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# Editorial



There is nothing more pretentious than someone barely three years older than you dishing out advice about what to expect in your first year at university. And there is nothing that I can say as a fourth-year student, who has seen and done too many things that I shouldn't have, that will prepare you for what your life here will be. You know that you will change, that your perceptions of this world and the next will be irrevocably altered, and that the people you will meet will make you question and analyse every aspect of your life. Or maybe they won't. It doesn't really matter. You may leave Rhodes after the mandatory three or four years exactly the same as you arrived, but the most important thing is that you tried.

For many of us, waving goodbye to our parents from the front door of some imposing res, filled with people we don't know, and who don't fit into any of our already formed labels, is frightening. I don't remember my Orientation Week purely because I spent the majority of it hidden in my room, wishing that I could be home, that I could be with people who understood me and accepted me. Funnily enough, in hindsight, I realise that I had already come home, and that I would find far more acceptance amongst those strange people up the corridor than from my best friends from school.

Very few people actually understand the attraction of Rhodes: it's situated in some dead-end little dorp in the middle of nowhere, doesn't have a MacDonalds within 120km and couldn't boast anything resembling a real club if it tried. And yet, it gets into your blood. You walk away at the end of every year silently wishing

that some Pagad member with no sense of direction would take a good shot at our beloved G-Spot, and return the next year to find that nothing has changed. And you know that you are home.

But before it will ever feel like home, it has to be yours. Rhodes is only what you make of it - no one can ever tell you what to expect from your years here. The people you meet will essentially fuck with your mind, some of them will stick it out, and others will disappear just as you think that you have them pegged. And that one night stand who meant nothing might surprise you, and become the best friend that you have ever had. Nothing is predictable, nothing is the same, and whilst every little crisis might seem to ultimately lead to mass world destruction - you will survive.

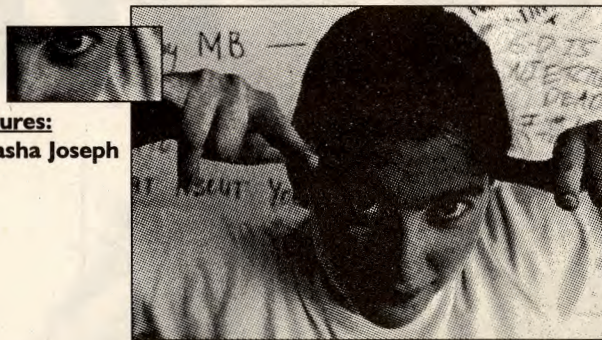
In a conversation with a friend, I said that I was bored, that I wanted to do something different, to break the rules and be dangerous. Considering that my life has been anything but normal since entering this fine establishment, this is perhaps a futile exercise. I have tried almost every type of alcohol, recreational substance and social activity that Rhodes culture has to offer. But no matter what, it was my choice. Perhaps that is the only thing that I would like to suggest: make it your choice. One of the most profound moments in my life, was realising that everything I do or say or think, is my own: that I draw the lines, and although they may change, and blur periodically, the choice is always mine.

Tamara Kenny  
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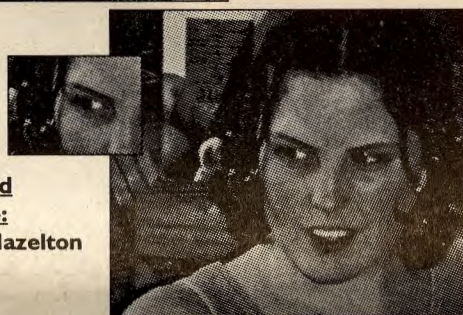
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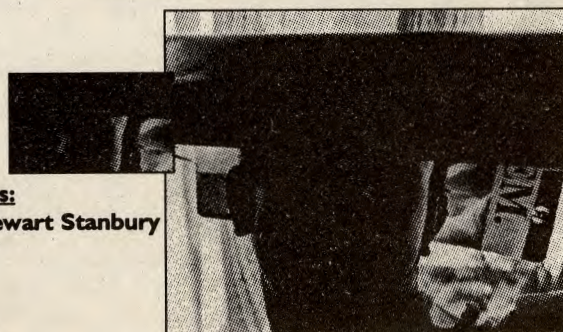
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# Virtual Rizla

Jabberwock

I got my first Valentine's card when I was eleven. He was tall, dark and sensitive. I was besotted. We held hands and I started dreamily naming our unborn children. A year later, the honeymoon was over. He got bored and fell for the school bimbo. I was destroyed.

Since then, I've given up on Valentine's Day. My father phones me every year on February the 14th and tells me how much he loves me. Last year I kicked a small hole in the door of our res phone booth because even Daddy dearest forgot to send me V-Day greetings. (If my warden is reading this, I'm really really really sorry).

Welcome to Rhodes University. The next three or four years will blow your mind in every conceivable direction. You'll play hard, study hard-ish occasionally kind of maybe oh God my exam is tomorrow (sorry, flashback to my first year) and meet people from all over the world who will make you stop and think. For some people, varsity is the first chance they've had to crawl out from under their parents' wings. Maybe you've been there, done that and have the criminal record. It doesn't matter if you're black, white, pink, an offish shade of blue or a Zimbabwean: everyone is here to live a bit before the real world claims us.

Grahamstown (also the G-Spot, GrimTown, Graamstad, Daardie Fokken Plek or Home) is a quaint little town that's basically run by the students. Bottle stores offer student discounts; the restaurants might just start splitting into smoking, non-smoking and totally debauched soon - and they stay open late enough to ensure that a hectic case of the midnight munchies doesn't go unconquered. Everyone

does endlessly stupid things all the time, but most of them walk out with a degree - either because they've studied hard or because the varsity is desperate to get rid of them. I had the extreme pleasure of surviving my O-Week unscathed, apart from a bad run-in with two fishbowls and a menacing Gothic gentleman named Jonathan at Pop Art. I listened to hungover boys (sorry, men) singing bad versions of soppy songs outside our res at six in the morning, and I didn't even throw anything. I watched everyone get immensely, incredibly - and unnecessarily - stupid when the 14th rolled around, and I am using that experience to warn you: Valentine's Day is a tool of the devil.

Lock up your hearts and shut your eyes to the glut of red roses that will invariably land on your neighbour's doorstep (so bitter, so bitter). Don't let anybody convince you to be their Valentine.

Everything changes on the 15th, you know. Suddenly the beer has worn off and your arm hurts because you're trapped under a large, slow-moving object - hopefully we're not talking about a train, here. The roses will die, the chocolates will melt and really, it's not worth the headache when you realise that the Romeo who serenaded you so beautifully outside CJ's is actually a mumbling, bumbling buffoon.

And if that tall, dark, sensitive young man who broke my heart so splendidly when I was at my most young and fragile is reading this: you bastard, I hope the school bimbo turns into an old crone and names your children dastardly things. Happy Valentine's Day.

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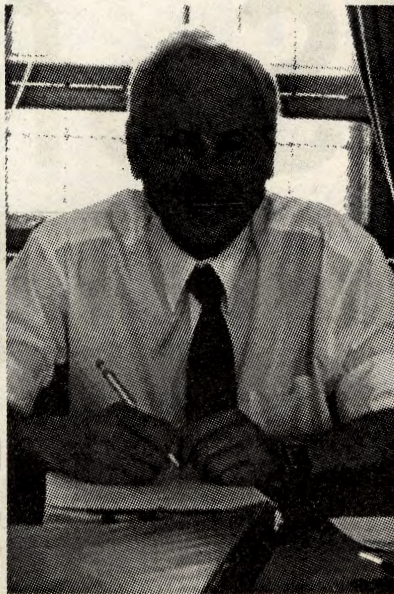




## Vice - Chancellor's message

Welcome to all new first-time entering students. I am delighted that you have made the decision to come to Rhodes and can assure you that it is the correct decision. Please make use of a magnificent opportunity to study and enhance your personal development by participating in the many leadership, cultural, sporting and social activities Rhodes has to offer. It is important that you attain the correct balance between these various activities as soon as possible and please remember that your academic development comes first. I urge you to make full use of Orientation Week so that you are informed of the opportunities available to you.

Good luck



David Woods: our Vice - Chancellor

## Registration dilemmas

Vanessa Rogers

Students returning to Rhodes in 2001 will not easily forget the chaos that many encountered in 2000.

Many returning students last year found themselves homeless or sharing because their rooms had been filled with first years.

It seems that the University underestimated the number of students registering for the first time and misjudged the 'no-show rate' of prospective students who had made their deposits.

According to the Dean of Students, Dr Moosa Motara, the University does not expect this to happen again. He stated that in 2000 the University became stricter with its MIP (Minimum Initial Payment) policy and that although warned,

*'returning students did not adhere to the rules'*

and many did not pay their MIPs on time. He also pointed out that the University had made provision for more students by renovating large rooms in seven to eight residences to accommodate up to three students per room.

Dr Motara also commented that the building of two new residences had been put on hold due to the uncertain situation with the University's government subsidy.

Regarding the financial difficulties that many Zimbabwean students could find themselves in, Dr Motara openly stated,

*'if you can't pay let us know'.*

The harsh economic climate in Zimbabwe and tight foreign currency restrictions mean that even the privileged few that do have money in Zimbabwe are finding it difficult to get bank drafts to pay for their education.

In the middle of January, a Foreign Exchange spokesperson for Standard Bank Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, said they currently had a two-month delay on such bank drafts.

In lieu of the forex they were offering a letter from the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe that was unlikely to be taken very seriously by any external institution given the uncertain situation in Zimbabwe.

Yet, Dr Motara felt sure that the University would honour such a letter, but that in the end, the student would be held responsible.

## Laughing it off into the new millennium

Natasha Joseph

If you've seen students around campus sporting strange t-shirts that proclaim things like "Dead Bull gives you mince" and "Marijuana - at least it's not crack", you've been giggling at the handiwork of a student-run promotions company called "Laugh it Off".

Established by native Capetonian Justin Nurse (now a graduate after finishing his Business Management degree), Laugh it Off started with decidedly anti-establishment t-shirts and debauched parties that got people talking for weeks afterwards. Today, Justin is set to see his company go national -

*Laugh it Off's new t-shirt range has just been launched on Greenmarket Square in Cape Town,*

and the company has "big things in the works", according to Nurse.

However, Rhodes students need not fear that Laugh it Off is going to vanish from Grahamstown and become nothing more than a hazy memory. Although nothing is planned for O-Week,

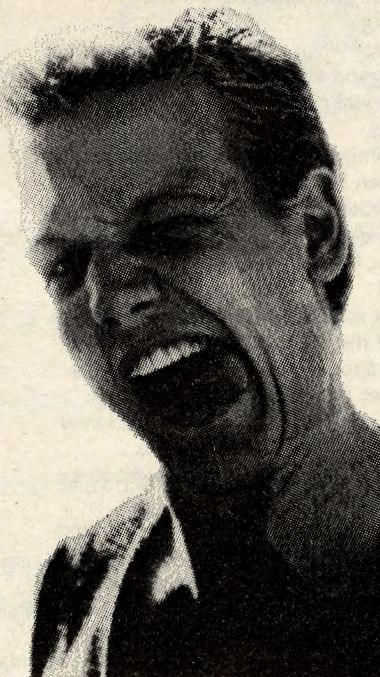
*Laugh it Off's involvement in student comedy continues when members of the Cape Comedy Collective visit Grahamstown*

on February 22, 2001 for an evening of hysteria featuring local comedians.

Watch out for another of Laugh it Off's legendary parties on March 2, 2001.

Nurse said: "If you remember last year's Spaced Out party at the Crossing - or better yet, if you don't - then you'll know almost what to expect."

Laugh it Off's appeal most certainly lies in its continued ability to make you expect the unexpected - so keep your eyes open for news of Laugh it Off events taking place during 2001.



The businessman in charge of the successful, 'Laugh it Off' company.

## Be careful where you light up

By Vanessa Rogers

The controversial anti-smoking legislation that came into effect on the 15 January 2001 has been met with confusion, disapproval and a few thumbs up in Grahamstown.

*The law states that 75% of all public eating, drinking and entertainment areas must be made strictly non-smoking.*

And 'non-smoking' means complete separation from any smoking areas as well as separate ventilation and extraction fans. The high cost of such renovations has left many Grahamstown restaurant and pub owners stumped.

To avoid this, restaurant owner Richard Boschhoff has made Zorba's Greek Taverna completely non-smoking with the exception of the bar. He pointed out that whilst he was avoiding expensive renovations he would lose a large amount of his smoking clientele.

Likewise, popular Italian restaurant, Gino's, now turns away prospective diners as the *new legislation has forced them to limit the floor space available to smokers.*

Senior manager of Gino's, Bryan Nolan, said that previously over 80% of their clients were smokers, and these people are now going elsewhere to eat. But Gino's management is making no immediate plans for renovations, as according to Bryan there is hope that a more lenient law will be the outcome of a review set for June.

The owners and management of popular night spot, the Rat and Parrot, are also faced with similar problems. They have not made any reservations as of yet, but have made the Mouse and Budgie a strictly no-smoking zone. They also have plans to make the upstairs section of the Rat a no-smoking area, but co-owner, Brenda Lisk, said:

*'I have no idea how we will enforce no smoking when it is difficult enough already to control the students'.*

Similarly, in nightclub C.J.'s (Cecil Johns) it will be very difficult to implement and enforce a strict no-smoking area. Even more so as non-smoking Brenda commented that, *'drinking, dancing and smoking go together'.*

Las Vegas corner popularly known as Wayside Café, is a shebeen in Rhin frequented by students. They are aware of the law and plan to make the inside area no-smoking, but once again nothing is definite.

At this stage it is unclear what the Union, C.J.'s and Pop Art are planning to do. But there is the possibility that they will operate on a strict membership basis in the future where they will advertise as a smoking club, which will allow them to by-pass the unpopular legislation and leave them largely as they are today.

## Briefs

### NEW AT RHODES

- Dr Colin Jefferson, will take over as Vice Principle and pro-vice chancellor from Dr Michael Smout as of the 1 March 2001.

### NEW TECHNOLOGY AT RHODES

- The new computer science/ IT building will have state of the art network infrastructure, thanks to the assistance of leading multinational companies, including Nortel Networks, Krone and Cabstruct.

### NEW UNIVERSITY

- The new Monash University in Roodeport opens this year and will offer one in ten entering students a bursary as part of the Monash program to ensure that students with special needs and circumstances gain access to higher education.

### WITS WON

- A National Association of Distance Education Organization of South Africa Award, for its further diploma in education in English Language teaching.

### WITS LOST

- Vice Chancellor Prof. Colin Bundy to the University of London.

### NEW AT UCT

- A four year, electrical and computer engineering degree as of 2001. An Extended Curriculum Program for talented but under-prepared BbusSc students.

### RHODES WILL STAY THE SAME

- According to the Vice Chancellor, Dr Woods, who is confident that the proposed merger with the University of Fort Hare and UNITRA will not go ahead. But we will have to wait for the Minister of Education Dr Kada Asmal's final decision set for 28 February 2001.

### NEW MBA COURSE AT RHODES

- The first two-week module of the new three-year MBA run by the Investec School of Business, started at the end of January with 2s students from the Eastern Cape and Joburg.

### COURSE IN LABOUR RELATIONS AT RU

- The Investec School of Business will be running its first short course for practising managers from the 11-27 February 2001.

### ZERO TOLERANCE

- Last weekend the Grahamstown police made over 173 arrests for less serious offences such as drinking and drunkenness in public.

### RED CROSS OPENS OFFICE

- The Red Cross Society has opened an office at Pepper Grove Mall

### RHODES PROF IN FAVOUR OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX

- Matthew Lester has presented Parliament with a cautious argument in favour of CG Tax.

## Kilts, snow, swords and logic

Jak Koseff

Over 1000 varsity students from over 30 countries gathered in the snows of Glasgow, Scotland this January as the largest group of non-athletic student competitors on the globe. The 30th annual World Universities Debating Championships, saw Rhodes Debating take it's fourth crack at the international debating scene.

Results were, as they have been for the past four years, a mixed bag of potential and disappointment. Two veteran rhodes teams and one novice side held their own against the most illustrious universities on the planet - onlucding OXford, Stanford and the elite British law schools - but failed to make the break through to the elimination rounds, i.e the top 10% of competing teams.

This is a feat only 3 South African teams have managed in recent times, and the simple reasons for it comes down to a lack of experience and insufficient exposure to high-level debate. It is hoped that the ongoing development drives at both School and Varsity Level will eventually remedy this. The South African National debating in fact hosted the World Schools' championships just two weeks ago.

The eventual winners of the Universities championship title were Sydney University, taking home as trophy a 6-foot antique Scottish Claymore. Hopefully, it won't be too long before a similar prize graces SA debating's cabinets.



RHODES UNIVERSITY  
DEBATING SOCIETY



# "bite me" Spice



Well ladies, welcome to Rhodes University... place of learning, research and intelligent conversation, and of course... the Rhodes male.

You may have already encountered this particular species of Homo Erectus since your arrival on campus. This predator is known for his subtle approach. You may find him hanging over the balconies of Founders Hall, leering at you from a barstool at the Rat and Parrot or displaying his (less than) magnificent physique by the pool. However, as with any wild animal, there are rules.

Rule no 1: You, as a new Rhodes female, is known as "fresh meat". This means that any declarations of love in O-week should be taken with at least a kilo of salt.

Rule no 2: Rhodes is famous for its imaginative pick-up lines. "Nice shoes, wanna fuck?" is a favourite. (Throwing up on said shoes is also considered pretty suave, especially at the Union).

Rule no 3: When met with the aforementioned line, your initial instinct may be to kick this veritable James Bond in the shins and flee. However, Rhodes men are nothing if not socially inept, so "Nice wallet, wanna buy me a drink?" might be a more suitable response.

Rule no 4: Rhodes men are fantastically persistent. If you sense an inkling of attempted coercion, go for the "dumbstick". Knees, handbags and stiletto heels are there for a reason. He won't be able to "think" for at least a week.

Rule no 5: If you are invited back to his place for coffee, you are not going for coffee. Even if at

some stage you do happen to drink some coffee, YOU ARE NOT THERE FOR COFFEE.

Rule no 6: Sex is not a prerequisite for O-week (much as any Rhodes man would like you to believe otherwise). It's fun, but remember that no-one looks as though they have one of the fabulous variety of manky diseases doing the rounds. Play it safe or not at all (Please excuse the cliché).

Rule no 7: If you do in fact wake up the next morning in Prince Charming's room, you have two strategies. To scream and run is not considered good manners (unless, of course, Brad Pitt has transformed into Jabba the Hut during the night). Another option is to hang around until he wakes up. However, if he calls you baby or honey or anything other than your name, this is not a good sign (now is the time to make an exit).

Rule no 8: Res walls are notoriously thin and res ears and eyes are remarkably large. Expect some hot gossip about someone identical to you, with your name, who spent last night in the same guy's room as you.

Rule no 9: Rhodes is a small place. If you feel that most people on campus seem involved in your love-life... THEY ARE.

Rule no 10: Do not hang yourself in front of the Admin building if a new romance does not outlive O-Week. Rhodes males are not famed for their "staying" power (double entendre intended).

However, I know of at least three relationships that have lasted beyond O-Week and throughout the year. If you happen to be one of those who

# RULES of ATTRACTION



## Mr Long Term

What to look for: Generally all the gorgeous boys you spot in your first few weeks of varsity will end up dating the same girl for the duration of his degree. Annoying, isn't it?

Pick-up lines: "You have beautiful eyes... have you ever considered getting married, settling down and having two perfect children who look exactly like you?"

Pros: Long term relationships are cute, after all. He'll know what your favourite foods are, worship you, make the bed and buy you flowers for every major anniversary.

Cons: Boring boring boring... this gentleman should only be jumped if you're willing to commit BIG TIME. Of course, he'll probably forgive you when you get hammered and cheat on him for the sixth time. He'll cry, and there's something so satisfying about making a big boy cry...

## Mrs Long Term

What to look for: Sensible shoes, a sweet smile and maternal instincts from Hell. Knows how to cook and calls her boyfriends "baby".

Pick-up lines: "So when's your birthday? Oh, you're a Gemini!" (Thinks: fabulous! The poor bastard will commit before he knows what's hit him!)

Pros: Will think you're even cuter when drunk; always happy to do your laundry because it just SCREAMS domestic bliss. Always willing to lend you money.

Cons: Will be pregnant and screaming at you before you can say "Second Year". Immensely jealous.

## The Man-eater

What to look for: Stilettos and a predatory smile.

Pick-up lines: pick-up lines are too unsubtle. She'll notice what you're drinking, get you to buy her very manly drinks that'll impress the socks (and jeans, and shirts...) off you, and then dance in the most disturbingly erotic way.

Pros: Wild, crazed, loud sex

Cons: She ain't gonna commit, my man! And the scars you bear from her teeth and nails will go septic.

**The Stud** (remember, men are studs and women are sluts)

What to look for: Charming smile, peroxided hair (not a fixed rule, the arty types are just as bad) and a very smooth tongue.

Pick-up lines: "So... come here often?" "What's your sign?"

Pros: Very nice when you get them alone, and generally very good at what they do. The polite ones will make you coffee in the morning.

Cons: No commitment, and likely to ignore you forever after. Might spread nasty rumours about your abilities/inabilities and ruin your chances with their equally gorgeous and commitment-phobic friends.

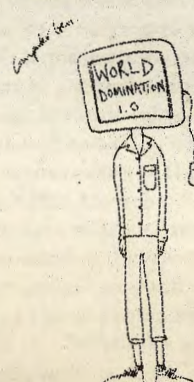
## The Friend

What to look for: You've known him/her since O-Week, and if there was sexual tension... well, you ignored it. Spends a lot of time in your res room and knows all about the embarrassing things you've done on/under tables at the Union. And then suddenly... something changes...

Pick-up lines: "Do you need an all-night study partner? I'll bring the coffee!"

Pros: Friendly sex is much nicer than unfriendly sex, don't you think? They know your dig-mates, they know that you like having your back tickled, and they know precisely how to turn you on - because you keep complaining that no-one else gets it right.

Cons: It's the "Oh My God What are You Doing Naked in my Bed" syndrome that's going to cause problems. If you were both drunk, you'll pretend it didn't happen and it'll become an awkward silence for the rest of your friendship. It might also become an ongoing issue, in which case you should consider settling into Mr and Mrs



Long Term (see numbers 1 and 2)

## The Gay Friend

What to look for: Massive hand gestures, calls everyone "sweetie", outrageously flamboyantly gay for God's sake... and you've shared a bed thousands of times with no contact. And then suddenly... something changes...

Pick-up lines: "That bastard! Can you believe what he did? Can I stay here tonight?"

Pros: Just for the gloat factor, sex with a gay friend is fabulous. Probably a lot more understanding than your average "I'm coming... I'm coming... I'm going" Rhodes boy.

Cons: HECTIC denial issues, much traipsing firmly back out of the closet, anger, tears, shouting, Ab Fab... it's just not worth it.

## The Drama Student

What to look for: New hair colour every week, tongue rings, perfect enunciation and much pretension.

Pick-up lines: "So I said to Andrew Buckland..." "Enough about you, though..." "My new piece is very much centred around an exploration of the fantastic sensuality exuded by the tribes of North East Asia... and there's lots of nudity."

Pros: Knows exactly what to do in bed, if only to get the desired reaction from you (hint: the desired reaction is - "You're so amazing/beautiful/perfect/sexy/godlike/talented")

Cons: You're going to have to share, and they're generally commitment phobes. Will ask you to do all sorts of strange things that have been outlawed in most American states (this can also be a pro, of course. Depends on your attitude...)

## The Local

What to look for: Khaki shorts, veldskoene, moustache from Hell, thick Afrikaans accent (apologies to all Afrikaans students, but we're talking rerige fokken boere here). Generally found leering at first-years in CJ's.

Pick-up lines: "Howzit. I fink youse gorgeous... you dance lekker... can I buy for you a drink or two?"

Pros: Will get you drunk and save you lots of money. Glued to their barstools, so unable to get up and follow you when you stagger home-wards.

Cons: Do you honestly need to think about this? Horrendously unattractive (this depends on your attitude to body hair) and about as intellectually stimulating as Journ lectures at 7:45 on a Friday morning.

## The Goth

What to look for: Black clothes, perpetual scowl, very sharp teeth and immensely evil smile... the kind that says "Hi... wanna be my sacrifice?"

Pick-up lines: "I saw you by the light of the moon and I just had to know... do you like being bitten?"

Pros: Do you enjoy watching beautiful people dance? Well then, Goths are the way to go. They're very intense and very intelligent. And brutal in bed.

Cons: Break-ups will be messy, because they're likely to send you dead roses, cut themselves to pieces and destroy your room in fits of jealousy.

## The Journ Student

What to look for: Notepads, God complexes, intense loathing of Drama students (but intense desire to be as interesting as Drama students, or at least to be having that much sex).

Pick-up lines: "What's your opinion on...?"

"Do you mind if I interview you for my newswriting piece?" (nudge nudge wink wink etc.)

Pros: They'll always tell you exactly what they want.

Cons: Will analyse every single thing you said or did before, during and after sex. Furthermore, they will use big words like "furthermore" and try to intimidate you into ignoring them.





# For the unknowing victim, dating at Rhodes is like being mugged: you can end up poorer, sadder and you know you'll never trust that WEIRDO in the car park again

Natasha Joseph of the "Lurrve Police" rounded Romance's usual suspects

Illustrations by Toast Coetzer

## The Jock (male)

What to look for: Peroxided hair, wrap-around sunglasses, flip-flops, anything by Billabong, open-collared checked shirts and a vocabulary that consists of: "Nooit bru, did you watch the ruggers?" and "Babes, bring me a beer!"

Pick-up lines: "Howzit...nice shoes...do you wanna...um...um...can I...um...ag fok."

Pros: Rippling muscles, boundless lust, devoted when drunk; you'll be able to walk into The Rat without getting stared at sideways.

Cons: Waking up in Founders' Hall. Having to watch rugby. Being unable to engage in intelligent conversation and having to deal with his equally "dof" friends trying to get into bed because he told them about that thing you do with your...

## The Hip-Hopper

What to look for: Baggy pants, solidarity with the Wu-Tang Clan, chilling outside the basketball courts with their "posse". They call their girlfriends "my woman" and their friends "my niggahs".

Pick-up lines: "Wazzup?"

"So...uh...why don't you and me do a lil' somethin' somethin'?"

Pros: Da man's got rhythm. No-one will mess with you 'cause you're "his woman" and you have the defensive of at least a hundred "niggahs" whenever you go out - you know what I'm saying?

Cons: Tendency to avoid all commercial forms of hygiene; awful dress sense - you gonna have to call the Fashion Police, baby!

## The Baby-Buppie

What to look for: Label clothing, no eyebrows, perfect private school accent, cellphone to ear, always look like they just walked off a catwalk.

Pick-up lines: "Howzit, my babes!" "Will you give me a lift down to campus - I can't walk in these shoes."

Pros: She always looks so fine. You'll be the envy of most men on campus.

Cons: She takes forever to get ready, so your dates will take at least three weeks to plan. Hair has to be perfect, and her make-up is more important than her man.

## The Computer Generation

What to look for: Lights in their windows at four in the morning...and only one person in the room. Permanently sloped shoulders and a tendency to talk in binary.

Pick-up lines: "Do you wanna come see my new harddrive?" "Can I type out your thesis for you?" "What's your nick on IRC?"

Pros: No more computer hassles. Someone to type your thesis.

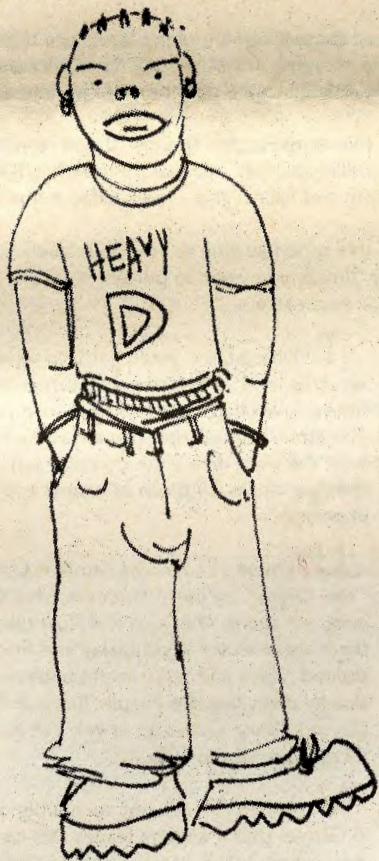
Cons: You wouldn't want to be caught dead with them outside of the Jac Labs. And when it's discovered that you don't accept three-a-half inch floppies...things could get messy.

## The New Agers

What to look for: Crystals, candles and incredibly peaceful auras. They hang out in Pop Art and buy their food from the Mustard Seed (it's a health store).

Pick-up lines: "Do you need to be healed?" "Can I realign your chakras?"

Pros: Tantric sex, free back rubs and lots of massage oils.



Cons: A fixation with rocks - those in the sky, and those in their heads. Also, they'll blame everything on your star sign and cry when you mock their karma.

## The Smoothie

What to look for: Blue eyes and a beautiful smile...easily the best looking boy on campus. Always friendly, sweet talker. Not to be confused with the studs, because these gentlemen will always open the door for you as they let you out after sex, then tell you not to call.

Pick-up lines: "Would you like to see a movie tonight? I'll buy you dinner afterwards and make sure you're back at res by midnight." (He doesn't mention that "res" is HIS res).

Pros: If it's been a while, these boys are always ready for a night of luuurve.

Cons: When he says "don't call", he's not kidding. Persistence will not be of assistance, and you'll soon find yourself being avoided by everyone you've ever wanted to sleep with. If you have issues with being a notch on the bedpost, this isn't the guy for you.

## The Histrionic Bitch

What to look for: A slightly mad gleam in her eye and constant references to Glenn Close's "amazing" performance in Fatal Attraction.

Pick-up lines: Doesn't use them; will throw you against walls with a strength that should set alarm bells ringing and climb into you before you can hide your pet rabbit safely under the bed.

Pros: Remember the kitchen counter scene in Fatal Attraction? She's really like that, and she's insatiable.

Cons: Your friends will start avoiding you, and she'll somehow make friends with your sub-warden and get into your room. You'll mysteriously start "misplacing" important things that will inevitably only be found at her place. And you want to watch out for any drinks she buys you after you've had the "let's just be friends" conversation.

## The Stoner

What to look for: Red eyes, slo-o-o-w enunciation of words like "dude" and "man". Chronic giggling fits in the middle of tutorials (they never make it to lectures). Find them haggling with the car park attendants outside The Rat, and then looking confused in the food section at BP.

Pick-up lines: "Have you got any Rizla?" "Pass that blunt to the left, dude."

Pros: Lots of cuddling - sex isn't a big issue for these fellas. Funky dreads and endearing attempts at Rasta accent.

Cons: As above.

## The Junkie (encompassing all sorts)

What to look for: Aggression, then sudden fits of melancholy. Track marks are rare; constant sniffing could become an issue. They'll hug you a lot, or ask you to rub Tiger-Balm on their temples. They might see things coming out of the walls at Pop Art.

Pick-up lines: "Your eyes...they're on fire, man!" "Please just hold me...have I ever told you how much I love you?" "Can I have a...a...cig...cig...cigarette?"

Pros: Free access to drugs of all types. Interesting people (good for Drama students and Journ students), colourful existence. Psychedelic sex. Great dress sense because paranoid that everyone is looking at them.

Cons: Their dealer is more important than you. Will vanish into the bathroom for half an hour with some person you've never seen before, and when rushing, will hug anyone and anything who smiles at them sweetly.

## Post-330 homesick Durbanites

What to look for: New Rocks/Buffaloes, cargo pants, tight designer shirts, expertly toned muscles. Will not walk anywhere.

Pick-up lines: "Got any Tiger-Balm/poppers/Rizla?" "So I'll see you at The Vic at midnight, then." "Have you heard that new track by..."

Pros: Great dress sense; generally very tall (it's the Buffaloes), rippling muscles, spare cash to spend on you because they're the only students on this campus who don't drink.

Cons: Blistered fingers from constant SMS-ing; always better dressed than you!

# Duke "Filthy" Sanchez



Orientation week.

Welcome to it, boys. You will meet new people. Some of them will be extraordinary. Some of them will be so ordinary, it will make you gape.

You may lose cell-phones, inhibitions, virginities.

You will probably get drunk, stoned, depressed. You will almost certainly vomit. You may decide which subjects are best suited to prepare you for your future career: whether that's becoming a monk, Mormon, or the registrar.

Above all, you will try to come right with loose chicks.

Duke's Golden Rule of Orientation Week is simple: Get it while you can. You will notice that certain student societies follow the same law in their recruitment efforts.

While parallels between His People and the Filthy ones are not obvious, we certainly share some of the same tactics in O-Week.

Chicks are vulnerable, homesick and in need of a guiding figure. They haven't heard the things experienced Rhodents have to say about you. They are more likely than ever to

A) Let you pet their panty-hamsters  
B) Join a strange cult of singing evangelists.  
(Try to encourage the former.)

New Rhodes men have usually heard two things about Rhodes women: there are far more of them than there are of us, and they are sluts. This is true.

Unfortunately, the "easy" reputation has been spread purely by blokes that don't actually attend Rhodes. The fact is, Rhodes chicks hate Rhodes men.

This is why they hump visiting hockey teams, lecturers and even schoolboys at every opportunity. You should therefore take full

advantage of the fact that they don't know you until at least half-way through O-Week.

Cultivate an air of mystery, try to shower after every second bencher and if you really must blow chunks, do it as discretely as possible. Stay awake as long as possible, because like many nice young women around the world, Rhodes girls like to wait before sleeping with a guy. Until they're drunk, that is. And drunk they will be.

If you do come right, remember the second Golden Rule: all sex is complicated. Down at Rhodes it's more complicated than ever.

Firstly, there is no such thing as avoiding her. This is a small university. So small that if you want to avoid contact with women, you'll either have to laugh off the

degree or join a drinking club and spend the rest of your days with drunken repressed homosexuals.

Neither are great options, so most of us end up facing our mistakes in lectures and pubs and are better men for it.

The flip side is that every woman in the place knows everything about your sexual (in)ability, and if you cock it up (so to speak), you'll never get laid again.

You will be dragged to coffee sessions with them and will sing at their balconies. You will end up losing underwear in their rooms, apologising for things you didn't do and saying things you don't mean. If you're like me, you'll never stop. And damn, it's a lot of fun. Unless, of course, you find contradictory, irrational, curvy, fickle, sexy people absurd, individual beautiful people boring. In which case, you are dead from the waist up. And have no place reading this column.



# Grahamstown's A - Z

By: Aunty NJ

**A:** Arb (also used as a verb – “arbing”) – a standard Gtown expression that means “hanging around”, “chilling out” – basically doing nothing when you should be at a lecture. Arbing is also a popular euphemism for getting hopelessly stoned and laughing inanely at your friends.

**B:** Beer (see also “O” for One-Night Stands and “J” for Jocks) – a great pick-up line (anyone looks better when you’re drunk). Most commonly seen being consumed at Gtown’s many watering holes and then redistributed in the gutters outside. For cheap beer and slurred conversation, go to the Union.

**C:** Commitment (see also “M” for Myth) – many people come to Rhodes misguidedly looking for long-term love and devotion. Many other people are highly unwilling to give up four years of drunken fumbling with nameless blurs for the aforementioned love and devotion. Relationships at Rhodes aren’t impossible, though...no, seriously!

**D:** Drama students (see also “I” for Incest) – a strange bunch of guys and gals, these oddly dressed, bizarrely hair-styled students are mostly found waving their hands around at Pop Art and talking about themselves. They’re sexual animals, and also enjoy prancing around the Drama/Journ Department steps scaring the Journ students.

**E:** Experimentation – everyone thinks Gtown is wonderfully liberating (and liberated). Go ahead and snog whomever you like, but discretion is advised because rumours travel faster than an Ethiopian chicken in this little town. Don’t freak out if you wake up next to someone of the same sex. Weirder things have happened...see “C” for Commitment and “R” for Relationships.

**F:** FAFFY – stands for “Fuck a Friendly First Year”. Beware the “well-intentioned” second and third year students who offer to “show you around” Gtown. With few exceptions, they’re looking for a quick shag and will never talk to you again. However, enjoy the ego boost that will follow a night of passion with someone who is no longer a teenager.

**G:** Goths – not such a bad bunch, these (generally scowling) creatures of the night spend most of their time wearing black and listening to music about death. They enjoy intense conversation, scaring His People and making others think that they routinely sacrifice goats. If you’re the kind of guy who wears make-up, this is the group for you.

**H:** Hangovers (see also “B” for Beer) – wonderful things, these will be a feature of O-Week – and every week thereafter. Sunglasses are a necessity for those early morning lectures – to hide those infinitely sexy red eyes. Avoid loud noises and smug bastards who will yell “Get a bit hammered last night, then?” in your ear while you’re trying to look inconspicuous.

**I:** Incest (see also “D” for Drama Students) – waking up next to your ex-boyfriend’s sister’s girlfriend’s father’s lecturer’s brother is not as unlikely as you’d think. It’s easy to find yourself in some very politically incorrect situations – and your exploits will quickly be passed on to friends and family back home in the blink of an eye. So ask some subtle questions about who they hang out with before you do the dirty.

**J:** Jocks (see also “B” for Beer) – peroxided hair, wrap-around shades and a perfect tan are the hall-mark of a jock. He is most commonly seen drinking, talking about rugby (“Nooit bru, that pass was awesome!”) and trying to pick up chicks. A talented sportsman, this creature has perfected the art of surviving hangovers, and also gets laid an awful lot. Funny that.

**K:** kilojoules – welcome to the wonderful world of res food. All four food groups are catered for – that’s fat, sugar, salt and starch. Yummy. You might as well rub it on your thighs, ‘cause that’s where it’s going.

**L:** Lust/Lecturers (dodgy combination) – lust is a powerful mistress, and one likely to get you into lots of trouble. Lecturers are the people standing up at the front of a lecture hall talking about academic stuff. Don’t shag your lecturers!! This cannot be stressed enough. It’s a nice way to pick up nasty diseases and extreme pretension; could also disappoint you when the lecturer doesn’t push your marks up in return for services rendered.

**M:** Myths – whoever told you that Gtown is all about hard work, intellectualism and broadening your horizons LIED. “Functional” relationships are rarer than a student who makes all their lectures and scores a first for every subject. Likewise, the idea of a diligent Journ student, a modest Drama student and an interesting Bcomm student should be struck from your mind.

**N:** Nudity – a heady combination of beer and stupidity makes people whip out their naughty bits more than we’d like. Some of the guy’s residences routinely “bond” by getting drunk and streaking around campus, scattering terrified campus security guards in their wake. Keep your clothes firmly on unless you already have a contract with Storm models.

**O:** One-Night Stands (see also “B” for Beer) – a staple of the average Rhodents’ relationship history. Useful when masturbation becomes boring; Drama students (see “D”) are fantastic for dalliances of this nature, but be responsible and use something that’ll keep the nasty diseases out.

**P:** Post-coital “bugger!” – that sickening feeling in the pit of your stomach that is not just the result of too much beer the night before. Waking up next to a complete stranger can be interesting, but like they say in the movie: “When you roll over and want to chew your own arm off – that’s Coyote Ugly.”

**Q:** Quickies – nice way to de-stress; these shags shouldn’t last more than two minutes and are easily achieved in the Pop Art bathrooms (lots of leg room). Also, “Q” for Quickening – “ugh ugh ugh ugh uu-uuurgh” – the average male will prematurely ejaculate nine times in his life, and alcohol doesn’t help.

**R:** Relationships – haven’t we had this conversation already? If you’re still willing to make it work, there’s nothing to stop you. Just find a willing partner and use this handy guide: one night is drunkenness, two nights is lust, three nights is boredom and four nights – well baby, it must be love.

**S:** Shagging – wonderful pastime, lots of fun as long as you do it safely and with the other person’s consent. Don’t let sex become a hobby (unless you want to perfect it, and in that case my number is...). Do try and net yourself a shag buddy for exam stress.

**T:** Timetable – you’ll get told when to attend all your lectures, and where those lectures will take place. Write the times down diligently and then lose your timetable. Make sure you attend all tutorials (those are compulsory), but make friends with the nerd down the corridor who goes to all their lectures, then get notes off them as exams approach. This is very, very important.

**U:** Union (The) – the Student Union, disparagingly called “The Onion” by Journ students who think they’re too cool to hang out there, and who are “just taking notes” when you see them there every Wednesday and Friday night. Cheap booze, stained tables and puke in the bathrooms. Equivalent to all those skanky dives like the Purple Turtle in Cape Town and Morgan’s Cat in Jo’burg. Great fun if you can handle drunk jocks trying to throw you off the balcony.

**V:** Virginity – it’s not such a big deal, really. There’s a myth in Gtown that if anyone leaves this campus with a degree and their virginity still intact, Drostdy Arch will fall. Don’t let us down by destroying the architecture, now. If anyone mocks you, tell them you’re waiting for marriage. Or Wednesday night.

**W:** Whenever, wherever, whatever – a standard Gtown axiom, this attitude means that you will walk in on someone shagging in public bathrooms or realise that the couple “dancing” at the Union are actually getting down and dirty. Just avert your eyes and walk away – it’ll be you in that position one day.

**X:** (e)x boyfriends and girlfriends – (oh c’mon, “xylophone” is so overdone) – these little blasts from the past will return to haunt you when they’re bored of shagging everyone else. Once an ex, always an ex – be careful of the emotional repercussions that will follow if you retry domestic bliss.

**Y:** Yes, an interesting word, and necessary if you want to continue “educating” the person you picked up down at The Union. Make sure you have their consent before delving into Anatomy 101. “Yes” is also the correct response to the question “Would you like a drink?”

**Z:** Zol – slang word for a joint; copious consumption of zol will lead to laughing fits, loss of short term memory and permanently red eyes. Zol is a nice change from the endless floods of alcohol that will get you through varsity, but will also possibly get you arrested.





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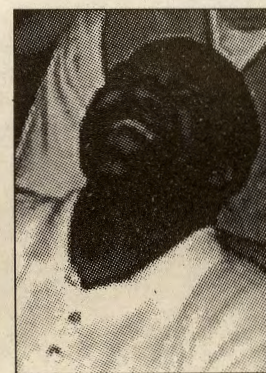
RMR is run exclusively by students. Its executive committee consists of ten students ranging from second year right through to Honours, but they don't rule the roost with iron fists. Instead, RMR is staffed by 100 dedicated, enthusiastic and diverse students from all walks of life. It doesn't stop there, though. Associate members are encouraged to join and receive all sorts of nifty goodies throughout the year, as well as having a chance to influence how RMR is run. So if you're not an on-air kind of person, there's

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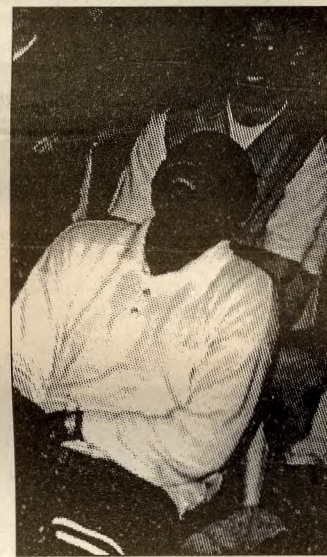
Last year was a successful year for RMR, with multi-faceted involvements in comedy evenings, massive parties and community projects. RMR's "Friday the 13th" party drew crowds of more than 2400 for 13 hours of partying mania complete with live bands and five wicked dance floors. Expect more of the same this year as RMR rockets into the new millennium.

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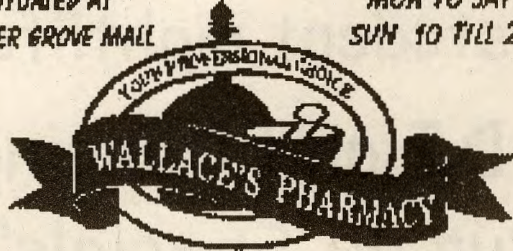
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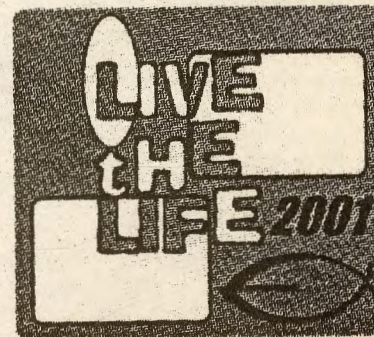
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SCO, His People, AssemSoc and Full Gospel have put their heads together to come up with a challenging and fun-filled programme for first-years from 12-17 February. Items on the card include: variety evenings from Monday to Thursday at the Resource Centre (bottom of Union building), a braai and sports evening and live Christian music. All are welcome. You've read the ad - now live the Life!





# Different Strokes for Different Folks

By Clare Hazelton

You have chosen Rhodes as your university, so it is most likely you are one of three things: a pharmacy student; a journalism student, or a whacky, crazy brilliant creative type of some sort.

If you belong to category one or two, my only advice is - good luck! But if you are of the third variety, this article should give you a little more direction.

So you want to be an actor? Here's what the Drama Department has to offer you.

Drama involves a practical investigation of the constantly changing phenomenon known as theatre.

Students are involved in experiential encounters with the performing arts, including: acting, communication skills, dance, physical theatre, movement and mime, directing, playmaking, educational drama and theatre, design, stage-craft, and theatre technology.

The theoretical component examines major theatrical developments in order to contextualize the emphasis on current directions. The department is involved not only in studying contemporary theatre trends but in initiating them; creating innovative and challenging theatre based on rigorous research, critical analysis and collaborative endeavour.

A range of productions are presented each year including: traditional and contemporary plays, texts, new theatre works, dance theatre, physical theatre and mime.

The first year course is designed to include the Theatre Experience as a medium to develop confidence, collaboration and communication skills. The value of an education in theatre studies helps to involve the individual in creative and critical thinking - imperative life skills for any career.

Or perhaps you think you're a musician? Here's some information on the Music Department. The B.Mus degree is divided into three courses which cover both the theoretical and practical aspect of western and other world musics. (BA and other non-BMus students may take one or two of these courses.)

The first course is Musicology and Compositional Techniques (MCT) which looks at various western music such as classical, jazz and occasionally pop from both a historical and a theoretical perspective. Musical pieces are thus studied from a technical point of view, as well as examining the story they produce.

The second course is Ethnomusicology and Compositional Techniques, and is completed through the

International Library of African Music. This course works in the same way as MCT, but focuses on traditions of music from all over the world. Besides studying music from a historical and anthropological perspective, the student also receives lessons in transcription of non-western music and learns to perform in various African music contexts.

The third course is Practical Studies in which students take a major and minor instrument. (Only BMus students may major in paractical studies; other students may take the course up to second year level.) Due to the highly trained music educators, who teach at various Grahamstown schools, a wide range of instruments can be learnt such as: piano, violin, cello, flute, organ, trumpet, guitar etc in a variety of genres (although the main focus is on classical and jazz).

The first and second years of the B.Mus degree focus equally on these three courses, making for a diverse education which may serve as the basis for a range of different careers in the musical world. A specific focus is then chosen by the student in their final year, so that their major credit can either be practical: in the form of Performance, or a portfolio of Compositions; or theoretical: in the form of a Musicology essay.

The department also offers a fine library, open to all Rhodes students, with facilities including reference books, sheet music and an extensive CD and LP collection.

Or how about an artist? Here's the low-down on the art department. Fine art is a study which requires definite artistic skill. The Art Department aims to nurse those with such artistic abilities, so that their work may develop into something professional and aesthetically appreciated. The study of art involves both a practical and a theoretical component, covering different techniques in the former, and periods (or genres) in the latter. (The theory course may be taken as a credit by B.A. students.)

The first year course is a basic art course in all the elements of art: drawing, painting, sculpture, graphics and photography, along with the compulsory theory course.

Great attention is paid to drawing abilities in first year, as a basis for all other techniques. In further years of study, a specific practical method is chosen.

The department has an extensive range of resources, including its own dark room, pottery kilns, and a printing press which is the only one of its kind in South Africa.

# Seeing the Parents Off

Story and pic by Clare Hazelton

So the parental units have decided to do the parental thing and hang around for O-week to make sure the precious little one is settled in nicely.

Okay, admittedly it was nice having them around for the first lonely weekend, but as O-week progresses you wish they would just get out of your hair and let you get started with varsity life. What better way to politely get rid of them, than to suggest some sight-seeing. "What's to see in Grahamstown?" you ask. Surprisingly, quite a bit.

For those parents who are too fearful to stray far from their loved ones, there is plenty to begin with on campus. The little chapel on St. Peter's lawns is a quaint place to calm the parents' nerves, as well as being a beautiful environment for you to laze around in.

Moving towards central campus from the lawns you will come across the National English Literary Museum and Bookshop - home to any information you could want on South African authors.

Past Eden Grove and the Photojournalism block is the Blockhouse coffee shop, and a little further up the road, Provost Prison, a tiny military prison at the edge of Grahamstown's Botanical Gardens.

On central campus, the Drostdy Barracks can be found - now more commonly recognised as the Linguistics department, but still an old building for the old fogies to enjoy.

Across the road from the Drama Department is a little road leading off to the Ichthyology Department, home of the famous coelacanth

and a place of great interest to any scientific parents; and a little further on up the road is the International Library of African Music, which will keep any artistic and historic-minded parent occupied for hours.



Above: The Observatory Museum

When they have completed the tour of the university, your parents should be ready to make their first step beyond the campus grounds. Begin at the Drostdy Archway - where two wonderful craft shops can be found, and forcing them away from the University's beautiful clock-tower, head your parents along High street towards the Cathedral. (If they still insist on dragging you along, be sure to stop at Butler's pharmacy on the way and open an account - an essential item for any broke student with the munchies).

The Cathedral of St. Michael and St. George, is one of the many churches in Grahamstown, and houses the first full ring of eight bells on the African continent. Beyond the Cathedral is City Hall, and Commemoration Church, which houses ten stained glass memorial windows and one of the finest organs in the country.

In the traffic circle opposite Commemoration Church, is the beautiful golden statue, the Winged Figure of Peace - a monument to the men who lost their lives in the Anglo-Boer War. Immediately down the road the winged figure faces, is the Observatory museum, home to 1820's furniture, the story of the discovery of diamonds in South Africa, and the famous Victorian Camera Obscura. (Parents or not, this is one museum that is well worth the visit, even if you only climb the rickety staircase to the "camera" and get a good 360 degree look at what your surroundings will be for the next three years or so.)

Now it is time to let the parents wonder free beyond the borders of town as well as campus. The 1820's Settler's Monument and Fort Selwyn can be found up on Gunfire Hill, and provide a great lookout of the city below. Beyond town in the opposite direction, one can find the Dakawa Art & Craft Community Centre on Froude Street. Dakawa helps empower previously marginalised communities with artistic and entrepreneurial skills, and provides a point of sale for their beautiful art and craft work (which ranges from fabric painting and printmaking to ceramics and wire craft). For more western traditional and avante garde contemporary artwork, there is the Grahamstown Art Studio on Potbury Road.

Finally, there is South Africa's oldest official Post Box, on the corner of Somerset and Worcester Streets - a true "red box" survivor.

For the truly adventurous parent - who has now realised their dear little loved one is no longer in their grip, and must find distraction beyond your new found "walls" - there is always the broader part of Grahamstown, fondly called eRhini. The best way to get there is through the Umthathi Township Tour, which includes a traditional Xhosa meal at Umthathi Garden Project, in Rhini township.

And beyond that is the open road, sending dear mommy and daddy home, and leaving you to enjoy your new freedom here at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. Party on, Cecil John....

(For more information on the above locations, send your parents to Tourism Grahamstown on Church Square.)

Arts n' Culture

## Art Official Intelligence

By Clare Hazelton

Howzit! Welcome, dumela, molo, mhoro shamwari, or as my recent favourite greeting goes: YO WHAZ-ZUP!?! (and don't tell me "drinking a Bud", cos only Castle and Black Label will be tolerated here.)

So you made it, hey? Even through my short-sighted vision I can see the good old Rhodents - and brand new Lab Rats - have come through the real new millennium relatively unscathed. Besides a few drunken and/or holiday-job induced injuries (don't you hate the corners of counters at work when you have a hangover?), I for one, am back in one piece. Albeit missing a tooth or four. But hey, when the dentist says impacted, he means impacted, and Bjourn III and a brand new year in the arse - end of South Africa just around the corner will not stop those maxo-facial-oral-money-greedy-"I'm insulted by medical aid rates"-dental-specialists from having all the wisdom - and all four of mine too!

So when you see that funny Jo'burg girl with the chip-munk face and bad glasses, not wearing pink, that's me. I repeat: NOT WEARING PINK! What is all this, "pink is the new black" retro-garbage? All I had the whole vac was retro seventies shoved down my throat (much to my 29-year-old ex-boyfriend's delight). The clothes I can just about handle, but if the hairstyles and music start coming back too, I promise I will officially skip the country. After all, surely this crazy, mixed-up melting pot of a country has enough culture of it's own already, without bringing in "fashion" from the past? I thought we all agreed the past was bad news, my bra. Okay, so

maybe not all - dear Kobus van Niekerk from the Vry Staat would definitely not agree (those of you who listened to YFM during the vac will know what I'm talking about).

But here at Rhodes, there is no space for the likes of him. One has to be democratic, liberal and open-minded to exist happily in our Eastern-Cape, rhodent-like, campus-life culture. For example, do not be offended by what the Activate staff have to say, or by what the drama students attempt to pass off as clothing. You will soon realise that the drama department is a culture all to itself and their first production will be adapted to mess with your mind while remaining downright brilliant. The fine-art students will tend to go quietly about their business and hide their talent until they are dragged out. And even the B.Comm students have their artistic moments, whether it be a feeble attempt at opening their lunchbox live on RMR, or their more crafty skill of picking up chicks at the Union.

Have no fear little Lab Rats - Rhodes's little idiosyncrasies and unique habits will soon make themselves clear. But to start you off, here are a few handy tips: yes, the Jac labs will irritate the crap out of you - do not attempt to change this. No, monkey business is not for puzzling Sunday nights only. Yes, pow-wow's at Spar are as much a part of Rhodes's culture as coffee at Spur, drinking clubs and boat races. No, Gee is not the definitive Rhodes student zee wished zee was. And finally: yes, you will have to wear stars on your bras - which will be exposed when you strip - to win the Orientation week talent show!

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## Student **Leadership** Conference

Tomorrow's future leaders are staring you right in the face. Every time you see your image reflected in a mirror or in a window, acknowledge that that person has the ability to change the course of this country. Accenture's annual Student Leadership Conference, undertaken both locally and internationally, has one objective: to help you, as tomorrow's business leader, on your course in paving the way for South Africa. It will give you an understanding of what it takes to be a leader; how to co-exist with others; and a thorough understanding of the world of consulting. Today, we take the opportunity to profile two delegates who attended the Student Leadership Conference and who have, subsequently accepted positions at Accenture.

### **NKULULEKO OLIPHANT** B Comm (UDW)

Starting at Accenture:  
January 2001

Attended Accenture Student Leadership Conference:  
South Africa, 2000

First thought on the Student Leadership Conference:  
What can they teach me about leadership?

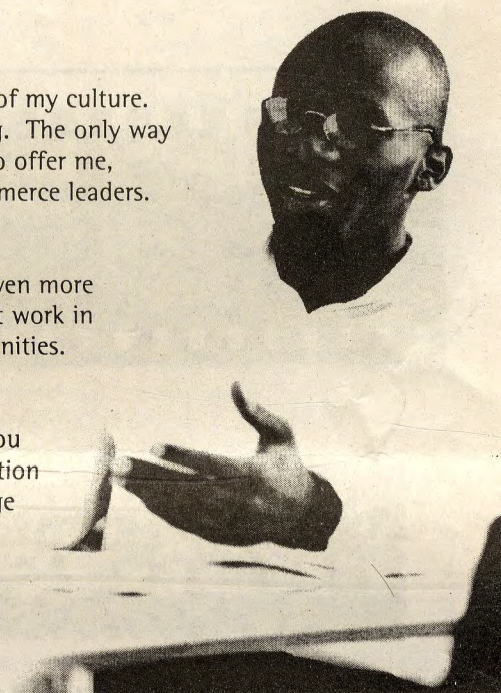
Last thought on the Student Leadership Conference:  
Wow! I learnt more in 3 days than I have in five years! I attended the course thinking that all I would be taught was the finer points in leadership. However, I walked away with so much more in terms of interaction with others and practical applications within the business environment.

Thoughts on joining Accenture:  
From the Student Leadership Conference, I quickly realised that Accenture hires people based on their skills

and capabilities. This appeals to me as I would not want to be hired because of my culture. Added to that, Accenture operates in project teams which I find very appealing. The only way to learn is through practical implementation and I know that it has so much to offer me, particularly in terms of IT - where Accenture has positioned itself as the eCommerce leaders.

Thoughts on the future of South Africa:  
Whilst we are becoming more global, South Africa is going to experience an even more critical skills shortage than presently experienced. SA organisations should not work in isolation and should look to the future by upskilling their surrounding communities.

Nkhululeko's philosophy on leadership:  
A leader has to be people centred with good listening skills. Being a leader, you have to make people feel as though they are important and that their information or contribution counts. You have to be assertive and impart of your knowledge every step of the way so that those who follow, learn from you. The local Student Leadership Conference taught us these critical lessons plus one more - learn to communicate effectively for effective and sustainable results. Think of the world's great leaders, they have vision and a great gift to incite passion in people and lead them. All because of finely-tuned communication skills.



### **RIAAN SINGH** B Business Science, UCT

Starting at Accenture:  
1 February 2001

Attended Accenture Student Leadership Conference:  
Chicago, 2000

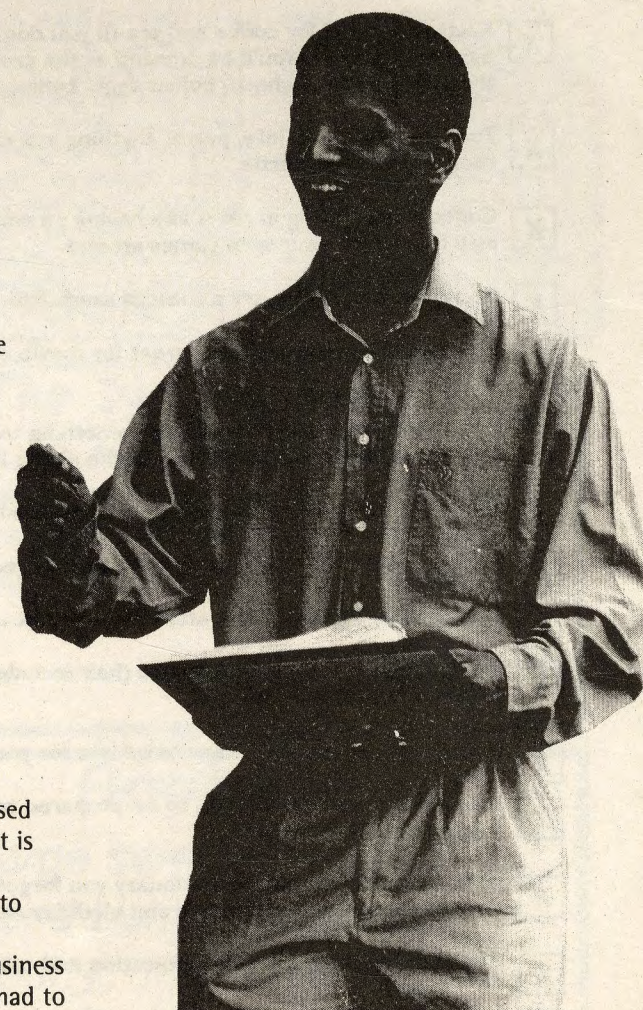
First thought when he arrived in Chicago:  
Wow! We were transported from the airport to St. Charles in a stretch limo!

What did you take away from the Student Leadership Conference?  
Contacts, contacts, and more contacts! It's a great way to make international friends. It's also a great way of guaranteeing free accommodation the next time you travel overseas!

Thoughts on the future of South Africa:  
South Africa is going to succeed. I believe we have to base the future on Clem Sunter's vision of the future - on entrepreneurs. It's the only way to create jobs, wealth and a great economy!

Thoughts on joining Accenture:  
I did my homework and researched a few management consultancies and Accenture came up tops. The main reason being their corporate culture which appears to be relaxed and operating in a nice environment. If you prove your worth, you can move onwards and upwards quite quickly. Also, Accenture was the only management consultancy which had a strong technology aspect to it, a core aspect of their business being eCommerce, which - in my opinion - is the only future for business if they want to succeed.

Riaan's philosophy on leadership:  
Besides people being the greatest thing at UCT, the next best thing I learnt was about structured problem solving. I soon realised to break big parts into small parts; and the small parts into even smaller parts - all of which then made up the whole. And that is what - I believe - it takes to be a leader. You need to have the bigger picture, know where you want to go, and have the end in sight. But most importantly, you need to know how to get there. The Student Leadership Conference in Chicago taught us and gave us insight into what it takes to be a serious leader in the business arena. A core lesson I took away from it was that in order to handle the balance between my career and life effectively, I first had to get my inner self sorted out before I ventured forth into this big, wide world. I constantly have to strive to do better and not be prepared to stay where I am.





# O-Week

Us freaks, party animals and downright good-time seekers have compiled a calendar, of sorts, for all you fresh fish, giving you the lowdown on what's happening in Grahamstown during O-week. We thought we'd be nice and let you know what's hot, just so you get seen in, you know, "all the right places." So take heed of our generous gesture and regard this guide as your social bible for your first week in the big, bad - and we promise it will end up like this - ugly world of Grahamstown.

All timetables are provisional so please keep an eye out around campus for any changes and other events.

## 14 Wednesday

SRC Programme (Valentine Party)	Great Hall	7:30pm - 12pm
His People (Christian organisation)	Evening out (venue to be decided)	7pm
Popart/ ONEWAY tour	The tour hits GHT for warm up sessions at the Popart-cafe	

## 12 Monday go

SRC Programme	Union and Old Sports Bar	7pm - midnight
His People (Christian organisation)	Ice-Breakers, welcome for first-years, introduction to His People and fellowship with other students (Resource Centre in the Union)	7pm

## 13 Tuesday

SRC Programme	Old Sports Bar	8pm - midnight
His People (Christian organisation)	Destiny talk and pizza evening (Resource centre)	7pm

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The Activate Guide to what, when, how  
(You can)

## First-Year Checklist

Think you have everything you could possibly need to survive your first year as a Rhodent? Just in case, check this list before mom and dad (and their money) leave:

- ☒ Cellphone/Phone card - for those late night phone calls when you're either feeling homesick or have a major pizza craving.
- ☒ Kettle - not just for coffee and tea (if you don't drink these, give it a few months and you'll be a caffeine junkie). You'll be amazed at the creative meals you can make after a bad supper in the dining hall: spaghetti, boiled eggs, 2-minute noodles, soup....
- ☒ Food - cuppa-soup, jelly, pasta, anything you can store in your cupboard for later use and cook in your new kettle.
- ☒ Coffee mugs - living in res is like having an endless supply of coffee shops, so be prepared to play host when your turn comes around.
- ☒ Iron - not for ironing, try a toasted sandwich.
- ☒ Microwave popcorn maker - great for movie nights, even better for cooking pasta and frozen veggies.
- ☒ Knife, fork and spoon - you need something to eat with after all that delicious food you've cooked up with (and stealing from the dining hall is a criminal offence).
- ☒ Torch - power cuts do happen, so be prepared!
- ☒ Money - lots of it! Chocsoc, alcohol, and O-week memorabilia aren't cheap.
- ☒ Balderdash - try this game after a few drinks....
- ☒ Rhodes T-shirt or anything purple (hair included) - prepare yourself for supporting RU at Triversity and Boatraces.
- ☒ Alarm clock - you don't want to be late for your first day of lectures.
- ☒ Stationery - this isn't school, so be prepared to sacrifice a rainforest worth of paper before the end of this semester.
- ☒ UPB Account - for all the stationery you forgot to buy and the books you need to buy (also good for chocolate, magazines and birthday cards).
- ☒ Pharmacy Account - for all medication and toiletry needs (also good for birthday gifts).
- ☒ Umbrella/Coat - be prepared for weather that will take you through four seasons in four hours.

If you're missing anything, get it now before the money goes home!

## Party Previews

POPART-CAFE/ ONEWAY TOUR the tour feat. 3 international Dj's: Atos(Portugal), Nacho(Spain) and Jordi Lloveras(Germany) as well as CT Dj's (including Peter A). The Crossing party promises 2 dance-floors, supprises, transport and secure parking.

PROFESSOR PICKLES stand-up comedy featuring the Cape Comedy Collective, presented by Laugh-It-Off Promotions. Keep a look out for posters around campus and make sure you are available on the 22nd of February.

THE SOULFOOD-X PARTY brought to you by Empire Solutions Events Productions. A House music feeding frenzy, which will satisfy even the most man-sized hunger.

This three-course music feast has the cream of the DJ crop, featuring Pierre (RMR), Odwa (UCT Radio), Miles (Bassment Vibes), Amaza (CKI fm) and the big man himself Ian F (5fm), serving up a tasty mix of sound and beats that will have you begging for more! The date to diarise is 23 February 2001 and the place to be is the Crossing in Grahamstown.

Your choices are unlimited with a variety of music genres being tossed together on every floor. You can choose to shake your ass on the main dance-floor to the sounds of Ian F, Odwa, Miles, Pierre and Amaza. Or if it's your thirst you're trying to quench check out the beer marquee where Slyso (CKI fm), Rez-Prez (RMR) and two Rock/Alternative DJ's, Adele and Nikolai, will fill you in. When the tough get going and you don't seem to be able to keep up check out the Chill Room where the sounds of Josh V (Soulfood), Yeti (Soulfood) and some R&B, Hip-Hop and Trip Hop hippies, Daniel and Daniel, will allow you catch your breath. Also enjoy visual display and live performance art on the dance-floors as well as outside the venue.

Tickets to sample this music taste extravaganza are available at all Ticketweb outlets in the Eastern Cape as well as at Elmore's Garage (New BP) and Sublime in Grahamstown for R20 plus a booking fee, or R30 at the door.

To those of you who arrive before 10pm complimentary drinks will be served courtesy of Empire Solutions. Plus everyone stands a chance to be the one person who wins FREE ALCOHOL for a year or a satellite dish or a weekend away (all expenses paid) for one to Cape Town or Durban. For this complete the survey at the back of the flyer and bring it to the party.

Transport as well as security will be provided.

For more information check out the website: [HYPERLINK "http://www.soulfoodparties.co.za"](http://www.soulfoodparties.co.za)

[Http://www.soulfoodparties.co.za](http://www.soulfoodparties.co.za) and once it's over check out photos and reviews from the party. This is food for your soul!



Above: DJ Odwa



# 15 Thursday

SRC Programme (Talent Show)	Venue to be announced	8pm - 11pm
His People (Christian organisation)	Games and testimony evening (Resource Centre)	7pm

# 16 Friday

SRC Programme (Party)	Sports Bar and Union	7pm - midnight
His People (Christian organisation)	Unusual Addiction (Outreach rock band)	7pm
Popart-cafe/ONEWAY tour	The Viper Room, Port Elizabeth	

# 18 Sunday

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SRC Programme	Sports Fields	1pm - 5pm
After party	All of you thinking you'll be in bed sleeping off last night think again. In the grand Grahamstown tradition of 'die hards' the Popart-cafe will take you into the wee hours	>6am

# 17 Saturday

SRC Programme	Lunch and Pool Party (Venue to be announced)	noon - 5pm
His People (Christian organisation)	Braai, volleyball, frisby games, five-a-side football and other such games (Venue to be announced)	7pm
Popart-cafe/ONEWAY tour	Grand finale at the Crossing	9pm (doors open)

# Know

where, with whom, how many, how much...  
(are out the rest)

## Deep House Flava

The JSK team caught up with two DJs you can see spinning  
their sound on dance floors during O-Week.

And the animals went in two by two...

Odwa Noah has made a big name for himself on the Cape Town club scene from his beginnings on a Thursday night House show on UCT Radio.

At the Soulfood-X party his Deep House sound may be your saving grace amidst a flood of sensation, sound and party going animals. We cornered him in the rather dingy Ladies room at Pickwicks in Cape Town.

**A party organiser told me he booked you because you had an 'African' sound. What do you think of that?**

"Is it because I'm black? (lol) Yeah, I'd say I push a lot of Deep House and tribal sounds - heavy drums. I always mix some tracks in. Deep House is the best music on the planet. It incorporates a lot of different beats, if there's a guitar or vocals you can hear it clearly, it's not just a lot of noise. It's got nothing to do with the colour of my skin."

**How do you rate the importance of Deep House to the South African music scene in general?**

"Deep House has influence! The Kwaito market especially. Artists are producing house sounds"

**Do you think UCT radio was a good platform for your career as a club DJ?**

"Yes, definitely towards the end of last year I realised how many people listen to the show and come to the parties. Like the Top Deck parties we organised towards the end of last year, people came up to me and told me they listen to my show."

**What have been career highlights as a DJ?**

"Every time I feature with an international DJ, most recently Carl Cox and Little Louie Vega."

**Career goal?**

"Organising a nice party with my favourite DJs who I think I'd play well with them or a two-day party at a nice venue."

**Rumour has it you don't indulge in any substances?**

"So!"

**Well, how do you feel about playing to a crowd of people high on more than life?**

"It's cool, as long as they're dancing I'm happy and I usually manage to stay higher than any f\*^ ed person I know."

**Any word of Wisdom?**

"Play loud and live in peace."

Peter, Peter DJ swinger had a crowd and could not stop them. Brought to them a Deep House sound and there he kept them all night long.

If you've spent any sizeable amount of time shaking your funky bits to the cream of Capetonian House, you've heard of Peter Abrahams. He's the guy in the DJ box doing amazing things to your mind, and he's not a small-time kind of fella, either. He's played with some of the biggest names the club scene has to offer, including deck-maestro, Carl Cox. Here's a little of what he's all about.

**Deep House, WTF?**

"It's always fresh and funky and the root of all dance music. I'm tired of computer sounds, it's too electronic. Deep House crosses all boundaries of race. Other music seems to have very specific crowds. It's funky, good dance music even without drugs."

**What has been your biggest achievement as a DJ?**

"Playing with Carl Cox! The Keep-it-Real parties as well. They're really a legend in Cape Town. We took the sound you could only get in the city and brought it to the suburbs, slowly bringing the parties closer to town and with them the people. The parties were a big stepping stone for most coloured clubbers. Bringing the funk to the people and making them comfortable, it's makes me feel strong and gives me grounding."

**Any career goals?**

"Overseas, definitely this year, more than likely Portugal."

**So what do you think of our little city?**

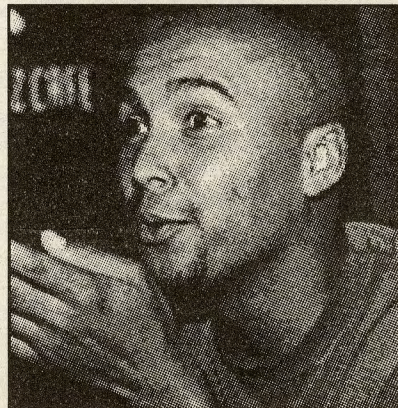
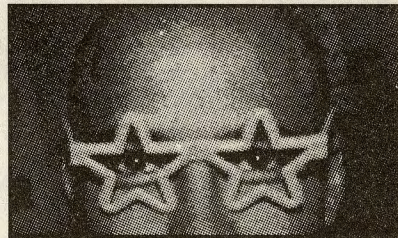
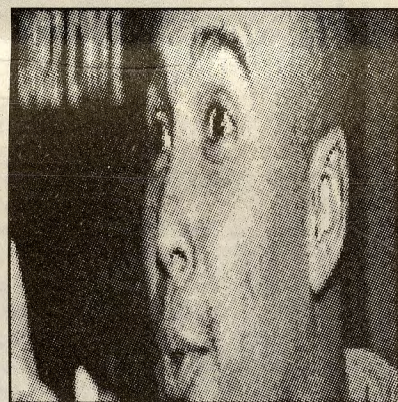
"It's fun, a good holiday. A good atmosphere provided you don't stay too long. It's light and there are lots of girls."

**Girls...mmm...and the groupies?**

"They're fine. You need them. You exist for them. If they're not there you don't have a job! I never see myself as separate from the scene, the different groups, they all feed off each other. Some people become big-headed and pull everybody, that's not cool."

**Any words of wisdom for the Rhodes party-goers?**

"Let the music move you not the drugs."



Above: DJ Peter

Pics by Amy Saunderson-Meyer



## Your SRC president speaks

by Matthew Charlesworth

Here I am sitting at a computer, trying to sound presidential. Chances are anyone who tries to sound presidential ends up sounding like someone who has been through too many seminars on institutional psycho-babble. So let me play it straight. This space is dedicated to the issues dealt with and activities undertaken, by the SRC, put to you by yours truly, the President.

I'd like to join the other thousand publications and people that have welcomed you to Rhodes and offer the services of the SRC to you. Chances are a lot of you have jaundiced opinions of what Student Representative Councils do. This year's SRC has dedicated itself to not being a morass of corruption and mismanagement. Instead we've decided to wear funky goatees and tongue-rings (well some of us at least) and focus on actually representing students, dealing with issues and getting things done.

So what are the issues on the table at the moment?

Firstly, O-Week. We hope that you gain a good insight into what opportunities exist at Rhodes, choose your courses wisely and settle into res or digs quickly and comfortably. Many of the friendships you make in O-Week will last you your entire University career and beyond - for some, this could be good or bad news.

Secondly our attention is drawn towards ensuring everyone knows about the different functions of the SRC. We have spent time on defining our vision and mission statement and coming together as a team.

The SRC arrived at Rhodes early to ensure that we bonded and are pleased that now, working together, we can serve you, the students, better. We are also revising and updating our Constitution (something which is long overdue) and managing all the student societies at a macro-level.

Thirdly, we have been involved in various discussions with the University in compiling certain documents.

Some documents which have direct relevance to the students are the new timetable and the common Plagiarism Policy. In the past, certain departments treated plagiarised material differently, from asking Students to re-submit, to failing them, to removing DPs and taking even more drastic action such as charging students under the Disciplinary Code. We support this policy and hope that it will go a long way in standardising the actions taken by various departments.

Whichever way you look at it - plagiarism isn't a particularly smart thing to do.

The SRC is the top-most structure of many student structures. There is ample opportunity for representation of the University in the Residences (through your House Comms and Senior Students) and in Classes (via the Class and Faculty Reps). There is an SRC Hall Representative in every hall and I hope that should you have any problem/query/suggestion or complaint that you contact your SRC Hall Rep.

Many students will have noticed the changes happening in the Union Building with regards to the management of certain facilities - we are trying our best to resolve this issue as soon as possible and consider this a major priority. We have also been active in the Disciplinary Panels and the Exclusion and Appeal committees, representing the returning students' interests.

We are also busy updating our website (<http://src.ru.ac.za/>) and hope to offer a more functional and student-friendly site for you all.

If you would like to send a comment or a complaint, you may contact me via [president@src.ru.ac.za](mailto:president@src.ru.ac.za) or visit me in the SRC Offices of the Student Building.

I would love to hear from you and hear what you have to say.

While the SRC is involved in many facets of the University and has certain powers - mind-reading is not among them. If you don't tell us what is bothering you or what is on your mind, we won't be able to help.

# RU Joining?

**An inappropriate guide to 99% of Rhodes University's societies. The writers of this guide, Clare Hazelton and Kat Tingle, take no responsibility whatsoever for the reader being unable to distinguish between silliness and seriousness. Read forth and conquer... uh, that is, we mean to say: and join!**

**Activate:** What can we say? If you're reading this, you know what it is - our very own INDEPENDENT student newspaper. Known for its whacky columns, gripping features, and controversial commentaries. Got something to say? Act upon it and join Activate.

**Acts** (Association of Catholic Tertiary Students): A chance to meet other Catholics on campus and from other varsities. This society holds a variety of fun events, and leadership and spiritual courses. Mass is held at the beautiful St Peter's Chapel every Sunday evening at 7pm.

**Aiesec:** Promotes cultural diversity and unity. The majority of students on campus still don't know what it stands for, but it is well known for its conferences across the country, and exchange programmes throughout the world. A chance to meet interesting people; learn leadership, language and management skills and get out of Grahamstown now and then.

**Ansoc** (Anglican Society): A small society catering for Anglicans and non-Anglicans. Activities include organised workshops such as the Alpha course and Bible study, and fun stuff like braais and movie evenings. Praise and worship, and reaching out to the greater Grahamstown community are some highlights.

**Assemsec:** This is a Christian society for those who live by God's individual plan for them. This society has, in previous years, held fun braais and camps, organised charity funds, and hosted outreach programmes to equip people for the challenges of life. A society that aims to live life to the fullest.

**Astrosoc:** For those who are interested in "discovering the night sky". Activities involve videos and talks on astronomy, and drinking coffee while star-gazing. You also get to go on camps to deserted places away from city lights and play with funky equipment, like telescopes and software. Expect rain.

**Azasco** (Azanian Students Convention): For the previously disadvantaged community, this society is something of a modern day "black consciousness" movement. Activities involve advocacy, workshops, and information and resource sharing. Azasco aims to encourage black students to take pride in their blackness and reject "coconutism."

**Bahai Society:** Promotes unity and diversity, equality of sexes and elimination of prejudice. This society was only formed last year, but has great potential. As well as getting involved in multi-racial and cultural events, this society caters for the soulful with its poetry evenings and the zany with its chocolate parties!

**Ballroom Dancing:** A great society that challenges your rhythm and dancing abilities. A professional dancer teaches begin-

ners and advanced members everything from classic waltz to the raunchy rumba. Highlights include one of the best balls on campus and the Grading Dinner Dance at the end of the year.

**Biochem & Microbiochem Society:** We presume this society has fascinating conversations about tiny organisms and crazy chemicals. Probably not toxicants though!

**Bundu Bashers (Botany Society):** Kind of like Biochem, only the scintillating confabulation revolves around plant matter - especially the uses of hemp.

**British Humour Society:** For those people who are after something "completely different".

**Chamber Choir:** For the vocally talented. Not the easiest society to get into, but one definitely worth trying for. The Rhodes University Chamber choir sings a range of music from "Gregorian Chant" to "Summertime". There are plenty of concerts and a tour during the September vac to showcase your talents to other parts of SA.

**Chemistry Society:** Not the kind of chemistry to be found at the Union on a Friday night. We're not sure what this society does. We have a sneaking suspicion it blew itself up while experimenting this year, as no-one could get hold of them.

**Choral Society:** Once again, these people have never been seen. They must be the voices in your head.

**Debating Society:** To drink or not to drink, that is the debate! One of the largest and most active societies on campus, this group starts off with a bang and a beer debate: to test the effects of alcohol on your arguing skills, participants get to down some booze. Serious training, competitions and other wordy events follow throughout the year, in which Rhodes usually kicks ass.

**East African Society:** "Karabi" (welcome in Swahili). For people who want to be part of the "unique East African experience". This society has succeeded in creating a home away from home for all East Africans, and a platform for interaction with other cultures. Highlights include their beach trip and formal dinner.

**Electrosoc:** The vinyl frontier. Ever wanted to be a DJ? Electrosoc will make a star of you yet. Some of the finest DJs on campus are willing to show you their skills, and teach you how to mix anything from deep house to drum n' bass on kick-ass equipment.

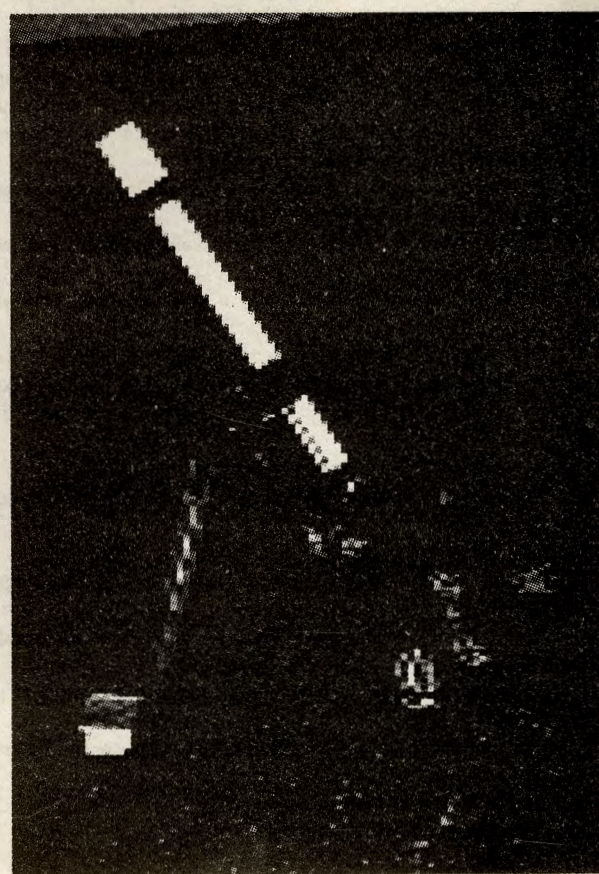
**French Society:** Parlez vous Francais? For those who want to sound a little more romantic, we highly recommend this society.

**Geology Society:** Is that a rock in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me? These guys can turn the most boring clump of earth into the most fascinating piece of something you ever saw. You can't miss them at societies evening - they're the table with the rocks.



Above: The Ballroom Dancing Society gets down.

Right: Astrosoc is looking up





**Heal the World:** This society aims to do exactly what it says it does - heal the world. Activities include fund-raisers, charity drives and helping out the community wherever service is needed. Definitely a society for those with a compassionate heart and a drive to help and serve others.

**Hellenic Students Association:** Essentially the Greek students society, but not only for Greeks. This society probably holds the record for the most outstanding annual ball, which it holds every third term at the Monument. For a chance to learn more about Hellenic traditions and release some tension by throwing a few plates, join this society.

**HSS (Hindu Students Society):** Passage to India - this society truly reflects every aspect of Hindu culture. It is best known for organising the Cultural Show every year, which involves performances from a variety of singers, dancers, musicians, and the odd comedian or two. A highlight on the campus calendar.

**His People:** A charismatic Christian society dedicated to God and His work. For those who love praise and worship, this society offers a sanctuary of fellowship.

**Jocksoc:** just kidding!

**Law Student's Society:** Get legal-wise. For all Rhodes students, this society offers lectures by prominent legal thinkers, trips to court and the prisons (minus the police escort!), and dinner with judiciaries, bar and side-bar members. This might be a useful society to be a member of, as it always helps to know your rights when arrested for drunken behaviour.

**Reggae Society:** It is currently suspected that the organisers and members of this society are of the same identity as those of Thinking Strings (see below). Only here, instead of getting philosophical and watching art movies, they get high and listen to Bob Marley.

**Rotaract:** This society is highly involved in the Grahamstown community, from the soup kitchen, to Settler's Hospital, to the Eluxolweni Children's Shelter. Activities include pool competitions, egg-begs, cheese and wines, braais, and an annual ball. The society also helps the Rhodes community through leadership conferences and exchange programmes. A very sociable society. A drinking society with a service problem!

**Rucus (Rhodes University Computer Users Societies):** The largest society on campus, members enjoy extended computer privileges on their Rucus account such as e-mail, host web-pages, extra file storage space, and access to IRC chat. Activities include workshops from beginner to advanced level, and the infamous "Nosh and Guzzle" - the only club that doesn't pretend to be elegant at their cheese and wines!

**Rupsa (Rhodes University Pharmacy Students Association):** Another society with a big ball! So if you like to party (or just want to know the scientific names of all those hard drugs you're using), join Rupture... uh, that is, RupSA!!

**Sasco:** This is a non-racial, non-sexist society, geared towards political awareness. For those who like to remain informed and be in the hot-seat of debate - be it over campus issues, SRC or even the government - Sasco is the society for you. Also a chance to get involved in community projects such as local government election

awareness.

**Saujs (South African Union of Jewish Students):** Being one of the minority religions on campus, this society creates a homelike atmosphere for those wishing to continue practicing their religion. Dinner is held every Friday night at Hillel House. And we hear the food at their ball is divine.

**SCO (Students Christian Organisation):** For those of you who are tired of religious tension, this is an inter-denominational Christian society whose activities include bible study, sporting events against local churches, and picnic and beach outings. Highlights include the annual camp and making new friends.

**Spliffsoc:** The first rule of spliffsoc... don't talk about spliffsoc. An underground secret society, but not that difficult to find.

**Swingers Society:** For those of you who like to hang loose...you only wish it existed!

**Thinking Strings:** Soon to be renamed Arbsoc. This society is meant to hold profound and philosophical debates, and watch art movies. After a lack of activity organisation, it redeemed itself by organising an awesome party at the Power Station last year. Ironically, not even this could be credited to them in the end, due to dubious authoritative figures.

**Toastmasters:** This is an international society aimed at improving leadership and communication skills. Activities include dinners where impromptu and prepared speeches are given, and constructive evaluation is received. Look out for the smart suits and wine on Societies evening.

**VOG (Voice of Glory):** Another Christian Society. We think this one sings...

**The Word Association:** A brand new society that aims to encourage and develop creative language mediums, including stand up comics and musical lyricists. Fun workshops with speakers on different communication skills are on the agenda, as well as activities involving beer, and a way to get published. Basically, a diverse,



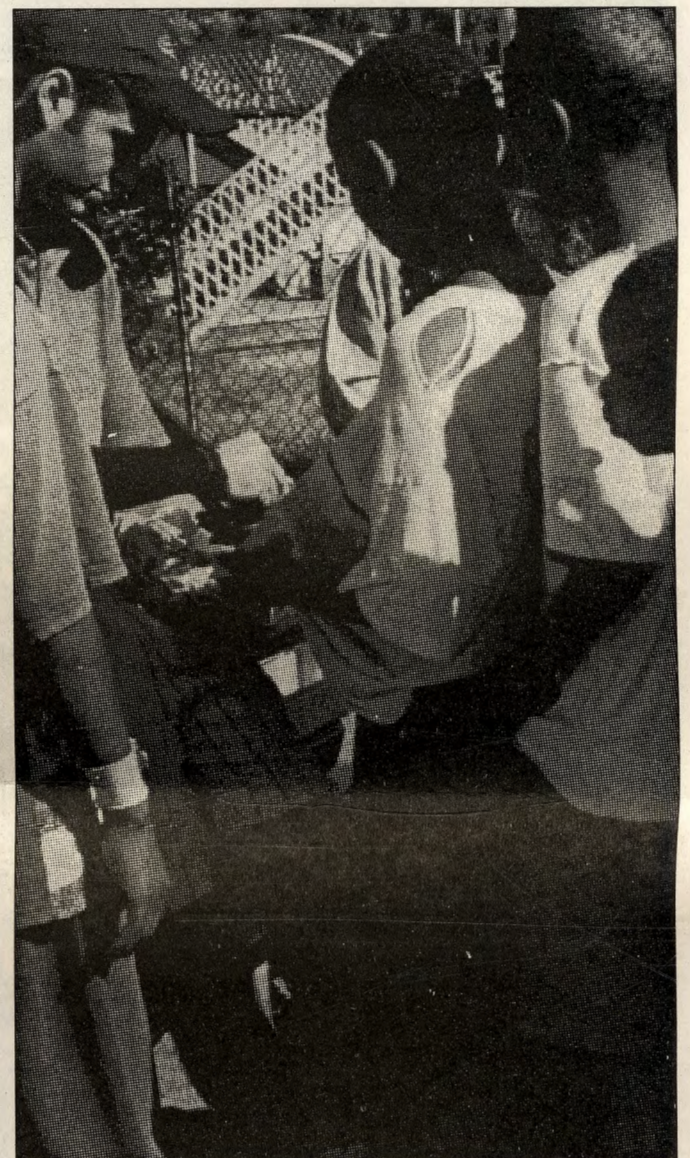
Above: Rotaractors dishing it out to the community.

wacky and creative society, intended for students "with a point of view and the need to express it". Watch out for the soap-boxes during O-week.

**Winetasting Society:** For those with more sophisticated tastes than Tassies, this society gives you the chance to drink wine you normally cannot afford and teaches you to talk about bouquet and nose intelligently. Other activities include dinners and a course with the Cape Wine Academy. This intervarsity the society is hoping to have a Wine Tasting Competition where "we'll drink the liver out of UPE". Charming.

**Zimsoc:** This society is for homesick Zimbo's and their friends. Anyone can join, but being able to drink like a fish is a prerequisite. For some mean punch, watch out for those Zimsoc parties.

**Zoology:** Another of those societies which marvels at the wonders of wildlife, specifically the larger creatures. (Outings to Jan Smuts House have been banned).



# HORROR Scopes

**Bong-Bong the Omniscient, our resident clairvoyant and sometime expert on the later years of Greatful Dead hits, has spent night after night staring at the stars. The fact that he was passed out at the time is probably a fairly good implication of what you are about to read. Herewith find out what happens when you mix astrology, a haphazard knowledge of current affairs and acid-induced apocalyptic visions...**

## Aquarius (20 Jan - 18 Feb)

You come to Rhodes believing it will be absolutely horrific. You fear you'll find no friends, never get laid, that you'll hate res food, hate your room, hate your degree, miss your mother, and that the world, as you know it, will end. Your accuracy is astounding, You are Bong-Bong's heir apparent.

## Pisces (19 Feb - 20 Mar)

Res food is horrid. So bad in fact that you loose 16 kg's in your first week at Rhodes. Yep. 16. That's the good news. The bad news is that you lose it all in one go. Buttering a Provita on your lap in your room, you slip and cut off your leg with a buttering knife. Should've listened to your Mom and brought the plastic cutlery.

## Aries (21 Mar - 19 Apr)

Bad or good news is all about perspective, right? Some pons bled to death (the rumour is that he severed his leg with a salti-crax), which means you inherit his room. This instead of having to share with a flatulent exchange thing of undetermined gender derivative of the Balkans.

## Taurus (20 Apr - 20 May)

You were always the pimply little geek in the back of the classroom at school. Like so many before you, you shed your self-esteem issues by that most useful of psychotherapeutic tools, beer. You realise that you're a sex-crazed alcoholic. Unfortunately, on the outside, you still a pimply little geek without a hope in hell of ever getting nooky. In desperation you spade some Balkan thing, in the hope that you're genitally compatible. You'll find that you're not.

## Gemini (21 May - 20 June)

You're not a student. You're an undercover Scorpion on the trail of what is believed to be a spy from the Balkans. You spend a week disguised as a sink in its res room. The experience is so horrific you go a little crazy and tell your superiors all about diced carrots and naked man-chicks. They interpret this to be a secret code. Subsequently the whole country goes on wartime rations, the women are forced to build missiles, while all the men who are not gainfully employed are whisked off to the Balkan peninsula.

## Cancer (21 June - 22 July)

Being a male first year BA student, you are put in a fashion disaster of a uniform, (although you find the boots quite cute) and are forced to dig trenches for the real (Human Movement Studies) soldiers in Bulgaria. If you're a female, I don't have a clue, you'll probably light a match in a munitions factory and blow up the Western Cape or something.

## Leo (23 July - 22Aug)

What a time to find out that the former Soviet states were lying about nuclear disarmament. What an even worse time to find out your really crap at disarming nuclear warheads with only half a B.Comm degree, a swiss army knife, and a Bulgarian insider giving you instructions. The last thing you will hear is "NYET! NYET!".

## Virgo (23 Aug - 22 Sep)

As a star politics student you will be drawn into the diplomatic corps the moment the war begins. As a brilliant forecaster of political events, you say you don't see the end of the war coming. You won't see it at all because of the blinding flash you looked at directly whilst negotiating with a Turkish breakaway group. Dufus! Haven't you seen those movies where things explode...everyone shields their eyes!

## Libra (23 Sep - 22 Oct)

You will sit in your front garden in a deck chair. You will stretch your legs in front of you and turn up your eyes to the late afternoon sky. You will light a cigarette and watch serenely as former Soviet stealth bombers silently cross your vision. You will sigh smoke from your lungs resignedly. The skies will redden. It may actually be the most beautiful thing you will ever see.

## Scorpio (23 Oct - 21 Nov)

I foresee that you will be spreading yourself very thin...as in over several hundred square kilometers. You will go far.

## Sagittarius (2 Nov - 21 Dec)

You love this country. Having arrived from the Romania a week ago you have, in one week, gotten your own room, gotten laid, and got so drunk that you vomited in your sink (which, oddly enough, yelled). The handbag you carry to rugby has gained you much admiration. It might have been perfect if it wasn't for the methane atmosphere res food made you carry with you, and the fact that you got arrested, tried and shot.

## Capricorn (22 Dec - 19 Jan)

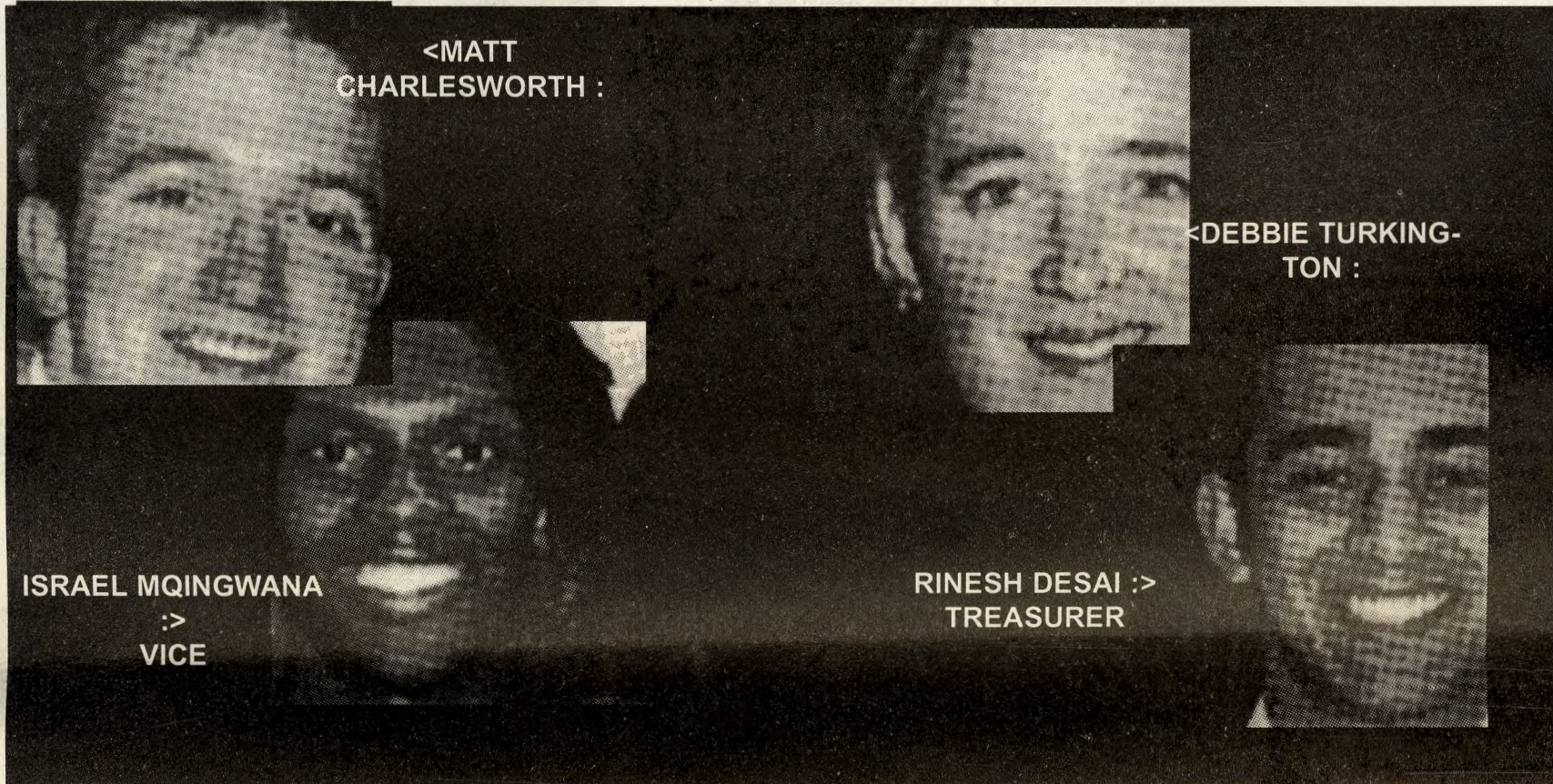
There's no point, it's all gonna end horribly. We're all gonna die miserable fall-outty deaths. Drink copiously, do many drugs, have outrageous sex involving circus equipment...Hold on just a second...Why do Rhodents generally behave like the end of the world beckons?



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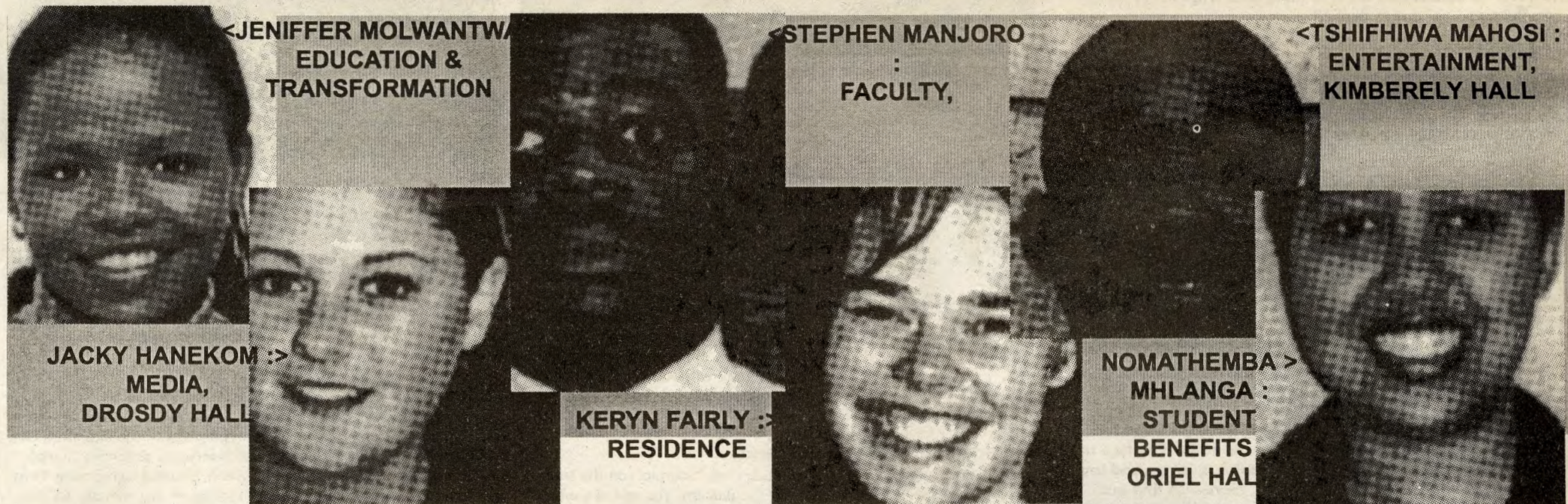
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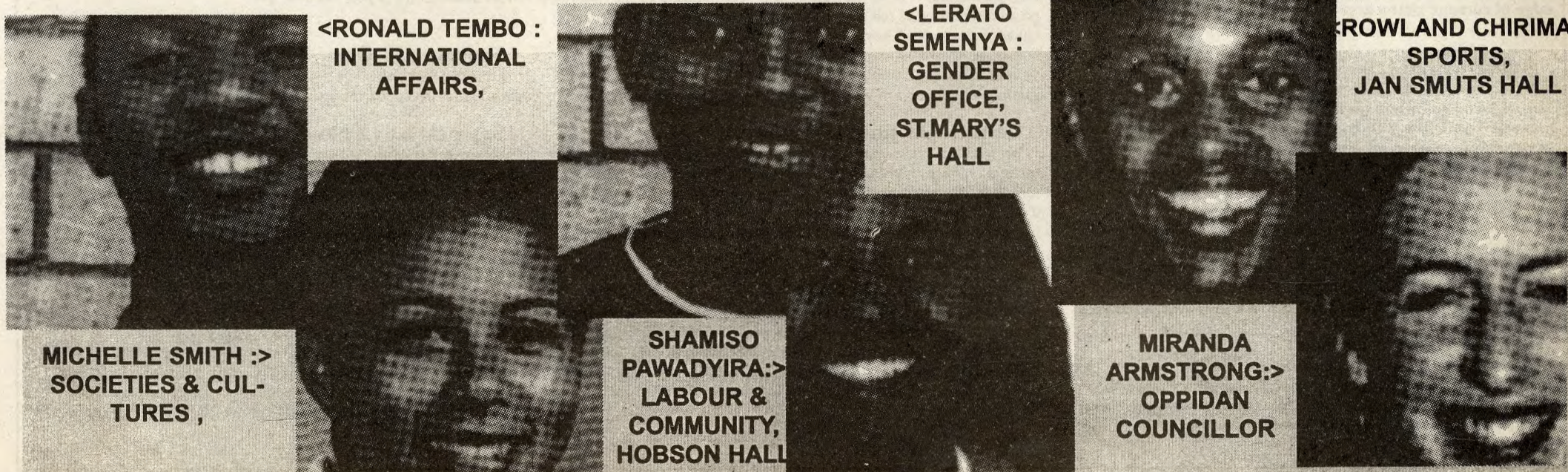
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## Inter-campus

by Lynley Donnelly

No, G-town is not the artsy-fartsy capital of the Eastern cape, or of South Africa, for that matter. That is a misconception we encourage around June-July to get people to come here as any of the jaded hedonists, that comprise the student body of Rhodes, can tell you. You have now entered a very different dimension. This is the realm of the "VERY SMALL TOWN".

Welcome to the world of "everything closes at five". You too, will learn to worship the monuments to capitalism: Spar, Checkers and, my personal favourite, BP. These "old-faithfuls" are the only life-lines when it comes to stocking up for the party/study session (ha-ha again) or general all night lurk.

But whatever you think this is not Event Horizon either. The only hell spawn you will meet is the odd member of Jock Soc and, every now and again, a deranged lady in the kitchens, who, yes, I am sorry to say, cooks our food. (The folks in solid black are, contrary to popular belief, angels in disguise. They are on a mission to eradicate those highly annoying brighter-side-of-life folk).

Seriously, there isn't a place on earth that is as good as G-town gets. Why? Because there is only one Rat and Parrot; give it a week and you'll understand. There is only one Roxbury's, where ticket prices are R15 and movies are at least two weeks behind civilisation's releases. Because this is the place with a society that calls itself Rock Soc and does so without fear of ridicule - the drama students being much easier

targets. Because this is the place with a universal meaning for linguistic oddities, such as: coch, chunda and throw cat. Yes, this is the corner of the cosmos that houses that great establishment, Rhodes University. Welcome to our world!

Now, since I am the Intercampus editor, I am going to elaborate on the shit a few other first years must go through, because they didn't come to Rhodes.

**RAU-** The little children may not have members of the opposite sex in their rooms ever! And you thought our res rules were bad. It seems first years may not look seniors in the eye and they have those lame-ass 5 am jogs around the field.

**TUKS-** Same rules apply with regard to addressing seniors. First years in certain residences have to wear uniforms, yes, I repeat, uniforms. Girls decked out in, I kid you not, polka-dots and polystyrene hats, a delightful shade of green darling.

**STELLENBOSCH-** Ah yes, Maties. Their philosophy is: break 'em down to build 'em up again - our way. First years run everywhere or else...

So essentially we have the best arrangement here: a functional survival tour that commences on the first years' arrival, as well as, little to no initiation bull. The hogwash about building spirit is an excuse to beat first years up, as far as I am concerned. But don't take my word for it, wait for Tri-Varsity and you'll soon learn that spirit has everything to do with the colour purple and nothing to do with senior-junior etiquette.

## Some O-Week advice

"Dress casually and wear comfortable shoes"-Missouri State University (duh?)

"Be careful! G-town weather is scary"- 2nd year Rhodent

"Stay sober enough to READ ACTVATE!"- intercampus ed

"Invest in Prohep, before stocks run out."- eeyore

# UCT revises its HIV/AIDS policy

## UCT has revised and expanded on its approach to the possible impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on the University community

Source: UCT website, editing: ACTIVATE

The University Council and Senate have approved the approach recommended in a policy document prepared by an ad hoc, inter-faculty working group led by Professor Martin Hall, Dean of Higher Education Development.

UNAIDS statistics for 1999 estimate that about 4,2 million South Africans (adults and children) are living with HIV/AIDS. The figure for the adult population is estimated to be 19,9%.

"UCT is a microcosm of society and it is inevitable that the pandemic will have a marked effect on student recruitment and enrolment, through the illness of potential students infected early in life, and through the economic and social impact of the disease the disease," said Prof Hall in the working group's report.

The revised policy focuses on five areas: Leadership and co-ordination; Resources; Health and prevention; Curriculum development; and Research development.

**Leadership and co-ordination.** The responsibility for overall co-ordination of the policy is the portfolio of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dan Ncayiyana. Various Priority Themes have been identified for strategic planning purposes. Priority Themes are intended to draw together teaching and research across the curriculum and faculty areas, initiating important new areas of growth and development.

**Resources.** It is clear that an expanded, integrated HIV/AIDS programme will require additional resources. The policy thus calls for additional finances to be allocated to the Student Development and Services Department (SDSD), who will develop and run vital but voluntary HIV/AIDS education, prevention and skills building programmes for all students. The Health and Safety Department has the task of forming and implementing a systematic HIV/AIDS staff

education programme. Also under revision is medical aid provision for AIDS-related illnesses. UCT will also initiate an external drive for HIV/AIDS prevention and education research funding, through the Development Office.

**Health and Prevention.** Although accurate figures are not available, the University will establish as far as possible the extent of the present HIV infection among the community. This will enable UCT to predict probable future patterns and levels of infection. The University will also conduct an ongoing study of the campus environment, identifying practices that work against effective education about HIV/AIDS. Consideration will also be given to religious and ethnic groups who may object to HIV/AIDS coursework and awareness programmes. In addition, the Health and Safety Committee will institute a standing, annual review of the University's HYPERLINK "<http://www.uct.ac.za/depts/h-spc/needle.htm>" to "top" needle-stick policy.

**Curriculum development.** UCT will also initiate an information programme for academic staff to ensure they have the latest discipline-specific data on HIV/AIDS. Teaching methods and courseware will include data on HIV/AIDS, furthering foundational skills like numeracy and computer literacy. All staff will be asked to highlight those aspects of their academic programmes that focus on the causes and results of AIDS. Postgraduate courses will be introduced that develop a specialised understanding of HIV/AIDS issues.

**Research Development.** The Department of Research Development has been asked to conduct an audit of all existing HIV/AIDS research to attract funding for new work and for interdisciplinary and inter-faculty projects. The focus will be placed on establishing a co-ordinated approach to HIV/AIDS research.

## Stellenbosch University "Karnaval"

Source: Die Matie online. Translated by staff

The Khayamandi Clinic's new examination room sponsored by Karnaval 2000 (Stellenbosch's equivalent of Rag) opens soon. This examination room is the product of last year's Karnaval/Corobrick fundraising that was hosted by a variety of shopping centres in the area.

Circa Karnaval 2000 the Khayamandi Clinic, in co-operation with the Stellenbosch Municipality, was identified as a project that would promote social awareness as well as the development of the community. It was decided that bricks would be donated to build an examination room as well as to enlarge the waiting room. The Khayamandi Clinic which provides healthcare to a community of between 206 and 15200 patients cannot afford a resident doctor. As a result Doctors from the Municipal Hospital provide their services on a volunteer basis. According to the vice-chairperson of the project's committee the project does not only provide personal satisfaction, but also provides a new perspective on the project when the results of the fundraising are able to be directly assessed and acknowledged. The opening of the building will be attended by the the University representatives, MGD and the main sponsors of Karnaval 2000.

The fundraising project hopes to go from strength to strength in forthcoming years.



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# Do you have the

More importantly do you have the time to fit in all the practices, competitions and socialising that the sports clubs at Rhodes offer? With the great variety available there is bound to be something you haven't discovered a passion for yet. So get off your rear end and get involved in one, two or as many as you can handle.

## Table Tennis Club

Practices on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 till 9 pm help to improve your speed and agility around the table. We provide all the equipment and we cater for everyone, from beginners to professionals. With current membership standing at approximately 50 people we are able to send some fairly powerful teams into the Eastern Province and Sassa leagues.

So, if you are in the mood for a hard, fast game of both mental and physical agility then we'll see you at Alec Mullins Hall. Led this year by Igsaan Salie, this year holds much promise of success.

## The Aerobics Club

Why should you join up? Simply this: for the love of aerobics, fitness or just plain fun.

The club offers a social spirit, with a few functions such as Aerobics marathons, cocktail parties and inter-res competitions, which can be enjoyed by all. Besides, there is nothing better than a hard work-out after a tough day at lectures, or the previous day's bender.

One of our major achievements thus far is our development project. The club helped a local community to buy paint and equipment for their school and helped to build a community gym.

With about 650 members, the club offers different classes everyday ranging from, Aerobics to Spinning or Tae-Bo.

So, if you are a regular fitness freak, or just a once a week stress reliever, we at the Aerobics club have something to offer you.

## The Aquatics Club

This club basically caters for anyone who can swim. We are involved in many forms of aquatic sports, including Swimming, Waterpolo, Synchro and Diving. It is definitely a brilliant way to meet people, because us lazy Rhodents love to sit around by the pool all day. For those of you who are more competitive, there are Waterpolo teams and swimming teams who meet a couple of times a week for some hectic training.

We host the annual, Rhodes Waterpolo Tournament and an inter-res competition and swimming costume competition. We also host four Cheese and Wine Evenings per year.

## The Basketball Club

Basketball is proving to be one of the fastest, hardest and most popular sports at Rhodes.

Both the men's and the women's teams have dominated their provincial leagues in 2000 and had some positive experiences on the two tours to Johannesburg.

The teams display serious spirit and work really hard at practices as the results clearly show.

During O Week, you will be able to show your stuff at one of the team or individual competitions. Fellow students have always supported Rhodes teams and this is especially true of basketball. Just come and watch a home game when both the men and women's teams are playing. The indoor court is totally packed. It certainly is an experience. So, if you think you can manage a hard fast game involving a serious mental and physical challenge, then come and join.

## The Cricket Club

If you played cricket at school, you would have had a taste of the team spirit and camaraderie that often develops from participating in a top class sport like cricket.

At Rhodes, we emphasise the need for teamwork. Practices are held either two or three afternoons a week and usually one or two games per weekend during the cricket season.

The Rhodes teams participate in Border Leagues and the local Albany League. Though our numbers are relatively small, we try to ensure that any keen members are given a chance to get some game experience. One of our larger projects at the cricket club is to continue helping out the local school communities by offering community development days, where our own cricketers help to coach and organise games.

## The Mountain Club

This is probably the most active club at Rhodes, catering for the very keen, over-ambitious hiker to the I-don't-like-hiking-but-need-to-get-outta-town-for-a-few-days type hiker.

Once you have joined us and paid your yearly subs, we will take you on weekend trips for a total cost of ten rand. This includes opportunities like canoe safaris and hiking the Tsitsikama trail.

If you are more into rock climbing, we can offer you a technical wall to practise on during the week (climbing shoes supplied) and head out for some more serious stuff during weekends.

The committee organises a trip out every weekend.

For those of you who are serious hikers, we also organise vacation trips during the April and September vacs. Plans for this year include starting mountain biking trips for anyone interested and hosting a few more Cheese and Wine nights.

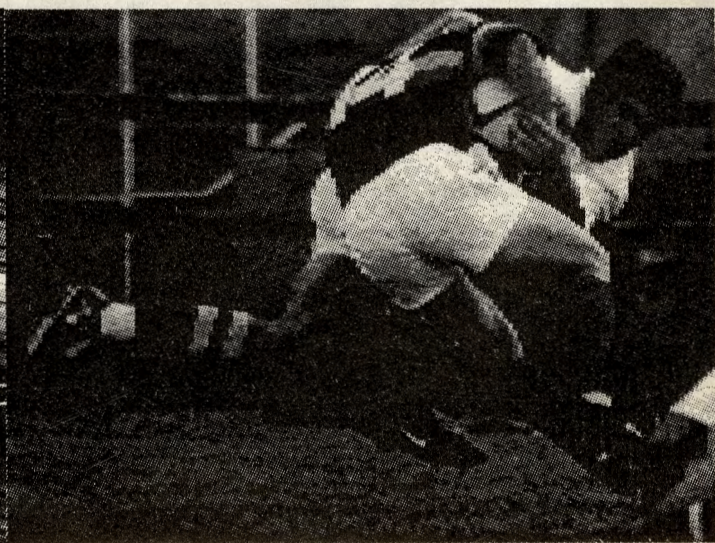
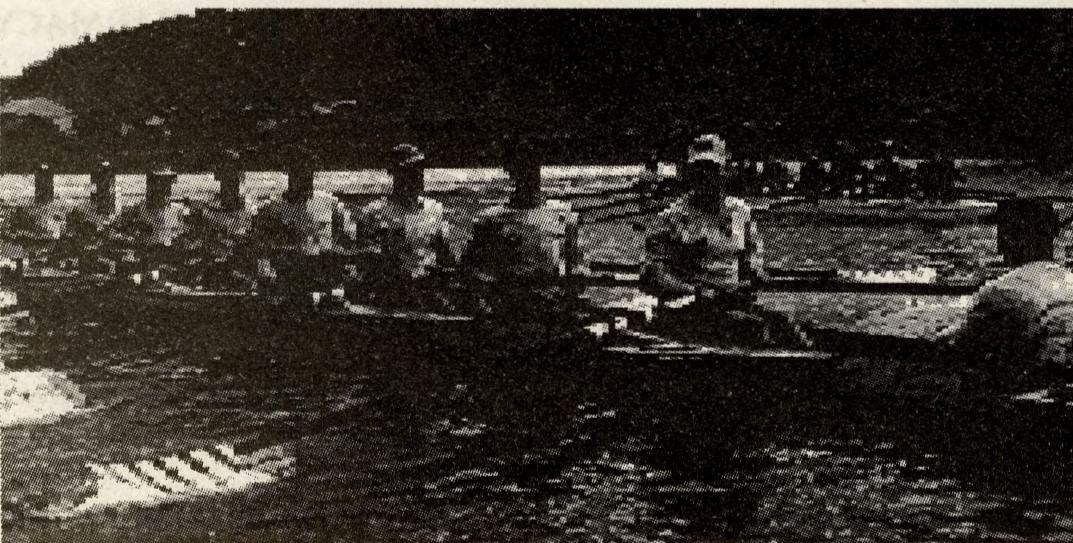
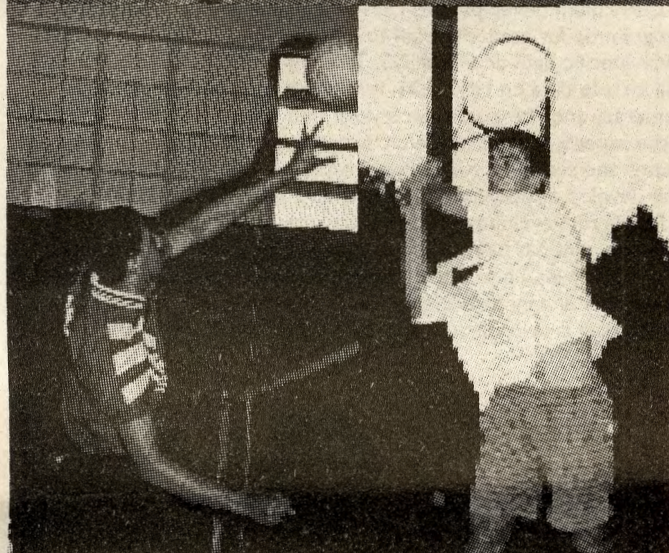
## The Netball Club

This is an exclusive "Women only" club, carrying with it a wonderful team spirit among players and a reputation for power, pride and perfection. Our players play hard and definitely party even harder. The first and Second teams travel to Port Elizabeth quite regularly for matches, which means that dinner at MacDonalds or Steers is on Rhodes' expense account.

If you are more a social member than a competitive one, then what we offer you, is the chance to play some netball, have a little run around and meet some awesome people. Level of skill required is nil. We cater for anyone who enjoys a good game of Netball and wants to socialise with a bunch of friendly and very entertaining women. First and second teams practise twice a week and social players practise once a week.

## The Rifle Club

So maybe you have had experience with rifle sports, but maybe you have never had the opportunity, and would really enjoy the challenge. We use 22 Anschütz Rifles, and offer courses in the handling and safe use of the weapons. With Bi-weekly practices, we try to ensure you can get the most out of your training. This is more of a mental sport than a physical one, demanding high levels of concentration.





# balls?

## The Sailing Club

This club caters for people who would like to try their hand at sailing or windsurfing as well as for competent sailors. We can teach you all you need to know, so no skill is required. Sailing happens most Sundays, is co-ordinated by a committee member, and is not only a great way to escape Grahamstown for the day, but is also an opportunity to meet new people while learning a physically and mentally challenging sport.

This year, plans are being made to hold a weekend at the dam, for a major party and some awesome sailing. It would be a mistake not to join the sailing club in 2001; it is a club that will be producing some competitive results this year, both Regional and National. Our club tends to have between 50 and 70 members.

## The Soccer Club

The soccer club caters for anyone who is interested in playing a bit of soccer, whether it is on a social or a competitive level. There are two men's teams that represent Rhodes and a fairly strong women's team. No level of skill is needed either. So, if you enjoy a good kick about, then give it a try. For those of you who do not make it into the Rhodes Team, there is also the internal league. This is the more social aspect of the club, where teams get together from all over campus and sweat it out.

Having had a very successful year in 2000, our club holds strong hopes of having an even better year this year. So, if you see yourself as a team player, come on over, and even if you don't make it into the team, the practices are still fun.

## The Squash Club

With approximately 140 members, this club caters for both men and women, hoping to get a little bit of exercise in a short time.

The beauty of this club is that it caters for all types of player. For the more experienced player, there are regional and internal leagues, and for the social player, there are many members to challenge. We have a full time coach - Goose Gendal, who takes control at weekly practices. It is arguably one of the most social of all the clubs on Campus, whose members spend lots of time at the "Cowpat" - the clubhouse. The "Cowpat" often becomes the hotspot on Campus and it would be a pity if you were not involved in this. So come sign up, we'd love to have ya and are sure we can provide you with a bit of a challenge.

## The Tennis Club

This is definitely one of the more unique clubs on campus, catering for anyone from the "I'm-a-bad-ass, never-been-beaten!" type player to the average "Yikes-I-haven't-played-for-years" type player and finally to the "I-know-who-Agassi-is-but-that's-as-far-as-my-tennis-goes!" type player.

With just over 100 members, we will take you from the beginner level to the premier league. So, the serious side to our club caters for the more competitive and experienced players, while the more fun side caters for the clueless. During the year, our club organises numerous fun events, some of which are in aid of charity. Players in these sorts of events are usually rewarded with some form of intoxicating liquid. Shhhhhh say no more. Can we assume we will see you there? I think so! It is a fun and relaxed club, which offers you a brilliant way to meet new people.

## The Underwater Club

With a membership of approximately 120 members we offer activities ranging from Scuba Diving to Underwater hockey. Level of skill required is nil; we'll teach you all you all you need to know.

All the dive courses are run at Rhodes at very competitive prices. We organize various day trips to PE and Port Alfred. But one of the best things is that most of the transport costs for the weekend trips are paid for by Rhodes. So come on over to our club House "narkies" and find out more about what we do.

## The Volleyball Club

With two highly qualified coaches helping us, we have become a force to be reckoned with in all the major leagues. We take pride in the fact that we can offer both indoor courts and a beach volleyball court. There is no level of skill required, so come on over, learn more about our sport, or alternatively teach us a thing or two. The highlight of our club has got to be practices, which are a laugh-a-minute break. We will work you hard, but we can assure you that you will not notice the tough session coz it'll be so much fun. Many a Friday afternoon has been spent having a laugh, a beer, and a good game of beach volleyball. Come on....give it a try! Having had a successful year in 2000, with six players being selected for the Sassa

side and two players for the S.A. Students side, we are hoping to build on that achievement this year.

## The Weights Club/Gym

With approximately 1700 members, the gym is one of the biggest clubs on campus. We cater for anyone who would like to get fit, or trim up that body. The only level of skill required is desire, determination and willingness to train. There is always a trainer on duty to ensure all the safety procedures are followed and help you out with a training scheme if you need it.

This club carries with it a strong reputation for safety and usefulness, man, you should see the place around exam time- talk about releasing the stress. Our equipment ranges from your basic cardio stuff like bikes and rowing machines to pumping that iron baby.

## The Surf Club

"In this crowded world the surfer can still seek and find the perfect day, the perfect wave, and be alone with the surf and his thoughts."

The Rhodes Surf Club invites you to join our club for this pure and simple reason- plus a little more for your money. This unique tribe enrolled 140 members for 2000, and proved a success throughout the year. Their bi-weekly beach trips to Port Alfred invite all of those with salt water habits, sun addictions, and who are ultimately on the quest for 'good times' to cruise along the magnificent Eastern Cape coastline. No level of skill is required to join the club, (pine-apple farmers included). The club provides equipment and necessary lessons for those students who are keen to learn the art of surfing. But surfing is just an excuse, the club's activities are infinite, from surfing to bodyboarding, to beach bats, to beach hikes, to sun tanning or just having a beach braai with ya mates...we do it all.

## The First Aid Club

We run weekly training sessions on Thursday evenings, split into sessions that train people in general first aid skills and those that train people for first aid competitions. Club members generally do a level one weekend course in the first term of the year although there are courses which run throughout the year. If they want to carry on to a higher level a level three course will be run towards the end of the first term. Practical experience is gained by doing first aid for university sports matches, which the first aiders get paid for depending on their level of first aid training.

This is an exceptionally valuable skill to learn. How would you feel if you were faced with an emergency situation and you knew that you had passed up an opportunity to learn how to save a person's life!

## The Badminton Club

Badminton is the fastest racket sport in the world, and is very intensive. We cater for any level of play and provide coaching for players who want it. We invite people to come and play before they join the Club if they are unsure as to what it's all about. Thus far, our mighty team is undefeated in the Eastern Province Second Mixed League. So, if you think you're up for it, come on over and give it a shot.

## The Kung- Fu Club

Why should you join? If you are interested in martial arts, self defence, a greater awareness of mind, body and spirit, and are interested in acquiring an ability to focus, come to class. We are the only Kung Fu school at a University in SA and the only school in the Eastern Cape. With a maximum membership of 60, you are encouraged to join up early. We will help you focus your strength and peace of mind.

## The Chess Club

Chess is the second most played sport in the world to soccer, currently over 550 million players. It is taking over in international circles. It provides a form of art, sport and science rolled into one. The Rhodes Club provides a great place to learn the game of kings and make great friends and hectic social fun in the process. Coaching is also provided for all levels of players. Our Highlights for 2000 were: three people in two years have made national sides, one has competed and got 3/3 for SA in Mozambique and also, the organisation of the Rhodes Open, a tournament for all players, be they school children and

adults alike. Rhodes also competes in the prestigious Institutionals once a year, and has a proud record there.

# The Legend Continues



**Teejay -  
Sports Editor**

So, you have just arrived at Rhodes? Congratulations. You made the right choice in choosing Rhodes over any other Uni. Nice one mate!

No doubt that at some stage during your school years, a majority of you will have been involved in some sort of sport. Well, I am pretty sure that among you there are a few rugby studs, perhaps a few spandex-clad rowers and there's gotta be a few hockey stars. Yeah, you know it....some of you were school heroes huh? Am I right? Yeah I am aint I?

If I can give you just one piece of advice, it would be simply this: D-I-V-E-R-S-I-F-Y.

If your schools were anything like mine, then guys were encouraged to play sports like rugby, cricket and rowing. You know the macho-man type sports. Women were generally pushed towards tennis, aquatics and athletics.

Well the thing about a varsity like Rhodes, is that as a sportsperson you have the opportunity to pursue the sports you have always been involved in at school. But, there is also a huge opportunity to choose to do something a little different. Want me to explain a little more?

Well, it goes like this: as long as you can keep up to date with your workload, (which I might just add is not the heaviest load you will have to carry) you will be left with plenty of time for other things, aside from the constant flow of beer and parties - like playing sports.

We at Rhodes take great pride in the fact that, for a relatively small varsity, we offer such a vast choice of sporting opportunities. Each of the sports clubs

are run by a committee who oversee the administrative and organisational aspects of their respective clubs throughout the year.

So if you wanna get the best out of sport at Rhodes, take up a couple of activities that you never even considered doing. You know, experiment a little. My guess is that you will be pleasantly surprised by the opportunities that arise from this new past time.

As for my humble little sports page at the back of Activate, what I tend to do is profile a sports person, giving sporting history, records and stuff like that. But, for this O-Week edition I figured I'd take the opportunity to do 3 things: Say welcome to Rhodes, good on ya for choosing us. Trust me, after the tenth beer, you won't regret it; encourage you to diversify your sporting experiences and take advantage of the sporting facilities; introduce myself, Teejay, as the current Sports Editor on the activate team and say this: I need more writers. So if there are a few of you who are interested in writing, or even just in sport in general, come on over and have a chat, or contact me. (Ph 082 534 5461.)

From past experience, I know that if you ask people to write about stuff they know lots about, it makes the job of writing much easier. This is especially true of sports writing, cos so many of you are involved in sport.

That's all I have for you at the moment. Enjoy your O-Week and don't forget to contact me if you are interested in writing. We will help you get the experience you need.



# What's What in the G - Spot

In a town that's run by students, it's easy enough to find your way around. Here's a handy guide to help you bumble your way through the first few weeks in Gtown...

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## Restaurants

**Guido's:** In the Spar complex - (046)6226516 - great value for money, enormous pizzas and a really cosy atmosphere. A family restaurant, so restrain yourself and only go if you're willing to be civilised for a few hours.

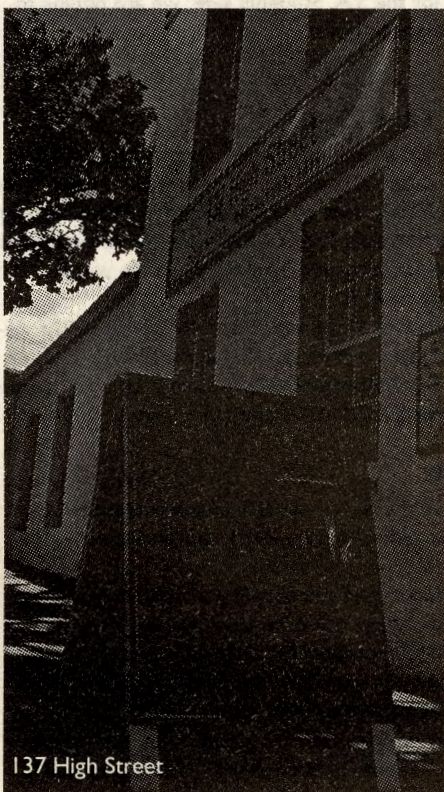
**Ginos:** Hill Street (next door to Fruit and Veg City) - (046)6227261 - fabulous food! Finally, people who understand that there's no such thing as too much cheese on a pizza. Treat yourself occasionally, but be impressed: prices are very, very reasonable.

**Debonairs:** New Street - (046)622-7661 - you know you want to...after a big night out (or halfway through a big night out), you will find Debonair's doors wide open and lots of somewhat tipsy students reclining artfully across the counter. The subs are great, but prices can get steep. Watch out for lots of specials.

**Steers:** High Street - (046)622-5490 - perfect for those drunken nights at Champs; generally open until after midnight, or until the last student is politely thrown out.

**Spur:** At the end of High Street - (046)622-2629 - bottomless coffee and big greasy burgers. Perfect if you've got a taste for cholesterol.

**Mad Hatters:** High Street - (046)622-



137 High Street

9411 - based on Alice in Wonderland; beautiful décor and simple food. Great desserts.

**Sublime:** New Street - quite simply the way forward! The ultimate student hang-out, with student photography and art up on display.

play. The stir-fry is to die for, but it's only available after 7. Also, keep an eye out for the ever-changing menu. It's well worth a look, and Sublime also doubles as a café. Open until 10:30pm. Closed on Sundays.

**137 on High:** High Street - also a guest house, tres elegant and probably the wrong place for us studenty types. Amazing food and surprisingly reasonable prices. Get a table outside and pretend that you're already old enough to be holding down a decent job.

**La Galleria:** New Street - (046)622-2345 - only if you want to impress a date, and if you've been saving up for months; Italian cuisine (not food, darling, cuisine) and sky-high prices.

**The Rat:** New Street - (046)622-5002 - classic pub grub and lunchtime specials. Cheap drinks and sport on the TV. A beer garden for drunken summer afternoons.

**Posh Pizza:** New Street (across the road from Pop Art) - (046)622-9304 - closed on Mondays; open from 5pm until late; they deliver to res and to Kaif.

**Zorbas:** In the same

building as Posh Pizza - Greek resaurant, so expect plenty of broken plates. Comfortable atmosphere and appetising food. Available for bookings and big parties.

**The Blue Room:** High Street - (046)622-8384 - funky little restaurant with a view of High Street; reasonable prices and board games to while away those long hours when you should be studying

**Calabash:** High Street - (046)622-2361 - African cuisine and a décor scheme rife with guinea fowl and little bushmen.

**The Monkey Puzzle:** on campus (just up from the Student Bureau) - (046)622-5318 - rib specials - enough said! - beautiful setting and great food.



The Blue Room

**The Rat** - (see phone number above) - rugger buggery territory, but a great place for an afternoon drink before, during and after lectures.

**CJ's** - New Street (next door to Sublime) - stands for Cecil John's...as in Rhodes, stupid. One pool table (we don't see the point, either), dance floor, lots of benches to pass out on or under. Look out for regular drink specials.

**Champs** - Scotts Avenue - a pool bar! We have a real pool bar! Well, sort of. Sport on the TV, pool competitions once a week, awful music (karaoke occasionally) and lots of locals.

Fight your way through the haze of smoke most week nights.

**Pop Art** - New Street - welcome to Pretension Central! For Drama students and wannabe Drama students. Look out for nervous Journ students and lots of kwaito bunnies (this is where to find hectic one-man Wu Tang Clanners). Drinks are very expensive, but they have a great outside area with a fire in winter. No-one has been sacrificed by the Goths there. Yet.

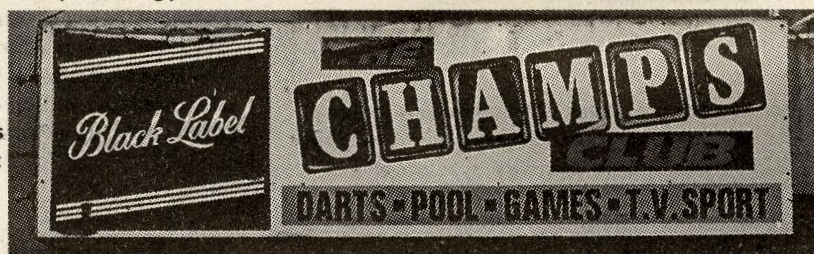
**The Union** - on campus - cheap drinks and lots of clearing stock specials. Commercial music on the dance floor and plenty of indis-

creet sex in the bathrooms.

**The Vic** - High Street - only if you're REALLY missing Durban...foam parties and street brawls are the order of the day. People have an interesting habit of going to the Vic just once, getting awfully, blindingly drunk and never ever going back.

**Kolors** - next to Ginos on Hill Street - no, no, no! Only for refugees

from the student social scene, there's not much to be said about this little backwater. It does host some thumping alternative parties, though, so keep your ears open.



**UPB** - High Street - (046)622-3549 - for all your setbook needs! All Rhodes' prescribed books are available from UPB, so place your orders early and open an account...then practice saying "But Dad...I really DID need that Jennifer Lopez poster...for Biology!"

**Fables** - High Street - (046)636-1525 - second-hand bookstore; perfect for wandering around on a Saturday morning and finding books that you thought were out of print. Anything from setbooks to bizarre science fiction.

## Chemists & Bookshops

**RET Butlers** - High Street - (046)622-7305

**Grahamstown Pharmacy** - High Street (just opposite Butler's...this town is strange like that) - (046)622-7116

**Wallace's** - in the Spar complex - (046)622-7320

Rhodes is the safest campus in South Africa, but it's still necessary to put safety first. Don't walk around campus alone at night - if you need to walk up the hill, get hold of the Campus Protection Unit (just next door to Hobson House). They have guards patrolling campus 24 hours a day, and you can phone them for an escort anywhere on campus. Stick to the main roads and try to walk in groups. Guys, this isn't just a female issue: muggings do happen on campus, so watch your back and don't think you're too big to get hassled. Phone Campus Protection on (046)603-8146 any time of day or night.

Keep an eye on your drinks at all times - Rohypnol and other rape drugs have found their way into Grahamstown. If you start feeling woozy and blacking out, find a friend FAST and make sure you don't go home with anyone you don't know.

Most of all, party hard. The next three or four years are going to blow your mind right out of the water (or the backwater, that just depends where you're from), so go for it. Live fast, don't you dare die young...and pay a really talented plastic surgeon so you can have a good looking corpse.

## Pubs & Clubs

## Pointers