

Afrikaans Press Attacks - Target: Rag

Attacks on Rags held in universities in South Africa have been appearing in the Afrikaans Press. Early in March, UCT Rag was attacked: now a campaign has been launched by the Afrikaans Press calling for the barring of the university rags in both Pretoria and Johannesburg.

The "Transvaler" called on Pretoria University students to abolish rag, which they call 'indecent and pornographic' and said the floats were 'foreign and blown in from America'. Rags should be abolished because they are 'not indigenous to South Africa'.

Asking for a banning of Rag at Wits Mr. van Rensburg a Johannesburg City Councillor, said that the behaviour of students had a demoralising influence on non-Whites, and no one could blame the Afrikaner for asking for a new Rand university in the light of such behaviour.

The UCT rag was attacked by the Rev. J. Vorster and the Nederduits Hervormde Kerk has attacked the Rag floats in Pretoria as being "distasteful and improper". It passed a resolution requesting the banning of future rags "in the interests of morality" if the floats were not improved.

The rag convenors at Wits and Pretoria feel that the criticisms are unnecessarily severe and the student body as a whole is being condemned for the behaviour of a few.

The students of the University of Stellenbosch have decided to apply to the University Council for permission to

again hold a rag. Rag was abolished five years ago on the grounds that it 'interfered too much with academic work of the students'.

Since 1960, university residences have held 'residence carnivals' but have 'avoided doing anything which might give the public and the church grounds for criticism'.

In spite of criticism, led by a vicious attack by Dr. Vorster, followed UCT's rag in March. "Die Burger" devoted large portions of its letter pages to articles with headlines such as: "Beswaar teen gedrag in Kaapstad se strate" and "Jool laat my skaam".

A Smear

Dr. Aubrey Levine, who has formed the break-away University of Natal Durban Students Association, has denied allegations that he had been "planted" on the campus by the Nationalist Party.

"There has been a smear campaign against me on the campus" said Dr. Levine. "But I am no stooge of the Nationalist Party".

He said he was Chairman of the Point Branch of the Nationalist Party, and that he had enrolled as a part-time student — studying for a degree of Bachelor of Commerce in March this year.

"But the accusations being made against me are just laughable," he said. "First of all they said I was a member of the Broederbond. Then, after someone pointed out that my religion barred me from membership of the Broederbond, the rumour went around that I was a member of the Special Branch."

"It would be very nice to be paid for my activities on the campus — but it's not happening."



Jardine's feats

Neil Jardine has made a big impression on Rhodes and Eastern Province rugby since his arrival from Rhodesia less than a month ago. Neil has been playing fly-half regularly for Rhodesia for several seasons. Two days before he arrived at Rhodes he was playing for Rhodesia against Natal. He was captain of Rhodesia from 1962-1964.

He is at present playing fly-half at Rhodes. He played for Eastern Province

against Boland on Saturday. Neil seems to be repeating his rugby successes which he had at Rhodes six years ago.

He obtained a B.A. — U.E.D. at Rhodes from 1954 - 1958. He has been teaching at Fort Victoria, Southern Rhodesia since 1958, in which period he obtained a B.Ed by correspondence. He is back at Rhodes to obtain Honours in history.

Neil has made other achievements — he is married with two children.

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P.O. Box 159*Editorial:***Rhodes a University?**

Rhodes University today is an unsavoury hybrid between a Technical College and an elite finishing school for the daughters of rich men. Perhaps this is unfair on the Technical Colleges.

At almost all technical colleges the social system is very much better than that afflicting Rhodes. There at least there is almost always something on the go. Discussion groups flourish and do not need sex to attract their audiences, unlike those at Rhodes epitomised in the Catholic Club poster announcing that SEX stands for Singing Exercise. This was not even funny, only embarrassing.

Furthermore, it is not necessary to introduce technical college courses in order to raise the number of "students" at the expense of academic achievement. Secretarial Practice does not belong here but at a Technical High School. "Students" of this course do not come to Rhodes to take advantage of the facilities offered by a University but to enjoy two social years and if possible to get married. Similarly the Diploma course in Fine Arts ought to be dropped with all speed and a degree course substituted in its place. Rhodes went to an immense amount of trouble, expense and sacrifice in the years preceeding 1951 that it might become an Independent University. For what? So that it might award its own diplomas? By the introduction of these superfluous courses many people who would genuinely like to come to Rhodes to take advantage of all that a University has to offer are denied the opportunity of doing so because of the large number of drifters who only take up parking space here.

Furthermore Rhodes has long since ceased to be a University at all. Political parties are not allowed on the campus. Why? Because the Senate knows very well that if they were, there would always be the possibility that someone with a conscience might get up and express views politically offensive to the government. This in turn might well lead to repercussions leading to the suspension of the University's grant. Therefore the Senate propitiates the government and denies the students the opportunity of taking part in any political activity. Thus free expression is suppressed and the whole object of Universitas is destroyed. If you suppress free expression at a University you suppress free thinking, and that this has been done and done well is demonstrated with awful clarity by the shattering apathy the average Rhodes student exhibits.

The only things which receive attention here are sex, liquor, and parties. Politics? Affairs affecting the future of your country? Controversy? Sorry, couldn't be bothered — there's a party on you know.

**Crossman the new
Amenities man**

The latest S. R. C. Meeting decided that, since the duties of Kaif and Dance Councillors had not normally justified them being divided in the past, these two portfolios should be amalgamated into one, and given to the new Amenities' Councillor, Trevor Anderson. This has released ex-Kaif Councillor, Tony Crossman, who has been designated the new post of Campus Councillor.

The duties and purposes of Campus Councillor would be of the general public relations type, that is maintaining liaison between student body, S.R.C., staff and the Grahamstown public. For instance, it is envisaged that he will visit various House Committees two or three times a year, to sound out any complaints about food, etc.

They would also include periodical visits to the Mayor, Police Commandant, cinema proprietors and the Manager of the Grahamstown Publicity Association, to find out about and improve relations between students and public.

Mr. Crossman said it was still too early to comment on the benefits that should accrue from the setting up of this office. Anyone with complaints or suggestions of general student interest would find him between 5 and 6 p.m. in the S.R.C. General Office every Thursday.

It would be his business to organise any petition to the Senate; however, personal problems of the student would still have to be addressed to "Abigail" of the Personality columns. He would keep "Rhodeo" informed of any important topics discussed at S.R.C. Meetings.

N.v.S.

**Congress
and all
that!**

Sir, — NUSAS Congresses are nice affairs. There are lots of very interesting people at these congresses; especially girls who are usually intelligent and possessed of other charms besides. NUSAS delegates go to nice, cosy, intelligent parties where there is lots of nice stuff to drink and talk about and do. In fact NUSAS Congresses are **very** nice affairs.

Socially they really are jolly you know old boy! We delegates do have a smashing time. Well, lets become a delegate, a topping ideah don't you think? When are they going to pick the delegates? To-morrow. Good . . . I will join NUSAS to-night at the SRC meeting; what about you Geoff? Yes, Mr. Willett-Clarke, I'm with you there, we'll both join together.

Wonderful . . . Oh my deah chap, I really am looking forward to this Congress. Sue might be there; you know Sue, Geoff? Lovely girl what!

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Rhodeo under fire again

Sir — The Rhodeo seems to have a singular talent for misrepresenting the speeches made by NUSAS leaders. The report on Jonty Driver's speech in your last issue concludes: 'NUSAS was composed of two opposing groups — on the one hand the African students and on the other the more conservative whites'.

Jonty Driver did **not** say this and it is emphatically not the case. What he did say was that NUSAS opinion was highly varied and ranged from a left wing, represented, say, by Durban and some of the training colleges. At no time however have there been two consistently opposed groups in NUSAS, still less has there ever been a white-black schism. I myself have known many occasions where African students in NUSAS took a conservative stand in opposition in radical motions proposed by white students.

NUSAS JAZZ CONCERT

I should like to comment further on some of the letters that appear in this last edition of Rhodeo. The three letters which criticize NUSAS have nothing to do with the President's speech and it is precisely this which alarms me; their criticisms are not levelled at what he said, nor at any of the more controversial aspects of NUSAS policy which have recently been prominent; instead they choose as their main target . . . the NUSAS Jazz Concert.

DISORGANISATION ADMITTED

I am not going to claim that the concert was well organised (not the least cause of its disorganization, quite incidentally, was the despicable behaviour of the students in the audience): what I object to is the fact that Messrs. Ball, Fourie and Dodo have selected the failure of this local event as a peg on which to hang their weighty condemnation of NUSAS as a National Body. Mr. Ball even seems to feel that NUSAS should not undertake such activities as those arranged in the recent NUSAS week.

MOANS AND GROANS

If the local committee had organised a week of policy discussions I have no doubt that general cry would have been: 'All NUSAS does is meddle in politics; it does nothing for the students. Once NUSAS does try to do something for the students for the local level, however, there are two reactions. The first, with supreme illogic, takes the events organised by the local committee as representative of NUSAS as a National Union, and speaks of 'typical NUSAS disorganisation,' or 'NUSAS will be NUSAS.' The second whimpers peevishly about 'an all-too transparent front of service to the students'. This 'front' my dear Mr. Ball, is a figment of your imagination. 'What NUSAS is really doing' is only too easy to find out.

TAKE TROUBLE, BALL

If Mr. Ball had taken the trouble to have come to Jonty Driver's address, widely advertised as the most important event of NUSAS week, it would have been quite clearly set out.

STUDENTS ARE STUPID

The crowning irony is perhaps Mr. Ball's statement that 'NUSAS seems to have a low opinion of the intelligence and interests of the average student'; in view of his letter it would seem to have over-estimated them.

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Swifts drub Rhodes

Swifts proved the old adage that the side with the most powerful pack of forwards dictates the game, when they beat Rhodes 24-9 on the Great Field on Saturday.

The Swifts forwards, many of whom are provincial or ex-provincial players outscrummed, outjumped the lighter, less experienced Rhodes forwards. Swifts made good use of their share of the ball by clever tactical kicking on the Rhodes full-back, Ray Radloff, followed by forward rushes. A little opportunity the Rhodes backs had of running with the ball was marred by careless handling and hard tackling by Swifts. Nevertheless the Rhodes team were only 9-6 down at half-time.

Swifts opened the score with a penalty by Spence after Fowlds was penalised for failing to release the ball when tackled, 3-0. Rhodes equalised when Neil Jardine goaled a fine penalty kick from 45 yards, 3-3.

Swifts again took the lead when they scored an unconverted try in the corner (6-3). Rhodes once again drew level

when Jardine goaled another penalty (6-6). Swifts replied with an unconverted try from a set scrum near the Rhodes ten yard line (9-6).

In the second half Swifts clearly had the upper hand scoring a further 15 points. Although Rhodes tackled well the pressure was too much and the

defence was bound to crack sooner or later. In the last 10 minutes the Rhodes side seemed to come to life, the tackling looked more determined and the backs looked more dangerous. 5 minutes from the final whistle Botcher went over for a spectacular try in the corner.

The final score was 24-9.

NUSAS Ball

The organisers of NUSAS Ball have been able to hand back all the R50 loan from the SRC for the Ball. The Ball has shown a net profit of R20.65, which will go to the NUSAS Scholarship Fund.

The NUSAS Jazz Concert showed a net profit of R20.35, which will go to NUSAS Relief. The recipient of this sum will probably be Mr. Zondani, a Grahamstown student studying at the Univ. of S.A. according to organiser Mr. B. Kaschula, who is local NUSAS Relief Director.

Rovers knock R.V.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes in Cradock on Saturday Rhodes 1st XV were beaten 27-21 by Cradock Rovers.

Rovers opened their account early in the first half with a try and within twenty minutes rattled up fourteen points while the leaden footed Rhodes defence stood ineffectually by.

At this stage a massacre seemed imminent but a good try by Jones sparked off an onslaught from a revitalized Rhodes side and sixteen points were notched up for Rhodes in as many minutes. Rhodes lead 16-14 just before half-time.

A Cradock wing then waltzed down and outside the touchline to score while the linesman stared into the middle distance under his deerstalker's cap.

Another try and a goal for Cradock gave them their 27 points while Botcher dashed through for his third try and closed Rhodes account with 21 points. Rob Foulds was unlucky to have what would have been a brilliant try disallowed because of an alleged knock-on.

Wanneburg and Amm had a hand in all the mischief wrought against the Rovers and among the forwards the old stalwarts Eva and Simpson did more than their share of the damage. Tries for Rhodes were scored by Botcher (three), Jones and Griffiths.

HORAK IS CHAMP

Playing precision golf, Dave Horak won the 1964 Rhodes University Golf Championships with a gross 146 (74, 72) two over par. Runner-up was Mike Weaver with a gross 159. Horak's score is the best on record since 1950 beating the 148 returned by H. Drysdale in 1952.

Winner of the B-section was Dan Flemmer with a gross 172 while Roy Fury returned the best nett 141.

Other prizes:

Most improved golfer in 1964 — J. Turner.

Longest drive — M. Griffiths.

Nearest tee shot to pin — P. Gavshon.

After the events, the inter-varsity team was announced: M. Weaver, S. Lewin, G. Hall, D. Horak, A. Searle, S. Coben, R. McDougall, G. MacKenzie, J. Ludwig, J. Collier, J. Turner, D. Flemmer.

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