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...17 rhodes students arrested...student leaders under section six...unnamed blacks taken in...

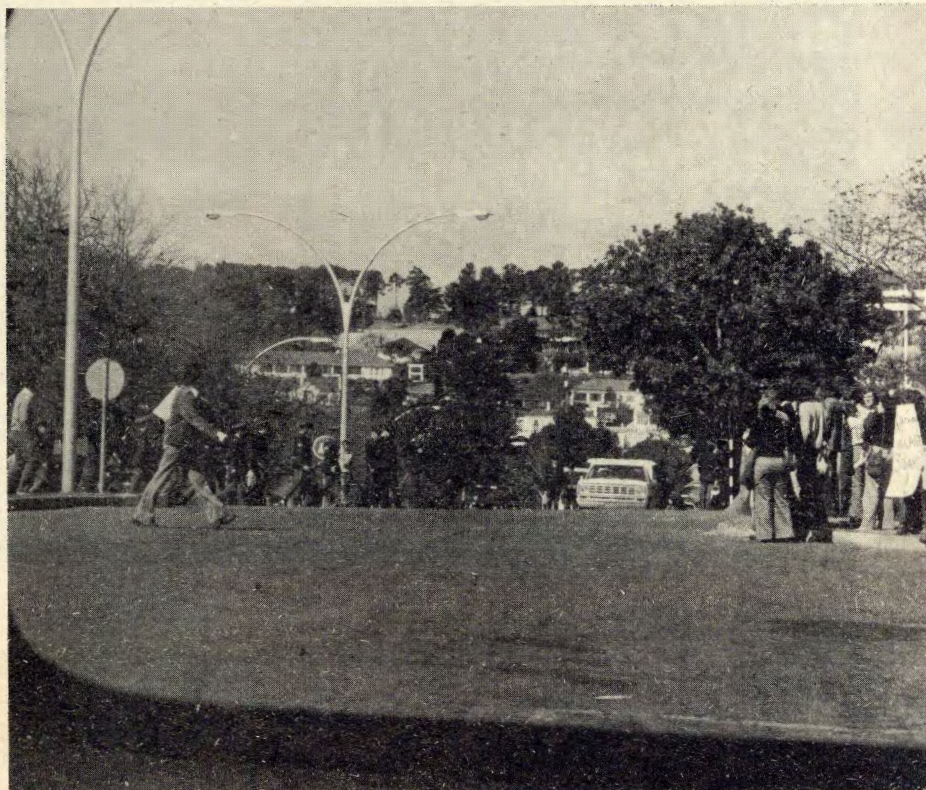
OPINION

The police who arrested eighteen Rhodes students on August 23, were despite the credibility of their principles, honest men. Those students a priveleged sector of our society, who by virtue of their studenthood are in a position to arrive at rational conclusions about unjust detention of people and who failed to make a stand (whatever their conclusions) on August 23, deserve the utmost contempt for their dishonesty.

To those who stood in protest and to those arrested, your effort was not without result. It was worth it.

It was worth it because Rhodes has been seen and heard to dissent. It was worth it because a few million South African readers have heard our dissent. It was worth it because Rhodes students have shown Mr. Vorster that we are not prepared to accept his inhuman totalitarianism and that we see through detente. But most of all it was worth it because those in power outside our borders will have heard our protest and are going to be less inclined to be taken in by South Africa's bizarre hand of 'friendship'.

All that for R20. It certainly was worth it. Students, who are in a position to see through the whitewash painted over the injustices rampant in our society, ought never to lapse into a silence of despair. It is our duty not to.



IT'S ALL PART...



OF LIFE...

justice campaign

Nusas is to launch a "justice" campaign designed to examine security legislation in South Africa.

The campaign, which will at all times be "legal", is to involve the establishment of legal commissions to examine the relevant laws.

Nusas is to raise funds for the campaign the patrons for which are Dr. Beyers Naude, Director of the Christian Institute and Mrs Helen Suzman, Progressive -Reform M.P.

ADMINISTRATION HORN IN ON ELECTION

The Administration has stepped into the current SRC election and has refused to recognize presidential nominee, Ashley Le Grange, as a legitimate candidate.

According to the Administration the refusal is based on the fact that La Grange is a 'temporary full-time' employee of the university. He holds a position with the Sports Union.

The clause generating the controversy reads: "A registered student who is also a Junior Lecturer or other fulltime member of the University staff shall be ineligible for election." The clause is believed to have been originally student motivated.

A.S.R.A., the body organising the election, accepted La Grange's nomination but have met with determined opposition from the Administration.

A.S.R.A. spokesman Paul Etzine told Rhoeo that the acting Vice Principal, Prof. H.J. Chapman had warned the committee that any ballot paper bearing La Grange's name would be declared "spoilt".

La Grange is known to hold considerable support amongst all factions on campus. Asked whether he felt that his criticism of the Administration during his year as the Students Representative on the Residence Superintendents Committee, had motivated administration opposition to his candidacy, he said, "It may have, but opposition on the grounds of the constitution is credible. However, I think that the relevant clause should be revised as it is ambiguous.

"I don't see why students should bow to the administration's interpretation of the clause", he said.

Commenting, Mr Etzine said that he was "disappointed with the Administration's interference with the students right to elect representatives from their ranks.

"I do feel that the interference if justified in terms of the constitution, but also feel that a student who has a right to vote also has a right to stand," he



IN A DEMOCRACY!!

Letter

I regretfully observe that a fair number of kugels are managing to infiltrate the Rhodes Campus yea you can see the bitches a mile off..... all dolled up to the nines. You can't buy that clobber for under fifty bucks. Oh I do say if those platforms get any higher there'll be a "Wipe- Out". "No fine anything you say daddy, just keep the dollars rolling"...."Oh, How about a new Alfa-sud daddy".... "Perhaps daddy, you could even have it registered in SandtonI'd love a TSN one."

Kugel-hater par-excellence.

Dear Kugel, Your letter would have carried far more weight had you signed your name.

Ed.

thank you

The editorial board of Rhoeo wishes to thank those students, staff members of the public who unselfishly donated and loaned money to assure the release of those detained after the picket on August 23. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sympathy with the families of those currently detained under section six of the Terrorism Act.

BIG

Mr. Westernman
a heart-rending story of how
a selfless man denies
himself good so others
can live in
PEACE...

Hi! I'm
Mr.
Westernman...

...an' I'm here t'make
the world a SAFE place
for you - so don't
INTERFERE!

FIRST, I gotta get rid of
our own
COMMUNISTIC
PINKOS!

Pig.

You'r just a NASTY, LITTLE,
DRUG-RIDDEN PINKO
and I sentence
you to...

so
merciful!
best for
him!
so quick!
a good
hanging!

...then of course there's those
cooks overseas...

NAPLAM

...who've gotta be PROTECTED
from PINKOS!

Budda
BUDDA

we jes' wanna FREE,
SAFE world fer
EVERYONE...

Vietnam
Chile
Guatemala
CMBODIA
CIA
KOREA

...including us!

OMEGOD!!
WELPH!!
FOREIGN
INVESTMENT

a story of successful...

...DEVELOPMENT!

PEACE, kids, and
LIVE HOW YOU WANNA LIVE!!!

THE
END

EDITORIAL

SRC

With 58 candidates, SRC enthusiasm rampant on campus, Rhodes faces a very real danger of having itself split in every direction and of having its first SRC, in a number of years, fail.

The most obvious danger facing us is that with this number of candidates, the election could degenerate into a battle of personalities rather than concentrating on the real issues which concern students both on and off the campus.

We cannot afford to be irresponsible. What Rhodes desires most of this initial SRC is that its members be capable organisers.

Because that is what the SRC is going to spend most of its early existence doing - organising and administrating.

There are, amongst the candidates, people who have proved themselves to be capable and it is imperative that these people are around the council table at the inaugural meeting next month. Find out who they are and vote for them.

DR. HYSLOP. . . .

Rhedeo wishes Dr J. (some students are a nuisance but basically they're nice people) Hyslop, the outgoing V.C., a happy retirement.

letter

The author of the article "The Ostrich goes to War" has adaptly, in the short space allocated to him, managed to coin all the well-worn political cliches so dear to the popular press and those people who out of a sense of smug comfort, parade predigested, pretaught and easily mouthed idealogy.

Rhedeo is neither a highschool newsletter nor a commercial press (after all, it's free) and therefore one presupposes that articles which deal with situations, like Rhodesia, will display a certain depth and originality instead of adopting a viewpoint that is as narrow and bigotted as any right-wing racistist.

The problem of Rhodesia is obviously complicated in that it involves so many levels of reality. Our young author would have us believe it simply involves the evil

land barons treading underfoot the poor but honourable peasant (shades of Hollywood!)

What is truth in any so called political article? It would be comforting if facts were dealt with rather than wild hypothesis. For instance, the author states that the Rhodesian Front is dominated by wealthy white farmers. However, he overlooks the fact that the white urban population is higher than the rural white population. We mention this example to illustrate the inaccurate shoddy way the author deals with truths.

Indulging in kaif-type 'ideal' (milk) politics is easy when one's material security is not in jeopardy but a great many other realities take precedence in practice.

R.R. Codron
J.A. Chandler

Thank you for your comment. The author of the article is, of course, Rhodesian. Ed.

CLONE

MICHAEL NEWLANDS

B.A. II

OPPIDAN / GENERAL



EXPERIENCE: Two years at Manchester University. Taught in Swaziland before coming to Rhodes.

A vote for Clone is a vote for the fight against exploitation of students. Oppidan rents in Grahamstown can only be described as ludicrous. We intend to establish a committee dealing solely with accommodation and rents; firstly to ensure that a list of all accommodation is prepared and secondly to break the monopoly of unscrupulous landlords who capitalise on the scarcity of accommodation at our expense. If any student tenant has a justifiable complaint, either about rent or treatment, we propose to take the landlord before the Rent Control Board. CLONE is going to fight.

GAVIN HAYWARD

B.A. II

GENERAL



The incoming S.R.C. must concern itself with internal issues. Reform is imperative in innumerable areas. We must obtain; 1) Reforms in the residential system; 2) Representation on Senate 3) Control over facilities in the Student's Union, and much more. I am sick of being subjected to "Radio High Hopes" continuously in Kaif. Tapes more to general taste would be preferable. The monopoly of snooker, as a recreational facility, is both monotonous and restrictive. (Have you ever tried inducing your lady-love into a game of pool?) How about some pin-ball machines and dart-boards table tennis and above all a mixed bar.

CLONE is a group of students having similar attitudes towards issues on campus. As will emerge from additional manifestos, individuals amongst us do, naturally, have specific fields of interest and will specialise in these. As there has not been an SRC for two years and communication amongst students is mainly through the grapevine, it is impossible for us to be informed on everything that may be regarded an issue. Because of this we intend to keep ourselves constantly open to approach by students so as to maintain effective representation of their interests. The SRC while consisting of people with their own varied political views, will be entirely apolitical as a body.

LISA GODDARD

B.A. III

GENERAL



CLONE'S coverage of many controversial areas of campus life results in my association with them. My concern is with the psychological well-being of students. In view of the fact that Rhodes has the highest attempted suicide rate at South African universities I feel that action in this field is imperative. Birth control and sex-counselling are other areas which need attention.

SEAMUS CLEARY

B.A. III

GENERAL AND PRESIDENT

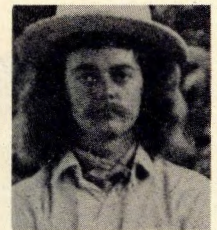


EXPERIENCE: 2½ years in the B.S.A. Police.

I regard NUSAS as a largely defunct body. It does however provide students with amenities, such as reduced fares for overseas flights. For this reason I do not wish to disaffiliate the Rhodes campus. The SRC's necessary function is to provide leadership, engender discussion and action concerning relevant issues on campus. These issues are generally regarded as "political" by more conservative elements. But as thinking students, we have a right and duty to concern ourselves with the events that are shaping our world.

DAVID MAGIC
(ROBERTS)
B.F.A. II

GENERAL



It would be beneficial to the campus if the student newspaper appeared on a weekly basis as opposed to the situation in which it finds itself at present. I intend, if elected to ensure that Rhedeo appears on a regular basis as a forum for campus news and opinion. I also intend to support and encourage other student publications.

TREVOR LOWEN

B.SOC.SCIENCE II

DROSTDY/ GENERAL



EXPERIENCE: Worked two years in Rhodesia and Botswana before coming to Rhodes.

As a campus Rhodes is in many respects quite a few years behind other English-speaking campuses and there are many improvements I would like to see. Being a Social Work student mental health facilities and in particular the campus consultation centre. Student mental health is a much neglected field on this campus. The achievement of such a facility as a resident psychiatrist, would be a great step forward and be of benefit to the student population as a whole.

VINCENT MESSAGE

B.A. III

GENERAL



The function of an S.R.C. is to represent and serve students at all levels. To perform this effectively an S.R.C. must be united, hence my affiliation with CLONE. Special areas of interest to me are student representation on Senate and gearing Kaif to student recreation not exploitation.

RICHARD DRURIE-BREWER



DROSTDY

It appears to me that the primary issue of this election is to what extent an SRC should concern itself with political affairs. I believe that an SRC should be totally apolitical and should disaffiliate itself from all organisations which harbour a particular political conviction be it left or right, and concern itself with the welfare of students at Rhodes. I also feel that an SRC should be truly representative: that it should liaise fully with both it's electorate and the administration thereby promoting a fuller understanding on both sides and an alleviation of certain problem areas that exist at the moment.

BRIAN DOLLERY



OPPIDAN

I stand independently of any organization or pressure group, believing that the SRC can best serve student interests by containing diverse and thus representative opinion. Acknowledging the complexity of both university and national affairs, I would follow a policy of limited objectives, the most substantial being:

1. To alleviate the results of oligopolistic behaviour on the part of local landlords, by seeking mandatory intervention of the Rent Control Board;
2. To negotiate less restrictive Res rules, which affect both Oppidan and other students;
3. To have the library opened to students during certain hours on Sundays;
4. Immediate affiliation with NUSAS to allow it to recuperate financially from being an affected organization; but long-run disaffiliation on democratic grounds.

COLETTE TILLEY

B. JOURN 11

ORIEL HALL



The residential system is outdated and stifling. An SRC must push for the lifting of restrictions so that women's residences have the same freedom as men's. We are not naive puritans and it is time we were given the opportunity to lead our own lives and make decisions for ourselves. Those who are content with the present system can remain so, but those who aren't must be conceded to. It is time we all stopped griping and did something, and I want to fight for our recognition as responsible individuals and not immature and defenceless delinquents.

SALLY WALSH

B.A. 11



I came to S.A. from Australia 1½ years ago; I am a second year phys. ed. student; and am secretary of the cross country Club. This is the first time I'm standing for SRC! I feel enthusiastic about the proposals put forward in the constitution, but I do not agree to affiliation with political bodies, as I feel that the power of SRC should not extend beyond the lawful boundaries of student activities. This may lead you to suppose that the SRC will become a mere puppet body to the Senate as it has been to NUSAS. However, with a strong SRC this need not be the case. I hope for your support as I support you.

ASHLEY LE GRANGE

B.A. (HONS.)
PHILOSOPHY

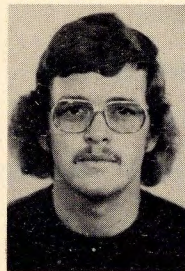


EXPERIENCE: Senior Student Drostdy 1974. Senior student Residents Superintendents Comm. Provincial cross country athletics.

The central issue is the SRC elections is the problem of residential reforms. The administration has managed to perpetuate the system easily as the majority of students representatives have only one year in office, in which they learn the "tricks of the trade". However, they seldom return to office to use them. As the Senior Student's representative and the Residence Superintendents Comm. I learnt a great deal. As SRC President I would be able to use this knowledge to the students advantage.

ROB MIDGLEY

FOUNDERS HALL AND
GENERAL

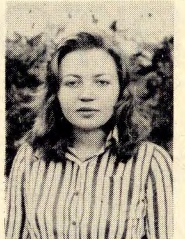


I am standing as an independent and do not belong to any group. An SRC should be an apolitical body concerned only with students and their affairs. As far as NUSAS is concerned, I am in favour of disaffiliation as I feel that affiliation serves no purpose any more. I am not in favour of confrontation except through the proper channels. Confrontation for its own sake is not desirable and it is far better to work in harmony with the authorities. I am not prepared to make any promises. However, I will push any issue that is beneficial and will voice my opinion so as to see that every student is represented.

INGRID BURNETT

B.A. 11

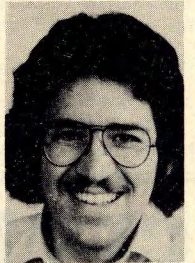
OPPIDAN



As an Oppidan my main interest lies in student exploitation with regard to the quality and cost of 'digs'. Our proposed student accommodation board intends to offer students a complete service with regard to good lodgings at a fair price. We feel that no one should pay more than half rent during vacations. CLONE cares.

IVAN H.M. PEDEN

DROSTDY HALL



I stand for:
Realistic expression and representation both externally and internally.
Direct representation on Senate;
More publicity for societies;
More campus orientation of societies;
Class record to form percentage of end-of-year marks;
Mixed dining halls;
Less discrimination against first year women;
More use for student I.D. Cards - discount;
Weekly public lectures;
Opportunity for students to worship regularly together;
Abolition of first year residences;
More inter-house communication;
Opportunity for free expression, e.g. Rhodes Hyde Park;
Make Ascension Day a university holiday;
Support of the Sports' Union's policy; but more inter-house sport- better floodlighting on Great Field; open swimming bath on summer nights.

GEORGE J. EUVRARD

B.A. 11

KIMBERLEY HALL AND
GENERAL



EXPERIENCE: Vice-Chairperson/
Treasurer Methodist Society.

The foundation of communications between students and the authorities should be an effort towards rational understanding. I disapprove of 'confrontation' but instead shall strive for responsible yet determined pursuit of student aims in matters of a residential, educational and disciplinary nature. The following needs are my particular interests:
1. Reassessment of financial allocations to established societies.
2. A cohesive force in uniting the variety of interests on campus.
3. A council on which to voice and discuss serious discontent with administration or content of educational courses.
4. Improving the public image of Rhodes by effectively utilizing the press.
5. Generally, the welfare of Rhodes students.

JENNY HOWARTH

B.A. 111

ATHERSTONE HALL



EXPERIENCE: Freshers orientation Comm 1973, 1974. 1975. Rag 1974, 1975. Arts and Science Comm 1975. Hall Comm 1975.

I am in favour of an SRC as a result of the difficulties and experience I have had in having been consistently involved in student activity.

I stand as an Independent; my principles are based upon genuine concern for the welfare and rights of our students.

I want to offer my abilities to the campus and to promise students that I will be fair and balanced in my approach to all matter.

As yet, not having had the experience, I cannot profess to know what an SRC is all about. I can only offer to do my best, ensure my sincerity and be receptive to all student's problems which I intend to investigate

I want our campus to realize its full potential.



MARILYN COHEN

B.JOURN 11

HOBSON HALL/ GENERAL

As a possible member of the new Rhodes SRC it would be an honour to give those students of my constituency, Hobson Hall, and Rhodes Students in general, the best representation of which I am capable.

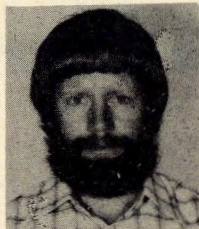
I consider an SRC to be an apolitical body. It should be concerned only with affairs directly concerning Rhodes students on Rhodes campus.

If the SRC as a body attempts to affiliate itself with any political body, I shall be forced to resign - I do not consider my self capable of representing the political views of all students.

I shall, however, do my best to bridge the communications gap between the students and senate, in the best possible interests of all concerned.

E. STRONG

DROSTDY HALL / GENERAL



An SRC's primary aim is to represent the student majority. To achieve this aim effectively it is important that the SRC does not become politically orientated, but stands as a body to cater for the needs of students on this campus. If elected, my aim is to work, in conjunction with fellow members if the SRC, to rid Rhodes of its existing student apathy, and replace the healthy spirit for which the varsity has previously been renowned and which it is sadly missing at present.

ALBERT HEYDENRYCH

B.F.A. IV

OPPIDAN GENERAL



EXPERIENCE Stood for SRC 1972, Afrikaans Society Committee, Nusas Congress delegate, Editorial Staff Rhodéo, Editor Aspersie, Radsoc Chairman, Local Nusas Cultural Action-Media co-ordinator.

I believe that students should have a say in their own affairs. Students at this university are not getting a fair deal. I want this to be rectified.

I believe that all individuals and groups have a right to voice an opinion. I shall defend this right at all cost.

The university cannot isolate itself from society at large. Therefore we cannot ignore what happens out there and must react to those things that concern us.

For the SRC to function properly it must have full student support. I thus regard it as imperative that there be proper communication between the SRC and the student body.

KEVIN HARPUR

OPPIE/GENERAL/



I believe that there must be an SRC on Rhodes campus as it is the only channel through which student feeling can be effectively conveyed to the Administration.

I feel that the SRC should be under no external influences, it is purely an internal student council. It is not a voice for political organisations.

All decisions made by the SRC must abide with student opinion and students should not hesitate to approach the SRC with their grievances.

They must not feel that their decisions are being made for them by SRC but rather are being implemented by SRC.

I want and I hope you want a STUDENTS representative council.

DOONA MACKENZIE

ORIEL HALL



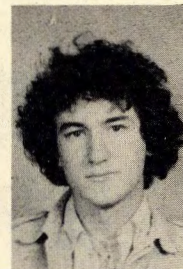
The SRC should essentially act as mediator between the students and Senate. For this to be effective, the attitudes of the MAJORITY should be reflected in the SRC. As an officially recognised body, the SRC can both oppose and second the Senate on matters that directly effect the students. An well organised and efficient SRC will be of great benefit financially to societies and functions on campus.

Above all, the SRC should not be a political organisation. As I see it, it should be as far removed from NUSAS as possible.

DAMIAN GARSIDE

B.A. ENGLISH AND
PHILOSOPHY
B.A. (HONS) ENGLISH
REGISTERED FOR M.A.

GENERAL

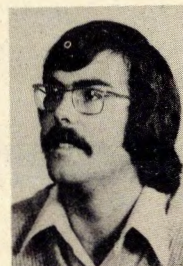


EXPERIENCE: Chairperson Twenty Two Reforms Association
Member of the Psychology Society.
Campus poet. Post graduate tutor Dept of English.

I stand for:

1. Total and immediate integration of residences
2. Beer garden in Arts quad.
3. Compulsory sport for NUSAS local committee.
4. Opposition to examination system: candidates should be allowed to adjudicate the standard of their work themselves.
5. Contraptive machines vending free contraceptives on campus.
6. Colour television for all residences.
7. 300% pay increases for University Black staff.
8. Firmly in favour of a reintroduction of the twelve year B.A. degree.
9. Statues of Vice-Chancellor and/or Clive Keegan.
10. Renaming of Rhodes University after myself.

GORDON ALLISON

KIMBERLEY HALL AND
GENERAL

I am an 'apathetic' - Basically ignorant, but not uninterested, of student affairs caused by lack of communication on campus.

My basic contention is that most of us don't know where we stand, or could stand as regards SRC, admin., NUSAS.... My way of accomplishing this is by establishing a council which will be consistent, objective, consolidate and create a communicative feedback mechanism which will educate, inform and invite criticism from all spheres.

No SRC can be functionally efficient if politically orientated.

Each member must not lose sight of the fact that he is responsible to his electorate.



**RHODES CRESTED
ITEMS**

COFFEE MUGS @ .55c

ASHTRAYS @ R2.25c

BEERMUGS @ R2.95c

THE DROSTDY SHOP
131, HIGH STREET,
GRAHAMSTOWN



A SCENT OF FLOWERS

The Speech and Drama department's final production this year will be "A Scent of Flowers" by James Saunders and directed by Roy Sargeant in the Rhodes University Theatre from September 10.

Students can obtain seats anywhere for 50 cents on the opening night as part of the department's policy to serve the students first and encourage them to see the work presented by drama students.

The play, a modern English drama, pivots on the suicide of a young student is therefore climatically relevant to young people who, relative to other groups, show a high incidence of suicide attempts.

By exploiting her disastrous affair with a married lecturer, Saunders probes the challenges that bribe a sensitive young student into taking her own life.

Grief and condolences spiral into an abrasive comment on hypocrisy and the breakdown of communication as the dead girl, Zoe, retrospectively infiltrates charades with her dry-eyed, merciless family.

A selfish father, a cold stepmother, an eccentric uncle, and a loving but insecure stepbrother suffocate her struggle for acceptance and one by one strip away her hope for clemency. Even her faith in the Catholic Church fails to comfort her in her tussle.

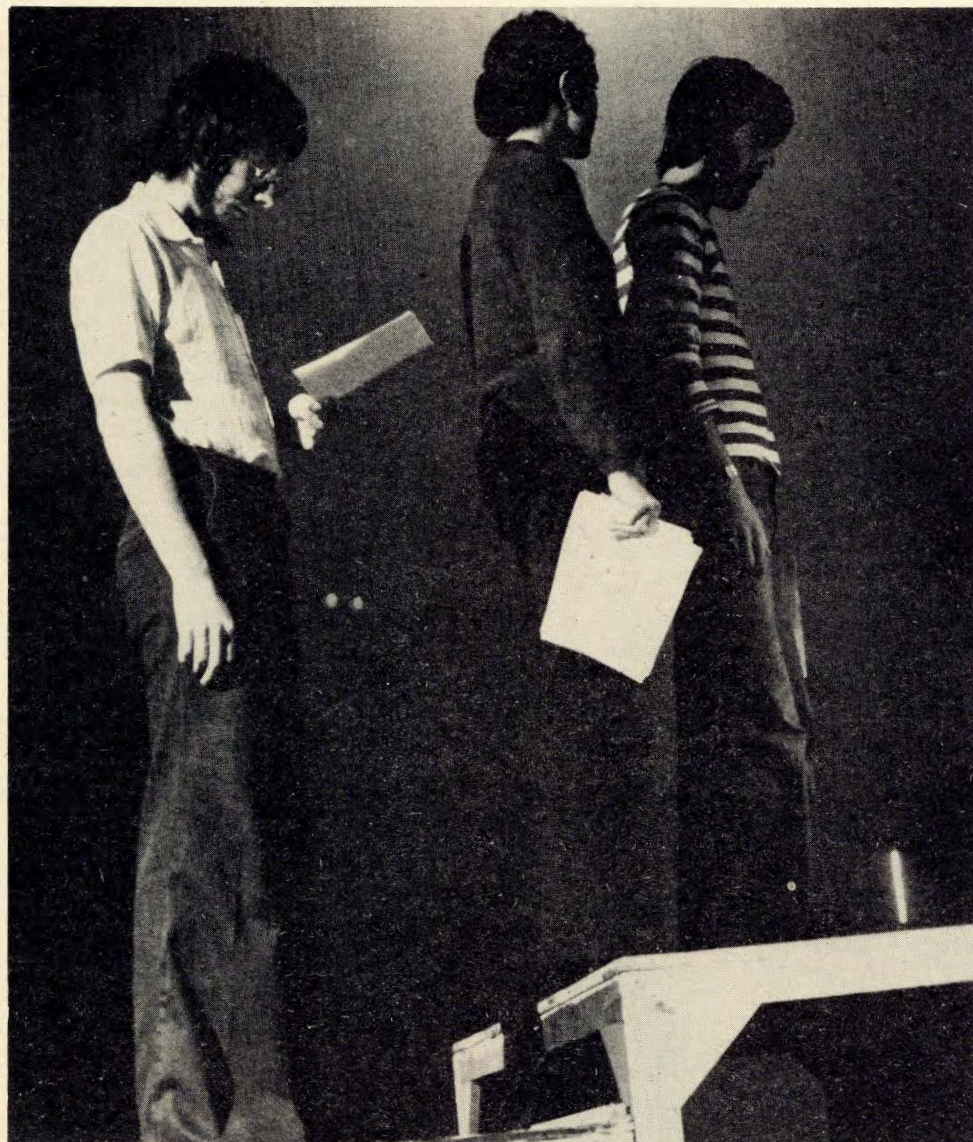
The swiftly changing scenes prise the present and probe the past in a tragi-comic journey that tarnishes a young girl's vulnerability into a devastating act of violence.

Fred and Sid, the undertaker's men played by Phillip Gurney and Scott Hawker and affectionately dubbed as "Mutt and Jeff" at rehearsals, provide moments of unexpected hilarity with their witticisms and sexual fantasizing. Similarly hilarious is the relationship between the odd uncle and the deaf, dumb and crippled grandmother, who also serve to make "A Scent of Flowers" both a sensitive and comic inquiry into suicide.

Alice Krige, one of the department's honours students, plays the part of Zoe. Her father, David, is played by Graham Brown, her stepmother Agnes, by Claerwen Howie, her stepbrother, Godfrey, by Jon Maytham, her uncle, Edgar, by Justin Haines, while Robert Sharman plays Scrivens the undertaker.

The set was designed by Richard Mackenzie, a third year drama and graphic art student, which makes him the first student to design a set for a major departmental production.

Booking at Grocott and Sherry's and at Kaif between 1 and 2, and 6 and 7 for 8.15 pm. September 10 to Saturday September 13th (two shows on Saturday at 6 and 9) and Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th.



Stepbrother Godfrey (Jon Maytham), stepmother Agnes (Claerwen Howie) and father David (Graham Brown) mourn at the graveside.



Zoe (Alice Krige) watches as Sid (Scott Hawker) and Fred (Phillip Gurney) play a game of cards over her coffin.

CULTURE AND OPPRESSION

barry gilder

Culture does not live in isolation from society.

To deny women and men the right to determine their own existence is to deny them their humanity.

"From whatever stance we look at South African society, whether as an academic, a nationalist, a marxist, a progressive, a freak, whore, capitalist or artist, one cannot escape the fact that this society is divided into two groups. The one group dominated. The other is dominated.

One may wrangle over the forms this domination takes. One may wrangle over where to draw the line between these two groups. But one cannot wrangle over the fact that there are two distinct groups in our country; and the relationship between them is one of domination. And the essence or meaning of domination in this case is that the material existence of the one group is largely, if not totally, in the hands of the other group.

And further, one cannot deny, unless one is willing to transgress a natural law, that this domination is bad, sick.

Now it is easy to understand, when one examines the advantages involved in being a member of the dominant group, why the dominant group is determined to maintain itself as such, and why the dominant group will use every tool at its disposal and turn into tools those aspects of society which one would not ordinarily think of as tools to enable it to maintain that domination.

When culture is used as a tool for domination all its expressions become in some or other measure, expressions of domination. And all of us, although we might like to think of ourselves as being in the shadowy area between dominators and dominated, fall victim every day, in the way we speak, see, think, taste, smell touch: to the overwhelming presence of our role as dominators."

CULTURE BITS

The progress of culture is dependent upon the progress of the material conditions for culture, and in particular, the social organisation in South Africa limits the cultural possibilities of this period. Culture cannot go beyond what is possible, but social organisation can and does lag behind what, from the point of view of culture, is both possible and desirable.

The artist is continually besieged by new feelings as yet unformulated, he continually attempts to grasp beauties and emotions yet unknown; a tension between tradition and experience is constantly felt in his heart. Just as the scientist is the explorer of new realms, of outer reality, the artist continually discovers new kingdoms of the heart.

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Are you who looks on? or who sets to work? or who looks away, turns aside.....

Nietzsche.