



Statement by the Rhodes University Vice-Chancellor, Dr D.S. Henderson

PROCEDURE AS REGARDS COMPLAINTS AGAINST STUDENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There have been a number of complaints recently, both in the Press and directly to the university authorities, about certain aspects of student behaviour. We have consulted with the police, who do not regard student behaviour in general as being beyond normal bounds.

In our efforts to control excessive noise on premises occupied by students and disturbances in and around hotels caused by students, Rhodes University requests that all complaints be made to the Police Charge Office and not to the university. If the police are to be in a position to take effective action in such cases, complainants should be prepared to furnish their names and addresses, and to give evidence in court, should a formal charge eventuate from the complaint.

The charge office will automatically inform the university in every case, and serious or persistent offenders will be brought before the Oppidan Disciplinary Committee. If not satisfied with police action in a particular case, the complainant should contact the station commander.

If complainants carry out the procedure suggested above, we are confident that the problems that have arisen can be brought to an end.