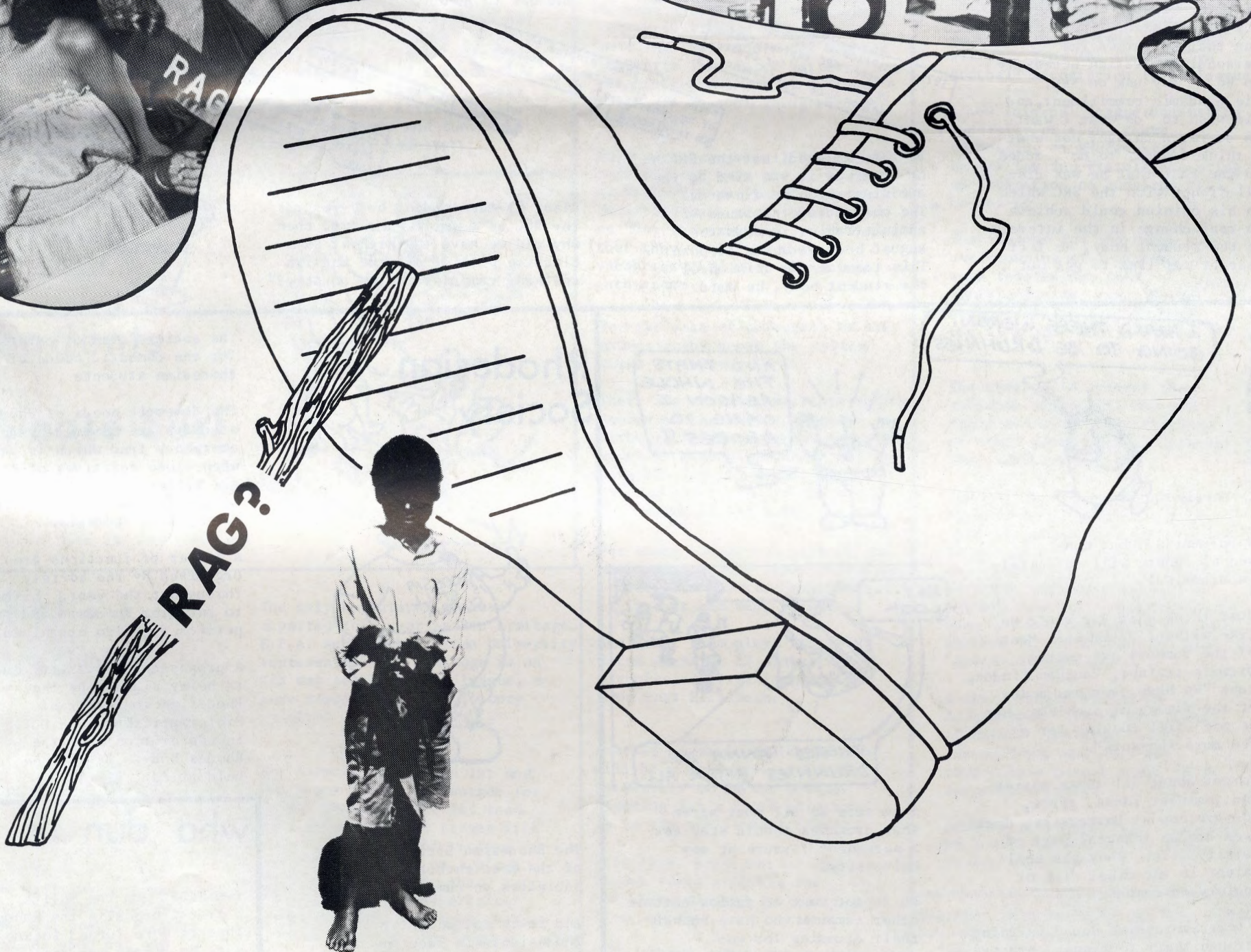


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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR NEW SRC?



AT THE END OF 1979, SRC REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALLAN WEBB AND DROSTDY HALL, WILL MAUDLIN, RESIGNED. A BYE-ELECTION FOR A NEW REPRESENTATIVE WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY MARCH 11. NOMINATIONS OPENED ON FEBRUARY 28.

In a letter to SRC Chairman Chris Butler, dated October 1, 1979, Maudlin explained why he resigned. The feeling that he lacked the personal motivation necessary to be of any use on SRC, his academic commitment, and his wish to "do what I want to do for a change, not what I think I ought to do", added to the fact that he was disillusioned with the SRC which in his opinion could achieve no real change in the interest of the student body, he felt that it was "time to get out", he wrote.

Maudlin also said that an argument with the then warden of Oakdene, James Mulder, had made him decide to resign. Mr Mulder had implied that his activities on the SRC were "a lot of bullshit". If that was what a prominent liberal academic thought of the SRC, then he wondered what he was doing on it, he said.

In a second note to Butler, Maudlin said that the elections of the Rhodexo editors which had not, he thought, been "on merit", should be added to his reasons for resigning.

In an interview with RHODEO recently, Maudlin emphasised that the elections of these editors which had not been "on merit", "the implications of which I do not wish to consider", were an important reason for his resignation.

1979 - Enrolled at Rhodes, elected SRC representative in by-election for Drostdy /Allen Webb constituency

I shall promise to raise any grievances or opinions of my constituents on SRC if I am re-elected.

I would like to be re-elected

I have experienced more difficulty than I expected with regard to getting projects under way.

He also alleged that the SRC had no power as it was tied to the administration by finances. "The obstructive attitude of administration renders the august body a white elephant". This too was the opinion of the student body, he said.

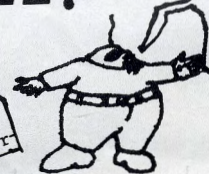
Replying to Maudlin's comments, CHRIS BUTLER had this to say: "In reply to his claim that the SRC is a white elephant, I think it is clear that it is not and that it had a great deal of influence and power for change on this campus. For example, we have also sorted out MIP hassles and timetable clashes for individual students. We have suggested to Admin that they spend money for a planned fountain in the quad on renovating reses, which they did. We have also changed the disciplinary structure, which is now much fairer, and if Maudlin ever gets into trouble he will get a much fairer deal as a result of the SRC. As for being tied to Admin by money, I would say that although we are given a grant by them, they do not interfere in any way with how we spend it. We are responsible to the student body for the use of their money and not to Admin.

Butler also said that it was "spurious" to say that Maudlin resigned because of the elections of the Rhodexo editors. He received Maudlin's letter of resignation before their appointment on October 3, and the second note after the election.

Commenting on Maudlin's resignation, Butler said that he had accepted his letter in the sincerity in which it was written, listing mainly personal reasons for resigning, as it did. He accused Maudlin of making "political capital" out of the election of the Rhodexo eds but said he was in many ways "sorry to see him go."

CHEERIO WILL.

THE ONE GUY WHO JUST RESIGNED FROM THE S.R.C. RECKONS ITS A WHITE ELEPHANT



WELL.....WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM SOMEONE WHO RESIGNS THREE WEEKS AFTER HE TOOK IT ON?



Also, if the student body regards the SRC as a white elephant, then why did we have the highest SRC election poll of all the English speaking campuses in the country?"

DRUMMIES

I HEARD THERE WERENT GOING TO BE DRUMMIES



A. Marais

No drummies, what non-sense! There will definitely be drummies!

Just think what Rag would be like without drummies? Most of the rumours are untrue. Drummie trainer, Vaughan Linden, says "We have overcome most of the financial problems, but we are still looking for a few more sponsors".

Forget about all those sexist and feminist ideas, girls, you are now at University; drummies are an integral part of Varsity life. They are equivalent to any other club or society on campus.

A very impressive squad is going through their routines; practising high kicks and movements.

Drummie Leader this year is Morag McLean, who is ably assisted by her sub-leaders, Kim Budd and Desdre Du Plooy.

AND THATS THE WHOLE REASON I CAME TO RHODES !!



HEY.... LOOK



THERES GONNA BE DRUMMIES AFTER ALL

I am sure we all must agree that drummies should stay as a permanent fixture at any University.

We do not want to follow certain other campuses who have banned their drummies for unknown reasons. Drum majorettes are a Varsity tradition, surely we should not neglect this?

Don't take any rumours seriously, drummies are here to stay!

Rhodesian Society



The Rhodesian Society is one of the most enthusiastic societies on campus.

And it is not only for Rhodesians—in fact one of the committee members is South African. "This may be seen as an attempt at better relations between Rhodesian students and other students," Piet De Bruyn, the chairman, said.

The society aims at catering for the domestic needs of Rhodesian students.

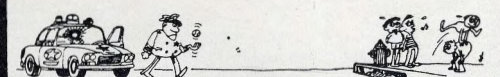
The domestic needs of Rhodesian students are covered by an emergency fund which is used when close relatives of students are killed. The fund is used to pay for the plane tickets to and from Rhodesia.

A number of functions are organised by the society throughout the year. Lifts to and from Rhodesia, and fuel permits, are also organised.

A proposed intervarsity event is being planned by the Rhodesian societies of Pietermaritzburg and UCT in cooperation with the Rhodes body. It will be held at Port Alfred.

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Two weeks ago the police barracks opposite the Rhodes Theatre were turned inside out. No damage was done and nothing was removed. RAG STUNT?





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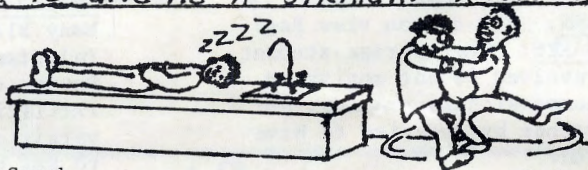


DRUGS

Since its inception in 1961, RUPSA has grown to be one of the largest, most active and dynamic associations on campus. Registered members totalled 323 in 1979. Membership is open to any student on campus.

LAST YEAR THE RUPSA PEOPLE, THAT'S PHARMACISTS IF YOU DON'T KNOW, COLLECTED DRUGS ALL OVER GRAHAMSTOWN TO PREVENT SOMEONE SWALLOWING THE WRONG ONE BY MISTAKE

ANYWAY, I WENT TO GET A REPORT ABOUT IT FOR RHODEO, BUT THEY SEEMED UNABLE TO GIVE ME A 'STRAIGHT' ANSWER



RUPSA is affiliated to the South African Pharmacy Students Federation (SAPSF), which in turn is a full member of the International Pharmacy Students Federation (IPSF). A conference team of thirty members attends the annual SAPSF congress, this year to be held in Pretoria from the 30 June to the 3 July. Two office bearers of RUPSA are at present serving on the National Executive of SAPSF, namely Kevin MacIntosh, RUPSA chairman, and Mark van Wijk, SAPSF editor.

Our campus activities involve assisting the E.P. Blood Transfusion Service at the annual Big Bleed and subsequent Mini Bleeds; providing First Aid Service at the Little Walk; and arranging film shows on various health topics, (held in the Pharmacy Department). Rag participation was "feverish" in the Department until a few years back when lack of sponsorship curtailed our entry. Nevertheless the trophy for the best float was won by RUPSA from 1967 - 1971.

A tremendous amount of effort is thrown into the annual Arts and Sciences Week, each year arranging their own display. A most impressive record is held, with RUPSA winning the Hyslop trophy for the best display from 1967-1973, again in 1975, and then tying for first place in 1978 and 1979 with Geology and Micro respectively.

Community participation is an important concept and recognition of this resulted in a number of events held in the City Hall for Grahamstown residents. Talks on alcoholism and venereal diseases took place together with a general display during the Health Year Fair. One of the most successful events was a "swoop" on Grahamstown by students collecting old, expired and unused drugs, insecticides, pesticides and poisons. The community Services Sub-committee has over the years assisted the nursing sisters at the Assumption Convent Clinic in medical supplies and services.

Although Health Year was officially in 1979, let us continue in this spirit each in our own way. Think health and be healthy.

Who's Complaining?

by Clive Sawyer

After the appearance of an article concerning Summer School in the Oppidan "Orientation Issue", further opinions were sought about the course, and the article itself. The article quoted a student as saying that the school was too "fishy", and reported that some lecturers felt the course was a "rip-off".

"It was not a waste of money in any way" said a student. Another student added, "we found out what Varsity is about, learnt to know the place, and now feel at home."

Many students believed that the J.L.B. Smith Institute was entitled to the R2 520 it received because "Prof Smith goes to a lot of trouble during those two weeks."

Everyone interviewed believed that the course was not a waste of time or money and that all received some degree of benefit.

The point of the discount for servicemen was then raised. Most believed it was unfair. One reaction was, "those guys have a discount because they have chosen to do Army first, but what about those that choose to go to the Army after Varsity." Another student said the discount was unfair: "They receive no more and no less at Summer School."

Summer School....the first years interviewed were by no means "all at sea". Many had used the lectures to help them in curriculum choices, and others found their feet socially - on the Summer School dance floor. And most wanted to know: "Who's complaining?"

Bags' FACE Competition!!



Bags has lost a lot of face over the last edition of RHODEO. Now YOU have a chance to help! Simply fill in his features in the space provided, and tick the appropriate square;

IS BAGS: 1. animal ☐ 4. all of these ☐
2. vegetable ☐ 5. none of these ☐
3. mineral ☐

The first correct entry received by the Rhodeo staff will receive free membership of PERVSOC!

RHODESIAN ELECTIONS

Mr Robert Mugabe ZANU (PF) obtained a clear majority of 14 in the Assembly. Winning 57 of the seats, he obtained 62,99% of the poll. Runners-up were Mr Joshua Nkomo (PF) with 20 seats obtained with 24,113% of the poll.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa (UANC) with 8,277% of the poll was allocated 3 seats. These parties join the 20 RF members who were elected on February 17.

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Mashonaland	6	6		
Mashonaland East	16	14		2
Mashonaland West	8	6	1	1
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Matabeleland South	6		6	
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RAG



IS RAG A FRAUD?

by ANN BURROUGHS

Helen Suzman:

"RAG SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE ABOLISHED! RAG HAS BEEN CALLED PATERNALISTIC. THIS IS ABSOLUTE RUBBISH! RAG HELPS PEOPLE, INTER ALIA, WHO ARE SICK, AND TOO OLD TO WORK.

IT DOES NOT HELP TO CRITICIZE CHARITY, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE STARVING. THEIR MOTIVES ARE ALMOST IRRELEVANT, PRACTICAL HELP IS NEEDED NOW."

Rag has become a tradition at Rhodes. However, a debate has arisen questioning its validity as a charitable organisation, and the validity of charity as such.

It is argued that what is at fault is the system which creates the problems, which Rag attempts to alleviate with financial assistance. By so doing, the problems are perpetuated, because the treatment is seen as a palliative. This presupposes a need to change this system which imposes economic and political restrictions before anything of real value may be attempted. Furthermore it is argued that by attempting to alleviate the problems, one, in fact, supports the system.



History has proved that people have always suffered regardless of the political or economic status quo. Therefore, relief organizations have always been necessary.

Which ever way one views the concept of charity, Dr. Henderson is indeniably correct when he says that Rag does have the purpose "of offering a means for young people to help the disadvantage".



ANN, RHODEO NEWS EDITOR, interviewed a cross section of staff and students.

ANN: Dr Henderson, do you consider Rag as a conscience solver and a palliative

DR HENDERSON: Students are not so shallow; they are aware of the problems of our society. Rag is an opportunity for exercising compassion. It is extremely worthwhile.

ANN: Are students motivated out of a sense of compassion or fun?

DR HENDERSON: All people are complicated creatures with mixed motives. In this case, there is a dual motivation. Fun is involved to support charity, but it is subservient to the main objective.

ANN: Would it be legitimate to raise money by any means? PROFESSOR BROMMET: I would not condone any questionable means of raising money. It is an individual decision, but ultimately the University will decide what is to be permitted.

JAMES WRIGHT (SASPU International Co-ordinator)

ANN: How do you view Rag?

JAMES: The average student involved is not motivated on compassionate grounds, but rather by a desire to have fun.

ANN: What are your main criticisms of Rag?

JAMES: Rag does not educate students in the needs of the people that they attempt to help. Furthermore, the concept of charity is dubious, because it is only a temporary palliative.

Certain of the activities I disapprove of on a personal level, but there is no need to stop a week of fun, but the approach to Rag should be more honest.

ANN: Can you offer an alternative?

JAMES: If the concern were real, an organization of concern rather than an organization of charity should be established.

SUE-WELLS WEST

ANN: In what light do you consider Rag?

SUE: Rag is a fraud! The approach should be more honest, the concern more real. It should emerge from a heart felt desire to change.

A carnival is fine, but it should not be held under false pretences. The motives are wrong.

JOHN YOUNG

"There seems to be greater effort on the behalf of the present Rag Committee to make students more aware of the role that they must ultimately play in helping the community. This must be the priority of any Rag Committee. If the student consciousness is raised through the medium of Rag, then it has a valuable function.

MEMBER OF SACOS

Many Black students are reluctantly registered at Rhodes due to the lack of facilities at other universities. We are opposed to Rag because it is a part of White student activities.

The only alternative is to change the basic structure of our society. Only then will the situation improve. Student involvement in the "good time" is so great, that they are blinded by the real causes of the problems within our society.



THERE IS MUCH THAT IS WRONG WITH RAG; PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE NOT AWARE OF THE WIDER RAMIFICATIONS OF THE CAUSES FOR THE SUFFERING.

NO SYSTEM IS PERFECT, BUT IF ONE WERE TO REMOVE RAG COMPLETELY, MANY PEOPLE WOULD SUFFER. THE MONEY RAISED DOES ALLEVIATE SUFFERING, MUCH OF WHICH IS NOT RELATED TO ANY POLITICAL SYSTEM. IF THESE PARTICULAR SUFFERINGS ARE ALLEVIATED, IN NO WAY WOULD IT HINDER THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL CHANGE.

ANY ATTEMPT AT ALLEVIATING SUFFERING IS GOOD. THE FACT THAT RAG HELPS PEOPLE IS A VALID ENOUGH ARGUMENT FOR PERPETUATING IT.

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Pete Harris refused to comment!

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WHY SO MUCH
CONFUSION OVER
RAG?



I MEAN... SO WHAT
IF THERE AREN'T
DRUMMIES, AND SO
WHAT IF THE RAG
CHAIRPERSON DOESN'T
KNOW WHAT TO SAY
IN THE RAG MAG,
AND SO WHAT IF DELTA
THINK THE WHOLE
THING CONDESCENDING

I THOUGHT THE WHOLE
IDEA WAS TO SEE WHO
COULD GET THE MOST PISSED!



Melanie's Onslaught

It is a pity that Delta found it necessary to criticise the habits of Rhodes Students through Rag. It is really unfortunate that a normally positive action group finds it necessary to launch such a negative campaign against Rag when they have in the past actually approached Rag for funds. If it was within the distribution committees power to give money to an unregistered organisation such as Delta would they still have gone on with the attack?

I was very disappointed to see that students found it necessary to attack Rag when they had not made any positive effort to get involved or to change it. It is also blatantly obvious in the pamphlet that the writer has little or no knowledge of how Rag operates and is satisfied with sitting back and criticising.

As for the criticism which is aimed at alcohol consumption, why criticise Rag for some people's over-indulgence. Of the fourteen major events that Rag organises during our two weeks of campus activity only two of them will actually have alcohol on sale.

The 1979 circular advertising Rag '80 never said that all Rag is, is a good time. A lot of it is hard work as any of the students who have been on a Blitz or taken a "little walk" can tell.

The criticism that Rag is done in a vacuum is valid to an extent, however, if the writer had bothered to read any of the articles published in local and national newspapers in later 1979 after the election of the 1980 committee he/she would have seen that I realise that Rag does have an educative role to play.

DEFENCE

Procession Support?



by TONY SANDELL

At the end of 1979 it was decided to replace the Rag Procession with a Rag Carnival.

As, Rag Day, 15th March, approaches, the decision to replace the procession has been strongly opposed by the majority of students.

Where was this commitment last year when Rag was still six months in the future?

In August of last year, I, in the capacity of SRC Publicity and Communications Officer, attempted to elicit campus support to oppose this decision.

I organized a meeting in the Zoology Major Lecture Theatre to debate this issue. This was widely publicized. I spoke to the 'rugger-bugger' bastions on the hill, and distributed pamphlets to all the Residences. In addition, the time of the meeting was changed three times to accommodate various sports meetings

Unfortunately, issues regarding the Disciplinary Committee and the proposed censorship of Rhedeo were debated at the same time. Because of this many students probably thought that it was "just another political meeting". As a result the response was poor and the debate inadequate.

Once more, student apathy has jeopardized something which is important.

"Rag is definitely a good thing. It's a moer of an opportunity to stuff around, and for students to get to know each other."



"Rag is a waste of time - it benefits only students, because it is an opportunity to drink and have a jolly time. I have yet to see the poor and penniless Blacks receiving any benefit".



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RAG FEVER

*Its Rag time again!
enjoy yourselves!*

BUT please take a moment to think about the plight of the community at large. We honestly feel that we as students can be of great help.

Its a pity that last year's Rag was marred by those of us who lost sight of the true goals of Rag.

We hope it will not happen again!

FEATURE ARTICLE

Hopefully our feature article will not be taken up in the wrong light - we sincerely want to engender debate.

LETTERS TO



THE EDS

Dear Eds

On behalf of the SRC and the Maintenance Department I appeal to students to stop defacing and removing signs belonging to the University.

The SRC was asked by the Maintenance Department if it could offer any suggestions which might curb this senseless behaviour. There is no positive action that can be taken, except to state that an extremely heavy fine will be imposed on any person seen defacing University property. This behaviour ultimately means an increase in fees.

I appeal to all students to assist in this regard and to report any offences to the SRC. Thank you.

TONY REILLY (SRC)

Dear Eds

I read in your Freshers edition that "the liberals seem to be in the middle of the road, and that's where the accidents happen".

It has come to my attention that this is not the case. Two weeks ago Shaun Jhonson smashed his new Renault 5 by driving on the left hand side of the road.

Pete Harris subsequently veered to the left and wrote his Alfa off.

This obviously leads to the conclusion that one should keep clear of the left and stay within the boundary. In this way we can all avoid unnecessary accidents.

Yours faithfully
Mike Mitchley.

Dear editor
when is pervsoc having its first meeting?
girls at cullen bowles



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My sauces tell me the SRC has just/from the languid, lusty lush mountain air of the Katberg ready and fresh for another ~~xxxx~~ spate of by-elections. I believe they really got into their standing-around-the-braai rules. and (myriads of choirs playing background music, the curtain rises) tara ... "really got to know each other".

It is really spiffing to hear that The left wing ~~xxxxxx~~ mastered the bastions of colonial sporting tradition when they ~~xxxx~~ took to the bowls green and the tea and ~~xxxxxx~~ tennis endeavours.

Ideological purity was at stake when Tubby Walkover, Colin Koon and Pete Roller car Harris joined up for a laugh game of political couch rugby.

Confusion amongst political fundis has risen to graet heights reaching a climx in rumours that two of the strangest befellows in Roads history, Ian Poulanzes Phillipivitch and Janet Thorpedoes, were seen eating boeries together. Chris Butler reportedly served a hot shot in a bid to strengthen his support base by courting Margaret Thatch Henderson,

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BEWARE...SPIES!

Over 200 people packed the GLT last Thursday to hear Professor Davenport and ex-Wits SRC President Glenn Moss speak on spying on South African campuses.

The meeting, arranged by the Nusas Projects Society, sparked a lively debate and a motion was passed with an overwhelming majority condemning such spying by agents of the State.

Moss urged universities to take degrees away from these spies.

The English Press – watchdog or government's pet? A CRITIQUE

By Chris Butler

The article The English Press – watchdog or government's pet? has two basic faults.

Both the logic of the article and the implications which it makes are unsound.

The writer, who did not reveal his/her identity, argues that the press, in dealing with the information scandal, was at fault for not concentrating on the wider implications and workings of Apartheid.

However, what the writer fails to realise is that the scandal did open the eyes of many of the electorate to the totalitarian nature of the government.

The support base of the government was shaken, and many voters have lost confidence in the Nationalist government. Such undermining of support for the National Party must surely be welcomed by those who are seeking political justice.

But, to get into the main non-sequiter of the article, Alister Spark's words to the effect that the government needs the support of the English press to dissuade the Black community from revolution, are taken to mean the same as Harvey Tyson's comment that "the English press has no intention of undermining the state or inciting people to revolt."

However, Sparks is surely saying that the government needs the good offices of the English press to gain support for and understanding of any move that it may make towards liberalisation within the framework of the free enterprise system.

Tyson, on the other hand, is suggesting that the English press does not favour violent strategies for political change.

Thus, while the statements are not contradictory, two different points are being made.

The writer of the article, believing that the two statements are synonymous, uses them to argue that the "English press has vested interests in maintaining the status quo....", that "the info scandal was not a fundamental conflict between press and government," and that the English press is offering to deceive the Blacks for the government, by "changing their hears and minds and not their economic and political reality."

Merely because Sparks wishes to change hearts and minds, and because Tyson does not favour the violent overthrow of the state, this does not mean that they do not favour important and far reaching political and economic changes.



Both men do favour such changes. But the logic of this argument is not as disturbing as its implications. The writer is obviously implying that either one favours revolution or one is attempting to maintain the status quo.

In other words, those in favour of peaceful change are much the same as those who favour no change at all, and that all counter revolutionaries, while they may differ slightly in tactics, are deceitful and/or oppressive.

The implication is that there is little to choose between say the P.F.P. and the N.P.

However the former organisation is prepared to accept the will of the majority, while the latter is not. Thus there are crucial differences between various groups that do not advocate revolution.

The writer then argues that "class differences are at the heart of poverty and inequality in South Africa". But poverty and inequality are often the result of the limited availability of complimentary production factors, the limited accessibility to suitable knowledge and technology, to name but a few causes.

In South Africa, racial factors also play a vital role in causing poverty and inequality, simply because race, and not considerations of alliances between fractions of capital, is in the forefront of the average voters' minds.

As Kantor and Kenny put it, "In South Africa the state may represent certain interests, but it is precisely because these interests are ultimately concerned with maintaining the racial autocracy that the class analysis is irrelevant." Perhaps this is an overstatement, but to see poverty and inequality purely in terms of class differences is a distortion.

Human beings are far too complex animals to be motivated merely by their interests arising out of their relationships towards the means of production.

This article is not purely a critique of the English press. The attack is aimed more at the free enterprise system.

No one who believes that meaningful change towards a free and just society is possible within the framework of the free enterprise system can therefore accept the implications of the article, and I suspect that even Marxists would have difficulty in accepting the article's faulty logic.

PEACEFUL CHANGE STILL POSSIBLE — SUZMAN

RHODEO REPORTER



At a meeting organised by the PFP Youth Branch, attended by almost 400 Rhodes students, Mrs. Helen Suzman stated that there is still a possibility of meaningful, peaceful change in South Africa.

Mrs. Suzman asserted that there is a lot of goodwill left in this country and that the majority of South Africans were keen to avoid violence.

She stressed that the more one delayed the granting of true democratic rights to all South Africans, the more violence would escalate.

It is not essentially class interests that impede change, but more so considerations of race. Thus, those who see everything in class terms, and change as inevitable, are using a simplistic analysis to justify their inaction.

Her clear message is that change is necessary, and necessary now; and we as White English speaking students have a vital part to play in this change.

In giving the vote of thanks, Chris Butler urged students to follow the lead given by Mrs. Suzman, and to get involved in the activities of the local PFP Youth Branch.

Rhodeo Delivery Team



FEATURE



POLITICS - DON'T READ

By Ric Matthews and Michael Bagraim

It is unfortunately true that genuine attempts to stimulate debate are often misunderstood as representing thinly veiled and prejudiced agreements for one particular side in the debate. Recognising this danger, authors of this article want at the outset to state explicitly that our only objective is to initiate a pertinent and structured debate around the issue of NUSAS affiliation. We are not in any way suggesting or implying a pro- or anti-vote in this regard. It is our earnest hope that this article will begin to clarify the focal issues of concern and to enable response and comment from both the left and right wing of political debate. We believe that an open debate, initiated and established outside of the context of the NUSAS organisation itself, will do much to facilitate constructive and objective comment and evaluation.



In attempting to engender such debate we have chosen to present a series of facts and to outline their possible implication. In response to each collection of facts together with the relevant potential implication, we have formulated what we believe to be a crucially relevant question that demands an answer from NUSAS itself.

We are conscious that this may imply predetermined negative stance, but believe that these issues stand at the centre of the debate and must be crystallised and understood in order that any constructive debate may follow. Let it be understood also, that we are asking these questions in a genuine attempt for clarification.

It is hoped NUSAS will answer these questions so that students who agree with the goals and strategy of NUSAS might unreservedly be able to commit themselves to that body. Equally, such a clarification of values and structure would enable students who disagree with NUSAS policy and approach to be clear on where they differed and on why they choose not to give their support to NUSAS.

== New Direction ==

The word "change" has many definitions. In the South African context it would appear that there are three main attitudes and interpretations of change.

THREE TYPES

There are the Radicals, Liberals and Nationalists. Radicals adhere to the notion that change can only come about through drastic and far-reaching restructuring in the capitalist economy. The Liberals would opt for an expression of change to the effect that fundamental reforms could take place in South Africa without necessarily affecting the economic structure. The Nationalists would appear to believe that changes can be brought about by creating more structures and still presuming the status quo. These above definitions are by necessity broad.

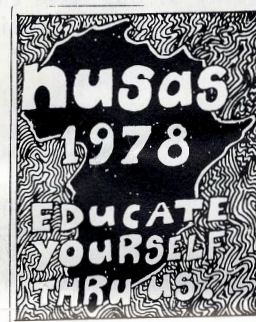
WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE 'DEFINITION' TOWARDS WHICH THE NUSAS POLICY LEANS:



Judging from the reports and notions which were accepted at NUSAS Congress last year in Durban, it would seem that NUSAS has a lot to say on particular issues. These include Education, Sport, Faculty Councils, Military Affairs, Orientation, Media, and the like. Life styles, Monopoly Capital, and Journalistic practices came under discussion at Congress in the form of motions.

REPORTS

In the Education report we see a few examples of loaded language and direction. "Student resistance to change; a lack of theoretical awareness and in particular with respect



to first years who have not developed through NUSAS'S past three years of orientation education programmes".

Is there necessarily a lack of theoretical awareness just because the first years have not been exposed to the NUSAS education programmes?

"If it is found Education Committee members are not genuinely motivated to cause reform then the SRC should set up other groups to perform this function". Who decides whether someone is "genuinely motivated" or not? "New students should be exposed to NUSAS'S three year development process on education". There are other points of view which might possibly enhance one's education!

DEFINITION WANTED

NUSAS should try and define the broad terms like "genuine motivation"; this would obviously clarify certain issues and would put an end to a great deal of suspicion. It was suggested in the report that people should adopt the approach of "more radical cause reforms". This phrase can be interpreted in many ways, and needs clarification now.

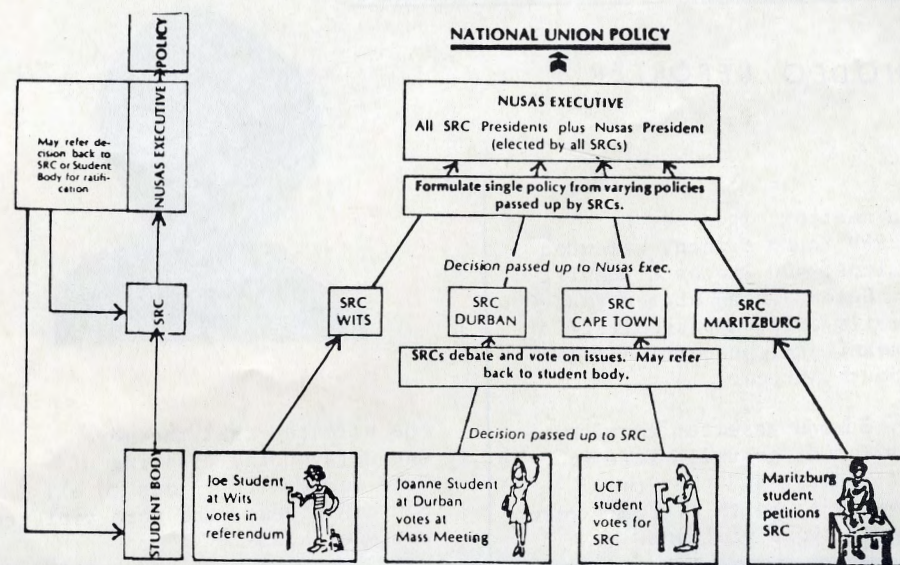
At the end of the report "long term goals" are mentioned. However, these goals are NOT spelt out! Along the lines of education, we notice in the Military Commission report that education must be directed towards a particular goal. We note also the reference (in the same report) to a society in which "freedom" and "justice" prevail, but these terms are not defined.



BROAD POLICY

"Broad NUSAS Policy", appears in the faculty council report. The report then outlines specific areas but it does not attempt to outline a broad policy at all. However, it does show that a broad policy might exist somewhere.

With regard to orientation certain guidelines are laid down, which are comprehensive enough to indicate that a particular goal is desired.



FEATURE

MORE....

For example they take it upon themselves to assist people in choosing which cause to take. This assistance is given within the framework of NUSAS policy. "This must be done by critical discussion of content and social value within the NUSAS theme".

As a result of contacts which emanate from orientation, they seek to start recruiting students for positions in student government.

RESOURCE CENTRES

The establishment of Resource centres was generally agreed upon at Congress. These are necessary for the "broad-based understanding" (whatever that maybe) of the South African situation. These Resource centres would also be at the disposal of "off-campus groups" (whatever they maybe).

It is rather disturbing to see a reference in the alternative employment report - to it being the head office's role to "articulate ideas" etc. Assistance in this regard is to be sought from experts. What guarantees are there that these experts will not be chosen in a consciously subjective manner?

DICHOTOMY:

All the reports point to a general goal. In the above reports specific policy is dealt with, but the general policy is not stated at all. Where do we go to find general policy - do we look at specific reports? When A. Boraine (President NUSAS) was asked in an interview with Rhodoe, he said "I can only



Nusas President, Andy Boraine

speak for myself and not speak on behalf of NUSAS." C.C. Butler (President of Rhodes SRC), referring to the education Committee report and in particular the term "a changed society," said; "I believe it is not unfair to ask the question, changed in what way."

He went on to say, "Obviously a National Union will never be homogenous in ideology. It must consist of people who share certain goals in common, but not others. All of these people agree to work together towards these goals upon which they agree ... I differ with NUSAS in three main areas.

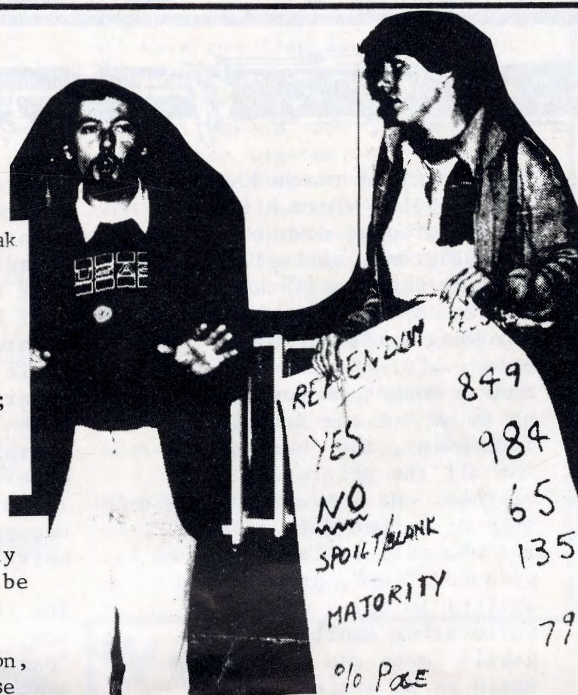
- 1.) "The critique which is currently dominant in NUSAS".

This implies that although the National Union is not homogenous, there is a definite dominant critique.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Chris Butler asked the question, "What are the long term goals of this organisation (NUSAS), and what is the dominant conception of an ideal society? Aurret Van Heerden (ex-President of NUSAS) said that this question could be asked in public and would be answered. However, this question was put to Congress 1979 floor, and a certain amount of intolerance was shown and the question was not answered as such. We realise that one might not be able to answer these questions, because of the legal ramifications resulting from the answers. If this is the case, then we do not require a response from NUSAS.

Chris Butler summarized the situation at Congress, "I find myself in a position where I can only ask questions. I do not claim to have the answer. I ask that this congress see my actions in nothing less than the light in which they were heard, an attempt to resolve deep-felt and sincere dilemmas as regards the National Union and the whole Southern African situation."



Ian Phillips (SRC member) said of the congress that a great deal of hot-air abounded, but, unlike a debating union, conclusions were formulated. Hence the reports. The types of thinking which emerged are easily identified in the respective reports; Education, Faculty Council etc.

"It would seem that NUSAS has certain aims which will be realised through particular means towards the creation of an ultimate end. The distraction from which all NUSAS policies and the like seem to emanate in that change in South Africa, is inevitable. The term 'change' needs to be defined precisely, if any sense is to be made from the whole NUSAS schema. Do they interpret change as meaning mere alteration, or change of a particular nature and along a particular cause? I would suggest that they would accept the second option", said Ian Phillips in his report on Congress 1980.

If Ian Phillips is correct in his assumption above, then a lot of explaining has to be done by NUSAS. We want to know how NUSAS defines the term "change". If, however, it is stated that Ian Phillips is wrong - why does a statement of that nature arise, and why has change not been defined in the past?

Ian Phillips substantiates his conclusion by quoting the committee reports, and then asks similar questions to the above, we urge the answer!

WHAT TYPE OF SOCIETY?

"Regardless of what type of society is envisaged, what is important, is how it is to be realised. Ian Phillips says that if NUSAS has an educative

function, surely widespread debate on all points of view should take place? "Does NUSAS work within a particular framework with the intention of building towards a particular goal, or are they prepared to analyze the situation and see the changed South Africa in a non-predetermined fashion?

LET US KNOW

We feel that if the first alternative is within the NUSAS framework (to which a lot of evidence points), we deserve a statement from NUSAS itself.

It has been argued in the past that NUSAS is not a Political Party and hence does not have a "policy". However, this argument is refuted by the Congress Reports and the fact that nobody can hope to educate (the function of NUSAS?), without a point of departure.

Janet Thorpe (ex NUSAS Local Projects Society) noted in her Congress Report that "most of the discussions were dominated by a few people who took no pains to see that others had a chance to air their views. This resulted in discussions following a certain political/philosophical bent and reaching predictable conclusions".

This statement ties in with what Ian Phillips had to say - and leads us ask what these predictable conclusions were?

If NUSAS has this unknown policy, we suggest that there be some sort of control over statements made by NUSAS spokesman. We believe that the President of NUSAS must be seen in that light.

STRATEGY

Referring back to strategy we believe that this strategy implies a certain policy, unless this strategy is an integral part of policy.

If there is no general answer to the long term policy of NUSAS - we have no option but to resort to making assumptions drawn from the innuendos in the reports from the National Student Assembly.

Not wanting to repeat the introductory paragraph we feel that only one further suggestion should be made: certain phrases and vocabulary should be defined to clear up our bewilderment.

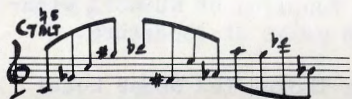
ART SCENE

David Bowie Atrilogy of Innovation

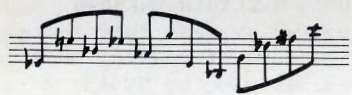
By Andrew Martens

"In the Event that this fantastic Voyage Should turn to erosion and we never get old. Remember it's true; dignity is valuable but our lives are valuable too".

DAVID BOWIE 1979.



Midway through the seventies, Bowie adopted an approach with his successful experimental album, "Low", that was to initiate the trilogy of albums he recorded in collaboration with composer/keyboardist Brian Eno. This switch of direction brought him once more into the reckoning as a creative force. "Heroes" followed and "Lodger" was released last year.



Bowie established himself at the end of the sixties as a charismatic and heterodoxical rock 'n' roll star, as epitomised in the incisive "Ziggy Stardust". ("He took it all too far ... but boy could he play guitar"). He progressed steadily deeper into an image which he had turned into a monster. He became Ziggy, to the point where he was destroying himself creatively as well as physically. He became paranoiac about his stage image, skillfully exploiting popular caprices and fashions as the orange-haired transvestite that most people - unfortunately - are familiar with. His music lost its creative flair and settled into a commercial rut.

Physically he reached a crisis point where his weight dropped down to 50 kilograms, virtually a walking skeleton ("the return of the thin white duke, throwing darts in lovers' eyes ..."). Somewhere he made a momentous decision: he threw out the drugs, the face paint, the hair dye and all the glittering clothes. He acted in a critically acclaimed film, "The man who fell to Earth" and he produced "Low", proving his ability to shrug off the suffocating mantle of the public image and emerge once again as an artist, in the mould of Christopher Isherwood. Today Bowie is a conservatively dressed man of 30 with short brown hair - a phenomenal change, or should I say loss, of image.



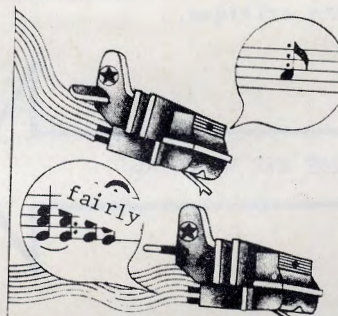
"Low" was not a brilliant album. It is not, for instance in the class of "Ziggy Stardust" but the sheer innovation and freshness of the album was enough to make any critic sit up with interest. It was primarily a venture into the surrealistic world of synthesizers and the electronic milieu of Brian Eno. Some of the drastic experimental techniques he tried met with only limited success - some of the more self-indulgent electronic instrumentals were too rambling or obscure to be effective, but many others set a standard for future improvisation.



"Heroes" was for me the high point of the trilogy. He achieved good equilibrium between experimentation and technical accomplishment. Tracks such as "Heroes" and "Sons of the Silent Age" are polished and well-performed with a definite and established style, whereas tracks such as "Moss Garden" and "Neuköln" achieve success as totally experimental electronic pieces. Although obscure they are well-structured. "Heroes", and the title track in particular, was the culmination of his venture into the electronic world.

"Lodger" was a pause to recap, a light glimpse over everything he has tried. Bowie himself said of the album that it was the lightest that he had ever recorded, incorporating just about every style he had previously experimented with, except Rock 'n' Roll. There was a conspicuous absence of long experimental tracks. The format was, instead, that of his early albums - ten straight narrative songs.

The links with previous styles are apparent. "Fantastic Voyage" (quoted above) has echoes of "Five Years" ("Ziggy Stardust"). "D.J.", which is not a particularly original song and is one of the lowpoints of the album, is very similar to "TVC 15" ("Station to Station"). "Yassassin" and



"The Secret Life of Arabia" ("Heroes") both have a distinctly oriental atmosphere. There are good and bad tracks on the album. It does not hang together very well as an entity, but it does sum up and conclude not only the trilogy but also the decade.

Bowie is regarded by many as being the major influence on popular styles of music in the seventies, but from this trilogy it appears that he will be one of the major creative influences of the eighties. He is far from being phased out by the so-called and vaguely-defined "New Wave". Bowie is New Wave, simply by virtue of his persistent and innovative creative talent.

I look forward intensely to Bowie's assault on the eighties. I see a new approach, after a successfully "voyage" into electronic surrealism.

Fink Ployd 'The Wall'

By Neil Zasman

At last we have a long-awaited follow up to Floyds "Animals". Floyd who have recorded such commercial greats as "Dark side of the Moon" in 1973, one of the longest and largest sellers in rock history (6½ million copies in U.S.A.) will, unfortunately, attain no "records" this time.

The Wall, which was released in a two album set, consists of compositions mainly by bass player Roger Waters who writes most of the bands music. Here he has tempered his lyrical tantrums somewhat for the new album, and has worked up some melodies that are rather more lulling and insinuating than anything Floyd freaks are used to.

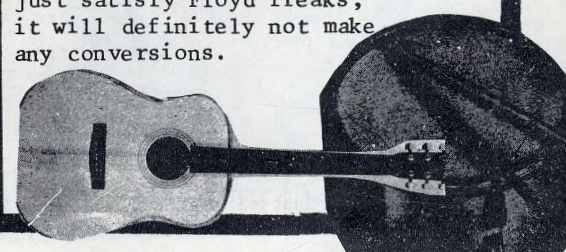
The Wall is definitely no complex album, it is composed of superficial melodies which although catchy are really too simple and short to actually encourage any intense listening. Many changes of tempo do however provide a certain amount of



variety on the album although it is not enough to keep the average listener awake.

If we take The Wall for its lyrical content, it however, leaves much to be desired since they lack depth, often sink into inaudibility and as such can be considered another instrument in the pandemonium of electronic instrumentation.

It seems Pink Floyd have their backs up against "The Wall", they can retreat no further. This album will just satisfy Floyd freaks; it will definitely not make any conversions.



INSIDE SPORT

by Marc Le Chat

ORANGE RIVER RIDE

Rhodes Journalism lecturer, Graeme Addison, spent ten days of his January leave challenging the Orange River, swollen from summer rain, surrounded by the harsh empty dry expanse of the Namaqualand desert in oppressive temperatures exceeding 110 degrees - and loved every moment of it.

He and ten other fellow adventurers left the Aughrabies Falls on January 4 in one double and eight single canoes.

It took the party ten full days to reach Vioolsdrift where the National Road crosses the Orange River into SWA/Namibia - a distance of 500 km.

Although Graeme wished to continue on until the Orange River mouth the rest of the party were at this point physically exhausted, and decided to return by car to Aughrabies.

ORANJE GORGE

The most exciting experience Graeme can recall was the one day trip via the Oranje Gorge. Only the three most experienced canoeists, Graeme and two former Rhodes lecturers, John Moss and Graham Reid, did this most dangerous and formidable section.

The others went by truck and met up with them on the other side of the Gorge. The Gorge near Onseepkans on the south west border had a very high waterfall with a pool at its base.

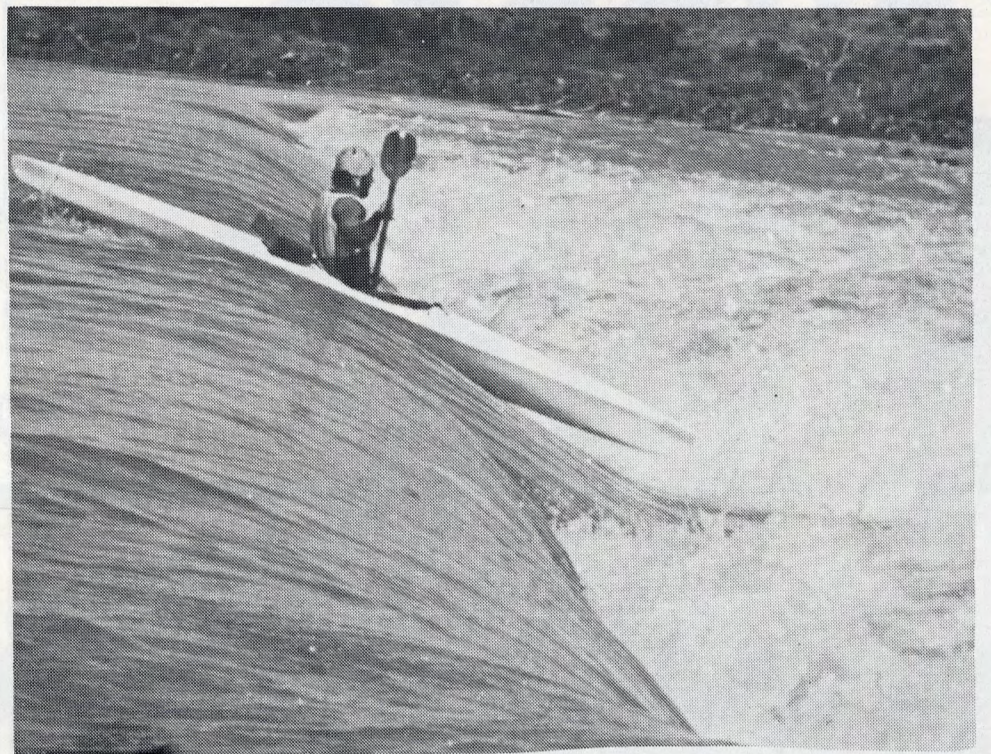
Because of islands in the river there was little warning of the approaching falls and an exhausting struggle against the current eventually took the three to safety.

Because of the height of the falls the canoes had to be carried down a 150 metre cliff of which the sides shimmered from the blistering heat.

The three canoeists then had to shoot what they termed the 'Grand Finale' Rapids which were 200 metres in length and had a drop of 20 metres.

They are in fact only the third party ever to tackle this most gruelling part of the Orange River.

The Canoe Club at Rhodes is one of the newest and most exciting clubs. Future plans include the exploration of Eastern Cape rivers, which will be the Coega River near Port Elizabeth, the Great Fish river and the Kowie river up until Bathurst.



Riding white water on the Orange.

RUGBY SCENE

by Gary Barkhuizen.

Fitness training for the rugby season is already underway and watching the runners one can see stalwarts like Derek Barter (eighth season), and Al Weakley (eleventh season), going through the paces.

Many gaps have been left in last year's first team and although Al Weakley (last year's captain) describes this year's newcomers as "not too exciting", it is hoped that they will fill these vacancies with much vigour and enthusiasm.

For the sake of newcomers to the Rhodes rugby scene the system works as follows:

There are three teams representing Rhodes in the Border leagues. Although Rhodes does not have an under 20 team players are still eligible for the Border under 20 team and in fact comprise two thirds of the side.

For those who do not play in the above leagues the inter-residence competition provides enjoyment, excitement and many injuries.

The first team plays its first match on March 22 against Olympics, a first league side from Port Elizabeth.

Another planned non-league game will be played against Natal University on Easter Monday. Planning for a first team tour is in the preliminary stage.

Bill Page, president of the Rhodes rugby club has the following message for new rugby club members:

"The Rhodes rugby club accepts the fact that our players are first and foremost Rhodes students. Any success we do have as a rugby club is a 'spin-off' from typical student initiative and fellow feeling."

Soccer Bombshell

At a Rhodes Football club meeting last week it was unanimously voted (8 for, 1 abstention, 0 against) that Rhodes res teams withdraw from the Grahamstown Football Association (GFA) league

A new internal league consisting hopefully of eight teams (depending on Rhodes staff, Rhodes law and Pistols accepting an invitation to compete), will be set up.

The reasons for the moves are overcrowding of fixtures, weak refereeing, poor administration, prejudices against Rhodes and the over use of Rhodes facilities by the GFA.

The move could preempt the collapse of the GFA who are faced too with the withdrawal of other teams such as Defence and Grahamstown City.

The new Rhodes league should however be a success, provided that the administrative body to be set up can prevent the disorganization that so often pervades inter-res sport. A certain level of competitiveness must also be engendered so that matches do not degenerate into 'social kickarounds'.

A third league exists in Grahamstown. It is affiliated to SACOS. The body led by Hasson Howa, believes one cannot have normal sport in an abnormal society.

Adamson residence in all likelihood will be playing in that league this year.

RHODEO SPORTS-STAR OF THE TERM

The sports section of Rhodéo with the cooperation of the Rhodes Sports Union will select a sports-star or team of the term who will receive acknowledgement for their achievements in Rhodes sport.

SPORTSQUIP

Rhodents Dominate Surf



Cricket ... selectors' dream

by Mike Cohen

IN its depth, Rhodes cricket has reached an all-time high.

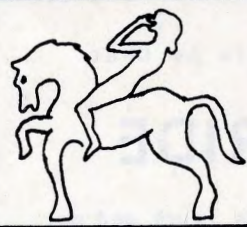
Bombarded by an assortment of rich talent, including Eastern Province B players, Dave Ahlers, Mike Collins and Dave Emslie (captain), John Barclay, county cricketer and professional coach, Richard Stretch, Border open bat and wicketkeeper, and Kevin Tessendorf, SA Schools captain, the selectors have had to face the unenviable task of relegating several other promising players to 2nd team status.

The only key player to have departed this year is Rob Armitage. E.P.A. and South African University representative. Armitage is on his way to Lancashire league, a sure stepping stone to county cricket.

Not surprisingly, both 1st and 2nd teams are in contention for league honours. The 1st team came closer to that target with a thrilling outright victory over Victoria Park on a pitch that did wonders for the bowling averages, especially Pete Rawson, who captured eleven wickets for a meagre 33 runs.

Those who cannot make the top teams don't despair. There is a feast of inter-res cricket and better still, the swimming pool.

RHODEO



WOMEN'S HOCKEY

To give more Rhodes women a chance to play the club has decided to improve the inter-residence league and to scrap the lower teams (who actually play in the Albany league). Plans are still in the preliminary stages.

The first and second teams will continue to participate in the Border first league. They will be coached by Pat Scott who returns to Rhodes as a lecturer. Welcome back Pat.

SPORT

Scoreboard

- * Waterpolo: Rhodes 1st team won the Border champions held in East London recently.
- * Inter-res Cricket: Kimberley and Drosty Halls failed to turn up against Founders and Smuts Halls who thus took the points.
- * Golf: At the first Rhodes Saturday morning golf competition (now a weekly event), Mike Sissison and his partner Paul Zorn emerged as winners.
- * Baseball: Rhodes fared badly at the intervarsity tournament filling the last position.



SURF SPOT

RHODENTS DOMINATE SURF

Three Rhodes students, Mike Loewe (a newcomer to the Rhodes surfing scene - watch him!), Shaun Klinkrad and Alan Carter ripped into 2nd, 3rd and 4th places respectively at a recent Border surfing competition, adding a new, younger element to the Border senior Men's section.

Held in solid 4-7 foot shifting, hollow peaks at Eastern Beach, East London, the competition provided a display of powerful, polished riding, especially by the Rhodes contingent.

This resulted in the toppling of rated Border veterans whose hopes diminished over the falls in the face of Rhodes' tenacity it was an obvious case of surf/study starvation.

Mike Loewe touches brakes at Eastern Beach

RHODES CLUB

Alan Carter, chairman of the R.S.A feels accordingly that Rhodes have increased their chances for a win at S.A.U. later this year.

R.S.A. plans to increase interest in surfing at Rhodes and wishes to expel the "slack" stigma attached to surfing at the university.

Two beginners or gremmie compos are being planned to be held at Kowie. Tuition will be free and at hand for all those aspiring Shaun Thomsons/Thomasinas (preferably) out there and should be good fun. Support surfing.

In previous years the E.P. team had been strengthened by players such as Mike Bechet, Mike Collins and Pat Hornby (all still at Rhodes). Nevertheless Pat Hornby still had a taste of provincial competition when he played for the 1980 Border side. It proved to be one of the best teams of the tournament.

FIELD HOCKEY

After a slump in last years hockey activities (poor performance, no coach), things look brighter for 1980.

The club plans to have two coaches Rob Jackson who will concentrate on fitness (last years squash players will tell you how well he does that), and Peter Surtees. According to Mike Bechet, last years club-captain, they plan to be "the fittest side in the league".

The majority of last years first team is back. Those missing are Phil Rudd, Ian Lindsay and Gary Barkhuizen (who, although back, has decided to "give the season a miss").

SOCCER IN S.AMERICA

SAU SOCCER TOUR

by Mike Cohen.

Louis Ardes soccer experiences are many but the highlight of them all was his tour to Uruguay and Argentina with the South African Universities team last December.

Accompanying him from Rhodes was keeper Angelo Bernieri, but Rob Holliday had to withdraw from the tour due to previous commitments.

Seven matches in all were played, three won, three drawn and one lost - the loss against the same Uruguayan national university team that beat NPSL champions Kaizer Chiefs 2-0 earlier last year.

"Give a year or two of playing together, our team could beat Chiefs" Louis declared confidently. But he wasn't scared at the same time to admit that SAU played well above themselves.

The standard of the South American's football was really high, particularly the Argentinians whose ball skills surpass by a long way, the much heralded skills of South African Blacks.

The hospitality received in Uruguay was befitting for any world cup team according to Louis. Crowds of fans, in carnival-like fashion, paved the streets to acclaim the soccer heroes.

Games were televised live and received front page coverage. In incredible contrast the two matches in Argentina were played under a veil of secrecy. Referees were not allowed to wear black and press reports were not meant to be read.

This was all because Argentina is the winner of the World Cup and a key member of FIFA (the world body that has banned SA soccer) and, even worse, the headquarters of FIFA itself.

Knowledge of a South African tour in Argentina would certainly provoke a world outcry. In Uruguay, also a member of FIFA, there is evidently no need for such concern.

The last game of the tour was easily the South Africans' best result. The score was 1-1 against a team that plays in the Argentinian first league and against players of the calibre of Ardiles, Luce and a host of other world cup stars.

On the whole, the South Americans were most impressed by the standard of the SAU's football. It is cold comfort, and nothing else, that South Africa's sporting credibility can be maintained at the same time as its political credibility slides lower and lower.



*Louis Arde in action
photo by Photonik*

Indoor out the Backdoor

by Gary Barkhuizen

After a two year battle to get indoor-hockey recognised as a university sport, the E.P. men's hockey association has made it impossible for the sport to continue at Rhodes.

For the past two years the indoor league has started only after the universities have returned for the first term, but this year the league was already at the half-way stage when the students returned.

Although Rhodes have lost out, the real losers are Eastern Province. The poor performance of the E.P. team at this year's interprovincial tournament proves this - there were no Rhodes representatives.