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Rhodeo Ed. to Resign



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Iron-fist Editor Leaves

(By a Contributor)

This edition sees the departure of the man who, for the past two years, officially and unofficially has edited the Rhodeo and brought it from an irregular pamphlet to a weekly newspaper—Mr. Conrad Cubitt.

Mr. Cubitt joined the staff as a lowly sub-editor at the beginning of 1963 under the editorship of Robert Ball. He soon demonstrated, however, that there was only one boss—himself. When Rob retired, having taken as much as he could, James Willet-Clarke took over the by now nominal post of Editor. He, too, left—seeking the haven of the S.R.C.

Since September last year, then, the Rhodeo has been under the iron control of Mr. Cubitt. (This explains the short staff membership of the Rhodeo, and why the few stalwarts who remain put the paper out earlier than ever.)

Mr. Cubitt has had wide experience of journalism. He has worked on a number of newspapers, including for a long period the Evening Post. He came to Rhodes in 1962 and is paying for his five-year law course partly on the money saved from his insubstantial salary as a journalist.

He soon made an impression at stu-

dent body meetings, where his expert heckling, and occasional constructive suggestions, exasperated successive chairmen and delighted the crowds.

One comment on Mr. Cubitt was made by ex NUSAS President Jonty Driver: "A dangerous man," he said.

A third-year law student, Mr. Cubitt has retired from the editorial chair to concentrate on his academic work. He will be missed by the Rhodeo staff, but hopes that he will continue to annoy at student body meetings are high.

Mr. Roger Omond has replaced him as Editor of Rhodeo.

Apology

A leading article in the last issue of the Rhodeo stated that there had been no advance this year of the date upon which lectures end, despite the fact that exams are a week earlier.

It has since been brought to the Editor's attention that lectures are to end between October 10 and 17 and not October 24 as presumed in the leading article.

The Editor wishes to add that it has been pointed out to him that half-year exams were held for first-year students and in first-year courses. The leading article stated that "half year exams were swept off the board".

The Editor wishes to apologise for the error. To the extent that the comment in the leading article was based on this error it is withdrawn.

The Editor wishes to apologise also for similar error which appeared in a news report elsewhere in the same issue of the Rhodeo.

Mike Bands satisfactory

The condition of Mr. Mike Bands, who injured his back during the vacation and had to have a serious operation, was reported to be satisfactory at the time of going to press (Sunday).

Mr. Bands was adjusting a part in the engine of his car when he suddenly collapsed. He was taken to hospital and operated on last Monday. He was kept under drugs for some time, but by Thursday was reported to be feeling better. The hospital authorities said there was a good chance that he would recover fully, but it was too early to tell whether the operation was a complete success.

He is expected to remain in hospital for another month, and it is doubtful whether he will return to Rhodes this term. He was due to have sailed for Britain in December where he was to study further at a theological college.

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Editorial:

That Terrible Year — 1964

And so we come to the end of the academic year and Rhodexo brings out its last edition for 1964. It has been a year of crises, not only at Rhodes but for South Africa as a whole. Rhodes and the other English-speaking universities have been increasingly drawn into the political arena, to be used as scapegoats by the Government for "liberalism" and even "communism". The universities have defended themselves against these attacks on their characters, but they have not been able to protect themselves against the disease of inroads into academic freedom. A number of students and lecturers have been arrested, including five from this university. Two have been released: the others are still languishing in a cell at the Special Branch's pleasure.

It has been a year of unrest and excitement at Rhodes as well. Curiously we have been touched by the mainstream of events and we have even seen a heartening attempt to protest against evil legislation. But thanks to the efforts of the City Council we abandoned this and sank back into our normal stupor. We had the visit of the Afrikaans universities — the biggest inter-S.R.C. conference between the language groups for many years — and we avoided by no great amount from falling into their orbit. We had the emergence of the campus comedians — E.P.C.S.A. who now seem to have stopped dragging our name through the mud by writing to the national press complaining of "victimization". A renewed interest was shown in controversial NUSAS, and we played a more important part in shaping its policies on the less radical lines desired by those who attend student body meetings.

But all has not been rosy at Rhodes. The ever present and oft complained about "student apathy" continued to rear its despicable head. The year started on a note worthy of any primary school when Headmaster Mike Bands chastised his pupils for being nasty to the larks. And not one of the naughty students complained. In this regard all credit must go Mr. Bands. With his magnificent oratory no-one had the courage to stand up to him. His career as S.R.C. Chairman was studded with verbal gems, only few people heard him. Like the time all thirty people at a student body meeting heard him call the students "a constipated suet pudding."

And the year passes and students decide that there is work to be done at last—at any rate for those who were awarded their D.P.'s. A new S.R.C. is elected who will lead the students in their fight against tyranny and oppression. Students come and students go, but Rhodes remains. After all, the university is not run for individual students—only for the Senate. Who are these students anyway?

.... and those terrible students — 1964

October is always a dismal month. The weather is fine, the women attractive and the beer cold. Why then the atmosphere of foreboding and gloom. October is the month when young men's thoughts turn not to girls, but to work. For having admired (from a distance), adored (closer up) and loved (together), and having wasted the year, the thought that maybe some work is called for enters the students' collective heads.

Some people who have wasted more time than others find that their professors do not want them to write exams. For, by inescapable logic, if a student has not worked throughout the year he will inevitably fail at the end. And why should he be given the opportunity to try to pass, when the professor knows better? If a student does not get a D.P. he will probably do the same course again the following year, and that is one student less to teach. A student who has a vague idea of the course will not demand any attention and work.

The students think differently, but then students always have been a pain in the neck. What am I a professor/lecturer for—to teach the students or something? The students (a bad lot) seem to think that one should have the chance to pass exams even if they have not been to 66 per cent of the lectures, even if they have not written all their essays or done all their prac., even if they got only 10 per cent in the June exams (Question: What exams?).

The time has come, we feel, for a thorough investigation of the infamous D.P. system. If students feel they can pass without attending all the lectures, etc., etc., they should be given the opportunity to do so. The D.P.'s should be a threat only—that if absolutely no work is done and the student himself feels there is no hope, no exams can be written. But even this should apply only to first year students, and those on academic probation, who have not learned that a certain minimum of work is needed at university level if exams are to be passed.

Here is a fertile field for S.R.C. investigation. Here is an opportunity for the S.R.C. to refute allegations that they do nothing for the students. Here is an opportunity for the Senate to demonstrate that they have the students' welfare at heart, and that they are really interested in getting students through their exams.

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Drostdy Lodge men like it there

The University authorities have announced that Drostdy Lodge is to be closed as a men's residence next year. It has been assigned to the English department.

This move has dismayed the members of Drostdy Lodge and they have written to the Registrar asking him to rescind the move. The letter was signed by 15 of the 16 Drostdy Lodge members.

They argue that the building is quite unsuited for academic purposes, and the slightest noise carries throughout the house. Only by full co-operation of its members are they able to live in harmony. It would thus be completely unsuitable for the English department.

They say further that Drostdy Lodge is an integral part of Drostdy Hall. It is a historic and traditional part of the hall and should stay so.

There are a large number of residential applications for 1965 and a notice has recently been passed to that effect by the Registrar. There are four bathrooms in Drostdy Lodge, and it is capable of holding over 20 men. They argue that this is a waste of men's residential space when it is so much needed.



Robertson and Olympics

Mr. Alan Robertson has been chosen for the Rhodesian Olympic Paraplegic team.

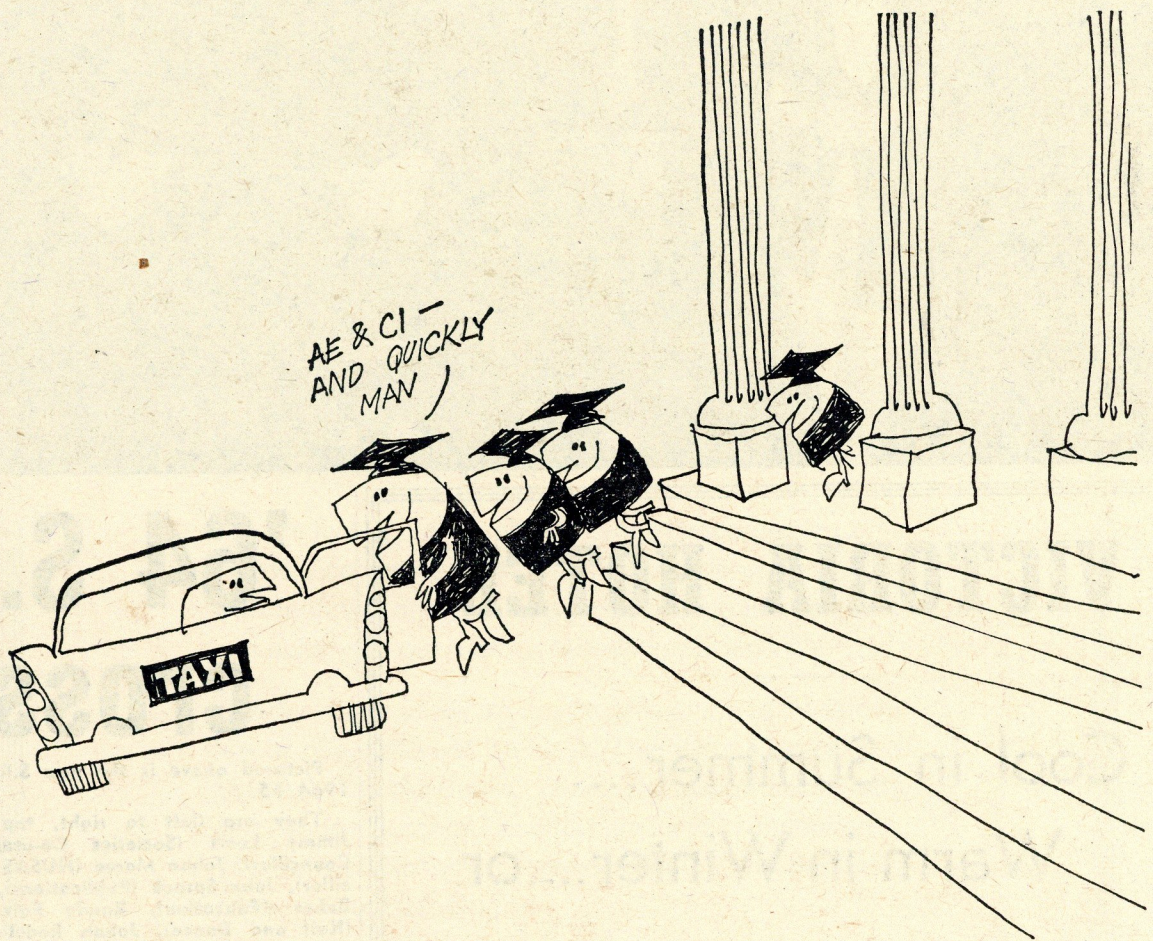
He will enter in the weight-lifting, table tennis and precision javelin events. He will specialize in weightlifting. The world record for bench press is 180 lbs. Mr. Robertson has pressed 190 lbs. in practice trials and thus hopes to beat the world record in Tokyo.

He is a first year student from Struben House. He leaves South Africa on November 3rd, and arrives back on the 18th. The Senate has granted him automatic supplementary exams.

Jobs in vac.

The NUSAS vac employment department has written about 100 letters to firms in South Africa and Rhodesia applying for vac jobs for those wanting employment. Advertisements have also been placed in newspapers.

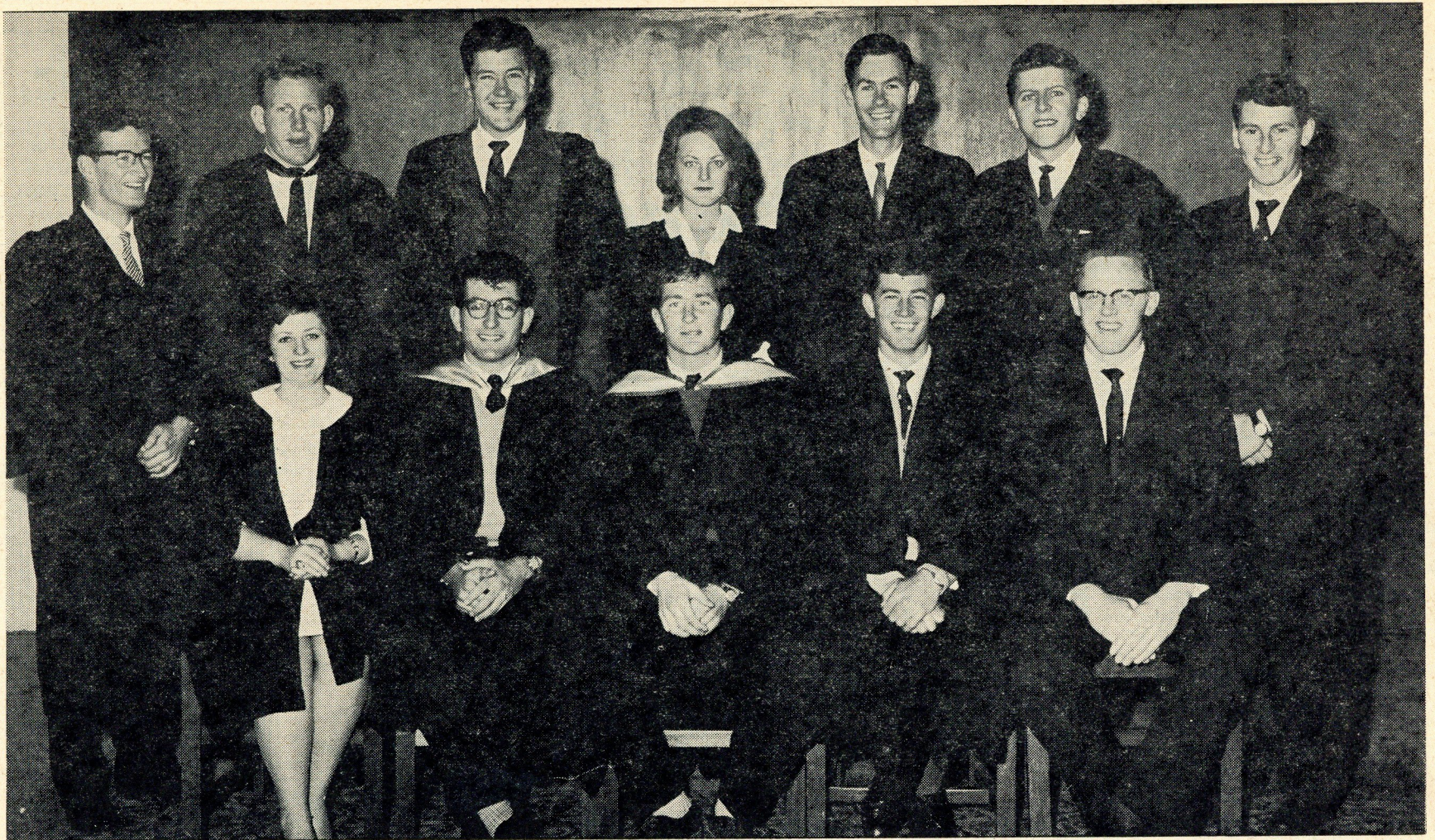
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'64 S.R.C. is a cross-section

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They are (left to right, top row): Jimmy Leatt (Societies Co-ordinating Councillor), Johan Maree (NUSAS Councillor), John Sprack (Publications), Carol Baker (Education), Randy Falkenburg (Kaif and Dance), Johan Redelinghuys (Societies General), and Tim Woods (Amenities). Lower row: Janet Hollingshead (Assistant Secretary), Ronnie Goldblatt (Secretary), Eddie Webster (Chairman), Trevor Anderson (Vice-Chairman), and Reinier Lock (Treasurer).

The S.R.C. seems to be a good cross-section of Rhodes opinion. None are members of any political party. Most admit to Progressive leanings, a few are more conservative.

The three members from last year's S.R.C. who stood for election (Eddie Webster, Trevor Anderson and Reinier Lock, were elected with higher votes than they obtained last year. Because of the large number of candidates who stood this year, votes were split and the votes polled for the top few candidates were lower.

Six of the members can be said to be sportsmen—three have played for the first team in different sports.

Two are Rhodesians, one is from the Transkei.

Four are from Founders Hall, and two now in Smuts came from Founders. Two are from Retief, one from Pringle, one from Milner, one from Drosty and one from Oriel.

The two 'toks' on the S.R.C. both worked before coming to Rhodes. Only three are graduates but most of the others should graduate at the end of this year. Of the two graduates, two are doing Honours courses (History and Maths), and the other an L.I.B. degree.

RHODIAN EDITOR

Applications are invited for the post of Rhodian Editor for 1965. Applications should be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. Saturday, October 10 to "The Publications Councillor, S.R.C."

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Medical school for the P.E. Varsity?

Senator J. de Klerk, Minister of Education, Arts and Science was non-committal on plans for a medical faculty at the new University of Port Elizabeth when he spoke at the annual dinner of the Cape Midland branch of the Medical Association of South Africa.

Directly after his speech, an appeal for a medical faculty at the University was made by the President of the Association, Dr. P. D. Beck. He urged a "completely new type of medical school" which would partially concentrate on the education of general practitioners and their post-graduate training.

Mr. De Klerk said there was a shortage of medical practitioners in South Africa. The present ratio of one practitioner per 2,000 persons compared unfavourably with other countries. But considered as an African country the Republic was way ahead of other countries on this continent.

R.U. lifting

Three Rhodes lifters, J. M. van der Walt, K. Kaplan and V. C. Liddiard participated at the E.P. Weightlifting Senior Championships held in Port Elizabeth on 19th September. All three Rhodes lifters won their respective divisions, to gain 3 of the 6 titles. Two titles fell to Uitenhage Clubs, and one to the Border Association.

Van der Walt, lifting on top form, broke all 4 E.P. Junior records, having added 50 lbs. to the former Total record, in winning the feather-weight division.

Kaplan beat the former title holder J. du Preez, to win the light-weight division, and in doing so, he broke the E.P. Senior C. and J. record.

Liddiard, defending his title, regained it, having beaten the runner-up by a comfortable margin of 50 lbs.

Thus the weightlifting club has gained the following titles in 1964:—

The S.A.U. Lightweight title via K. Kaplan.

The S.A.U. Light heavy weight title via V. C. Liddiard.

The S. Transvaal Senior Feather weight title via J. v. d. Walt.

The E. P. Senior Feather Weight title via J. v. d. Walt.

The E.P. Senior Light Weight title via K. Kaplan.

The E.P. Senior Light Heavy Weight title via V. C. Liddiard.

The E.P. Junior Feather weight title via J. v. d. Walt.

The E.P. Junior Light Weight title via B. Cole.

The E.P. Junior Light weight title via M. Southgate.

van der Walt was also runner up at the S.A.U. Juniors and Kaplan runner up at the S.A.U. Seniors.

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Designs are also required for the cover of the 1965 Rhodent. All applications and designs should be placed in the Rag pigeon-hole in Old Kaif.

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Enjoying themselves at a party held last term for the Rhodent staff are (left to right, top row) Julian "Rocky" Burgess, Herman Fourie and Howard Clow-Wilson; (lower) Hector Kingwell, Mary Inglis, Roger Omond, Hugh Leggatt, Lyn Forbes, Conrad Cubitt, Dorothy Driver and Bobby Burnside. Seated: Konrad Meldal-Johnsen.

A student for 90 days

.....Another student from Fort Hare, Mr. Edward Dladla, is believed to have been detained by the Special Branch. It is reported that he was arrested some time last week.

He is a second-year social science student. He was arrested last week with nine other students who were released after questioning.

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DOWN A LION

Three Fort Hare students are still being detained under the 90-days clause in East London. They are Mr. S. Choabi, Mr. S. Gawe (S.C.A. members drew up a petition against his detention), and Mr. A. Saule. They have been detained for 37 days.

Three Rhodes Port Elizabeth lecturers, Mr. H. Cohen, (66 days), Mr. N. Bromberger (68 days), and Mr. J. Laredo (59 days), are still being held in Port Elizabeth.

Two prominent NUSAS leaders, one (Mr. Adrian Leftwich) a former President, and Mr. David "Spike" de Keller, who was arrested during NUSAS Congress, are still being held in Cape Town. Both have been detained for over ninety days.

Ex-President Jonty Driver, who was detained for 28 days last term, is now in Britain where he is teaching at a well-known private school.

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Rifle Club ends a fine year

The Rifle Club ended a very successful season this year with a match in which Rhodes, Kingswood, St. Andrew's and Grey College competed for the Spence Trophy on Wednesday, 23rd September. Although Rhodes finished in third place (after being handicapped) behind Kingswood "A" and St. Andrews "A", the individual scratch winner and runner-up were both Rhodians, James Buckland and Alec Friend, with handicapped scores of 386 and 385 ex 400 respectively.

Among individuals who have done exceptionally well this year are the following:

FINE PERFORMANCES BY WINGRAVE AND FRIEND

Barry Wingrave, the Team Captain, has been at the top of the score log throughout the year, after a good beginning when he came first in the Eastern Cape Bisley (the E.P. Trials), although he was unable to shoot for the province. He has been among the first three in both the Humairail and the P.E. Bisleys, and he came 2nd in the P.E. 3-Positional Bisley ending the year by winning the Rhodes Championship scratch trophy.

BULL SHOOTER'S CLUB MEMBER

Alec Friend was also unable to attend the interprovincial shoot, though chosen for the E.P. Team. He has shot extremely well this year, averaging over 95, and finished third in the Rhodes championships, only one point behind J. Buckland in second place. He has also joined the distinguished ranks of the Bullshooters Club, those who have scored

a possible (100 ex 100) on the Livingstone Range. This achievement is roughly equivalent to a hole-in-one in golf, and Alec has done it twice in one year.

SILVER MEDAL FOR BUCKLAND

James Buckland was the only Rhodes member who was able to attend the National Bisley and shoot for E.P. in the interprovincial shoot. He returned from this with a silver medal to his credit. Among his other successes have been the Harold Lee Trophy with a score of 397 ex 400, the Rhodes Handicap Trophy, and second place in the Rhodes Championships.

VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Rhodes Team as a whole has proved itself as good as any in the province. Shooting as part of a Combined Grahamstown Team in the Eastern Cape Bisley, they won both scratch and handicap trophies. In the Humairail Bisley they won the scratch aggregate and have shot very well in the Dewar National Postal Competition, results of which are not yet out. On the whole, a very successful year.

Squash finals: Woods at top

Tim Woods won the 1964 Rhodes Squash Championships, when he beat Graham Wood 3-0 in the final.

Woods was in excellent form and never looked like losing. As the score (9-5, 9-3, 9-2) shows he virtually won as he liked. Though Wood tried hard he still lacks experience but it was nevertheless a fine achievement getting to the final.

Les Jack received the fright of her life in the final of the Women's Championships against Wendy Brotherton. After winning the first two games she suddenly found herself at two games all and she only just managed to win the final game 10-8.

RHODES ROWING

On Saturday afternoon the Rowing Club will be holding an Inter-Hall Regatta at Howieson's Poort Dam beginning at 3 o'clock. All the Halls will be entering one crew except for Founde s who will enter two. It is hoped that at least one invitation crew will be coming from St. Andrew's and there will most probably be a women's crew participating as well.

The winning crew will be presented with the Major Walker Floating Trophy. For those who wish to go out to the Dam and watch the Regatta a truck will be leaving from the Swimming Bath at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday for which there will be a nominal charge.

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Rhodes lost the coveted Stirk Bowl last year for only the 3rd time in the history of the event, but have a good chance of regaining it this year.

A star-studded field of entries should provide spectators with some of the best athletics for years.

Amongst the entries are a number of Springbok competitors.

Gerry Cyrus, Angus McKay, Kenny Davis, Joe Truter, and Charlie Koen, have all been chosen for South Africa. Provincial record holders are Janet van Lingen, Barry Andrews, Stephne de Wet, Anna van Deventer, Barbara Style, Kerneels Uys and Geoff Bacon.

Cyrus and McKay will be featured in the quarter mile with Kenny Davis entered for the Long and Triple Jumps. Charlie Koen, holder of the S.A. Hammer record will compete in this event and Joe Truter will be seen in the High Jump.

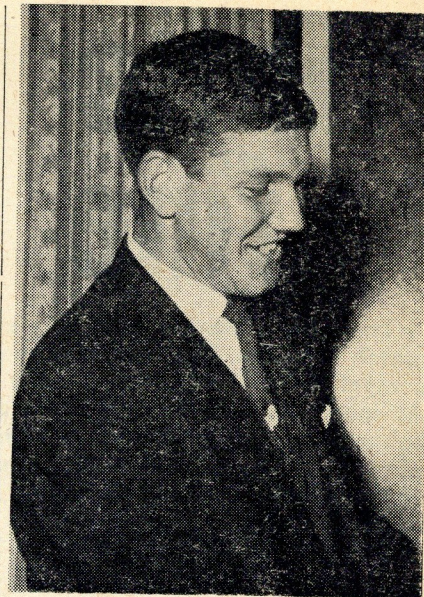
Janet van Lingen, who won the Women's Javelin title at the 1962 S.A. Champs, should dominate the javelin, discus and shotput. Kernels Uys was highly placed at S.A. Champs in the hurdles and will be out to better his record set up at Stirk Bowl last year.

Geoff Bacon, recently returned to the E.P. will be a hard man to beat in the three miles. Amongst the Rhodians Barry Andrews is favoured to win the Pole Vault. Peter de Villiers should get a place in a number of events and Stephne de Wet a strong contender for the discus event.

Vera Smit should prove hard to beat in the sprints and the Long Jump, with Anna van Deventer, of provincial fame being her main rival.

Phyllis Cumming should collect points for Rhodes in the Javelin, 880 yards and Long Jump, and John Cave, John Jones, Jack Wood, Tony Salisbury, Dave Hasses, Basil Haworth, Bruno Palin and Jess Ilsley should all take places in their events.

The first mile to be run under 4 mins. 20 sec. at Rhodes could be seen with Cliff Hopkins of Rhodes attempting the Rhodes record. The relays should again decide the meeting, as has been the case in so many times, and the Rhodes team of possibly Palin, de Villiers, Ilsley and



Sportsmen of the week

The final "sportsman of the week" this year is Derek Coetzer. A final year B.Comm. student, Derek was the Vice-Captain and full-back for the Under-20 Rugby team this year.

Derek has had a remarkable season. Playing for the u-20's he has scored a phenomenal 142 points — mostly from his accurate boot but also from tries.

In other games played during the season he has added to his tally, taking it up to 158 points. Derek was justly rewarded for his fine displays when he was selected to play in two matches for the Eastern Province U-20 team.

In summer Derek switches from rugby to swimming. He has represented Eastern Province at 4 South African Swimming Championships and at 2 South African Water Polo Championships.

He is an automatic choice for the Rhodes swimming team and last year represented the South African Varsities against the touring W. German team.

Green has a good chance of victory.

It should be remembered that our Girl's team won the Intervarsity this year and three were chosen for S.A. Varsities, so they are strong contenders to retain the Arcadia Cup which they won last year.



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