

RHODES

SPECIAL

RHODES' MOST QUIRTED PAPER

Shock and Solidarity

Over 1 500 students and academics took part in a march around campus yesterday to protest against police attacks on peacefully demonstrating students.

The Vice-Chancellor and about 100 academics took part in the march, which was the largest ever held on Rhodes campus. The procession was so long that

students were able to sing four songs simultaneously without interfering with each other.

The march began in the GLT and halted 10 metres from Drostdy Arch. Prof A. Brink, head of Department of Afrikaans - Nederlands, addressed the students on the topic of "Right and Justice". He said, "every

charge by police, every bullet fired, eventually strikes a blow. not against us, but against themselves (the police). We have rights, we have justice, and we have time".

A number of riot and security police watched the proceedings from Somerset Street. While some of them flexed plastic quirts,

others flexed their muscles.

Lieut. Neefling tried his hand at photojournalism, along with some other police "pressmen".

Despite the tension, police took no action, and the protest dispersed peacefully after the crowd sang the National anthem: "Nkosi Sikelele Africa".



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BSM-AZASO

The action by the Police is no surprise to many of us. This is "normal" to those who have engaged in peaceful demonstration against the state policies. Such action clearly indicates what peace means in the eyes of the government and its forces. However, BSM-AZASO will not be intimidated. We know that violence is the norm practised by the authorities of this country.

The protest against police which showed unity and discipline, not only across academic boundaries, but also across racial lines, makes a mockery of the government's reforms. Azaso, Cosas and Nusas have always maintained a non-racial stance. Thursday proved to fellow students that BSM is not a bunch of "racists radicals" who are a threat to the security of white students. Instead it shows their campaigns are legitimate and just. BSM-Azaso will continue to wage the struggle for peace and democracy. We call all peace-loving students on this campus to join in the struggle for democracy and justice.

Mvuzo Mbebe. BSM Exec.

NUSAS - Ray Hartley - NUSAS

Yesterday's sit-in was a victory for NUSAS/AZASO. We won back our right to protest on university property. This is a demonstration of what united student action can achieve, but at the same time COSAS remains banned and police repression continues. It is our duty as white students to continue demonstrating our opposition to Apartheid.

SRC- Barry du Toit, SRC President.

The SRC condemns the brutal sjambokking of Rhodes students and staff, within the borders of the university. We support these students, and we support their right to protest against the actions of the government. The events of Wednesday morning are a vivid reminder of an aspect of South African society with which the majority of South Africans are much more familiar. We call on all students to re-affirm their commitment to the tradition of Academic Freedom and protest at this university, and to work towards the maintenance of this tradition.

Police brutality becomes reality

22 people, including 2 lecturers were arrested on Wednesday as police attacked a peaceful march of about 300 people protesting against the banning of the Congress of South African Students.

The procession had wound its way from the Kaif lawns to the Driscoll Arch where police had formed a barrier.

Police ordered students to disperse and gave a ten minute warning. As the warning was given the crowd began singing "Nkosi Sikelele". The police then changed the 10 minute limit and after 30 seconds charged.

About 40 policemen brandishing quirts, surged onto the Admin lawns where they indiscriminately sjambokked fleeing students and academics.

A number of people were injured and received medical care. Allegations of the police punching a woman student in the face and brandishing pistols have been received. Students aiding the assaulted were lashed and arrested.

At 1.45pm about 500 singing students gathered outside Kaif. Academics who had gathered along with the students held a meeting on how they would aid the students. The academics eventually decided to urge as many of their colleagues as possible to head the procession planned for Thursday.

They then proceeded en masse to the quad where they demanded to meet the Vice-Chancellor who was not available. Prof. Brommert, the Vice-Principal, offered to speak to two academics and two students.

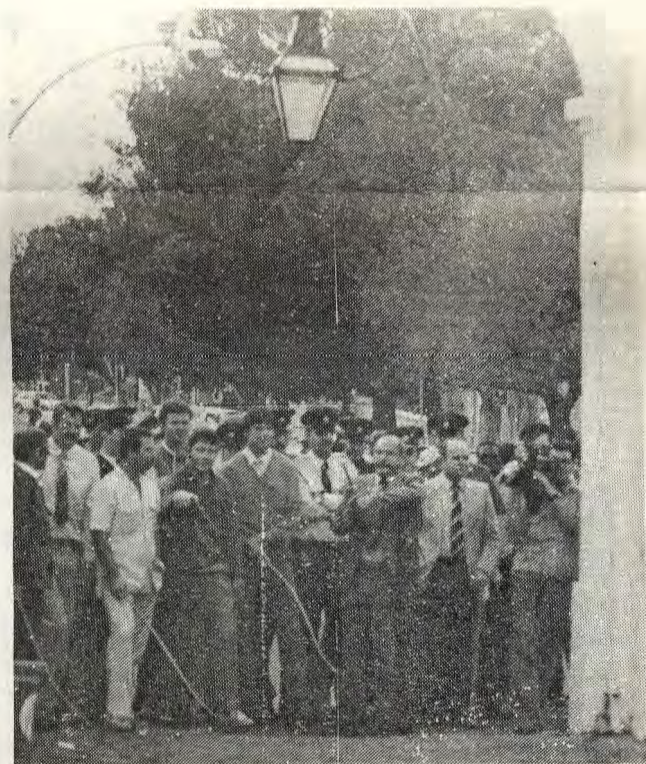
Students dispersed to the Oppies common room after a message was received that unless the students left the quad, those arrested would not be released.

The arrested students and academics were released at about 8.30pm and were given a standing ovation as they entered a packed Great Hall after the Academic Freedom Lecture given by Allistair Sparks.

A motion from the floor condemning the police brutality of Wednesday was passed with two abstentions and one vote against.



Rhodes Campus: Students, Academics and police on Wednesday .



Quirt Quips



*During the scramble to arrest protesters, one policeman asked a colleague to release his captive: "Let her go, she's my cousin". Came back the stammered reply: "I can't, the lieutenant's watching me". So much for friends in high places.

*Some of the more trendy lecturers obviously are not used to dressing up for demonstrations. Yes, John, we saw your wrinkled suit.

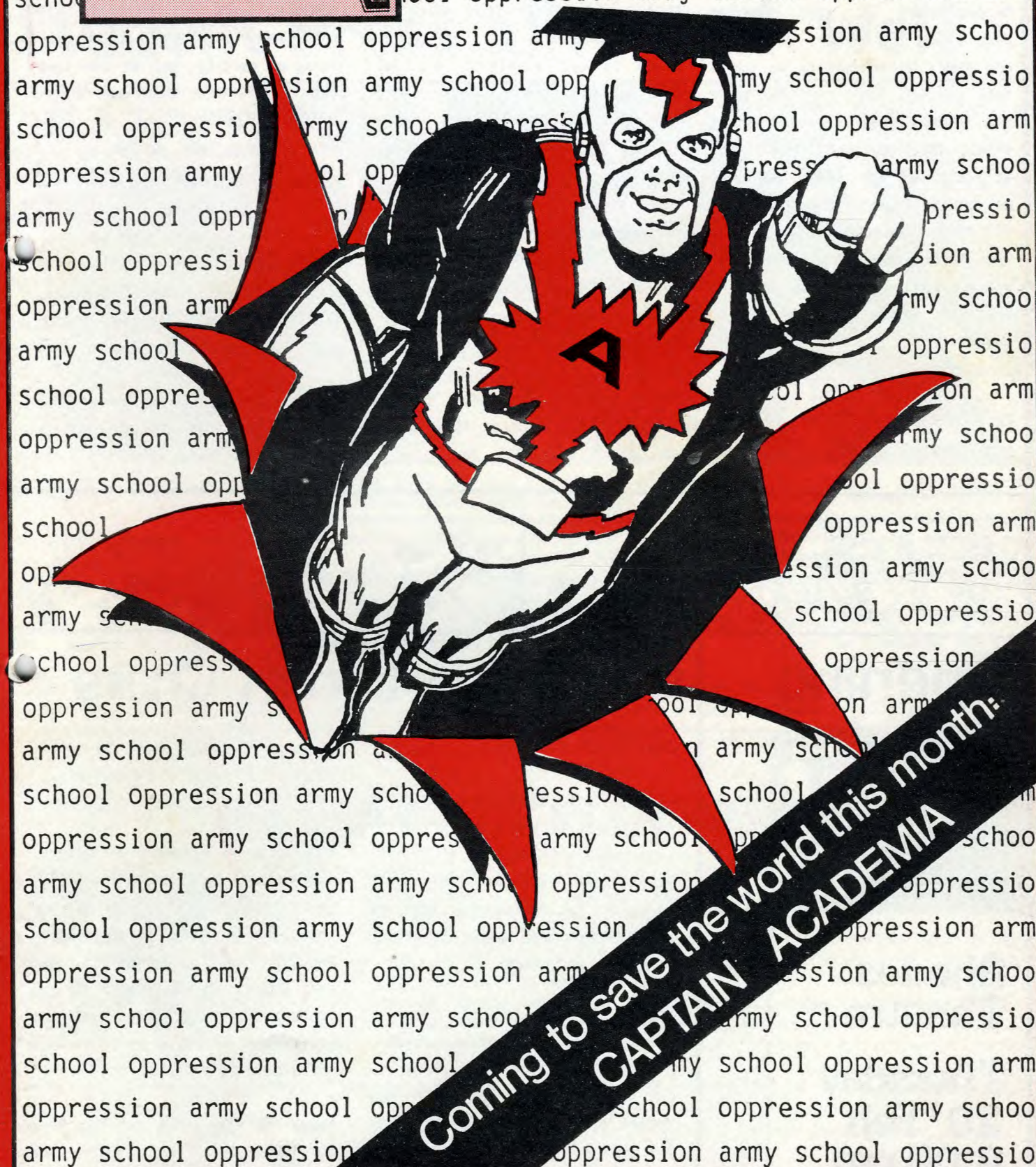
*Speaking of wrinkles, one policeman gained a few when his quirt was snatched from his hand and students started advancing on him. Not quite

tit-for-tat though, as no-one felt like hitting him.

*Some policemen aren't as fast on their feet as they are with their quirts. One of them fell flat on his face after tripping over a fence-chain. The law might have no bounds, but it sure can't leap too well.

*Spit and polish seems to be the rule for police cars, but not when the spit is deposited on the windscreen by an offended student. (No need to rub it in.)

RHODES PRIMER



Editorial

So you finally made it to varsity. WELL AREN'T YOU CLEVER! But before you go getting all big-headed about it, just remember that a lot of weirdos have done the same. Unfortunately we can't tell you who they are, due to a few quite sensible rules about libel, etc., so you'll just have to watch out for them. But what we can tell you, however, is a bit about societies, Grahamstown, and other little known areas. (If you're really keen we might even tell you where the library is, though God knows why you'd want to go there.)

This primer is by no means a comprehensive account of activit-

ies at Rhodes, but rather just information about the more prominent or active societies. With such a wide range from which to choose, varsity is the ideal place to get involved. And get involved you should, whether it's with the Student Press, NUSAS, AIESEC, or the End Conscription Campaign.

As students we are in a perfect position to make our views known, to contribute positively to society, and to change or influence conditions in South Africa. Being a student means never having to say: "Yes sir!", or any of that other rubbish they teach you at school. You are, in a

sense, free. Free to make your own decisions and to act on them.

Academic work is obviously the most important reason for your being at varsity, but at the same time there are numerous other opportunities for you to make your presence felt. Go for it.

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Many thanks to:

Andrew, Alex, Sue, Bridget, Sheila, Martin, Roelien, Sean, Ray, Philippa and the Jam.

And special thanks to Jan Knight for all the help and psychiatric advice.



Opening Speaker

Dr BEYERS NAUDE

Rhodes Theatre

**Thursday
20 Feb
8:00 pm**

Orientation Comm Chairs

Dear fellow students,

Welcome to Grahamstown's Institute of Higher learning. Your first experience will be that of Orientation Week, and we take great pleasure in announcing that we have broken our backs to bring you this programme.

The carnival of lectures, films, talks and social gatherings is not there simply to fill the Primer programme, however. It is designed to give you an insight into life at Rhodes, life in Grahamstown, and life in Southern

Africa. We urge you to avail yourself of every item offered.

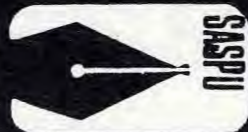
But the week, indeed your university career, depends more on your participation than on your attendance. By engaging in discussion and participating in events, you can ensure that your degree becomes an education and an experience to equip you for life in a changing society.

Enjoy the week, and all the best for 1986.

Daryl Maclean and Jenie Masey

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RHODES' MOST EXCITING PAPER FEBRUARY 1986

Student Press alive and well

Take a look at this page. This is it, eksê THE official student newspaper! This is where it's at. Anything which happens, (or which should happen but doesn't), is our business - that is, anything which walks, talks, or just sits there looking silly. If it moves, we write about it; if it doesn't, we take its photo.

As a campus newspaper, Rhodéo deals with any issues which concern students - Kaif food, res rules, sport, societies, meetings and events. As a progressive paper, it looks at national issues, the United Democratic Front, the Ciskei or forced removals.



"Don't shoot till you see the whites of their eyes."
Rhodéo photographer ready for action.

The paper is produced twice a term by students, for students, and is read by over 2 800 people. Whether you study pharmacy, computer science or accountancy is not important. No media experience is needed as we offer in-job training in all media skills, from newswriting and

layout to bromiding and photography. Every four weeks the staff gets together and spends a weekend working frantically to meet the printers deadlines. In between we find out what students are thinking, assess the previous edition, pick up campus skandaal, observe

what's happening in the Eastern Cape, and look at national issues. Our job is to bring out a paper that is exciting, controversial, and above all, a talking point for Rhodes students.

Joining Rhodéo will give you media skills, a great sense of

humour, critical awareness—of South Africa's problems, headaches hangovers and an addiction to tequila.

Interested? Watch the notice boards for information about our media skills workshop, or come upstairs to the SRC offices and see us.

The news behind the news

Is Michael Jackson coming to South Africa? What's causing the Royal family rift? What's Princess Caroline up to now?

These are not questions which you'll find answered in the student press.

Instead you'll find the things students want to read and write about - the education crisis, price hikes in the canteen, student involvement in the UDF, victories on the sportsfield, the letters, satire, music - and much more.

If you're interested in photography, writing, editing, layout or design, (and in broadening your university education), then the Student Press is where you should get involved. Each paper will provide you with an ongoing training in all areas of production and seminars will keep you up to date with the important key political questions facing South Africa.

The South African Student's Press Union (SASPU), co-ordinates the work that goes into keeping the Student Press alive and vibrant.

The union's publications come in all shapes and sizes and include a nationally distributed paper, Saspu National.

At Rhodes you can join Rhodéo, the official student newspaper, or DP, the Social Sciences and Arts Faculty paper.

We urge you to get involved and wish you a successful 1986.

Steve Kromberg
SASPU President

Get it?

Get the message, China! If you don't belong to the student press you're destined to live a life of boredom, isolated from reality, cocooned in a shell of helpless apathy, lost in the tide of humanity, and doomed to share the same horrible fate as the other nine thousand billion people on this ghastly planet.

Yeah, yeah, rave, rave, scribble, scribble, write, write, draw, draw, gasp, gurgle, splonk!

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National Madness

Earlier this year thousands of young white South African men packed their suitcases in preparation for the SADF's annual January intake.

Ag, it's something that everyone must go through... every family must lose a son, every wife a husband. Basics will be tough, ja... but then maybe there'll be sleep out passes or whatever. And the discipline will be good for him, he'll learn to be tidy, learn to obey, take orders... and it might even be fun.

Sure, conscription affects all of us. But maybe somewhere at the back of your mind is a nagging doubt. What are our sons, lovers, brothers and friends doing in the SADF? Are they being trained to kill, trained to die? Why are we fighting a war? Who is the enemy?

The End Conscription Committee (ECC) is a national organisation which opposes compulsory conscription into the SADF. ECC is not opposed to individual conscripts, but to the system which forces young white men to fight. ECC has attracted a great deal of support. There are over 50 member organisations, and ECC branches exist in Durban, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg and

Grahamstown. A variety of different organisations and people - mothers, Christians, students, pacifists, ex-conscripts - are united in ECC by their desire for peace in South Africa and an end to the call up.

And boetie's on the border
still fighting for his country
And if he doesn't blow his brains
out. He'll come back to go a-hunting
For the "terries"
In his backyard
And in his wife's bed
And crawling up his back
And in his lightie's head
Bang! Bang!
- Jennifer Ferguson from
"Suburban Hum"

ECC opposes conscription for the following reasons:

1. Conscription violates the right of individuals to refuse in conscience to serve in a military institution.
2. Conscription increases the conflict in South Africa by forcing young men to protect the system of apartheid - a system which denies basic rights to the majority of South Africa's people.
3. Conscription is the cornerstone of militarisation in our society. It conditions people to see war and violence as normal and acceptable.
4. Conscription forces young

white South Africans to implement apartheid policies. The SADF has been involved in forced removals, roadblocks, sweep and search operations, the silencing of protest and the occupation of townships.

5. Conscription is the enemy of peace in South Africa - a peace that is only realisable when apartheid is abolished.

ECC has taken up public campaigns focusing on issues such as the call-up, camps, "Dad's Army", commando units, the war in Namibia, troops in the townships, and the psychological effects of the military. In most centres Advice Bureaus have been set up. ECC has also encouraged the growth of an anti-war culture.

Rhodes ECC is a democratic and dynamic organisation. The PFP Youth, SAUJS, NUSAS, Methsoc, Cathsoc, Ansoc, and SCA have all joined hands to publicise the call to end conscription and bring ECC's message to campus. ECC also needs your ideas and support. Why not join the call for peace and join ECC?

For further information contact
Melissa de Villiers c/o the
SRC, or phone 23517.



DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN...

TO YOU!

Survival Tips

1. Best place to eat: Anywhere except Kaif
2. Best place to get drunk: Anywhere except the Vic
3. Safest place to get drunk: Your bedroom
4. Easiest place to get assaulted: Drostdy Lawns (see Peaceful Demos)
5. Easiest place to get arrested: Drostdy Arch (see Midnight Vigils)
6. Best place to get stoned: Raglan Road or the Transkei
(depending on whether you're into rocks or herbs)
7. Best or worst person to get stoned with: Lloyd (codename Simon)
(depending on whether you're into rocks or herbs)
8. Worst people to hang around with: Them
9. Best people to hang around with: Us
10. Worst place to swim: Rhodes pool
11. Second worst place to swim: Kotch Creek
12. Worst place to get lost in: The library
13. Worst person to be found by if you're lost: A librarian
14. Best music station on campus: RMR
15. Worst music station on campus: RMR
16. Only music station on campus: RMR
17. Best publication on campus: Rhodeo
18. Worst publication on campus: Rhodeo (see Relevant Ideology)

faculty councils

Faculty Councils enable students to express their ideas and needs where education is concerned. There is a vast difference between education at school and varsity. Here you have the opportunity to examine your education critically and do something about it!

Problems can range from course content, booklists and lecturing standards, to the relevance of your education in a changing South Africa.

Faculty Council arranges class rep. elections at the beginning of the year. Through contact with your class Rep. and Faculty Council, your questions and problems can be resolved.

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The bra-less hairy-legged feminist swagg-
ered up to the lone man in Kaif. As she raised her fist
in a threatening and aggressive gesture, he caught a glimpse of her
unshaven, unkempt armpit. "Grrrr", she growled, "I hate men".

Help! Is this what feminists are really all about? No. But it's what a lot of people think.
There is a forest of stereotypes surrounding feminism and women's liberation. If you are an open-
minded, exciting, independent thinker, read on....

To many women, university means your first real taste of independence. But it also means hassles of a differ-
ent kind: Strict res rules, not walking alone at night for fear of rape (there were seven reported rapes in Gra-
hamstown last year - many of them involving students), subtle pressures to sleep with men, constant worries about
the way you look (big bum, fat legs, small breasts), not being taken seriously intellectually... Don't worry...you're
not alone. Most women in South Africa suffer from sexual discrimination. They are usually responsible for two jobs - the
home and work. Fewer women make it to the 'top', women workers generally get paid less than men, contraception is often
seen as solely the woman's responsibility, and women are regarded as objects of pleasure for men.

But unlike the movies, no Rocky, Rambo or Flash Gordon is going to save the situation. The happy ending lies in men and women
taking control over their own lives, and discovering new ways of relating to each other - as people, not as objects.

Feminism is all about the struggle to change peoples attitudes and actions towards other people. It is not just another boring
intellectual "ism". Feminism is an exciting new way of looking at and treating people. Feminism is a challenge. You can stay
as you are for the rest of your life...or you can change your ways. Feminism can mean jolly good health. It can be the next
best thing to sliced bread... something to beat that Sealy Posturepedic feeling.

So why wait for your first drink of Smirnoff before you discover that feminism can mean something to you too. Varsity is
a time of new experiences. It's a time to shake off those years of school conditioning and restrictions. You have the
capacity to act and take initiative. Organisations like Rhodoe, NUSAS Local Comm, EDACT and ECC all have non-sexist
policies. The SRC has a Crisis Centre for dealing with hassles both men and women may face. The library has a
wealth of information about feminism and women's equality.

Women were not just made to pose on top of smart cars in adverts, to produce handfuls of children, to be
passive and to look pretty. Men were not made just to drive the smart cars, earn money for the
children, to be aggressive and to look handsome. There is another way of living. Join the
trend to changing your brand. Become a person that thinks, feels, acts and hopes...
and sees others in the same light. Keep South Africa clean - stamp out sexism.
Take the plunge to feminism - you'll be so glad you did.

If you have any hassles: Contact Jenie Masey,
(women's portfolio), on the SRC.

