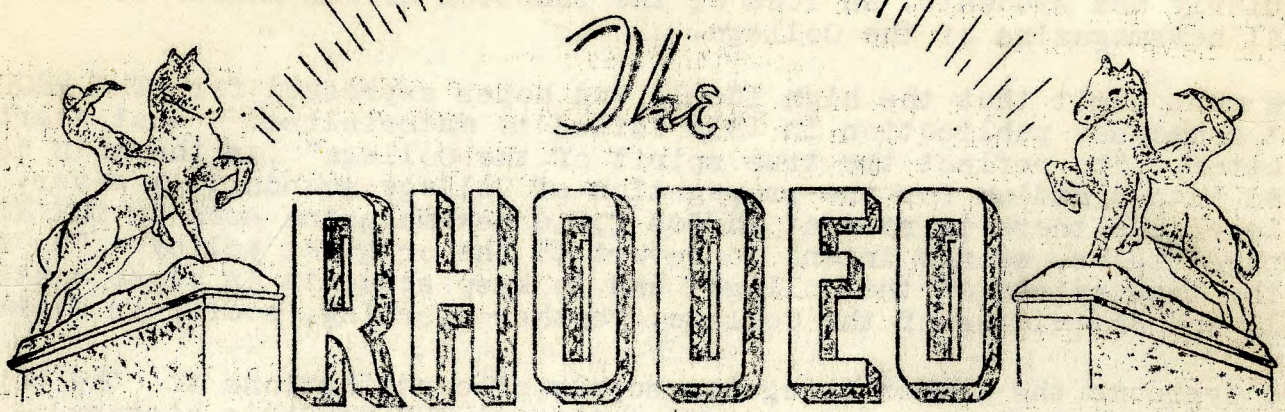




HARD FIGHT WITH POLICE : RHODES I LOSE 3-0

In a special telephonic message last night came the news that in the Town League match played at Port Elizabeth yesterday, Rhodes I lost 3-0 to Police. The game as a spectacle was spoilt by the weather - a wet ball making handling movements difficult.

Police had by far the heavier pack and won most of the scrums but the game was by no means onesided. Early on CREBO was bundled over and LE ROUX for Police touched down the only try of the match. For the greater part of the game there was little to choose between the teams. MACMILLAN, HANSON and SMYTHE did excellent work and MURRAY HOFMEYR was repeatedly applauded for his outstanding defence work and his 60 yard punts. At one stage great amusement was caused when BLIGNAUT, carefully fielding the ball, found that it had burst.

Towards the end of the game Police were finding it very difficult to maintain their lead but the match ended with the score unchanged - Police 3 Rhodes 0. The impression is gained that Rhodes were unlucky to lose.

RHODES DRAW WITH FORT BEAUFORT IN COUNTRY LEAGUE MATCH

Yesterday Rhodes Country I drew 3-3 with Fort Beaufort in a Country League match played here. The standard of play was never high but the game was spirited and towards the end had the crowd on its feet.

Rhodes was distinctly superior in scrums and line-outs in the first half, but our backs, notably STAPLETON and DORRINGTON were erratic and their tackling only fair. Fort Beaufort, combining badly, missed many opportunities through indifferent handling. An infringement by a Rhodes forward in the home 25 with the kick made sure by STUART made the halftime score 3-0 to FB.

In the second half the Fort Beaufort threes struck form and pressed dangerously in Rhodes territory. C. LERM, ex E.P. centre, playing an excellent game gave Rhodes some trouble. During a forward struggle in the FB 25 STEYN gathering from the loose broke through and scored for Rhodes. The kick failed.

The last ten minutes provided the crowd with great excitement when FB pressed attack after attack on the Rhodes line which withstood each onrush well. P. DE WET, LERM and STUART played well for the visitors, and prominent in the Rhodes team were COWPER, DU PLESSIS and BASSON in the forwards and MULLER, CAMPBELL and WILLIAMS in the line.

Rhodes Country 2nd overwhelmed the Fort Beaufort 3rd 17-0 in a bright curtain-raiser. Our threes had a field day - PAGEWOOD and KNOX outstanding. Graeme College I v. Rhodes Under 19 B. G.C. did well - winning 3-0.

Rhodes Under 19C v. Graeme II - 23-0 to Rhodes.

At City Lords there was an untidy match between Rhodes 4th and Albany 3rd who lost 6-3. Our threes were active but seemed to have no sting.

Rhodes Under 19 A beat Albany 2nd 6-4. Rhodes pack hooked well but three-quarter play was ragged. STAPLETON and HICKMAN were prominent in attack.

HOCKEY RESULTS : Rhodes 1st v. P.E. 1st - 4-1 to Rhodes.
Rhodes 2nd v. Mixed Team - 3-0 to Rhodes.

CAPETOWN RUGBY

In an exceptionally exciting match watched by thousands at Newlands yesterday afternoon U.C.T. beat Stellenbosch 11-0.

FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS, SUBSCRIBE TO "THE RHODEO."

In presenting the first issue of THE RHODEO for 1946, we feel that a clear explanation of the policy of the paper is needed to give all readers particularly new students, an idea of the function of THE RHODEO as the unofficial newsmagazine of the College.

We must admit that the high ideals and hopes expressed for THE RHODEO when it commenced publication in 1938 failed to materialise. What started as an attempt "to reflect the true spirit of the College" in the main degenerated into a medium for the propagation of College scandal. However, as we believe that there is room at Rhodes for a newsmagazine such as THE RHODEO aspired to be, we now intend to revert to the original policy - "to reflect the true spirit of the College" and to keep students in close contact with all the activities of the College, whether sporting, social or academic.

To overcome the former irregular supply of contributions to the paper we have engaged - and this for the first time in THE RHODEO's history -- a paid Editorial, Reporting and Printing Staff. We have selected from the students reporters, critics, artists, printers and distributors who will ensure that sufficient material is accumulated every fortnight to permit of the publication of a well-printed newspaper every second Sunday morning. Full publicity will be given to the proceedings of the S.R.C., to the activities of the Sports Clubs, and also - because in moderation they can be interesting - to the comments of that ubiquitous and observant gentleman, the Man About Kaif. It is our aim to cover all topics of current interest. Our printing staff has the latest in equipment and we can promise that the layout and printing will be as near perfect as possible.

We have, as we said, engaged an efficient staff of reporters. At the same time, we do not presume that those whom we have selected are necessarily those best qualified to write for THE RHODEO. To reflect the true spirit of the College THE RHODEO must cater for all tastes: in this respect, as in former years, student co-operation is essential. THE RHODEO is free of any interference from the S.R.C. or Senate; our pages are open to opinions of every kind; and suggestions and criticisms will be welcomed. Any article of a genuine topical interest and of a certain literary merit will be printed, and authors will be remunerated on the same scale as members of the RHODEO Staff. (By "a certain literary merit" we do not mean that contributions should savour of Dickens or Thackeray, but we hope they will be above the level of that 'lingua franca' obtaining in certain parts of the College)

Another former obstacle to the continued publication of THE RHODEO was the usually precarious state of the paper's finances. This year, the temporary assistance of several advertisers has been secured: "temporary", for the continuance of their support depends on the number of RHODEO subscribers. If we, with both Rhodian and Old Rhodian readers, can guarantee a circulation figure of 2000, THE RHODEO will receive sufficient financial assistance from the advertisers, to continue publication throughout the year, and, later on to buy the necessary equipment to cyclostyle line drawings, cartoons and photographs. We ask you to give THE RHODEO your individual support by ordering your own copy. And while on this subject, may we point out that any excess profits will not be pocketed by the Editors, but will be donated to some deserving cause.

Such is our proposed organization and policy. This year, we hope to reflect in THE RHODEO's pages a summary of all Rhodian events - fully representative of all spheres of student activity and opinion. If we are to prevent THE RHODEO from becoming the stereotyped rag of former years, when the same names appeared in each successive issue, when the Editors were labelled as the Arch Manipulators of the Chummy Racket, we must receive your co-operation. Your assistance, we repeat, is essential if our hopes for a better RHODEO are to be realised.

The RHODEO Contributions Box - to be found on the tree outside Kaif. has been specially enlarged in anticipation of a flood of contributions.

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THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE RHODEO WILL APPEAR ON SUNDAY 26th MAY 1946. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS ISSUE MUST BE PLACED IN THE RHODEO BOX BEFORE FRIDAY 24th MAY.

NETHERLANDS STUDENTS RELIEF FUND

During the last few years students, "like everyone else, have been asked to subscribe to one fund after another, but an appeal has now been launched which we feel should be given every possible support. The Netherlands Students Relief Fund has been organised by South African University students as their part in the World Students Relief Movement, and the figure aimed at for Holland is £12000. We are fortunate in being in a country unscarred by war, and at a University whose buildings have not been reduced to rubble, in being able to lead a full University life with our Sporting clubs, our recreational facilities, our social life, and fortunate in having the textbooks, the pens, pencils and paper to carry on our studies, not to mention the greatest of all advantages - freedom from the awful effect of war on our health. It is only right that we should try to do something for those other students who, like ourselves, are trying to get a university education but who are handicapped at every turn by shortages, by illness, by discomfort and sheer want. When, in addition, the appeal is made for the students of a country with which many of us have racial and cultural ties, then we must let nothing stand in our way, assist the organisers of the fund as much as we can, support whatever the Rhodes action committee of the fund does to raise money and above all give all that we can afford.

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ACADEMICGRADUATION CEREMONY

The functions of Universities seem to have come under the spotlight during the last week or so. At Grad, at the Debate, and at SCA, various aspects of the present university system were examined and criticised. Discontent was the keynote of these discussions.

It was a bleak morning for Grad (4th May), yet for all that, the ceremony was much the same as usual. The difference was principally one in the number capped. The immense growth of Rhodes in the last two or three years was in a way reflected by the large number of Graduands. That the growth has been lopsided was also apparent. The ceremony was held as usual in the City Hall, because the College's own hall was unimpressive and dingy; the best the students could do in the way of a song was the wretched dirge "Oh why were they born so beautiful?"

The degrees were conferred by the Vice-Chancellor Mr H.H.G. Kreft and included 2 Ll.B's, 6 M.A's, (4 distinctions), 5 M.Sc's (4 distinctions), 43 B.A's (2 Double Firsts, 4 other distinctions), 2 B.A. Fine Arts (1 distinction), 7 B.A.(S.S.) (1 with 3 distinctions), 35 B.Sc's (2 Triple firsts 4 Double Firsts, 2 others) 12 B.Coms (3 distinctions), 1 B.Mus (with distinction): the usual number of external students also received degrees, and the climax of the ceremony was the presentation of an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity to Rev. G.H.P. JACQUES.

Professor Haworth outlined Dr JACQUES' career in his own inimitable way, and was followed by the Master who gave us some of his ideas on what the future of Rhodes might be if only the students would make it so. Many of the Graduands squirmed at the accurate recital of examination technique which Dr SMEATH-THOMAS put forward, but there must have been some guilty consciences on the platform as well. He pleaded for more opportunity for research - especially in the arts - and for the inauguration of a tutorial system, both of which steps would save Rhodes from the fate of becoming a Technical College. The speech filled a gap left at the Induction Ceremony by reminding students of the broader aims of a university education.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Cruel kicks and uncouth collision constitute the "fun-and-games" at Rhodes dances. The physical force and pressure exerted in Great Hall is equivalent to that of a rugby scrum with two differences: firstly, in rugby it is "all in the game"; secondly, less people get hurt. Dancing now becomes a test in the skill of dodging (more football tactics.) The competitive 'jive' spirit increases, with disastrous effects on the more conservative dancers. Floor space is inadequate. Let us dance accordingly.

Yours faithfully - (sgd) THEA FULLARD

About the General Meeting held on Thursday 2nd May, there was at least one good feature; the numbers necessary for a quorum arrived so promptly that the Chairman was able to open the meeting within five minutes of the time actually scheduled for its commencement. This is a state of affairs which we hope to see repeated at every General Meeting in the future. Let us hope that the practice of adjourning until a reluctant quorum has been whipped together, has gone for good.

The main business before the House was the election of a permanent S.R.C. to replace the Interim Council which had held office during the first term. The nominations were proceeded with, Mr. I.D. SMITH having first informed the House of the election of Mr. I.A.S.E. MCDONALD as Chairman of the Joint Welcoming Committee; a piece of news that was received with dutiful and well-modulated applause.

The nominations were received by the Secretary, and as a result of the secret ballot held later the following were elected to the new Council.

Drostdy Hall: Messrs I.D. SMITH and I.A. MCDONALD.
Founders Hall: Messrs R.E.L. MOORE and D. WALWYN.
Milner: Mr. O de F BOOYSEN
Air School: Messrs ELSON and HARRIS.
St. Mary's: Misses W CRAMER and H. MATTHEWS.
Oriel: Misses S. KABLE and P. HORWITZ.
Homestead: Mr. M. MCGEE.
Oppidans: Mr. P BELLEW.

The business of Thursday afternoon was enlivened by the slightly eccentric aversion shown by members of Founders Hall to their nomination as candidates for the S.R.C. We conclude charitably that the gentlemen of Founders are actuated purely by a sense of humility and unworthiness of the High Office proposed for them.

The meeting concluded with an eloquent and appropriate appeal by Mr GLUCKMAN on behalf of the Rhodes Relief Action Committee for the relief of Dutch Students. He indicated the forms which such relief could take and the organisation of which the Rhodes Committee was part. We think this a worthy cause indeed, and recommend it to all Rhodes men and women. Much is spoken concerning co-operation - this is clearly an opportunity to act in a co-operative manner. We need say no more.

The meeting was adjourned at quarter to six having lasted a mere half hour.

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Debate 6;5;46.

Meetings of the Debating Society vary considerably both in the quality of the speeches and in the attendance. The Debate on Monday night we think was conspicuous neither for the quality of the speeches nor for the large crowd which one might reasonably have expected to be present in view of the controversial motion before the house.

Mr ADDLESON proposed that "Until Rhodes freely discusses political trends it will not fulfill the function of a true University". The proposer speaking with usual facility, but not with his usual flair for quiet humour, dilated upon the ambiguous wording of the motion in regard to the current political trends and the function of a true University; and then, having resolved the ambiguity to his own satisfaction, proceeded to a definition of education in a University, touching, en passant, on the immaturity of the S.A. students, who are disinterested in politics despite the unique opportunity afforded them of studying them, with complete irresponsibility. Discussion and open-mindedness were particularly necessary in a University, and it were far better for Rhodes if the bogey be dealt with in the spirit rather than have it tucked away, lest free discussion of the problems of the country offend the susceptibilities of individuals. Students had a duty to strive after ideals which were arrived at through political strife.

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Mr BRUNT, leading the opposition, was of the opinion that political discussion in a university was premature; he felt experience should precede discussion. The university was in existence largely in order to teach people how to think. The main necessity was for individual thought; indulging in political discussion without the necessary experience was like placing the cart before the horse.

Miss FRANKLIN, seconding the proposer declared that an undue emphasis was placed on the past in University Education generally, to the detriment of a study and understanding of the present. There was no discussion in Rhodes concerning other people's points of view and there existed a tolerance based only on indifference. It was important that we should get to know other people and arrive at maturity by striving after it.

Miss DU TOIT, speaking in support of Mr BRUNT, declared that maturity was attainable only through thought and reason. The introduction of party politics to Rhodes would have an undesirable influence on the first years. There was danger from prejudice or bias which would react unfavourably to the detriment of the affairs of the College.

The following spoke from the floor: Miss FULLARD, Messrs GOUGH, DUVAL-SMITH, BETTISON, HARRIS, GLUCKMAN, and BENNEWITH.

The motion was carried by 34 votes to 8.

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DRAM SOC NOTES

Having begun the year well with a reasonably successful evening of one act plays the Dram Soc Committee is full of big ideas for the future. Every type of performance from Shakespeare to revue has been discussed, and many unusual stages - including J.K. Lawn. It only remains for someone to suggest a performance of Hamlet in the swimming bath - after which it comes as an anticlimax to report that the next production will actually be on the stage on the Great Hall. The play, however, is not as ordinary as the choice of stage, for "The Emperor Jones", masterpiece of one of the greatest modern dramatists, Eugene O'Neill, is one of the most ambitious plays tackled for many years. LEON GLUCKMAN, who has, fortunately, returned to do something about an M.A. is producing this atomic bomb of drama with NORMAN ADDLESON as co-producer, and with REX PENNINGTON in the lead. Those members of the audience who survive the terrors of the Forest scenes, for which RONNIE PHILIP has designed some amazing sets, will have something to remember for many a year. Like most great plays "The Emperor Jones" offers plenty for the average play goer and plenty for those who like to think. Incidentally, about 40 extras are needed for this production to play non-speaking parts, some of which offer quite a bit of scope to the talented. Previous experience is not necessary and there will not be much rehearsing. All those interested can get in touch with Mr GLUCKMAN at Cory House.

Besides "The Emperor Jones" Dram Soc proposes putting on "French Without Tears" for the entertainment of Old Rhodians who foregather here at the end of June. This very amusing comedy will also probably be put on for present Rhodians shortly before the end of term.

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

FILMS

GRAND. From Wednesday to Saturday this week the very successful "NOB HILL" with George Raft and Joan Bennett will be showing. This is all about San Francisco smart society before the earthquake and there's very little in it that wasn't in "San Francisco" ten years ago, but it's still worth seeing. "THE WAY TO THE STARS" (May 22 - 25) is a really fine film and, although it deals with an aspect of the war, is by no means just one of the usual run of blood and tears. It's probably the best of all the war films and one of the finest English pictures yet produced. Don't miss it. HIS MAJESTY'S. For sheer entertainment H.M. offers two excellent films this week - "BATHING BEAUTY", which needs no introduction (May 13 - 14) and the hilarious film of Noel Coward's brilliant play which ran for years and years in London - "BLITHE SPIRIT" (May 16 - 18). Next week H.M. has "STORY OF DR. WASSELL", one of the more typical war films with American heroism and lots of sentiment. Gary Cooper is the middle-aged doctor, but it's still quite good.

GENERAL

"RHODES VARIETY" - Grand Theatre, May 22nd (for Rhodians) and May 23rd (for townspeople), with "THE WAY TO THE STARS". A good show - for Holland Relief.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY : "WHY NOT SPLIT ATOMS?" - Mr J.A. GLEDHILL

At two days' notice, Mr GLEDHILL produced an excellent talk on atomic physics for the Scientific Society, and avoided the mistake made by too many speakers on this subject - he was not above beginning at the beginning. M.Sc students were heard to complain that they had learnt nothing new from the lecture, but they forget that the Society attempts to interest all sections of Rhodes, and does not devote itself to advanced dissertations.

From the discovery of X-Rays and the first proof that the atom itself could be broken down, the saga of the first controlled experiments on the transmutation of one element into another was told - the dream of the Philosopher's Stone seemed to be coming true. Many great men of science, especially those under Lord Rutherford's guidance have added to our knowledge of the atom, and in particular, its nucleus, the study of which has culminated in the production of the Atom Bomb. In the speaker's opinion atomic research would have to go on even though many wished to have it stopped.

A point of interest brought up by Mr GLEDHILL was the futility of the destruction of the Japanese cyclotrons by the Americans. They were not being used on any Atomic bomb project, but were employed to produce artificially radio-active elements of great value to the medical profession.

Attendance at these lectures has been increasing steadily and the prophets of the Society are hoping that they may be able to persuade unsuspecting Rhodians of the truth of what Professor HAWORTH at Grad quite impartially of course, called "the fairy-tales of Science."

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S.C.A. : WHITHER UNIVERSITIES? - The Rev JOHN McDOWALL

The S.C.A Meeting was on Wednesday evening, May 8th. The speaker started by pointing out that an examination of trends in Universities at the present moment was impossible unless we were quite clear on the meaning of the University itself. Universities came into being in an attempt during the Middle Ages to fuse classical learning with Christianity. The attempt was successful until the Renaissance and the rediscovery of the importance of natural history. The problem which confronted universities to-day was a fusion between the old learning and the new science. In developing his argument, Rev McDOWALL pointed out that the greatest and most fatal fallacy which exists at present is the 'spectator' point of view about learning. Universities discovered the great moral, spiritual and intellectual problems which confront man, yet at present do little more than state them. There must also be an attempt at solution, and this inevitably precludes any possibility of "scientific detachment." Science may itself be neutral - its application however is definitely moral. Values are facts which universities forget at their peril. Neglect of values has led to excessive departmentalization of knowledge - also done at great risk. In fact, a new integration is necessary. Mr McDOWALL's contention was that Christianity was the only solution which gave satisfactory results, and certainly that contention was still to be disproved.

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ODDS AND ENDS

The Street Collection held yesterday in aid of the Netherlands Students Relief Fund raised £43.18.8 - including four farthings. The Rhodes Committee have asked "The Rhodeo" to publish their sincere thanks to all the Rhodes and T.C; girls who by their sweet smiles collected this figure - quite a large one for a Grahamstown street collection.

Rhodians quartered at the Air School are watching progress on the new men's residence with more than usual interest in view of the current report that the Air School may have to be vacated in July or August. Despite transport difficulties, inconvenience and so on the "farmers" seem to be enjoying life out there. Despite vague remarks about the good food we believe that the present prosperity of the SAAF Mess may have something to do with it.

Students of the Netherlands and certain members of the university faculties played a very important role in the national resistance. - Roughly one thousand students lost their lives in various forms of resistance activity.

GRAD BALL

Before we'd really woken up to the fact that the term had begun, we found ourselves one of a seething mass of people ploughing their way through the clouds of dust in the Great Hall at Grad Ball. In the haze, all sorts of things were being said to each other by closely entwined couples - emboldened no doubt by the careless abandon of the Nordic nudes displayed on one of the unusual decorative panels. Unfortunately the steady roar of feet - people danced to it when the band was inaudible - drowned many revealing comments. One sweet Inkette however, dancing rapturously to "This is the Story of a Starry Night", was heard to breathe into her partner's ear - "I adore this - it's Tchaikovski you know."

The Host and Hostess were Dr and Mrs J. SMETH-THOMAS, and others looking down upon the struggling throng were Professor and Mrs K.D.WHITE and MIKE SZENDREI. Mr JOE KING seemed to be thoroughly enjoying himself perhaps because the whole affair did have something of the air of a sporting event.

Attractive CYNTHIA WOOD was dancing with fiance BOB WEEKES. They take the final plunge in June and talking of plunges, RODNEY MUNDY and STELLA BUCHANAN seemed to be looking very pleased with each other. Fresh from his good showing from the Rugby Tour was BOB CREBO partnering - well need you ask? MALLY GILLMER was also there, but, having a broken arm, apparently not for dancing purposes.

Among others in a large party were graduates ANNE BALLENDEN, BARBARA VIGNE and MARIE PLEWMAN, back at the old Grahamstown haunts for the morrow's ceremony. Elsewhere we spotted ANTOINETTE RYMER and JOAN WHEELER forgetting the worries of the big world and relaxing in the carefree atmosphere of a Rhodes dance. JANE ROGERS, looking very striking in black, danced, and sat out (almost in public) with SRC Chairman IAN SMITH. Other noticeable couples were REX PENNINGTON with JOY HOPWOOD - vivacious as ever - and deceptive looking JEAN WILSON with MURRAY HOFMEYER.

Altogether it was quite a smart occasion and apart from the odd hangover (strange when the nearest pub is so far away!) it left many pleasant memories. Incidentally, considering the difficulties involved in the new cake and bread regulations, the catering committee put up a good show.

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COMING EVENTS

MAY 25th : S. MARY'S HALL DANCE.

The Rhodes Netherlands Relief Fund Committee is bursting with bright ideas for various kinds of entertainment and Rhodians may look forward to a number of attractions - details of which have not yet been fixed. A Night Club affair in the Great Hall - probably on JUNE 8th - is on the books, and among other things, they hope to have a big dance in the City Hall, a baby show for the Smoothie Johnsons of Grahamstown and a beauty competition to display the orchids of Oriel, the beautiful saints of S. Mary's (if any) and the rages of Rhodes generally. An entry has already been received from the Music Department, so we understand, but unfortunately the competition will be confined to women.

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COULD HOLLYWOOD HAVE KNOWN ??????

ALL THIS AND HEAVEN TOO	:	CALVIN COOK
FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS	:	ZOE BISSETT
THE LOST WEEKEND	:	MICK ROONEY
LADIES IN RETIREMENT	:	THE SECOND YEARS
VALLEY OF DECISION	:	MILNER QUARRY
YOUNG IDEAS	:	BASIL GREEN
DOUBLE INDEMNITY	:	DENT TWINS
SPELLBOUND	:	JEFF BUTLER
THE UNINVITED	:	FOUNDERS BLUES
THOUSANDS CHEER	:	RETURN OF THE RHODEO
TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR	:	DAVID FITCHAT, DESIREE WATSON & J.CARR

MAN ABOUT KAIF

Kaif is so crowded now that if "CHEESIE" STROH turned up there with ESTHER HAYES we'd hardly even notice it. And as for women's residences we hid behind a pillar at the entrance of Beit to watch the unsuspecting victims being led out to the slaughter, but there were so many sheep that we just fell asleep counting them. We stayed awake long enough, however, to ask NAN BIRRELL if we could lend her 5/- for her kaif subscription as we never seem to see her there. We don't often miss VAL DE LA HARPE, however at the approved hours, but what is happening to her hair? It's up - it's down - it's up. Well anyway it's down now. Perhaps JEFF couldn't make up his mind. And talking of Jeff, does TONY BARBOSA like his jackets to keep his knees warm, or is it just his tailor? Kaif was buzzing recently with natter over SID SMYTHE'S sleek Lagonda. We heard so many stories about its previous owners that we were quite prepared to be told it was the car in which the Queen of Sheba drove to meet Solomon. However it appears that it belonged to one of those Mitford girls - one married Blackshirt Sir Oswald Moseley, the other fell for Hitler and got shot in the head for it. And talking of cars, we noticed BABS CORNELIUS surrounded by an unusual number of hopeful looking types the other day and wondered if she'd been reading Dale Carnegie until we found she'd got herself a car.

Men's headgear fashions at Rhodes seem to be changing somewhat. GORDON KEAY appeared for a few days in a smashing gaily-coloured lady's straw hat, while DAVE FITCH wears the duckiest little maroon affair - is it a hat or just an acorn gone wrong? We haven't seen the top of MICK GIOIA'S head for months - has the beret grown on to the scalp perhaps. He's got quite a lot of hair for a little boy anyway.

As if there aren't enough PARKINS knocking round here for confusion-what with PAT, ROY, DENNIS and SAM - NAN turned up here for a few days and had some people guessing. We like having two of PAT anyway, as long as we know which one we're pushing. And talking of pushing, the Albany Club very kindly releases RONNIE PHILIP occasionally and we've noticed him with his usual amiable smile on his face and Inkette DIANA WHEELER (one of our budding actresses) on his arm. We understand that the bond between them is merely an interest in the stage.

The accident to the Zoology party after the Easter week-end seems to have had a bright spot for one person, anyway - RAY HARTMAN, pinned under the truck with persian cat-like CHLORIS EDMONSTONE-SAMMONS, now recovering in hospital in P.E. (from the accident). Personally we wouldn't like to be pinned under a truck with anyone, but if it had to happen to us we'd like CHLORIS to be somewhere round about.

They say clothes make the man but what does a maroon and gold striped shirt with a bright red tie and a white sports coat make BEN NEALE-MAY? We'd hate to say. And incidentally, SHU-SHU DIXON seems to have been very smart lately - full-time pushing, or sports coat at the cleaners?

And to finish up with until the next crop - we must congratulate the HOFMEYERS on a fine example of brotherly love and socialistic principles, to say nothing of JEAN WILSON'S loyalty to the family. We ourselves are definitely capitalistic in matters like this.

WE WANT TO KNOW :

1. What ~~to~~ GLEDHILL was doing charging from jeweller to jeweller with BARBARA'S engagement ring? Mercury wouldn't have anything to do with it, would it?
2. Whether RUTH WALLACE and "CHOPS" CASON have determined to put up a solid front?
3. If it's influence that gets DENNIS HASENJAGER all the best books in the library?
4. Who, besides ourselves, makes a point of never signing for 'phone calls?
5. Why Alf's is so popular these days. (No prizes).
6. Whether it's true that IAN MEINE'S jalopy, "KATBERG KATE", was really taken from Tutenkhamen's tomb?
7. When BASIL GREEN is going to give us an exhibition of his ballet-dancing?
8. Whether it is the new Rhodes Armoured Division that roars past Graham House every morning, midday and afternoon?
9. What happened to DONNA WESSINGER'S horse? She and DAVE would look nice on it together.

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Send in your contributions if they're caustic but clever - if they're caustic, weak and a crack below the waterline, try the Free Thinkers Club.

THE INTERVARSITY RUGBY TOUR.

I want to start my report of the Intervarsity tour with an assurance that our performances in the Cape were far in advance of the one given on the Field on May 4th against Parks. Remember that the latter was a cup match, the intervarsities, friendlies. There is, for all who were disappointed on the 4th, a moral to be drawn somewhere. I leave it to them.

The Cradock Rovers Game on April 20th was a good hard test for the team, and they came out of it with just the confidence they needed. A thunderstorm shortly after play started rather spoilt things for us and most of the work fell on the forwards. They scrummed a heavier pack into the ground and laid the foundation for our win 9-0. MURRAY HOFMEYR, curiously enough, got a drop over, and GEORGE WHITEHEAD was with him later when he broke in the last ten minutes to take an inside pass and go over under the posts. DAVE HANSON did the rest.

We went from Cradock early on Monday 22nd. A word about the kindness of our Cradock hosts. Their hospitality is much appreciated. The train journey was broken at Naauport by a 4-hour wait so we had a run on the local field, which was an experience to say the least.

Stellenbosch we came to and saw on Tuesday, on Wednesday conquered. The Maties were on vac so we put up at Dagbreek, Babel of over 400 hundred students. We were warmly received and our accomodation difficulties were partially solved by our being able to stay on until Friday. There was no talent around for a dance but we had a scope after the game and a trip to the Strand the next day.

Once again the weather was unkind to us and the field, normally slow, was sodden. We played like champions in the first half and changed over with an eight point lead. Once again the forwards were extremely efficient in the tight. "CAPPY" SINCLAIR hooked well, and did fine work in the line outs. DAVE HANSON also, was always in the picture apart from his good kicking of a heavy ball, whilst MCMILLAN was outstanding in defence. Considering the conditions, the three quarters were efficient without being outstanding. In the first half Rhodes called the tune and after 15 minutes MURRAY HOFMEYR dummed through with the rest of the line in attendance. He gave to NEIL MACDONALD who drew the full back and gave DIRK DE VILLIERS the honour of scoring. HANSON made the goal. By this stage MALLY GILLMER had hurt his arm and was really out of the running but he went on to do great things in defence.

The second try came a few minutes later when the ball got to ANDY COLE on the left wing - when he was cornered near the line he lobbed in to HOFMEYR who nipped past several bewildered Maties before they could lay a finger on him. He seemed to go through their legs but that is just the impression his feline movements give one. By this time the ball was too heavy and the range too great for DAVE HANSON'S boot.

The second half was a different story. The Maties, one man short, woke up to the seriousness of the situation and Rhodes seemed to be content to rest on their laurels, with the result that we were nearly rushed off our feet. We found ourselves hanging on by the skin of our teeth and even so we couldn't stop them getting an overlap and scoring in the corner. A prodigious kick got them two more points. Towards the end we staged a comeback, but there was no more scoring and we had beaten Stellenbosch for the first time and beaten them convincingly.

We had a week to wait before meeting UCT and we had to see to it that there was to be no more flagging in the second half. We did some serious training and it paid a good dividend. Against Varsity we lasted much better. The team was scattered over Cape Town in various private homes and hotels, so, fortunately perhaps, there is no record of what went on. But apparently a good time was had, rugby permitting.

Cape Town Rugby followers agreed that this match was going to be a close thing and good to watch, and turned up in their thousands. At last we got a fine day and both teams welcomed ideal conditions. Play began at 4.15 - latish to entice a larger crowd. We crowded on the pace from the kick-off and had Varsity defending at once. Once more the forwards dominated the tight scrums, and line outs and loose scrums broke about even. Territorially we had the better of it. DAVE HANSON narrowly missed a penalty, and then KEITH MCMILLAN tore away from a midfield loose scrum with the ball at his feet, bowled the Ikey full back over as they dived for the ball, got possession again, and reached the line, where GEORGE WHITEHEAD chipped in and scored the try. With all due respects to WHITE-

HEAD, it was MCMILLAN'S try. It was in the corner but DAVE made no mistake with the kick. MCMILLAN was always much in evidence but it would be unfair to discriminate amongst the forwards. They didn't have an easy job, and giving all they had, they laid the foundation so essential for success in rugby. Such was the position at half time.

Then the test came. Varsity threw everything they had into the game and they had a lot. The way they threw the ball about was an object lesson to us, and their loose forwards seemed to fill the field. They unfailingly nailed MURRAY HOFMEYR in his breaks and generally kept the line bottled up. UCT launched attack after attack on our line and it seemed that they must score. But our defence was really magnificent. HOFMEYR'S genius is in defence, and there it saved us from defeat. Mention should also be made of BLIGNAUT on the wing, vice GILLMER who never let AL SMITH get by him, and CREBO whose calmness under pressure was outstanding - also of DIRK DE VILLIERS' low and deadly tackling; they were first out of fifteen dour defenders. A score had to come for Varsity and it came in the classic way: loose scrum, quick heel, overlap but the kick failed. Varsity went on hammering at our line but we held on: I don't think I've ever seen a more tired pack of forwards but they were still taking the ball in the tight and in the end they came back to give UCT some of their own medicine.

HANSON broke away in their half and ANDY COLE took an outside pass - then whipped in to beat the full back. Rhodes supporters raised a great shout for he was clear to score but the referee saw him put one foot outside the field under the linesman's nose and that was that.

Such was our success. May I end with a few bouquets and one sincere regret. MURRAY HOFMEYR captained the side in an inspiring manner. He was everything a skipper should be and did most of the managing of the team to boot. Sportmanship in all three games was of the highest order, with the will to win powerful but well contained within the laws of the game, a circumstance often lacking in cup rugby. My regret is the regret of the whole team, indeed of the whole club, that our coach MR MARAIS could come with us no further than Cradock, and further, that we are to lose his stimulating presence and influence. Lastly I count it my privilege to tell this story of success, as I do, to have managed in however inactive a capacity, such a successful and eminently manageable team.

There follow some statistics of the games.

The team and matches played:

ALERS(all), BELLEW(nil) BLIGNAUT(CR,UCT) COETZEE(all) COLE (all) CREBO(all) DE VILLIERS (all) GILLMER (CR,US) HANSON (all) HOFMEYR(all) I.A. McDONALD (CR UCT) N. MACDONALD (US,UCT) MCMILLAN (all) MULLER (US) WHITEHEAD (all) NEALE MAY (nil) SINCLAIR (all) SMYTH (US UCT) ZASMAN(all).

BREGGER played v Cradock Rovers but went no further on tour.

RESULTS: April 20th - RUC 9 (1 drop goal, 1 goal) Cradock Rovers 0

April 24th - RUC 8 (1 try, 1 goal) Stellenbosch Univ 5 (1 goal)

May 1st - RUC 5 (1goal) U.C.T. 3 (1 try)

P.H.M.B.

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We have been asked to express the thanks of the Rugby Club to Mr.P.H. M. BELLEW for his very able management of the team on its successful tour.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY: RUC 1A vs TC 1B. (RUC 4, TC 0)

The first match of the season was played on Saturday 4th May. The RUC first team is as yet unsettled, but in spite of this, and in spite of lack of practice and a sticky field, play was better than anticipated. The game was one-sided, Rhodes having little to do, but when called upon they showed some forceful play. Only once did the opposing side threaten our Goal and then the position was neatly saved by the goalie who showed her usual skill.

Both the halves and the backs cleared well and kept the game evenly distributed, but their combination could be improved. The forward line should show more dash in their play, especially in the circle. The left side of the field combined well, particularly J. TARR and W. ASHMAN.

As newcomers to the team the two wings - W. ASHMAN and E. ECCLES showed promise, but they must concentrate well out on the wing.

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PITCHED BATTLE WITH PARKS;... RHODES WIN 11-6 IN GRUELLING GAME

A large and enthusiastic crowd watched Rhodes 1 defeat Parks by 11 points to 6 in a Senior Town Challenge Match played on the home field on Saturday May 4th.

During the first twenty minutes play was mainly in the Rhodes half where Parks employed smother tactics: wheeling forward movements often looked dangerous. Rhodes' defence however, was sound and stood the test. Hofmeyr was noticeable in this respect and relieved many difficult situations with timely touch-finding. After twenty three minutes of play, during a forward tangle, Parks made an onslaught on the Rhodes line and Labuschagne broke through to open the scoring. PARKS 3 RUC 0.

Thereafter, there was a series of gruelling forward battles which were capped by a fine Rhodes three-quarter movement bringing play into the visitors' half. Unfortunately an infringement reversed the advance and a forward tussle developed in midfield where play stopped with the score unchanged at halftime.

Rhodes were unlucky early in the second half to miss a penalty and a drop goal. Play continued in the same hectic struggling fashion with protracted forward stands and occasional thrustful sallies by the centres. The defence work on both sides was so robust and keen that there were very few opportunities for outstanding individual efforts. In all departments the teams were evenly matched. Penalty goals brought the score to 6-6, HANSON succeeding for Rhodes and HARTMAN for Parks. Towards the end of play, after an excellent three-quarter rush, DE VILLIERS went over for the final and deciding try, which was converted by HANSON. This gave the home team a five point victory. Final Score : RUC 11 PARKS 6.

Prominent in the Parks team were DU PLOOY, DE KLERK and FOURIE. RUC as a combination proved sound; the only criticism we can offer is that there was a tendency on DE VILLIER's part to hold the ball too long. Both fullbacks, CREBO and BURGER gave creditable performances.

The referee was Mr STAN HUNTER.

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OTHER RUGBY RESULTS (MAY 4TH)

PARKS 111 - 14. RUC 111 - 0. The visitors played business-like rugby and their lively bustling tactics were too much for their opponents. Some of the Rhodes players were obviously unfit (Grad Ball and all that) - their reaction was slow and their defence inclined to be half-hearted. On the other hand mention should be made of the thrustful play on the attack of flyhalf KNOX and of useful work in the loose by the forwards.

RHODES under 19A-18. RUC 14 0. A mediocre game with occasional high standard threequarter movements by the junior team. We hope the selectors will watch the under 19A back line for potential 3rd team material.

RHODES under 19B - 3. GRAEME 1st 4. This was a bright and spirited match which produced good school standard rugby. With one or two changes in the pack GRAEME should do well. Rhodes were on form but marred play in the first half with excessive footwork.

RHODES under 19C - 6. GRAEME 2nd 0. Ragged and untidy with Rhodes giving exhibitions of weight-throwing. GRAEME superior to their heavier opponents but unsupported by their backs.

FIXTURES FOR THE FORTNIGHT :

MAY 18TH - Town and Country League Trials.

MAY 22ND - Rhodes I play Oostelikes at Rhodes.

MAY 25TH - Rhodes I play U.C.O.F.S. at Rhodes, and Rhodes Country I play Albany at Rhodes.

CRICKETRUC vs WITS

A two-day intervarsity cricket match was played on the Rhodes field on April 17th and 18th. Rain fell on the night of the 16th and it was with some trepidation that NORTON, on winning the toss, put WITS in to bat on a wicket on which it looked as though anything might happen.

OBERHOLZER and STEMLER, the WITS Captain, opened their innings against the bowling of KELLY and CLOTHIER-SINCLAIR. They batted fairly confidently on a difficult wicket with the ball popping dangerously at times, but once they had gone their side collapsed and WITS were out by 1.15 for 94 runs. KELLY bowled well throughout, claiming 5 wickets for 46 runs, and he was ably backed by SINCLAIR. The RHODES fielding on the whole was of a high standard and the wicket keeping of HARRIS was worthy of mention.

RHODES opened shakily against the bowling of VAN VELDEN and LOWELL: VAN VELDEN bumped dangerously and caused several bruises, but he took several wickets and RHODES were soon in the uncomfortable position of having four wickets down for 40. PRINGLE (31) and BIRRELL (14) stopped the rot however, and they were followed by KELLY and MOORE (24 not out) who carried the RUC score past the Wits total. After KELLY had gone, RHODES were soon out, their score totalling 128. VAN VELDEN and TROLLIP were the most successful WITS bowlers, taking four wickets each. The WITS wicketkeeper BARKMAN gave a splendid performance catching three and stumping three of the RHODES batsmen.

WITS batted for about 45 minutes in their second innings before stumps were drawn, with their score at 32 for 4 wickets. During this period SINCLAIR produced some fine bowling, his figures being 11 overs 5 maidens, 13 runs, 2 wickets.

There was no rain during the night but heavy dew left the sicket still tricky at the opening of the second day's play. The batsmen could take no chances but thanks to two dropped catches WITS took their score to 112. COOPER played a plucky innings for 25, going in No 4 and being the last batsman out. MOORE and HOPE bore the brunt of the attack of the second day and each took three wickets.

RHODES opened their second innings shortly before lunch requiring 79 runs to win. Catastrophe soon overtook them, however, for McMILLAN and NORTON were put out with the score at 6. As MURRAY had sprained his wrist while fielding things now looked very black. Lunch was taken with the score at 19 for 2. An hour's hot sun on the wicket during the lunch interval seemed to make the wicket more playable and in the hour after lunch in which the rate of scoring was higher than that at any other time during the match, PRINGLE (44 not out) and HOFMEYR (39 not out) passed the WITS total. They both batted well, PRINGLE being particularly attractive to watch. RHODES therefore, won the match by 8 wickets.

SCORES

WITS : 1st innings 94 (KELLY 5 for 46. SINCLAIR 3 for 24)
 RUC : 1st innings 128 (PRINGLE 31, MOORE 24 not out, KELLY 22)
 WITS : 2nd innings 112 (COOPER 25, TROLLIP 25 MOORE 3 for 15, HOPE 3 for 33.)
 RUC : 2nd innings 93 for 2 (PRINGLE 44 not out) HOFMEYR 39 not out.)

TEAMS

WITS : STEMLER (capt), TROLLIP, OBERHOLZER, BLOOM, BARKMAN, COOPER, VAN VELDEN, TAYLOR, GIBSON, LOVELL, PHILLIPS.
 RUC : NORTON (capt), HOPE, HOFMEYR, MURRAY, PRINGLE, KELLY, MOORE, BIRRELL, HARRIS, McMILLAN, CLOTHIER-SINCLAIR.

A feature of the match was the poor quality of the Rhodes wicket. This was by no means due only to the rain. It is essential that, if we wish to hold further big matches here, some time and money be spent on it under the guidance of somebody experienced in the science of turf wickets.

SQUASHRUC vs WITS.

Among many other events crowded into the last few days of a chaotic term was the RHODES-WITS Intervarsity Squash Tournament, in which RUC carried off the newly - awarded Basil de Sacks Trophy. This was the first contest for the trophy and as only RHODES and WITS had put teams in for it, it was decided that two matches should be played.

The first began on Tuesday April 16th with HEYNS (RUC) v ALTMAN. After winning the first two games HEYNS was slightly shaken by a marked improvement in ALTMAN who, though winning the third game, nevertheless lost 3-1. On the next court meanwhile, play was punctuated by the cheerful condolences POLLOCK offered HARRIS (RUC) each time the latter's shots went adrift - POLLOCK going on cheerfully to win the set 3-0. Neither player in the STOKES v LOON match gave an exhibition of brilliant squash. Plenty of obstructions on LOON's part, followed by his magnanimous and oft-repeated "Take a let" were a feature of the game which he won 3-1. In the fourth game LOWITT (RUC) very much on his toes, kept his opponent WILLIAMS hard at it, losing one game only through relaxing temporarily.

Star turn of the afternoon, as was expected, was the PENNINGTON-CASWELL match, particularly as Rex was still smarting from the defeat inflicted on him by CASWELL at Helwan in January. PENNINGTON's long drives kept his opponent on the defensive and his usual prodigious stamina (Shell we understand) carried him on to win comfortably 9-6, 9-2 and 10-9. At the same time, HOPE who has appealed for a specially heightened court to be made for him - was playing WYCHE (Wits, not Macbeth). After an even battle a spell of carelessness on WYCHE's part in the third game (the score being one all) gave HOPE a good but temporary lead, for his opponent battled on to narrow victory in this and in the fourth game of a very evenly contested match.

First day score: 3 sets (11 games) each.

Rhodes began the second day with long faces: LOWITT having left for Durban with the Swimming Team and HOPE being involved in the Intervarsity Cricket. Faces grew longer when HEYNS, this time playing WILLIAMS lost 3-1 despite the big effort which won him the second game. HOPE, after bringing his sadly unproductive innings to a close, had his revenge on WYCHE winning 3-1 without very much difficulty. STOKES again played LOON and in a better game than that of the previous day, soon got into his stride and went on to win 3-1.

SISMEY, deputising for LOWITT in his match with POLLOCK provided what was in some ways the highlight of the Intervarsity. Their frequent ejaculations clearly indicated the progress of the game, to the amusement of spectators and when after four games the equal score necessitated an extra game - which too was played in the same dogged way - POLLOCK exclaimed his way to victory.

HARRIS' 3-1 victory in his second match with ALTMAN made up for comparatively weak play on the previous day, while an object lesson in squash was given in the last match - PENNINGTON v CASWELL. This began with RUC leading 6 sets to 5 and 3 games ahead. The players' good court-craft was noticable in their avoidance of shots which would have led to obstructions. PENNINGTON sailed home, winning 3 games easily, although he lost the second 3-9.

After the match, Major WALKER presented the Basil de Sacks Trophy to PENNINGTON, captain of the Rhodes team which won 7-5.

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SWIMMINGINTERVARSITY

Under the management of Mr H.R. MUNDY the RUC Swimming and Waterpolo teams travelled to Natal for the 16th Annual Intervarsity Tournament. Six universities took part and it was the first time for a number of years that the Men's Club sent either swimmers or polo players to such a tournament.

The Championships extended over two days, the first gala being held in Durban and the other in Maritzburg. The first was watched by a large

crowd (amongst whom were Old Rhodians 'TOIN RYMER, ANNE WEST, DOUG DOULL and KEITH WHITAKER) and was heralded by numerous songs and warcries from all the universities. Rhodes got away with a good start when Misses MORTIMER and PECKOVER gained 2nd and 3rd places in the 50 yards - both swimming the event under colours time. Our points rose when LEWIS swam into a fairly easy second place in the 150 backstroke. Miss CORNELIUS swam excellently in the 200 yds breaststroke to obtain 3rd place to Miss COETZEE of Wits and Miss RICH (natal.) Miss ATKINSON also put up a very creditable performance but failed to be placed. RUC was represented by Misses CORNELIUS and PECKOVER in the 220 yds Freestyle - the latter gaining third place. HEUGH and Patrick (The Wonder Boy) BOWLES both clocked in under colours time in the Men's 220 taking 4th and 5th places. Miss PECKOVER was beaten in the 150 yds backstroke by Miss FOUCHE (Wits) but both set up times well inside the existing record.

The Gala drew to a close with a waterpolo match between UCT and RUC. It was unfortunate that we should have drawn so strong a team in the first match, for our lack of experience prior to the tournament was a definite handicap. In the goal, MEYER saved extremely well while LOWITT and MUNDY played very good defensive games. HEUGH was energetic on the wing - GIOIA's shooting at centre forward was 'terrific' and it was mainly due to him that we drew first blood. UCT was definitely the superior side - the final score being 8-4 in their favour. The experience RUC gained proved valuable in later matches.

Points at the end of the Gala were: WITS 52, RUC 12, NUC, UCT and STELLENBOSCH 4 and PRETORIA 0.

After the gala we were entertained by the Howard College students at a dance in their Great Hall (no dust or chaperones!!) 'Tis said that certain members of the team went on to a night club and had rather a good time.

Easter Monday morning saw the beginning of the second gala. As a result of two water polo matches WITS and UCT emerged as finalists for the HARRY GETZ Cup. In the Diving Miss PECKOVER was 2nd, with Miss ATKINSON 4th, and HEUGH 5th in the Men's. In a friendly waterpolo match RUC beat NUC 10-0. Experience gained in Durban stood the team in good stead and combination tackling and shooting showed a marked improvement. The first event of the second gala, the Men's 500 gained Rhodes no points although HEUGH swam well. The Women's team just managed a third place in the Medley Team Race Championship. Eight points were added to our total when Miss PECKOVER and Miss ATKINSON gained 1st and 2nd places in the Women's Diving. BOWLES swimming well, brought RUC into a comfortable place when he touched just ahead of KLENERMAN in a most exciting 100 yds championship. Miss MORTIMER added to her successes by breaking colour time in obtaining 2nd place in the Women's 100 yds, when Miss KINCAID-SMITH (Wits) equalled the record which has existed for many years.

BOWLES was placed 3rd in the 150 yds Medley Championship; and Miss CORNELIUS is to be congratulated on her fine showing in the Women's Medley when she was just beaten, though bettering the existing record.

for RUC,

The highlight of the Tournament/was the excellent performance of the Women's Team when for the second year they annexed the Falconer Trophy setting up a new South African University Record. The team consisted of Misses CORNELIUS, ATKINSON, MORTIMER and PECKOVER. After the championships RUC played their third waterpolo match beating Pretoria 6-1. LOWITT, HEUGH and GIOIA played well.

WITS swept the boards with 107 points and put up a fine show. RUC were second with 44 points, 32 of which were gained by the Women, though the men did well in the waterpolo. Third were UCT with 33, then STELLENBOSCH with 19 followed by NUC 7 and PRETORIA 0. Thanks are due to Mr and Mrs CORNELIUS for the wonderful time they gave the teams; to NUC for accomadating the Men in Durban and Maritzburg, and to members of the N.S.A. for helping our waterpolo team and to WITS who gave us many tips.

The tournament was an undoubted success and the true Varsity spirit was evident in the healthy rivalry between the teams.

The Editor - THE RHODEO.

Sir:

From personal experience and unbiased observation I have come to regard NUSAS with considerable distrust. However, it was with as open a mind as possible that I attended the NUSAS Meeting of Friday last. It says a great deal for the idealism and sincerity of Mr STEWART that I was almost converted, and almost converted I was...until in answer to a question he endeavoured to specify what NUSAS actually did, and, I regret to say, failed to achieve the impossible! I then realised that I had been taken in by the old formula...glorious ideals, glowing promises, inspiring exhortations!...Youth! Democracy! Worlds to Conquer! Bla bla bla - so what! We have heard it all so many times before and witnessed the inevitable sequence of results....firstly, the SRC throws in their direction a good £100 (APART from expenses), secondly, a bevy of Rhodes intellectuals sally forth to the Almighty Conference to swap absurdities with a bunch of equally vague, equally mis-informed, and equally intense adolescents with an axe to grind, thirdly, our budding Ballingers return from a fortnight's frothy frolic, sink into obscurity and the whole valueless effort is forgotten about until next year. What does your average student get out of the whole business? Need I say it.....sweet.....nothing. But allow me to correct myself: he (or she) does get something: two periodicals, the one costing 6d and written for intellectuals by intellectuals and above his head; the other so bad as to be beneath consideration. The only other thing NUSAS ever did was to organise overseas tours; these were quite good but they were utilised by $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the student body per occasional annum, and there is little hope of their reappearance for some 2 or 3 years. (I have never met anyone happy about the Book Scheme - or who ever actually got a book, try as he might.) A definite movement to break away from NUSAS has operated on and off since at least 1939 - culminating in a determined effort in 1945. This time let us make a good job of it before this organisation can stagger through another year of aphorism and sophistry on the votes of a few war-weary second year women students.

NUSAS is the extra-special fling of what I call, for want of a better name, the 'Society' clique; that small earnest coterie that form the committees and leading lights of all our cultural or allegedly cultural organisations at Rhodes. They form between 5-10% of the present student strength, but undaunted they run and organise everything. And it is they who beat the big drums for NUSAS, for it is they who imagine that they benefit from it; it is they who form the largely self-elected body of delegates that sail off to the sociological jam-session in Jo'burg. I for one would be less amused and better pleased to see our guardians of culture spending their precious Conference time at work in the Location or seriously investigating local food distribution, rather than debating the excellent but entirely inconclusive topic "Scientific Development in South Africa." What earthly good these purely theoretical discussions by the garrulous few are to the disinterested and inarticulate many, I cannot imagine. It appears that at Rhodes, the tail has been wagging the dog too long - but leave it at that. The student body gets nothing.

In criticising the 'Society' clique, I wish to stress that I am in no way motivated by personal enmities of any description, but strictly by a difference in principles and values. I have a very genuine admiration for their sincerity, their ability, and their diligence, but I do feel that they are, to a degree, misemployed. I strongly advocate that Rhodes should quit NUSAS, and suggest that instead of blowing off hot air at conferences, our gallant social leaders should divert their energies into breathing a new life into the decayed body and conscience of this University. It sure needs it.

To conclude: on first coming to RUC and in the following years, I came to regard the hills circling Grahamstown as symbolic of an intolerable barrier behind which this seat of learning sank into ever sourer stagnation. I still regard the hills as a barrier, but now as a rampart behind which we can evolve our own practical social experiment, behind which we can first set our own houses in order regardless of the windy inconsequences which go on outside. Let first things come first!

I am etc -

LOUIS DE LA MORGUE.

Dear Sir,

May I, through the columns of your paper, suggest that before the U.C.O.F.S. rugby team plays the Rhodes team the authorities hold a few meetings in the Great Hall at 5 p.m. so that all the new students at Rhodes can learn both the war-cry and some of the songs. The lack of enthusiasm at recent rugby matches has come to the fore. I am sure that none of the students will object to giving up a few minutes of their spare time to learn the required.

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Yours faithfully,

"WELL-IE-NING."

We are sorry this letter was not submitted to the tradition-loving "OUTLOOK".-
Ed.

LATE NEWS - SOCIAL

Quite a number of Rhodians turned up to an informal dance held, rather impromptu, in the Great Hall last night by Netherlands Relief (we seem to have heard of them before somewhere). Informal dances strike us as being a very good idea - we don't have everyone in our residence coming in to borrow our dress studs for one thing. Last night there was enough room on the floor for those who like stepping it out and enough of a crowd for those who like doing the Night Club Crawl - amongst whom seems to be TIM DODDS, more glamorously dressed than most. (ELAINE KIRKNESS thought trousers were the best thing or perhaps it was just the cold wind gave her the idea).

Highminded Committee Chairman WILLIE ABRAHAMIS in intervals between some snappy stuff on the piano was not looking so highminded, even when he was dancing with the Brains of Beit - PAM HORWITZ - but we were disappointed to overhear them discussing the ultimate significance of somebody's theory of Holism - or perhaps we got it wrong. We also overheard a somewhat blasé Second Year saying to her partner, "Surprising - no drunks here tonight," and his reply, "No, the first fifteen's in P.E." We only publish this to show the queer ideas that some people have, and in the knowledge that our readers will know better than to pay any attention to it.

We hope one of these days to have the opportunity of hearing DICKIE MOORE crooning - he looked so romantic doing the Sinatra act to his partner in the middle of the floor. We noted something that often happens at the less formal Rhodes dances - numbers of girls waiting patiently to be asked to dance while gangs of men, who presumably came to dance, stood gaping round the entrances. Perhaps their mothers told them never to speak to strange girls.

Things didn't sound too romantic with one couple last night - but we've been paid so much to keep their names dark that perhaps we'll be doing the disappearing trick shortly. There are other reasons why this might be a good thing - but, well, the less said about them the better. Anyway, it all sounded to us like the end of love's young dream, but we understand it quite often happens with these two. It wasn't one of those nights that were made for love anyway - at least, not for us; so we departed - alone.

STOP PRESS : VAL DE LA HARPE'S hair is up again.

"HENRY" (we think at least she ought to be called "HENRIETTA") has entered for the Beauty Competition - on condition that it is held over until after the next crisis in her domestic life. If this is done she may have some entrants for the other Netherlands Relief competition as well.

COMPETITION

We offer one or more prizes of 10s. (the number depending on the quality of the entries received) for the best limerick(s) on any present Rhodian or present member of the staff. Be clever - but clean.

Enter as many as you like - enclosing 3d. with each entry. Drop your entries into the RHODEO box at Kaif before Tuesday, May 21st.

Naturally, the Editor's decision is final.

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