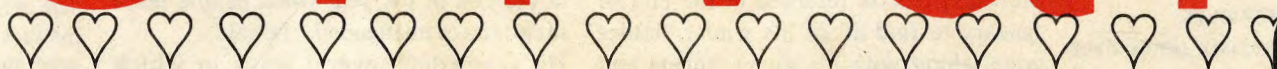


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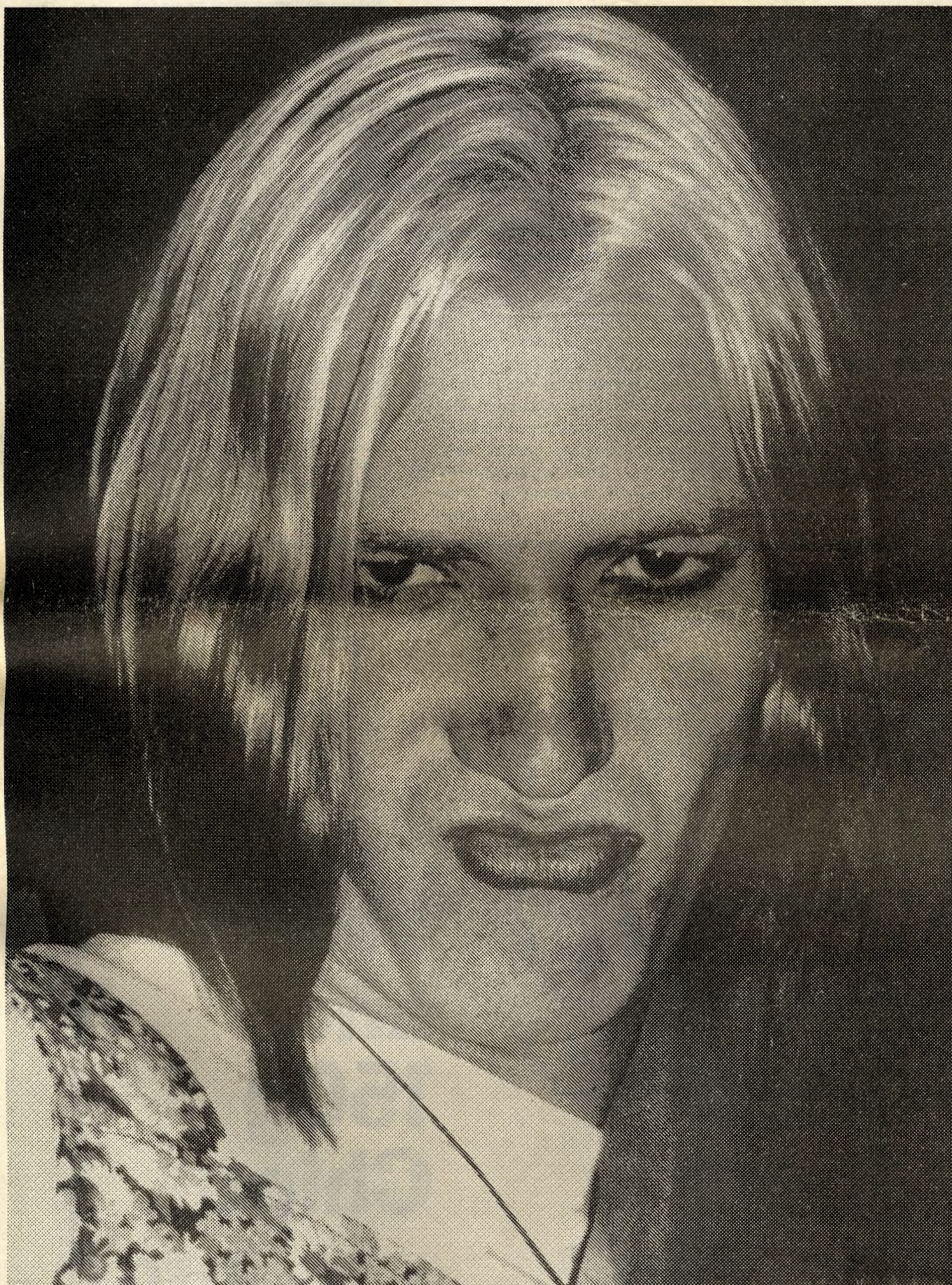
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Be my Valentine

DIGS BURGLARIES

Lineke Moen

THE holiday period once again produced its share of digs robberies, with empty houses an easy target for thieves.

One digs was broken into six times over December and January and was left with only desks, chairs and a sofa.

Richard Gardner, one of the occupants, said that clothes, bedding, a fridge, a cooker and smaller items like calculators were taken.

"The last time they came back they also took the mattresses. There are signs that they slept in the place, because beer bottles were everywhere and they urinated on the floors and smashed plates and things."

The landlady is in Port Alfred and was notified after the first break-in, but she went away before she could put in burglar bars and an alarm system. Temporary burglar bars were put in but the burglars just broke them off.

"A friend of mine was in Grahamstown and checked on the house, but they still broke

in," said Gardener.

Another student whose digs got broken into lost about five thousand rands worth of clothes and linen.

Steven Hitchcox returned at the end of January to find all of his winter clothes gone, along with his duvet, sheets and several other smaller things.

"They broke a window and bent the burglar bars to get in. It must have been a child who got in, because an adult would not have got in through such a small opening."

Everything that could go through the window was stolen, so luckily my computer was too big to be taken."

He said his landlord lived right behind his digs, but did not report the robbery.

"He had the window fixed but didn't bother checking the room. There was a padlock on my door, but the police could have opened that if he had called them."

"I don't expect anything to be recovered, because I could only report it now and they must have broken in at the beginning of the year," he said.

The police do not have statistics specific to student digs, but report that over December and January more than 100 break-in's were reported in Grahamstown.

Fortunately, this is not significantly more than in previous years, and a decrease in the number of robberies is also beginning to show, said Captain Christo Bosch of the Grahamstown Police.

He said that where they usually deal with

about twenty cases over a weekend, they only had five recently.

"In February and March things quieten down a little bit, but then it picks up again at the end of the year when people leave their houses unattended," he said.

He suggested several ways in which students can safeguard their houses during the long vac:

Notify the police of the dates when your house will be empty, so that they can check on them.

Leave a contact numbers where the police can reach you in an emergency.

If you are renting a place, try to get the landlord/lady to put in an alarm system, security gates and burglar bars.

Try to take as much as possible with you when you leave, since it is usually smaller items such as video machines and hi-fi's that are taken.

Joy Allcock, the Oppie Secretary, said that students in digs must make sure that their possessions are insured.

"Make sure that your burglar bars are secure, because robbers frequently get into a house by breaking a window and bending or removing the burglar bars," she said.

She also suggested that you don't encourage street children to beg at your digs, as some children are used to break into houses.

"Although it is really sad to see these children beg, rather buy them milk and bread from OK or somewhere in town - don't give them food from your house."

Mad Hatters Change Venue

Marco Pedroncelli

MAD Hatters Coffee shop has moved across the road to occupy the old Rags and Riches building.

The cramped layout of the old building, and the fact that the lease did not allow them to stay open at night, prompted the move said owner Gyles Westcott.

Hatters will be applying for a liquor licence in the hopes of putting "quality wines" and some beers on the menu before August. But "I have no intention of turning this place into a pub," said Gyles.

Decorated with fiery orange walls, solid wooden floors and big sunny windows, the new Hatters is a definite improvement.

Open and airy, the feeling is stylish and comfortable. Vaya Con Dios, and other mellow tunes provide a soothing background for a cup of imported coffee and a snack.

Prices may not be cheap though. Looking at the soon to be revised menu, the coffee is a little pricy. "It costs a bit more but then it is good quality coffee," says Gyles. Soon the menu and the prices will change.

"I haven't done my costing yet," said Gyles, "but when it is done, the prices should drop a bit".

The move puts Hatters on street level with space outside for tables, increasing the size of the cafe. "I'm a lot more accessible now," says Gyles.

Having run the old Mad Hatters for two years, Gyles is confident he's found a niche; "We've seen places coming and going in Grahamstown, I think that I've got the formula right."

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Increase in Rhodes Academic Staff

Activate Reporter

RHODES' academic staff has been increased by 35 new members.

Two professors, 24 lecturers, one research assistant and six teaching assistants have been appointed, as well as a director of Goldfields Environmental Education and a director of the New Media Laboratory in the Journalism Department.

The appointments have been made purely on merit, as Rhodes does not have an affirmative action policy in place.

The Director of Personnel, Bruce Smith, said: "I think that the University's selection committees would like to attract women and blacks to fill the positions but a lot depends on who applies. If all who are applying are white and male, that is who you will end up with. In terms of academic staff Rhodes has

employed six foreigners. We try to recruit the best people internationally." He added that the non-academic staff was almost entirely South African.

Smith said the number of new appointments was stable and that it was not a significant growth from last year's.

He said, however, that Rhodes East London had definitely grown since the Social Work Department moved from Grahamstown last year.

His deputy, Dan Davel, said that Rhodes would never experience substantial growth in either staff or students because there are a limited number of students that can be accommodated in the town. He added that potential staff members are often discouraged from applying for posts at the University, because spouses in other employment sectors are unlikely to also find jobs in Grahamstown.

Students to be booted from Res

Tseko Moloi

STUDENTS who have not submitted their minimum initial payment (MIP) before they return to res face being sent home before registration.

Students with problems have been advised to contact the Dean of Students Moosa Motara, Registrar Stephen Fourie or Tony Long, Registrar of Finance, so each case can be assessed individually.

In the past, a residence deposit of R265 paid the previous year, was enough to ensure accommodation in res, even if the MIP was late. Rhodes' Student Representative Council has objected to Admin's decision.

The SRC's General Secretary, Unathi Malunga, said they were shocked by Admin's decision.

This will inconvenience both the returning students and the first years who may not be aware of this new policy, she said.

Malunga said Admin told the SRC that students who failed to pay their MIP before they arrived to move into res, would be accommodated in the San for one night after which they would be sent home. Students whose MIP's have been received and students with full bursaries would be accepted into residences.

The SRC has resolved to request clarification on this new policy.

The regulations concerning the payment of fees are clearly spelt out in the University calendar of 1997. The new regulation however, is not included in the calendar.

More women for Rhodes

Activate reporter

NEW House has become the second res in two years to change into a women's residence.

The res, which has 119 rooms is not full at the moment, but women applicants are being placed there daily.

The decision was taken because in 1996, there were 150 empty places in male residences on campus, compared to only three in female reses, and those were soon filled, said Residence Officer

Lesley Futter.

Most of the men living in New House last year have been relocated to Jan Smuts, although those who asked to be in other reses have been accommodated elsewhere.

Rhodes Administration confirmed that there more and more women are coming to the University, but could not say why this is so.

At the time of going to press, figures for this year's ratio of men to women were not available.

Last year Adamson was turned into an all women residence.



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University faces subsidy cuts

Mboneni Mulaudzi

A NUMBER of universities face subsidy cuts for this year, with Rhodes losing R8.9m. Lincoln Mali, a spokesperson for the Department of Education, said the figures released, which he could not disclose, were preliminary. He said there were ongoing discussions between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance to see if the education budget could not be increased. He said the education budget should be looked at within the context of government spending and within the constraints the national government was facing. Mali emphasised that there was no reason tertiary institutions should see education as more important than other social services, like housing, providing jobs or health services. He said institutions were given the figures in order to guide them in their budget planning with a clear indication that those were provisional figures and were supposed to be confidential. Responding to the media releases by rectors of different universities who complained about the cuts, Mali said that all those vice-chancellors who gave subsidy cut information to the media acted irresponsibly, as they were informed these were confidential preliminary figures. Mali could not say when the final figures will be released due to the "highly sensitive discussions that are still going on". Rhodes finance registrar Tony Long said they were not told the figures were confidential and the University could not "keep quiet about it". He said the University was expecting a subsidy of R75m from the government, but was told they would get R8.9m less and the decision was only made known to the University late last year. Long said student fees would not be affected by the cuts as they would remain at the eight percent increment agreed upon by management and the SRC last year. According to Rhodes Dean of Students, Moosa Motara, who sits on the Tertiary Education Fund of South Africa (TEFSA) board, the government has allocated R250m to TEFSA, instead of the requested amount of R450m. In light of this cut, the University, with the knowledge of the SRC, has decided to convert the Dean of Students bursary into a Council loan, at an interest rate similar to that offered by TEFSA. Both Motara and Long said they anticipated that with conversion of the bursary into a loan the

University would be able to help more students this year. On going to print, 2000 applications for financial assistance had been received and so far 300 applicants have been granted assistance, with 270 students allocated the Council loan. Mali said institutions should find ways to rationalise some services and should also re-prioritise according to where funds are needed most. Long said that because of the cut the University would have to rationalise and re-prioritise in terms of its capital expenditure. He said that due to subsidy cuts, all staff members' January bonuses have been frozen until the situation has been clarified. He said he also anticipated that the University might have to dig into its reserves to decrease their R2.5m deficit. Long said tangible decisions on what the University was going to do in the face of subsidy cuts were to be taken in a meeting held on Wednesday 5 of February.

Honourary Doctorates awarded Philani Masuku

SIX candidates will receive Honourary Doctoral degrees at Rhodes' graduation ceremony in April. Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, Kadar Asmal, Arthur Chaskalson, President of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, and Derek Henderson, former Vice Chancellor of Rhodes, will all receive Doctor of Law degrees. The new Anglican Archbishop, Reverend Winston Ndungane, will receive a Doctor of Divinity degree. Conrad Strauss, a leading economic expert, will receive a Doctor of Commerce degree. Pieter Dirk-Uys, or "Evita Bezuidenhout", will receive a Doctor of Literature degree. "I am delighted. For someone who spells as badly as I do, a D. Litt from Rhodes is not just a delicious irony, but a great and meaningful honour," said Uys. Candidates are selected by an Honorary Degrees committee coordinated by the Registrar's Assistant, Peter Weldrick. Confirming the names, Weldrick said: "The committee that came up with the final names of the recipients for the degrees included two SRC representatives, four Council members and four senate members. An SRC representative said they

could nominate one person from a list of seven. They nominated Uys because of the humour he had brought to South Africans by making them laugh and forget their differences. Asked why they had not nominated Henderson, their former VC, SRC President, Chicco Khoza and Vice President, Linda Pledger, jointly

asked, "What for?" Uys will address the first graduation ceremony on the morning of Friday 18 April, with Ndungane speaking in the evening. Professor Asmal will address the morning ceremony on Saturday 19 April, whilst Justice Chaskalson will speak at the East London graduation ceremony on May 9.

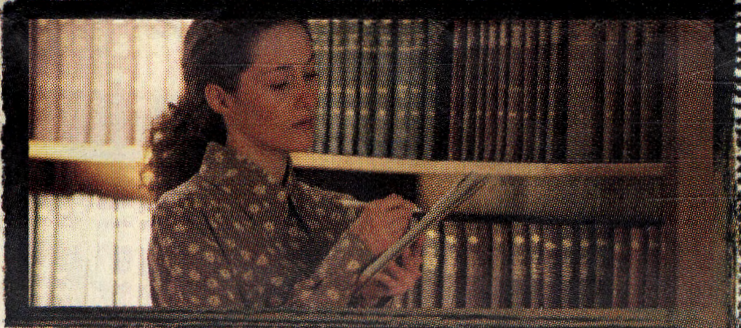
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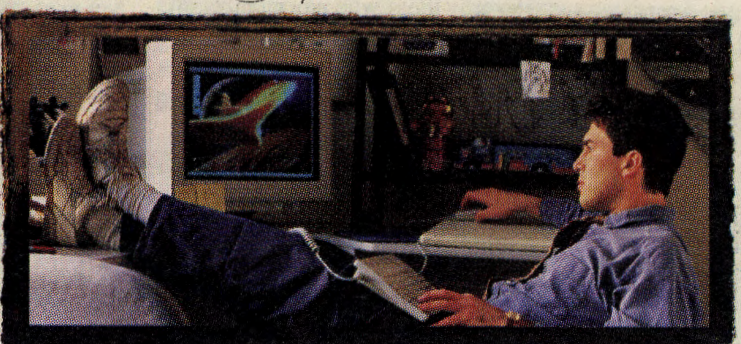
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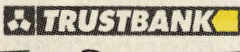
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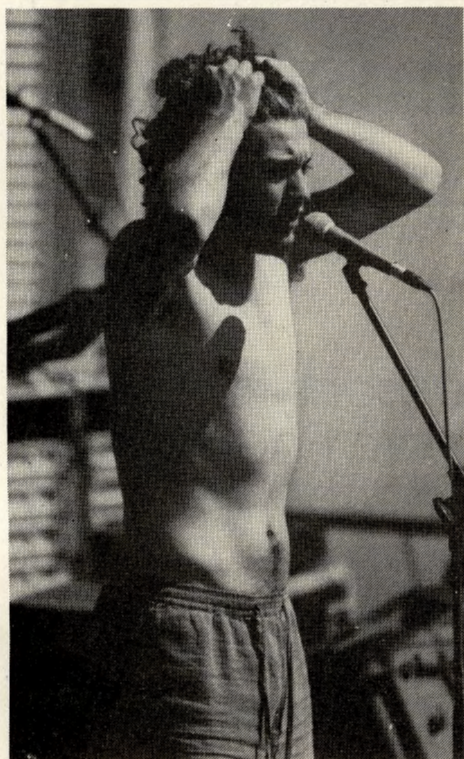


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MONSTER MUSIC

Ilda Jacobs



Lead singer of *Dorp*, Pieter Bezuidenhout, in action. *Dorp* will rock Kaif on the 9th of April.
pic: Carlo van Wyk

Probably the worst thing about Grahamstown is the isolation. Technically, it's a city, but in reality, it's more of a village, stuck in its own time zone. Returning to a big city like Cape Town, you find that you've lost touch with the fashion scene - at Rhodes you walk barefoot and dress like a pleb.

Likewise, we are cut off from the apparently exploding local music scene, because Rhodes is not exactly the home of homegrown music. Bands are based in big cities, and most of their gigs are in the surrounding areas.

Last year Rhodents saw *Sugardrive* in Orientation week when they rocked the Pyramid. Unfortunately the Pyramid closed down.

Festival brought some of the best bands to the G-spot, but only the lucky festival-goers got to see them live.

Tin Roof Blues opened, and we saw the *Dolly Rockers* and *Arapaho*. Both gigs were a mega mosh of bopping Rhodents and energetic musos. *Little Sister* (not exactly my favourite band, broer) and the *Landscape Prayers* also remembered about the varsity close to nowhere and toured Grahamstown. The gospel techno band, *MIC*, also performed on campus.

It brings the grand total up to 6 bands -

maybe I missed some unknown ones - in one year. Enough to reform any groupie into a hardcore raver.

"The SA music explosion is a bit like God." wrote former Rhodes student, Dror Eyal, in the *Mail & Guardian*, "Barney Simon preaches it daily and no one ever gets to see it."

Grahamstown is about to see it though...

Nude Girls visit G-Spot

Yebo, the band that Barney Simon calls "the most wanted band in South Africa" is finally coming to Grahamstown!

If you haven't seen them live, the time has arrived. Their music is a powerful concoction of blues, metal, grunge, jazz - it doesn't ask for classification. Listen and groove to their playful, more laidback stuff, and get ready to rock and bop to their absolutely overwhelming energy and attitude. The *Nude Girls* promise not only brilliant music, but a stage presence that no band can equal. Lead singer Arno Carstens is a majestic presence on stage, while Adriaan on the trumpet is like an energy ball bouncing all over the stage. Every *Girl* is a talented musician and make no mistake, if one of them had to leave, the band just wouldn't be the same.

They will perform in Kaif on the 14th of February. If you miss this one there is just no hope for you. Grahamstown is isolated so when something happens and you miss it...

More monster music in the Kaif

Pete Boshoff, manager of the Union, is planning to bring more bands to Grahamstown this year.

"The Resource Centre can become a local music venue for bands, and I am willing to invest in the venue and improve it if it is a success."

The Union will function on the dallas chip system, so only those who pay membership fees will have access to the bands playing there. If gigs are held in the Resource Centre, there will be a cover charge, and anybody can see them.

"This way the bands can operate the door and make their profit," Pete said.

Dorp, a band from the dorpie Somerset-West in the Western Cape, will play in Kaif on the 9th of April. *Dorp* has a very distinctive South African sound, being a mixture of African maskanda, funk and

whatever they can add to their music. *Dorp* is lekker fun on stage, especially their song "Damn Proud of It" which will get everybody bopping and roaring with laughter. The song, which made it to number one on RMR's SA music charts, is ripping off the narcotics bureau about "daggarokers daaronder in die Bos". They also make music on a frying pan - go see this bunch of Bolanders because they are great entertainment and you will dig their music.

Pete says the Fireside Jam will definitely happen again this year. This usually happens on Monday nights, and is an opportunity for local musos to perform and show their talent. Pete is looking forward to hear the new talent that we hope you first years have! Who knows, a G-Spot band can make it big time one day...Chris Lecher, lead singer of *Urban Creep*, was a Rhodent himself. He grew up in Grahamstown and studied journalism.



Arno Carstens and his band, *Springbok Nude Girls*, will perform at Kaif on the 14th of February.

More to rock the Tin Roof

Tin Roof Blues will be a hot night spot again this year, with owner James keeping his promise of bringing live music to Grahamstown. Two bands are coming

down in the week of the 17th of February. On Wednesday the 19th the *Famous Curtain Trick* will perform at the Tin Roof. Their song "Everytime" has been receiving national airplay, and RMR's bandscan team interviewed the band last year by phone. Nadine Raal, who is the lead singer, will be the first woman to appear on stage in the Tin Roof... (Yebo, girlie rock rules!) The *Famous Curtain Trick* is a country rock band hailing from Durban.

The next band to visit Grahamstown will be a German rockband called *Deadlock*. They will be in Grahamstown on the 21st of February to rock the roof off the Tin Roof!

This brings the grand total for 1997 up to 4 bands, and that is only in one term. Maybe we are slowly welcoming real time into Grahamstown.

IMPORTANT DATES

14th Feb Kaif *Springbok Nude Girls*
18th Feb Tin Roof *Famous Curtain Trick*
21st Feb Tin Roof *Deadlock*
9th April Kaif *Dorp*

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SA BANDSCAN

SA Bandscan hit the airwaves last year with a half hour program on SA music. Various bands and other musicians were interviewed by phone, and the *Dolly Rockers*, *Arapaho* and the *Landscape Prayers* were lured into the studio. The bandscan team consists of twelve dedicated journo's, who are researching the SA music industry and giving updates on a weekly basis.

The bandscan team has built up a network of contacts within the music industry, and hopefully we'll hear and see more bands live in the Gspot.

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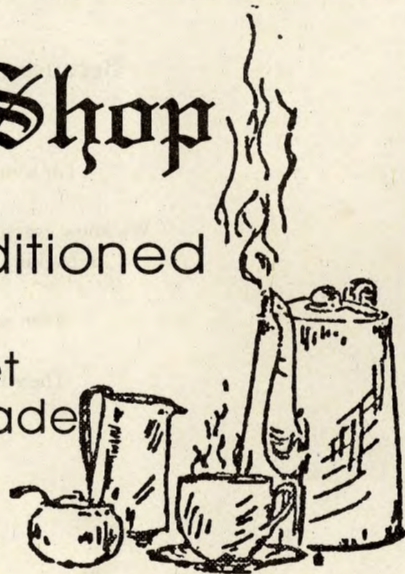
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Editorial

WELCOME, my pretties, to the haunted city of Grahamstown. Prepare yourselves for a journey into the murky depths of the student underworld... come with us as we trace the evolution of the happy-go-lucky first year into a cynical, cigarette smoking, attitude-possessed Rhodent.

Okay, so that's a bit overdone for an editorial, and not really a true reflection of the typical Rhodes student, but it definitely beats "Welcome to Rhodes all ye first-timers and welcome back all ye old-timers". Or even "Well it's that time of the year again..."

AS YOU can see, Activate strives to be the most entertaining and informative newspaper on campus, and this is reflected (we think), in these fun-filled pages that kept us chuckling through the long hours before the rest of the population submitted to the magnetic force of Grahamstown and came back.

This is our special Orientation edition (in case you missed that), published in honour of the first years, who, let's face it, get very little recognition from those who can find their way around Grahamstown blindfold at night, with enough alcohol in their blood stream to debilitate an elephant.

In an attempt to familiarise you with Grahamstown, we have provided a comprehensive guide to student life which includes all the things they don't tell you in the Rhodes calendar, res rule book, problem solving booklet and any of the other info pamphlets that they expect you to read during Orientation week - as if you don't have a life!

Also included in this edition is tour of G-town nite-spots. You'll probably visit them all in one night, but such is the nature of Orientation week, (and the rest of the year come to think of it), that you'll have to keep going back to repair the unexplained memory lapse of the night before.

This edition seems to focus rather a lot on alcohol, excessive drinking, and the rotten behaviour caused by a little over-indulgence. There must be more to Rhodes students, but try as hard as I might, I can't think of one trait that characterises a Rhodent as much as drinking. But then every Varsity needs something to be proud of.

BEFORE this editorial starts to sound like the inebriated meanderings of someone who's spent too long in this happy valley, I will turn to a subject close to all of our hearts, (excuse the intentionally corny pun.)

Valentine's Day is a nice thought, especially if your partner remembers to buy you the choccies, flowers and underwear the shops seem to think we covet. But for those who don't have the dream lover, the day can turn you into a self-pitying nightmare, as you image that EVERYONE else has received those choccies, flowers and underwear you finally admit you *do* covet. Your carefully cultivated mask of porcelain suddenly develops large cracks and you feel more fragile than a humming bird's egg being incubated by an ostrich.

However, there are a couple of comforting thoughts (which admittedly don't make up for a good snog, but still...). The first is that Valentine's Day has become so commercial, with cards practically custom made to say anything that you are not brave enough to write down yourself, that there is basically no real loving feeling left in the whole concept of the day.

If the world spent half the money on universal peace that they spend on Valentine's goodies, the genocide in Rwanda would be over by now.

The range of cards this year are witty and amusing, but most of the messages seem to contain sexual innuendos. I know that in this day and age the concepts of love and lust have become confused, but these cards all assume the entire population is screwing like rabbits. Maybe I'm missing something, but I thought Valentine's Day was about love not sex.

The second thought is that Cupid, the god of love was actually a mischievous little bugger, who delighted in causing havoc, and the love life of the gods was as screwy as love life in the all too real reality we are forced to live in. Mmm, but reality is a different story, so pick up your copy of Activate and dive into the mind-altering entertainment we fried our brains to bring you.

creditorial

Graunt (I'm exaggerating because it's true), Zandi (I only got 10% of the condoms I need), Sharon (We need, like, an amazing thing), Mboneni(I don't want to be questioned by the police again), Brigid (I feel like a run over piece of rabbit), Philani (we hope you pass), Jason (I am a man..?), Lineke, Francoise, Ilda, Steve, Tseko, Taryn (can't keep away) Cass, Justine, Tess (don't go), Celine (get better), Carlo, Kytie Koekblik, Marco, Nescafe, blue Madison, Valentine ickyness, the RMR alarm for keeping us awake all night, Yeehah the computers worked and the paper looks suspiciously like it might come out on time!

Dear Activate ...

Homophobia and Conservatism at Rhodes

Last year, I had the honour of an invitation to the Oriel Hall formal dinner at Rhodes University.

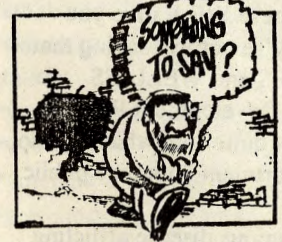
I arrived in a tastefully dark skirt, stockings, hat and a red silk blouse, thinking that I was suitably attired to attend the function. Being somewhat anxious whether a red blouse would be suitable apparel at such an auspicious occasion, I had mentioned to my host exactly what I would be wearing and she had informed her house subwarden who had granted her full approval.

Imagine my surprise, not to mention my extreme embarrassment when a certain Ms Baker, whom I have been led to believe is the Oriel Hall warden, promptly asked me to leave, suggesting that it was a formal dinner and not a "fancy dress" (her words). Not having anything which Ms Baker might have perceived to be "more suitable", I was eventually forced to miss the entire dinner. What makes this disgraceful scenario all the more hurtful is that I and my host were embarrassed before an entire room of Rhodes University dignitaries, and not one of them bothered to intervene.

Clearly, I am a victim of an elitist and conservative institution and its pseudo-Christian moralism which holds the opinion that men cannot attend formal dinners in

women's clothing. The last time I checked, the new South African constitution guaranteed full equality for all citizens regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation. In other words, that means that a cross-dresser has the same rights as anybody else. I accept that not everybody shares my perspective on gender, but I had hoped that these people wouldn't take out their homophobic frustrations on individuals. Perhaps a hearing in the constitutional court would help the University treat people with the respect they deserve as human beings. I demand an apology and an explanation from the Vice-Chancellor.

A cock in a frock



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The ABC of Varsity

Addiction: see DRUGS and CIGARETTES.

Aspen: The cheapest cigarettes in Grahamstown. These WILL give you lung cancer - they're not just saying that. See CIGARETTES and WELLIES.

ADP: Academic Development Programme - I'm not quite sure what they do, but it's a big department with nice public computer labs.

Apathy: A contagious disease afflicting even the most dedicated student.

Activate: The BRILL varsity newspaper, not to be confused with Wits' Activate club, which is their gay and lesbian society. The only reading material you need ever bother with.

Boring: See LECTURES.

Beer: Anaesthetising liquid consumed in great quantities by all students as a rule. See HANGOVER, DRINKING and NIGHTSPOTS.

Bed: You will become very attached to your bed. If you are lucky you will be sharing it. Also serves as chair. Has strange magnetic attraction for pieces of paper and clothing.

Bot Gardens: Place to smoke illegal substances, have picnics and mass orgies.

Babe: A word used by one sex to refer to the opposite sex. Men don't seem to mind being called babes, but women seem to take offence at the word whilst using it indiscriminately behind our backs.

Bungy: A group of individualists who can be distinguished by the excessive use of the term "Hey man".

Clothing: Ironing is a sin. Washing is a bore.

Champs: Pool club. Best pool tables in G'town. Weekly competitions. Don't bother unless you're brill!

Cars: If you have one, you are a minor deity.

Cash: See MONEY

Cold: You will be in winter, you'll never be in summer. See WEATHER

Cigarettes: If you want to be cool and die young, you just gotta smoke. Essential for exams. Smoking gives you cancer, but so does the sun.

Condom: If it's not on, it's not in.

Drugs: Common recreational pastime of some of the more 'dube-ious' students. Not advisable for students who may actually want to pass. Forms: Dube aka Dagga aka Grass aka Weed aka Marijuana (most common and popular - see BOT GARDENS); Acid (see RAVES); Ecstasy (see RAVES).

Drinking: More popular than drugs. Everybody's doing it so why shouldn't you. Prohep is a key word here. So is Res Basin (See RECEPTACLE). It is said that if you are sober for one instant during orientation week you are doing something wrong. Same goes for the rest of the year. It is also said that Grahamstown has the highest alcohol consumption rate per person in the world, and this is entirely possible. See HANGOVERS.

Drama Students: Commonly seen sitting outside of the Drama Department smoking and wearing strange clothing, they purposefully go out of the way to prove that they are different. The only different drama student is a normal one. Noticeable by their strange attire and sexual persuasions. Keep your pets away from them.

Digs: A bit like a car: a thing we all want but only some can afford. Personally I can't cook and never clean, so that rules that out.

E-Mail Address: Speaking is, like, a drag, man. Get one.

Exams: They come when you least expect them, and suddenly they are on you like a cheap venereal disease!!! AAAARGH!

Ecstasy: No one knows how it works, and few care. Watch out with this stuff, it's not the safest drug in the world. See DRUGS.

F*:** Commonly used expletive to indicate just about any emotion and many lewd actions, i.e. Exams? F*** 'em; Lectures? F*** 'em; Babes? F**** 'em!

Fireside Jam: All the best (and worst) live student bands are showcased every 2nd Monday night at the Union. See them before they all become rich and famous. Then you can say: "I saw them BEFORE they were rich and famous!", and no one will believe you.

Grass: Hey man, I don't remember what I was going to write here. Cool. See DRUGS.

High: Opposite of low (What were you thinking?).

Hangovers: The morning after the night before when you promise you will never drink again - well at least for that morning.

Inebriation: Pissed, sloshed and generally paralytic. e.g. I am not ine - ine - er - inebbbritatedsk officer.

Jail: Look out for my friend Bubba and NEVER pick up the soap (Some of us learnt the hard way).

Kaif: This means 'cafe' so you figure out just what it is. Warning: I've had some BAD experiences with their coffee! And some good ones. But that's a story for another day...

Kolors: A bar. Nuf said.

Love: The single most dangerous word within the confines of this dictionary. To be avoided at all costs. If in desperation, just call it "The 'L' word".

Lust: Not to be confused with Love, although it usually is. Very cool feeling.

Lycanthropy: Conversion of men into werewolves. Often occurs after heavy drinking on full-moon nights.

Lazy: See STUDENT.

Library: Great place to meet chicks.

Lectures: If you meet anyone who has attended one, ask them what it's all about. I don't have a clue!

Men: I am man, hear me roar (cough...splutter). Give us a chance, babes. We're not that bad.

Money: Practice this phrase 10 times a day in front of the mirror: "Can I borrow some money?" Go for the puppy-dog look.

Mad Hatters: Cool little coffee shop on High Street - nice vibe.

Monkey Puzzle: Bar in the Bot Gardens. Sometimes has excellent live bands.

Monument: That huge architectural nightmare that lurks over Grahamstown. Sometimes, at night, you can feel it watching you.

Mot: Bar/restaurant near the monument. If you like hour-long walks to supper, they serve an excellent Kudu hamburger.

Mouse & Budgie: ANOTHER bar next to the Rat & Parrot.

Night-spots: Let's face it, all NIGHT-SPOTS cater for alcoholic students, so most of them are just bars. Cheap, bad bars. Bars with so much atmosphere you have to nudge it aside to get anywhere. **Night:** When all those strange, pale people you don't ever see around campus during the day, stealthily make their way through the streets and give you suspicious, piercing glances whenever you walk past. I think they are products of the Zoology labs.

Occult: Ever wonder why the only cats you ever see in G'town are black?

Odeon: One of the two cinemas in G'town. Don't expect Sandton City or even functional seats.

Pens: Not a necessary stationary item although useful during exams. Tend to run away whenever you aren't watching them. Physics Department currently

running an experiment on dimensional displacement of Parker pens.

Quill: Grahamstown's BEST student band.

Rat & Parrot: If there was a yuppie student in G'town, he would hang out here. Many threats of drive-by molotov cocktail throwings with fanatics yelling "Die Yuppie Scum!!!" out the car window.

Raves: Grab your Energade, Ecstasy and porno cycling shorts and make for the very next one you hear about.

Rock: I think RMR should stand for Rock Music Radio, but some think that it should be Rave and somethink Reggae Music Radio would be cooler. Have tolerance for other people's choice in music as long as they have bigger hi-fi's than you.

Reality: For people who can't handle alcohol and drugs.

Receptacle: The toilet, a res basin and your indestructable res dustbin all serve as convenient recycled alcohol holders, kindly supplied free of charge by the Varsity.

Res: Apart from all the rules and regulations and the dude down the hall leaving the worst song you've ever heard on repeat on his CD for five days, res is pretty cool.

Res food: What can I say that could possibly harden anyone for this assault on their delicate biological system. The Chernobyl-beef will prepare anyone's stomach for trips to India, Nepal and Rwanda.

RMR: Rhodes Music Radio. Surprisingly quite good.

Sex: Most common and enjoyable pastime next to drugs and drinking. Figure out the details for yourself. See CONDOM.

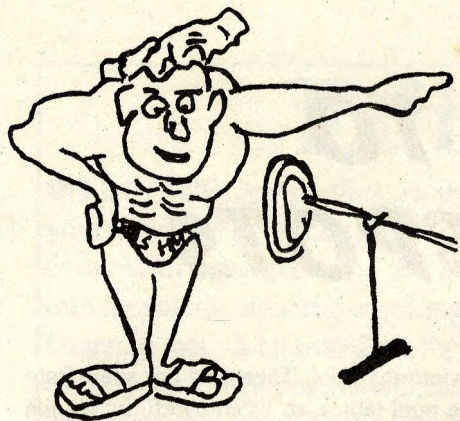
Sleeping: Best done in the day. Fortunately the University supplies a long break during the day for sleeping called "Lectures" (See LECTURES). You can take your naps either in the lecture theatres or in the privacy of your (or someone else's) res room. This conveniently leaves your nights free for the more important social activities.

Single: Single happens to all of us some time or another. Whether being single is a good thing or not depends on whether you are going out with anyone at the time or not.

Sanity: What alcoholics term "A lucid moment". Don't worry, it will pass. See REALITY.

Sanatorium: When Varsity life gets too much for you, head up the hill for motherly care from the nurses and hot chocolate before bed every night.

Seduction: Not so much an art as a hit-and-miss attempt at getting the



uninterested party into a lateral position.
Stress : What? Me worry?

TTV: The box in the common room. It makes a noise. It has pretty pictures. They move. See SEX.

Transport: Walk, you lazy bastard.

Talking: As opposed to shutting up and keeping your silly, invalid opinions to yourself.

Textbooks: Useful for those who are allergic to lectures but still want to pass. A very clever scam by those involved to squeeze even more money from the struggling student (whimper whine).

Thinking: To be avoided at all costs. For some, this is easier than for others.

UUnion: The Student Union is where students go to drink. Not that they don't drink in other places. It's just shorter to walk home from The U in an altered state of consciousness.

Undergrad: The majority.

Underwear: Always remember to put it on UNDER your clothing. This is a very easy mistake to make.

VVehicle: See SEX.

Vic: Yet another place to get horribly drunk to bad music.

WWorking: Work hard at sleeping, drinking and partying and you will be happy, healthy and successful.

Wellies: Wellington's Cafe is not so much a cigarette depot as an institution in Grahamstown. This says something about the size and nature of the town.

Wombat: Furry marsupial that inhabits the Australian sub-continent. Also a DJ on RMR.

Women: The P.C. word for babes.

XXenophobia: Fear of foreigners. If you have a case, loose it fast.

YYouth: In your youth you spend your health in search of wealth. In your decrepit old age you spend your wealth in search of health.

Yuppies: Jerks with cell-phones and City Golfs. Fortunately uncommon in Grahamstown since no one has the money. Die yuppie scum! See RAT AND PARROT.

ZZloty: Standard monetary unit of Poland.

Zero: Your chances of getting into Rhodes next year if you follow the attitude presented in this ABC of Varsity.

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Res Rules, OK!

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INSANE maniacs wake you at three in the morning. Fire hoses are used to saturate your room. People constantly put down the phone on your frantic mother...

Welcome to res, where everything that shouldn't happen in a humane, civilized society occurs in pleasant large dollops (except for res ice-cream).

You will soon come into contact with res dining hall food, or the nearest facsimile thereof: congealed masses of...er...looks like potato combined with a sorry excuse of what used to be a happy, grazing animal. The Chernobyl eggs keep your diet in line and the fat on the bacon alone could be shipped to China to stop whaling.

A dish lovingly termed 'Puppy Chunks' is professionally prepared by the friendly kitchen staff into something totally unrecognizable (although the Chemistry Department offers an instant Doctorate to anyone who can tell where it comes from). The television is often a touchy point in res. General rules to go by: don't interrupt Loving, K-TV or the rugby and everyone will be happy.

Of course, porn movies ALWAYS get shown before anything else.

Some residences have bars in them, which means that friends don't have to drag others too far to get them to bed. Deciding who takes off your buddy's puke-covered clothes can best be resolved by a downing competition. Of course the lucky guy who removes the pants gets to keep the wallet.

Formal dinners are very predictable: Peppermint Surprise is certainly no surprise, and is always (for some inexplicable reason) warm, whilst the meat (which is slightly more recognizable as ex-animal) is always cold.

Bad wine is supplied FREE OF CHARGE by the res, and you can imagine the ensuing chaos caused by alcoholic students battling for their quota. The evenings end with all your best clothes dyed red by clumsy drunkards (you being one of them) who insist on trying to carry twenty wine glasses at a time.

The formal balls are, if anything, even more debauched. Everyone seems to figure "I paid for that champagne on the table, and I'm bloody-well going to get my fair share," meaning they drink twice as much as the rest of the table put together. By the time the food is served, most people can't walk (which is a problem when it's a buffet) and by the time the dance floor opens, they can barely swing their arms, let alone dance. Everyone makes a good effort, however, and fun is had by all (except those who don't pass out, get into a fist fight or break up with their girlfriends).

Don't worry, res is cool, most survive the food, and you may just be a better person from the experience. Then again, you may not be...

ARE YOU ORIENTATED?

HOW TO SPOT A....

•B.Comm student: they all come back for supps

•Drama student: you'll know one when you see one

•Psychology student: "So how do you feel about being at Rhodes?"

•Journalism student: they are the uninformed ones

•Pharmacy student: they have puncture holes in their arms

•Education or Theology student: you don't

•Fine Art student: they paint themselves naked



•Anthropology student: they claim to be the missing link

•Law student: refer to Smith v Jones, subsection 13.4a

•HMS student: they're into the body

...A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT...

•they are all well dressed

•they've got name tags on their clothes

•they walk around with maps in their hands

•they carry huge school bags containing a lunch box, all their files, all their text books and pencil cases

•they excuse themselves from lectures

•they address lecturers as "Sir" or "Ma'am"

•they tell everyone else how drunk they got last night

•they don't know how to play pool

YOU KNOW YOU'VE BECOME A RHODENT WHEN...

•purple hair seems normal

•everyone knows you've got "I LOVE RU" tattooed on your butt

•you go barefoot to lectures

•you go to 12 Down on Fridays

•you funnel wine

•you've bush dived at least once

•you've streaked at Intervarsity

•'Living Single' is life experience

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN GRAHAMSTOWN WHEN....

•at rush hour, the cars move fast

•shops close at 1 o'clock on Saturday

•the only night club has one strobe

•siestas are widely practised, business remains unaffected

•the only late nite food joint is a petrol station

•you know everyone at the rave

•you only pay R8 for a movie ticket

•you take your bedding to the cinema

•surround sound in the cinema is the person burping next to you

•you pass out in the ditch and find out in the morning you weren't alone

•your best friend is your boyfriend's ex-girlfriend's cousin twice removed

•diarrhoea keeps you regular

•you wake up to the sound of bagpipes

•the closest thing to a shopping spree is exam time photocopying

•donkeys hold up the traffic

•you have summer, winter, autumn and spring twice over in one day

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN SOUTH AFRICA WHEN (A GUIDE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS)...

•every second t-shirt/cap/car sticker is in the colours of the national flag

•universities are run like a boarding school for adolescents instead of mature students (gripe..gripe)

•you can smell braais from Saturday lunchtime to Sunday supertime

•you phone any government institution or business and are greeted in 11 languages (of which you'll probably only understand one)

•the president's arch rival is acting president for one day

•bulletproof windows are standard features on cars

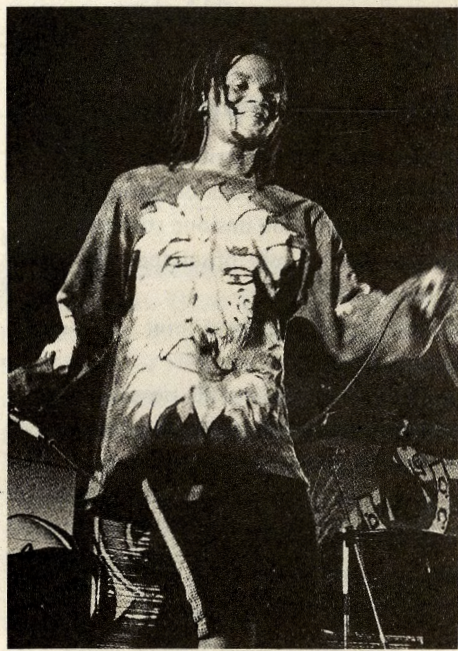
•you're part of the minority group of people who have not been hijacked/mugged/know someone who has been hijacked/mugged

•you can experience eight different climates in one country (we're very proud of that)



THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO GRAHAMSTOWN'S NIGHT SPOTS

Kytie Koekblik



SO YOU are new at Rhodes. You've read the ABC of varsity. You've practically memorised Activate to help you with adaptation.

But you still don't know anything about the nightspots - where to hang out, where not to hang out and when to do it.

Before you burst into any pool bar, you have to know the types of people who hang out

at a particular place. You have to know what kind of clothes to wear and of course, the kind of drinks to have ...

THE UNION

The Union has three bars, each frequented by different people:

The Oppiden

Sorry, but this is a no-no if you're not an oppie. Regulars are drama and fine art students and their selected friends. If you don't belong there, you'll stick out like a sore thumb...

The only other people in the Oppiden are very drunk first year girls eyeing third years. Oppiden regulars wear unconventional clothes and play pool very well. They have long, intellectual conversations so be sure not to interrupt them.

The drink to have is beer - varsity's favourite drink - to be consumed in vast quantities. It's also cool to arrive drunk from potent punch consumed at your digs.

The Blue Note Bar

Nice place for a nice chat. You can watch sexy pool pros putting balls into holes while you listen to G'town blues.

The Main Bar

Everyone willing to party bops around in the Union. The DJ's play happy house, rock and dance music on Friday and Wednesday. On Saturday night they cater for R&B and Hip hop and on Monday local musicians

showcase their talent. Stereotypes wear little tops and tight pants. On Mondays you have to wear unusual clothes, or you'll feel like an art student on a rugby field.

TIN ROOF

Go to the Union 'till eleven, then party the night away at the Tin Roof. They often have live music. The atmosphere is cosy and intimate and litres of alcohol are consumed on Friday evenings. You can wear anything as long as you don't look too weird. If you drink Savannah you will look sophisticated.

THE VIC

Techno buddies and happy house fans hang out here. This is a happening dance venue with pool tables. The black walls guarantee that club feeling. Keep your clothes tight-fitting and hip. You won't find arty students here. Drink lots of anything alcoholic. Watch out: old has-beens love to hang out at the Vic.

CHAMPS

Good pool place, especially during the week when other venues aren't happening. Be warned, don't pretend to play pool if you can't. This place is for pros.

KOLORS

Cool and alternative people hang out here. Drunk first years usually end up in the

swimming pool. There is a bar apart from the pool tables, so listen carefully: tequila and sambuca to be downed at the bar counter; beer to be drunk while playing pool.

MONKEY PUZZLE

Thursdays and Sundays are happening evenings at the Monkey Puzzle. Live music and good food at a nice chill-out pub. Wear anything you like and go with a group of friends.

THE RAT AND PARROT

Rugby dudes and more rugby dudes (and potential lawyers). And when it's not rowing season: rowing dudes. If you want to watch a rugby match on a Saturday afternoon, the Rat's the place to be. Please don't steal the rat or the parrot. RMR reported a few thousand times on the stolen parrot, and no-one knows if they have it back or not. Try not to look too unusual.

THE CATHCART HOTEL

Happy hours. Nuf said.

X-SPOTS

Also called shebeens. Find yourself a drinking club if you want to know where to go after hours. Good luck: find a group of friends and go where they go.

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MEGA MOSH: MARTELL WINGERDSTOK '97

Ilda Jacobs

IF YOU have friends with a car, now is the time to bribe them into driving to Wingerdstok '97.

So what is Wingerdstok? you may ask. Well, a "wingerd" is a vineyard, and Wingerdstok is a rockfest that will happen in the winelands.

Wingerdstok '96 was a roaring success, and this year's fest claims to be bigger and better than ever.

The organiser of Wingerdstok '97 Rock Fest is a legendary fellow named Dagga-Dirk. Dagga-Dirk stays in Stellenbosch or "op die Bos" and his partner is a big black Great Dane that follows him everywhere. He was the organiser of the infamous Voëlvry tour of Alternative Afrikaans music in the late eighties. *Johannes Kerkorrel*, *Koos Kombuis* and *Bernoldus Niemand* shocked the conservative communities with their liberal social and political stances. Now Dagga-Dirk spends his time organising music festivals and promoting local music.

Dagga-Dirk's promotional company is called Trip van Winkel Promotions and they are situated op die Bos.

Rock die Bos!

Die Bos, Matieland if you prefer, has been the home of some of the best South African music. Student legend *Koos Kombuis* lives in Stellenbosch and is the cult hero of many students. He also writes fiction and poetry under his real name, Andre Letoit. Koos is an underground figure whose alternative folk music is very popular.

The first real Afrikaans rock 'n roller, *Valiant Swart*, also hails from the Bos. Valiant has just released a limited edition of an acoustic CD, 'Dorpstraat Revisited'. SA sensation, *Springbok Nude Girls*, played their first gig in Stellenbosch, and the Bos is their home too.

Dagga-Dirk believes in the talent of the Bos, and plans to export the local music overseas. He recorded a compilation of Stellenbosch bands on a CD that he calls 'Wingerdrock'. The CD will be released at this year's Wingerdstok Music Festival. Wingerdrock features *Koos Kombuis* and his band, *Die Warm Blankes*, as well as *Valiant Swart*. The *Springbok Nude Girls* joined sounds with boeremusiek koning, *Nico Carstens*, and their first Afrikaans song, "Pappa ek wil 'n popster word", is recorded on this CD.

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Clockwise, from the top: Dave, Ian, Paul and Simon, of Lithium will be rocking at Wingerdstok '97

Other Bos bands included on the CD are *Brolloks en Bittergal*, *Billygoat*, *White Trash*, *Ark* and *The Led*. Super ass-kicking band *Drain*, a bunch of high school boys with enormous talent, are also featured on this CD. *Drain's* debut CD, 'Encounter', will be released at Wingerdstok '97.

Wingerdstok '97 will take place on the 21st and 22nd of February, thus two days of camping, swimming, braaiing, tree hugging and jolling to the finest original South African music....

When the live music stops at two in the morning, there will be rave after parties. So rockers and ravers are welcome at this big Boland fest. There will be fire jugglers, fireworks, a kite flying display, a flea market, food stalls, a roller blade track and fully licenced bars with drinks for only R3 each.

Remember to bring cash for drinks, T-shirts and CD's, as well as swimming gear, sun screen, tent and sleeping gear, roller blades, bongos, didgeridoos and guitars.

Wingerdstok '97 will be held at the Great Drakenstein Games Club on the R45 between Franschhoek and Paarl. Only 5000 tickets are available at R70 each. The gates will open Friday the 21st at 12:00, so miss your first lecture of the year and support local music. This monster mosh will activate you for the rest of the term.

THE LINE-UP FOR WINGERDSTOK '97

Springbok Nude Girls - *Squeal* - *Lithium* - *Nine Battery* - *9* - *Koos Kombuis*
Valiant Swart - *Blues Brothers* - *Jack Hammer* - *Boom Slang* - *The Dynamics* - *Dorp*
Famous Curtain Trick - *Billygoat* - *White Trash Ark* - *The Led* - *Drain*
Raaskopleef - *Garden Variety* - *Thysis* - *Brolloks en Bittergal* - *Adamu* - *Son of Rain*
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Sex and V-Day

Jason Norwood-Young



OKAY, so it's the big V-day celebrations, and you don't know where to start. Do you send that gorgeous babe a bunch of flowers? Do you hand-deliver a scented letter to that cute guy whom you've been eyeing across the dining hall? GROW UP! This isn't High School anymore, and the pressure is on. Let's face it, before, the most you could hope for was a good kiss-and-grope, but at

Varsity, SEX is the top priority in everyone's minds.

Unless you want to wait until this time next year, subtlety is not the path to choose. You have got to be blunt and obvious, without stepping over the line. "Hi, my name is Bob. Would you like to dance?" is way too indirect. "Hi, I'm Bob. Here is your wine," is good. "I like your shoes. Let's fuck like rabbits," is pure slap material. For women, the best thing you can do is be forward. "Thanks for the wine, Bob. Want to dance?" will take the guys off their guard, since they don't expect you to take the initiative. "I like your ass. Let's fuck like rabbits," will always get a response (since men lack morals when it comes to sex), but it's not a good start to a stable relationship. In fact, the guy would probably wonder how many times you've tried that line before, and how many other guys took you up on it.

Sitting in a corner by yourself won't work either, unless you're a supermodel of note. Get out there. Get noticed. Chat to the guys, and your investment will return tenfold.

Of course these guidelines become a load of bullshit once everyone is pissed out of their minds at the Union, by which time "I like your shoes. Let's get horny," will be a totally appropriate pick-up line.

Then comes the sleeping together part, but I'm not willing to let all of you know my secrets. That kind of information is dangerous in the wrong hands...

Enjoy V-day! Get laid!

Valentine's Day...

Ten Valentine gifts
gauranteed to terminate
your relationship
(for womentogivetomen)

1. red boxer shorts decorated with white hearts
2. a Greatest Love Songs of All Times CD
3. an apron with "I love you" inscribed on the bib
4. a heart locket to nestle in the hairs on his manly chest
5. a pink teddy clutching a balloon that says "you've stolen my heart"
6. a year's supply of the new male pill
7. a heart-shaped box of strawberry choocs
8. tickets to a Julio Iglesias concert
9. tickets to a Bles Bridges concert
10. a gilt statue of Cupid engraved with the words "love changes everything"



Ten Valentine gifts
guaranteed to terminate
your relationship
(formentogivetowomen)

1. a fluorescent pink keyring saying "chicks dig it"
2. a chastity belt
3. a pound of prawns for her to cook
4. a Cindy Crawford tits and butt workout video
5. a life subscription to *Playgirl* magazine
6. a cheque for half the cost of a breast enlargement
7. a year's supply of Femidom
8. an itsy-bitsy-teeny-weeny red polkadot stick-on bikini
9. a bottle of Tassies
10. tickets for two to a wet T-shirt competition

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Sweetheart says...

Ilda Jacobs

ON THE first day of orientation week at Rhodes, I was woken up by the loud fire alarm. All the girls covered their skimpy pyjamas with duvets and proceeded to the common room. Suddenly our favourite male res (now a girlie res) burst into the room and sang a sweet Valentine's song. Yebo, that first day at Rhodes was Valentine's day.

Of course we were flattered and interested in the potential talent in our common room, but unfortunately first impressions last. Their first impression of our res was bad breaths and sleepy eyes.

The rest of the day we unromantically spent on campus tours. Valentine's evening in the Union introduced us to plenty of horny males, alcohol and condoms. At varsity, it seemed, Valentine's day is more horny than corny.

I asked people about their Valentine's dreams, corny cards and horny third years waiting for innocent first years...

The first victim happened to be an economic honours student, who thought it is a damn good idea to wear black on this traditionally red day. She is supporting a group who are the mothers of rape victims. This group suggests that Valentine's day should be converted into a day of remembrance for women who are the victims of violent crime. "That will be more useful than bloody roses and chocolates" she said," but I suppose I'm bitter because I never get anything." Anyway, this student will be wearing black to the Springbok Nude Girls concert the on the 14th.

Rett, another economic honours student, replied that Valentine's day should be in term so you can meet more chicks! Rett's friend Rich hopes to find a girlfriend on Valentine's day... watch out first years!

Rich thinks that Valentine's day lost its romanticism, because people often play jokes on each other.

Takes me back to a high school Valentine's day when a friend and I played Cupid and wrote cards to everybody, using other people's names. We had a good laugh and various couples had fights. My sweet revenge on ex & co.

Jo (drama honours), also sees Valentine's day as a day to do different and silly things, because is "important for people to be silly."

Brigid, Activate's editor, is sending a silly card to a girl this year. The card is in the shape of a glittering heart, and it says "The three words you most long to hear..." When the girlfriend opens it, she'll read "CHOCOLATE IS NOT FATTENING".

Brigid has very strong feelings on Valentine's day, seeing it as a commercial waste of time. "I've never met a man who understands the meaning of romance" she said, "and why should only a few people be happy while the rest of the population is miserable. Scarred for the rest of your life - by Valentine's day."

Two second year BA students, Jenny and Alice, do not see Valentine's day as a very big occasion in their lives. "We get left at home and all our friends get dated."

Alice likes getting things, but not giving

them. In our world struggling to escape from sexism, girls are still in fortunate positions of getting more than giving.. and of course he will pay for the hotel room and candlelight dinner...

That is why Ryan (Kaif manager) and his girlfriend decided to take it very quiet this year and buy each other a card.

"Christmas is just too close to Valentine's day" Ryan said.

Though very few people admit it, they are suckers for the day of red roses.

Celeste Dickenson, RMR's station manager, admits that she is a sucker when she is in love.

"If I'm single, I will ignore the day completely and I won't wear red.

"If I'm in love, I will wear red all over with red heart earrings, a heart necklace and I'll go bos."

Lindsay (4th year journ student) is a sucker too. "Everybody gets all lovey and I like flowers, chocolates, candlelight dinners, picnics - all the usual cliché things."

Jack and Jill, a couple in second year, give you the old argument that "every day should be special".

Jill: "It is a money making scheme. Why only one day?"

Jack: "Why not Valentine's week?"

Jason (third year B.Comm) agrees. "You don't need a day to be reminded to be romantic. It is a hype thing - cards, gifts, Valentine's day has lost its essence.

Alice tells you about Swatch watches made especially for Valentine's day!

"It is incredibly commercialised. Kitsch red hearts and crappy lace, stuffed animals - if anybody gives me a stuffed animal...!" says Charmaine, a second year journ student.

"It is romantic when a guy goes out of his way to be sweet, like giving you a daisy he picked on his way to see you."

So what is romantic and what is not?

"It is not romantic to take her for a beer at the Union" says Jo.

"Dinner in a hotel room?" asks Ryan from the Kaif.

"Nothing public" says Jack, and Jill adds "I'd kill him if it is public humiliation. Like a song dedicated on RMR or a an aeroplane with a banner "I love you Jill". I'd kill him." Simon (4th year BA) would want a card at least. "Dinner in a special place, maybe outdoors. Not any dinner, your girlfriend's favourite dinner. Wine is a must. And candles."

Celeste wants to be absolutely spoiled, and she wants to be outrageous. "Nothing conventional or boring. I'd like to be jetted off to Cape Town for dinner on a wine farm. That is outrageous."

Dave will not be romantic on Valentine's day this year. His girlfriend will have left for the United States and he will be crying. I suggest he goes for a beer in the Union, at least no lovey couples will be there for a romantic drink!

Valentine's day has the status of a public holiday. Whether you are bawling your eyes out or staring into your soul mate's eyes - Valentine's day is inevitable. The day of love and passion.

CORNY or HORNY, that is the choice, or the question at varsity.

Historically Yours

Francoise Gallet

THE most horrifying aspect of Valentine's Day is the possibility of facing the sad truth that nobody loves you, except maybe your parents. But when couples all around you are all over each other like love-sick puppies that doesn't really seem to count either. However, the history of Valentine's Day tells of much greater peril than the mere prospect of rejection.

The Christian legend established Valentine's Day as the festival of St. Valentine who was beheaded on the 14th of February by order of the Roman Emperor Claudius II.

One version of the legend claims that when the Roman Empire Wars broke out, Claudius ordered that no marriages should be celebrated and that all engagements must be broken off. Apparently he thought he could form a larger army if men remained single, because they would be less likely to hold back from going to war if they had no families.

Valentine began marrying people in secret. He was arrested and beheaded, but became known as the patron saint of lovers.

Another variation of the legend tells the story of a priest named Valentine who was arrested by the Emperor because he refused to pray to the Roman gods. Before his execution, Valentine, who had befriended the jailer's blind daughter, prayed that she might see again. His prayers were granted and the daughter was able to read his last note to her, which was signed 'from your Valentine'. Sound familiar?

But a pagan tradition lurks beneath the surface of this Christian festival. Before St. Valentine even existed Romans celebrated Lupercalia on the 15th of February. The festival was held in honour of the god Lupercus, keeper of herds and crops. The Romans entreated Lupercus to keep their crops, animals and people healthy and fertile. On the eve of the 14th of February young women put their names into a bowl and each young man drew a name. The couple continued to be partners at all the festivities of the rest of the year and they often fell in love.

The tradition of Lupercus continued well into the 5th century despite the Church's efforts to abolish pagan holidays.

The Church eventually revised its tactics by moving the date up one day and changing the name of Lupercalia to Valentine's Day. With the advent of the 20th century the mystery surrounding Valentine's Day is still here.

Now we ponder over whether our loved one loves us enough to give us a Valentine or whether we can actually afford to buy our Valentine a present. Some souls are plagued by the uncertainty of whether they can win over their secret love.

Thankfully modern man has come up with a solution to this dilemma. Adding to the wide range of cards and Valentine accessories on the market to get your secret love's attention, the Internet offers services to help you say just the right thing so that special person will know how much you care.

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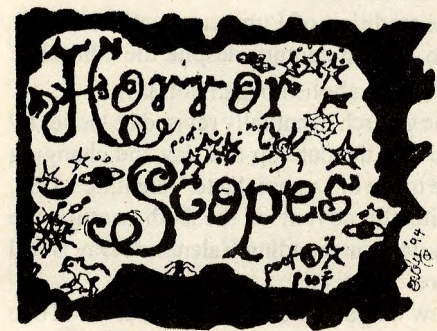
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Aquarius (January 21 - February 19)
Love Life: Beautiful people will continually offer you back massages to try to get to sleep with you. Resist at all costs since all they want is sex, and being the deep, sensitive person that you are you will want more from a relationship. Right?
Social: Your split personality will come to the fore and people will think you are mad.
Academic: Avoid lectures at all costs since

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they are a ploy to keep you from getting enough sleep. Go to them and fail!
General: A dog will try to communicate with you and little green men will kidnap your old babysitter.

Pisces (February 20 - March 21)
Love Life: It will be non-existent this year, so don't even bother.
Social: You will have very few close friends because you smell. At least people will know when you are about to arrive since the pungent odour will precede you by about five minutes.
Academic: Your lack of social life will leave plenty of room for studying, so if you fail you have no excuse except your own stupidity.
General: You will win and lose R42.51 in March, but since no one will tell you about it you won't know. Try a new hobby, like juggling burning knives.

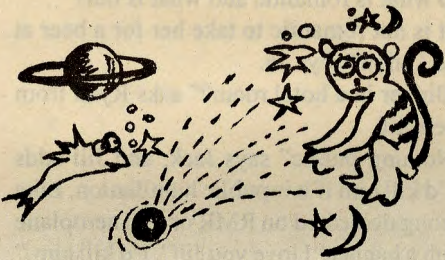
Aries (March 22 - April 20)
Love Life: A blue-eyed third year will break your heart. A Sharon Stone look-alike will be interested in you, but you know what happened in Basic Instinct...
Social: Your attempt to become a member of an infamous drinking society will fail. You'll end up in the San with alcohol poisoning.
Academic: If you are an English student you will fail the poetry test. If you are not an English student you will not fail the poetry test.
General: Try to leave your bad manners in the dining hall, or else you will have no friends left. It is not cool to burp out loud when you kiss the person you picked up in the Union.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)
Love Life: If you want to do your career a favour, start a relationship with your tutor. You might pass your essays at least. If your career is not a priority, go straight up to the person you have been eyeing for such a long time with this pick-up line: "I'm a journalist. Please will you answer some questions?"
Social: You are showing the symptoms of an alcoholic. Cut down to at the most five litres of alcohol per day. A zit-break out in July will ruin your social life.
Academic: You will arrive drunk at an important test and whisper answers to the whole hall. You'll appear before the disciplinary committee.
General: Don't let people treat you like a doormat. Rather let them treat you like a foot-stool.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
Love Life: One little slip-up can turn you into a mommy or daddy, so take care.
Social: You will smoke dope for the first time in your life. Don't be frightened if you can't breathe - shit happens.
Academic: Attend your fine art practicals if you want to pass. You'll lose your student card.
General: Stop being so damn rude about other people. If you were one of those perverted males from New House, you'll be put in Canterbury. If you were not perverted you were probably not in New House.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Love Life: You are having too many flings - have you heard of venereal diseases?
Social: Stop going to the Vic so often, it will affect your reputation as an indie ethnobongo. Or just admit you like dance music.
Academic: You won't get into Journ II, so why bother going to lectures?
General: You'll go home, borrow Dad's car and drink and drive. You'll lose the bumper and your Dad's trust, which you never had anyway.

Leo (July 24 - August 23)
Love Life & Academic: A lecturer will fall madly in love with you. Although this will do wonders for your marks now, you'll accidentally kill his/her cat just before finals and s/he will fail you.
Social: Now is a good time to make new friends since they don't know what an asshole you used to be. Try not to make too many friends of the same gender as people will start talking...
General: You'll sprain your ankle but will be misdiagnosed by a Cuban doctor and have your left nipple surgically removed. The law suit will make you rich and you'll drop out of Varsity and retire to an island off the coast of Greece. Unfortunately the island is a volcano and you and your family are tragically killed in the ensuing eruption.



Virgo (August 24 - September 23)
Love Life: Some blonde bimbo will ruin your relationship in September.
Social: You'll go to your first rave in the Monument and take ecstasy. Captain George Green will arrive on the scene and you'll get arrested. You'll spend two nights in jail with two cockroaches and a murderer. You won't do drugs again.
Academic: You'll receive a DP warning two weeks into first term. Avoid going to the Union in study week, unless you don't care and have rich parents who will pay for you to come back next year to spend study week in the Union.
General: Focus on your social life in first term, on your social habits in second term and stop focusing in third term. Fourth term will be out of focus. You'll be arrested as an illegal tourist in London when you go overseas in June and will be deported to Bosnia.

Libra (September 24 - October 23)
Love Life: You will have many lovers simultaneously this year. Unfortunately, you'll lose some of them when you shout the wrong name during one of your marathon sexual sessions. You'll acquire a large collection of venereal diseases, which will get you into a medical research centre as an unwilling subject.
Academic: Since you are incredibly

intelligent there is no need to study or to hand in your assignments. In fact you can even skip exams since you will pass anyway.
Social: Your closest friend will be your pet rock, Harry. Since he is such a social character, you will meet many other people through him. If you don't have a pet rock now, go and get one. Marble is best.
General: You'll perform many acts of stupidity and incompetence this month, so your best bet is to remain comatose until March. Take your duvet and pillow to a bar (preferably Kolors) and move in for a couple of days.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)
Love Life: Being nasty to your loved one will make him/her subservient now, but s/he will eventually run away with a Hungarian folk singer. To avoid this, beat him/her over the head and tie him/her to your bed. Don't forget to gag him/her or the neighbours will call the cops.
Academic: Your academic year will go well as long as you drink three beers each morning before breakfast and brush your teeth with brandy.
Social: Being a conceited prick will not help you make friends. Change your ways now or you'll die a lonely virgin at 30.
General: Beware of black cats falling from trees onto your head as they are an omen that you'll become a circus clown after graduating. Don't go driving with sober friends or you may avoid a fiery death. Live to the motto: "It's better to burn out than to fade away."

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 22)
Love Life: Three people will try to pick you up on Valentine's Day. They will be of varying ages and genders. One will be a 70-year-old man in a safari suit with an invisible friend called Herman and a dead parrot stapled to his shoulder.
Academic: The 70-year-old man is in your tutorial group, where he'll make lewd gestures at you while the tutor is not looking. You can still get good marks as long as you keep to the left side of the street.
Social: People will avoid you because a weird 70-year-old man follows you around. You will not make friends as long as he is there.
General: You will discover that your lover is cheating on you with a 70-year-old man in a safari suit. They will devise a diabolical plot to kill you. To avoid certain death, hide under your bed the night before your first essay is due and don't eat or drink anything except Guinness.

Capricorn (December 23 - January 20)
Love Life: Enjoy Valentine's Day, since you will never have sex again after an unfortunate incident with a stanley knife.
Academic: You could lose all your DP's, because you prefer to lie in bed all day. Get up, you lazy bastard!
Social: You will have a great number of friends called 'Jimmy'. After a while you will start calling everyone 'Jimmy', including your mother.
General: Little gnomes will offer you mushrooms. Don't take them.

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The race for sports bursaries

Steven Moti

THE competition for sports bursaries and scholarships is always tough, and this year is no exception. Sports Admin is busy finalising the list of recipients, and according to Pete Andrew, Head of Sports Admin, it's as difficult as always to decide on the recipients.

However, Sports Admin is also suffering from the R8,9million government subsidy cuts that Rhodes has recently had to deal with.

"This has affected us a lot. It meant that we had to count a lot on last year's budget," Andrew said.

He said that they award a total of 70 awards, bursaries and scholarships.

Bursaries are awarded in three

categories: Development bursaries, Sports Merit scholarships, and Senior Sports scholarships.

"We give development bursaries preferably to our locals. We've looked country-wide, but the bursary we offer can only cover most of the tuition. It makes much more sense to give it to someone from Grahamstown, who can stay at home and come to lectures nearby," said Andrew.

Senior club chairpersons and administrative members can receive a Senior Scholarship for coaching and admin work around campus.

"We also have an Old Rhodian Bursary for first year students. The idea behind a scholarship is to recruit top sports people to come to the University," he said.

The Old Rhodian Bursary was created solely to provide the

University with promising, young sportspeople performing in the South African sporting arena. The bursary covers a year's academic fees.

Last year's recipient was Tim Iraka, represented Eastern Province in rugby. He also captained the Northern Transvaal U21 team before coming to Rhodes.

Members of the Old Rhodian Club raise money by hosting a Golf Day. Asked why soccer has not had enough or proper funding, Andrew said: "Soccer has a particular problem. A lot of our soccer players have not participated on provincial level. The exposure to soccer is a limited one. There's no discrimination - we work according to merit. Successful sports attract more people and investors."

Recreational sport planned

Steven Moti

SPORTS Admin plans to start an on-campus sport and recreation programme. The programme will assist students and staff in either learning a new sport or improving their actual game. Sports such as cricket, swimming, tennis, squash, hockey, basketball and volleyball will be taught.

Learning a new sport amongst professionals is often daunting. The proposed programme will offer eight weeks of basic coaching in a less threatening environment.

The clinics will be conducted by staff and students using Sports Admin's equipment "Health and recreation is becoming an important aspect of our lives. In light of this we have received a request to run staff aerobics classes. However, the scheduling of such classes is proving difficult due to the full programme of existing classes," said Pete Andrew, Head of Sports Admin.



SPORTING DAY FOR FRESHERS

Steven Moti

THE SRC, in conjunction with Sports Admin, are hosting a sports fun day during Orientation Weekend.

The aim of the programme is to help with the social integration of the new students at Rhodes.

Students will also be able to get a taste of all the different sports on offer at the University.

The SRC's sports councillor, James Ledwaba, said the activities would take place around Kaif lawns and the Great Field.

"We want to include everyone and encourage students to participate in a variety of sporting activities. Like an AIDS awareness programme, this is a campaign for sports awareness."

"Anyone can try out any sport they've always been interested in," said Ledwaba.

Sport clubs' chairpersons will organise their different sports themselves.

Head of Sports Admin Pete Andrew said: "We are assisting the SRC with finances for the sports fun day. We will be helping them through Mr Ledwaba to make the whole event a success."

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