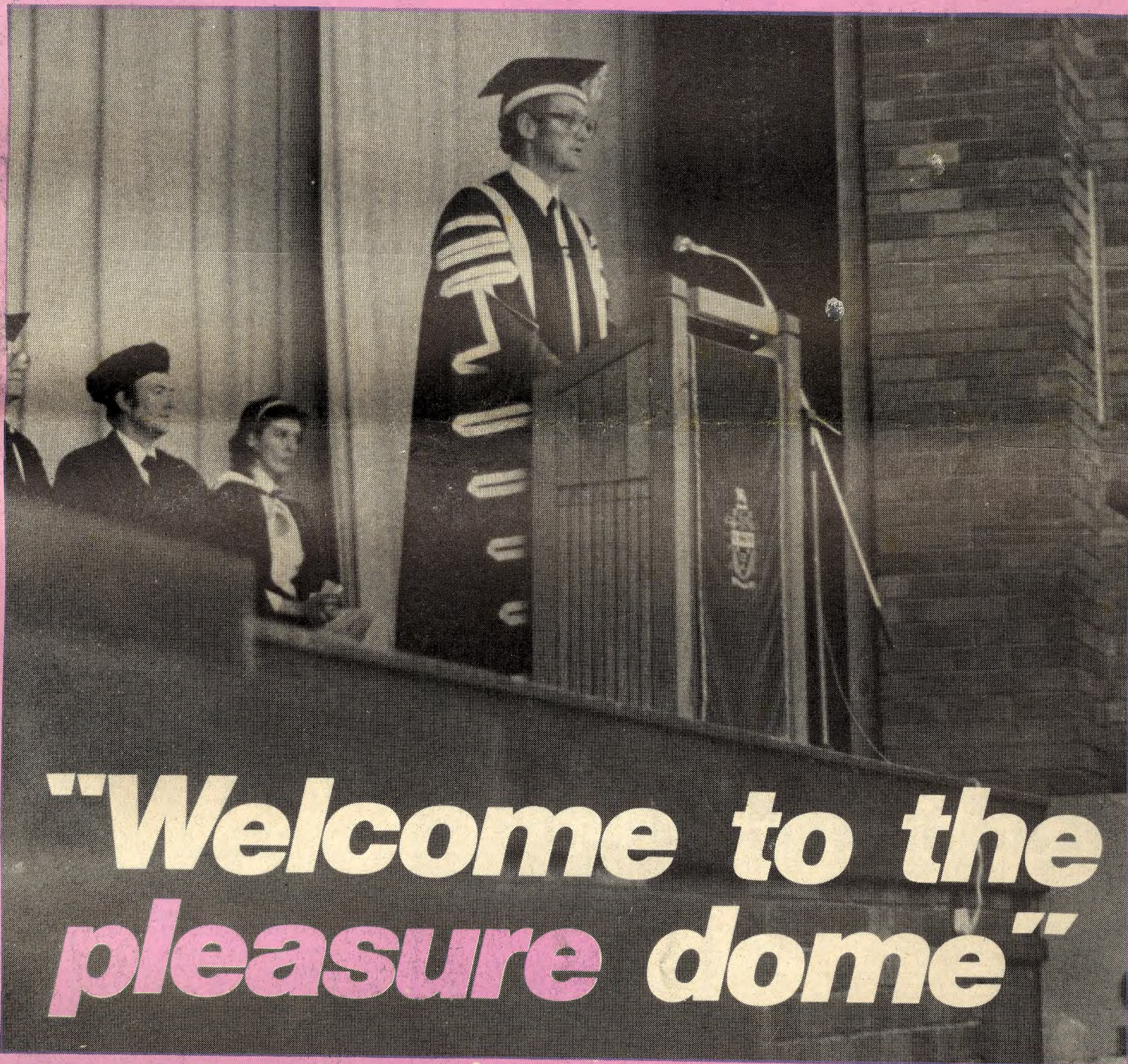


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RHODES MOST REFRESHING PAPER

MARCH 1985



***"Welcome to the
pleasure dome"***

Inside : Rag debate, Crossroads, Jive Kings, orientation week

TJ OPENS UP

RHODEO photographer wins coveted award

RHODEO photographer, TJ Lemon, beat the pros by snapping up the "Press Gallery 84" competition with a photograph of éVoid which first appeared in RHODEO last year.

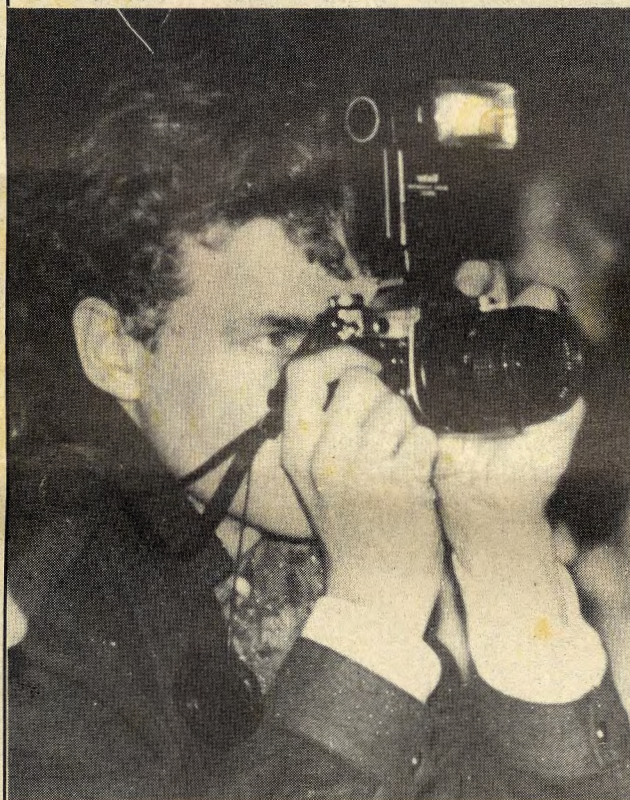
TJ won a Nikon F3 Autofocus camera and case in the competition organized by Creative Photography Magazine.

He took up photography in 1983 as part of his Pharmacy course. He later joined the Albany Photo society, where he developed a keen interest in photography, making it a full-time hobby.

TJ sees himself as a "creative photographer", and

refuses to churn out chocolate-box pictures, preferring an innovative approach to his work.

"I don't see professionalism as the end point. Amateurs have absolute creative freedom and for me this is the most enjoyable of being involved," TJ said.



RHODEO photographer TJ Lemon in action.



The prizewinning picture of éVoid.

RMR'S PLANS



RMR's Russel Skae and Duncan Blom in discussion with Peter Gennrich-de Lisle

Rhodes Music Radio, one of the larger and certainly noisier campus institutions, has its sights on a very active and student-oriented year.

Anton Maree, new station PRO, said that although RMR has not yet become an integral part of campus, it still had a lot to offer.

"I am very enthusiastic about the coming year, and I aim to make RMR into something great!" he said.

"However, this undertaking can only succeed with student support."

"Our intention is to

promote local music, particularly the "Jive Kings", and we have decided to lend the band equipment so they can cut a demo-tape for airplay on RMR," he said. One of our main projects, however, will be a DJ marathon. RMR, through COSRO (combined student radio organizations) has challenged all campus stations to equal or better RMR's time in the marathon.

"The money will be used to improve our facilities, start a good disco, and buy specialised records to give RMR a better variety of music."

RMR News Service

News services and magazine programmes are to become a regular feature of RMR within the next three weeks.

The Journalism Department and the radio station are to pool resources, a partnership which is "long overdue", according to the Journalism Department's Radio course co-ordinator, Don Pinnock.

Several Journalism Diploma students intend setting up a newsagency which will sell local news to all interested.

These students will compile

news on Grahamstown affairs based on Capital Radio lines for broadcast on RMR.

The programmes will be broadcast twice daily at 1pm and 5pm.

These broadcasts will be followed by magazine programmes compiled by the Journ 2 Radio students, many of whom are RMR DJ's.

"We can expect the first news feature within the next three weeks," said Mr Pinnock.

"It's time Grahamstown had such a service."

filmsoc

There is a possibility that there will also be films on Monday evenings. So keep your eyes peeled for Filmsoc posters.

7/3 BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID.

14/3 THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT.

21/3 THE STUNTMAN.

28/3 AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

WARNING

Freshers be warned...take home those Kenwood Chefs, those waterbeds, those little home-to-home comforts that brighten up the cheerless gloom of residence life. Store them in campus box-rooms at your peril, since university insurance on your property is a thing of the past.

Earlier this year a Hobson House student had about R400 worth of books and clothing damaged when a faulty boiler flooded part of the res. By the time the student's possessions were rescued from the sludge, her books were covered in mould and her clothes rust-stained.

When Piet Retief Houses'

boxrooms were burgled during the December Vac, approximately R1 000 worth of goods were stolen. Although the thieves were interrupted and some of the goods recovered, clothes, musical equipment and a set of golf clubs were gone forever.

No insurance covered either incident. According to a source in the university administration, students would have to "accurately itemize" all goods left in the boxrooms for storage before insurance could be provided. An insurance system existed several years ago but has since been discontinued "due to the inconvenience involved".

THE GREAT DEBATE

Beers left cooling in the Vic; Brickies deserted; even Kaif's Ms. Puckman blinking and beeping part-nerless. Where are the students? At a POLITICAL MEETING, nogal!

Many of the thousand-strong crowd that packed the Great Hall on a hot February night recently, would probably disagree with this description of the Rag/BSM showdown: nought we were there to defend the virtues of charity or to silence that querulous black opposition to Rag forever. And the dramatic build-up ('BSM CHALLENGES RAG' notices, the secrecy shrouding the speakers' line-up) no doubt drew a few eager for kicks.

Still, though at times it was difficult to glimpse beneath invective, pouting, and inspired fumbings for the mike, the central issue at stake was, quite simply, apartheid.

Mike Vincent, 1982/83 Rag Chair on leave from the army to speak in the debate, told students that Rag believed it was "inhumane and immoral" to neglect the underprivileged while "searching for the so-called lasting solutions" to South Africa's political problems

To align Rag with organisations engaged in this search, he said, would be detrimental to the very people they were trying to help, for "Rag's public image is directly related to



the amount of funds they are able to raise."

Former BSM Chair, Ashwin Desai, said figures obtained from "people close to Rag" showed that Rag had in 1983 collected over R2 000 from the float procession but had spent over R5 000 on the event. In the same year the drummers had raised over R3 000 but had spent R4 333.

"Because Rag is used as a medium, an incredible amount

of money that should be going to our people is lost somewhere along the way," he said.

Desai told students one could not fight injustices from behind a desk or a telephone. "What the progressive movement advocates is, not helping one individual, but to organize people through united action and a process of education in a broad context to change social relations as a whole," he said.

Referring to allegations of frequent racist attacks against black students during Rag, last year's Rag Chair, Owen Skae, stressed that Rag was a business which raised funds through donations and functions. The Rag committee was not a police force, he said. Rag did not condone drunkenness, but believed in freedom of choice. "If you want to get drunk, that's your business", he said.

Other speakers included Pat-

ARTICLE ON STUDENT HOTEL ACCOMODATION : APOLOGY

In an article published in April 1984, RHODEO made certain inaccurate allegations concerning the accommodation of students at the Grand Hotel, Grahamstown.

RHODEO acknowledges that the allegation that the management of the hotel discriminated against black students on the grounds of race was wholly without foundation.

RHODEO therefore withdraws the allegations which accused the Hotel Management of racist actions, harassment, discrimination and unfair treatment of black students residing in the Hotel.

We apologise for any inconvenience which the article may have caused the Hotel Management and staff.

sy Weyer, 1985 Rag Chair, Monde Tabata, former BSM Chair and Ihron Rensburg.

Highlights included Rag going back on a speaker's agreement by asking a "beneficiary" to address the crowd.

So where did it end? Charity, like intoxication, is a short-term answer to oppressive reality.

Less emotion from the stage, perhaps, would have convinced more people.

"I like mine white"

A first-year Rhodes Student was kicked out of a local coffee shop last week that had been advertised by AIESEC as part of their student discount theme.

The student, who did not wish to be named, said he entered The Little Coffee Shop in Carlton Centre, High St., where he was asked by the waitress to "speak to the manageress."

He said the manageress told him he could not be served as the shop did not have a permit to serve "non-Whites". When he replied there was no sign indicating this, her response was that "they" had the right of admission and said: "Sorry, we cannot serve you."

AIESEC president Betsy Miller said as AIESEC aims

to cater for everyone on campus, The Little Coffee Shop is to be dropped from the discount scheme. "There was a discrepancy with the discount card as some shops listed are not multi-racial," she said.

"Every member will soon be issued with a new discount card which will not include these shops."

"On behalf of AIESEC, I would like to apologize for the inconvenience and embarrassment caused our members who were adversely affected by using the discount card," she said.

RHODEO reporters investigated the "permit" situation and discovered that out of twelve restaurants, hotels and

coffee bars in Grahamstown, only five are unequivocally "open".

They are: Settlers Inn Motel, Dulcie's Ice Cream parlour, Rest-a-while Coffee Shop, Tiny's Steak House and the Wimpey Bar.

For the rest - try your luck but avoid a well-known watering-hole and a snack bar in Bathurst Street.

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Registering stress

Registration is over and the University authorities are said to be pleased with the results. The pass rate is up on last year's.

Preliminary exam results indicate fifty people failed registration, five supplicants were granted and one aegrotat.

Students felt paper 1, Administrative registration, was tougher than the second paper. Academic registration due to trickier examiners. Mal Tenyon, who is repeating registration, said the examiners were incredibly deceptive this year.

"They face you and say: 'Go to the table on the left.' Your left or theirs? I didn't think they'd ask that section. I took a guess, got it wrong and failed that section badly."



Jennie Bowen, SRC President, explaining the preliminary stage of the registration exam.

But he felt some areas were easy to spot. "The night before registration, I studied which forms had to be handed in at which place - over 200 pages of graft. It was heavy, but I'm

confident I got all 325 forms handed in correctly."

Another believer in spotting is Charlie Zlotnik. "I spotted Defence Force -

one of my paper options - and it came up. Force number, how many years I had been at Rhodes, I knew it all."

Bombyx Mori was another

registration failure. Said Bombyx: "This is the end for me - I failed nursery school, was pushed through Sunday school and now this. I've been offered a job in admin as a result, but I may be overqualified."

Dougie Moir became the first student to be granted an aegrotat after he went temporarily insane and bought a pie from Kaif.

An unreliable university authority said next year's paper would be a lot harder. "We let a lot of students off the hook - some examiners were even telling students where to go - that won't happen next year."

You have been warned to start studying now. The new text is available for an exorbitant fee at the local bookshop.

Administration bungle

Anti-admin feeling is running high amongst many first years who were left stranded for up to five hours at PE airport just before the start of Orientation week.

Admin had notified first years arriving by plane that transport would be available at the airport to take them to Rhodes at the beginning of Orientation week. However due to unfavourable weather conditions certain planes were diverted or delayed. The bus drivers were ordered by Admin not to stay later than 4:30 pm. Orientation Committee members on hand to meet first years persuaded the drivers to stay until 6:30, but then they returned to Grahamstown with half the expected number of students.

● Transport

When the delayed planes arrived, the Orientation Committee members at the airport Jan Gewald and Patrick Tandy, phoned Barry Du Toit, the Orientation chair, to say they needed transport urgently.

"I am fairly surprised", Jan Gewald told RHODEO, "that Admin did not check if the flights could have been delayed."



Barry phoned Mr Murray, the Assistant Director of Finance, who told him "not to worry, as Admin would see to the lifts". A ten-seater Kombi was sent down, but only 15 of the 37 students waiting, were able to squeeze in.

● Rescued

Barry organised a twenty seater bus, as well as a driver. The bus arrived

at 11pm. The students eventually got to Grahamstown at 3am, only to find that the wardens of their allocated residences did not have some of them on their records.

"The Orientation Committee was extremely helpful and pleasant," said one first year, Niki Klukow, "but we are furious with Admin because they said they'd pick us up. We didn't think we'd have to wait for hours."

● Deficiency

Another example of Admin deficiency occurred during a rather 'unforgivable' incident where Admissions and Planning sent off the wrong forms to prospective first years. Some students were refused admittance when they should have been admitted and vice versa.

"Basically the new students first impression of Rhodes was one of chaos," said Jan Gewald. "They were treated to one of the best examples of deficient bureaucracy possible".

Fantasy & Fun

The new Rhodes Gaming Society, after overcoming a series of (bureaucratic and religious) problems, eventually occupied their table at Societies Evening this year.

Last year Professor Brommert the Vice-Principal had visions of students in sleezy, smoke-filled gambling dens while the equally misinformed RCC prayed for the member's souls. But boringly enough neither diabolists nor gamblers gather in the Societies Room. . . .

The club in fact aims to promote fantasy gaming on campus. The games are a com-

bination of monopoly, more gaming, and acting. The society presently concentrates on two particular fantasy games, Dungeons and Dragons and Traveller.

These games have been described as large, never-ending crossword puzzles. Each player contributes to the solution of the problems in terms of the character he or she is pretending to be.

The Dungeon-Master or controller of the game sets an increasingly difficult problem scenario or adventure as the players become more experienced.

AIESEC wins award

AIESEC Rhodes walked away with three of four awards from the association's December gathering in Grahamstown.

The awards, Most Outstanding Local Committee of the Year, Best Seminar Award for Commerce Week and the Best Exchange Local Committee of the Year, were given to the Rhodes Committee, one of twenty-three AIESEC local committees in the country.

AIESEC, already with a record

of 1250 members, will take up the national theme, "The economic implications of disinvestment in South Africa" during the organisations Commerce Week scheduled for August this year.

AIESEC presently has two delegates attending the AIESEC international congress in Spain where students and jobs are matched for the student exchange programme.

A Nuclear Waste

Controversy has arisen over the recent shutdown of one of SA's nuclear reactors at Koeberg in Cape Town.

Faulty pipes, which could lead to rust and eventual leakage, were discovered at the elbows of the six month plant. So far fifty pipes were removed for closer inspection. The spokesperson said that fuel in the pipes "could be radioactive."

The official reason for the temporary closure of the R2000m plant was announced by an Escom spokesperson who said "There are ferretic inclusions in the elbows of the stainless steel pipes."

The true dangers of the crisis are unknown due to

the secrecy of Escom's statements.

The cost of the shutdown is at least R790 000 per day, excluding the cost of repairs.

The public is demanding detailed answers to the exact seriousness of the problem.

Mr John Venn, Chairperson of Koeberg Alert, deplored the vagueness of the statement. "In view of the declining rand the repair of any fault at Koeberg is likely to be extremely expensive," he said.

A spokesperson for Framotome, the French contractors who supplied the pipes, said: "We have built 31 nuclear plants abroad and nothing has gone wrong." When asked how serious the repairing is s/he

said "You cannot repair a nuclear power station like you repair an electric iron." Until now many questions have been left unanswered:

- If it was not serious surely the situation could be explained?
- Was the quality control during construction up to standard?
- Have there been other faults which were kept from the public?
- In view of the weak economy can SA afford such unnecessary costs?
- Do we need the dangers of nuclear power when our coal supply could last for another 469 years and when solar power is so easily accessible.



57 dead to be remembered on March 12

In the last twenty years 57 South Africans have died in detention. Many more bore and will bear the scars of solitary confinement and alleged torture.

March 12 is a day of commemoration for them. It is also a day for South Africans to remember they live under a system which is empowered to remove its opponents violently from society and silence them by detaining them.

Under South Africa's broad security laws, detainees may stay in solidarity confinement for up to six months without the right to a trial, without access to lawyers, doctors, family

or friends.

The Detainee's Parents Support Committee (DPSC) has repeatedly condemned the fact that the government would rather employ violence in preference to engaging in dialogue with those who oppose its use of such means.

The DPSC and other organisations like the UDF have continually sought to publicise and expose the conditions surrounding political detentions, stressing that there can be no peace in South Africa until these security laws are removed and detention without trial abolished.

U N declares '85 Year of Youth

1985 has been declared International Year of the Youth (I.Y.Y.) by the United Nations General Assembly. In South Africa progressive organisations nation-wide are preparing to make 1985 a special year of the youth.

With the themes of Participation, Development and Peace" youth organisations will focus on the social, economic, cultural, educational and political conditions of youth throughout the world.

The Nationalist government aims to use the I.Y.Y. to promote Afrikaner Nationalism, sport and Republic Day celebrations.

But the majority of the youth in South Africa believe that the government's campaign does not address the real problems in this country and will only serve to perpetuate apartheid and its effects on the youth of South Africa.

The problems that face South Africa's young people are widespread and include unemployment, bad educational facilities, restrictions on student representation,

tation, conscription into the SADF and a denial of political rights. These issues will increasingly be focused on during 1985.

The United Democratic Front has set up an I.Y.Y. committee to co-ordinate the campaign in South Africa. The committee includes youth and student organisations who believe that they have a decisive role to play in the struggle for social justice in South Africa.

The National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) has committed itself to working with other democratic and non-racial organisations like Azaso and Cosas to build unity between the different sectors of the youth. Nusas also aims to create an understanding amongst students of the problems facing South Africa's youth.

The International Year of the Youth theme provides university students with a chance to add their voices to youth worldwide in a call for a free society.



The United Nations theme is a challenge to the South African youth to unite against injustices.



Rent increase sparks violence

Eighteen people died and more than 200 were injured 3 weeks ago when Cape Town's squatter camp, Crossroads, erupted into violence after rent increases were imposed.

Rents were increased as a way of forcing people to move to Khayelitsha, a barren township 40 km from Cape Town.

Residents are demanding that the rents be reduced to the original rent of R23 and R18 according to the size of the houses. Presently New Crossroads rents are the highest amongst Cape Town's African Townships.

Hundreds of people from New Crossroads branches attended protest meetings organized by the Cape Youth Congress, the Western Cape Civic Association and the United Wo-

men's Organization.

Burning barricades were erected showing the community's resistance to the rent increases. Thousands marched on the West Cape Administration Board Offices, stating their refusal to move. The United Women's Organization joined the protest, warning that police action against the squatters would be dangerously provocative.

However, police moved in, using tearsmoke, rubber bullets and sneeze machines to disperse the crowds. This further aggravated the situation. Vehicles were damaged, community councillor's houses were set alight or stoned and many people were seriously injured.

The camp was also blacked

out by a power cut for which Escom could offer no explanation.

About 170 women were arrested when they gathered to discuss the rent increases. They appeared in the Wynberg magistrate's court and were released on R50 bail and told to appear again on March 4.

A further 11 people, including Mr Johnson Ngxobangwana, chair of the Western Cape Civic Association and the Crossroad Executive Committee were arrested on charges of intimidation.

"We don't want the government to build houses for us in Khayelitsha," Mr Simo Menzima, a member of the Crossroads Committee said.

Nationwide clampdown

In a move blatantly contradicting the government "Reform" image, Police recently raided the homes and offices of more than 70 UDF affiliates nation-wide. The coordinated country-wide swoop led to a number of arrests and the confiscation of minutes, pamphlets, diaries and other literature.

Amongst these detained are UDF President Ms. Albertina Sisulu, UDF Treasurer Mr. Cas Saloojee, UDF Transvaal Vice-President Mr. Frank Chikane, the General Secretary of the S.A. Allied Workers Union, Sisa Njikelena, and SAAWU President Mr. Thosumile Ggweta. The UDF claims at least 2 million supporters and SAAWU has more than 100 000 signed up members.

The clampdown was evidently in preparation for what will be the biggest treason trial in 25 years. The previous marathon trial, in which all 156 were evident-

ly acquitted, lasted 5 years. The 15 present accused, face alternate changes under Section 54 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr. Roland White, UDF Eastern Cape Exec. member, whose home was raided during the swoop said, "The intention seems to be to render UDF ineffective as a force of resistance to Apartheid while maintaining a shell of opposition." Ms Helen Suzman, PFP MP for Houghton commenting on the arrests "at this time of unrest things should be calmed down not made worse."

Britain's Guardian Newspaper dismissed the charges as "ludicrously inappropriate and trumped up" and that "The credibility gap between the presidential address and a long - and continuing - tradition of Kaffir-bashing has been widened to a bottomless chasm by this week's police initiatives.

Security police raid residences

As part of the nationwide UDF clampdown the homes and residence rooms of Rhodes University students were raided. Documents, diaries and other literature was confiscated.

The raid started at 4am when police raided the homes of BSM executive members and the home of Eastern Cape UDF exec. member R. White. In all the cases the students involved had to endure the humiliation of police sifting through their personal belongings.

Thabiso Ratsoma BSM President was told that the registrar Mr. Wilkinson knew about the raids before Ratsoma was raided. Said Mr. Ratsoma, "The statement by the police that Mr. Wilkinson knew of the search is of great concern to us, particularly if we think of the statement by the minister of Police that he had talked to V.C.'s and that two of them agreed to curb activities of Black students on Campuses. When we

talked to the vice principal he denied that there was any link between that statement and the V.C.'s attitude towards us."



Thabiso Ratsoma BSM President

"The attempt to undermine the efficiency of U.D.F through charging some of the leadership with "treason" is an attempt to de-legitimise what the U.D.F represents."

The BSM offices were also searched and publications on the Education Charter Campaign, the Sports boycott

and the AZASO constitution were taken.

Commenting on the raids Roland White said "What was taken from me and other UDF officials, mainly documents, records, correspondence connected with the ongoing running of the UDF; There is clearly an attempt to undermine or make impossible the ongoing running of the organisation."

"Resistance is not eliminated by eliminating organisations. The "idea" will continue to exist."

Thabiso said that over the past eighteen months the U.D.F. has shown that it is capable of mobilising millions of people and is therefore an increasing threat to the government.

Rather than ban it, and be condemned as a dictatorship crushing all opposition, they resort to detention and trumped-up charges of "treason."

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"Time for an honest appraisal



As with many other parts of the country, the Eastern Cape is racked by socio-economic and socio-political trauma.

While these have been long with us, they have escalated considerably over the past five years to the extent that the Eastern Cape is arguably the worst-off region in South-Africa today.

The most traumatic effects of this impoverishment have been associated with the black community and this is not, of course, a coincidence of fate. Their plight has always been the lowest level of the official pecking order.

The crisis in schools, the lack of jobs and inadequate housing in the black community have been aggravated by a lack of access to effective participation in processes which will determine their destiny. In a word, denial of an effective voice.

It comes, therefore, as no surprise that accumulated frustration and despair in the black community have yielded circumstances of endemic social instability, commonly termed "riots" and "unrest". In these ways, people have sought to demonstrate exactly how they feel about their plight.

This instability has been compounded by economic circumstances that will

without doubt, exacerbate a situation which has been made worse by the effects of policies of exclusion.

The drought - a favourite official whipping boy - has seen people driven off the land to become, often unwilling, migrants to urban areas where they live in the twilight world of "illegals" - a world which has not planned for their presence and which only grudgingly acknowledges their existence. In the Port Elizabeth area alone, there are estimated to be some 60 000 persons in this position.

The recent shifts in the motor industry could eventually result in a permanent slump of the previous cyclical process in the economy of the Eastern Cape. Such a situation will add further fuel to already serious circumstances.

Previous statistics which measure the dimensions of the problem are, at this stage, somewhat irrelevant. Moreover, solutions to high and growing unemployment are not necessarily facilitated by determining how many people are unemployed.

The scale of the problem is all too visible, especially in a town like Grahamstown. "Band-Aid" type solutions are of little consequence now, although they may improve the situation in particular and individual cases for a while.

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human beings instead of
being condemned to the lives
they now live.

This we simply cannot afford
either in this region or
the rest of the country. ■



Ours

Welcome to the Pleasure - Dome!! By now you may have tasted the delights of Kaif sausage rolls, English tuts and float building. But there is another side to university life - a side which this academic hothouse environment obscures. The task of educating yourself includes developing the ability to question and challenge what you are being taught, to make sense of the real world.

For beyond the boundaries of Rhodes, and even Grahamstown, South Africa's people are experiencing the effects of living in a divided and unjust society.

Recently the UDF, the organisation which represents the majority of South Africa's oppressed, was the victim of a state clampdown aimed at silencing opposition to government policy. The rising cost of living and deepening recession does nothing to ease the burden. (Nonetheless, the "Reform" initiatives roll on.)

This is the South Africa which we as students are part of. Learning about it - and how to change it - should be an ongoing part of our education.

1985 has been declared Year of the Youth by the United Nations. We as young South Africans have a responsibility to face the challenge of change for a free and democratic South Africa, where the doors of learning and culture shall be opened to all.

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Yours



LETTERS

Frustrated Fresher

Dear Eds

Being a first year and lucky enough to find digs, I am a little shocked at having to pay R1600 for a few days in Res. I understand that there are many vacant places in the various res's. I was only notified that I'd been accepted at Rhodes shortly before I was due to arrive here. Friends of mine, who had hoped to attend Rhodes this year were forced to accept places at other varsities as they were notified so late. Furthermore it seems strange to me that huge amounts of money were spent on a new res when the older ones are not even filled and money is needed in other parts of the varsity.

I am astounded that Rhodes manages to survive with such evidence of poor planning and administration all round.

Yours in disgust and frustration
"Fresher."

Home away from home?

Dear Eds

We wish to suggest that Rhodéo investigates the criteria on which house wardens are appointed.

For instance, the warden of Lilian Britten House (LB) has been reappointed for a third term of office, despite the fact that in the previous two years, students who were resident in LB at the time, felt the warden was not suitable for the post, making life unnecessarily difficult for the students.

During 1983, a petition detailing student dissatisfaction, supported by 100% of the LB students (including the sub-warden), was presented to the hall warden. This delegation was totally ignored. The warden was then reappointed for a second term in LB.

The dissatisfaction of students concerning the warden's inability to adequately fulfil her role, was overlooked by those responsible for her reappointment. In 1984, there was growing dissatisfaction amongst LB residents as to the warden's lack of concern for, and communication with the members of the house. Towards the end of the year, tensions mounted as the hall warden, who was well aware of the situation, made no attempt to improve it.

In protest to this as well as the fact that the house committee was not consulted on issues concerning the residence, resigned. In the absence of a house comm, the SRC election was boycotted.

Only five 1984 LB students returned to the res this year, and only two of the remainder completed their studies. This shows that more than two-thirds of the students left LB at the end of last year. If nothing else is a demonstration of student dissatisfaction with the reappointment of the warden then what is?

Yours Ex-LB

Stings of Apartheid

Dear Eds

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that I've been to a multi-racial school from std 6 up to 10, and I didn't feel the stings of apartheid until I came to Rhodes.

I will mention only one of the events that expose the evil nature of apartheid. It so happened that one day while I was passing through College House, a certain guy confronted me and shouted at me, saying I shouldn't pass through their house because it was a private res.

We exchanged some verbal blows until someone came to the scene and he was reasonable enough to talk to me in a very polite and gentle manner. So I was saved for a moment from that racist who treats people according to their colour.

Actually, a lot of people pass through College unnoticed, simply because they are white; and if a black student passes by, he is subjected to all the uncouth and barbaric behaviour of a few racists. I appreciate the fact that we do have people who can accept blacks as human beings, and not as sub-human beings.

I want to make it clear to everybody that it is by no mistake that I'm black, and I owe no apologies for being black at a white (sic) university. I would also like to remind my fellow student that the freedom of South Africa is just around the corner, and if he is prepared to stay in free Azania

he should change his attitude, and if he can't, then the nearest safest place for him would be the sea, where he can stay peacefully, away from the nagging blacks. Azania will never tolerate such people as him.

E.S Shongwe
Cory House

Stop making sense

Dear Rhodeo,

Being a rather hapless individual, groupie, whatever, I went to the SRC's 'Rave in Red' the other night, hoping to get down to some serious bopping. No such luck. RMR managed to play some of the most inane junk I've yet managed to hear this side of Radio Roeveld.

However, I was even more pissed off when RMR used the 'rave' to promote the Juluka concert. I see no reason why the SRC should pay R50 and students R1 admission to listen to continuous advertising and other assorted commercial crap.

RMR likes to use the excuse that 'they can't please everybody'. However any Philistine who enjoys their particular brand of 'music' would listen to anything, so why not try to please the rest.

WHAM? (bam), bring back THE JAM

Yours
just another talking head.

Roar deal?

Dear Rhodeo

I wonder if you could help a friend of mine out of a little predicament he finds himself in. Some Rhema's, in a most unchristianlike manna are attempting to evict him from his rather nice abode. He has a large garden and wonders if you could supply him with a few hungry lions so he could have some fun too.

Thanks,
Stephanie.

Dear Stephanie,

Sorry, we specialise in ripping them off, not ripping them to pieces.

contaminated



Tammin Barker

SRC Oppie Liason rep, brings you the Oppies Column

So, what's new? The Cathedral hasn't cracked, the multinational mansion on the hill is finished, rents have gone up, and once again we're standing in convoluted, snake-like queues in UPB waiting for books that only arrive once the course you need it for is finished. Of course it rained for the first five days of term- what better reminder that you're back in Grahamstown. Gush has done his preliminary rounds, and the Oppie common room window has been knocked for a six by an aspirant Clive Rice on the Great Field.

Once again the Oppie Board has been inundated with requests for somewhere to live. It becomes more and more apparent that Admin is more concerned with amassing MIP's than with ensuring that the students they have accepted have a roof over their heads. This "concern", combined with the Group Areas Act makes a mockery of Admin's claim of creating a "home away from home" for black students. And the post-grad house remains empty.

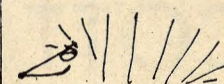
A couple more reminders:

Oppie lease guides are available from Darryl Maclean the oppie secretary; the oppie directory will be out soon- if any oppies have changed addresses, got telephones etc., please let Daryl know, so that we can ensure the directory is correct; and finally, this year the board has decided to have videos every Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

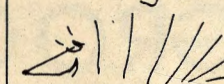
The first Oppie craft market is on Saturday, 16 March. As yet the venue is uncertain. It seems the warden of Graham, Andy Dorrington, finds the cacaphonic chaos too much for his boys. Anyone wanting to set up a stall should contact Debbie Wilson through the Oppie Secretary.

Finally, for all those brand-new Oppies who've discovered that not only food costs money, here's a recipe for cheap (and healthy) conditioner. It is called Rosemary Hair Rinse. Most old digs have a bush of the herb Rosemary growing in a corner of the garden. It has smallish narrow dark green leaves growing in sprigs around a woody stem with blue flowers in summer. An infusion made by pouring 1,25 litres of boiling water over 4 or 5 sprigs of Rosemary and letting it cool is extremely good for your hair. It gives a lovely smell, is a good conditioner, and is said to darken dark hair. (though it won't alter blonde hair) After you have washed your hair, use the Rosemary as a final rinse and conditioner. You can use the leaves several times thereafter. Do it the natural way!!!

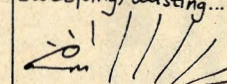
All those lucky 3rd years getting out of res....



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Stoop Talk



*Computer crime is on the increase at Rhodes. Gush, of the Narcotics Bureau, has a (confidential?) computer printout of students' names, etc. The last time the authorities (military) were given info by Admin, Brommert claimed it was a "mistake". Maybe it's just another case of "dopey" administrators?

*In all fairness, Gush really has been busy lately. He was seen at Juluka on Thursday 28th, and in town on Saturday 2nd. But on Friday 1st, he couldn't make it to a court case because of an "ear operation". We do not think he should not keep his head so close to the ground.

* And oldtime Gush-fearing student (mmm), Lloyd Edwards is now offering "Police burseries" at the Vic. In the past he's been heard to say that working for the Security Branch brings "job satisfaction". Hurry, only limited posts available. But don't believe them when they say you don't have to work for them when you've finished your degree, né Lloyd? (Oh yes. Congratulations on your recent promotion to Lieutenant.)

* Meanwhile, Gavin Stewart has told Journ.

department tutors that there's to be no recruiting in tuts, "not for NUSAS or the Security Branch". Let's hope Lloyd isn't too unhappy about the fact that Journ. students won't be drinking at the Vic now.

* Speaking of military recruitment, permanent force member, Sergeant Ashley Lillie, has returned to Rhodes after more time in the SADF supervising the verification of military history. Last year he helped review eminent historian Prof. Davenport's work. This year Ashley will try to complete his history degree under Davenport.

* And finally, we hear from our sources - computer printouts, moles, bugs, etc - that Cliff Saunders has a copy of every single RHODEO. All of us here in the office would just like to take this opportunity to say: "HI CLIFF. WE LOVE YOUR NEWS SHOW... IT'S SO... ORIGINAL."

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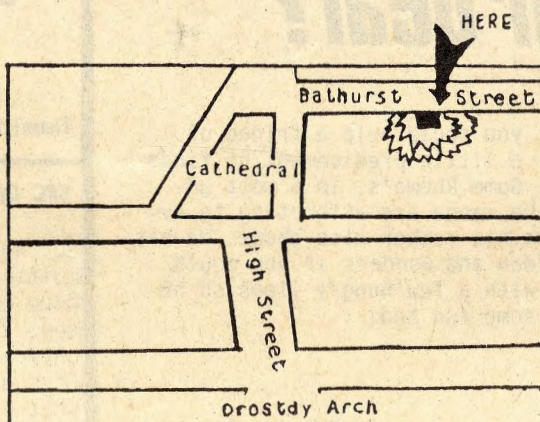
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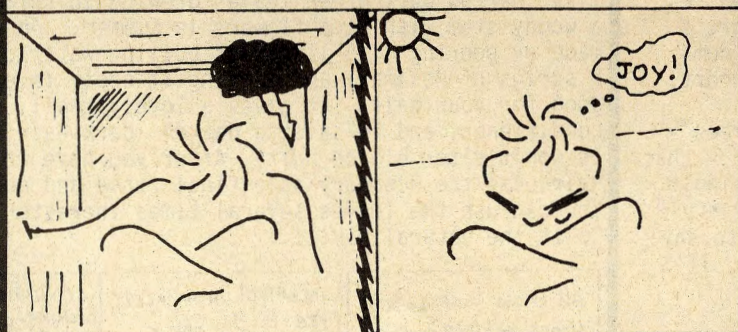
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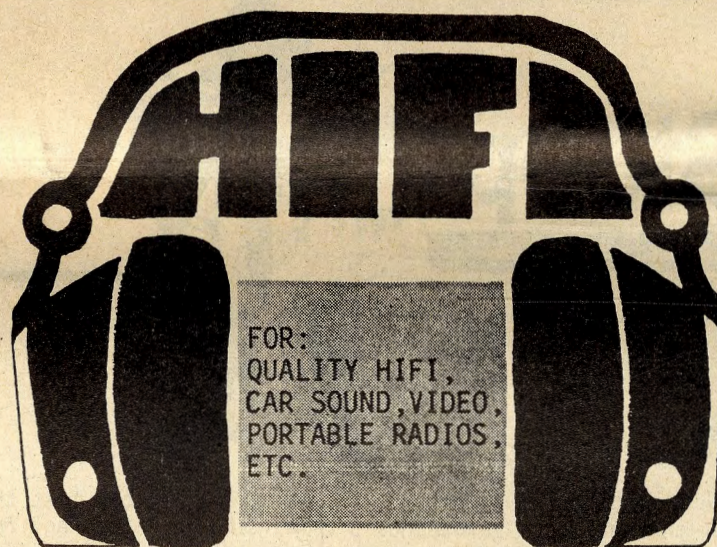
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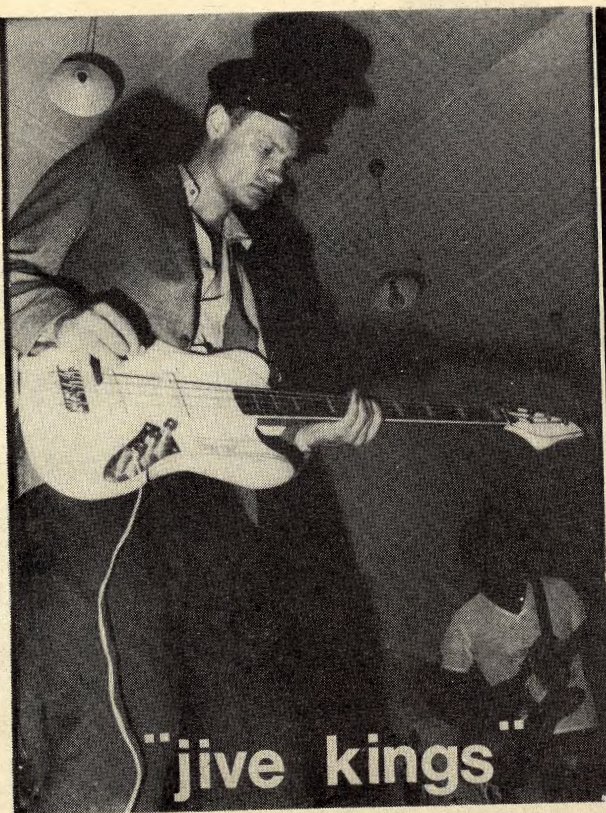
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A DYNAMIC SOUND EXPERIENCE

SHIFTY



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What has two parts Rhodes, four parts Tanti and is between 20 and 57? The Jive Kings, of course.

Last Saturday over 100 energetic people witnessed a 'Rhini rave' where mbaqanga was made magical. The Jive Kings, albeit still in the formative stages, illustrated the virtues of African music with their blended bouncy bass, leaping lead, wailing sax and pertinent percussion.

Jive Kings formed when student Andrew Kay met Richard Mpati, who at that stage played jazz and didn't drink or smoke, now things are quite different.....and we are about to witness the ascendancy of Grahamstown's indigenous hybrid band.

Jive Kings are Andrew (bass) Richard (lead), Tess and Cecil (casitone), Cyril (percussion) and Julius (sax).

Ever heard of the "Happy Ships", "Bernoldus Niemand", "The Kalahari Surfers"? No? Well, it is hardly surprising(although it should be), that South Africans know nothing about their own South African bands.

For too long record companies have ignored the music that is happening all around us in favour of "Starred and Striped" high profit sounds. In essence what they have done is stunted the growth and development of a South African culture, and led people to believe that we are incapable of creating our own, indigenous sound.

But there is hope. Lloyd Ross, after years of watching groups like "Corporal Punishment" fade into oblivion, has created "SHIFTY STUDIO". His aim is to record 'honest music with its roots clearly based in this country'. SHIFTY albums are scheduled to come out monthly- already on sale is "Sound Future" by the "Happy Ships", and "Rebel Music" a compilation album including songs by "Corporal Punishment", "National Wake" and Roger Lucey. Also lined up is "Bernoldus Niemand" and "The Softies". As Lloyd said, "No other record company would contemplate releasing this music, or if they did, they'd just about ignore it!"

We don't need them anymore, we've got SHIFTY.

CHANGES

32 000 people from hundreds of not-so-free walks of life bopped, raved and screamed till the walls of Wits University shook at the annual Free Peoples Concert held there recently.

It was a rave with something for everyone - from Mapantsula, the Cherry Faced Lurchers, Amampondo and the Softies (among others) for those genuinely interested in South African culture, to Face to Face for their gormless groupies, who seem to be unaware that they are living in Africa.

Its the idea behind the Free Peoples Concert that makes it unique in South Africa, but to translate it into reality is a difficult process.

Organiser of the concert, Wits student, Antony Gordon, who aimed to bill "original alternative South African music", for the show, found himself forced to include the dubious Face to Face and All Night Radio in the line up for financial reasons.

Wits SRC and Nusas rely on sponsorship to

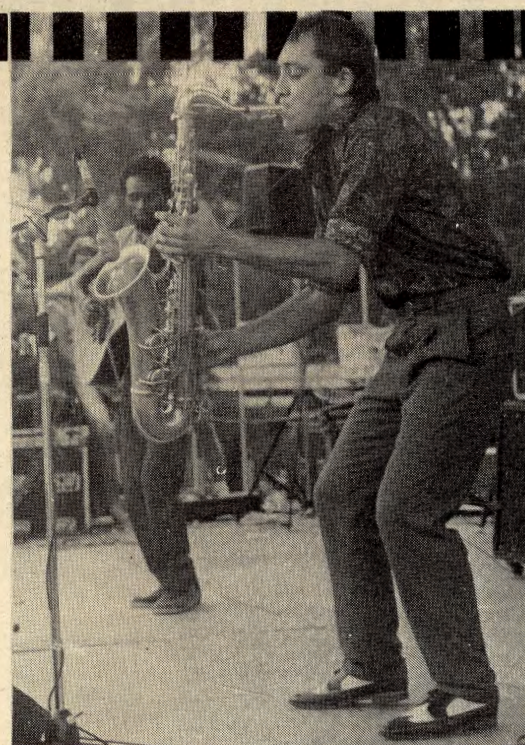
bring the concert to Johannesburg each year.

But companies only agree to sponsor them if they include magnate bands that already have recording contracts and a massive following.

Still it was enjoyable and ironically, it was those alternative bands that made it worthwhile. The Softies played magnificently, and the Cherry Faced Lurchers, with their tongue-in-cheek commentary on life in Braamfontein, were great. Its a pity we don't see/hear more of them; Mapantsula weren't as vibrant as usual, but their Mbaqanga jive inevitably gets all who hear them moving.

Langa-based Amampondo produced their usual exciting ethnic sounds while the long-running African Jazz Pioneers recieved some long overdue publicity in a big forum.

The Soweto soul of Brenda Fase and the Big Dudes helped emphasise the fact that progressive bands still play the best music. As she once said, "Its nice to be a people"



MAPANTSULA

Orientation week has come and gone once again with its clouds of uncertain faces certainly brightening with the realization that University is not such a daunting drag after all.

The appetite for wild drinking sprees and soaked jorls is still present at Rhodes in this year of the Lord 1985. Even the reply to the question; "What are you doing tonight?", is still, "We're going to the Vic!!!", or other related phrases.

What amazed me the most, was how hundreds of people who barely know one another can go to disco's and other jorls and have such a rave. I suppose alcohol is a great medium for meeting people. The liquor dealers certainly made a killing over orientation week, with over 2000 bottles of beer being consumed at a well-known locale in one night alone!

Let me cut the moral line, and review several of the more prominent jorls over the past three weeks.

The Great Hall Jorl organised by the SRC had the Hall bursting at the seams, with most movement on the floor reduced to a shuffle. This will be, I imagine, the biggest disco in the Great Hall for the rest of the year, as was shown by the relatively fewer people attending the "Rave in Red" a week later.

The raves at the Pony Club, had the horses cowering in their boxes thanking the stars that they weren't humans. Need I say more? Unfortunately the NUSAS Jorl at Selwyn Castle never reached boiling point, although the excellent music had those present bopping soberly, and as far as I could see, having a good time.

However, the best party I attended, was organised by RMR at the Upper Vic. Although everyone was pretty out of it there was a peaceful atmosphere with most people out to have a good time. Perhaps many were not capable of aggression due to the concerted efforts of an RMR DJ chorus line that had me in hysterics and many people totally fascinated. They did have a great effect on the majority of the campus tribe. That they can make people dance (whether da people like it or not), is RMR's claim to fame at the moment. See them if you dare!! You'll never be the same again!!!!

Despite it being their fourth appearance in Grahamstown, Juluka generated a high degree of excitement in both their early and late shows. Running through a selection of songs from their seven albums, they showed their old numbers and stage show are just as popular and visually exiting as ever. Do they need to change their formulae?

In an interview with RMR, Johnny Clegg revealed the difficulties of breaking into the American market. America has introspectively rediscovered its own sound and breaking in is doubly difficult in this respect. Radio stations would not play their songs and people could not understand or relate to Zulu. Consequently Juluka sang more English

songs like Fever and Kilamajaro on their international album to gain popularity. Eventually the media coverage of their live shows broke them through, especially in Canada.

Johnny felt that for any African band to make it big in the States a new market must be created in the same way Reggae created its own market. He also admits the influence Western commercial music has had in watering down Juluka's music and emphasises the influence it has upon most contemporary South African music.

So, where do you draw the line? It's time to decide Juluka. Either you remain African or you make money!

I HAVE REVIEWED?

by CL

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Juluka 4

; the replay.



Candid shots at some of the raves: 1. "This is my sixth double!! Hee! Hee! Hee!" 2. "...I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK BECAUSE I'M GONNA..." 3. "I promise not to do it again, just let go of my finger, PLEEAASE!!!"

new

by SH-B

VULA, an exciting, innovative magazine has burst onto the South African media industry. VULA (come, in Zulu), gives an alternative view on South African music, fashion, art and culture. An all important national project that's finally underway. Amongst the production team sits many old Rhodes, ranging from past RHODED editors, Craig Tyson and Jeremy Thomas, to ex-SRC president, John Campbell. Wonderful to see their work...and if you have not, the VULA rep at Rhodes is Tammin Barker.

publication

Kowie's cookin'!

SAU results

Well, no results as yet from this year's frenzied and disordered Kowie East-Pier herd, but we wait in chronic anticipation.

This year, the Rhodes surf team have on their agenda a mission of consistent sucking and spoiling, to put it mildly.

The surf club has the whole spot covered from Namibia to Cape Town, with Alan "Cauldron" Carter, Lenny "Lemon Tablet" Tebbutt, Gain Hume and Rus Seymour from Border.

From the Eastern Province there's Donovan Shaw and Richard Heath, and from the Southern Cape team, the radical brothers Rolfe, Gary and Kenny.

Other hotties in this incredibly moist line-up include Pete Vogel, Richard Tebbutt, Big Jan Rasmussen and Karsten "Cast Iron" Rolloff to name but a few.



Rhodes surfer makes re-entry on radical rip down at Kowie

The first contest will be held on the 17th March at Kowie and along with this a

promise of lacerating rip rig and panic surfing accompanied by hot sounds, hot leather

and hot sun. This should be a nice break from the usual Sunday Vaudeville routine in Grahamstown.

Here are the Summer South African University results. The events took place during the 1984/85 summer vacation and Rhodes was once again represented in full force.

1. SWIMMING- Pretoria Rhodes fifth out of ten. P. Horwitz was chosen for the Protea swimming team.

2. TENNIS - WITS

Men: Rhodes eighth out of ten

Women: Rhodes seventh out of eleven

3. CRICKET - RAU

Rhodes eighth out of twelve

4. SAILING - Pietermaritzburg

Rhodes fifth out of twelve

5. ATHLETICS -UPE

Rhodes ninth out of ten

6. UNDERWATER

Rhodes tenth out of ten

Anyone for ...?

Rhodes' Tennis Team were again participants in the annual SAU Tournament, held during the December vac and hosted by Wits University.

The Mens Team consisted of Graeme Dorrington, Martin Peteson, Julian Hobson, Dave Whitehead, Dave Kennedy and Rob Smuts.

Martin Peteson excelled at the Number Two position, winning five out of seven singles matches. Unfortunately the mens team was weakened considerably by the loss of Dave Kennedy who

sustained injuries on the first day and was unable to continue playing in the tournament.

Nevertheless, the men finally finished a creditable eighth. This included a fine win over the University of Natal.

The Womens Team, including Allison Strong, Helen Meehan, Allse Hellmann, Lynda Birch, Cindi King and Megan Sparg, fared even better, finishing seventh on the list of participating teams.

Their victories included wins over RAU, Natal and Wits. Congratulations must be extended to Linda Birch who won the tournament's Sportsman Award.

Tennis Captain, Rob Gill, said prospects for 1985 looked good. "There is apparently an ex-Transvaal Schools player at Rhodes this year, and with

the annual Inter-Res Tournament being held on the sixteenth and seventeenth of March, we are expecting a really good turn-out in the tennis club this year."

Rhodes karate kicks off

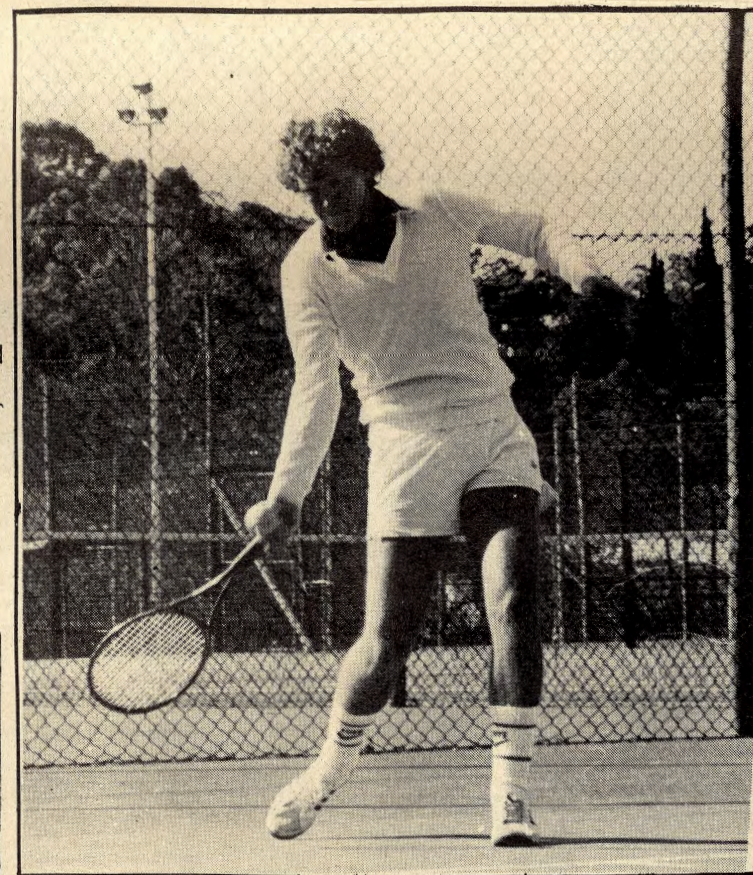
Two Rhodes students participated in the South African Karate Squad selection which was held on February 23rd.

They are Haydyn Hulley, who was disqualified for excessive contact, and Ryan Basker who made squad selection.

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Ryan Basker was one of the few people not to lose a fight at all. He will be taking part in squad training sessions.

From the squad a Springbok team of five will be chosen. They will represent South Africa if there is a tour this year or if touring teams visit this country.



MARTIN PETERSON, winner of last years championships and tipped to win again this year, shows us how it's done.

WHACKEY BATMEN !

Rhodes' 1st XI has won its last two matches, scoring centuries in both.

Matt Bland hit an exciting 1st innings score of 111 not out, to help Rhodes defeat PECC over the weekend. Rhodes won the match by 98 runs.

Valuable contributions also from Peter Andrew (65) Roger Moul (50) and Sarge Long who took 3 for 79.

However, Andrew and Cresswell suffered the embarrassment of receiving golden duck awards.

Last Wednesday Sarge Lang scored a superb 143 to help Rhodes University's 1st XI beat EP Command in an exciting limited overs match.

Captain, Vernon Cresswell scored 76 and Rhodes was at one stage 221 for 2, before losing 7 wickets for 36 runs.

EP Command was left the task of scoring 13 runs in the last over. However, Rhodes victoriously bowled them all out.



BACK: B. Hutchings, A. Latrobe, D. Whitfield, M. Bland (Tarzan), P. Andrew
FRONT: C. Philips, B. Middleton, V. Cresswell, G. Long, R. Moul, J. Hoffman (manager)

POT LUCK



INTO BONDAGE...?

Then get trussed up in a shooting-jacket with matching leather straps and head for the rifle-range.

The Rhodes Rifle club winners of last years club of the year award, are out for a repeat performance this year.

On the agenda are nine bis-leys (inter club shoots) of which four are away, and the E.P. championships which will be held over the weekend of 31st May.

On the campus front there will be an inter-hall air-rifle trophy up for grabs either at the end of this term or the beginning of next. Fun shoots with accompanying socials will be organised through residences as well.

Splashing Out

THERE ARE TWO GREAT ADVENTURES, exploration of space and exploration of a world of extraordinary beauty and excitement, a world beneath the sea.

The Underwater Club caters for scuba, spearfishing and underwater hockey, as well as having many social get-togethers.

In April the club offers exciting trips to beautiful reefs and wrecks and members also enjoy a week of relaxation and

beach parties.

A scuba course is also offered which enables successful candidates to obtain an internationally recognised certificate.

Two club members, E. Hurlow and M. Griffiths represented EP in the SA spearfishing nationals.

EP came 6th with Hurlow placed 15th and Griffiths 9th in the individuals, and 5th in the Tony Dicks competition.

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