag Committee last week, and will effect a break in tradition.

According to Chris Christerson and Bedver Irving, who are responsible for training, the Drum Majorettes, the best marchers and leaders will be invited in preference to the most beautiful.

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# STUDENT COMMENT

## Grievances

THE ADVERT for that age-old annex of Rhodes University, the "Vic", is perhaps even more applicable to the institution itself, particularly after the re-vamping of College and Oriel — Modern with an "Olde" Time atmosphere.

While women of Hobson, etc., are deprived of the old historical atmosphere enjoyed by the inmates of Milner and the like, they cannot completely escape a sense of the past, i.e. the hoary problem of rules and women, and the evergreen moan that women are subjugated (suppressed)?

The situation is epitomised in ye verie olde laundry book, where women are requested not to send more than two bodices to the laundry. Bodice, according to the dictionary, is an archaic word derived from the plural of body, used to designate a whale-bone corset, and refers to a sort of stiffened garment to enclose women from the waist up.

This is simply a symbol for the social strait-jacket in which Rhodes Society is determined to embed its women. The grievances of women are many. Space only permits mention of two.

In times of antiquity it was not the done thing for women to wear slacks or to smoke. This idea somehow survives in our modern permissive Rhodian Society. No slacks down town is a firmly applied rule by hawk-eyed L.W.'s, and while men puff away happily after their meals, women hooked to the weed, are denied the luxury of ash-trays in their dining-halls and a social smoke at the conclusion of each meal.

This is the sort of unnecessary pin-prick that detracts from the enjoyment of residential life — Let us hope that when our laundry books are eventually modernised, our Lady Wardens, who in many respects deserve our respect and gratitude, will see but to modernise some of our archaic rules.

"Two very olde women."

## Involvement

HAVE AN OPINION. If you don't, you are a public menace.

The greatest danger South Africa will have to face in the near future is the non-committance of the educated, privileged white student.

The issue is clear-cut. So exercise one of your few remaining rights and have an opinion.

Nat. or Liberal . . . at least have a view which you have worked out and believe in. Don't be content to luxuriate in your present protected condition of sloth.

Students the world over are passionately involved; they want to seize their country's fate and mould it to their own ideals.

But in South Africa where there is an issue of such vast and fundamental importance — we have ignorance and unconcern.

Some students occasionally participate in a protest march, and most of them think that once they have rounded the cathedral their conscience is purged. It is becoming an unthinking habit . . . same time, same place, next year.

If something positive is not done, your easy way of life will blow up in your face, while you are still sleeping.

In the 20th century the greatest evil is poverty; the greatest danger ignorance.

That is why it is a crime for a privileged white University student not to take a stand.

Bryan Rostron.

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"... But that guy across the road said this was Jan Smuts ..."

# Things are not what they used to be . . .

## THE STUDENTS' HANDBOOK

no doubt won a round of enthusiastic applause from the Committee (Rhodes University) for Defending Segregation (CRUDS) for their announcement that gone are the days of initiation, of no Inks in pubs, and even of the name "Inks". But Jeremy and the boys surely gave a standing ovation to the remark that "gone are the days of respect to seniors".

The light of impending final victory of progress (?) over tradition is almost as obvious in their fine, upright eyes as is the inane, wide-angle grin of Uncle Ian Kirby.

No more shall we see the wide-eyed wonder of fearful Inkettes emerging from the impressively guarded sanctuary of Milner as hordes of savage Senior Men descend on them, or of tearful Inks emerging from the swimming-bath complete with dripping suits and bedraggled bow-ties.

Yes, Mr. Kirby, another old-fashioned, unenlightened traditionalist, one of a growing number on the campus, I'm afraid. You see, it's fairly tricky to destroy one part of an established hierarchy in isolation. Sometimes it snowballs. And I hate this kind of snowball.

I hope that the monumentally moronic minds that took their perverted sense of fun out on the men's cloakroom in the Great Hall on Saturday night are reading this . . . if they can. Because I don't think we really need your types at Rhodes.

Have a good time by all means, but smashing wash basins and leaving broken bottles and other types of filth in the toilets isn't

sane men's fun. You haven't fairly high — about 95 per cent done anybody a favour by — it's the men who are in the coming here. You've cost the Students' Union Fund a big cut of its profits on the Kaif Kraw. And we want a Students' Union, you pigs, even if you don't.

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Another old Rhodes tradition would seem to be in danger of imminent extinction. I refer, of course, to Kaif Time. Unless Kaif hours are going to be extended to about midnight, or some comfortable way of whiling away the hours spent waiting be devised, there's not going to be much point in arriving at Kaif much after 9 p.m. unless you're going to spend the night. And with "The Sound of Music" grinding away from the somewhat primitive hi-fi equipment, I can think of no more dreadful fate.

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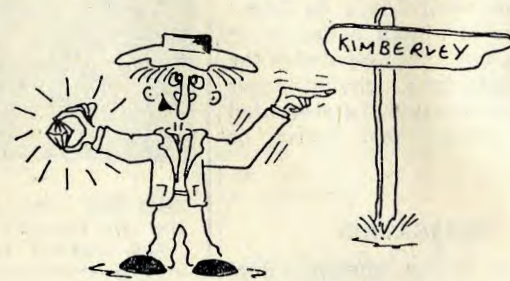
I can't see why so many women are griping about Opening Ball being a Leap Year Ball. I think that with the percentage of bats among the Inkettes being

Nobody can really complain about Rhodes not taking the water shortage seriously — the pubs have provided quite a phenomenal spectacle in the last week, if not always a particularly edifying one. Or perhaps they were just the old die-hards, mourning the end of the fun cult. It's been quite a wake.

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As a water conservation measure, might I suggest that Smuts water be cut off, and all Inks thrown into the swimming-bath when they begin to smell. Think of the saving on laundry too — thanks to that modern wonder, drip-dry fabrics. And, even better, my rustication sine die.

## Cecil John





# PROVERBIAL RAG

**A**TTEMPTS WILL be made to break the pipe-smoking world record in a publicity stunt planned for Rag this year.

The Rag Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jimmy Warrington, has decided on the theme for Rag this year, which is "Proverbial Rag."

Several changes are being made in the usual Rag programme. The Rag Royalty will be chosen and crowned at a Coronation Ball, compered by Barry O'Donahue, to be held on April 22. The results will be available within five minutes of voting, as they will be counted by computer.

The Rag Queen will not appear on the Rhodent cover this year, as it will be released by 1st April. Rhodent editors, Mr. Barry Hart and Mr. Tom Cloete, hope to exceed last year's sales of 33,000. It is hoped that a pram pushing contest will be held to deliver Rhodents to the mayor of Port Elizabeth.

## SCOPE NITE

Mr. Nick Develin, producer of Scope Nite, will write the script, assisted by Mr. Art Clark, Mr. Paul Joubert, Mr. Eddie Deutchmann and others.

Mr. Karl Hofmeyr, organizer of the Mock Trial, hopes to exceed the R2,200 made last year.

Only twenty floats are being allowed this year, so some residences may have to combine. A new style of uniform will be worn by this year's drum majorettes, and peaked caps may replace the traditional busby.

An Opel Kadett, supplied by Hunts, will be raffled again this year. Tickets will be available this week, and will be sold at the

same prices — R5.00 per book of 25. Students selling 1,000 tickets will be paid R30 for expenses, and it is hoped that sales will exceed 85,000 tickets (last year's figure).

The film premiere has been censored and passed so "Wait Until Dark" will be shown on 24th April.

## Leap year ball for Inkettes

**OPENING BALL** this year is being held as a Leap Year dance, in the hope that Inkettes will issue invitations. The fact that only double tickets are being sold will mean that the "cattle parade," which has been the major feature of the Opening Ball in previous years, will not take place. Inkettes will be without their placards and will not be subjected to degradation.

The reason that only double tickets are being sold is that a liquor licence will not be issued with single tickets.

The Ball Committee are hoping to engage the Port Elizabeth dance band, "Basil's Majestics."

Those males not invited by Inkettes may still take a partner of their own choice to the Ball.

## Singing duo campus cheer leaders

**THE WELL-KNOWN** campus folk singing duo, Paul Joubert and John Gardner are to be this year's cheerleaders. John and Paul recently spent their vacation in Durban singing at a five-star hotel.

Bernie Hoffman who was to have been cheerleader this year resigned without having performed. His resignation was due to "personal reasons."



Chris Christerson, one of the Drum Majorette trainers, with five of the prospective Drum Majorettes. From left to right: Mari-Ann Theron, Sarah Coldham, Shirley Hume, Anne Harrison, Robyn Chiazarri.

## DRUMMIES '68

**THE DRUM** Majorette Trainers, Chris Christerson and Bedver Irving have chosen a group of prospective Drum Majorettes.

This selection, however, is only initial and the number will obviously have to be decreased in the near future. The criterion for the final selection will be based on marching ability, not figures or looks — thus all the girls are accorded a fair chance of becoming Drum Majorettes.

The prospective majorettes are: Ste'llina Zambetti (O.S.); Shauna Macbrath (Miln.); Janet Luck (Miln.); Sally Sanderson (O.S.); Barbara Fothergill (Miln.); Carol Sparg (O.S.); Sheila Meintjies (Beit); Prue Martyn (Beit); Ann Black (J.K.); Carol Kuhn (J.K.); Pippa Plymen (Ath.); Jenny Mas-kew (Ath.); Kay Muir (Oriel); Mary Mackenzie (Oriel); Doraine Grobler (J.K.); Gina Lawson (Jameson); Pat Donovan (J.K.); Julia Pape (Jameson); Sue Poriston (Jameson); Debbie May (J.K.); Sarah Coldham (J.K.); Anne White (Jameson); Vivienne Clarke (Phelps); Mandy Reynolds (Ath.); Pat Nevil (Milner); Jill Bowden (Ath.); Liz Campbell (Phelps); Robyn Abraham (Beit); Robyn Chiazarri (Beit); Shirley Hume (Beit); Bridget Moffat (Beit); Anne Harrison (J.K.); Jackie Vogt (Oriel); Kay Taylor (Beit); Janine Sola (Hobson); Kay Baldie (Beit); Sue Sturrock (Hobson); Doreen Prior (Beit); Lesley Lownds (Beit); Sandra Bruton (Phelps); Caroline Corder (Phelps); Rosemary Selke (Phelps); Anne Schuster (Phelps); Sharon Warrenner (L.B.); Rosemary James (Miln.); Isobe Marinock (Beit); Sue Nupen (Jameson); Robyn van Niekerk (Beit); Mary-Anne

Theron (Atherstone); Veronica Lombard (Oppidan); Anna van der Riet (Athersone).

### CHANGES

To facilitate the training of the Drum Majorettes it was unanimously decided at the Rag Committee meeting on Wednesday 28, to effect a number of breaks with tradition.

A number of 2nd and 3rd year past Drum Majorettes will be invited to become Drum Majorettes this year.

The selection, it must be stressed, will not necessarily include the best or the most beautiful past Drum Majorettes, but those whom the trainers Chris Christerson and Bedver Irving feel will best be able to lead and set an example. The selection will be by invitation only.

## Building spree

Over the long vac, work on the new Chemistry block has progressed considerably. The building will cost R964,000 and should be completed by June.

The two main lecture-theatres will seat 320 and 171 people respectively.

The Vice-Chancellor's new house, above the Barrett field, has been completed at a cost of R40,000.

Oriel and College Houses have received a face lift costing R22,000. They have been repainted, replastered, tiled and rewired.

## YEAR ROUND ARTS AND SCIENCE

**THE SENATE** has suggested to the SRC that Arts and Science Week be dropped and a University open-day be instigated.

Sandy Young, SRC internal Vice-President and last year's Arts and Science Week Organiser suggested it be stretched over the whole year with each department being allocated certain days to present their exhibition.

The Senate also pointed out the clash of Arts and Science week with Settler's week.

Mr. Pete Harris, SRC President commented: "Settler's week is being escalated above Arts and Science. There is too much importance attached to it."

The SRC decided to suggest to the Senate that Arts and Science should be extended to cover the whole year.

## Attacks on Nusas crippling

**THE CONTINUED** attack on NUSAS Leaders was deplored by SRC presidents at a meeting held in Cape Town during the vacation.

The committee sent a letter to the Minister of Justice, calling on him to either institute a Judicial Commission of Enquiry into the affairs of NUSAS or to abandon the campaign of crippling the organisation by arbitrary action against its leaders.

The SRC Presidents also noted with concern the new university legislation claiming there was potential for abuse of University Autonomy, inherent as long as controls remain open to the discretion of the Minister.

Two members of the SRC, elected at the end of last year, have resigned.

They are Torr Meyer and Robb Jupp. The bye-elections for the SRC positions is to be held in Tuesday.

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# THE NEMESIS OF DOCILITY

DR. E. G. MALHERBE

## Extracts from the 1968 Presidential Address to the S.A. Institute of Race Relations

By docility in this context I refer not only to its original meaning of being tractable and compliant to another's will, but also to the resultant condition of avidity for instructions, reluctance to accept responsibility or exercise initiative and, finally, complete inability to react against the pressure of autocratic authority. This condition can be brought about not only by indoctrination of the young and by propaganda through mass media, but also by the forms of Government to which a people is subjected over an historical period of time.

The essence of docility is that in its recoil from what is ultimate it accepts authority on its own valuation and does not dream of questioning its credentials. I do not wish to suggest that governments, officers, teachers, churches, codes and laws are not to be obeyed. What I do say is that he who obeys them must be ready and must on occasions at least have it in him to ask people who have authority, for their credentials. These credentials should be based on ultimates which transcend, and must be the justification of, these authorities and laws. Forms of government, patterns of social organisation and regulation and laws, are only means, they are not ends. To exalt any one, for example, of the various procedures of enforcing apartheid in this country into an end in itself irrespective of the happiness and human dignity of the individuals concerned, is not only a sign of confused thinking but downright immoral.

Authority, when it regards itself as final and supreme, is called dogmatic. The dogmatist is one who says to all who come under his control — and in his heart he wishes all men to come under his control — "the truth of things is in my keeping, therefore you must obey me and let your life be regulated by my will."

A dogmatic government (as Professor le May put it): "starts with a sole and exclusive truth of human affairs

and sees the business of politics as the business of spreading this sole and exclusive truth to all areas of life. Hitler's Germany and Soviet Russia are examples of this type of State dogmatism."

There is no doubt that the authoritarian spirit has grown a good deal stronger during the last 20 years in this country. People who have authority today have come to believe that their supreme duty is to preserve their authority while, in fact, their supreme duty is to preserve the liberty of those who live under their authority. Too often a great liberty is thrown away in the attempt to deal with a relatively trivial offence. One should not use a

steam hammer to crack a peanut!

Aristotle has told us that "what seems to all men IS". Dogmatism, be it embodied in a person or in an institution, seeks to concentrate in itself the authority which really belongs to the ALL. For Aristotle's formula "what seems to all men is", dogmatism substitutes "what seems to ME is" and to this proposition docility answers with alacrity, "Amen."

There is a reciprocal relation between docility and dogmatism. Indeed, it is possible that our educational system is responsible in no small measure for the tendency towards a docile dogmatic diathesis in people. When this condition is reached the sensitivities which

operate on the higher planes of life are dulled. Among these sensitivities we may instance political sagacity, social tact, commonsense, conscience, the sense of proportion, the sense of humour, the sense of value, imagination, sympathy, insight into character, the artistic sense with its many sub-senses. These can be summed up under the "illative sense" which Cardinal Newman in Grammar of Assent defined as follows: "the power of judging about truth and error in practical matters I call the illative sense."

There is therefore no more urgent task for our education than to produce this constant critical awareness amongst our young people. How otherwise will they have any hope of withstanding those mass suggestions that today assail them with such force?

Speaking as the head of a university, Lord James of Rusholme during his recent visit to South Africa said, "I am always delighted when my students get hot and bothered about something really important. I want to see them looking to the wider world. I want to see them feeling that they have deep responsibilities. I have often said to them that if they weren't concerned about things like the Vietnam War and Civil Rights, I should be worried." "However", he then goes on to say, "perhaps the most intractable problem is to combine this critical sense with an underlying faith in those beliefs about the human personality on which alone democracy can rest."

My old master and colleague, the late Sir Fred Clarke, made much the same point in dealing with the application of the "illative sense" to our social order. "The School" (and here he includes the university,) he says, "has to be a sanctuary against all forms of falsity, the sworn enemy of every kind of insincerity and moral contradiction, refining away the dross

of the surrounding culture and insisting with a kind of austerity upon faithfulness, truth and principle at every point.

I regard this critical (or ILLATIVE) sense of awareness about human affairs, which schools and universities should cultivate, as also basic to the consideration of race relations. The problems arising therefrom are essentially problems of HUMAN relations. This also sets out my line of approach in this address.

Let me now leave education for a while and return to a discussion of DOCILITY and its co-relatives, AUTHORITY and DOGMATISM, as group phenomena. I shall try to show how docility in a people can lead to disastrous consequences.

To illustrate this I am going to quote from history. It has been said that history does not repeat itself, only professors of history do! Nevertheless, I am going to quote the history of the German nation as a horrible example of what can happen to a people when docility becomes a national characteristic.

Here we have a nation which has produced great philosophers like Immanuel Kant, great scientists like Von Humboldt, great writers like Goethe, great musicians like Beethoven and Mozart, yet which nevertheless succumbed to Prussianism, and later to Hitlerism, and suffered the consequent horrors of two World Wars.

How did it come about that the Germans who, as Tacitus tells us, were at one time famous in Europe for their love of freedom, did in course of time become the most docile of people?

Under the dominance of the military regime of Prussia the German people had learnt to obey orders unhesitatingly, ungrudgingly and punctiliously. They even did more than obey orders, they waited for them, looked out for them, were lost without them. (Incidentally, this characteristic of the German soldiers stood out in sharp contrast to that of the South Africans in the fighting line.)

In civil life they were met, almost at every turn, by the warning word "VERBOTEN" and they were glad that this should be so. The question "Is it permitted?" was ever rising to their lips. Not only did they do what they were told to do and left undone what they were forbidden to do, they also thought what they were told to think, believed what they were told to believe, said what they were told to say. They even felt what they were told to feel. They were told to feel patriotic and they sang with enthusiasm DEUTSCHLAND UBER ALLES. They were told to desire war and they straightaway burned with martial ardour and duly toasted "Der Tag". So deeply had this tendency to obey for the sake of obeying, avidity for commands

and instructions and inability to react against the pressure of autocratic authority become ingrained in the German people that not even defeat in the First World War and the humiliating Treaty of Versailles could cure them of it.

Let me remind you that this was their condition long before anyone had heard of either Goebbels or Hitler. Incidentally, I do not think that Hitler would have made any headway in a country like England, America or Holland. Their historical background and political traditions were too different from those of Germany.

The explanation of the development of this streak of group docility in the German character is historical rather than racial.

I shall not take you through this history, as there obviously is no time to do so in the confines of an address of this nature. Those of you who are interested can find a fascinating account of the origins of German docility as a group phenomenon in a book which I studied 50 years ago when I was a graduate student of history at Columbia University. This book was written by Edmund Holmes, who was one of England's most erudite educationalists. He wrote it under the title "The Nemesis of Docility" which I borrowed for this address. I accordingly wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to him.

Holmes's analysis was prophetic. Had he been alive during the late '30's it would not have surprised him that the German people so readily subjected themselves to Hitler's tyranny, accepted a pagan religion, pursued a cruel, racialistic philosophy and plunged the civilised world into a war which was accompanied by untold human suffering, not only by the Germans themselves but all those that were drawn into this conflagration.

It is sometimes with a sense of shock that I realise that few of our South African youth know anything about this war or the issues on which it was fought and which involved this country also as a combatant. Teachers tell me that, when they incidentally refer to things that happened during the Great War their pupils look blank, because the only war that they seem to have heard of from their history text books is the Anglo-Boer War, and that is what is conjured up in their minds. This should not cause surprise to us older people when we realise that many even of our University youth were not yet born when this disaster struck the civilised world. This, however, by the way.

To get back to the history, it seems inevitable that the Prussian and not the democratic Weimarian type of government should dominate

Germany, and it is idle to speculate on what might have happened if Germany had allowed herself to be Weimarised instead of Prussianised. The simple fact remains that she was Prussianised. This was before the First World War. For those among us who do not remember what that involved, let me remind you that under the Prussian regime the people had been drilled and disciplined until they became as wax in its hands. It did not trust to direct pressure only. Besides controlling the legislature and all the administrative departments, it controlled also the judiciary, the universities, schools, the Lutheran church and the Press. The judiciary became, for all practical purposes a branch of the civil service. "Safe" men who supported the existing political regime, were appointed as judges. Distinction at the bars, legal learning and acumen were matters of minor importance. University professors were also appointed by the Government and here, too, "safe" men were in demand.

"In no country", wrote Professor J. H. Morgan about the period prior to the 1914-1918 war, "was the control of the Government over the universities so strong. Nowhere was it so vigilant. Political favour could make or mar an academic career. The complacent professor was decorated, the contumacious was cashiered."

The subordination of Church to State was partly responsible for the growing secularisation of Protestantism in Prussia. This laid the foundation also for the paganism which later characterised the Hitler regime.

Schools of all grades were under the control of the Government and in them a narrow patriotism, which glorified the existing regime and centred in the cult of the House of Hohensollern, was assiduously taught by means of regulation, instruction and apologetic justification. Patriotism was taught by zealots like a common school lesson with a merciless, rigid catechism. Love of the fatherland was

made mechanical and was drilled into pupils like a dead disbelieved religion and a few, pure heroisms of the past were misused in the service of one-sided politics or even for dynastic purposes.

It was Goethe who said: "Patriotism corrupts History." Heine, with true poetic insight, saw the position clearly. But he, like other prominent German thinkers, was powerless against the rising tide of Chauvinism.

When a dogmatic spirit pervades a whole nation, one thing happens: a strong militant type of patriotism is generated — a national self righteousness which knows no limits.



# FRESH TURTLES ARRIVE

by barbie hills

**RHODES** officially opened last Monday when hundreds of first year students optimistically signed up for their various courses. Members of Freshers Reception Committee and SRC were posted at strategic points, presumably to smooth the path of Inky feet as they took their first befuddled steps around the campus.

However, noting the unusually debonair and spruce attire of the committee members, one is forced to wonder whether their motives for this outwardly philanthropic action can have been as pure as those outlined by Mr. Kirby in his moving speech to the masses on Thursday night. A close examination of the lists of names which they compiled on various pretexts would have revealed the fact that certain names had been underlined or marked with a cross. Possibly I have misinterpreted this and the Inkettes in question were merely the shy and frightened ones, on whom

they felt they must shower especial attendance in a praiseworthy attempt to make them feel at home — far be it from me to blacken anyone's character undeservedly.

## ACCESSIBLE

Inky Social was marked by the degradation of the Senior men as they clawed in bubbling anticipation at the doors of the Great Hall in an attempt to reach the breathless bunch of beauties inside. And all this was so unnecessary. I mean, there were hordes of accessible senior women available at the Residences. Our case is really pitiable!

Fortunately, since frustration is so ruinous to ones mental and physical health, the Kaif Krawl held on Saturday night was by no means as exclusive an affair as the social. Opening Bal., the traditional venue for looking over the year's prospects is being run on a new basis this year.

## DISILLUSIONED

However, the Rhodes males, adaptable as always, contrived to carry out their drunken inspection at the Kaif Krawl instead. Many disillusioned Inkettes staggered home, nostrils twitching convulsively as they recalled the fumes of alcohol which pervaded the Hall. Ah well — perhaps the Inkettes will be drawn to the comparatively less dissolute characters of the Inks, and will ask them to the Leap Year Ball, leaving the seniors for us. We can but hope.



## Vac Jobs Queer

**RHODES** students excelled themselves during the long vac by holding down varied jobs.

Chief among these were Mr. Jerry Daynes, who was employed as a bus-conductor in Cape Town,

and Mr. Graham Hayman. He was a steward on S.A.R. for a month.

Mr. N. O. Curry worked as a Life-Saver for a time, then went to the Discotheque in East London, where he was a disc-jockey.

An unnamed student joined the ranks of taxi-drivers. He nearly met his fate when attacked by a drunken sailor who refused to pay his fare.

The majority of students worked in departmental stores, offices and bottlestores.

## Prof. Smith

**THE DEATH** of Professor J. L. B. Smith, world famous ichthyologist, hit newspaper headlines all over the world.

After an outstanding academic record, Professor Smith came to Rhodes in 1923. By 1945 he was Associate Professor in Organic Chemistry.

Since 1930 Professor Smith had been doing research work on fish. In 1939 he startled the world by identifying the "Coelacanth," a fish thought extinct. Six years later Professor Smith was asked to write the "Sea Fishes of Southern Africa," and became Research Professor of Ichthyology.

The Professor's books have been widely used. His three text books in Chemistry have been used in America, and translated into Spanish. He wrote over 400 popular and semi-scientific articles, besides over 200 scientific papers on ichthyology.

## TRANSLATION

"The Sea Fishes of Southern Africa" is even used behind the Iron Curtain, while "Old Four-legs," the story of the coelacanth, appears in Afrikaans, German, French, Russian and Slavonic — perhaps the only South African book to appear in the last two languages. Besides these there are three other books on ichthyology.

Mrs. Smith, co-worker and illustrator of the Professor's books on fish since their marriage in 1938, will continue his work.

## RHODES THEATRE '67-'68

**A CAMPUS PERSONALITY** of note assessed Rhodes' amateur theatricals with the phrase 'theatre of the mediocre.'

It is a title which one must admit cannot be entirely disregarded, in spite of the enthusiasm and teamwork with which the productions of 1967 were conducted. We have seen plays which have provided us with not only considerable entertainment, but with theatre which might have "done credit to professionals". ('Evening Post' on "My Three Angels.") We have seen in Art Clark's Malvolio, Audrey Marsh's Maria and John D'Arcy's Dauphin (faricically presented), performances of an exceptional standard.

This achievement is more notable when consideration is given to the inexperience of those

whose task it is to produce and act these plays. However, we must not delude ourselves: though much was accomplished much of the 'slipshod and sloppiness of amateur drama' persisted. So much for 1967.

In 1968 . . . The Speech and Drama Department intends to stage Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." This is a notably ambitious project, which should provide the artist with great scope, and immense challenge. The play will be produced by Jane Osborne. It will tour East London and King William's Town.

A musical revue, Scope-nite, under the direction of Nick Develin and Art Clark, promises Rhodes unlimited entertainment.

The Dramatic Society's intentions, at present, are vague. Its chairman has indicated that in all

probability, they will stage a comedy.

The Light Opera Society will stage the "Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan during the second term. It will be produced and directed by Reg Medley and Eddy Deutschmann. Auditions for this production will be on Sunday, March 10.

Other productions are intended. 'Antigone' by NUSAS, and 'Under Milkwood' by independent producer, Mr. Charles Murray. Planning for both plays is still in initial stages.

68 offers us enterprises which in their variety, will cover so much of the dramatic field. It offers opportunity for the sought after improvement. We, of the theatre-going public can assist such worthy effort by our wholehearted and generous support.

## AFRICA ADDIO BEWARE

'Africa Addio' is a highly controversial film which is banned in Britain. It will be dear to the heart of the 'verkrampte', might trap the unwary liberal and will probably drive the squeamish out of the cinema.

There are shots of the disgusting brutality that many Africans are capable of — terrible cruelty to animals and macabre murders of fellow human beings. But beware, cinema-goers, of how the commentator plays on the emotions. There are shots of mass executions of Moslems by Afri-

scale only twenty-five years ago.

In one sequence about twenty natives converge on a poor, helpless animal and slaughter it. It is a horrifying sight, but no more horrifying than if the camera had been inside an abattoir. The commentator makes the simple act of hunting seem quite savage.

The film descends into South Africa and there are slow-motion shots of some White girls frolicking on the beach. No scene plays so much on the audience's emotions as this one.

It is a film all should see. It's content is probably true, but the overall impression it gives is utterly false.

## Cinema

cans. This is a macabre spectacle, but remember that White men in Nazi Germany were performing similar atrocities on a smaller

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## RAG QUEEN TO BE ELECTED AT BALL

THIS YEAR'S Rag Queen Elections will take the form of a Coronation Ball at which the Rag Queen will be elected. It will take place on Friday March 22 and Barry O'Donahue, the radio announcer, will be the compere.

## NOMINATIONS

The usual large number of nominations are expected, from whom finalists will be selected. They will then parade before the guests at about 9.15 p.m. after which time voting will commence. Those not attending the Ball will be able to cast their votes at the Physics Block where they will be able to see photographs of the contestants. The Rhodes Computer is expected to finalise the counting within 5 minutes. The winner will be announced by Barry O'Donahue.

The aim of the Ball is to raise a larger profit than that collected at the shows in previous years.

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## THE STUDENT WORLD

**THREE MEMBERS** of the South African UCM executive committee attended the Process '67 Conference of the American UCM (University Christian Movement) held in Cleveland, Ohio, in December. They were Bob Kgwane of the University of the North, Gerald Ray from Springfield Training College and Basil Moore, Methodist Chaplain to Rhodes.

### HAPPENING

Rev. Moore found the conference "exciting", quite unlike anything he had previously attended. Activities included happenings, discussion groups, experiments, film festivals, protest meetings, folk singing, art workshops and poetry reading.

The 3,000 student conference included 500 foreigners, Buddhists, socialists and hippies. Issues such as Southern Africa, New Theology, Experimental Worship, Technology, Black Power, University curricula and teaching problems in education were discussed. Many radical views on these topics were expressed.

### CLIMAX

The war in Vietnam was the main source of concern to the conference. A "resistance worship" in which angry students expressed objections against the war and the draft system was held. It reached a climax when students turned in draft cards and handed in promissary notes to do so on their own campuses, while girls signed letters in support. All these students are liable to a 10,000 dollar fine as well as five years imprisonment.

## Group seminar held

A SHORT and concentrated group dynamic Seminar was held in Cape Town during the long vac., under the auspices of NUSAS.

It was aimed to train student leaders and potential student leaders in the art of decision-making, and was headed by a team of four people specialized in such work.

The Seminar consisted of about 20 men and 3 women, and was run in two groups. Those in a group saw only each other during the seminar and a miniature society evolved. From this society, leaders emerged. The object was to find the most efficient way in which the society could reach decisions on any particular problem.

Those participating found that the seminar proved to be of great value.

A committee has been set up to investigate the possibilities of having a group dynamic seminar on an inter-faculty basis at Rhodes. It will be run on far more general lines, and will aim to train students to leadership from the start of their student careers.



Pictured above are the Chairman of Rag Committee, Mr. Jimmy Warrington (centre), Mr. Roland Cooke (left), Vice-Chairman, and Miss Yvonne Bolitho (secretary).

## FIRST YEARS REACT TO RHODES

THE REACTION of first year students to the social aspects of campus life during a week of intergration ranged from the appreciative to the horrified.

A Smuts Ink said, "I appreciate the fact that there is no initiation — this system should end with one's schooldays." An Inkette enjoyed the general atmosphere of friendliness which, she felt, would be enhanced by mixed dining halls.

### GAMES

While some found the games at Inky Social an amusing way of breaking the ice, a more self-assured Adamson Ink found that they interfered with the shaping process.

Despite the chaos of Kaif Krawl which appalled some Inkettes, this function tended to be more enjoyed than the Inky Social.

### DRUNKEN

All facets of the Rhodes male came to the fore during the first week of social intergration — while some were impressed, one horrified Inkette said, "I can't believe that all these drunken students can possibly study subjects like science and maths."

A highlight of the Kaif Krawl was the Miss Mod Contest, won by Miss Sarah Coldham of John Kotze with an overwhelming majority.

## SMALLS

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## RAG QUEEN

Nominations for 1968 Rag Queen. These should be placed in the Rag Office post box or handed in to Rag Office personally. Nominations close on Sunday, 10th March.

Jimmy Warrington,  
Rag Chairman.

## AESEC students see difference

UNDER AESEC's new student exchange system, Mr. Jimmy Warrington and Miss A. Meyer spent a month working for firms in Europe during the long vac.

They were selected with about 50 other applicants by the National Committee at Wits. for the traineeships.

### AUTOMATION

Mr. Warrington studied Market Research with a tobacco manufacturing firm in Hamburg. Having taken a course in Intro-German, Mr. Warrington soon picked up the language, and found the West German Civil Service extremely efficient. He said automation was widespread due to the high cost of labour, in Hamburg, about the size of Johannesburg; about 30 per cent higher than that in South Africa.

Miss Meyer worked on computer accounting in Luneville, France, for Rooh, a precision instrument firm. She found that the workers there were paid less than the average Whites of South Africa.

## SRC Protests

THE RECENT banning of Mr. C. R. Ragavan, the former Deputy Vice-President of NUSAS was described by Mr. Ian Kirby, Internal Vice-President of the SRC as the most brutal yet.

Mr. Kirby said: "The fact that the Special Branch raided his home and took the minutes of a NUSAS meeting can be seen as more of an attack on the organisation than on the individual."

### SOLITARY

Mr. Ragavan has been suspended from completing his medical studies of which he had only a year to go.

He is also confined to his home after 6 in the evening and during the week-ends. He is allowed no visitors.

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# Changes for House Rugby proposed

LAST YEAR House rugby was undoubtedly the most popular sport on the Campus. The interest in it will be sustained, but the system needs revision.

Rhodes rugby collapsed badly in the second half of last season owing mainly to staleness. With league matches, House matches and tight practices, all players were getting too much rugby. This must be avoided at all costs. This season, House matches must replace all tight practices which are generally a waste of time. These are outmoded methods and Rhodes must adopt more modern methods of training.

The following system has been suggested. Any comments or further suggestions will be welcome.

That there shall be an A league and a B league, each consisting of six teams. Teams will play each other twice, giving ten matches for each team. The first round will be completed in the second term and the second round in the third term. The points system will be the same as last year.

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Three B league matches and one A league will be played on Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday one A league match will be played and thus all teams will play every week. With this system most senior players will only play every third Sunday, greatly relieving the pressure which has been applied on them in the past.

Senior and Under-20 team selections will take place on Tuesday night after the last House rugby match. Wednesday will be senior training day and Thursday Under-20 training day. These days will not be used for tight practices. Light training and team talks can be held on Friday.

Rhodes can look forward to a good season if its rugby resources are properly used.

## Sunbathers

The swimming pool and surrounding enclosures are reserved for the use of the Department of Physical Education at the following times:

Mondays ) 10.40 — 11.25  
Tuesdays ) 12.20 — 1.05  
Thursdays )  
Wednesdays 10.40 — 1.05  
Fridays 11.30 — 1.05

Non-Phys. Ed. students are requested to vacate these premises before the commencement of the official classes.

Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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## GRANDSTAND VIEW



Rather understandable under the circumstances.

When one thinks of the try or two the home-side always has in the bag owing to vociferous support from the stands the importance of an inspiring cheerleader becomes clear.

A great cheerleader needs the qualities of a spontaneous wit, a powerful, clear voice and above all, the ability to control a thousand inebriated students.

Such a person can be found in Paul Joubert. His humour, singing voice and esprit de corps is without par on the campus.

The first years in particular are urged to attend all sing-song practices — which in themselves are great entertainment. With your vocal support the first fifteen can be urged to a victorious year. We want to HEAR YOU!

My sports personality of the week is undoubtedly Jane Lurie — campus suffragette-cum-grak to the uninitiated. According to the Rhodes computer her ideal partner is a wet tackie. About the same temperament and brain capacity.

CONTRARY to most rumours, Rhodians do play sport. Stellenbosch and some lesser sport conscious establishments may revel in the limelight but notwithstanding our Rhodesians and ultra conservative Senate, we occasionally do win.

Thus, having dispensed with the formalities of introduction, the Rhodes sporting fraternity is officially open to inks, inkettes, freshers, freshettes, blots and block heads.

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A cursory glance at the sports section of the students Handbook will give a grossly distorted view of the grunt 'n groan facilities. At the expense of sticking one's neck out, one could describe the set-up as adequate for any one sportsman from casual inter-house participant to aspiring Springbok.

By SPORTSWISE

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Brian Surtees — to his horror found he had passed Sociology II last year and now we need a new cheer leader.

Bernie Hoffman was duly elected — put on disciplinary probation and stood down.

We have produced a fair crop of these mythical antlered beings in the past. Used to their intended purpose, with a little initiative, more lung-tearing training and a helluva lot of determined guts, a few more National Sportsmen may be in the offing.

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Rhodes has shocked its de-risive critics on more than a few great occasions. Only last year a very light but extremely determined 1st XV toppled the powerful UCT squad from their smug perch. Natal and OFS have suffered the same fate in recent years. There is no valid reason why Rhodes rugby should not gain even greater prestige this year — after all, there are not more than a couple of vacancies in last year's team.

The under twenty side, after a reasonable season last year should improve considerably from the looks of some of the rugged Smuts and Adamson rams strutting around the campus. Let's see you put some of that hot air to use on the turf, Mister self-opinionated ink.

Rhodes thus welcomes you to sport. Its facilities may be used or abused — to your advantage or detriment. Every encouragement will be forthcoming but determination is the only path to our success in sport this year. Best of luck.

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## Rick Buwalda

Ricky Buwalda, the Rhodes tennis star, opens up this year's selection of outstanding sportsmen and women.

Ricky, a third year B.A. student, was educated at Pretoria Boys High School where he has played first team tennis, cricket and rugby. He won the Transvaal Junior tennis title and played in the S.A. Junior Championships for two years.

After a very successful first year at Rhodes, he achieved even greater success last year. His victorious partnership with Sally Harvey in the Grahams-

## SPORTRAIT

town Tournament led to his selection for Eastern Province. In an interprovincial match in Kimberley Ricky did very well to beat Peter Moore.

Though losing the singles in the Rhodes Tennis Championships, he was a member of the winning combinations in the Men's and Mixed doubles.

At the inter-varsity held in Cape Town in December, 1967, Rhodes did very well against strong opposition with Ricky shining once again. He was selected to play number three in the Protea team.

During the vacation he was also chosen for the South African Junior squash to play in the Sugar Circuit. This team is almost equivalent to Junior Springboks. Unfortunately, Ricky was forced to withdraw because of illness.

Recently Ricky has been further honoured by an invitation to compete in the South African National Championships at Ellis Park in April. This top tennis tournament is by invitation only.

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## First years training



## NEW TALENT ARRIVES

### Springbok included

THE BEGINNING of the year has brought a promising bunch of newcomers in the sports world to the University and it is to be hoped that they will bring credit to the University.

Imma Wieringe of Pretoria has been swimming for Northern Transvaal for the past ten years. In 1963 she represented South Africa against Holland and in 1964 was chosen for the Springbok team to go to the Tokyo Olympics.

#### BORDER PLAYER

From Selborne comes 19-year-old Ray Carlson who played fly-half in 1966 for Border and again in that position for the South African Defence Force the following year against Western Province U20 and the S.A. Police.

Neil De Jager from Queen's College has proved himself on the Athletics track by recording times of 4min. 6sec. for the 1,500 metres and 4min. 20sec. for the mile.

Another old Selbornian is Rowan Hormuth of Adamson who in 1966 represented Border

Schools at Cricket and Rugby as a fast bowler and a lock-forward respectively. In 1967 he represented E.P. U-20 at Rugby; and the South African Defence Force at Rugby and Cricket.

Grant Nupen of St. Alban's School, Pretoria opened the batting for North Eastern Transvaal schools in 1966/7 and has played regularly over two seasons for the Harlequins Club Pretoria.

#### NATAL

Natalian Robin Pennefather, now in Adamson, represented the South African Defence Force Rugby team at centre in 1967 and was Captain of Natal Midlands Schools cricket and rugby in 1966. He is now beginning a B.A. Phys. Ed. Course.

Also from Natal and Adamson is Lofly O'Connor who played for Natal schools rugby team in 1966 in the eight-man berth. He has also made a mark in the Athletics world by clearing 12ft 6in. in the pole vault at the recent Defence Force Championships.

#### HOCKEY

Pete Stewart of Milton High in Rhodesia played in the Rhodesian Schools team and the Rhodesian U-23 side in 1967 and in the same year represented his country in the Rhodesian schools hockey team.

Etienne Uys from Muir College has represented E.P. schools at Gymnastics for three consecutive years: 1964-66. He is in Adamson and is reading for a B.Sc. Pharm. degree.

We wish them good luck in their respective sporting careers.

## Marais shines

SIX ATHLETES competed for Rhodes in the Inter-varsity meeting. Best Rhodian was W. Marais, who was placed 2nd in the 1500 metres walk. J. Dickson was 3rd in the same event. The only other Rhodian to be placed was K. Hofmeyr, with a 3rd in the high jump. While not excelling, the athletes thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and gained valuable experience.

## Tennis players excell

THE TENNIS inter-varsity of 1967 was played at the U.C.T. courts in Rondebosch. A Rhodes team consisting of ten players competed in the tournament which lasted from the 26th November to the 3rd December.

Two Rhodes players, Sally Harvey and Rick Buwalda were chosen for the Protea side, an excellent achievement, and have also been invited to play in the South African National Championships at Ellis Park in April. Sally Harvey put up a particularly good performance against Greta Delport, the Number 1 seed whom she took to three sets. Philip Bettman and Rick Buwalda were very impressive in the men's doubles, maintaining a consistent and high standard.

In the men's section Rhodes was placed behind Stellenbosch, U.C.T. and Natal.

The Rhodes team was noted for its team spirit and sportsmanship; a good indication of this being the fact that Rick Buwalda was awarded the Best Sportman's Award. The whole team is to be congratulated on their performance and it is to

# CRICKET TEAM DEFEATED

CAPE Town University were the hosts of the 1967 Inter-varsity Cricket Week.

The first game against Pretoria, was a particularly disappointing one. After dismissing their opponents for a meagre total the Rhodes players displayed a complete lack of application and failed to obtain the necessary runs.

The following day Rhodes played Stellenbosch at Newlands in a game that was delayed until after lunch by a heavy thunderstorm. Stellenbosch batted first on a pitch that was at all times treacherous and made a challenging declaration midway through the afternoon. Once more Rhodes gave an inept batting display and deservedly lost the game.

#### RESTRICTING

O.F.S. were the next opponents and the game followed the regular pattern. After the bowlers had done a good job in restricting the O.F.S. batsmen to a very ordinary total by the time of the enforced declaration, the Rhodes players once again threw away a game that should have been won easily.

Against Natal, for the first time in the tournament, Rhodes batted first, the result however, showed no improvement in this

department. Natal left with a small total to chase, easily obtained the necessary runs before tea.

Rhodes registered their only win of the tournament on the final day against Potchefstroom. Rhodes batting first, amassed their largest total of the tournament thanks mainly to some poor catching by our opponents. After declaring the innings closed, Rhodes experienced little difficulty in dismissing the Potchefstroom side.

#### ATTACKS

From the above results it can be seen that the Rhodes batsmen at no time realised full potential. Without exception they seemed unable to "graft" for their runs and showed on a few occasions the ability to concentrate to the extent expected from them. The attacks were shouldered by Peter Gradwell who bowled consistently well throughout the tournament, and was chosen to represent one of the South African Universities sides.

If this standard of play and these methods are maintained, Rhodes must appreciate that their inclusion in super league matches will be placed in serious jeopardy — a new and revitalised approach is needed.

## Athletics changed

IN THE past the Rhodes Annual Athletics Championships have suffered from lack of support due mainly to the general feeling, that such a meeting was for practising athletes only.

This year the Championship takes the form of an Inter-hall Relay — an idea designed to bring Mass Participation into the meeting. All track events will be

run on a relay basis whilst the field events will be contested by two chosen competitors from each Hall whose distances — or heights — gained will be added together. This does not exclude other members of the Hall from competing however. The number of entrants per hall is not restricted although only the chosen two are eligible to gain points for their Hall.

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be hoped that this year further success will come to them.

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A. Houghton, T. Radloff, R. Wood.

WOMEN: P. Beale, C Dargie, J. Davenport, S. Harvey, M. Crege.