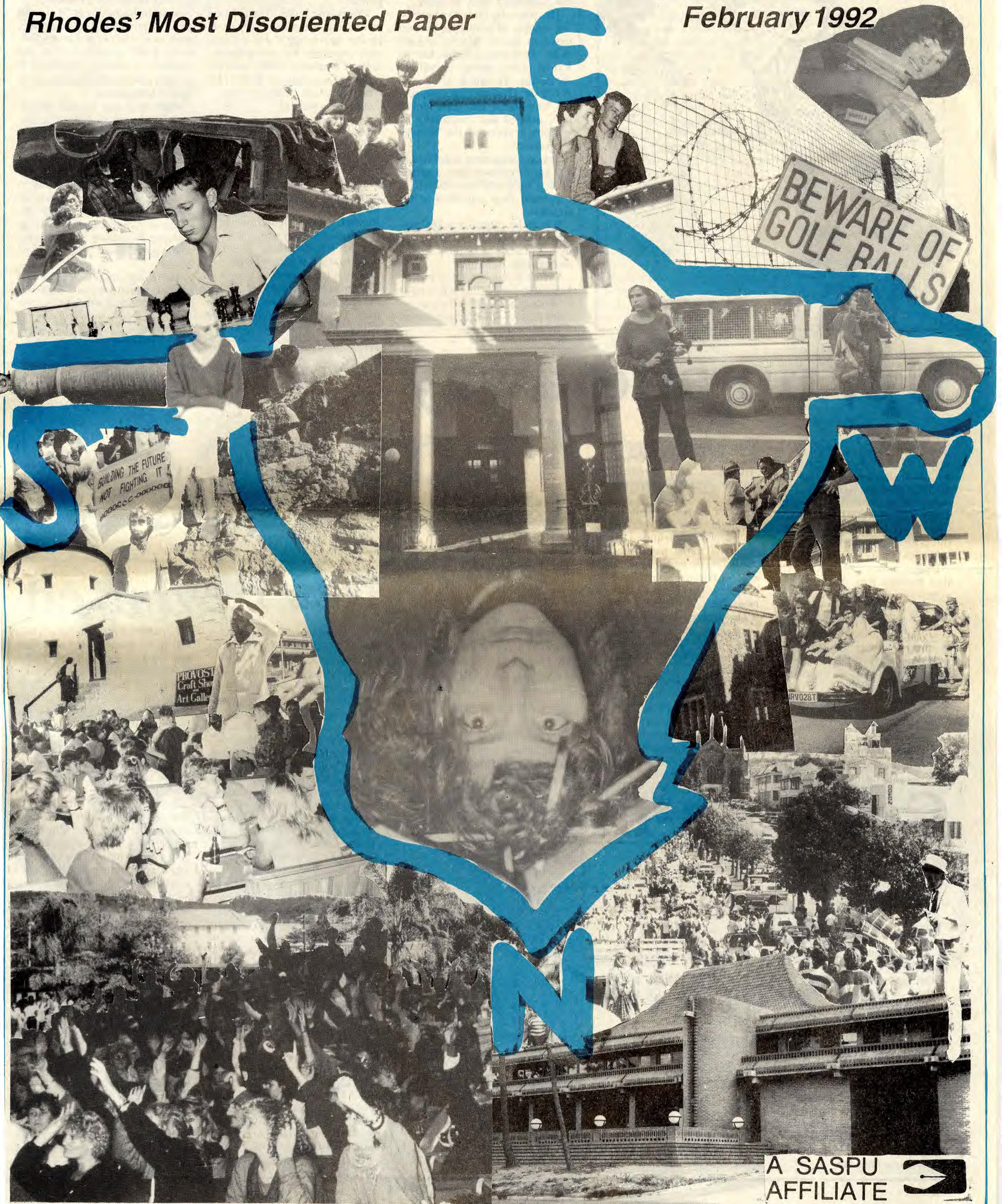


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Harassment hits home



LATE last year a woman student was gang raped on Durban campus by a number of her fellow students. The rapists were brought before a disciplinary committee and suspended from residence.

This was only one of an increasing number of sexual harassment cases in South African universities. Presently, Rhodes has no formal policy against sexual harassment, although UCT and WITS do. Over the last year, sexual harassment has been looked into, defined and confronted by various sectors of the Rhodes community.

Sexual harassment is defined as any advances made upon a person against their will after they have expressed their objection to the situation.

It includes offensive jokes, gestures and suggestions, through to the act of sex - in its most violent and extreme form, rape.

Sexual harassment is so prevalent in our society that it is seen as a 'normal' way of relating to another person, rather than as something offensive.

Approximately 900 women are raped in South Africa every day. Rapes are definitely happening, even on a small campus like Rhodes, but they are not being reported.

This is largely due to there being no existing channels or provisions in the university's disciplinary code expressly for sexual harassment. Complaints would only be judged according to Rule 14.1 which penalises behaviour "unbecoming of a student".

Without people making a formal complaint there was little the university could do to assess the extent of sexual harassment. Consequently the Women's Group embarked on a survey to determine the extent of the problem at Rhodes. Results confirmed that sexual harassment was prevalent and that Rhodes should do something to combat the problem.

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination which undermines the learning environment on campus. This is particularly relevant with regards to academic staff who

are in a more powerful position than students. The Women's Group survey revealed that an estimated five percent of students have been sexually harassed in one form or another by lecturers.

Sexual harassment is found most frequently in a social setting, such as in a bar or at a party. Surveys have revealed that the amount of alcohol consumed is proportional to the incidences of sexual harassment.

Both men and women harass, and are harassed. However, unequal power relations exist between men and women, and as a result, women are more likely to be harassed than men.

Often, women are nervous to walk alone at night for fear of being harassed. Consequently, the Women's Group organised for the Campus Protection Service to escort women to and from venues at night.

There are numerous areas on campus which are badly lit, and it is essential for students to take the initiative, and report any irregularities.

Up, up and away

THIS year has again seen a rise in fees at Rhodes. Rhodes fees are up by 25-30 percent for tuition and 10-16 percent for residence.

According to the 1991 report by Vice Chancellor Dr Derek Henderson, the increase in fees is the result of the government reduction in subsidies to universities.

Dr Henderson thought however that Rhodes fees compared favourably with other English language universities.

Press Officer Ms Mary Burnett said the inflation rate and the amount of subsidy granted by the government were taken into account before fees were increased.

She said the finance division takes the decision to increase fees as late in the year as possible and would not be able to make any projections for the future.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) students will have to pay 27 percent more than last year on tuition which will

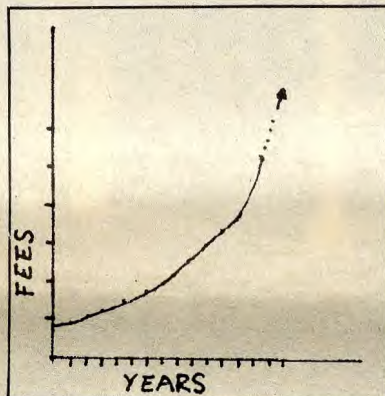
bring the total fees up to about R11 625. Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) students face tuition fees of R5 700 which is R1 325 higher than last year's.

Students were required to pay a minimum initial payment of R6 000 before the end of January. This was particularly difficult for people relying on bursaries and loans.

The Universities of Natal and Cape Town have increased their fees by 21-25 percent and the University of Port Elizabeth by 20 percent.

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If tuition fees increase at the current rate, it is quite likely that by 1994 BA students will be paying R10 350 for tuition alone. This is compared with R5 300 this year and R3 580 in 1991.

Ten years ago the same degree cost R865 a year, but then you could buy two chappies for one cent.



Res Revisited

EAGER young freshers arriving at Rhodes for the first time are in for a big surprise. Res life!

After you've settled into your dingy, drab little room with its depressing carpets, curtains and colours, and you've spent your first night on a mattress that seems to have sides but no middle, you'll realise that there's a lot more to the "luxury" of living in res than you believed possible - more hardship that is. And those posters and personal possessions you used in your attempt to brighten up your room just don't quite seem to cover up the darkness.

Coming to terms with your room, however, is the least of your problems in res. You have to get used to having three million other disgruntled students living in the same building as you, all using the same amenities as you, and invariably at the same time as you. These are the same people who will be disrupting your work in the future when they make more noise than your little sister could have dreamt of.

Then there's the food! This unidentifiable, foreign-looking mass that you will receive regularly due to a repetitive menu will leave you speechless. And that's when it's edible. At other times the food will have to be given to your friendly res kitty and you will discover the previously unknown pleasures of jam on toast.

Rules are the lifeblood of res

life. There are rules on noise levels and noise hours, rules on where and what to smoke (back garden horticultural blends are a definite no-no) and rules on intervisiting - all of which are destined to give you the needle every time you walk into the foyer. To ensure you break no rules, fines are dished out daily for reasons varying from losing room keys, to hiding a member of the opposite sex in your cupboard.

Furthermore, you are going to have to contend with a house warden's beady eye watching your every move and forcing you to pack up your room every vac. And when your house warden isn't doing that he/she will be calling house meetings which, I can assure you, will be at the most inconvenient of times.

However, res isn't all bad. Amazing as it may seem, there are some advantages. You always get meals which are usually punctual and often sufficient. You don't have to clean up after yourself or wash your own linen. Nor do you have to get connected to M-NET. You also have access to a massive reservoir of missed lecture notes from those three million noisemakers sharing your living space. They are also the friends who are always around whenever you need them.

So freshers, take heart - and make the most of these luxuries while you can.

Condom-mania

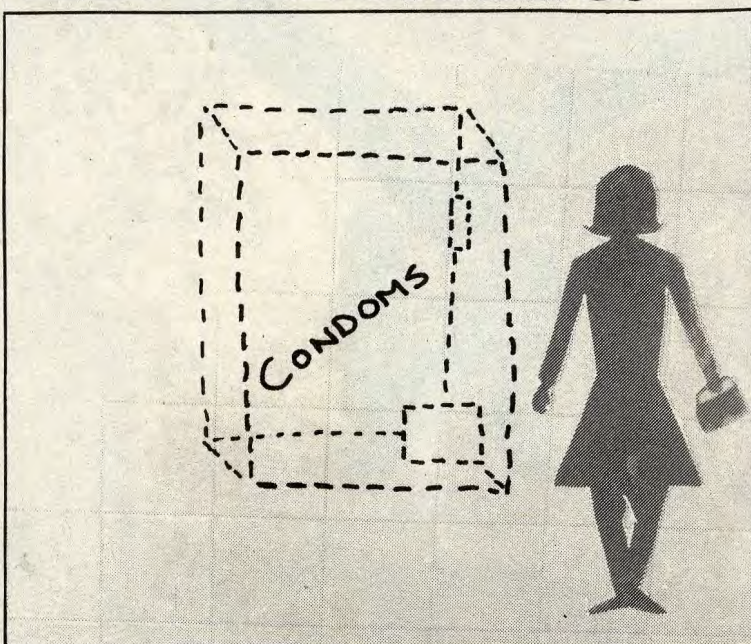
THE SRC informed students of the acquisition of four condom vending machines in February 1991. They were due to be installed on campus last year.

SRC President, Daryl Lee said, "There are no condom vending machines, although permission has been granted by the Senate after a two year battle".

The type of machine the SRC wished to purchase had proved problematic on UCT campus, so Rhodes SRC decided not to buy them.

According to Lee, the promised sponsorship had lapsed after it took the SRC too long to organise the machines. The problem now is getting sponsorship and along this vein Minister of Health and Welfare Rina Venter was approached.

Enquiries have also been made about a better machine than the original one intended.



Join the dots and win some protection

The President's Massage

IF you are not sick of hearing my silly, smarmy welcome messages by now then you really are a sucker for punishment. I know that I'm sick of them. So in order to keep me sane and you interested, I've decided to give a rundown (or should that be rubdown) of how to spot a really good massage instead! So here it is: the President's massage... (Please bear with me - it's not as crude as you think.)

1. I prefer my massage to begin at the very top. Few muscles are more than the bundle of grey matter we rather ambitiously call the brain. To loosen it up, place your head in an open book and roll it from side to side while slowly emitting a growling sound. This exercise works much better with good books like "The Diary of Laura Palmer" or "Asterix" and is not to be performed anywhere near a Bus. Ad. textbook. Once loosened up, the brain is a frightfully useful thing at university and can be used for all kinds of worthy things like learning, reading, thinking and embarrassing your lecturers.

2. The next stop of the masseur's fingers to watch out for is the neck muscle. The neck is gently pushed backwards until the head (which is usually attached to the end of the neck) almost touches the spine. Then the neck is brought rapidly forward in a bold, fluid stroke. This exercise is called "sticking your neck out" and is most effective in situations where you are being questioned. A really good masseur will bait you with such time-tested favourites as "Don't

tell me that you believe in all that democracy bullshit?" or "Do you mind if I smoke while you eat?" Remember, the further you stick your neck out, the better you will feel.

3. We now move down to the arms. Most people don't like arms. They are called pacifists. A sensitive masseur will not spend much time on the arms except to wave them around in the air while you softly chant your favourite peace song. Some people do like arms, however. They will normally be dressed in khaki or combat gear. A good masseur will deliver sharp, strong blows to each of the elbows to ensure that none of these people ever point a weapon at a fellow human being again.

4. Now we come to the chest. The most important muscle in the chest is, of course, the heart. A good heart massage is easily obtained and must be demanded. An expert masseur will often subtly disguise their heart massages as arm or body exercises. Don't be fooled, however. Movements such as the "stirring the pot at the soup kitchen" or "tutoring a class at the night school" or "signing the application form for a non-racial, non-sexist organisation" are ideal for the heart and will leave you feeling warm and tingly all over.

5. Lastly, we move to the lower body. The legs and feet are usually dealt with at the same time because they are, well, so close together. The masseur will ask you to stretch your legs far forward and then will push your left leg high



SRC President Daryl Lee confident and relaxed after a lengthy massage

into the air. After bringing your left leg down again, your masseur will raise your right leg and then bring it down. This action is repeated while the theme tune from "Chariots of Fire" plays quietly in the background. This particular exercise is known as the "taking bold strides forward at the university". If performed properly, it may even induce you to believe that your university is a dynamic, exciting place where students and

academics band together in mutual respect to tackle the challenges of the future. Though pleasant, such a state of naivete will seldom be encouraged for too long by a responsible masseur who will even read from Senate and Council minutes if necessary to bring you back to reality.

That concludes my guide to a really super massage. I hope that it was beneficial and not sweaty. Protocol prevents me from sug-

gesting my Top Ten of Grahamstown Massage Parlours. If you're really desperate, I suggest that you loiter around the admin fountain waving a banner saying "Love is the massage" and, who knows, anything might happen.

Have a rave and good luck for 1992.

Regards
Daryl Lee
SRC President

Hello, is there anyone in there ?

RHODES University's 'inadequate' admissions policy again came under the spotlight at a recent debate called 'The Rhodes Ahead' which formed part of the New Lecturers' Orientation Course.

SRC President Daryl Lee attacked the admissions policy and called for a 'Rhodes CODESA' - a forum consisting of all sectors of the university to jointly thrash out an alternative strategy that would admit more black students to this predominantly white institution.

In a recent interview Rhodes' Assistant Registrar Judy Hilton-Green said the abnormally low percentage of black students at Rhodes was due to a lack of funding and Rhodes' admissions policy which emphasised matric points.

Roughly half of all White, Coloured and Indian applicants were offered places at Rhodes whilst only a third of Black applicants received offers, Ms Hilton-Green said.

Of the black students who did receive offers of places, only those with high matric marks were able to secure bursaries or other forms of funding.

"The policy of the University is to offer places only on your matric points, but there is also a 'Dean's Discretion' which allows those without the required points to follow an alternative admissions programme at the prerogative of any



Dean of a faculty," Ms Hilton-Green said.

However, Daryl Lee denounced the lack of any effective action to address the problem: "It's the same situation arising every year, what is Rhodes doing to solve the problem?"

He said a 'Rhodes Codesa', which would be a local education summit, needed to be convened and some suggestions on its agenda to increase the number of disadvantaged students could include: "Setting up bridging courses in all faculties for students without the required points which would enable them to improve their marks and also earn university credits."

Ms Hilton-Green said the Science faculty was the only faculty with a genuine programme to increase its number of black students.

The programme called The Science Foundation Year was fully funded and was introduced last year for under-prepared students from Department of Education and Training schools. It consists of an upgrading programme run in conjunction with Grahamstown's Kingswood College.

Four of the five participants upgraded their science, maths and chemistry qualifications at Kingswood College and were starting BSc 1 with a Linguistics 1 credit this year.

The Commerce Faculty this year decided to set aside 20 places for students who did not meet the normal admission requirements. There was however no upgrading facility nor any funding for these students and this was where the biggest drop-out would occur with most students not being able to afford minimum initial payments, Ms Hilton-Green said.

"The Dean of Arts and the Dean of Social Science have offered places to a lot of students who do not have the required points," she said.

Mr Lee said it seemed pointless to offer places to students who had no chance of being able to pay for their studies.

"The University needs to provide financial assistance as well to make such offers meaningful to disadvantaged students," he said.


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**Rhodes Vice Chancellor
Dr Derek Henderson**

WHILE some students may just be getting used to Rhodes as it is, a debate is raging about its future.

This debate was prominent at a recent panel discussion entitled "The Rhodes Ahead".

The participants were divided around whether Rhodes needed to

Rhodes to nowhere

Debate fails to find direction

undergo any significant change.

Vice Chancellor Derek Henderson represented the view that Rhodes should not undergo any "non-evolutionary" changes.

"The first duty of a university is to survive," he said, explaining that new models nearly always end in disaster.

"Rhodes works and it works well," he said.

Grahamstown Mayor Steve Burt echoed this sentiment saying that Rhodes had insufficient funds to sustain large expansion. He felt rather that both Grahamstown and Rhodes should have slow, steady, controlled growth.

That was the consensus ended.

Favouring change, community leader David Nzanze said that

Rhodes needed to meet the educational needs of Grahamstown's black community in Rhini.

"At the moment Rhodes is an institution where people from Rhini seek employment, not education," he said.

He added the university had ignored the interests of those oppressed by apartheid.

He suggested that Rhodes do policy research on meeting South Africa's educational needs.

SRC President Daryl Lee was more explicit, saying that risks had to be taken at Rhodes as society became radically redefined.

He questioned whether Rhodes would be able to keep pace in a changing South Africa.

"Rhodes will come under finan-

cial pressure to change," he said.

Another issue of contention was who should have a say in the running of the university.

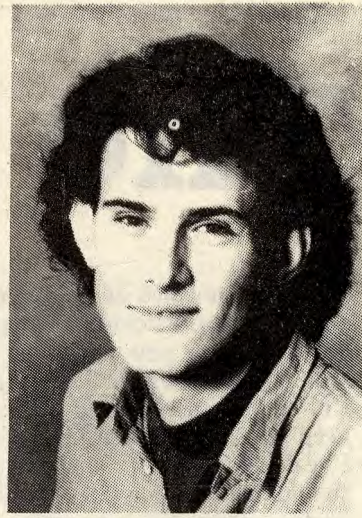
Mr Nzanze suggested that students, academics and workers needed to be incorporated into the university's decision making bodies.

Dr Henderson said that ample opportunities existed for students and community members to consult the administration.

He blamed student apathy for the lack of a student voice.

This view was not held by Mr Lee who said that the university must make students jointly responsible for some of the decisions made at Rhodes.

"Students should have to accept



**Rhodes SRC President
Daryl Lee**

the burdens, as well as the benefits of being at Rhodes," he said.

Mr Lee suggested that a Rhodes Summit be held comprising all sectors of the university to chart the way forward for Rhodes.

The months to come will tell if change at Rhodes becomes reality.

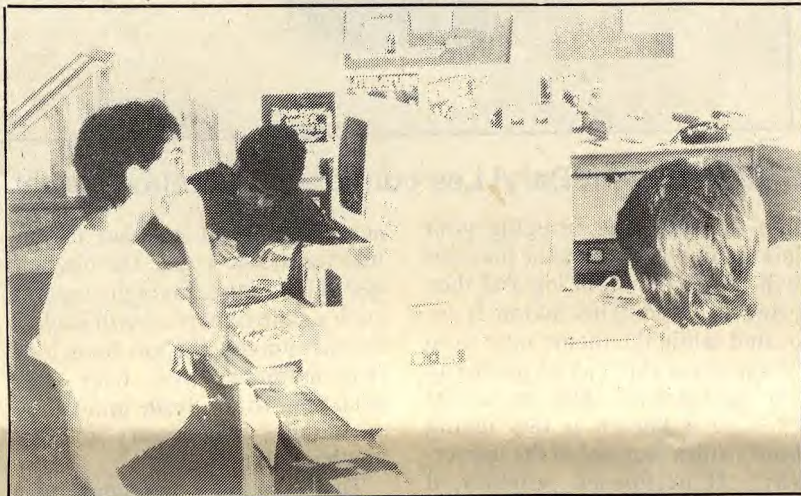
Behind the scenes

ORIENTATION Week - a time for settling in, having jorls, playing some friendly games of volleyball and getting to know one another.

During the course of the week, it seldom crosses a Fresher's curious (or often intoxicated) mind about who arranges Orientation. Who organises the Orientation folder, the craft day, fun run, luncheon, cheese and wine, pamphlets, posters and jorls?

Well, if you dare take a stroll through the Student Union Building in the vicinity of the Students Representative Council (SRC) offices, you would see the people who organised Orientation Week. Since the end of January, enthusiastic members of student organisations have prepared campus and Grahamstown for your arrival. It isn't difficult to recognise them amongst the energetic Freshers. Just look for people who look as if they've OD'd on caffeine.

Although they're under stress, and are more often than not lacking in nutrition and sleep, they are



Putting media onto campus means hours of staring at a computer screen.

always willing to help you out of a dilemma.

"It's a lot more work than people think", the SRC's beleaguered media worker said.

SRC Secretary, affectionately known as 'Ange,' said: "We hope all our hard work from the SRC is appreciated, and one day if any of

you are on the SRC, you'll realise how much work it is".

And when First Year Registration begins, marking the genesis of a year at Rhodes University for the newcomers, so too does it mark the conclusion of another gruelling Orientation Week for members of student organisations.

Funding changes

STUDENT'S access to funding for their studies may become severely limited in the future.

The European Economic Community (EEC) which has been funding the Kagiso Trust bursary and loan scheme is proposing changes in the way in which it has been channelling its funds.

The EEC wants to close bursary institutions like the South African Students Education Trust (SASET), South African Medical Students Trust (SAMST), and Education Aid Programme (EAP) and channel the money to Kagiso Trust and directly to the learning institutions. Previously the bursary institutions were responsible for selecting students for the scheme.

According to the EEC, it's too costly to run the administration of the bursary institutions. The new scheme would cut down those costs.

The EEC will now issue more loans than bursaries and the criterion for funding students will be worked out by the universities and

technicians.

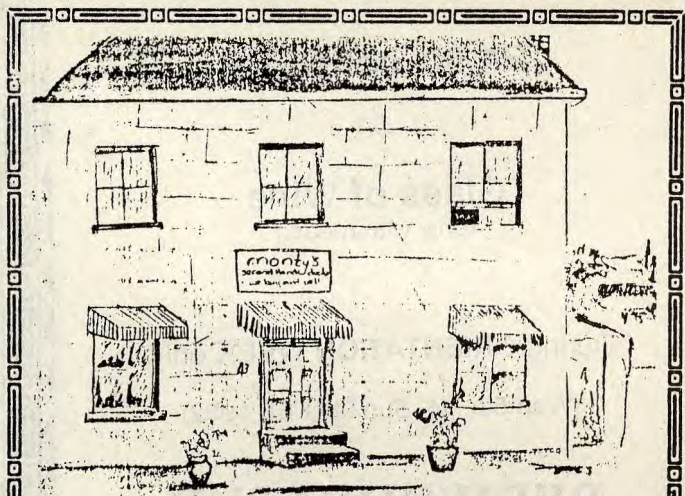
The South African Students' Congress (Sasco) is sceptical about the new scheme. Sasco Vice President Lincoln Mali said that while Kagiso Trust and the EEC were committed to affirmative action, not all institutions of learning were.

He said another problem is that Kagiso Trust has not provided checks and balances for the new scheme and this will cause problems for students.

According to Mali, students are already confused as they do not know where to apply for funds.

Sasco has proposed a moratorium on the implementation of the scheme until it is clarified and a National Loan Scheme to regulate the distribution of funds is created.

According to Sasco such a loan scheme should be a product of discussions between institutions such as the Independent Development Trust, the government, the major political players, student organisations and the various bursary institutions.



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IF you plan on becoming anybody at Rhodes this year, you're going to have to know who's who on this campus, and what they think. RHODEO spoke to several well known "figures of authority" on the art of reaching the dizzy heights of "fame". Read on, and you will find out how you can become a prominent member of our unique little society too.

A favourite place in G'town is essential to begin with.

Marc Bovim, Station Manager of Rhodes Music Radio, enjoys his bathroom, while for Mark Hazell, Manager of Grounds and Gardens, it's under the Pin Oak tree outside Admin. Sports Officer, Steve Olivier, favoured the great field and mountain drive, while beleaguered SRC secretary Angela Jevons opted for her poolside.

Other favoured spots where you can be noticed are the home of RHODEO editor Steyn Speed, Gino's - where you'll probably run into famous personality and Rag chair, Gaby Sidley; and St Peters Lawns, preferred hangout of Judy Hilton-Green, Assistant Registrar. The Union is definitely another hotspot and is frequented by Lincoln Mali, Vice President of the South African Students Congress (SASCO).

Another criterion for becoming prominent is the ability to dream about changing anything you could, if you could.

Marc Bovim wants to change the SRC president's hairstyle.

Lincoln would like to change Rhodes' admissions and exclusions policies, while Steve Olivier would like to change student apathy about politics. Ms Hilton-Green would change the rules on housing subsidies for female staff at Rhodes.

Marc (RMR) Bovim on the other hand, wants to change the hairstyle of SRC president, Daryl Lee; while both Angela Jevons and Mark (Hazell) would change their salaries (Admin take note).

Further gripes about Admin came from Gaby who would like to hold Admin to its promises, and Steyn Speed who wants to change the composition of the University Council by throwing out all the white men and holding campus-wide elections. Steyn would also change the name of our campus to the University of the Eastern Cape.

Living the high life in the fast lane of fame however, isn't all fun.

The hardest part of my job is having to turn away worthwhile students because of limits on numbers.

Aside from the poor pay (Angela) and having to take time off or missing lectures (Steyn, Lincoln), it seems that having to deal with things like limited office space and drinking coffee out of biodegradable polystyrene cups (Marc), is all part of the job.

Then there are also things like getting lettraline stuck on your jersey (Steyn), student apathy and a general lack of involvement (Gaby), a lack of mental stimulus (Steve) and all those little things that prevent bigger things from happening (Mark).

The saddest difficulty however, is having to turn away worthwhile students because of limits on numbers due to Rhodes' admissions policies (Ms Hilton-Green).

These prominent people came back to their old jobs this year, with their new years' resolutions -

even though there are other things they would rather do and be.

Angela would rather be a brain surgeon, but her resolution is to survive the year at the SRC offices with her sanity intact. Marc would rather be the clinical psychologist for TFC Tours, but for the year he just hopes to survive Angela surviving her sanity.

Gaby couldn't remember her resolution, but she would like to become more organized. Steve didn't make any resolutions, but

he wishes he'd spent more time on academics, while Ms Hilton-Green resolved to put her time management programme into action this year, though if she had become an academic she believes she would have had far more freedom and got to see the rewarding results of teaching young people.

Even though Steyn believes he hasn't quite started anything yet, he would like to be a teenager again, because being 20 is hell. As far as resolutions go, he intends eating breakfast every morning and will watch less TV.

However, these famous people did have some bright and cheerful messages for enthusiastic young freshers:

Messages to First-Years

Angela Jevons : "We're always here to help."

Lincoln Mali : "Get a lot of fun, get your DPs and get out of here."

Gaby Sidley : "Get involved in as much as you can. It will make University life."

Steve Olivier : "Make the most of opportunities offered at Rhodes, work and social."

Ms Hilton-Green: "You're entering a special period in your life. Make full use of the wonderful opportunities, but enjoy yourself at the same time."

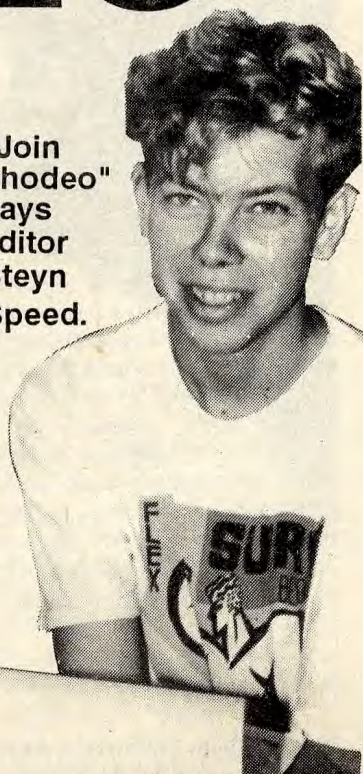
Marc Bovim : "Read my bumper sticker." (It reads: You and I would

get along just fine as soon as you accept I'm God).

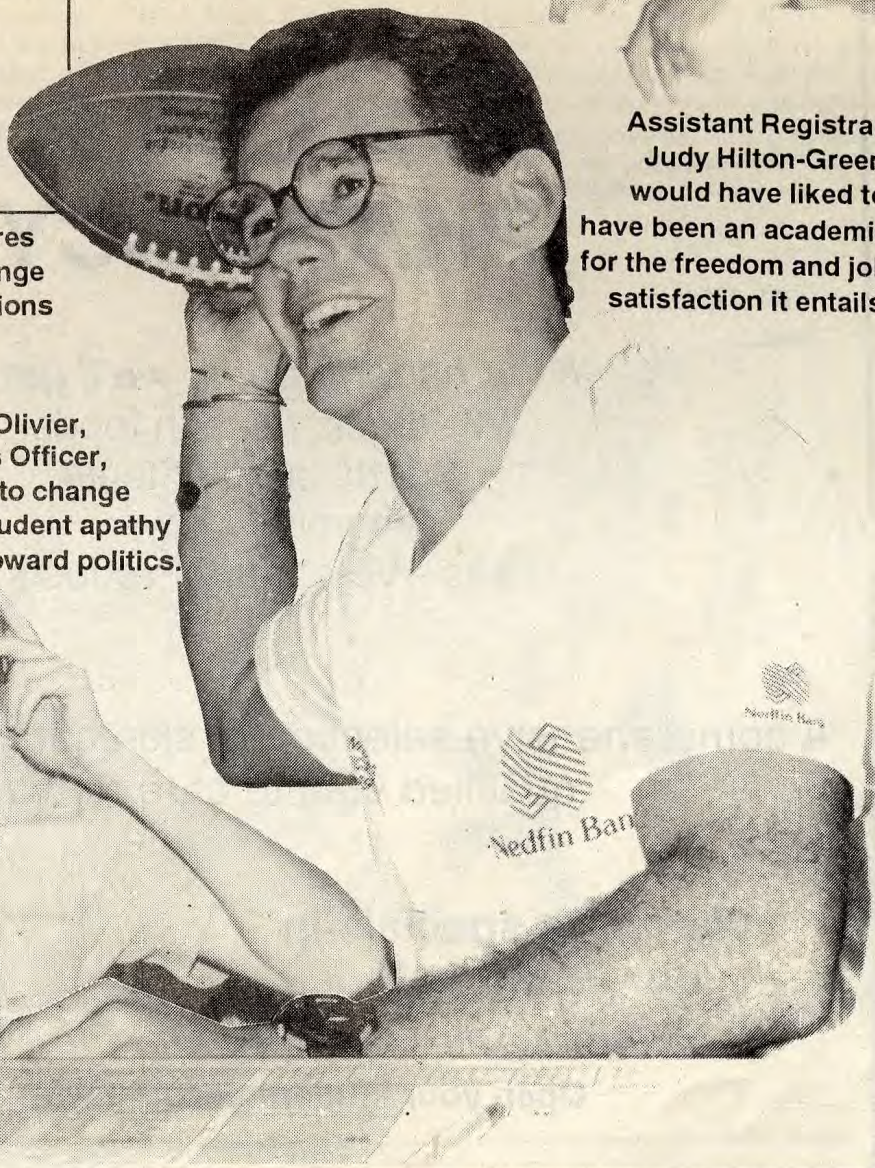
Mark Hazell : "Rhodes is great. Keep it that way."

Steyn Speed: "Join RHODEO!"

"Join Rhodeo" says editor Steyn Speed.



SASCO national vice-pres Lincoln Mali would change admissions and exclusions policy at Rhodes.

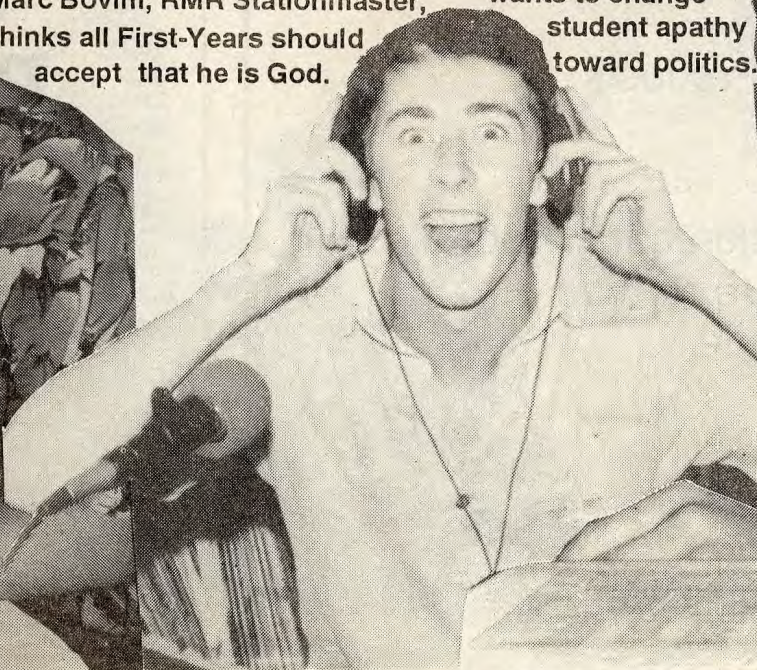


Assistant Registrar Judy Hilton-Green would have liked to have been an academic for the freedom and job satisfaction it entails.



Angela Jevons, SRC secretary, wants to survive the year with her sanity.

Marc Bovim, RMR Stationmaster, thinks all First-Years should accept that he is God.



Steve Olivier, Sports Officer, wants to change student apathy toward politics.



SOUNDS OF SILENCE

WHEN Paul Simon ended the cultural boycott by performing on South African soil, he broke more than the sounds of musical silence in this country.

Simon's tour sparked some of the liveliest debate and most vicious political posturing.

A modest musician who made South African music an international commodity, Simon exposed far more about the nature of South African society than he could have intended.

He discovered, firstly, that breaking the silence, often leads to an incomprehensible babble. While the ANC Cultural Desk, the government and Inkatha gave their support to the Simon tour, the Pan-Africanist Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation and its youth wing Azayo and the Worker's Organisation for Socialist Action (Wosa) felt his tour was

premature.

They felt the changes made so far in South Africa were cosmetic, and did not justify the lifting of the cultural boycott. They felt also that the tour would give legitimacy to the present government.

Simon exposed far more of South African society than he ever could have intended.

Problems arose because these organisations did not make their objection known until a week before Simon's arrival. Whether intentional or not, this reflected poorly on the state of political organisation in South Africa. It offered a glimpse of the incoherence and lack of political direction which is plaguing South Africa's liberation movement.

Here Simon encountered a variation on the vibrant local culture of

mass protest. In this instance it seemed that the protest was less about the issue at stake, than the promotion of particular organisations. What Azapo and the PAC had supported during the Graceland Tour, now seemed politically advantageous to reject.

These are symptoms of the incredible instability of South African politics. Organisations are jockeying for influence in an emerging society. They feel that every issue of national significance - such as the Simon tour - needs to be used to gain influence. Often their opposition is a sign of a lack of confidence. They feel that they must assert their right to differ.

But what has become really apparent with Paul Simon's tour is the lack of information in our society - the sounds of silence. People are not communicating with one another. They are ill-informed about each other and prone to intimidation.

The commercial press coverage of the threats to the tour was sensationalist to say the least and only

served to needlessly aggravate people's fears and misconceptions.

We are unused to diversity and exoticism in our political diets. Many people now find it difficult to accept that groups such as Azayo have a place in national politics.

People simply do not know what other people see or believe. We do

not know who supports which groups or why. Nobody seems sure if a protest will draw 30 people or 30 000. In a divided society starved of knowledge of itself, we live on myths, and fear feeds on myths.

Paul Simon came to South Africa to celebrate the end of apartheid, and in doing so he has confronted it's legacy.



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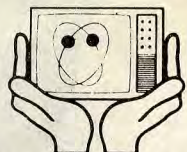
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The year that was

The collapse of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Soviet Union was hailed as the end of socialism and all its scientific trappings.

RHODEO, never ready to conform, uses scientific analysis to predict what 1992 holds for Rhodes University - and the rest of the universe.

February

The Opening address ends in chaos as Dr Derek Henderson is arrested for impersonating a vice-chancellor.

Student Adviser Mark Rainier is asked to stand in, lecturing parents on proper note taking techniques.

Due to an intensive training course for student informants, the SAP neglects to release Dr Henderson for two and a half weeks.

Mark Rainier meanwhile is getting used to the VC's office and Mercedes. By applying his revolutionary time management scheme to the Vice Chancellor's busy schedule, he is able to spare two hours a day of quality time with his golfing partners.

Despite a warning by Vice Principal Dr Smout four students go on a rampage after the Orientation Week Rave, crushing beer cans with their foreheads and throwing up in a flower bed.

The other 996 students at the rave are charged by the University's Disciplinary Board for "behaviour unbecoming a Rhodes student."

March

Dr Henderson is released and Mark Rainier returns to being a student advisor, lecturing students on the hazards of being over ambitious.

The Rag Magazine is banned by the Government's Publications Board, citing the magazine's unorthodox design and unbelievable narrative line. Two weeks later John Bishop is axed from the "Agenda" team for similar reasons.

Rag Day passes quietly receiving about as much student support as an Azapo protest. This surprises no one as the Rag exec jetted out of Jan Smuts a week before - supposedly to "taste America".

April

On April Fools Day the admin announces its intention to privatise Rhodes at ten cents a share. The joke is on the flood of would-be investors, who discover that it'll cost them at least two rand a share.

Anglo American buy a majority stock and start drilling for oil in Kimberley Hall.

May

May, June and July are cancelled by Rhodes' new Board of Directors as part of its rationalisation programme.

August

At intervarsity Rhodes rugby

team beats the University of Port Elizabeth for the first time in living memory. This follows an intensive scholarship programme aimed at attracting the Transvaal Provincial pack to Rhodes. Not surprisingly the Eastern Cape rugby team benefits from this influx considerably.

SRC elections are held amidst stiff competition. Rhodes Music Radio forms an election pact with the Bridge Club and walk the election. RMR station manager Marc Bovim is chosen as President and SRC meetings are broadcast live to campus. Rhodes students start going to bed at 7pm every second Wednesday.

September

Outgoing SRC President, Daryl Lee, becomes even more outgoing and is seen lurching from bar to bar cursing the lack of a presidential pension.

The monsoon season comes early. The fountain in the admin quad develops a crack, leaking water into the foundations of the admin building. The clock tower disengages from the surrounding buildings and slides slowly towards Drostdy Arch uncovering a vein of gold below Drostdy Lawns.

October

Dairy month. Friesland and Jersey cattle are introduced on the Great Field as part of the SRC's milk and yoghurt scheme for oppies. The herd is quickly depleted as oppies display their preference for red meat over cheese.

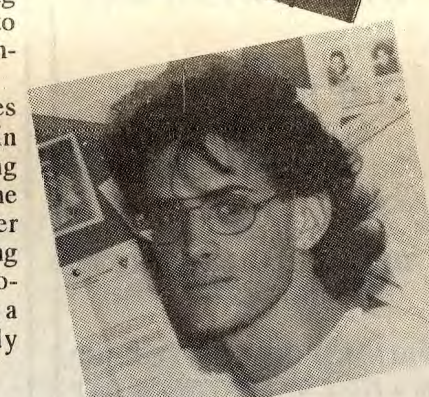
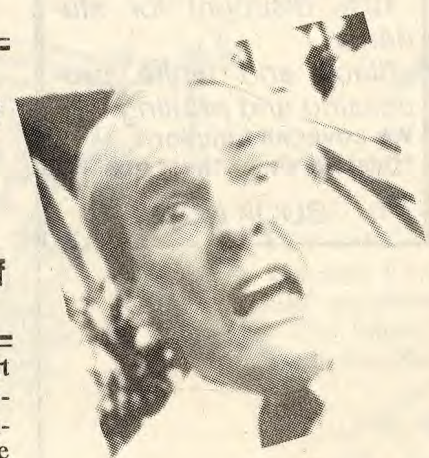
Quick to respond to the cancellation of second servings at res meals, Dean of Students Moosa Motara opens a samoosa and bunny chow stand in Prince Alfred Street.

November

George Bush loses the US Presidential Elections to Democrat Anita Hill. After his application to anchor CNN's Headline News is turned down, he emigrates to South Africa and starts panning for gold on Drostdy lawns. He doesn't find any gold, but is content to channel CIA funds to needy student organisations. He features regularly in MONTHLY MAIL exposés as a consequence.

December

An interim government comes to power in South Africa. Dr Henderson and Oliver Tambo are made Interim Rectors of the Eastern Cape Interim Liberal Freedom University College.



Nineteen ninety one was an exciting, and in some cases embarrassing, year for students and student organisations on Rhodes campus. From the launch of the non-racial Sasco, to the accommodation crisis at the beginning of the year; from revelations of government funding of the NSF, to rumours of closure of students most popular hangout, it all happened. Read on...

FEBRUARY

First years arrive at Rhodes only to find...no accommodation! Admin had overbooked on the assumption many students would not arrive. They did - and it was rather embarrassing for the admin as the news hit the country's press. Students were put up in various houses, some had to spend a few nights in the Graham Hotel, whilst most ended up on common room floors, or sharing single rooms.

JULY

Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) teamed up with Radio 5 to run Festival FM at the Grahamstown Festival. It was the first time a radio station other than the SABC was allowed to broadcast in FM on South African soil. It looks set to become an annual feature.

The South African Students' Press Union (Saspu) launched an intensive "Free The Airwaves" campaign to challenge the government's control over broadcasting. At Rhodes over 1000 students and academics signed the "Free The Airwaves" petition. As Radio 5 Station Director, Lance Rothschild, put it: "To all the RMR team...the future of radio in this country is in your hands".

AUGUST

National Student Federation (NSF) president Danie Kriel revealed that the organisation had been secretly funded by the government. The Liberal Student Democrats (LSD), Rhodes affiliate of the NSF, denied any knowledge of state funding, but failed to respond to allegations of co-operation between the LSD and the Security Branch. The NSF disbanded a few days after its president's admission, whilst the LSD continues to operate.

Intervarsity time again. Rhodes' first rugby team took a beating from the University of Port Elizabeth (UPE) losing 28 points to 38 - again.

Rhodes' first non-racial SRC was elected on a 42 percent poll.

Topping the polls were Daryl Lee (President) and Vuyo Kahla (Vice-President). Monna Monnagotla, Jenny Roberts and Vuyo Bikitsha came third, fourth and fifth respectively. A challenge for the 1992 elections - a woman president?



SEPTEMBER

The launch of Sasco (South African Students' Congress) took place at Rhodes after a few hitches. Students from Nusas and Sansco committed themselves to non-racialism on over 120 campuses nationwide. Symbolically, the launch took place in the Great Hall, the place where black consciousness leader Steve Biko led a walkout of black students from Nusas in 1969.

Rag held a referendum to test campus opinion about the continuation of Mr and Miss Fresher, Drag Queen and the Bummies. Rag decided to do away with Drag Queen - but much controversy surrounded the voting.

Students were dismayed at the news that the Vic and the Albert were to be converted into digs for 1992. The managers claimed they were "sick and tired" of the abuse to their property. Come 1992, and the Vic is still open, whilst the Albert has been converted into "Boaters". Perhaps it would've done better as a digs.



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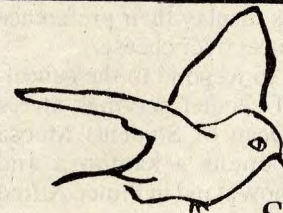
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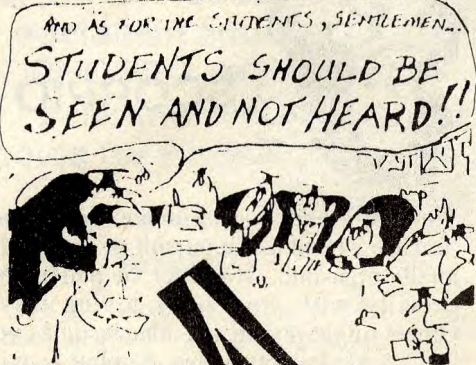
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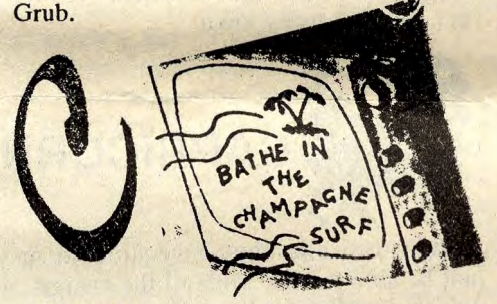
TOM TIT'S TRAVEL

Arriving at Rhodes can be a traumatic experience. There is much that is strange and unfamiliar. But do not fear. Rhodeo's guide to the alternative universe of Grahamstown will make the unfamiliar familiar (the strangeness is here to stay). Cut it out and keep it. Amaze your friends with your Rhodes-savy. Remember, you'll never walk alone with Rhodeo's guide to life, the university and everything.



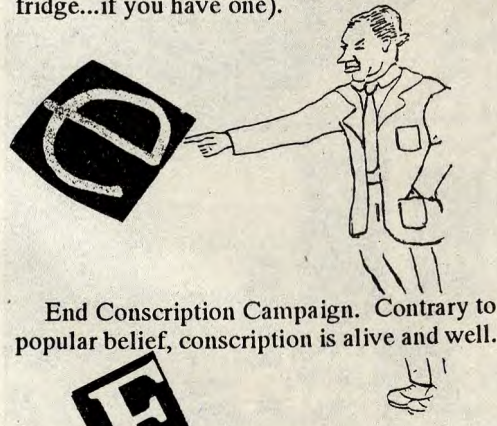
Administration and AIDS, well...tut, tut... Prevention is better than cure! But seriously, AIDS is not a joke and precautions should be taken.

Bots gardens - the sole-searching home of the Bungis who previously inhabited the Albert, which has evolved into the upbeat hangout of the colour-blind...Boater's Pub and Grub.



C - Controversy over the missing Condom-vending machines. The Crillion - a place to hangout and be cool; while the Cathcart has a slightly sophisticated aura about it.

Digs, the place you'll find an abundance of Grahamstown culture (growing behind your fridge...if you have one).



End Conscription Campaign. Contrary to popular belief, conscription is alive and well.



...is for food. If you're staying in Res, refer to T. F is also for the Family Planning clinic - an essential service in the community.

Ay to Zee



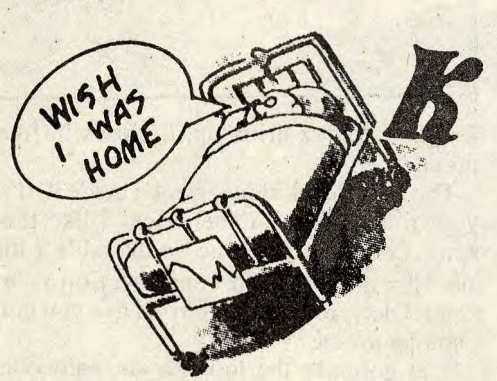
The Graham and the Grand Hotels, should possibly have been placed under C...crowded! Gino's, on the other-hand, is your genuine pizza and pasta supplier.

His Majesty's movie house...where you are guaranteed to see 8 month old films, starting with the third reel first and the first reel second. You do however have a choice of a smoking or non-smoking seating arrangement.



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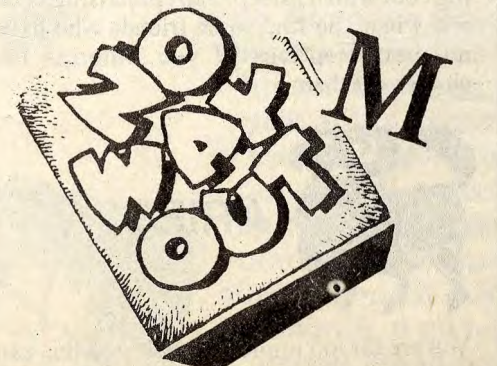
Journalism department...old journalists never die, they move to Grahamstown and lecture.



Kaif, the favourite hangout of the 11th hour essay scribblers, tutorial truants and Res food refugees.

L.S.D - the exotic brand of Liberal Students Democrats. There's a place on their executive committee for any unsuccessful independent SRC candidates.

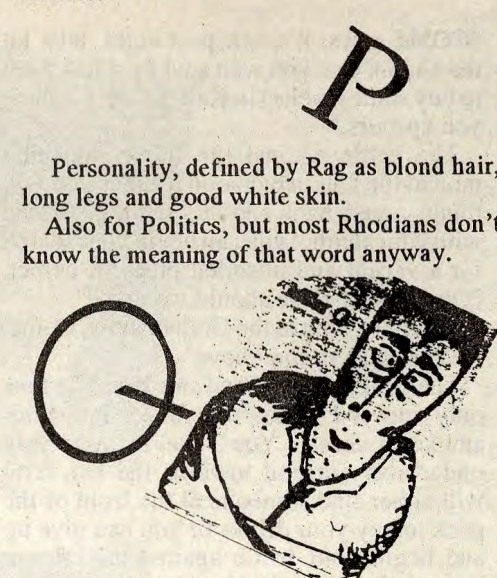
The Library, a shadowy institution rumoured to exist somewhere on campus..



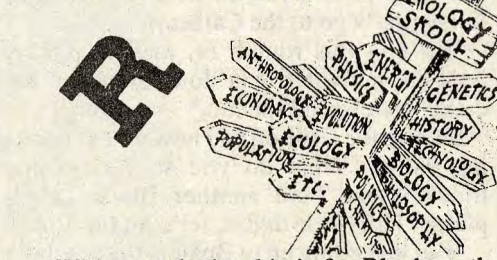
For Money - or more accurately, the absence there of. Particularly amongst the Oppie students who don't fit the description of Y.

Narc's, the official Bungi busters of G'town who also fill the role of "the model driver".

Orientation Week - glossy hairstyles, designer labels and virginity. Also for the Odeon, local cinema thought by experts to predate the arrival of the 1820 Settlers.



Miles Q, the mysterious, neurotic and sardonic observer of Rhodes creatures. (sardonic- ja ja, look it up for yourself)

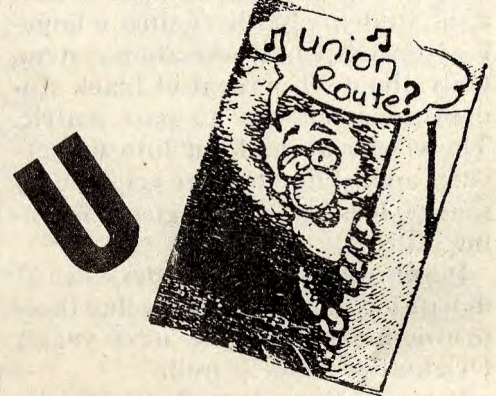


Without a doubt, this is for Rhodes - the place where Apartheid is condemned and elite white women are preferred as residents for Oriel Hall.

...is for SRC (Student Representative Council) - the organisation striving for democracy, non-racialism and non-sexism in all aspects of varsity life.

Also for Smoking; a popular habit...and cause for complaint and condemnation.

Tasteless. Refer back to B and consider Boater's decor. Also refer back to F.



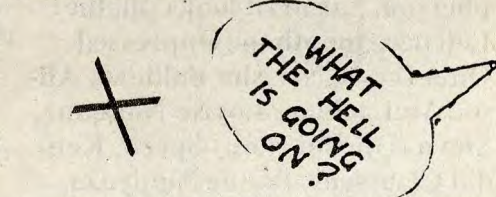
Union, the place that always manages to be between Res and wherever else you're going UPB (University Publishers and Booksellers) Stockists of everything you don't need and then some. P.S. "Go early to avoid the rush" (That comes later, when the books you needed actually arrived).



Vic! This is it... The "original place your mother warned you about".

Also V.C (Vice Chancellor), Doc Henderson, alias "Veteran of Conservatism"

Women's Group... When God created this group, she smiled.



...x-clusions. Pray that you have had a good education, or you could become one of the x-cluded..



Yuppies- Rolex watches, Ray Bans, leather jackets and Golf GTI's. Not hard to miss; they generally dress above the Grahamstown dress-code

Also Youth, generally a wasted commodity at Rhodes.

Zimbo's - Love them or leave them, but you can't miss their veldskoene.

RHODEO COMMENT

THE excitement, discovery and debauchery of Orientation Week, often obscures deeper problems in university education - quite simply; who gets into Rhodes, who gets kicked out and who can afford to be here.

It seems that this year will be no different.

Only about 20 percent of first years at Rhodes will be black this year. Admissions policies do not recognise the inequalities in South African education. Students battle against a hopelessly incompetent education system. Only about 39 percent of black students even manage to pass matric. Those who do make it into universities and technikons are crippled by soaring fees and a lack of basic learning skills.

Despite the recent "Rhodes Ahead" debate it is more than likely that these problems will plague next year's Orientation week as well.

It is one thing to call the Rhodes community together to chat about it's future, it is another to allow all parts of the community a part in directing that future.

The existing channels of university policy formulation and implementation are no good.

Rhodes needs a university-wide forum to examine the challenges facing Rhodes.

Beyond that the forum needs to be able to put its resolutions into practice. It must therefore not only input into Rhodes' decision-making structures, but have the full backing of those structures.

Getting that support will require the joint co-operation of students, workers and academics on a scale that is yet to be seen at Rhodes.

The challenge facing students this year is to bring such co-operation into being.

CREDITORIAL

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The Doors to Simply Red, Bread and Dire Straits for aural stimulation.

RHODEO popularity scores:

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Steyn 5

Marc 3.

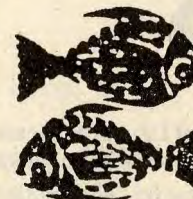
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AQUARIUS

Now's the time to release your inhibitions and reveal your true amorous colours. Visit old, but totally sexy friends who have recently moved to greener pastures or else you may just bite the dust.



PISCES

It's time to stop being a lecherous loafer, and start focussing all your energy on looking cool whilst asleep. Start practising now, and when you find some friends who have no preconceptions of you...impress the clothes off them.



ARIES

You are far too impressionable and this can be hazardous to your health, as the healthiest person is one who questions. Beware of arsonists who try to convince you to join 'GREENPEACE'. Trust in RHODEO-TYPES, for they are a wholesome bunch.



TAURUS

Taureans take no bull from anyone, yet give a lot of shit themselves. Here's your opportunity to do something useful for a change, so whilst you're still feeling energetic, capture a million mozzies and donate them to the local blood bank.



GEMINI

Your greatest asset now is your split-personality, which should enable you to convince overprotective parents that you are studying ferociously, and have already half completed your thesis. Never mind that you haven't stirred from a drunken stupor yet!



CANCER

In an uncharacteristic, ungodly way you might be trying to challenge people in charge or hardened RHODIANS. DON'T! Try not to succumb to authoritarians wearing swastika earrings or brooches as this will only land you in deep shit.



LEO

The ever-changing G-Town weather may now prove to be your downfall, as you could be in for some 'flu. This could put a damper on your love-life as runny noses tend to be an embarrassing obstacle during those intimate moments.



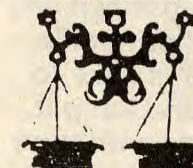
VIRGO

Your perfectionist nature will drive everyone nuts, as you are never satisfied with anything disagreeable to you. Rhodes is not a place for perfection, rather some-

by Di Vine



where where people's imperfections add to the small-town flavour.



LIBRA

Your eccentricities may just piss some people off, but who the hell cares?! Go for it! Be whatever you wish to be, as long as you do it in the privacy of your own room.



SCORPIO

You hot-blooded, passionate fiend you! You are a hedonist in pursuit of something totally orgasmic. However, be patient, especially with your lusty loving ways. Others might not be as enthusiastic as you are. And try not to mix Sambucca with domestic animals.



SAGITTARIUS

Your excessive sexiness could cause you to be the talk of the town for your first three weeks, however once everyone discovers how fickle you are, you may just have to keep a low profile for some time. Remember...this is a teeny town.



CAPRICORN

Your pathetically, puny bone-structure may not be able to cope with all the energising which Rhodes holds...so be sure to stay hidden away for the first few months. (PS. The Library is always a good place!)

REMEMBER...YOU HEARD IT ON THE DI-VINE!!!

Stream of (un)consciousness

"COME guys, it's half past eight, let's hit the Union. Can you wait a while, I just want to buy some smokes in Kaif. Okay, I'll meet you upstairs."

The battle against the thirsty, pushing mob at the Union bar soon teaches you two things: push back and buy in bulk. Armed with your alcohol you can begin your search for a vacant and unsoiled piece of carpet. "Okay, what game should we play?"

"Mark's going to the Graham now. Come, we'll squash in somehow."

The Graham is full and smokey. The fans only succeed in forcing fumes into non-smokers' chests. You squeeze your way under every armpit towards the bar. You will either find someone at the front of the pack to buy your drinks or you can give up and begin your battle against the current towards fresh air.

"Okay, let's go to the Crillion. There's no one there yet. Maybe the Mot. Too far. I'm thirsty, let's go to the Cathcart."

"I'll buy this round. Ja, mellow. Okay, let's leave. Watch you don't stand on the dogs. Wait I need the loo."

Back to the Crillion and now you're cooking baby! "What do you say? Sambucca time! Whoa. And another Black Label, please. Partytime dudes, let's hit the Vic."

"I'm just going up to Boaters to see who's there. One Black Label please. No, no one exciting. Mostly just people playing backgammon. Got the munchies, I'm going to



Bambi's. Quick drink up, it closes in five minutes.

The Vic. "Look at me, guys. I made it. It's your round. Black Label. Hey, I like this song. Let's dance. Come on the table with me. Hey, get this, I just spilt beer on your sister. Okay, my round. Sorry, have you got a smoke for me?"

"I'm going to the loo. Ah sis, someone threw-up in the basin again. Has anyone here got a tissue or something? I hate drip drying. Hey, did you see where I left my

wallet? 'scuze me, have you seen a black wallet? Sorry, did I leave my wallet here? *\$&#@! Could you lend me some money? I'll pay you back tomorrow. Let's boogie. Get down! Hey, the others have all gone. They had to take Colleen home. Shame, not well. We can get a lift with Craig. Apparently there's a digs party in African street. No, no, I'm not drinking anymore. What? The last song already? Okay, let's stumble home. You hitch. Aah, I hate tomorrow morning already."

Meeting Mother Russia

The biggest international news of the last couple of months has been the fall of the Soviet Union. SARAH LETCHER took a trip to what is now the Russian Republic to confront the world behind the news. Here she shares her experiences.

RUSSIA, the word evokes televised images of starving children, endless food queues and empty shop shelves. In the midst of the present political confusion and economic impoverishment, these are the harsh realities. Yet behind this grayness is a fairytale land of gold-domed cathedrals and ancient monasteries decorated with hand-painted frescoes and icons. The contrast is incredible.

Our tour arrived in Moscow at 11pm, minus sixteen degrees celsius and snowing. Our guide, Valentine, was a jolly, Yogi Bear type. A real Ruskie. The hotel, like most of Moscow's building and cars, was built in a late 50's style. Hotel Cosmos was a soaring, semi-circular, 25-storey building. Each floor had a mysterious key-lady watching the tourists' every move.

High above the impressive Kremlin the red flag still flutters

We dumped our luggage and headed off on a midnight metro bound for Red Square (we hoped); just two of us and a guide book. We finally made it to the splendour of Red Square - snow-covered, magical St Basil's and the impressive Kremlin (meaning fortress) still with the red flag fluttering above it.

Apart from Red Square and the beautiful Kremlin cathedrals, Moscow in December is very bleak. Rows and rows of grey apartment blocks line the snow-slashed roads. Shops are not distinguishable to a tourist's eye.

Our tourist group conned us into going to a 40 dollar Bolshoi Ballet while the rouble price was the equivalent of a few US cents. The performance was fantastic, enhanced by champagne at interval for only 25 cents.



The Communist Party's insignia and the portraits of Lenin on the theatre curtains seemed almost nostalgic.

A visit to the Armoury in the Kremlin showed us the riches of the Tsars, gold and red velvet covered carriages, jewel encrusted thrones and the famous Faberge eggs.

Stepping outside to hordes of demanding black marketeers shoving postcards and

Matryoshka dolls into our foreign faces was a step into the reality of the corrupt and ruined economy. These young barterers, however, are incredibly rich since they insist on hard currency from tourists. One dollar, in early December 1991, was worth 100 roubles on the black market. Five hundred roubles being the average monthly wage.

Russians seemed to have lost all faith in their country's volatile economic situation. There is little to buy in shops and basic foods are rationed, including vodka - another currency. Yet there is an urgency to make money because nobody knows what will happen tomorrow. The desperation was clearly visible in our spacious hotel lobby which was lined with prostitutes. The local police ignored them for a fee.

The tour included a three day trip into the nearby country towns of Zagorsk, Yaroslavl, Suzdal and Vladimir. These ancient villages are full of well-preserved Russian Orthodox Churches, monasteries, and many architectural monuments dating back to the tenth century. It is here in the rural heartland of Russia that the historical richness is most strongly felt. After a day of sightseeing in Suzdal we were treated to an evening of folk dancing and traditional Russian songs, accompanied by some home made mead and Russian "vinsky".

St Petersburg (remember Leningrad) is surely one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Built on the River Neva, which opens into the Gulf of Finland, it was influenced greatly by Western Europe architecture. Elegant buildings line the streets and 700 bridges link up the many islands the city is built on.

Art collections that stretch for 25 kilometres

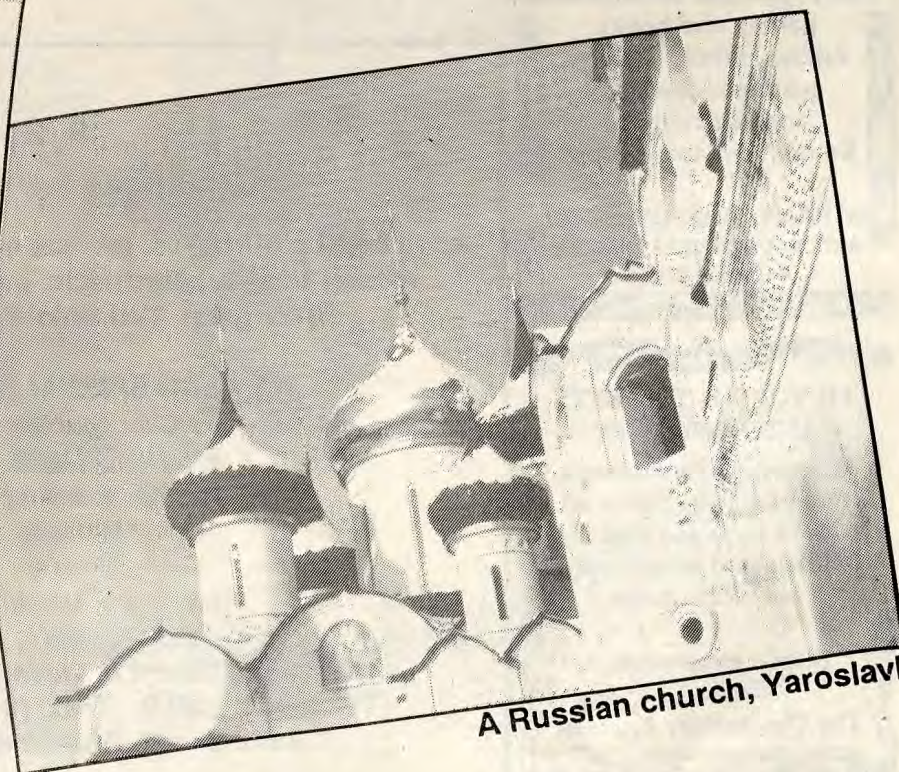
The Winter Palace, home to the Tsars, now houses the extensive art collection of the Hermitage, which has corridors of exhibits for more than 25km. Needless to say, we only saw a few Rembrandt's, Van Gogh's and Picasso's. Standing in the impressive Palace Square, one could imagine the thronging angry crowds storming the palace in 1905...1917...1991.

St Petersburg is renowned for its delicious ice cream which can be bought for one rouble anywhere along the 4km long Nevsky Prospect. In the freezing temperatures this is not just a tourist attraction but a Russian tradition.

Without being fluent in the language, it would be problematic to visit Russia without a tour. Few Russians can speak good English. Tours can be rather restrictive and views on Russia often biased, coming from one guide. Nevertheless, the experience is unforgettable and an appetizer for a future grand trip to Russia.



St Basils on Red Square, Moscow



A Russian church, Yaroslavl

Computer facilities for all students

GONE are the days when computers were huge machines, ran mainly scientific programmes and financial packages. Modern technology has seen the advent of cheaper and more powerful shoe-box size computers, accompanied by an enormous range of software applications that can be used by people in all walks of life. Most students at Rhodes, from aspiring anthropologists to zoologists, can benefit from the computing facilities available at the university.

Besides those computers belonging to individual academic departments, there are a number of computing facilities on the Rhodes campus that are available to all staff and students. This means that any student can have access not only to IBM-compatible PC's (which, for example, provide word-processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics facilities), but also to more powerful multi-user computers which offer a wide range of other applications (such as electronic mail and news, statistical and mathematical packages, access to remote computers, etc.).

Students wishing to use these computing facilities at Rhodes must visit the computing centre secretary on the ground floor of the Struben Building (the Computer Sciences building) to complete a User Registration

form. Registered users have access to a network of IBM-compatible PC's which allow for the use of LEGAL copies of many packages such as WordPerfect, PCWrite and Professional Write (word-processor), Quattro-Pro and PlanPerfect (spreadsheets), DrawPerfect (graphics), PC-File (database), and Statgraphics (statistical analysis). Many students are already taking advantage of the word-processing packages to prepare essays, reports, mini-theses and theses. Others use the spreadsheet and statistical packages to process or analyse their experimental data and produce graphical output of their results.

The network PC's can also be used to access the more powerful multi-user computers on the Rhodes network. These provide other facilities such as electronic mail (email), net news, and powerful database, statistical analysis and mathematical packages.

The electronic mail facility (email) allows computer users to exchange messages with other users on the network. Rhodes is part of "UNINET", the South African academic computing network, which is connected to most South African universities as well as some research institutions. Rhodes is the South African gateway to the "Internet", a worldwide network of computing networks.



This link to the Internet also provides another useful facility - that of "Net News", which is a world-wide information exchange service covering numerous topics in science and everyday life. The topics are organised in "newsgroups" which are open to anyone wishing to post articles on a subject related to the topic for the group. Besides numerous newsgroups involving computing and scientific topics, one can subscribe to newsgroups covering such diverse interests as African culture, feminism, human rights, and eastern religion (to name but a few!). Sporting and recreational topics are also well-covered, with for example, newsgroups on aquaria, basketball, chess, recipes, running and scuba-diving.

Finally, a word on the support that students can expect from the Computing Centre: the Academic Support (not ASP!) section of the Computing Centre only has sufficient person-power to provide comprehensive support to staff and post-graduate students, e.g. pointing them in the right direction when they first register, or when they encounter problems. There is a Computer Society on campus, run by students. This society will be offering several introductory-level computing courses to its members.

Rag hoping to create awareness

LAST year Rhodes Rag broke a record by raising R109 000, which has never been achieved on this campus before.

This year Rag is not only aiming to raise more money to be dispersed amongst their beneficiaries, but are striving to create awareness amongst students.

"Rag is a rave but it is also much more, and we want people to be aware of where the money goes to. Many people imagine it's spent on another party, but they are very wrong. Rag '92 is going to set this straight," was the message from this year's Rag exec members.

Rag Chairperson, Gaby Sidley said, "We want Rhodians to become involved in the 'serious side' of Rag too - the side that is too often forgotten."

Rag will continue to be the major source of entertainment for the first term, culminating in a street procession and Carnival on March 7.

The first event being held is Dynamics, an inter-res volleyball and indoor soccer tournament which is aimed at giving people the opportunity to meet.

Dynamics will be held at Alec Mullins Hall on February 5, 6 and 8. Reses are encouraged to enter as many teams as possible.

Greens gear up

THE Group for Environmental Action at Rhodes (Gear) is planning an informative and innovative, environmentally active year for Rhodes.

Campaigns will centre around vital issues like recycling, local pollution, education on campus and in schools, and how to shop with

a green conscience. Rhodes will also be having an exciting "Rhodes Goes Green" Week.

GEAR needs plenty of support during 1992 to help motivate, vitalise and recycle. You can join at the GEAR table during Orientation week, or at the Societies Evening on February 20.

For more information about the group, contact Karen Kallmann at Prince Alfred House, or leave a note in her box in the SRC offices in the Student Union Building.

Rep system needs support

WITHOUT active communication between students and lecturers, education is in danger of becoming a farce. Class reps provide a vital channel for student opinion. Without a keen reliable Class rep, problems may crop up and fail to be dealt with. Problems such as bored, uninterested lecturers giving unprepared lectures without adequate course outlines, are often neglected with the present class rep system.

There is a need for a new, dynamic Class Rep system to work in conjunction with the Arts and Social Science Faculty Council (AASSFC). Class Reps will have a responsibility to their fellow students and will act as mediators between them and their lecturers.

Class Reps will not be left in the lurch to find their way in the dark! The AASSFC will hand out a specially compiled Class Rep Manual and will provide a workshop shortly after elections to set Class Reps on the right course. There will be close interaction between Reps and the AASSFC members, so 1992 promises to be more organised and should begin and end on a positive note.

Please give all your support to this new Class Rep system. Remember - it's your education!

Gay support group

IGNORANCE is bliss, they say.

Homosexuality is a concept that is foreign to most heterosexuals. Whether you do not understand the meaning of "homosexuality", or if you are unable to accept yourself as a homosexual, the results are the same: alienation and ignorance.

Rhodes University has established a Gay and Lesbian Action Group. The groups' priority at present is to act as a support group which offers ideas and information about the struggle towards acceptance.

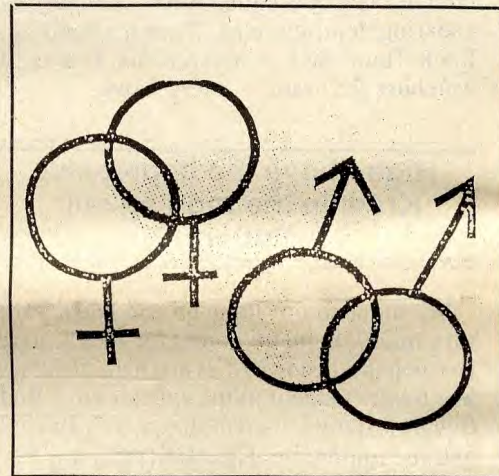
Discussions will be informal and social. You are invited to share experiences and help solve common problems. Attendance records will be confidential, so those who have not "come out of the closet" can feel safe in the groups' understanding environment.

understanding environment.

For now the group will meet by word of mouth. It is necessary to see if there is a need for the group on Rhodes' campus. If there is support, the "Stone Wall" Society will become official.

It is necessary to discuss topics such as Gay and Lesbian rights, homophobia, bisexuality (is it possible?), AIDS (is it a Gay disease?), and the need to practice safe sex in all sexual relationships. The group plans to help fellow gays and lesbians to accept themselves, and give advice on how to confront parents and friends about your sexuality.

For more information about the support group and its meeting arrangements, contact Larissa Klazinga at Prince Alfred res.



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1. the inviolability of personal and property rights.
2. freedom of association, contract, speech movement and choice (free from government intervention)
3. we reject all pseudo "rights" and "freedoms" which by their existence or exercise would violate the rights of others.

Geogsoc

THE Geography Society (Geogsoc) at Rhodes University is one of the oldest societies and although it has been a relatively small organisation, it has some exciting plans in the pipeline for 1992.

1992 is the year that GeogSoc plans to entertain its members. We have planned a canoe trip down one of the local rivers, various braais and get togethers, and most importantly a trip to either Argentina or Russia is being organised for three or four weeks in the mid-year vacation.

We encourage you to join GeogSoc and look forward to seeing you all at our first braai

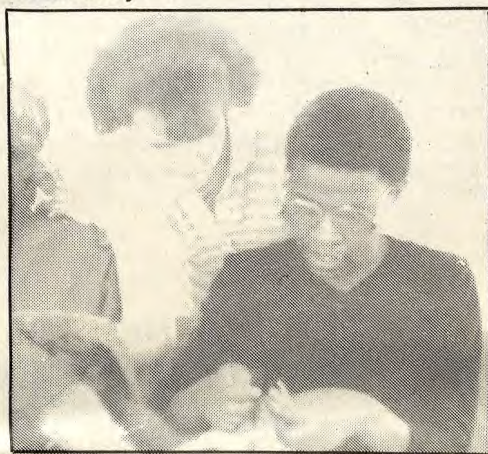
RUSCO reaches out

RHODES University Student Community Organisation (Rusco) is actively involved in the development and promotion of welfare and education within the Grahamstown community.

Projects include teaching English, health care, art and other subjects to street children; organising activities to stimulate the development of children at the Raglan Road Child Care Centre; coaching sport at underprivileged schools, and visiting children or the aged in Settlers Hospital. There are also a number of new projects planned for this year. This reflects Rusco's important role in the community.

Rusco strives to apply the principle of "community empowerment", or helping people help themselves, and it sees increased student participation as an integral link in achieving this goal.

The success of Rusco depends on the participation, enthusiasm and commitment of students. You can make a contribution by joining Rusco. Make your mark in Grahamstown - sign up during Orientation Week or at Societies Evening.



Rhodes Music Radio



RHODES Music Radio (RMR) came back to life on Wednesday February 5, and at the same time, campus, reses and Kaif started "getting down".

RMR has been blaring for ten years and is aspiring to provide the best radio entertainment ever. With their newly jacked-up studio, there is no doubt they will do this and more. RMR Dee-Jays and staff are enthusiastic about the possible deregulation of radio and the freeing of the airwaves. "We've got an exciting time ahead," said Dee-Jay and Station Manager, Marc Bovin.

As far as plans for 1992 go, it sounds great. RMR say they have LOTS of parties, promotions and competitions lined-up for Orientation week, Registration Week and the rest of 1992. From the look of things, RMR is going to be hotter than it's ever been before.

Other events occurring this year are the

Camel Nationwide campus tour, offering super jorls and unique prizes, as well as the Grahamstown Festival FM project with Radio 5. Unfortunately the usual Camel Campus Dee-Jay Competition will not be taking place, but Camel definitely are making up for it.

The RMR Disco performs regularly at the Vic as well as at Great Hall jorls. The station has encouraged national bands to visit Grahamstown, and have arranged a show by "Fly by Night" in April.

Auditions for Dee-Jays, newsreaders, sports presenters and producers will take place from February 11-14. Students interested in this kind of media should take up the RMR offer.

RMR is offering super prizes and competitions especially for Orientation and Registration weeks. So for a campus station that is keeping pace with the times, stay tuned to the campus number one, or catch them at the Vic.

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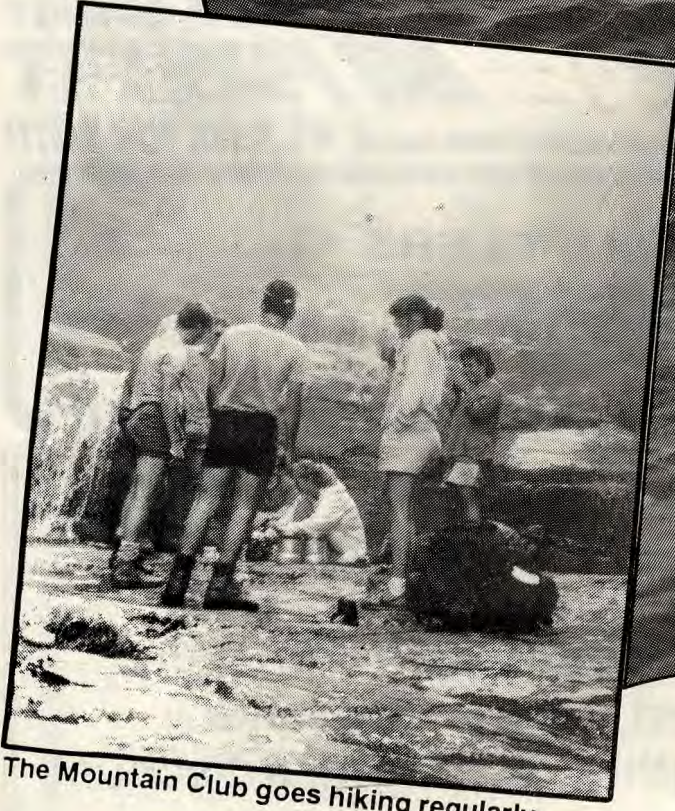


Rhodes Waterpolo Team won EP League last year



Rugby at Rhodes is fun to watch

Rhodes' surfers make waves

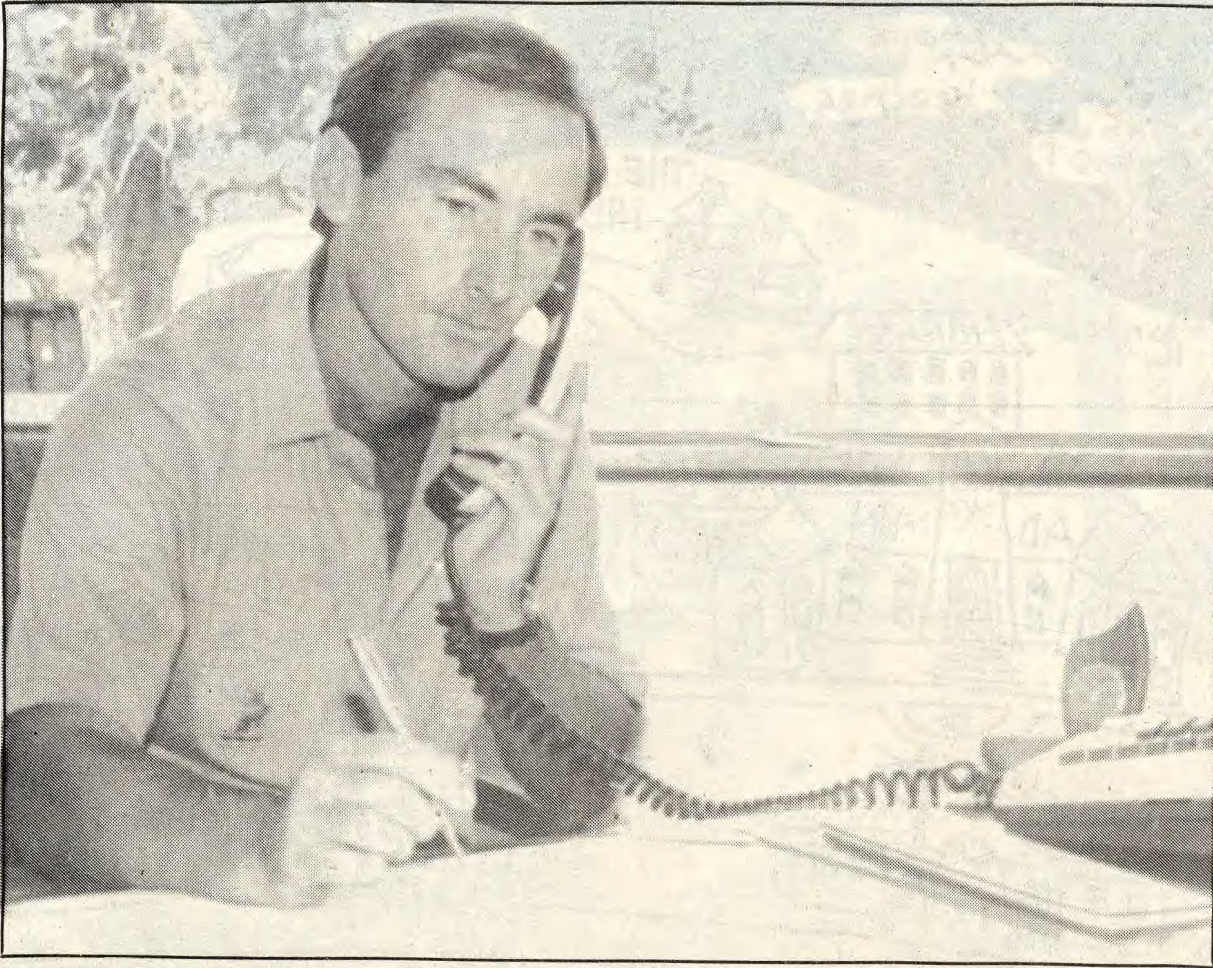


The Mountain Club goes hiking regularly



Rhodes' Rowing Team is the best in the country

Dial U for unity



THE accent in sport this year will be on unity and the creation of one unified structure out of the present South African Universities (SAU) and South African Tertiary Institution Sports Union (SATISU).

"Rhodes has been at the forefront of creating unity at university level and will continue to initiate, promote and look forward to a unified structure in sport," said Head of Sports Admin, Pete Andrew.

"With much activity in national sports unity over the last few months, we expect it to filter down to university level very soon and follow the example of soccer and cricket which are both unified.

"Rhodes is unlike most universities in that all students are automatically members of the sports council and therefore have free access to all facilities," said Mr Andrew.

Rhodes campus is compact, and access to sports facilities is therefore easy. Competitive sport is offered in most codes through competition in leagues, either locally or in Port Elizabeth.

The extensive inter-res sports programme encourages more social participation and counts towards the annual inter-res

competition. Hobson House was the winning women's res last year and Cory/Matthews the winning men's res, with the Oppidans second in both cases.

Rhodes is unique in the level of involvement of students in organising their sports activities. Students are encouraged to join committees and become coaches to provide necessary experience for future careers.

Sports Council is made up of elected students and staff, while the Sports Forum represents all codes and is the policy making body of council. The Sports Admin provides professional back-up to the clubs with three permanent and two part-time officers.

Rhodes has an extensive sports bursaries programme designed to attract top sportspersons and to reward achievers. 73 bursaries were offered this year from about 300 applications.

"The university has recognised the need for development in sport and made the grant available for more sports bursaries and an extensive school liaison programme. The standard of sport is expected to improve this year," Mr Andrew said.

Barcelona?

TWO top Rhodes rowers look set to go to the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

The S.A Amateur Rowing Union has announced that Andrew MacLachlan and Nicholas Leck have been selected as part of the squad which will go to the Olympics.

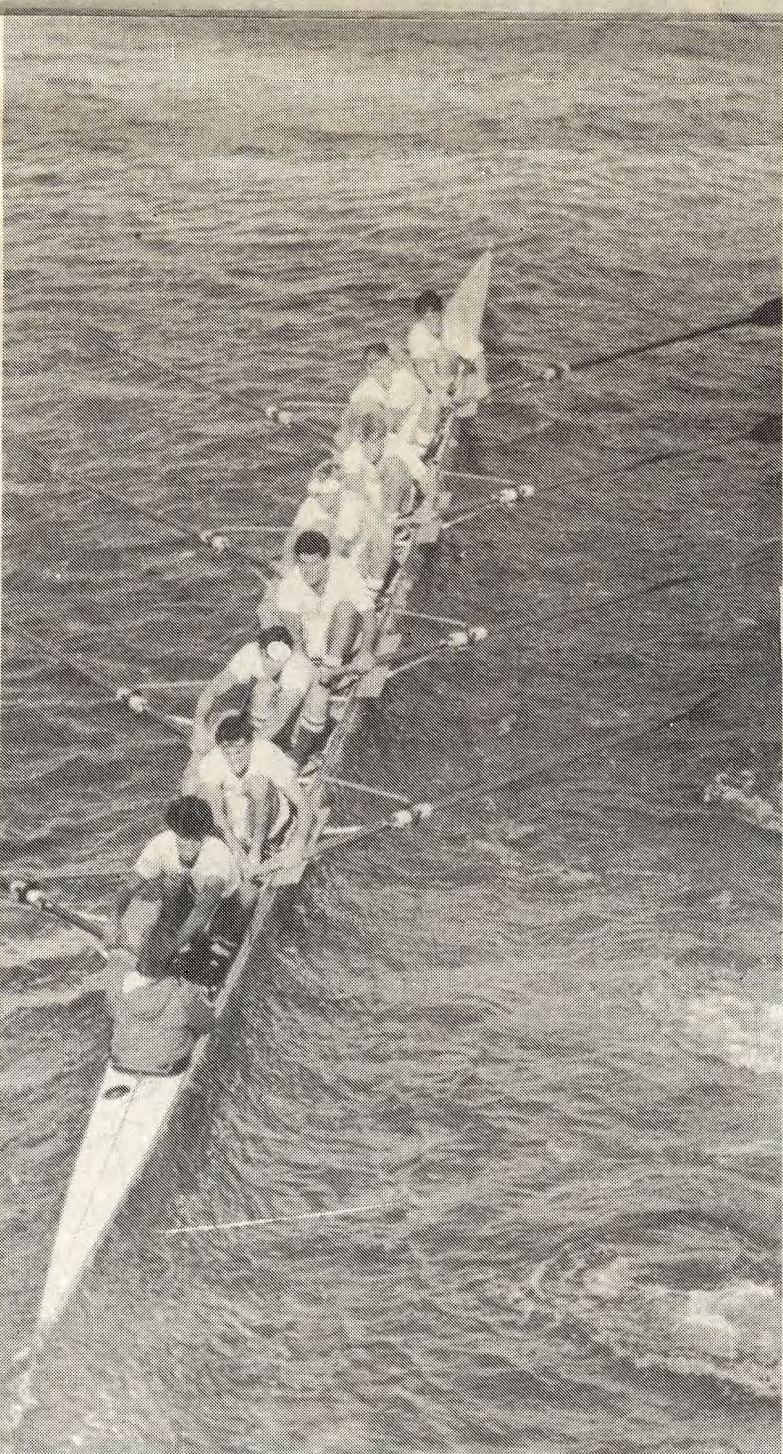
The SA squad, made up of members from Johannesburg rowing clubs, as well as the two Rhodes rowers, are going ahead with training. Harold Blum, a West German coach, is preparing the squad for the final selection, in practices that take place in Johannesburg regularly.

Twelve oarsmen out of the fourteen man squad will be selected as the crew that will take part in the Barcelona Olympics. The final selection will take place in May of this year.

When asked how he thought the S.A crew would feature against international competition, Andrew MacLachlan said: "It'll be tough because we've been out of it [international competition] for a long time. It's going to be quite a battle."

As far as academics go Andrew and Nick, who are both second years, won't have much time for studying in the next six months because of squad training in Johannesburg. The final Olympic crew is supposedly going on an overseas tour two months prior to the Olympics. This tour will illustrate the South African crews' competence in comparison to international teams.

But for now, both Nick and Andrew are members of the Trident Team (they have received National Colours), and will take part in the Vaal Riviera Regatta on February 8 and 9. The Trident team will compete against crews like the Leander Team from Great Britain,



Take the knight away



Following the national symbol controversy, STEYN SPEED argues that Rhodes Sports Union should revise its symbol.

THE Sports Union's "Mounted Knight" has to go.

Since South Africa's recent reform process began, it has desperately been trying to shake off the symbols of its colonial past.

The "Knight" represents that co-

lonial past. It is a symbol imported from Europe, which has no relevance in modern Africa.

Furthermore it is a symbol of the terror and carnage that was called the Crusades.

It signifies an age where women were a subservient (albeit revered) group, and men had to prove themselves through violent, gruesome acts.

If the sports administration is serious about becoming part of a new South African sports era, it must change its image - starting with that knight.

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