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The Secretary  
Rhodes University Rowing Club  
Sports Union  
RHODES UNIVERSITY

Dear Mr Helliwell

As requested in your letter of 3 March I  
enclose a brief foreword for the programme  
for the Intervarsity Rowing Regatta, to be  
held on 25th March on the Buffalo River.

I should like to wish the Rhodes Rowing  
Club every success in their capacity as  
hosts on this important occasion, as well  
as on the water.

Yours sincerely

DR D S HENDERSON  
VICE-CHANCELLOR

It is an honour and a pleasure for Rhodes University to be hosts to the Intervarsity Rowing Regatta this year. We are grateful to all the Universities taking part, realizing full well that this sport makes exceptional demands on all participants, especially in regard to transport, over long distances, for boats and equipment.

Few other sports, if any, depend so greatly on harmonious teamwork, or come near to achieving the refinement of synchronised human effort that is depicted in rowing. There is an inescapable symbolism in rowing technique that creates a utopian vision of men straining in unison against the impeding elements and the prevailing conditions of their existence.

May both the poetry and the excitement of rowing be enjoyed by participants and spectators alike, and may this Regatta be highly successful and enjoyable.

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