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S.R.C. AND A.U. MOVES

Proposals for a new Students' Union

The Students' Representative Council and the Athletic Union met together last term to discuss the inadequate facilities offered to students by the present Students' Union and the lack of accommodation for indoor sports.

In a joint letter from the S.R.C. and A.U. to the Registrar, proposals were put forward for a New Students' Union which would not only be a credit to Rhodes University, but would also provide recreational facilities for the students.

NO FACILITIES

The first proposal drew attention to the lack of recreational facilities which are provided by a city with as small a population as Grahamstown. As a result of this, students are left to provide their own recreation and their choice of activities is severely limited.

Secondly, the present Students' Union (Old Kaif) is entirely inadequate to provide the required recreational facilities for students.

The various Halls could not possibly individually provide the facilities and the cost also would be prohibitive.

SECTIONS

The S.R.C. then drafted specific proposals that a new Students' Union should contain a number of sections, including an Intimate Theatre, offices for the S.R.C., two lounges—one of which could possibly be used as a bar lounge—a billiard room, a room in which cards or chess could be

played, a games room where table tennis could be played, a dark room and studio for the photographic club, a room for the S.C.A. second-hand book shop, a library, a reading room and toilet facilities.

INTIMATE THEATRE

The letter goes on to say:—

"For some time it has been felt that this University would benefit from an Intimate Theatre. The Great Hall stage facilities are inadequate for producing plays

which require the setting of an Intimate Theatre. It is hoped that such a theatre would provide incentive to students in the sphere of creative writing.

Seating from three to five hundred people would be the ideal size, and the Theatre ought also to have the necessary additions such as wardrobe rooms, dressing rooms and a workshop for the making of stage scenery."

INDOOR SPORT

As far as the Athletic Union is concerned, there is a pressing need for accommodation for indoor sports facilities.

"At present the Athletic Union is unable to provide any facilities for the accommodation of the indoor sports, namely judo, boxing, badminton, table tennis and fencing.

Over the last few years the popularity of some of these sports has increased tremendously, and

with the expansion of the University, there are now a large number of students who are unable to obtain the recreation they need because of lack of facilities. These sports have the advantages that students can exercise in bad weather and also at night, thus providing another avenue of recreation which a small town such as Grahamstown is unable to supply.

EXPENSE

The Athletic Union is very conscious of the vast expense required for the construction of a building which would accommodate these sports, but nevertheless feels that the need for such facilities is pressing. In view of this it is requested that if possible the matter be investigated along the lines of what type of structure would be required, its cost and possible siting."

NUSAS CONGRESS

Success and Respect at Rhodes

At NUSAS Congress held in Durban from 4th to 16th July and opened by Dr. Alan Paton, the Rhodes delegation was "successful and highly respected." Apart from nearly a dozen outside observers, the SRC was represented by Misses Gray and Allsopp, and by Messrs. MacDonald, Moore, Moodie, Davidson and Berkowitz.

What perhaps will be particularly gratifying to the Rhodes student body is the recognition accorded by Congress to the Rhodes protest in sympathy with Fort Hare: "This Assembly wishes to place on record its admiration and pride in the magnificent stand taken by Rhodes over the closing of Fort Hare and considers this an example which all centres could follow in the future."

SINCERE THANKS

Later, Mr. Mhlambiso, an ex-Fort Hare student (expelled) read a report on the situation at the Tribal College, during the reading of which he himself and some of his hearers were deeply moved by the humiliation to which the students are subjected. There was deep sincerity in his thanks to Rhodes for "the bold stand which they took at the risk of courting grave penalties. And by this demonstration" he continued, Rhodes University has gained the admiration of the whole world. We of Fort Hare shall always remember with pride our association with Rhodes and their demonstration of sympathy with us shall remain indelible on our minds."

The Congress' resolutions took the usual course, forced on them, year after year, by the fact that there has been no change in Government policy to elicit support from NUSAS, unless NUSAS's principles of non-racialism are to be changed.

STUDENTEBOND

The Afrikaanse Studentebond was as usual conspicuous by its absence; and the assembly expressed its regret that the Bond took no advantage of the invitation to send an observer, noting that ASB could hardly be accused of fostering the type of co-operation for which it allegedly yearns. A resolution of condemnation noted that A.S.B. had consistently tried to smear the name of NUSAS, (because it has criti-

cised Government policy) as being Traitors to South Africa.

Perhaps one of the most dominant topics at Congress concerned Bantu Education. Mr. Adrian Leftwich, re-elected President for 1962, pointed out that while in 1953 47% of African candidates for the Matric exam passed, in 1960 the successful candidates amounted to 17%. This is an indication of the rot which has set in in all fields of education in S.A. on which NUSAS passed its unanimous condemnation.

CRUCIAL MOTION

The crux of Congress's stand was contained in its motion that "NUSAS, realising that Universities (Continued on Page 4)

CHOIR TO MAKE A RECORD

Following their successful tour of Europe in the last vacation, the Rhodes Chamber Choir want to record a varied selection of their repertoire on a permanent basis. The programme will consist of Renaissance songs on one side and Folk songs from Europe and South Africa on the other.

The actual recording will be done in Grahamstown under the supervision of the conductor Dr. Gruber. The 12" L.P. will be on a Gallo label and will be distributed throughout South Africa. If the sales are satisfactory, it will also be released in Britain and the Continental countries visited by the Choir earlier this year.

A few years ago they made a disc for the S.A.B.C., but this will be their first record for general release. Another boost for our Choir's international reputation.

Possibility of Inter-Hall Visiting?

The date of the writing of this article is the anniversary of the celebrated "Petting Ban" at the university.

Such legislation is typical of the way in which the authorities deal with the problem of men-women relationships on the campus.

One of the most marked features of campus life is the complete lack of facilities which would enable a normal relationship between men and women students to exist, with the exception of the cold charity of the women's common-rooms and the herd-like comforts of Kaif the only possible venue for students is the cinema. The inadequacy of the women's common-room is only too easily seen on a cold night, and the situation in Kaif is just as bad.

RESTRICTED FREEDOM

Secondly, the "Regulations

Governing Students" and the "Residence Rules" severely restrict personal freedom. A perusal of them would convince anyone that the university authorities were doing all in their power to limit the occasions for contact between the sexes. The benevolent attempts of the authorities to encourage normal mixing quivers to a halt after a formal tea and musical-chairs.

Ninety-five per cent of the students of this university live in the university residences for seven-and-a-half months of the year. (Continued on Page 5)

As to the siting of the Student Union, the proposals suggested the ideal spot should be where the present Old Kaif stands, or on the ground immediately connected to the New Kaif. A Union of this nature would lose a great deal if it was located any great distance from the present cafeteria.

The A.U. and S.R.C. together feel that the Sports Hall should be separate from any proposed Student Union that might be built.

REPLY

The following reply was received by the S.R.C. from the Registrar:—

"You will, no doubt, appreciate that no funds are available at present for the provision of these facilities. The University, however, is contemplating launching an Appeal for Funds and, if this is successful, it hopes to be able to consider these and other proposals for development."

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ONE UNIT

This year the NUSAS discount scheme has made a new advance, for all the schemes have been combined into one national unit. Students need only to present their NUSAS membership cards at the businesses affiliated to the scheme, and discount will be granted —

some to the extent of a 33 per cent. reduction on the marked price.

This national scheme means that a student from Rhodes, on presentation of his NUSAS Membership Card, is entitled to receive discount from firms in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and Pietermaritzburg are listed in the discount booklet.

These discount booklets are available on application and have also been distributed in the Halls.

Do make use of these reductions made available to all students. It is a NUSAS service, especially for you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters to the Editor will, where practicable, be printed in the Rhodoe. Letters should be signed but may, if the writer wishes, be printed under a nom de plume.

The Editor would like to make it clear that views expressed in letters and signed articles do not necessarily reflect the views held by the Rhodoe and its Staff.

TRIBAL COLLEGE & RHODEO

Dear Sir,

Paging through a recent edition of "The Rhodoe," I was very interested in the photograph of the new Indian Tribal College at Durban. Having lived very near to Salisbury Island, I spent a great deal of my spare time on the Island.

May I start off by saying that the photograph showing a barbed-wire fence was no doubt inserted to instil in the minds of the ignorant a reminder of the Nazi Concentration Camps, but that is definitely not the case. It must be remembered that for several years the Island was used as the South African Naval Base until the transfer to Simonstown in 1957, and in time of war would again be used as such.

FENCED OFF

Naturally certain parts of the Island would be fenced off to protect the installations, namely the workshop bordering the quay. There is also the barbed-wire fence across the "isthmus," as would be formed in any military establishment.

There is then the photograph of the broken window. It must be remembered that after the Navy left, the Island passed into the hands of the Railways and rapidly fell into disuse. Sunday picnickers and vandals were the only visitors, and what greater fun for a boy is there than to throw a stone through a window? May I also add that there were thousands more windows broken.

ATTRIBUTES

On the other hand look at the attributes the Island has. It is half a mile from the suburban railway line which itself passes through the main Indian settlements along the head of the bay. There is a large amount of accommodation, both for staff and students (married staff included).

Sporting facilities are as good as at Rhodes, if not better. There is a thirty-three and a third pool, an excellent cricket field, rugby/soccer / hockey field, athletic track surrounding the cricket field, beaches, excellent fishing in the centre of a bay famous for sailing, and lastly a gymnasium.

FITTINGLY PLACED

After reading this I think that a majority of students will agree that the Indian Tribal College was fittingly placed on the Island, saving the Government some thousands of Rand, which can now be used for more Colleges. What better use could the Island have been put to.

Lastly may I say that the Island isn't miles from the shore as the newspapers like to make it out to be. Having walked the causeway myself many times I know that it doesn't take more than fifteen minutes from the station, and, moreover, is only seven minutes by ferry to the Gardiner Street jetty. May I wish the College the best of luck and prosperity.

"BANANA BOY"

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the way in which the Rhodoe is being produced this year. I would, however, like to make certain suggestions which I believe could lead to improvements.

"Stekel" used to be most amusing during 1959 and 1960 but this year it seems to have lapsed into puerile triviality. Its appeal falls short of the majority of students to whom its mental contortions are irrelevant. If the standard of "Stekel" is not improved it should, in my opinion, be eliminated.

Ideally the size of the "Rhodoe" should be eight pages, with two pages allocated to Sport. Certain parties may not agree to this but I feel that a large proportion of students are interested in sporting activities. As it may be possible to extend the size of the "Rhodoe," could not more sporting news be included by cutting the length of articles which do not have so wide an appeal as sport?

As this is a University, cultural articles should not have to suffer at the expense of sporting items but in certain cases entirely irrelevant matters are included in articles.

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MAN ON THE CAMPUS

Most preparations for the Annual Arts and Science Week, to be held from the 28th August to the 2nd of September, have now been made. On Monday 28th August at 5.15 p.m., Arts and Science Week will be opened by the Archbishop of Cape Town.

On Monday evening three one-act plays will be presented. The first is a prize-winning play written by a Rhodes student, and is being produced by the Dramatic Society. The second play is being presented by the S.J.A., and the third play, Uys Krige's "Alle Paaie Gaan na Rome," will be the Afrikaans Society's contribution.

CONTROVERSIAL

On Tuesday at 5.00 p.m., Professor Arthur Blexley will lecture on Space Travel. At 8 p.m. there will be a Symposium entitled "Rather one Shakespeare than 50 Scientists." No doubt an argument of this kind will not find favour amongst the scientists of the University, but they would be well advised to come and listen to what should prove a most interesting and entertaining discussion.

On Wednesday, the 30th, at 5.00 p.m., Professor Guy Butler, who is a well-known South African poet, will give a lecture entitled "Trying to Write Poetry." At 8 p.m. "The Agamemnon" will be presented by the Dramatic Society. This is the first Greek play to be produced at Rhodes, and is a very bold experiment.

XHOSA CHOIR

On Thursday, the 31st of August, a Xhosa Choir will give a recital of Xhosa Songs at 5.00 p.m. In the evening, Margaret Webster, the famous American actress, will recite extracts either from Shakespeare or Shaw.

On Friday, a Student Religion Symposium will be held.

STUDENT POETRY

On Saturday, the 2nd September, the Literary Society will give a reading of student poetry in the morning, and on Saturday evening, Arts and Science Week will end with Arts and Science Ball. It is hoped that this ball will be better attended than was N.U.S.A.S. Ball last term, when very few tickets were sold.

Arts and Science Week offers many opportunities for acquiring a little culture: the uncultured will be able to acquire some culture, and the "Culture Vultures" will be able to acquire more culture.

A lecture given the first week of this term on "Yoga in Daily Life," was fairly well attended. The talk was interesting and thought-provoking. Thanks are due to the Indian Association of Grahamstown for arranging this talk.

LEARNING THE CHA-CHA

Every Tuesday night this month, Rhodians and others will be able to learn the Cha-Cha. The first lesson was well-attended and everyone enjoyed themselves as they moved to the rhythmic beat of the Cha-Cha. The lessons are being given by Mr. Sudano in the Graham Hotel Ballroom. In future we hope to see some Cha-Cha at Rhodes dances.

Not only is a record still being planned of the Scope Nite tunes, but the Chamber Choir will be making a long-playing record in September.

Yet another society has appeared at Rhodes. Called the World Affairs Society, its aim is to promote interesting discussion on topics of primarily political, social and cultural subjects.

NEW PUBLICATION

With a new society comes news of a new publication: "Rhodes

Forum." Included in this publication, the first issue of which should be out soon, will be copies of lectures and symposia given by the various societies. The object of this is to preserve the lectures for the benefit both of those who were present and those who were not.

The U.E.D. class are rehearsing a production of "Everyman" with producer Geoffrey Harsnap. A morality play at Rhodes?

Roley Rogers

Educated at C.B.C. Kimberley, where he won his colours for Rugger, Cricket, Hockey and Swimming, Roland Rogers played Nuffield cricket in 1956 before coming to Rhodes in 1957. The distinguished sporting career was to continue: Roley played for under nineteen A and E.P., only to be off rugger the following year. But there was no giving up, and in 1959, and 1960 he played for Rhodes' 1st XV. Captain of the 1st XV this year, he was also selected for the Border/Eastern Province Combined team.

Probably lesser known is that this well-known sporting figure has been captain of swimming since 1958. Academically, rumour has it that the authorities are "earnestly hoping" for graduation next year.

Rhodes PROFILE

CINDY BRENT

I don't suppose I am the first to have been charmed by this lovely girl who combines an air of quiet efficiency with an unassuming presence and a sympathetic understanding of things.

Cindy comes from Kenya where she has lived all her life, receiving her school education in Nairobi. She goes home once a year at Christmas and spends her other vacations with relatives and friends in South Africa.

ORDINARY GIRL

Cindy is a 4th year B.Sc. student and this year head of St. Mary's Hall. Illness prevented her from obtaining her degree last year but from what one hears it is certain that she will be one of next year's graduates. Cindy likes to consider herself an ordinary girl. I asked her whether there was anything startling about her academic record: said Cindy, "Just seconds," and added laconically, "I have had thirds as well."

SCHOLARSHIP

Actually, Cindy is at Rhodes on a Kenya Colony Scholarship — only one or two are awarded each year — which will take her to London University in 1962, where she will spend a year working for her International Teachers' Diploma.

Cindy applies herself willingly to her duties. In her first year at Rhodes being Secretary to N.U.S.A.S., kept her busy, and as an active committee member of the Rhodes Night School in 1959 she rendered invaluable service.

SENIOR STUDENT

Last year Cindy was elected Vice-Chairman of the S.C.A., as well as being head of Phelps House. This year, of course, her



Hi! You happy third TERMites!

From the front of his very inefficient radiator (experienced these yet?) Stekel once again invites all gossip gusses to partake in some gorgeous gossip. Exam fever — a contagious disease which even affected the mighty Stekel — has at last broken.

"Avoid Stekel" pranks which included sitting in the library behind heaters and one of those books, or else wearing bulky jerseys which could contain at least three, are over.

Once again Stekel is glad to say that it still takes two to tangle — or cha-cha-cha. From a vulnerable position behind an oak tree Stekel watched with interest the hordes rushing down to... cha-cha-cha (and at R1.00 for four goes!) Judging from the steps practised afterwards (back, forward, cha-cha-cha) Stekel realises why the dance is so popular. Crazy Daddy! Ha! Ha! Ha!

POISONALITIES

A rough shoot! Lusty LEN has had plenty of TRIBEL with his gunpowder HORN, but he emerged the VICTOR even though there was a GAIL — beware Springboks!

Early to bed and early to rise is the motto of carnal CARL. A real GARNER on a good PENNY, his visits begin at 7.30 a.m. No requiem for this REYN (OLDS).

Elegant ED has found a fluffy piece of nonsense with which to while away the weary hours in his flat — she went along on that too!

Stekel is GREEN with envy over PRUE and doubts if this latest affair will soon PETER out.

Last seen on Mountain Drive, ROS and JOS are still at it

ON RUNNING, JUMPING AND STANDING STILL

A THESIS

BECOS they will scoot about on that damn scooter!

ON COOKING FISH

A second year really on the JOB is ANN. She had a whale of a crush on JONA(THAN) who claims he looks like a new Cliff RICHARDS (a pen and INK pin-up perhaps?)

Much padded PADDY has become obsessed with a MARTINI STEIN, McCLELLAND and CO — dry cleaners — cannot remove it.

Keen on the BAKER'S daughter, ANDRE finds the miss understands. Stekel comments, JENNY and JENSON go well together... good ingredients.

Stekel advises GILL to "take two BAYERS aspirin" when a HIGGS worries her.

AdMYRING ANN no longer is heard squeaking „Eeeeeeeek, look, a RUDDY ANT!" Certain lengthy afternoons in Bots have got her used to creepy crawlies.

A RUSTY bit of information perhaps, but ROBERT(S) aims to pursue a certain social butterfly without a NETT... MAN, it's a problem.

NOISES OFF

A RUMBLE was heard at a midnight party "On the Beach." To be perfectly FRANK it was from a nearby GLENN and not a VAN or RYNE "On the VELD."

DIG(BY) that crazy CRANKE! JUNE is on the look out. "NAY... PIER not" says she.

No HALL ball but at a kaif krawl. ANN dallied by the GLEN until the sun ROOS.

Secretive Schreiner is at it again. Stekel wants to SUE his worthless spy there. All she does is sing "SEGALS over Sorrento" while Stekel wants to know more about a certain miss. A precious STONE in an affair that is not quite CHRISal clear, JEN wonders about JUDY... will the latter hoist the Jolly ROGER? GEE, that's lost too!

UNDER cover in a WOOD Stekel saw JOHN PAT his partner with affection, It PAYNE's Stekel to have to observe (the whole time!) such perfect pastoral symphonies.

DAT'S GOOD

Stekel has one of those peculiar stories... dah... "DUR... BACH on da tree was da colour of gray, TROCKI to paint. Afraid to make da ERRO (L), da artist asked his aunt EDNA for advice. Now he has been painting TROCKI trees for years and years."

Ding pip! Ding pip! wedding bells — there is a crack on the one side! Stekel has two sad cases of matrimony to distort. LIZ all serene at Irene finally secured HUGH, good and proper. A NESER character you could not find, JENNY met DAN at STAFFORD-on-Avon, only this was a rugby player even though he was in Harlequin garb.

Mad MOG is writing a murky musical in Durban. Full of dirty ditties the cess pool synopsis caused agitated eyebrows. What then about the finished product? Foul raumour has it that Rhodes will have it (the author) if not the play back next year.

No DAVIES cup winner LEON is still going FAR (RER) in other fields. GWEN is he going to stop?

Beauty and the Beatnik. COLIN has gone for a real BURTON over some campus ROSE.

At her BECK(ER) and call, ALAN finds he cannot PAT himself on the back for this is a WEB(BER) he will not escape for some time.

AND SO...

Wet from the press. Stekel's nose has just dripped! Hot toddy time. It's also time for radiators off and blankets up. Hot water bottles well screwed up? Gooood?

Hope you can reach the smitch. Lights out, Stekel.

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RHODES, ABHORRED NAME

Some months ago, "Die Oosterlig" published a leader article on the P.E. branch of Rhodes, one of the many comments in the P.E. press on the future of the branch. The main pressure in P.E. has been for the establishment of an engineering faculty, and it is with this in mind that £23,000 was spent on the old museum in Bird Street, to get the old snakes out, and to prepare the way for the human ones. The new snakes are now comfortable.

There are eleven students studying Arts in four subjects, Afrikaans, English, Economics and Geography; there are 35 B.Com. students; and swarming all over the place are 74 Certificate of Accountancy students.

FIRST YEARS

They are all first years, though

YANKS AND KNOW-HOW

The newly - formed World Affairs Society began its programme for the term on August 1 with a discussion led by two American students visiting Rhodes. The topic was Segregation in America.

About one hundred students heard Dave Plimpton, a History student at Yale University, and Steve Stilp of San Antonio give their opinions, comments and observations in an informal manner on the illegality of segregation under Federal Law, its persistence in the South, and its influence, conscious or undercover, throughout the United States.

COMBAT SEGREGATION

They outlined the methods being employed by various organisations to combat segregation in public institutions, explaining the intentions of the Cafe Sit-In Demonstrations and the bus - travelling Freedom Riders of the South.

Dave and Steve are in Africa under the auspices of the Cross-roads in Africa Society, an American organisation concerned to promote contact between Africans and Americans. They attended the multi-racial World Council of Churches project at Wilgerspruit, near Rodepoort, where they met James Moulder and Danie van Zyl of Rhodes who invited them to Grahamstown.

GHANA

Travelling in Natal they met by chance ex-Chief Lutuli, with whom they were much impressed. Dave, who is chairman of the African Studies Society at Yale, has recently spent some time in Ghana. He says he found the Ghanaian students much more interested in the United States and its role in international affairs than students in South Africa.

He noticed also a certain disquietude among Ghanaian students at President Nkrumah's increasingly autocratic regime, and was very impressed by Ghana's rapid material development.

a couple have graduated in other centres in other faculties; they all pay the same fees as we do, though they don't eat the same type of food because they know better; all are healthy although there are no sporting facilities; and all are protected as we are, by a kindly body of gentlemen, although this kindly body is a greater stickler for truth in its title, being called the Students' Committee instead of the Students' Representative Council. Liaison between the two kindly bodies is imminent.

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Why in our omniscience we mentioned the article from "Die Oosterlig" in particular, is because it seems to have a rather important bearing on the relations between the mother university and the offshoot.

The article explained the value of education with great lucidity to those readers hitherto unaware of its manifold gifts, and having established its basic point necessarily with some care, it proceeded to urge its public to send all its multifarious sons and daughters to the P.E. branch, and not to scorn its as yet meagre offerings in favour of Potchef-

stroom or any similar haunts of knowledge.

LIBERALIST SENTIMENT

Not only was this brave step necessary to the prosperity of the Friendly City, but it was also essential for the countering of the insidious 'liberalist' sentiments which have ever been the shame of Rhodes in Grahamstown.

While diligently ignoring the name 'Rhodes', they might be able to develop the P.E. branch into something of which P.E., a predominantly Afrikaans city (sic), could be proud.

* * *

There may be a big future for the P.E. branch. The Municipality has given liberal aid; even a new site has been offered.

But the future of the branch will be as nothing if this type of mentality is allowed to prevail. It is unlikely that it will.

P.E. still retains the remnant of a liberal tradition — liberal in the best sense — and both Afrikaner and English threaten to co-operate despite the fulminations of Nationalism.

A CHALLENGE TO RHODES

The lead in co-operation must (Continued at bottom of col. 5)

S.R.C. CONFERENCE BUST-UP

Who's Unified Now?

Due to the initiative of the Rhodes S.R.C., an inter-S.R.C. conference was planned to be held at Rhodes on 4th and 5th August. It was intended to "get to understand one another and not to convert one another to our own point of view" and to discuss "some of the basic presuppositions which divide students in South Africa."

The conference was not held. Every English-speaking University accepted the invitation with pleasure. Not so the Afrikaans - speaking Universities. Their objections were hardly indicative of their passionate desire for unity.

SACRILEGE

Stellenbosch would never confer on a Sunday. The date was accordingly changed. Rhodes was then informed that it was very unfortunate that in our land there should exist students who could even think of conferring on a Sunday.

The University of O.F.S., at first enthusiastic, thought better of it. A day and a half before the conference, Rhodes phoned the university: they were unable

to send delegates: "other arrangements."

SECOND THOUGHTS

Potchefstroom (vir Christelike Onderwys) were apprehensive that non-Whites might represent mixed universities. They were adamant that there should be no consultation with non-Whites representing Whites. Rhodes could not give this assurance. Potchefstroom then decided they could not attend.

These were factious excuses. The true reason was hinted at by Stellenbosch: they objected to the fact that doubt would be cast on the Word of God by any attempt to discuss such concepts as Humanism and Liberalism. Discussion, Rhodes was informed, would be useless.

POLITICAL LEADER

TOO MANY TREES

It has been said of the society in Oxford University that it is divided into three categories, the hearties, the smarties, and the arties. These categories have their direct counterparts at Rhodes.

The division is natural, and to a certain extent desirable. It makes for that interesting state of affairs in which one category can scorn another with the impunity provided by a solid block of similar opinion behind him. Sportsmen scorn arty types not only because they can't understand them, but because other sportsmen scorn them; the converse holds true.

SAD SALES

Now, what relevance does this division have on the attitude of students to student politics? For the purposes of our discussion, the most important result of this division is that the "Rhodeo" sales suffer: the newspaper gives unwonted prominence to student politics and cultural activities when two thirds of the student body couldn't care less about them.

This is the dilemma which confronts a political editor even in an institution as enlightened as Rhodes, and it is brought forcibly home to him when he contemplates a formidable article such as that on the NUSAS Congress. How many people will read it? Is its publication justified?

THE CRUX

The dilemma is obvious, and its implications far-reaching. The publication of that article, and an endorsement of all it stands for, is of vital importance to us all, arties and hearties alike, in a period of South African history noted for its attack on the very

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NUSAS CONGRESS

ity apartheid and the Tribal College structure cannot be separated from apartheid as a whole, will work for the total abolition of educational apartheid and for the restoration of academic freedom in all spheres of education in order that our goal of a democratic society may be attained."

It was on this basis that condemnation was passed on the Tribal College structure the increase of Christian National Education in schools the proposed removal of the Conscience Clause from the statutes of the University of the O.F.S., and on the host of insidious influences developing almost unchecked in S.A., to the detriment of the freedom of education which is the right of all of us.

REWARDING CONGRESS

Congress was most rewarding in its achievement, and equally so in the stimulation it offered to the individual observer. The theme for Winter School was "Man in Africa": the speeches were authoritative. Equally enjoyable were the more informal occasions, the socials, the discussions, the parties and the best speakers debate, in which Mr. Ian Macdonald was narrowly defeated for first place. Our congratulations go to him; and equally to Mr. Basil Moore, elected to the National Executive as Director of Welfare, and to Miss Ann Allsopp on her re-election as Regional Secretary.

It argues for the prestige of Rhodes that the 38th N.U.S.A.S. Congress will be held in Grahamstown in July 1962: there is little doubt that Rhodes students will give it their whole-hearted support.

basis of our educational freedom.

There are probably very few of us who would deny the reality of this attack or who would not agree with the resolutions passed in Congress—agree, that is, in principle if not in word.

Yet it is equally true that there are very few of us who can contemplate reading the offending article with equanimity. It is too long, and it doesn't affect those of us who can convince themselves that the rest of our lives offers nothing but blissful security.

PETTINESS

This is the situation which faces anyone who can see further than the trees. This has been the cause of those cries against apathy which have so consistently characterised the speeches of our long and glorious past. Our division into types, irrevocable and irremediable, obscures our vision as members of one corporate body, of a body, moreover, whose freedom and integrity may one day be assailed as the freedom and integrity of Fort Hare has been assailed, of a body whose very nature is already being corroded by influences of which most are unconscious. Even the councils which rule us are not their own masters.

In short, the reality of the division of which we have been speaking, implies a certain pettiness of outlook before the magnitude of the problems which confront us. The pettiness is unavoidable, it is in our nature. And that is why an apology must be made for the assault on that pettiness, which takes the form of an article on NUSAS Congress.

One thing, however, it is important to realize.

Some reports do not affect the mass of the student body. But if the student body is even to pretend to be a body, such reports must be published. There is a certain obligation now and then to come to terms with the pettier divisions amongst us, and now and then to look beyond them.

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come from Grahamstown. As yet Bird Street is a university only in name.

We spoke to a first-year student in Smuts who had attended the branch when it started; he is Duncan van der Poel; he confirmed the fact that the atmosphere was and is practically non-existent as compared with that at Grahamstown. Even now there is very little society life; there is no sporting life.

We can do much to foster both. The initiative need not come from P.E. NUSAS should establish a branch committee there to give the lead in the organisation of lectures and symposia and in the formation of societies; the Athletic Union can attempt in its way to do the same.

LIAISON NEEDED

Those (on this most intellectual of campuses) who dare to talk about such matters, have already foreseen the danger of a bitter rivalry between the two sections; this rivalry need not develop. But two terms have passed now without even a hint of a liaison, except perhaps at a S.R.C. level; it is vital that this should continue.

There is room here for action by the Debating Society, by NUSAS, by the S.R.C., by the 'Rhodeo' itself.

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BADMINTON

Rhodes girls do well

A team of twelve from Rhodes attended the Badminton Inter-Varsity held in Durban over the last week of the vacation. The team was as follows:

Men: N. Drummond, B. Butler (Capt.), B. Moore, C. Babbage, S. Williams and E. Carn.

Women: Misses D. Wright, M. Gillies, M. Tindall, H. Dunkley, M. van Kasterop and P. Payne.

Rhodes were originally to have been hosts but as this was not possible, the job was reluctantly handed over to Natal University.

The standard of badminton was not exceptionally high, but all the five 'varsities who participated — Rhodes, U.C.T., Wits., Stellenbosch and Natal — were fairly evenly matched, with U.C.T. and Wits rather stronger than the other three.

In the Inter-Varsity matches Rhodes came fourth, narrowly beating Stellenbosch 10-9 and losing 3-16 to both Wits and U.C.T.

HIGHLIGHT

The highlight of the Inter-Varsity was the extremely close match between Rhodes and Natal — the position at one stage was nine matches each but Rhodes unfortunately lost the key match and thus had to surrender the third position to Natal.

In the individual competition Di Wright and Marilyn Gillies both reached the ladies singles finals, thus providing an all Rhodes final.

RHODES

Di Wright became the 1961 ladies singles champion and is to be congratulated on being chosen as Number One for the Combined Varsity Team.

Together Marilyn and Di reached the finals of the ladies doubles, but lost to the U.C.T. first couple. All through the Inter-Varsity the Rhodes girls set a high standard.

The facilities in Durban were excellent and 1961 was a most enjoyable Badminton Inter-Varsity for all who participated.

GOLF

The Annual Golf Intervarsity was held in Johannesburg this year. The Rhodes team that assembled at the Parktown Golf Course was probably the most talented team to represent the University for some years.

For this reason, if no other, its performances at Intervarsity can be regarded as disappointing. But, added to this lack of peak form, must be added the fact that Rhodes had to play the two strongest teams before they had a chance to settle down under the new conditions.

WITS DEFEATED

Nevertheless Rhodes managed to defeat the powerful Wits "A" combination, which has been the cup-holder for the last eight years. Rhodes then went on to lose to the Pretoria "A" team which, in turn, lost to Wits "A".

Disappointment dogged Rhodes in the individual Championships where no member of the team managed to attain South African (Continued in next column)

GOLF (continued)

University colours. The best performances were turned in by J. Hobday (312), H. Hobday (330) and D. Kelly (336) in that order, with the qualifying score being 308.

In the final team placings Rhodes were third, behind Wits "A" and Pretoria "A".

INTER-HALL VISITING

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During this time they are cut off from the emotional security of a home and their only outlets are provided by their fellow students. This is the advantage of a residential university.

Much of what one learns at university comes not from one's tutors but from contact with one's contemporaries who introduce new ideas and interests, encourage one to read new authors, and see new plays and films. The residence system becomes a complete failure when restrictive regulations on the private lives of students prohibits normal mixing, and forces students to pair off.

ONE OUT OF FIVE

No matter what her original intentions for entering the university were, the average woman student feels it increasingly important, both for her prestige and emotional security to have a boyfriend. It is a remarkable feature of campus life, however, that many women students, especially those in their third and fourth years, cannot count on being asked out from one week to the next. It is estimated that only one out of five men at the university regularly takes out a girl.

There is only one reason for this—immaturity. Men students, arriving straight from school—often boarding school where their contact with girls is severely restricted—are encouraged by the Inky System to form themselves into little chummy groups, their interests being sport, the discussion of sex, the avoidance of work, and "chaffing the girls." The girls, on their part, form little protective coffee parties, where the conversation confines itself to who's taking out who, what Jimmy said, and the lecturers.

"PUSHING"

As a direct result of this the women place a high premium on pushing. Heavy social pressures operate on those who refuse to pair off. If a couple is seen together on more than one occasion they are labeled "Pushing". Only a few "die-hard individualists" venture friendships across the sex-line, and they are thought to have missed the point.

At Rhodes one is either a "pusher" or a "non-shaper."

There is no provision made for the pushing couple. With the sole exception of Hillell House there is no place where men and women can meet together in reasonable peace and privacy, where they can talk, read, or play records in any civilized manner. Instead, the pushing couple is forced out into the bush, and there, as it has been repeatedly pointed out, there are no amusements but sex.

These are the sole reasons for the heavy and unhealthy emphasis on sex which is such a distressing feature of campus life.

REVERSE EFFECT

If only it could be brought home to the authorities that the restrictive regulations achieve exactly the reverse effect to that intended. These rules simply do not apply to the average student, they are designed to protect an innocence which does not exist. To enforce

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Rhodes fences well

Fencing Intervarsity was, as usual, preceded by the South African National fencing championships this year. Rhodes was represented at the Nationals by Messrs. S. Godwin and H. Snyckers, and Misses L. Campbell and I. Roché.

them is to lower and not raise the tone of the university.

The time is long overdue for the authorities to recognise students of the university as responsible individuals. It is ludicrous that adult men and women should be treated as adolescents, and that the authorities should regard themselves as custodians of public morality.

In the intellectual sphere students are expected to develop an independence of thought and action. It is an anomaly that they should be denied this very thing in their private lives. It is to be hoped that by the time he has reached his third year the student will be a morally responsible individual. If he is not we need look no further than to the fact that he is treated like a child.

INTER-HOUSE VISITING

Immediate provision should be made for some form of regulated inter-house visiting. This would relieve the pressure on the women's common rooms, and destroy the need for furtive amusements in the bush.

Amongst graduates and students over the age of twenty-one there is no reason why they should accept any limitation of their private lives. Amongst those not "deemed of mature years" such a relaxing of residence rules would go far to eliminate the existence of the mildly homosexual cliques, to broaden the individual's sphere of contacts, to lessen the emphasis on overt sex, and to raise the intellectual and emotional tone of the university.

After such a long period of repression, over-reaction is only to be expected. This could be minimised if inter-room visiting were first instituted as the privilege of the seniors. Ideally though, it should be extended to all students at the university.

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Mr. Snyckers fenced well and finished sixth in South Africa in the Sabre. Mr. Godwin was unlucky to be eliminated in the semi-final of the Foil.

Unfortunately the ladies found the opposition too tough.

INTER-VARSITY

The Intervarsity itself was held at Wits., and Rhodes fenced well, the Men's A team gaining 3rd place. On the results of the Intervarsity team events S. Godwin was chosen as No. 3 in the Protea foil team.

In the Individual events held later Mr. Godwin did not fence but Mr. Snyckers gained two medals, for third place in Foil and second place in Sabre. The third man of the A team, Mr. G. Atkinson, gained sixth position in Sabre triumphing over strong Transvaal opposition.

The women's team found the opposition too strong and only succeeded in reaching 7th place out of the eight teams.

Considering the inexperience of the Men's B team, their final position of seventh out of nine is a good effort.

Wits featured in first place. Stellenbosch in second and Rhodes final position was third. Sincere congratulations to the Men's A team.

INADEQUATE FACILITIES

This, and the extension of sports facilities as being one sphere where men and women can mix normally, are the two most pressing needs of the university.

Individuals have chafed under these restrictions for a long time. Moves have been made by senior students and on the SRC level but nothing has been achieved. However, it is of major concern that the situation should be soberly reviewed and intelligently rectified.

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RHODES GIRLS FOR OVERSEAS

At the beginning of the Intervarsity Hockey week the Rhodes Women's Team were considered as favourites to win the tournament. Until the game against Potchefstroom this forecast seemed fairly accurate, but thereafter the Home team seemed to lose its confidence and were beaten for the second time by U.C.T. who thus turned out to be unexpected winners.

A striking feature of the Rhodes team's play was a marked superiority in the first half, followed by a distinct tendency to fade in the closing stages of the game.

A lack of fitness was probably the main cause of this tendency.

Against Stellenbosch, Rhodes ran out worthy winners in a fast and hard game. Rubidge, Howard and Van Aardt were the scorers in Rhodes 3-0 victory. Rubidge was again outstanding in the match against Wits., when she scored two out of the team's four goals.

Once again Rhodes did not play well in the second half, scoring only one goal to bring the final result to a 4-1 victory for Rhodes.

The match against Natal proved to be most exciting from Rhodes' point of view. It was only in the closing minutes that the winning (and only goal of the match) was netted by Rubidge. Pretoria managed to enforce a drawn game in the fourth match when the Rhodes team allowed the opposition to net three goals in the second half without replying. The final score was thus 3-3.

EXCITING

The second last match, against Potchefstroom, was fast and exciting with particularly good hockey in the closing stages. Rhodes attacked for most of the second half, and were unlucky not to score. Showing much penetration, the forwards were however, lacking finish in the circle, and were thus defeated 2-1 with Rubidge scoring the only goal.

In the deciding match on the last day U.C.T. won 3-2. U.C.T. nearly always enjoyed a slight superiority and, what was most

important, took the chances that came their way. Rhodes, on the other hand, missed golden opportunities, being slow on to the ball and lacking co-ordination between the backs and forwards.

Van Aardt and Rubidge were scorers for Rhodes while Lightbody was sound in defence.

Congratulations to Penny Rubidge and Margaret Lightbody on being selected for the overseas trip with the Protea team. If anyone is to be singled out from the Rhodes team it is Penny, who played scintillating hockey throughout the tournament, and

SOCCER INTER-VARSITY

All six soccer playing Universities, Wits, U.C.T., Natal, Pretoria, Stellenbosch and Rhodes sent teams to the Soccer Intervarsity held in Grahamstown from the 3rd to the 8th of July.

The standard of soccer at this tournament was not up to the usual Intervarsity standard, the reason for this being—given by several captains as—the uneven surface of the soccer field.

However for the Rhodes side, this can be regarded as the most successful Tournament they have ever attended.

Rhodes started off by drawing 1-1 with Stellenbosch in a scrappy game which produced very few constructive movements.

In their next match, Rhodes provided one of the surprises of the tournament by forcing a draw with the Strong U.C.T. side.

In the remaining matches Rhodes drew 1-1 with Pretoria and lost 0-2 to Natal and 0-1 to Wits. Against Natal, Rhodes fought well, Palframan, again being in excellent form, while Southgate at centre-forward came close to scoring three or four times. The team also fought well against Wits., but were unable to net the equaliser.

was one of the most outstanding players on view.

Her value to the Rhodes team can be seen by the fact that she found the net in every game, in most cases more than once. Best of luck to them both!

INTER-VARSITY		
Summary of Results		
Sport	Venue	Placings
Womens Hockey	Grahamstown	Second
Men's Hockey	Grahamstown	Fifth
Golf	Johannesburg	Third
Soccer	Grahamstown	Tie Fourth with two other Varsities
Badminton	Durban	Fourth out of five
Rowing	Vereeniging	Not submitted
Fencing	Johannesburg	Men's A: Third out of nine Men's B: Seventh out of nine Women: Seventh out of eight

MEN'S HOCKEY

A very high standard of hockey was maintained throughout the Men's Intervarsity Hockey Tournament held in Grahamstown in July.

The final results and placings do not really reflect the true performances, as there were many upsets caused by the "weaker" teams, especially during the final two days. Rhodes were finally placed 5th and U.C.T. ran out the ultimate winners.

The home team began shakily and lost their first match against Wits. Wits. made more use of their opportunities, thus finishing with a 2-0 lead.

Against Natal, Rhodes held on tenaciously throughout the first half, but wilted in the final 15 minutes of the game, thereby allowing the "crack" Natal side to run out winners by 4 goals to nil.

In their third match, Rhodes gained their first victory by defeating O.F.S. 2-0.

The Stellenbosch game proved to be one of the most exciting of the week, with Rhodes adding the equaliser in the last ten minutes to make the final score a 2-2 draw.

One of the upsets of the tournament was Rhodes' win over the powerful Pretoria side. It was deserved victory over last year's champions, with Rhodes bombarding the Pretoria goal in the final stages of the game.

In their final match, against U.C.T., Rhodes almost provided another upset. Rhodes took the lead twice in the match, but

SPORTSMAN ON HOUSE RUGBY

Probably as a result of the interest aroused in the final between College and Pringle last year, enthusiasm and keenness have reached a new pitch this year.

Gone are the days when the teams turned out in a kaleidoscope of coloured shorts and jerseys for a weekend social gambit.

While this new enthusiasm has produced a higher quality of rugby in the House competition, it has tended to produce a different, and at times, a somewhat undesirable attitude towards the game as a whole.

The Open Rugby Club has not benefited as it had hoped to. Only too often is it found that many players prefer to play for their

House rather than the University, and thus House Rugby is not fulfilling its main junction. This has been only too obvious recently, as third teamers have had to be allowed to play or the Open Club would not have been able to put a third team into the field.

This is also shown by the fact that many of the players in the House Rugby competition could, if they made themselves available, become regular members of the first two University teams.

ROUGH PLAY

Another undesirable development is the fact that the players become a little too enthusiastic on the field, with the result that the whole spirit of House Rugby is lost sight of.

Fighting and rough play cannot be justified in what boils down to an attempt to enliven a dull South African Sunday afternoon.

However, on the credit side, the House Competition has done much to produce a better spirit within each house. The fact that the weaker teams continue to turn out and fulfil their fixtures is not only a credit to the Houses as a whole, but also to the captains who have the unenviable job of ensuring that fifteen players turn out at the required time.

SPORTSMAN.

Under 19 Rugby Doing Well

In an enterprising and open game, Rhodes defeated General Motors by 11-5. The backline as a whole looked penetrative with the halves, Ellis and Stewart, having a particularly good game.

By defeating Old Collegians by 21-16, this side again showed its worth as a well-trained, determined team. Stewart and Ellis again showed good form in the half-back positions.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

The Rhodes Cross-country Club has this year had a welcome resurgence of interest and has met with considerable success in competitive races in the E.P. and moreover, a good team spirit is evident and hard training has brought its rewards.

The Club has done much better than expected this season, and much credit must go to Mr. Douglas Coghlan, the coach, for his untiring efforts and ready guidance.

In four races before the July vacation, the first team registered two victories and two second places. They had a record-breaking win in the P.E.-Uitenhage road relay, which was noteworthy as a particularly fine team effort, and they also pulled off the Rhodes inter-club cross-country, due to some excellent "pacing" (Rhodes gained 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th places).

In the Dorothy Smith road relay in P.E. the first race of the season, Rhodes, not yet fit, came a creditable second, and in the Drostdy Harriers inter-club cross-country, P.E. Athletic Club just pipped Rhodes, who would probably have won had their captain, John Dickson not been injured.

At inter-varsity, the Rhodes team encountered much stiffer competition than they have been

used to, and an extremely tough course, and this probably explains why they came only 5th out of the 6 Universities competing, a most disappointing result to many of their followers.

Nicol Childs, who came 9th, and John Dickson, 13th fared creditably, but the other Athletes found the going a little too hard.

THIS TERM

This term, Rhodes will be represented at the P.E. Junior Championships, the King-East London road relay and the P.E. Publicity road relay, and their performances will be watched with some interest. The Rhodes cross-country Championship will take place on Wednesday September 13th (inter-Hall competition) and the women's cross-country a week earlier (also inter-Hall).

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NATAL TOUR

The Cricket Club is negotiating a tour of Natal in September in the attempt to gain match practice and to build a team for inter-varsity. Should negotiations meet with success the 1st XI will meet teams such as Zingari (which includes Chris Burger), Maritzburg Collegians, captained by Jackike McGlew, and Maritzburg 'Varsity. Let us hope that the enterprise of the Cricket committee bears fruit as lack of experience and match practice are annual maladies.

ROWING CLUB GAINS EXPERIENCE

The 1961 Inter-Varsity Regatta took place at Van Riebeeck Park, Vereeniging, on the 8th July with a total of eighteen crews competing.

Weather conditions were ideal but this unfortunately did not prove sufficient inducement for the Rhodes oarsmen with only one of the crews gaining a place. This was the Novice B crew who put up a fine fight to gain second place in their event.

Unreserved honour went to U.C.T. who won all but one event.

COMBINED VARSITIES

The Rhodes captain, M. Yates, and Senior oarsman A. Morley, were chosen as reserves for the Combined Varsities Eight who rowed against the Transvaal A and B crews.

There was a conspicuous lack of entries in the senior sculls event and it cannot be emphasised enough, that, until the Rowing Club obtains the necessary equipment, the prospects of good performances are not very bright.

The Regatta proved to be a valuable experience for all and this should enable the oarsmen to give a good account of themselves at the Buffalo Regatta in September.