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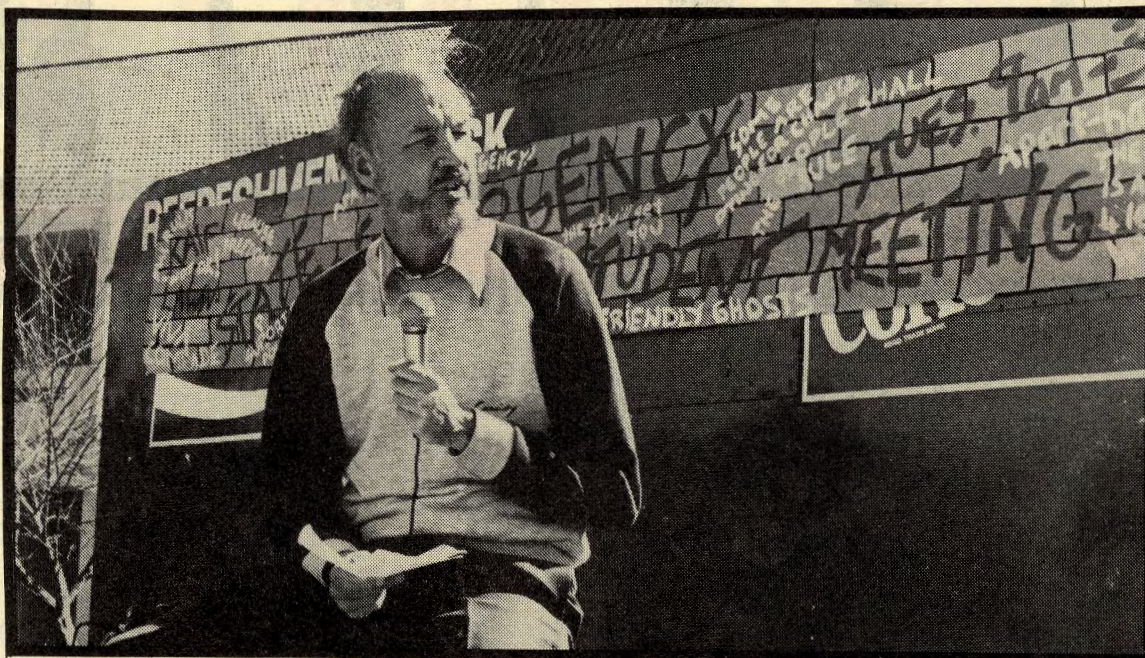
150 Students Protest

A campus prayer service and a programme of alternative education was part of the NUSAS day of protest against the State of Emergency last week.

Over 150 Rhodes students boycotted lectures last Tuesday day join in the nationwide protest against the State of Emergency.

A student meeting held in the quad two weeks ago to discuss the possible forms of protest decided on a day of Protest with invited speakers to address students on contemporary issues.

The day's programme consisted of the consumer boycott, Inkatha, a Christian viewpoint and the End Conscription Campaign. Ex-SRC member, Oliva Forsyth, and Rhodes University staff member, Sue Lund gave accounts of their experiences while in detention under the State of Emergency regulations. A song workshop was also held.



Lecturer of Divinity, Rev. Tom Cunningham, addresses students on a "Christian viewpoint" against the State of Emergency.

Under the Emergency regulations wide powers are granted to all members of the SAP, the SADF, Railway Police and

the prisons department. Complete indemnity is also given to all members of the "Forces". No complaints of this

conduct can be brought against any of the Security forces.

Over 31 affidavits containing details of misconduct by the Security forces were collected by the Port Elizabeth PFP. Police have declined to comment on allegations of such conduct.

The detainees' Parents Support Committee has received several accounts of alleged torture of detainees held under the emergency regulations.

"We hope that as the extent of brutality and repression becomes more evident, more students will feel the responsibility to participate in peaceful protest against these actions," said SRC President Barry du Toit, who was one of the organisers of the Day of Protest.

The Vice-chancellor, Dr D Henderson, sent a memorandum to all heads of Department forbidding them from cancelling any lectures during the Day of Protest..

AIESEC'S Aims

Paddy Kleu, President of the 1400-strong AIESEC said, "AIESEC is not political".

AIESEC wants to bridge the gap between students, the business-world and academics" according to the new AIESEC President Paddy Kleu.

AIESEC has many new ideas which are still in the pipeline - a Speakers Club, tutorship in the township. "But these ideas will be final-

ised at the National AGM".

"We need more talks to make people aware of the economic situation and how it interacts with the political". Commenting on the economic situation, he said, "We don't see the good that can come from the closing of the stock exchange. The political unrest is rife in the country today and it only tends to worsen the situation".

Visiting lecturer's remarks

"The day I arrived, the state of emergency was declared, but I don't think there was any connection between the two events," remarks the department of education's visiting lecturer Antony Adams.

Rhodes sounded out Mr Adams, a lecturer at Cambridge University, for his views on education.

"I feel very strongly that schools have to be

resistant to what is going on in a great deal of the rest of society," he said.

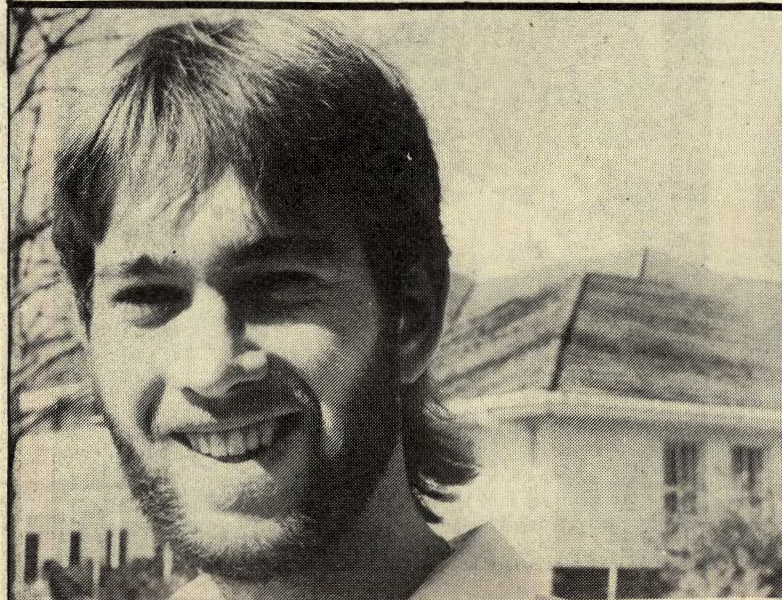
"They have to give students the resources within themselves to think through and resist things they disapprove of in the societies in which they find themselves."

"I think education should offer people insights into economic and political

issues."

Mr Adams, a prolific author, described racially separate education as "quite an absurd situation" when viewed from a "purely financial" angle.

"It seems to me that nothing could move towards a greater understanding between the people of your country than to have a desegregated education system," said Mr Adams.



AIESEC's new president, Paddy Kleu.

Robin returns to media

People are less freaky at Rhodes nowadays. Way back in '76 they were more concerned about their personal liberties, somewhat more sophisticated and more pragmatic. But none were sufficiently hard-headed or cynical to be effective politicians. So says Robin Frost - once a Journ student, now a lecturer in the same department.

After obtaining his BA Robin hoped to do joint honours in Journalism and

Psychology, but was refused permission to do so. Having been much more exposed to the journalistic field, Robin opted for Psycho honours. Before proceeding with his Psycho Masters, Robin lectured in the Journalism department for a year.

After completing his Masters, Robin spent six months doing an internship at Tara, a psychiatric hospital in Johannesburg. Here he dealt with people who had personality dis-

order and schizophrenia. He also worked with teenagers with exaggerated adolescent problems, as well as anorexics.

"I just like Rhodes, and wish to stay a little longer," said Robin, who has applied for a permanent post in the Journ department. But he's not disassociating himself from psychology and would like to do research on the socio-psychological effects of the mass media.

Turning their backs on Racism

Black students achieved a major victory at a meeting held in the Zoo Major recently when strong demands which they put to the Vice Chancellor were accepted unconditionally.

The demands were:

- that the VC write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Culture condemning the permit system required for black Pharmacy students.
- that the letter written to prospective Pharmacy students advising them to go to Turfloop be withdrawn.
- that the academic point system be reviewed and revised.
- that lecturers who had credibility among students be allowed to form a new bursary committee to monitor allocations.

The demands had been drawn up at a mass meeting held in Kaif the previous day. Steve Sommerville, a Philosophy lecturer, Ashwin Desai and Monde Tabata addressed students, outlining the



unfairness of the present system, and calling for some form of action. At the end of the meeting it was decided to march on Admin and put forward the demands.

The BSM said that unless their demands were met they would:

- boycott Kaif and the Rhodes Club.
- Write letters to universities in Europe and America telling them to ban Pharmacy lecturers from attending conferences or taking sabbatical leave at these universities.
- Enlist the aid of anti-apartheid movements in achieving this goal.

At the time of going to press the VC had written a forceful letter to the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Turfloop letter had been withdrawn and replaced by a far more reasonable one, and negotiations were under way for the Bursaries Committee.

On the Inside looking out

My first reaction to questions about 14 days of detention under the Emergency regulations is always "It wasn't so bad". Mainly because I am a white woman, the treatment I received was much better than that of many black activists I knew.

Two security policemen came to fetch me at the house of a friend on Thursday 8 August. They took me home searched my room, and allowed me to pack a toothbrush, a change of clothing and a Bible. Then we drove to Alexandria, where I spent 5 days in the police cells.

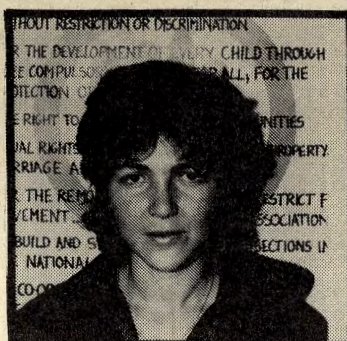
Although the cell was cold and the narrow stretcher uncomfortable, the food was brought from a local hotel.

On the fifth day of my detention, they took me to

North End prison in Port Elizabeth (otherwise known as "Rooi Hel"). Although the food was awful (all prisoners get a mandatory typhoid injection), in many ways the conditions there were much better. Dealing with prison bureaucracy is so trying that you have to laugh or you'd go crazy, but it made a difference to sleep in a real bed with sheets and a prison nightie, to have a hot bath every day and to have a window to stare out of (although this is against regulations).

This is prison routine at "Rooi Hel":

- 6:00 am Wake up
- 7:00 am Breakfast is served (porridge and bread)
- 11:30 am Lunch (4 slices of bread and orange juice)
- 3:30 pm Supper (mealie rice, a vegetable and meat)



Olivia Forsyth, a post-grad Rhodes student and ex-SRC Exec. member, was recently released after spending two weeks in detention under the State of Emergency regulations.

Olivia describes her experience.

A hot, sweet, brown unidentifiable liquid was served with breakfast and supper, and we were allowed exercise in the courtyard in the mornings and afternoons. Lock-up was at 4pm and lights-out at 8pm.

As a prisoner under the Emergency regulations, you are placed in solitary confinement with no reading or writing materials except the Bible. Solitary confinement means hours of nothing to do and no-one to talk to. I was lucky enough to have half-hour visits from my parents, who, like most people, could not understand why I had been detained. I also managed to communicate with my friend Sue Lund, who had been picked up 4 days before me. Despite severe warnings, we managed to shout to each other down the corridor

until Sue was released.

The last major distraction from solitary was two three-hour interrogation sessions with the security police. I was not in any way threatened or forced to answer questions. They asked me about my involvement in civic and community organisations, about specific incidents and about people close to me. They also spent a lot of time telling me how much they knew; it was clear that they have extensive surveillance networks, including informers.

Black political prisoners had far worse treatment than I; their only hope was to refuse to be beaten. And their courage was my inspiration.

CAMPUS

Bopping and boogying around Kaif Lawns

Bohemians, out dated hippies, straights, locals, weirdos, you name it (but no Bungies) thank you) poured onto the Kaif lawns in their colourful numbers last Saturday morning for the Oppie Craft Market.

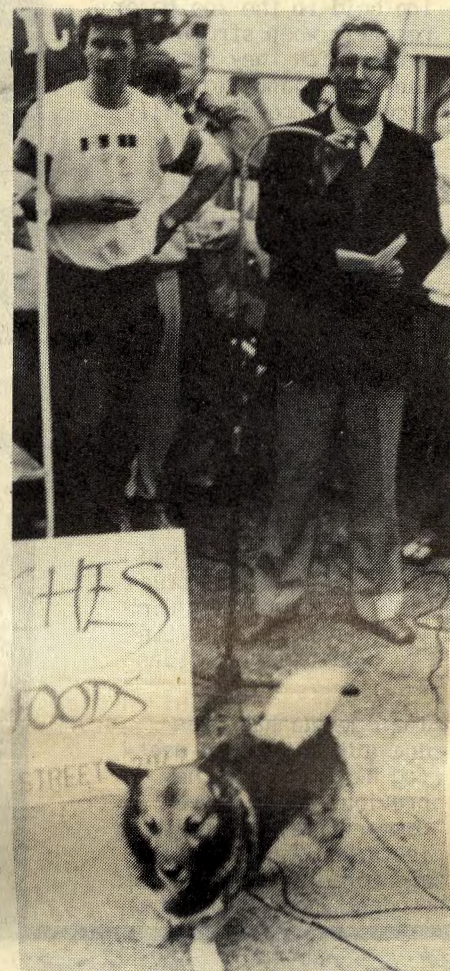
The craft market always seems to attract quite a crowd. People come to be seen (Video 2 was there) and to see and maybe buy something if you could afford it.

RMR played away completing the last day of their marathon and the people boogied and bopped their way around. Students or anyone else who felt like making a little money on the side, were there selling whatever they could - hotdogs, schwarmas, books, old clothes, earrings and much more.

One of the highlights of the market was a play put on by the End Conscription Committee. The play deserves a lot of praise. Its spontaneity and strong visual impact made it a dynamic and interesting spectacle to watch.

At the end of the DJ marathon a toast was made by our very own Vice-Chancellor, Dr Henderson, to celebrate RMR's 5th birthday. All in all, Saturday was a rave - what more can I say?

Kari McGugan



Forced Removals?

Two residences could be due for a reshuffle next year.

The chance of Salisbury House becoming a mixed res is very likely while it has been confirmed by Kimberly Hall warden. Major Gelshig, that Stanley Kidd will become a male res.

Major Gelshig said that Stanley Kidd women, who make up one-quarter of the res, will be moved out due to a lack of womens facilities such as their own common room, a washing room and duty room. He also expects a high enrolment of men next year, and this accommodation will be needed.

According to Salisbury House residents, the administration claims that the res is a security threat and an ideal target for bomb attacks. "We are very upset at the possibility of being forced to move out. There has never been any record of theft or crime in our res.", said a Salisbury resident.

Another student, Carolina Meylahn put it this way, "If we have to move out, I'll have an existential crisis on the spot".

Residents are waiting for the final decision to be made.

hot debate over Varsity's role

Second- and third year-politics students from Rhodes held a joint seminar with African studies students from Fort Hare last Saturday. The topic for discussion was "The role of the University in South Africa."

About 60 students attended the seminar, which began in the Senior Common Room with tea and welcoming speech by Prof Beard. Prof Beard spoke about the time he lectured at Fort Hare, "back in the days when Fort Hare was still Fort Hare", and his dismissal by the authorities for "trying to dismantle apartheid."

After tea students broke up into discussion groups. Topics under discussion were amongst others, the following: The relation of the university to the community, the role of student government, and the position of the student in relation to the progressive movement.

Lunch in Kaif was followed by a plenary session in the Rob Antonissen Room where the discussion occasionally turned into heated argument.

Argument centred around the role of the university as a liberating force in society, and although the

students disagreed on several issues, most of them found the discussion very interesting.

A student, Jan Gewalt, commented, "It was extremely informative, however I feel we missed the point. Hopefully we'll see more of this type of debate."



All the President's People

A 60% poll and smiles all round, almost, as 10 new faces join old hands Barry du Toit, Jenie Masey, and Tammin Barker on the latest SRC.

Barry du Toit was elected unopposed as president.

As yet no candidates had presented themselves for election in St Mary's and Oriel halls. The date for reopening of nominations in both halls will be set by the new SRC.

RHODEO spoke to Barry about the new SRC.

RHODEO: What general direction do you see the SRC taking?

BARRY: "I would like to see the SRC working more closely with students. This means that members of the SRC and not only Res-reps should be available to answer the student's questions and hear their opinions."

R: How will you set about doing this?

B: "It'll probably involve a system of report backs, res meetings etc. The details will have to be worked out in consultation with residences"

R: How do you feel about the fact that in two halls no-one stood for election?



B: "This is very disappointing, as is the high number of unopposed constituencies. So I think we have been lucky to get as promising an SRC as we have."

R: What do you think of the rest of the SRC?

B: "I've been impressed by their enthusiasm and competence. Although only three

of us have prior SRC experience, we will be organising workshops over the next week in order to initiate new members into the workings of the SRC."

R: What political role do you think the SRC should play?

B: "I support the current SRC position of opposition to apartheid. But the SRC

position carries little weight unless the majority of students are actively involved in debating issues and understanding why the SRC takes a particular stance."

The first SR Scene will introduce the new councillors and explain their plans for the immediate future. Keep your eyes peeled!!!

The New SRC:

Back L-R; Mark Stein, Fiona Humphrey, Chris Wilson, Garth van der Walt, Middle; Craig Renauld, Fiona Page, Alison Love, Maura Talbot, Toni Petra Front; Jenie Masey, Barry du Toit, Tammin Barker and Daryl Maclean.

PFP Suspends Stein

Rhode's SRC member, Mark Stein, was recently suspended from the PFP Youth movement of which he was vice president.

In an interview with the Weekly Mail, Stein strongly criticised the proposed participation of the PFP in the house of Delegates and the house of Representatives, leading to his suspension.

Response

The border region of the PFP Youth, headed by SRC

member Toni Petra, issued a letter deploring the "authoritarian action" taken by the PFP.

"There was no foundation for my suspension" Stein told RHODEO. "As a public representative of the PFP I was merely expressing party policies as they stand, at least until the Party conference in Durban."

Policy Change

"There has always been a contingent in the PFP who have seen the oppositional

role played by the PFP as more important than the actual content of the Party's policy.

"The proposal that the PFP move into the House of Delegates and the House of Representatives will make nonsense of the role it purports to play"

Debate

"I was trying to stimulate debate on the issue before the PFP made their decision." Stein concluded.

NATIONAL Super Union unites 400000

A federation of Trade Unions with a worker support of 400 000 will hold its inaugural conference in November and December this year, after 4 years of lengthy negotiation.

A spokesperson from the General Allied Workers Union said, "The new federation will be a site of struggle and all unions should be full participants."

One of the tasks of the new federation will be to encourage an amalgamation of unions to produce one union per industry. Moves towards such a merger have already started with discussions between the Food and Canning Workers Union and the Sweet, Food and Allied Workers Union.

The new Trade Union Federation enjoys the support of the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fo-



satu), the National Union of Mineworkers, the Food and Canning Workers Union, the General Workers Union and a number of unions closely linked with the UDF.

Although political differences do exist in the new federation, GAWU is adamant that it should not be a stumbling block. "Our affiliation to the UDF should not be a problem. We are prepared to enter the federation with other unions not affiliated. We expect flexibility."

It is expected the Federation will have a major impact on the social and economic scene in South Africa. The inaugural announcement of the federation called for the lifting of the State of Emergency, the removal of the SADF and the SAP from the townships, the granting of political rights

60 000 Strike

The National Union of Mine Workers mine strike will go ahead on seven gold and coal mines, where about 60 000 workers are expected to strike.

This came out of a meeting between the NUM and Chamber of Mines last Wednesday. At the same meeting the NUM agreed to recommend the increases offered by Anglo American, Rand Mines and Johannesburg Consolidated Investments. The offered increase comes close to the 22%, across the board, demand of NUM.

NUM stipulated that if management reacted to the

strike by using punitive measures, "the entire membership of our union in all would take action!"

SADF Caspiers were already patrolling at some mines before the strike. Management on some mines are using ruthless measures in an attempt to quell the strike, by threatening to cut off the miner's water supply.

Anglovaal, Gencor, and Goldfields have a record of tough action regarding strikes. In April Anglovaal fired 3000 workers while in July Gencor dismissed 1500 workers.

Boetie wil nie veg!!

Alan Dodson, an ex-Pietermaritzburg Law student, was fined R600 at a Natal court martial for disobeying an order to go on a vehicle patrol while doing a one month camp.

Dodson informed the unit's welfare that he was not prepared to do township duty. It was arranged for him to do guard duty only.

When on July 23 Dodson was ordered to go on vehicle pa-

trol, he refused to obey the order.

During the court martial Dodson said that it was clear to him that they would not just have to patrol key installations, but it was possible that the patrol could be called upon to deal with an unrest situation.

"I object to the use of force by the SADF in quelling township unrest as this can only

be solved by addressing the causes of apartheid," Dodson said.

A statement released by the Pietermaritzburg End Conscription Campaign said: "The involvement of the SADF in the townships highlights the increased political role. The need for individuals like Alan Dodson to be given freedom of conscience as regards their going into the townships is ever more urgent."

"UDF out or else..."

Umlazi Mayor, Winington Sicelo, is attempting to take the law into his own hands. Last week he announced that all UDF sympathisers must get out of the township.

Sicelo, who is also a member of Inkatha and the Kwazulu parliament has banned all cars without NUZ registrations from entering the township.

Sicelo said his next move would be to close all churches which supported "rival organisations", such as the non-racial democratic UDF.

Clearly, this is a sign of dissension in the Inkatha ranks. Inkatha's Secretary General, Dr Dhlomo, said that Sicelo had no mandate to make such a statement.



Chief Gatsha Buthelezi of Inkatha.



NATIONAL Cape Town Burns

Thirty-one people died and 150 were injured following police attempts to stop a march to Pollsmoor, calling for the release of Nelson Mandela.

Dr Allan Boesak, UDF Patron, was going to lead the march but he was detained the day before, under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Police and armoured vehicles sealed off the Athlone Stadium where the march was due to begin. Athlone resident Agatha Han Hans claimed that a two-year-old boy was shot in the eye by police while sitting in his mother's kitchen.

Police fired teargas and used batons to disperse groups of

marchers in Guguletu, Athlone, outside Pollsmoor Prison, University of Western Cape and at the University of Cape Town.

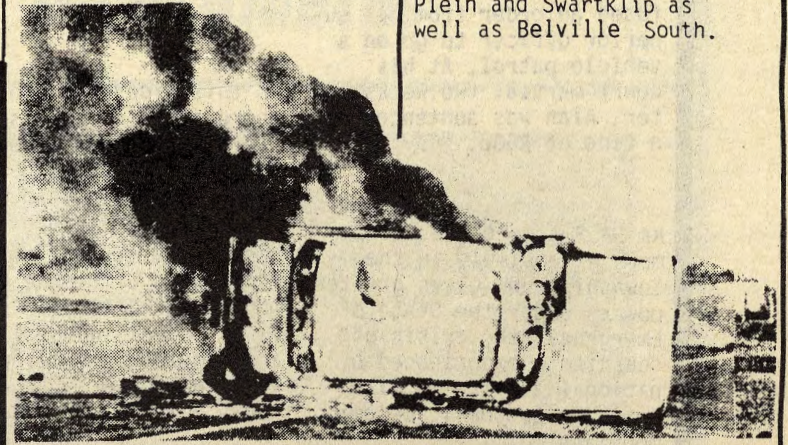
Police used sjamboks to disperse UWC and Peninsula technikon students. The students had been travelling to Mrs Dorothy Boesak to deliver a message of support.

Teargas was fired into a temporary first aid centre at Hewitt Teachers Training College causing havoc amongst many children being treated for shock, teargas and rubber bullet wounds.

Radio reports claimed police were using live

ammunition in Guguletu. However reporting of the situation was restricted when journalists were barred from the township

Police also sealed off Nyanga and Guguletu. Reports of unrest were received from Athlone to Manenberg, Mitchells Plain and Swartklip as well as Belville South.



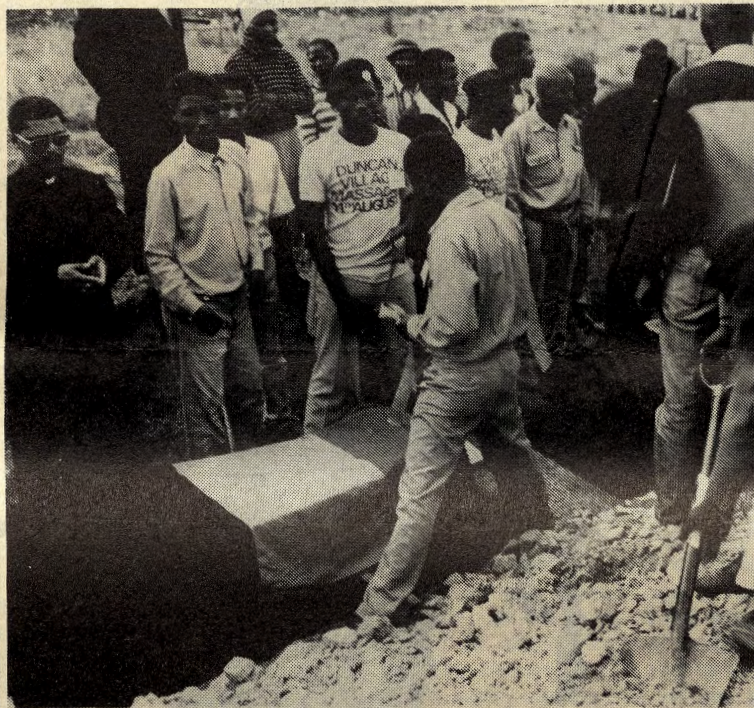
Duncan Village Buries Its Dead

19 People including an infant were buried at a funeral in Duncan Village near East London, last weekend. They were victims of unrest which has characterized the E. Cape in the last year.

A number of private burials have also been held, consequently the number of those killed cannot be properly ascertained.

The funeral was attended by about 40 000 people, and Steve Tshwete of the Border UDF, came out of hiding, having evaded arrest, to speak at the funeral.

Two white men were killed while they were test driving a car. They had apparently attempted to ram through the returning funeral crowd. Two fellow passengers were seriously injured.



Duncan Village loses 22 residents in one week.

Rhodes' Speakers Arrested

Jerry Ekandjo, SWAPO youth organiser, who spoke at Rhodes earlier on in the year, was arrested with 51 other SWAPO supporters on Monday last week.

Anton Lubowski, who spoke at Rhodes last year, was also arrested.

The 52 were arrested in Katutura, the black township of Windhoek, where they were pre-

paring a meeting to commemorate the beginning of SWAPO's armed struggle, 19 years ago, against South African rule.

August 26 is internationally recognised as Namibia Day. The South African presence in Namibia has been declared illegal by the International Court of Justice, the United Nations Security Council, and the Organisation of African Unity.

Each One Taught One

After six years of effective democratic opposition to Bantu Education, COSAS was banned last week.

The million-strong Congress of South African Students was banned in terms of the Internal Security Act on Wednesday last week.

COSAS, the sister organisation of ASASO and NUSAS was founded in 1979 after a meeting at Welgespruit, attended by pupils from throughout SA.

COSAS had in the past six years grown to be the biggest popular progressive movement affiliated to the UDF. It had actively campaigned for the introduction of

a better schooling system to replace Bantu education. The struggle for democratically elected SRC's was one of COSAS's main demands.

"The battle for elected SRC's will not end", "despite the police shouting, beating and detaining students", said former COSAS president, Lulu Johnson.

In its short lifespan COSAS faced repression from the state and according to the Detainees' Parents Support Committee more than 310 members

have been detained so far in the State of Emergency.

Last year out of the 1100 people detained, over 520 were COSAS members. Since March 30th COSAS meetings have been banned in the Eastern Cape.

Tabu Khumulo, COSAS's last administrative secretary, said that "previously COSAS had channelled and controlled student anger...the situation is going to be worse now." "They can only really ban the name of the organisation."





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In July, Rifleman Alan Dodson, serving a one month camp in the No1. Reconnaissance Unit in Durban, refused an order from his superior officer to go on a vehicle patrol. At his court martial two weeks later, Alan was sentenced to a fine of R600.

As SADF troops are used more extensively in the townships and given greater powers under the State of Emergency, the crisis of conscience experienced by national servicemen like Rifleman Dodson is becoming more acute.

And the debate around the system of compulsory conscription and the presence of troops in the townships has intensified.

On the one side of this debate are the Government, the SADF and those who support them. They argue that conscription and the troops are necessary to maintain law and order and to deal with criminal elements in the townships.

According to the military tribunal that court-martialled Alan Dodson, "the SADF is trying to protect the lives and property of other citizens who have not the wherewithal to do this".

Ken Owen believes that the SADF is one of PW Botha's instruments to suppress revolution (Sunday Times 18/8/85). Campaigns against conscription and militarisation, like the murder of black policemen and councillors, are intended to deny Botha this instrument.

On this side of the debate there are also many soldiers, having never before been into a township in peace and friendship. They now go in with a gun and a sense of absolute power. Trained to kill 'the enemy', they are confronted by ordinary people whose lives are completely foreign to them and whose suffering and anger they do not understand.

The consequences are inevitable and tragic. Arrogance and aggression. Teargas, sjamboks and live ammunition. Further brutalisation of soldiers and township residents. Greater anger and hatred.

On the other side of the line is Rifleman Dodson.

Alan went into the army after school and did 14 months border duty for which he received the Pro Patria medal. He then studied law at Pietermaritzburg University and graduated B Comm.LLB cum laude in 1983.

He was extremely perturbed when he reported for a camp this year and was briefed, in racist language, that his unit might have to assist the SAP in nearby townships. Alan immediately informed the unit's welfare officer that he was not prepared to do this and was told that his views would be accommodated as far as possible.

This arrangement applied un-

til the end of July when he was given an order that conflicted in a fundamental way with his conscience. Alan disobeyed the order.

At the court martial, Alan's lawyer argued that his views were not exceptional. In January this year 7589 conscripts 50% of the intake, failed to report for duty. By comparison, only 1596 men failed to report over the whole of last year.

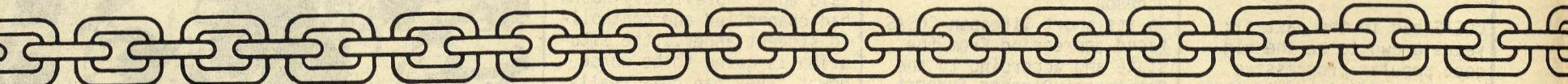
There would be several reasons for this dramatic increase but it is no coincidence that it followed the first extensive deployment of troops inside SA since 1961.

Like Alan, there are many conscripts that find it intolerable to have to take up arms against fellow South Africans.

They know that the primary role of the SADF, which is involved in forced removals and arrests of African people on pass law and influx control offences, is to defend apartheid.

They know that the army, which fires teargas at funeral mourners and assaults and kills township residents, has not brought peace to the townships, but fear and destruction.

Above all, they know that



OR PEACE

**By Laurie Nathan,
ECC National
Co-ordinator**

the use of troops is no solution to the escalating cycle of violence and that a just and enduring peace will only prevail when the root causes of conflict - minority rule and the system of apartheid - are eradicated.

They understand that the violence of apartheid is the reason for black resistance, even if they do not agree with all the forms the resistance takes. And they therefore find it morally repugnant to have to participate in attempts to crush it.

Yet under current legislation there are no adequate alternatives to national service. Community service can only be granted by the Board for Religious Objection to Christian pacifists. Those who object on moral or ethical grounds are sent to jail for six years or have to leave SA forever.

The call for an end to conscription and the provision of acceptable alternatives has been made by a wide range of organisations and institutions: the Black Sash, NUSAS, the PFP, all of the mainline churches, the

South African Council of Churches, the UDF, and the groups that make up the End Conscription Campaign (ECC).

The ECC was formed at the

end of 1983 as a broad front of organisations united around the calls to end conscription and for a just peace in our land. The Campaign has experienced dramatic growth and now has six regional branches and 46 member organisations.

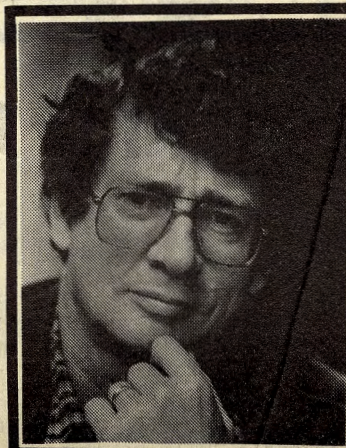
Their opposition to conscription is based on the fundamental belief that individuals should be free to choose whether or not to serve in the SADF.

This belief is solidly founded in international principles, contained in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Nuremberg Principles, which recognise the right of freedom of choice with regard to the taking up of arms and the taking of life.

The ECC is saying quite simply to the Government: give young men the right to choose; until this happens, at least give soldiers the right to refuse to go into the townships.

The national servicemen like Rifleman Dodson that are opposed to conscription are not cowards or unpatriotic. Their love for their country and its people lies at the heart of their opposition.

They would be prepared to serve SA in constructive ways that bring black and white people closer together, and our country closer to a just peace.



Why I won't join the SADF

by André Brink

"I have informed the military authorities that I shall refuse to undergo training or serve the army in any capacity, no matter what punitive action I may face. At 50, this is not a system I am prepared to live or die for. It does not represent the South Africa I love and honour.

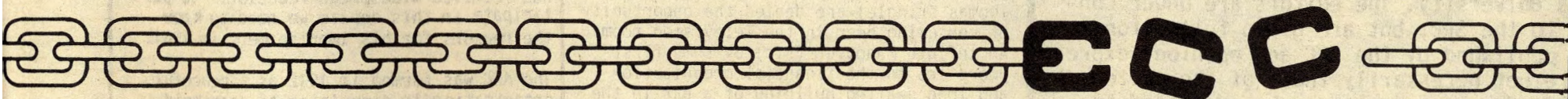
Among South Africans, including many in the armed forces, unease and resistance is building up. Anyone who talks to young servicemen or ex-servicemen discovers soon enough that the military authorities have reason to worry about the morale of troops. This will inevitably acquire more weight as the government continues to violate the integrity of neighbouring territories in adventures many reasonable people would regard as missions of terrorism, murder and sabotage.

Black unrest contains two central ingredients - the near bankruptcy of the South African economy and the final exclusion from effective participation by blacks in all the essential power structures. There are, of course, many other ingredients in the rising violence in the country. No-one should discount the exploitation of the

situation by ordinary criminal elements. Neither should one condone the extremes some black people have been driven to, inventing their rage and despair on those in their own midst whom they see, rightly or wrongly, as collaborators of the oppressors. But the fact remains that their excesses have been begotten by the institutionalised violence of the government and the brutality of the system that has denied them, for centuries, the most elementary human values.

In this situation an immediate and profound moral choice is required of every man who faces a call-up. My decision involves only myself, but by making my choice, and by making it public, I believe I can demonstrate the simple but immensely important fact that in every situation one does have a choice.

I have also made my decision in the knowledge that it will impose on the authorities the need to calculate from their side the price of whatever they have done or may yet decide to do."



Ours

The state of Emergency has entered its seventh week and far from "restoring law and order", conflict has escalated throughout the country. Under the State of Emergency the SADF has been used extensively to patrol townships and to conduct pass raids. Many white conscripts face the moral dilemma of enforcing apartheid by suppressing the resistance of people who will no longer tolerate the suffering apartheid brings to them. Opposition to the internal role of the SADF has increased dramatically, while support for the End Conscription Campaign and the call for a just peace in our country has grown. Recently, at Rhodes, an ECC was established to unite societies and students in their opposition to compulsory conscription.

The Congress of South African Students was banned last week. It only "crime" was to actively oppose a second-hand education system and to demand a free and equal education. RHODEO condemns the banning of COSAS. Only when apartheid is dismantled could the doors of learning and culture be opened to all.

On campus black students gained a decisive victory when the Administration agreed to take action against the permit system applied to black pharmacy students. It's disconcerting that the Administration has not previously taken action against discriminatory practises within the University.

*Congrats to the newly elected SRC.

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Yours



Keeping it up

Dear Eds

About that "most emergent issue", well shot on all the sport that you included! Maybe you're finally realising what Campus wants in a student paper - supposedly representative of the majority of students and not just a few of the elite enlightened with supposed media-skills.

Anyway, about the sport. That back page was good - good to see that your photographers covered the Intervarsity. Why was the surfing pic so black though? Pity not to do the surfers justice when they were on of the few teams to actually score victory. Well, they say you can't taste victory until you've tasted defeat... Oh, by the way. I never knew that Steve H-B or Simon P were into surfing!!!

Sporting Oppie Oke

PS- Please excuse the typing - I am literate and so my errors are not because I'm thick but because I'm not altogether familiar with this bloody typewriter. Shot!

A major alement

Dear Eds

Which students in residence pay the highest fees for the least privileges? According to authoritarian logic, the residents of Thomas Pringle in 1984 spoilt the privileges of a new majority of students in Goldfields House this year. Unruly conduct and damaged furniture was attributed to the availability of a beer club in Thomas Pringle last year. The entire recruit Goldfields Garrison this year (with a majority of 'ou-manne' from Thomas Pringle) are denied the opportunity of consuming beer in the Television room. An infinite manouver (sic) by some first-years led to the financial organisation and long awaited building of a bar in the upstairs common room, (The term 'bar' is however only being used for want of a better word "UNQUOTE!")

But the opening of this student inspired drinking-hole has been declared "official" with the new regulations (drawn up from Stalin-only-knows-where!) imposed upon its functioning. No down-downs are allowed at the official opening, and drinking is disallowed after 8.30pm. When is a bar not a bar? When its a 'Gold' bar.

One of the resident students who assisted in the building of the bar, had the following comment: "We're all against it but what can you do?" One of the senior students remarked "It sucks, it sucks!"

Drought-depressed inmate

Fighting for Freedom

Dear Eds

I was recently discussing the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela with some others in my residence. When I asked them the exact reasons why he was jailed, they replied that they did not know, but he should be freed because he is the real representative of the South African people. Let me put the facts of the case before you.

The real reasons for his imprisonment are these:

He designed and brought about the manufacture of thousands of explosive devices which as we know, would have been used indiscriminately against all South Africans whatever their beliefs.

Secondly, he was found to be a member of the Communist Party and, himself, proposed to destroy "the enemy" by whatever means possible. The enemy includes such nations as the USA which now clamour for his release. (I don't suppose anybody told them why he was jailed either.) So, before we cry for his release let us consider why he is where he is.

1950 years ago, a crowd in Jerusalem cried for the release of Barrabas, a Zealot, with the same fervour as some of us scream for the release of Nelson Mandela.. A few years later, Masada fell. My friends, beware, history has a way of repeating itself.

Yours, Penfriend.

The call for the release of Nelson Mandela has received widespread reaction. To participate in this debate we need to know the reasons for his imprisonment in 1961.

The ANC was formed in 1912 as a peaceful organisation in opposition to apartheid. The ANC's early history is one of years of protest politics - from petitions to the

government and Britain, to pass burnings in 1952.

The government responded by banning both the ANC and the Pan-Africanist Congress. After 42 years of peaceful protest the ANC felt it had no alternative but to use force in order to exert pressure on the SA government to change its apartheid policies. The expressed intention was to avoid the loss of life.

Furthermore, Nelson Mandela is recognised by the majority of South Africans as their leader. In this light the call for his release has become even more widespread and popular.

*In most Western countries life prisoners are released after 20 years. Nelson Mandela has been in prison for 24 years.

-Eds

Stoop Talk



- "In a desperate bid to do something ridiculous to fill columns of grey-white space, RHODEO member and arch news creator X jumped from the Rhodexo office windows for a R10 bet. A little later, another reporter not to be outdone by X, nearly set fire to the offices by neglecting to extinguish a match.

- RHODEO has outdone RMR. Not even inviting a nationalist party member as the guest of honor to the DJ marathon was more newsworthy.

- Of dubious news value however, was Jeremy Mansfield the jocular jockless disc jockey's revealing pose at said marathon. Perhaps its a foretaste of the type of RMR marathons to come, or

just the symbolic finish of the last marathon. But for one brief instant during the lengthy proceedings, the man who is never at a loss as to what to say was caught with his pants down. Echoing a previous article on RMR; We don't want to watch you.

- Tony Gush...Not as sober as a judge we hear, but then he's not a judge, (never will be.) Not that it would follow, he's not a lord either. But was he as druck as one? What's the euphemism we're looking for...Ah yes, dutch courage, that would fit. It certainly takes courage to "direct" traffic outside Sketches at 00h30...he nearly got run over. It also takes the courage of one's own moral convictions to convict others of their drug abuses.

All Journ II students have to write an article on Alistair Spark's speech ...for class record purposes. Quite a good idea really, but it seems funny to force students to go to an Academic Freedom lecture. I wouldn't mind, the lack of freedom and all, it just has to be in the next morning at 8:00

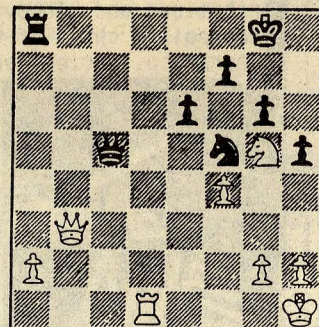
Chess Column

Hi! Rhodes Chess Club will be placing interesting chess article in every Rhodexo issue from now on. We welcome and encourage all beginners and players alike. to attend our weekly meetings in the Societies' room on Monday evenings from 19.30 onwards.

Today's challenge is from the Tartakover-Thomas. Nottingham 1936.

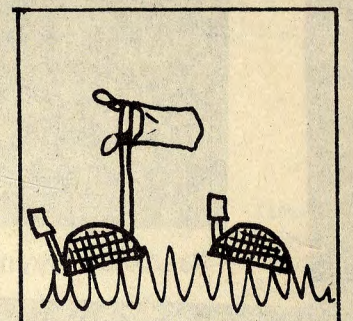
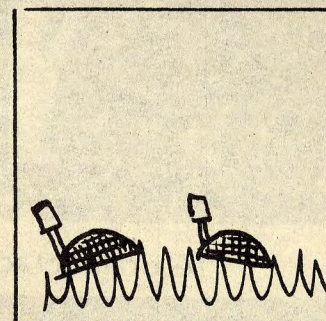
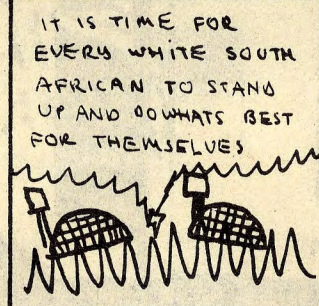
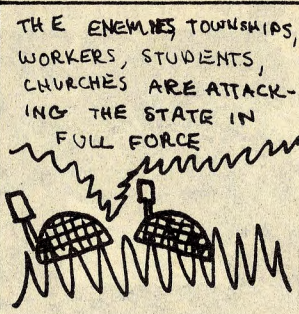
In the position below. White can win material by taking advantage of a simple combination pattern that will exist on the second move if Black makes the obvious reply. The right move may be a little difficult to

find because the pattern does not yet exist but see what you can do:



Boetie's Dispatches

By Ray Hartley



This term's Craft Market got off to a running start with Ashley le Grange winning the Fun Run. Thanks to RMR for the vibes and to ECC for some thought-provoking guerilla theatre - some of those soldiers were almost too convincing! Don't forget to watch Video 2, WE'RE ON TELE VISION.

A reminder to all Oppies who are leaving at the end of this year and whose digs will be available, do let Daryl know. Although its only third term, the office is full of people needing accommodation for 1986. I know I know I've said this before - this time I really mean it. This is my farewell recipe:

The two new Oppie Reps are Alison Love and Maura Talbot. The new Oppie Board has also been elected. All are contactable through the Oppie Secretary in his office in the Union Building, so if you need help, don't hesitate to come upstairs.

And finally, a RECIPE:-

Welsh Rarebit - Perfect for Sunday suppers (takes 10-15 minutes).

1 oz butter
1 oz flour
quarter pint of milk
1 tsp mustard
salt and pepper
6-8 oz grated cheese
1 tbsp mustard
1 tbsp beer or worcesteshire sauce.

1. Heat the butter, stir in the flour and cook steadily for several minutes. Then gradually add the cold milk.
2. Bring to the boil and cook until smooth and thick.
3. Add the mustard, salt, pepper, most of the cheese and the beer. Heat steadily without boiling too quickly, until the cheese has melted.
4. Spread on hot toast, sprinkle with the remaining cheese and brown under the grill.



Nichola de Chaud



"It's about the Shakespearean treatment of women, and the main function of it is to give women in the drama department a chance to be in the lime-light."

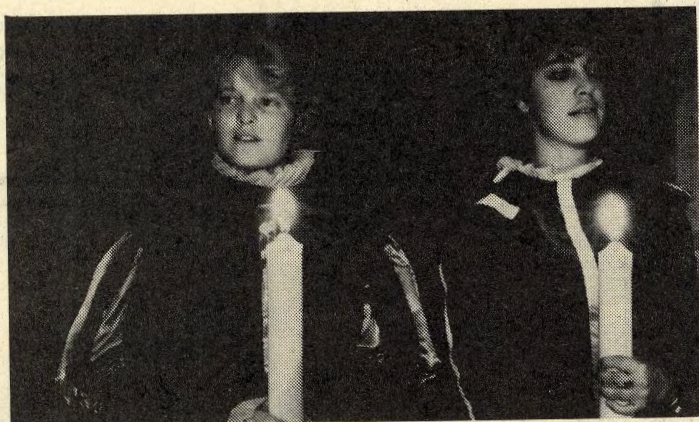
The first production for public performance initiated and dynamised by acting head of department, David Hughes, marks a change from usual conventions used by the drama faculty. Excerpts from Shakespeare's work were chosen by the whole acting body, and instead of auditions, these excerpts were workshopped, and players were given an opportunity to express their preference for particular parts.

Janice Bowen and David are directing the excerpts, but the bulk of the production is being done by the students participating.

"In terms of concept, it's very much Ken Robinson's, as he's been responsible for many of the design ideas", Dave said.

"I am extending my theoretical teachings of Shakespeare to a practical side."

Despite campus rumours, the play is not making a feminist statement. The men in the department voluntarily stepped aside to give the female majority a chance to step forward. A move reflected in yet another quote from David Hughes. "I am not a feminist, but I believe everyone should have a free choice...men and women should have equally free and courteous treatment of each other."



Natasha Levinson

Deborah McLachlan

A MAN LIKE EVA

Power trips, untamed libido, deep, deep relationships are explored in this German movie-about-a-movie. Eva dominates the scene, manipulates his lovers (to a degree beyond our wildest dreams), seeps off the screen and brings the film to a passionately fatal climax. A Man Like Eva is stunning and physically exhausting.

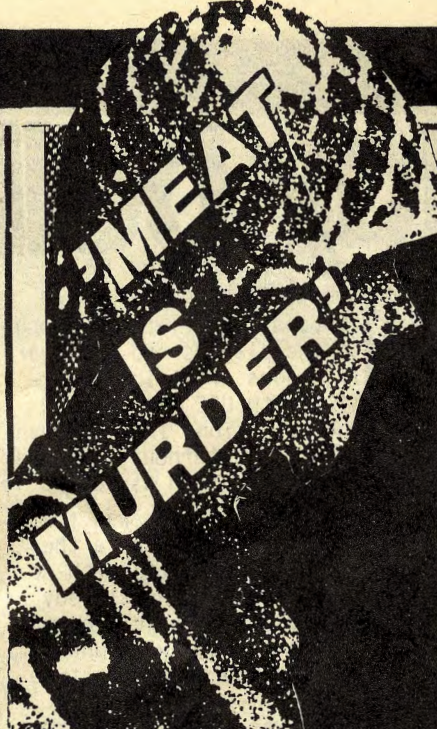
COLOUR OF POMEGRANATES

So a Russian movie has finally managed to get through the anti-Kommunist filter and penetrate the thick mists of philistinism hanging over this country. The first question which springs to my mind is: What are they so worried about? Colour of Pomegranates is so obscurely, mystifyingly, richly, um... symbolic that I didn't even understand it. Nevertheless, very, very beautiful to look at.

CLEAN SLATE

French colonial Africa in the late 1930's is the scene of this brilliant movie, the tale of the trials and tribulations, the bizarre retributions and bloody solutions of the police chief of the village of Bourkassa. Lucien, an unlikely look-

ing Christ figure, places temptation in the way of the corrupt white residents, who, one by one, fall into the trap. "Better the beggar who pisses out of the window than the joker who tells him it's a urinal" is one of Lucien's quaint but true pearls of yokel wisdom, and despite his sometimes callous appearance, the compassion of Christ himself is evident when he deals with the natives of this dusty little town.



the smiths

HAPPY SMITHMAS! The new album by Monotone Mo and the Stooges is now available for no reason. This new bouquet has the sheep counting themselves, and the reason is that Meat is Murder features that instrument of anarchic music - the chainsaw! Einstürzende Neubaten would self-immolate if they heard the fine instrument used in such an obnoxious manner: Its like Woodstock all over again. Flowers, romance, nativity and humanitarian non-issues are the order of the day. Short haired hippies are the vogue, charming is in, vegetables are hip. So trendies of the world join hands and sing a song of animal liberation - blow up an abattoir, kill a hunter and the problems of the world, the universe and your existence will be resolved.

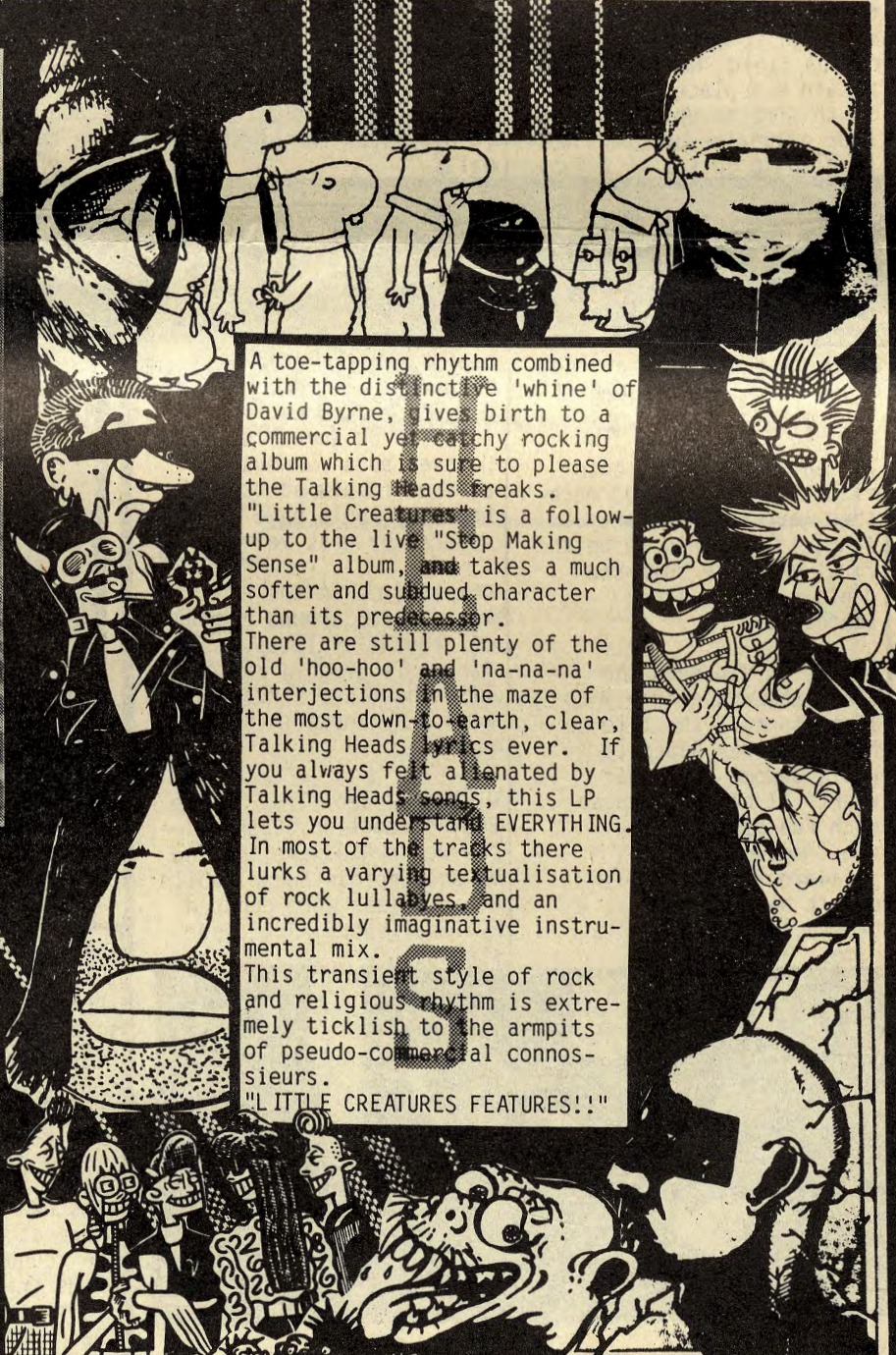
PHOTO

Two weeks ago seven fine art photographic students went to Cape Town to exhibit their work at the Shell Gallery. The exhibition which lasted a week consisted of only the work of the Rhodes students. It turned out to be successful and well attended. The critics' comments were; "Young and enthusiastic; not laboured." The exhibition is moving up to Grahamstown in the near future, and will be displayed in the art school. Watch this page for a review!

EXHIBITION



Magnus Malan is a hell of a guy! He doesn't give a damn if we all die!... Stomp..Stomp..Stomp..as the peace force marches through a disrupted craft market. Disrupted in the sense that here was something deviating from the usual craft market formula. Even RMR seemed far away for a moment as menacing figures appeared on the skyline. Even the "protestors" fell silent.. Had the boere finally directly invaded campus? No!...No!...No!...ECC has arrived on campus with the impact of a baton charge. **WHAM!** Guerilla Theatre is making a comeback (or is it a first?) on Rhodes campus. A highly effective bit of spontaneous (well almost!) theatre that actively involved some of the unsuspecting audience, and terrified them I might add! "It was almost like being subjected to real violence", a jelly-kneed, quivering peace movement participant quavered. This is exactly the idea of Guerilla Theatre: take the audience by the back of the head and punch them in the stomach. But don't worry! ECC are not a sadistic bunch, their cultural group just batters the audiences consciousness, leaves it (hopefully) open to truth and insight provided by alternative movements on Campus. Lank people skiemed it was just a bunch of bungie "troublemakers" running amok! I would like to ask them if they saw the powerful symbolism present in the performance. Oh!...I see!..you aren't interested..oh well..sigh!!



A toe-tapping rhythm combined with the distinctive 'whine' of David Byrne, gives birth to a commercial yet catchy rocking album which is sure to please the Talking Heads freaks. "Little Creatures" is a follow-up to the live "Stop Making Sense" album, and takes a much softer and subdued character than its predecessor. There are still plenty of the old 'hoo-hoo' and 'na-na-na' interjections in the maze of the most down-to-earth, clear, Talking Heads lyrics ever. If you always felt alienated by Talking Heads songs, this LP lets you understand EVERYTHING. In most of the tracks there lurks a varying textualisation of rock lullabies, and an incredibly imaginative instrumental mix. This transient style of rock and religious rhythm is extremely ticklish to the armpits of pseudo-commercial connoisseurs. "LITTLE CREATURES FEATURES!!"

SPORT

Soccer players must play ball

Rhodes soccer side face the prospect of being demoted from the Premier League at the end of this season. They do so despite an impressive opening six league matches in which they gained five points.

In the remaining ten games played they only managed to pick up two more points.

Rhodes' earlier results include a 2-2 home draw against second placed PE City and a narrow 0-1 away defeat to top side Westview. In the return games Rhodes lost 0-1 and 1-4 respectively.

The lack of a coach has definitely contributed to the side's decline. Andre Steenkamp who coached the side up until the beginning of the third term did sterling work, although it hampered his play on the field. He did however retain his place in the South African Universities side as goalkeeper, the only Rhodian to do so.



Rhodes' striker Craig Gibson gets up to challenge Drostdy Defence at a home game on Kingfields where Rhodes went down 3-0.

After winning the tournament in 1984, Rhodes lost to UCT on penalties in the semi-final.

Stafford Rorke stepped in as coach at the beginning of the third term but the rot had already set in when play-

ers such as Sven Lunsche, Steve Carr and Andre Steenkamp left the game. A 1-0 win over Hume Park

seemed to bode well but a combination of apathy amongst the players and the yearly exodus after inter-varsity with UPE exasperated the situation. Interest waned and the turnouts for practice were often as low as 16.

A further setback was the farce at Kabega where the first side started with seven players (many already having played a full game), as the players were unable to find the ground in time.

There was another ludicrous situation at PE City where three players had to play for the second side as well as for the first team.

With only three games remaining, and Rhodes holding a slender one point lead over UPE in the battle to avoid relegation, one hopes Rhodes will survive, because soccer here can only improve by competing with the best on a regular basis.

Running for fun

Oppies made history at the Craft market, when some of them attempted to run 4km.

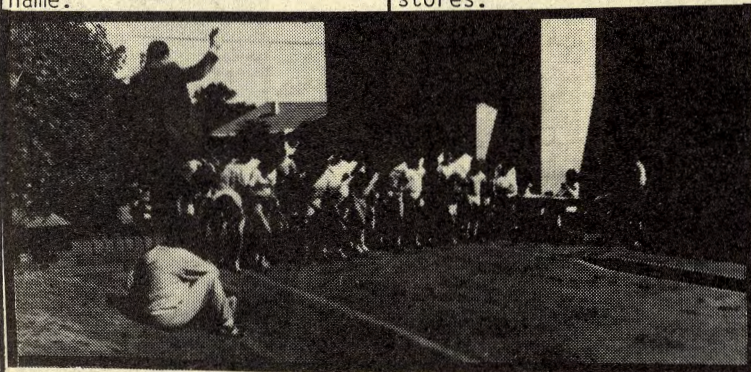
The epic run, which coincided with the RMR DJ marathon (but wasn't nearly as long) is reckoned to be the first exercise some students have had since school P.T.

Of the 50 students who took part and actually lived to tell the tale, a few said they hoped it would become a regular event: "I haven't had so much fun since my dog died," gasped one emphysemic student who didn't have enough breath left to give his name.

Oppie Secretary, Daryl Mclean, said that the Oppie Board hoped to make this run an annual event. However some runners expressed doubts as to whether they would have recovered by next year.

Competition in the race was centred around a group of regular athletes. Ashley le Grange ran off with the Men's first prize with Andy Bosch in close pursuit.

W. Wüst, came first in the Womens' section. Cash prizes worth R60 were donated by the Oppidan Board, while other prizes were donated by local sport and liquor stores.



"On your marks, get set, go!"

The sky's the limit!



Help : I've got vertigoooooooooooooooooohhhhhhhh!

There comes a time in every person's life when they feel the urge to do something completely different. Some go horse-riding and some go fishing, but others take up skydiving.

These types join the Grahamstown Skydiving club, where student parachutists are found undergoing a rigorous training programme.

The programme includes mastering basic safety

rules, canopy control, aircraft and landing and emergency procedures.

The initial thrill, including a little tension and apprehension, is felt when one's parachute rig is put on. A real sense of fear grips novices when the plane's engine starts up, and it dawns on the participants that they are going up to 2500 feet.

Adrenalin is activated on the way up but soon one is

ready to jump. The orders come through: "Back wheel brake" and "Get your feet out, get out!"

"Go". Before you know it you are in the air and falling slowly under canopy. This is the one and only time you will experience three minutes, second by second.

Never regret the things you have done, only regret the things you never tried.

By Paul Howes

Walker in finals



A scrum during the Walker vs Goldfields match

Walker's superb performance in beating Goldfields 23-6 advances them to the final where they will meet either Drostdy or Oppies.

Drostdy drew 3-3 with Oppies. Although Oppies took a 3-0 lead through an Andre Steenkamp penalty, Drostdy failed with several penalty attempts before finally drawing level with a penalty. The game was played in severe heat which probably accounted for the scrappy nature on play.

"For res rugby the standard of play in the Walker game was high especially amongst the forwards," said Neale Morgan, res-rugby co-ordinator. He said there was also a great spirit at the rugby especially from Walker.

This match was marred by a suspected neck injury to Goldfields prop Steve Dankwerts.

Walker fly-half Grant Cawood kicked a penalty early in the match to give Walker a

3-0 lead. Goldfields held Walker to a 3-0 in the first half, although Walker often looked dangerous especially amongst their three-quarters. Goldfields three-quarters by contrast were hesitant, unsure and rarely looked like penetrating their opponents defence.

"On this performance Walker should be favourites to win the res rugby title this year", said Neale Morgan.

Week's Results

SQUASH

Rhodes men's squash side beat log leaders Londt Park 13-5, and are presently in fourth place although they may still come second

The women's side beat Londt Park B 3-2.

RUGBY

1st XV side fought back well in their match against Police at the Boet Erasmus Stadium. A determined display by the pack was however not enough to wipe out the large deficit and Rhodes went down 24-28.

SOCCER

1st XI soccer side had a torrid weekend. They lost 1-3 to Walmer Celtic and

0-5 to Heatherbank. Relegation now seems a strong possibility.

Ovost lead the Grahamstown Football Association after the first round of matches.

HOCKEY

Oppies won the women's inter res hockey tournament with Pringle in second place.

2nd XI hockey side narrowly failed to win promotion on goal average. They did however concede the least number of goals in their league. Defenders were Sean Ross, Barry Ashman, Mike Nicoll and goalkeeper Chris Chaplin.



Rhodes' 1st hockey team vs. UPE. Score: 0-0

Rhodes trounces Albany in Birch Cup

Rhodes 1st XV retained the Birch Cup recently with a 28-12 win over Albany 1st XV. The match was cheered on by loyal supporter Phil King known by all Rhodes rugby players, and rumour has it that Albany played very "roughly" and the referee had to intervene frequently to prevent tempers from flaring



Pictures:

Far Left: Casey Rezelman hurtling toward the line for one of Rhodes's tries. Captain Craig Eldridge looks on.

Left: Mike Fennel takes a clean ball in the line out with Andrew Currie in "Support".

RUGBY

SOLUTION?

NEWS-FLASHES

More than 150 people have died since the implementation of the six-week old State of Emergency. Since the beginning of the year, 400 people have died.

About 2300 people have been detained during the State of Emergency, of which 1190 are still in detention.

Another 300 people are being held under the Internal Security Act in areas not affected by the State of Emergency.

Fifty-six organisations have been affected by the State of Emergency, mainly UDF affiliates, trade unions and religious groups belonging to 7 different denominations

A spokesperson for the Detainees parents support committee noted four distinct phases under the S.O.E.

Phase 1:
No discrimination; everyone and anyone detained; "shot-gun" technique; About 200 detained per day.

Phase 2:
Change in strategy. Detainees picked with more care (organisational activists and white people). About 50 - 60 detained daily.

Phase 3:
Similar detentions as second week - yet releasing began.

Phase 4:
Police moving against organisations they feared yet wanted to challenge before the State of Emergency was declared, eg. the leader of a church organisation in Durban (DIAKONIA) - Mr Paddy Kerney - was detained.

On Tuesday Alan Boesak was detained.

(This last week has indicated major escalation of police activity.)

*A 70 year old woman was allegedly raped by two national servicemen.

*General Motors, a USA company, is laying off 340 workers due to the economic recession.

*PW Botha last week, told urban blacks to "drop Western standards" and "return to their culture".

*In Cape Town, 2000 shops of the Western Cape Traders Association, will sell 10 basic foodstuffs at below cost price to assist the consumer boycott of white stores.

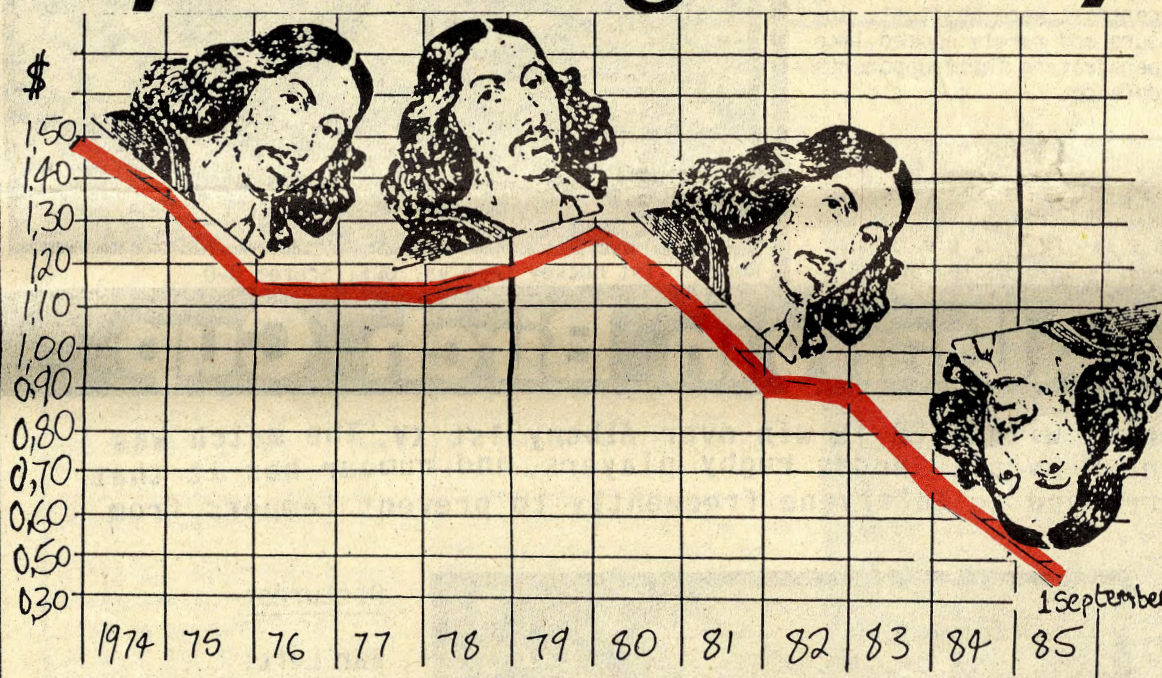
*Five people have died in police custody since the implementation of the State of Emergency.

*So far 18 USA companies have announced that they will leave SA this year.

*About R50 000 reward has been raised by academics for information of the assassins who killed Mathew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto, and Sicelo Mhlaule.

*Stellenbosch University has formed a NUSAS branch.

Slip-Sliding Away



The falling Rand plotted in relation to the US dollar. Source S.A Reserve bank bulletin.

It is common knowledge by now that the official economic strategy applied in South Africa during the past twelve months has produced excellent results...

The so-called "economic fundamentals" are therefore at present very favourable in South Africa.

Thursday August 15, the day PW Botha delivered his speech at the Natal National Party Conference, the Rand stood at 45c to the dollar.

Thursday August 19, a week later, the Rand dropped to as low as 35c to the dollar.

