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# POLICE MOVE ON THE FORT

## Three-quarters of students gone

**THEY CAME** in their vans with their dogs, their tear gas bombs and their gas-masks. The police action at Fort Hare last Friday climaxed three weeks unrest at the university.

It all started on August 16 when Prof. G. N. de Wet was installed as Rector at Fort Hare. Students boycotted the ceremony, and painted offensive slogans on the wall.

Seventeen students were deemed responsible for these actions. They were told that they were student leaders and must therefore be implicated. They were interrogated by the Security Police and their rooms were searched.

The actions of the Rector and the police against students whose guilt of any offence had not been established sparked off a wave of unrest. A Student Body meeting was held. The sit-in began on August 28, and was reconvened on September 5 after being interrupted by the vacation.

### VICTIMISED

The Rector gave his warning of further action and offered to meet a student deputation. This was refused by the students who feared that members of the deputation would be victimised.

The sit-in continued into the 6th. The Rector made another statement. Those who wished to remain as recognised students of

the university must leave the sit-in. Those who did not abide by this would have their admission cancelled.

The students then appointed a deputation, but it was rejected by the Rector for being too late. So the sit-in would continue until the Rector agreed to receive the deputation.

### ACTION

The gulf between the two sides was widening. The Rector issued "a final warning." All students still demonstrating in front of the administrative block were suspended as students of the university. Action would be taken against anybody who was still there at 3 p.m.

The 300 students remained in their places. At 3.05 p.m. the police came. Vans were used to block entrances and roads. The students remained calm and orderly in the face of gross intimidation.

By 7 p.m. all suspended students had been put on railway buses. They had not been allowed to go into town to withdraw money, nor allowed to collect clothing from the laundry. They had not been given tickets nor provided with food or money.

The further fate of the students is unknown. Only about 100 remain at Fort Hare.

Drummer Jerry Paul in action during last week's Jazz Festival.

(Photo by Angus Walker.)



## Dissatisfaction is deep-rooted

**THE ROOTS** of the student dissatisfaction can be traced back to 1959, when the Fort Hare SRC was dissolved by the students. The reasons were that the SRC's position was dubious and it was not allowed to affiliate to NUSAS. Control of Fort Hare was then transferred from Rhodes University to the Department of Bantu Education.

All tribal colleges are placed under restrictions that do not apply in any other South African universities. These include (a) that students may not leave college grounds without the Rector's permission. (b) Student organi-

sations must be approved by the Rector, and no meetings may be held on college grounds without his approval. (c) The permission of the Rector, Advisory Senate and the Senate are necessary before any kind of publication can be distributed on the campus. It is thus apparent that student activities can continue only at the Rector's discretion.

### PERMISSION

In addition to these, Fort Hare is singled out and suffers alone even more prohibitive measures. Among these are the refusal of registration to a student whom the authorities object to, even if he qualifies in other respects. "No Fort Hare student may visit any other institution without the permission of the Rector, and then only on such conditions as may be determined."

The Minister of Bantu Affairs has complete control over appointments of the College Council, staff, and Senate. He can also dismiss students and staff at will for criticism of the authorities and Government, and he controls absolutely staff and student working conditions, living quarters and the methods of instruction.

### DICTATORIAL

In 1959 Fort Hare students passed a resolution stating that the Government was taking "dictatorial action" in dismissing staff without reason. A general atmosphere of tension has prevailed since then.

The students have made a declaration of their position: "But let it be noted once and for all that our stand as students of Fort Hare and as future leaders of our country upholding the principles of education . . . remains unchanged and uncompromising . . . We will not be held responsible for the disastrous repercussions of this apartheid policy which . . . will destroy the entire social, political and economic structure of our country."

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## When the freeze comes

Every winter, temperatures fall in Grahamstown; Rhodians snuggle round heaters, bundle up in jerseys and stay inside the well-heated Reses. as much as they can.

About three miles away in leaking hovels, freezing families huddle together in a vain attempt to keep warm.

A few dedicated types make half-hearted attempts to get clothes and blankets to those who have nothing — but as usual it has been left too late.

Why don't we do anything through the hot summer months? Why don't we do something now, instead of having those futile efforts when three people are al-

ready dead from cold? Why don't we prevent these deaths.

NUSAS needs 25 blankets, to give away. City Music Centre has kindly donated an LP for the person who knits the greatest number of 6in. x 6in. squares. It's up to us to show what we can do for others who need our help.



# RHODEO

## Resolve Dilemma

OF THE 28 entrants in tomorrow's event, only 26 are still in the running. The drop-outs are Willie Marais and Patti Snyman. This is still a record entry, and raises problems in voting technique.

The choice is — either exercise all 12 votes, or else, say, only the six best faces. Both techniques have their merits.

The huge list means that votes in the lower regions will be split. If most people vote only for the six obvious winners, the other six will get on by a peripheral vote. In this respect it is better to exercise all 12 votes, and ensure that no one gets on simply by a few votes from friends.

On the other hand, voting in this way would split the upper candidates, and lead to an almost uniform poll, possibly. A vote for a lesser candidate effectively neutralises a vote for a favourite.

Possibly the former alternative is the better — that all 12 votes should be used.

Students will have to resolve this dilemma before tomorrow.

## Remember Sharpeville

RECENT GOVERNMENT ACTIONS have made politics a university issue. The summoning of Prof. De Wet, Principal of Fort Hare, to Pretoria and the subsequent suspension of three-quarters of the students amply demonstrate this.

The operation was carried out with unnecessary military force. Police vans, dogs and over 30 policemen with tear gas bombs and gas masks presented a blatant intimidation. Such behaviour courts another Sharpeville.

With elections coming up next month in the Transkei, this action can leave little doubt about the validity of Nationalist promises about independent Bantustans. The signs are Xhosa opinion is demanding more than empty promises. The unrest at Fort Hare is one manifestation of this growing demand for justice.

White South African students could well take heed of the courageous stand of their African colleagues. They too are under pressure — they too should resist.

A concerted stand from all the universities is needed. The Prime Minister has made his attitude clear. If we have not been intimidated let us make our stand clear too.

## Campaign needs reform

AN OPPIDAN SPEAKS OUT  
THE PRESENT system of campaigning by SRC candidates is a complete farce! It in no way indicates the prospective members' ability to lead the Student Body — this ability being implicit in the office.

There are three main reasons which have prompted my accusation, the first of them being the superfluity of members contesting this year's election.

### TACTICAL

A second reason for my proposal is to try to eliminate the tactical campaigning of some candidates who have a subtle flair for emphasising greater freedom in the female residences; and who then make a sudden change to the "right" on entering Pringle! The candidates of real ability do not have to do this sort of thing.

My third reason is that it will give Oppidans a greater opportunity of meeting candidates and asking relevant questions. At present this large

face the Student Body en masse and then deliver their well-prepared campaign speeches.

### GOATS

The weak-hearted will realise the difficulties involved in facing a hostile or interested group of students. This will separate the sheep from the goats!

This campaign is the only one which can really show the ability of the people who will eventually lead us.

JOHN BLAKE.

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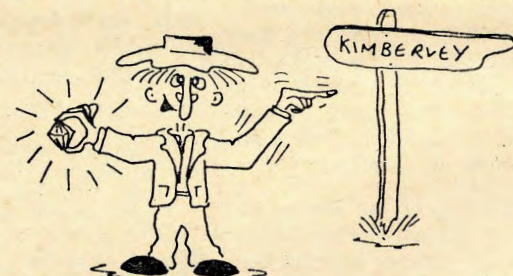
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## Candidates are lacking

Cecil John



TODAY, dear readers, let us take a look at some of the campus personalities. Luckily, some of them are leaving. No doubt others will rise up to take their place, and be spoken of in hushed whispers.

First we have Mr. Tony Bates. Contrary to the beliefs of many, he is not a fool. (He should soon have an Honours degree.) For those who don't hang around in the right places, Mr. Bates is the gentleman who drives from the library to Oriel for tea in his own nice grey car. He will not be returning to Rhodes next year. That is possibly why he isn't among the 26 in the rat race tomorrow. Who knows, he might have been lucky third time round.

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Next, we have Mr. Lex Smit, of Hell's Angels, Grahamstown

fame. He should need little introduction; he is always around. It is rumoured that an Ink (a Greek at that) dared to ask him whether he was serious in his stand for the SRC. Mr. Smit replied, it is believed, that every stand he had ever had has been serious.

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Then we have Mr. Pete Harris, our beloved SRC president, who is probably taking up a lecturing post at Rhodes. It seems he'll try anything to get on to the Senate, but he'll still have to wait a few years.

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TOMORROW the students of this enlightened institution go to the polls to elect a team of equally enlightened leaders. At least we all hope that those elected will be enlightened. After hearing some of the prospective candidates in action, however, I wonder if it will be

possible to pick 12 sufficiently suited to the positions for which they strive.

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It came as little surprise when our dear Willie withdrew from the SRC race. Poor boy, he just could not bear the thought of not being placed. Never mind, Mr. Marais, one day you may become a big man on the campus. And what about poor Lorraine, after going to all the trouble of proposing him, she found that her sole entrant had retired for "financial" reasons.

Patti has also withdrawn. After supplying the graze at Retief she found that she was just not up to it. The other Pat has managed to last, however, and at this time is still very much in the running, though it is rumoured that she is not impressed with Pringle hospitality.

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Some news about Tom has reached me in my ivory tower. Reports have it that he is conducting a good campaign and may make it this time.

## VIEWPOINT

interest group does not feature adequately in the campaign talks in its cramped, inadequate commonroom.

To eliminate the above, I propose a system in which prospective SRC members at a certain specified time and place (e.g. G.L.T. at 5.15 p.m.), will



## More unrest unlikely

THERE ARE unlikely to be fresh outbreaks of student unrest when the new academic year begins at the British and French universities over the next few weeks. This is the opinion of the British expert on French history, Mr. Richard Cobb, a fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, who is currently visiting South Africa on the Hofmeyer Scholarship. While at Rhodes last week he gave an interview to Rhodéo.

He said he felt the problem in France had been the Government's utter neglect of education over the last ten years which had coincided with the post-war population bulge. He felt the De Gaulle Government had spent money on military expenses and atomic research while pursuing his expensive prestige policy to the detriment of education.

"The French education system," he said, "is absolutely rigid and dates back to Napoleon I."

Behind the unrest he felt was dissatisfaction with physical conditions and also "an element of the student failed complex". These two factors were exacerbated by police brutality.

The disturbances came as a complete surprise to everyone. Since the Algerian war, the French Student Union had been politically dormant.

Political interest had been revived by the rejection of De Gaulle and partly by what he described as Middle Class Student "boredom". But at the same time it was adult middle class reaction which had defeated the students and returned an even greater Gaullist majority.

Mr. Cobb commented that he felt the student leaders were "well meaning but confused young people. Their doctrine was not to have a doctrine. Their programme not to have a programme. They hoped that revolution would rise out of the student unrest."

He said he had known Tariq Ali, the British student leader, when he had been president of the Oxford Union.

"A very nice young man," he described him. "But you know I don't think he ever got over being elected president of the Oxford Union; they never do."

Previous presidents of the Oxford Union include Ted Heath, leader of the Conservative Party, and Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the Liberal Party.

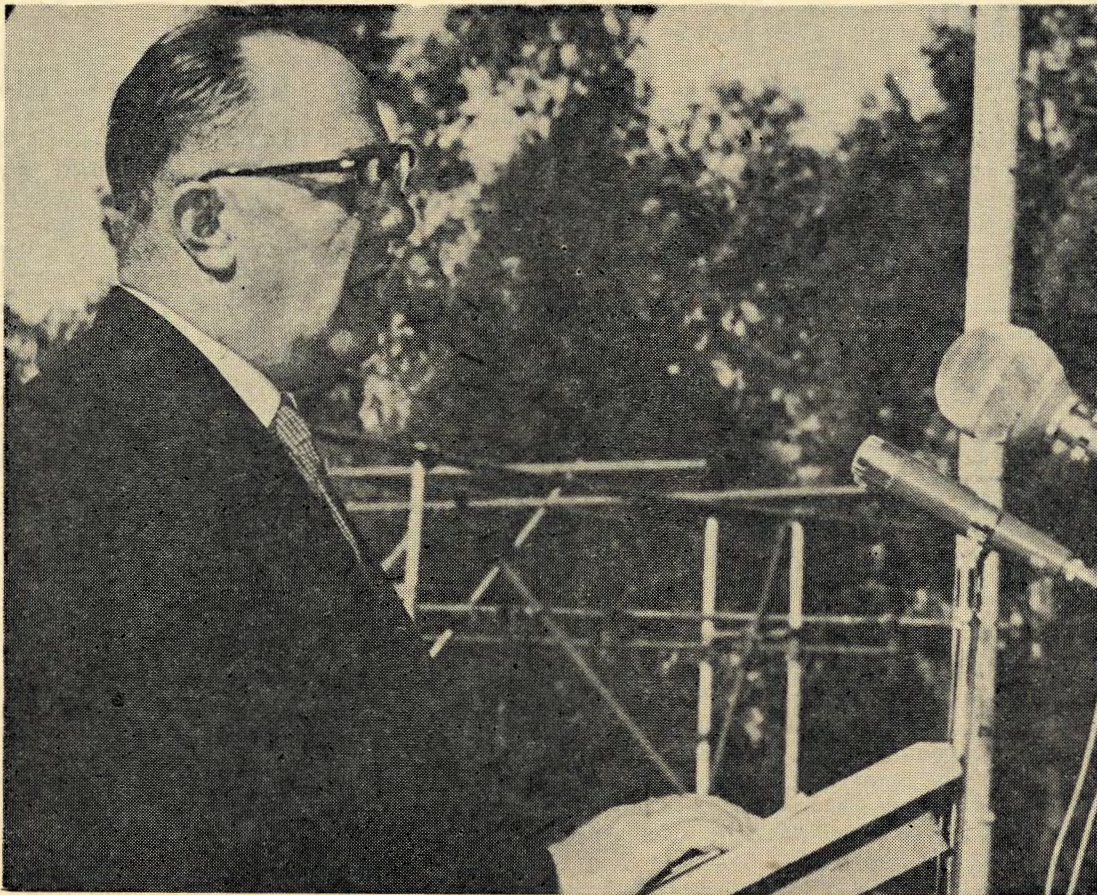
## Premiere of Afrikaans play

THE RHODES Afrikaans/Nederlands Department is to present the South African premiere of PUTSONDERWATER, the controversial play by Sestiger-dramatist Bartho Smit, in the University Theatre on September 16 and 17. The play is produced by another sestiger, Abraham de Vries of the Afrikaans Department.

"Putsonderwater" is an attempt to depict the faith-crisis of the Western man. Although presented realistically, the play is in actual fact allegorical.

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## Our ridiculous res. rules

A RHODEO survey last week revealed that a large female opinion on the campus was dissatisfied with the present females res. rule system. "Archaic," "Victorian" and "petty" are some of the adjectives used to describe the present system.

Although all the women interviewed had grievances against res. rules, they differed as to what they thought was causing the trouble.

At one residence, several students claimed that they had no complaint against the warden, but that the house committee was responsible for much of the discontent.

### PETTY

One student said: "Everyone advocates power for women, but the moment they get it, it goes to their heads, and they don't know what to do with it. This results in petty tyranny."

According to the rules of the women's residences, the house committees have been delegated "certain disciplinary powers" to be used "AT THEIR DISCRETION". This, stated the student, had led to unfair inconsistency on the part of committees. In one residence, a girl was gated for two nights because she had come in 1½ minutes late, while another, who arrived 20 minutes late was gated for three nights.

The girls interviewed resented that they had to sign out, that they were not allowed in hotels, that they were heavily

fined for walking barefoot or talking to men students through their windows.

"We are not at a reform school: we are growing up and don't need 'mommies' and 'daddies' snooping on us."

In many cases punishment netted out for not complying strictly to the rules was thought unfair. A student, who had broken an arm, was gated for a week, because she had not informed the warden before going to the San. Another, who was caught talking at her window, had her room moved next to the warden.

### SECRET

The publicity director of the secret RLC — known also as the Society for the Propagation of Women Power — told Rhodéo that they have members in six of the female residences. The idea behind the RLC is to make women "get off their fat behinds and think".

"We are sick of cabbages. The women on this campus must forget that they are delicate women, and remember that they are also students."

She also admitted that the society was responsible for most of the mystery posters recently put up all over the campus.

## COMPANY TO HELP STUDENTS

IN AN EXCLUSIVE interview with Rhodéo, Mr. William Smith, an old Rhodian and company director in Johannesburg, explained why he had established TECHNITRAIN LTD.

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An important aspect of the training was the seminars run for chemistry students. Rhodes students will have the opportunity of seeing them in practice at a two-day seminar this weekend. The first hour is free, when anyone interested may attend without obligation.

### CATERER ILL

Mr. Hughes' recent absence from Kaif has been the result of a relapse of his earlier bouts of bronchitis.

To add to his bronchitis, Mr. Hughes is now suffering from a kidney complaint. He has been responding very satisfactorily to treatment in the Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital, and Mrs. Hughes expects that he will soon be well enough to return to Rhodes.

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# NOTES ON WRITING

**T**ELL ME, HOW DO I SET ABOUT WRITING? Wait for inspiration, I suppose? Anyone who has tried this knows that it's like waiting for Godot: no one comes, no one goes, nothing happens, it's awful. Yet the fallacy persists that writing is "something arty" requiring no honest sweat and toil, but merely a sort of ivory-tower withdrawal and a communion with unseen spirits.

Writing is in fact as practical as building, and the finished product depends just as much on good workmanship. This workmanship must be assiduously practised in every field of daily life until it becomes a habit, affecting not only the essay or the thesis, but also the bread-and-butter note and even the love-letter. After long practice, it produces that indefinable, unmistakable quality known as "style", the individual hallmark of the writer.

There are numerous excellent books telling one how to succeed as a published writer in every possible sphere. My concern here is with the raw bricks, so to speak: the getting down of ideas on to paper and up to the point where they are fit for submission.

Here is a six-point plan which I have personally found helpful. It may not rocket you into the best-selling class overnight (success stories about writing are particularly misleading); but I hope it will help to lay a solid foundation.

## 1. THINK BIG BUT START SMALL

Whatever anyone tells you, all great writers started from very humble beginnings. Elspeth Huxley, while still a schoolgirl, covered local gymkhanas and hunt meets for a small Kenya paper. In your own case, it might be a report on "B" league rugby or the church bazaar — a beginning by no means to be despised. Believe me, to write an arresting report in six hundred words, or tell a gripping story in a thousand, is a great deal harder than it looks. To give you an idea, try this simple exercise.

Next time you write home explaining an awkward situation or describing a campus event, draft your message as a telegram of, say, not more than thirty words. Check and rephrase the wording until it's succinct, colourful and completely unambiguous. Don't be discouraged if you're still at it half an hour later, amid a sea of discarded forms.

Having mastered this, your interest in writing is suddenly stimulated. But what to write about? Nothing interesting ever happens to you!

Archie. P.S. I'll probably be around to see you on Saturday, if it doesn't rain."

Compare this to the following: "Gloria baby, We seem to hit it off all right, so please will you marry me in the long vac? I promise I won't get possessive. Love, Archie." Less than 30 words, and they tell Gloria exactly where she stands. They also reveal a good deal about Archie and the problems of the relationship.

## 4. BE BLOODY, BOLD AND RESOLUTE

Cultivate what Quiller-Couch described as "a bold striding into the subject". Convey the kernel of your story in the first paragraph — the first sentence, if possible. Don't use five words when two will serve as well, but prefer five short words to two long meaningless ones. And don't pose: call a flower a flower, not a fragrant bloom. On the other hand, there is no need to call a spade a bloody shovel, unless the context of the story demands it. Avoid, above all, the modern tendency towards shock words as a cheap response mechanism. Showing off is as offensive in writing as it is in company, and is too often a cover-up for laziness.

## 5. YOUR OWN STERNEST CRITIC . . .

So you've got a complete story down on paper, and naturally you're thrilled. Now comes the acid test: criticise it as though it were someone else's.

Dr. Johnson's advice at this point is to go through it and cut out any passage you think particularly fine. This seems a little harsh. But, broadly speaking, writing is like an examination: when you think you've done well, watch out. Watch out for Churchill's "essential structure of the normal British sentence — which is a noble thing". Check every point of grammar, syntax and spelling — you can't always rely on the editor to do it for you. Throw out every possible adjective, and be quite ruthless about hyperbole, mixed metaphors and gaudy description. Don't feel too sore about the wonderful flights of fancy you've scrapped in the process. Put them away; and with more experience you may realise how terrible they were or be able to use them in another story.

# feature by Sally Sampson

## 2. RECOGNISE A STORY WHEN YOU SEE ONE

A Fleet Street cub reporter, sent by his paper to cover a big society wedding, returned minus copy. "Sorry, no story," he told his astounded editor. "The bride didn't turn up." He had missed a scoop for which experienced journalists would have given their right arms.

But do you realise that everyday life on the campus, though possibly less dramatic, is equally fraught with stories? A story is anything which so catches your fancy that you want to communicate it — whether it be the idiosyncrasies of a lecturer, an SRC meeting, an incident at a coffee-party or a conversation overheard in the Vic. Note the salient points in each case and spend a few minutes a day — while in the shower or alone at Kaif, for instance — weaving a story around them. You'll soon find your plots running away with you and getting themselves down on paper.

## 3. BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF WIT

Listen to the way that a friend tells an amusing anecdote, or study a short story you consider particularly good. Notice how its effectiveness depends almost more on what is *left out* than what is said. Brevity and understatement are so much more effective than pages of purple passion.

Consider the letter quoted by Art Linklater, to this effect: "My darling Gloria, You will never know how much I love you. For you I'd climb every mountain, swim every ocean in the world, and give by body to be burned. I love you until I die. Love,

## 6. "BRIGHT IS THE RING OF WORDS"

All the world's greatest stories were originally spoken. They survived because they were wonderful tales to tell and to listen to, and it is in this form that they were originally transcribed for us to read today.

How does your own story sound? Read it aloud to yourself. Did you allow for natural voice cadences and breathing spaces, and put words in the right place for emphasis? If possible, read it into a tape-recorder and listen to the effect.

Now get an audience to listen to your tape, or have another person read it aloud to them. Can you honestly improve anything on your listeners' suggestions? You are bound to resent some of their criticisms, but they are, after all, your future public. You will achieve nothing by trying to exist in a proud vacuum.

The choice of suitable markets for publication is a problem all on its own, requiring expert knowledge and advice. As indicated before, there is nothing to beat the initial discipline of the popular Press in some form or another. Don't despise this medium because your ultimate lofty goal is the Journal of Philosophy. Comparatively few people read such a journal, but even philosophers read the daily papers.

I hope it is sufficiently clear that there is no side-tracking the labour of writing: the ruthless discipline and self-criticism: the challenge of re-writing and still retaining freshness; the anguish of throwing your baby to the wolves; the strain of waiting and the mutinous despair at yet another rejection. But, for the writer who will stay the course, the whole thing has a morbid fascination. And when everyone is congratulating him on his first published success, he still picks holes and wishes that he had done better.

Which is as it should be, for the writer, like any other craftsman, is never satisfied that he has done his best.



# Focus on — Niel van Wyk

## ... expedition to Lake Sibayi

NIEL VAN WYK is a research assistant in the Zoology Department. He has been at Rhodes for six years.

"The recent expeditions to Lake Sibayi have been tremendously interesting." He explained that this is the country's largest fresh water lake. It is situated in the wilds of Tongoland. The indigenous Tongas refuse to live near the water because of superstitions about sea monsters that have killed some tribesmen. His article describes something of the work in this area.

Mr. van Wyk suggests that pagan rituals and church services are much the same thing. Both are a form of escapism that arises from suspicions and fear of life. He also rejects the possibility of a life after death.

### ANIMAL

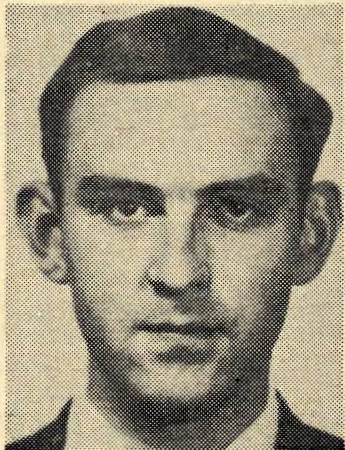
"We don't attribute animals with the privileges of a heaven. Why should humans, who are just another species of animal, claim a soul and life beyond death?"

Mr. van Wyk criticized the idea that Christians should suffer in this life. "Man's search is for immediate happiness and the multiplication of his own species."

Limnology, the study of fresh water, embraces a wide scope of disciplines. The Zoology Department is making a comprehensive study of South Africa's largest freshwater lake, Lake Sibayi in Northern Zululand. This research started four years ago when the Zoology Society went there on an expedition. Since then this Department, with the assistance of CSIR and Bantu Administration, have gone there every year in January and July.

### BOAT

I was primarily concerned with a study of the physical and chemical properties of the lake. Working from a boat, we covered certain "stations" on the lake — these lie on two transects across the lake, one North-South and one East-West. At each station the temperature of the water from the surface to the bottom is measured, water samples are collected at intervals from top to bottom. These samples were analysed in the laboratory for oxygen,



NIEL VAN WYK

and all the major cations and anions like sodium, potassium, calcium, chloride, phosphate, nitrate, etc. From data collected over four years we could now build up a fairly accurate picture of the physical and chemical conditions in the lake during summer and winter.

### BIOLOGY

What has this got to do with biology? Animals living in water are directly or indirectly very dependent on the physical and chemical composition of the water. They can, for example, only live within a certain temperature range or within a certain salinity range. Water with a high sulphate content will be suitable for some species but not for others. Thus a study of the physics and chemistry is essential for any biological study of a body of water.

Before a study of the biology of the animals in the lake can be started, we have to find out which animals are present in the lake. This is done by collection and sampling: plankton samples are sorted, fish nets are set up, samples of the bottom sediment yield a number of animals.

We now have a fairly good idea of the animals and plants present in the lake. A study of the life cycles of these animals is now necessary; this is a long term programme and has only just been started with some species. This leads to physiological and behavioural studies on these animals which could keep zoologists occupied for many years.

### FAUNA

Why go to all this trouble and expense just to study a lake and its fauna and flora? Apart from a purely academic study, (and for this Sibayi is perfect as it is completely untouched by man) economics is also implicated.

At the present rate of population growth every available

food resource will have to be exploited in the future. Fish, being high in protein, is an important food source, but before any dam or lake can be stocked with fish it is important to know exactly what is going on in the lake. This is to ensure that the fish can survive in these conditions and also that they will not have an unfavourable effect on other animals present in the lake.

## Varied Jazz Happening unanimously acclaimed

Students unanimously described the Jazz Happening as "outstanding". The first show of its kind at Rhodes, the Happening was a great success.

The excellent band played many "golden oldies" as well as modern tunes, which together spanned the history of jazz.

### MOOD

Informal, but imaginative stage settings contributed to the "mood" of the tunes, helped by the quick set changes. Art Clarke's narration was interesting, but at times dull and jerky.

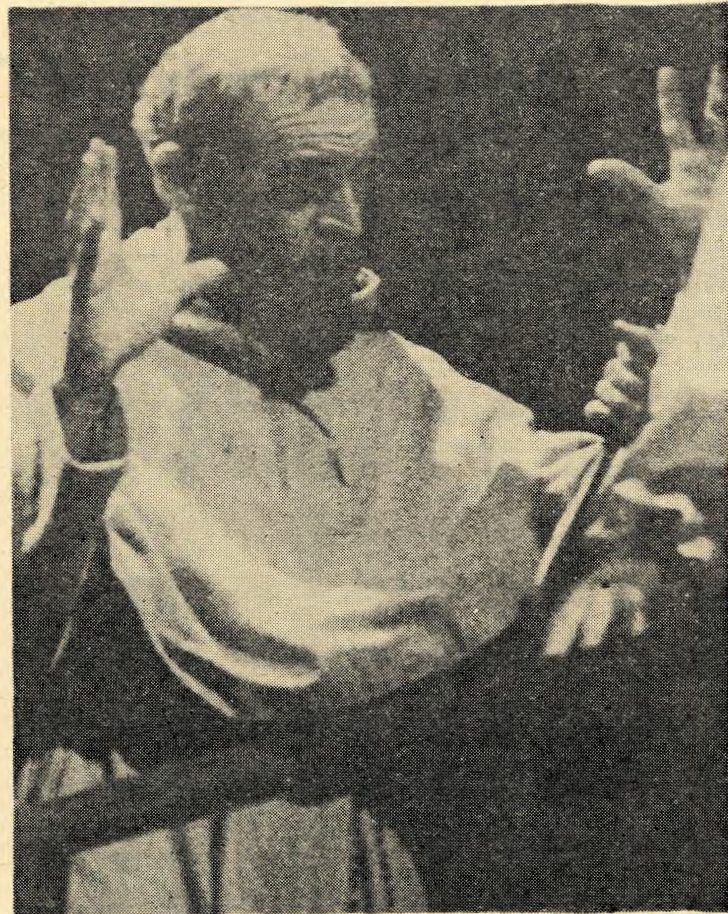
Dancers Sue Parker and Rich Lawton gave a fresh and effective display, but one felt at times that they distracted one's attention from the music.

Outstanding performers were Gerry Paul on drums, and Howard Nock on guitar. Gerry had a drum solo, in which he incorporated a remarkable variety of rhythm, while Howard Nock's performance of "Cheek to Cheek" drew gasps of admiration from the audience.

### VOCALS

The vocals were well done, with Paul Joubert giving a good performance, except for his impersonation of Louis Armstrong. Pianist Penny Torr gave a good performance, and was afterwards offered a vac. job at a Kowie hotel as pianist/receptionist. The second performance was much better than the first. The performers had lost their nervousness, and the minor mistakes had been cleared up.

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Don MacLennan raises his hands devilishly in his portrayal of Mephistophilis as he tempts Faustus.

## Impressive production of Faustus

Marlowe's Faustus is perhaps representative of the spectacles which the frequent product of Elizabethan stage. As a spectacle it contained its physical element easily perceptible to all apparitions, costumes, lighting, music, colours and ritual. Prof. Guy Butler did more than adequate justice to this element of his production which was reminiscent of the theatrical convention of the Elizabethan stage.

### EMOTIONAL

It was, however, regrettably noticeable how little of the substance of Marlowe's rhetoric was channelled by Andre de Villiers into his portrayal of the title role, which, though suitably impressive, perhaps did not demand uncon-

trolled, emotional blunderbussing. Don MacLennan, as Mephistophilis, attained a greater success here than did his opposite — a fine performance, though at times he appeared to be a little over-tense.

Dougald Thompson, Mogo Poland and Chris Weare deserve mention for their small roles.

### HAMPERED

Fr. Cull (playing a bumble bee?) was hampered by two sandles, which, on occasions, objected to pursuing his direction. A large supporting cast provided ample evidence of the fact that boys will be boys! Altogether, the most impressive show by a local producer yet seen in the Little Theatre.

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## What's on this Week

### NUSAS presents:

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Professor Butler will speak on:

The future of the English-speaking community in South Africa. Monday 16th, 7.45 p.m.



# S.R.C. — a tribute

**SIR,** — In a flurry of campaign speeches and speculation about the new SRC, very little thought is given to the outgoing body. I should like to bestow a small laurel on what was a hard-thinking, hard-working group of people who have been much criticised and little thanked for the dignity and shrewdness that characterised their tenure of office.

I would single out Tony Wallace, Society's Co-ordinating Councillor, as the epitome of zeal and foresight. His close contact with society chairmen through circulars and well-run meetings were conducive to, as term programmes adequately show, a proliferation of functions.

## INKS

Turning to the elections, I hope voters, and first years especially, will act thoughtfully in choosing an efficient SRC. Efficiency seems a heartless term; it is accurate nevertheless. More so than ever, an SRC faced with internal ferment and external pressure in a student power era (which has for Rhodes become more than a mythical reality, remote in time and space), must have the intellectual detachment to perform, both in routine functions as well as in problem situations, in a feet-on-the-ground manner.

We need practical people with a sense of political and administrative balance: extremists in either direction, despite good intent, often em-

barrass moderate members and expose innocent organisations to unfortunate stigmas.

The criteria of reasonable intelligence, leadership seasoned with a sense of reality, capacity for organisation and hard work, polite diplomacy and, above all, sincere motivation, should take priority.

## NUSAS

One nuance should be clear: the espousal of a cause against NUSAS policy (e.g. centre affiliation) is quite distinct from espousal of a cause

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

against a NUSAS principle (e.g. academic freedom); opposing NUSAS policy cannot, in a democratic free election, be allowed to prejudice a candidate's chances unfavourably.

## MUCK

Such an ocean of verbal muck has washed over Rhodes lately that subtleties like this one have been sea-changed for the worse.

I sincerely hope it is not too late for voters to reclaim from the waters and mirk a modicum of hard logical terrain on which to build a democracy that will hear a dissident minority voice just as it gives weight in referendums to majority opinions, correct or otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Pickerill.

## Please vote

**SIR,** — May I endorse Bertie Wicks' plea to the Student Body to think in the coming SRC elections with the following correction.

It is to me a fallacy that one should not use all the 12 votes allowed to you. We have an unusually large number of candidates standing this year. Some are weak, some are strong. It is our duty to elect the strongest possible SRC out of the candidates who present themselves, and the only way we can ensure this is to use all 12 votes.

There will inevitably be a splitting of votes, but if everybody votes for the 12 he/she thinks are the strongest, there will at least be no nonsense of people getting on just because their own house happens to vote on black for them. This has happened and could even more easily happen this year.

I urge the Student Body then to think before casting their vote and to use all their votes as I have explained.

Philip Read.



This hairstyle took plenty of exercise . . .

## Rhodian skirls to victory

**RHODESIAN CHRIS TERRY** recently became South Africa's champion bagpipe player in the under-21 section.

Competition was keen among the fifteen pipers who took part in the national bagpipe competition on August 31 and September 2. This is undoubtedly his greatest achievement.

Mr. Terry has recently won competitions in the Eastern Cape, Natal and Rhodesia. Before his brother, Patrick, left to study in England recently, the Terry brothers made an excellent twosome, successful in both solo and piping pair competitions.

The instrument has a long history, dating back to Julius Caesar's Rome. Although it is the Scottish national instrument, the popular misconception

that it is almost exclusive to Scotland is completely unfounded. It is, at present, gaining much popularity in America.

This controversial instrument has a very real existence in South Africa. Many of the frequent competitions are judged by famous players from overseas. Mr. Terry's success emphasises the increasing popularity of the bagpipe in this country.

## SMALLS

ANYONE wishing to have water-skiing lessons at the Hartebeestpoort Dam in December and January, please contact: Paula Lamont, Oriel House.

CAMERA, Pax Jnr. with flash-light, R10. — Contact Graham Deary, Cory.

## VITAMINS VITAL

**SIR,** — One of Kupugani's aims is to teach Africans what type of food to eat, and to encourage them to buy, and fully realise, the importance of a well-balanced diet.

In Grahamstown there are many African children beggars, who have probably never had a good meal, due to their low wages and lack of training in eating habits.

Kupugani's work in Grahamstown is partly carried out by the Welfare Sub-Committee of our NUSAS Local Committee. We urge the students to take advantage of these efforts, and buy the booklets of soup tickets at 25c each, or to buy separate tickets at 1c each, and rather give these to the beggars, than giving them some small change and coppers.

Tickets are available from NUSAS house reps.

For exchange of one of these tickets, an African receives one

plate of soup and one biscuit, which contains a high vitamin and protein content, at the soup kitchen in the local locations, and at the depot in town, near the City Hall.

Next term, lists will be sent to each House, on which the names of students wanting food parcels, to give their sissies or waiters, can be written, rather than giving tips at the end of the year. Past experience has shown that these parcels are really appreciated by our African staff. Again, we urge you to buy these parcels, and help Kupugani in its admirable efforts; but even more, to help the Africans to see the value of good food.

T. Jones.

## REPORTER GOES MAD!

**I** KINDA got a feeling. That I'm not so good at reporting. I seem to break so many rules. Like reporting in the week-ends. And interviewing personal friends.

Take last Saturday, for instance. I arrived at the house. The man I wanted to see was conferring behind a study door. The lounge was full of women. And screaming children, thousands of them.

After about an hour or so the visitors left. That meant bath-time for three pre-school kids. But first, their supper. I fed one kid then another and assisted yet a third to polish off his eggie. (Who'd have thought that three kids could so occupy four grown ups!).

And while the kids bathed, I snatched my interview. Only to be interrupted by frantic calls from the missus. Apparently one kid missed his

dad.

Shame. So then I was reading stories and making animal noises to amuse a still mute, yet very demanding toddler — competing with similar sounds from dad's story on the other bed.

I'd been invited to supper. So kind of them to offer. Of course, there were the dishes to wash first, and the supper to be made.

Ja, sure, I'll babysit if you want to go to flick — can get the rest of the story when you get back.

What, Mr. Editor, you really mean you can't fit my story in?! I suppose it isn't terribly important. No I didn't take much trouble over it . . .

P.S. If this doesn't sound authentic, join Rhodéo staff, you'll see for yourself.

## Societies Diaries

### S.J.A.

1. A number of Jewish New Year Cards (with Rhodes Emblem) available from Jaques Capelluto, Room 44, Graham House. Cost: 5c each, 50c per dozen, R1.00 for 25.

The New Year's date is 22nd September.

2. On Sunday, 15th September, Dr. Steinberg will give the last in his series of talks, entitled "The Significance of The Jewish High Holy Days" at 7.30 p.m. at Hillel House.

### French Society.

The Annual Presidential Address will be given by the Hon. President, Prof. J. L. Cattaneo, on Tuesday, 17th September, in the Oppidan Common Room. The subject will be "The Comic In The Works of Proust".

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## S.A. citizens act

A DEMONSTRATION by the Black Sash was due to be held on Wednesday, September 11, in protest against the inhumanity being perpetrated against African people who are arbitrarily uprooted and shifted around South Africa.

Since May, 1967, 1,000 Group Areas in 291 different parts of the country have been proclaimed. In many cases the Africans are poorly provided for and have extreme difficulty in finding work. The newest of the "resettlement villages" is Mngqesha in the Border area near King William's Town. No satisfactory facilities have been provided. At present a water truck comes around once a week.

Under Influx Control, 171,656 men and 47,064 women were endorsed out of some of the main White urban areas between January, 1959, and December, 1965. The Minister of Bantu Administration and Development has refused to give answers to questions in Parliament which seek to gather information about the numbers of people shifted from urban areas.

**ACTION**  
THE CITIZEN ACTION Committee has distributed

## Democracy?

Sir, — with the recent debate over centre affiliation and its "un-democratic" method, I feel that a word about this magical principle, democracy, is not out of bounds. It has become even more needful to clarify this position in the light of more recent events. Far be it from me to undertake this task on my own, but rather I wish to engender a discussion, though, to allow pessimism a word, it may be too late to mention democracy as a meaningful term in the present political condition of this country. Yet allow me to persist, optimism being of far greater value to human beings in a state of subjection, however slight, than its kill-joy antonym.

Laying myself open to as much correction as those qualified see fit to administer, I would suggest that there are two extremes to government, namely totalitarianism and anarchy. Neither is practical in governing mankind on a long term basis. Totalitarianism, as history has demonstrated, relies on the ability of a single individual, or a single body of a mere handful of men, to control all the citizens' actions. Anarchy allows for every individual to behave as he or she sees fit.

Since totalitarians rule to the exclusion of all criticism, good or bad, they are liable to render evil to society in their governing, through not exposing themselves to the needs and wants of the mass, but only of themselves.

Anarchy fails because men are basically selfish beings. Consequently under a system of anarchy there pervades an atmosphere of every man for himself. This system would be considerably less chaotic if every man appreciated such principles as honesty, equality and justice.

D.F.R.

(To be continued.)

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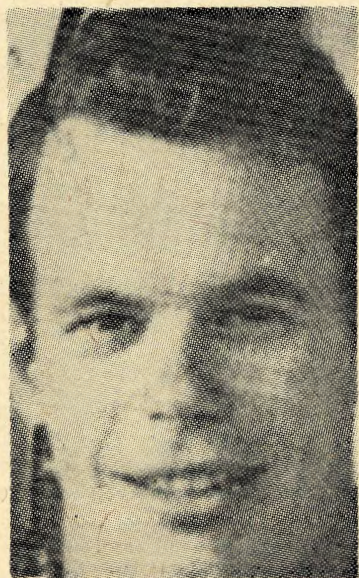
Brigadier Buys, head of the CID on the Witwatersrand, interviewed by the *Sunday Times*, said it was very nice that the people of Johannesburg thought so much of the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster, that they put up posters, with his picture on them.

When it was pointed out to Brigadier Buys that the words on the posters ("You must not try to take a man's house away from him") were used to give meaning to the protest against the enforced removals, he replied that he "was not interested in other people's meanings." He thought it was good that people should see "what a nice Prime Minister we have."

### PETITIONS

A further leaflet will be distributed, and petition tables are due to be manned from September 11-15 in Johannesburg.

Petitions to the State President intend to point out the concern for the haphazard removal of South Africans from their homes, and the denial of their right to live together with their families.



Norman Tretheway, who rated ninth best discus-thrower in the country and who has been awarded Rhodes athletic colours.

## THIS AND THAT

AT A COLOURS committee meeting on Sunday evening, two Rhodians were awarded colours. Norman Tretheway was awarded athletic colours for his performance at the inter-varsity held at Cape Town last year. He was rated the ninth best discus-thrower in the country. Pete Timmerman was awarded his water-polo colours. Rhodéo sports staff extends its congratulations to these notable sportsmen.

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THE UNDER 20 "A" rugby players arrived at G.M. on Saturday, to find that only nine opposition members were available for the match. G.M. gave Rhodes the full league points, and the two teams played "9-a-side" rugby for 30 minutes. In the 30 minutes, the nine Rhodians chalked up about 40 points against G.M.'s six.

## Week's rugby contrast

### GRANDSTAND VIEW



The past week has provided the Rhodes crowd with two diametrically opposed displays of rugby. Last Wednesday, we had the under 20 team exploiting to the full every opportunity presented to them, while on Saturday, we saw a very disappointing display from the first XV.

The under-20 game against Defence must rank in the top two games seen at Rhodes this season. The side took a while to settle down, and opened their scoring when Siopis, following up an attempted kick to touch by Stretton, collected a lucky bounce, and galloped over in the corner. After that, the side clicked, and scored with fair regularity.

The pace throughout was fast and furious. Richmond gave the ball to the line at every opportunity, and the threes ran purposefully on every occasion. Bouwer, at centre, has improved tremendously since coming in from the wing, while Stretton has proved himself to be a solid and reliable partner. With Hofmeyer joining the line regularly, the wings saw a lot of the

ball. Unfortunately, the centres tended to hold the ball a little too long, and as a result, the wings were often sold. Nevertheless, the wings had some splendid runs, and Siopis notched up four tries.

A lot of credit, too, must go to the forwards, who clearly dominated the game up front. Outstanding in the loose, were O'Connor and Chalmers, with Patterson getting through a lot of useful work as well, although his handling let him down badly on occasions. The front rankers, Pringle and Barnes, were also prominent in the loose. The lineouts were, as usual, well controlled by Harmuth, at five, and Kennedy at three.

## Tennis surprises

THE FINALS this year produced some unexpected results. In all but one of the finals, the No. 1 seeds were beaten. The successful 1st seeds were Rick Buwalda and Phillip Bettman, when they proved too steady and powerful for the 2nd seeds, Rob Daniel and Alan Houghton.

The main cause of the surprise victories was that Sally Harvey, the 1st seed in all three of her events, had the misfortune to hurt her back playing hockey on Saturday, and could not produce her winning form.

In the men's singles final, Rick Buwalda beat Phillip Bettman 6-2, 6-4 in a very good match, and in the women's, Gill Lewis beat Sally Harvey quite convincingly. In the women's doubles Penny Beale and Gill Lewis edged out Colleen Dargie and Sally Harvey in a well fought and excellent match, the final score being 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The mixed doubles proved to be a fitting climax to a good day of tennis. In a very even match Phillip Bettman and Colleen Dargie managed to beat Rick Buwalda and Sally Harvey 7-5, 2-6, 9-7.

petition has produced rugby which, at times, has been of a very high standard. Full credit goes to Reg Mundell for his organisation of the competition.

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THE E.P. SUPER LEAGUE Cricket starts next week, and Rhodes have been tipped by leading sports writers to play a prominent part in the league, despite the fact that it is the only team playing as a club side — the other three teams in the league are chosen on a district basis — namely P.E., Midlands and Grahamstown.

The team itself is infused with talent, and if the top order batsmen can only get the runs expected of them, Rhodes will be a very difficult team to beat. Fielding practices are being held every week, and an indoor net has been provisionally established in the Sports Hall until the new turf nets are completed.

Another pleasing feature of the game, was the linking of the forwards, which enabled a number of movements to be continued when it appeared that they might break down. Hofmeyer showed a pleasing return to form with the boot, converting eight of the ten tries, one of which he scored himself.

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The first team game on Saturday was rather lacklustre in comparison to Wednesday's feast. Admittedly the calibre of the opposition was somewhat better, but there can be no excuses, following the pathetic first-half display, for their defeat.

### By SPORTSWISE

The major fault appears to have been that the players indulged in far too much aimless kicking, instead of concentrating on running with the ball, where they appeared to have the edge on Despatch. Far too often, the ball was kicked straight into the Despatch full-back's hands, and he had no trouble in pushing the Rhodes team back on the defensive with his big boot. Carlson, at flyhalf, attempted to dominate the game with tactical kicking in the first half, and Despatch capitalised on this tendency through leaving their wings lying deep to pick up the crossfield kicks for the Rhodes wings.

The forwards, once again, gave of their best in the exchanges up front, and Vice and Henderson got through a tremendous amount of work.

It was only in the second half that Rhodes came to light, and then they often surged upfield in thrilling movements, which often broke down because of poor handling. In this half, Carlson changed his tactics and let his threes have their head. These tactics almost resulted in Rhodes pulling the game out of Despatch's hands. Unfortunately, the revival came just too late, and the Despatch side scraped home by a solitary point.

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# Rugby season near completion

This Saturday marks the close of the rugby season, with Rhodes playing their last game in the UTC Bowl competition against their local rivals, Albany. At this late stage in the season it was extremely pleasing to see the side really get into top gear.

The return of Mike Cowley, following a hamstring injury, provided a lot of punch to a line, which has, in recent matches, lacked the finish required to convert movements into points.

## ECLIPSED

The forwards completely eclipsed the G.M. pack, and gave the three-quarters far more possession than G.M. got.

The three quarter line, revelling in being given a chance to run, showed that they have the capabilities to play good, hard-running rugby.

In retrospect, one can say that perhaps the major problem facing the Rhodes team this year has been the lack of coaching. This is the time when a rugby team, if it is to be successful, requires top-class coaching.

## COACHING

Although the Rhodes side has had some poor performances, much of their trouble stems from not having received the coaching necessary to eradicate, or at least minimise recurring faults.

It is impossible for the players themselves to analyse every fault in a game, and then work towards ridding themselves of these faults. One need not ask for a coach in the Izak van Heerden mould, as the best results still seem to come from the sides which play efficient and orthodox rugby.

However, in order for a side to play rugby in this fashion, it must be drilled to perfection by one who has a very keen eye for detail, as it is through small faults that a well-drilled machine breaks down.

## TALENT

The rugby club must make every effort, either on its own, or by making representations to the Sports Union, to get a coach for future seasons. The club definitely has the talent to improve on this year's showing. All that it lacks is a coach who can formulate tactics, and rid the players of their major faults.

The Under-20 Rugby Club also winds up its season when the club meets Old Collegians at home on Saturday. This game

promises to be a most exciting one, as there is the possibility that Rhodes can gain either a first or second place in the log, with the major rivals being either Old Collegians or Olympics. Although the side lost to O.C. down in Uitenhage earlier in the season, the club has not lost a home league fixture this season.

## U.20s

We have seen some of the most exciting rugby of the season from the under twenties, and it is hoped that they will pull out all the stops on Saturday, and make the most of the possession they get.

In recent years Rhodes has lacked depth, and it is only by creating a large rugby-playing fraternity, that it can overcome the problems arising out of this lack of depth.

## Cross country

Foxy de Jager and Alan Gunn travelled with the E.P. Junior cross country team to Standerton in the Eastern Transvaal last week-end. In a particularly strong field of 113 runners, the two Rhodes runners did well to come 11th and 24th respectively.

This was exceptionally good when one considers that the altitude was 5,000 feet and that the four mile race was run after a 13 hour car journey. Foxy and Alan were the first two E.P. runners home and were largely responsible for the fact that E.P. came fourth.

The men's cross country championship is due to be held on September 17 over a new course. It should be an interesting race, with Foxy de Jager tipped to win.

The women's championship will be run on the 16th over a two mile circuit.

## Hockey

# Mixed fortune for firsts

THE RHODES first men's hockey team suffered mixed fortunes on Sunday, winning one game and losing another. Both games were played in P.E. over the week-end on slow grass fields. In the morning game, Rhodes met Walmer, the unbeaten league leaders, and once again Rhodes were beaten by the narrow margin of one goal (4-3).

The game began at a furious pace, and it appeared as if the Rhodians would do well, as they settled down quickly. Walmer, however, scored the first goal when they followed up on a rebound.

## INCREASED

They then increased their lead soon after, when the ball deflected off a defender's stick. Just before the change-over, Rhodes reduced the lead when Reg Medley, the centre-forward, netted after a fine solo run.

## CONSOLIDATE

After the change-over Walmer seemed to consolidate their position by scoring a further two goals in quick succession. The Rhodians then

## Rugby

# Rhodes thrash G.M.

AFTER A BREAK of some six weeks, Mike Cowley returned to the first team this week to produce a scintillating performance. He scored four superb tries during one of the rare occasions when the Rhodes team has really "clicked". The final score of 29-8 was a very fair reflection of a game which saw the Rhodes threequarters at their very best.

Rhodes took the field with only 12 men — the other three having been caught in a traffic jam — but even so, they held their own for the first few minutes. Very shortly after, a

full side was on the field, the ball was slipped to Cowley who shook off the defence to score far out. The conversion failed.

## CARLSON

A few minutes later Carlson was on hand to take a wide pass from Pennefather and jink through to score a try which he converted himself.

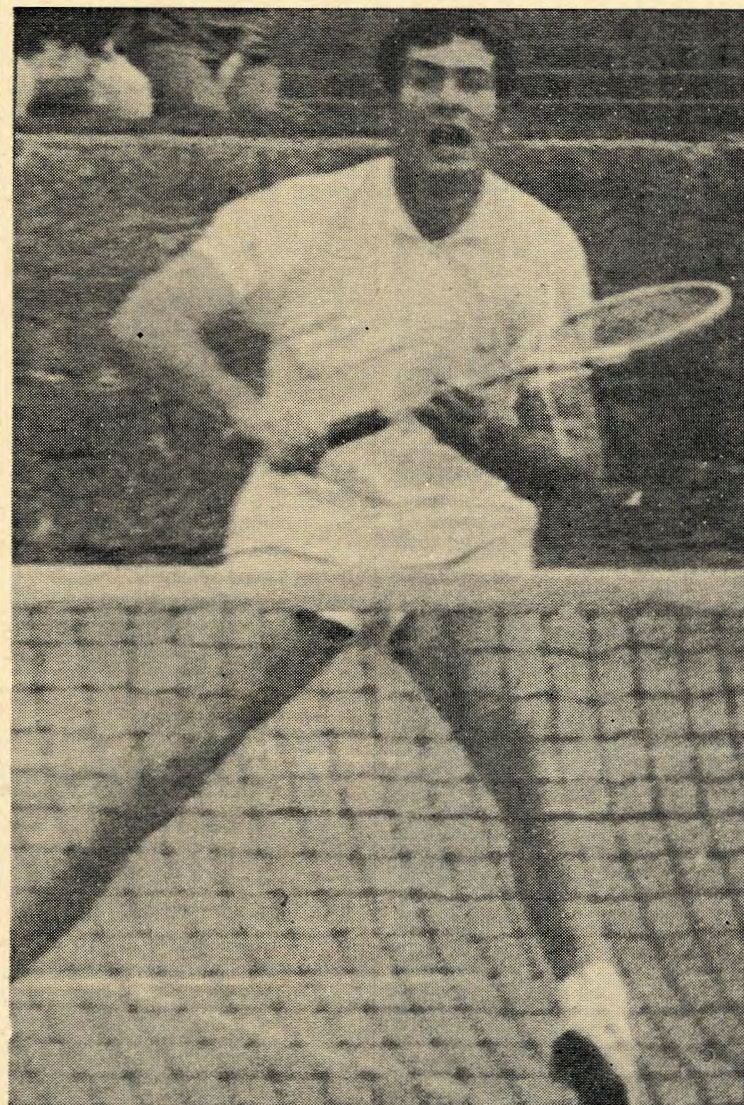
Cowley's next try resulted from a 50 yard run and several indecisive tackles by the G.M. defence. G.M. fought back strongly and after some loose play were rewarded with a converted try scored near the posts.

Their next three points came from a drop kick which appeared to miss the poles, but which the referee nevertheless awarded. The half-time score was 11-8.

## ALL RHODES

The second half was all Rhodes. Williams scored after a movement which swept the length of the field, while Yeo and Cowley (two) went over after some more determined running by the backs. Carlson converted three of these tries.

Vice and Henderson were outstanding in the lineouts, and the forwards are to be congratulated on providing their backs with plenty of clean ball. One can only hope that the team will play like this on Saturday, and in so doing beat Albany to come out joint holders of the UTC Cup.



Phillip Bettman seen in action. With Rick Buwalda, he won the men's doubles final. He and Colleen Dargie proved their worth by beating Rick Buwalda and Sally Harvey 7-5, 2-6, 9-7, in the mixed doubles.

(Photo by Angus Walker.)

## Soccer success

THE RHODES soccer side drew 3-3 with the DFK German side in P.E. on Saturday.

Although they were not having everything their own way, DFK were ahead 3-0 after half an hour, mainly because of the opportunism of their forwards.

Slowly Rhodes were settling down to their passing game and making less mistakes. Harper opened the Rhodes score with a good header just before half time.

Rhodes continued their improvement in the second half. The only incidents of note were the two penalties awarded to Rhodes, both of which Pack netted.

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