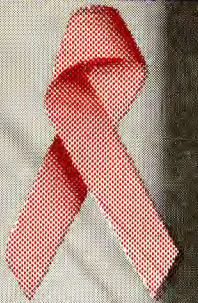


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## **Smash & grab in Grahamstown**





# Editorial



Tamara Kenny, Editor

I spent a large portion of the post-Women's Day weekend smiling. It's difficult to do much else when the world has acknowledged the importance of your gender, Mother Nature is exerting her feminine prerogative by causing havoc with the weather and, pre-empting the Spring Fever rush, everyone I know, including myself, is falling in love.

Man, I love being a woman.

Until, of course, I mosey on into the Kaif, needing sustenance and nicotine to be assaulted by a doe-eyed, "belt-clad" member of my sex with "come fuck me" implicitly smudged between her thighs.

This black and white image, lewdly displayed on every wall and door is the newest campaign for the SRC's Mr and Ms Rhodes Cattle Show. (Yes, I said Cattle Show). A little unoriginal, I know, but how better to describe a group of virile men and women, parading their wares, wearing little more than a scrap of material and a virtual tag on their ears.

Considering that I may be a prude, I bounced a few ideas off friends and found that generally beauty pageants are not particularly PC in today's society and so "daai flerie" perched on campus walls is neither appreciated nor appropriate for a promotion including both men and women.

Inappropriate, of course, unless you're one of those delightful individuals who believes that this is precisely how a woman should be - semi-naked and available. Always. There is also the option of attempting to represent both men and women as I am sure the title implies.

But this, whilst distasteful, is not my pet bitch. I find it difficult to comprehend how the leaders of this oh-so liberal institution can justify holding and funding a pageant which is in direct violation with their policy on sexism. From what I understand, very few guidelines are offered in terms of what traits candidates should possess, as such, whilst avoiding restricting individuals, essentially,

anyone who does not fit into the architypal image of beauty, is ignored, or at best ridiculed. Has anyone actually paid attention to the comments and basic degradation that ensue both pre and post this fantastic attempt at narcissism and human objectification.

Right. Rant complete. I have effectively made use of my right to freedom of expression. This is essentially the point of this week's edition, ranging from crime to the legalisation of dagga and the Robert Shell issue. Every person is South Africa is guaranteed to the right to speak their mind on condition that these thoughts cannot be considered hate speech or insight violence. There is no guarantee, however, that you will be heard. Robert Shell made a statement, and has subsequently been held up for insubordination. There are obviously more details surrounding this issue, but one cannot help but wonder how much had to do with his speaking out and less to do with the manner in which he went about it.

The legalisation of cannabis is an equally contentious topic: some believe that it is as much a drug as alcohol and should be treated as such. Others, that it is too dangerous to be made available to the general public. Many of us have sparked up the odd spliff, and most without any dire consequence barring a few bruises and a good night's sleep.

Crime within itself is an issue that should not only be considered, but vehemently spoken out against. Especially by us, the students, the future of this country. We cannot maintain any form of social development with crime statistics as high and well-hidden as those of South Africa. Claim your right to safety and make a stand.

So, if you don't appreciate what I have said: fantastic. I hope that it riles you enough to do something or at least say something. Even if you are willing to prance around half-naked in front of a group of drooling voyeurs.

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Please note, the date of the Activate AGM has changed. The AGM will take place on Monday, 27 August 2001 at 19:00 in the RA Room. All those standing for positions are expected to be there to present their manifestoes and everyone else is encouraged to be there to hear what they have to say!

# Virtual Rizla

By the  
Jabberwock

Last week I finally decided to emerge from a period of self-imposed exile and catch up with what's been happening in the news. I never made it to the bombs in Israel or the nasty farm attacks in Zim, because my attention was distracted by a headline that screamed "Beached whale drama".

I was rather expecting a picture of Winnie Wannabe-Mandela, but it turned out to be a story about a beached whale somewhere just outside Port Elizabeth. I understand the whale's logic - if I was a whale in PE, I'd beach myself too.

Even the Jabberwocky gets tears in its little reptilian eyes when some nice people do the right thing and race out to help a poor defenceless creature...but enough about Thabo Mbeki, we're talking about a beautiful whale whose massive bulk was kept moist by scores of dedicated volunteers until an alternative plan could be made and the mammal could be returned to its natural habitat.

Later that night, I called a toast to good people everywhere and silently wished the whale and its human friends good luck.

The next day, they blew the bejeezus out of the whale on national television.

Apparently it was "the humane way", and the e-TV news anchor, trying desperately not to fall off those tables they're forced to recline on, grinned like a buffoon the whole way through. It's a revolutionary process, never been done before, and this lucky lump of blubber got to be the guinea-whale. Its glory was short-lived, because it's hard to wallow in your own majesty when an alarming amount of dynamite has just been detonated under your head.

I'm not here to contemplate the rights and wrongs of a situation like this - if the experts deemed their actions to be humane and the whale would have died eventually, though more painfully, so be it. What I do worry about is the effect such a segment must have had on snotty-nosed sprogs and their mentally disturbed parents all over the country.

South Africa is a cool country. It may not be perfect, or even passably functional at some levels, but it's got a good collective heart and I think - given thirty years and the removal of a certain pipe-smoking wally from power - we could have something amazing happening here at the tip of Africa.

Bad news is not the way to keep people happy and focused on making their country a better place. Just once, I'd love to see a major news segment that does not deal with any of the following: corruption, murder, urban terror, Pik Botha's drinking problems, greed, sex or more corruption. And you can add blown-up whales to that list, I assure you.

This is a heartfelt and hungover appeal to the powers that be: if you absolutely MUST perpetrate such a ghastly crime against whales everywhere, don't phone the media. Keep the journalists out, and don't let that poor bloody animal's last moments be captured in gut-wrenching, bowel-clenching detail. This is not Celebrity Death Match, people - we're talking about a living, breathing behemoth of the deep.

And while we're on the subject...has anyone considered the most merciful way to get rid of the National Assembly? Just a thought...

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## Diamond Robbery in G'town



By Wilma Den Hartigh

On Tuesday, 14 August, the American Swiss jewelry store was robbed. Three men armed with handguns entered American Swiss, demanding employees to empty both safes and hand over all the cash in the till. After the robbery, the employees were locked in the toilet in the back of the shop. Nobody was injured.

According to a police spokesperson, an estimated R400 000 worth of diamonds was stolen.

An anonymous witness said that a suspicious-looking man entered the Wimpy, next to American Swiss, shortly before the robbery took place, asking for a glass of water. The robbery took place minutes after the man left.

The investigating officer, Sergeant Ludeke said that no new information regarding the case has been obtained and that the police will draw up an identity kit of the men as soon as the manageress is in a condition to assist them.

## Private wing for Settler's Hospital

By Harugumi Mutasa

"Plans are in the pipeline to have a private wing built inside Settlers Hospital for those who will be able to afford it," said Sipho Mahlati, CEO of Settlers Hospital. They are attempting to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor in Grahamstown by encouraging those on private health schemes to seek treatment at Settlers instead of opting for 'better facilities' in Port Elizabeth. Mr Mahlati added that patients will be housed inside the hospital – they will be attended to by their doctors in the private ward. This will be an advantage to Rhodes students as they need not leave Grahamstown to seek private treatment.

Asked about whether the privatisation of the hospital will affect the poorer residents of Grahamstown in terms of payment, Mr Mahlati said that the plan is not an attempt to transform the institution into an elite establishment. Only those who request and can afford a private ward will be placed in one.

Some medical practitioners in town welcome this move made by Settlers but stressed that before the plan can be carried out, the standard of the hospital must improve so that doctors can feel comfortable with housing their patients there.

The private ward hopes to be available by April 2002.

## Tri-varsity aftermath

By Victoria Milakhov

Tri-Varsity weekend has come and gone, but the aftermath has reflected the Rhodes reputation as tamer than most students would claim it to be. The extent of the damage seemed to end at minor vandalism and a few broken flowers.

The glass window of the Student Union was broken on Friday night. Reportedly a group of drunk students were "messaging around" when things got out of hand and one of them was thrown into the window, shattering it. SRC member, Rinesh Desai, said, "It was an accident, although I presume Rhodes will have to pay to fix the damage since we don't know who did it." The Union also suffered a few broken soap racks and a cracked toilet seat. The walls and floors of the Jan Smuts dining hall were also smeared in mud as students traipsed in after the tackling mud fest that took place on the very muddy main field.

The maintenance staff of the Rhodes Grounds and Gardens department stated that the field was in a "complete mess" after the rugby match. Strict measures were taken to ensure that no glass bottles or any alcohol were taken onto the premises. Despite this, it took the staff almost the entire day to clean the field of empty (and full) alcohol bottles and cans.

All in all, it seems the main damage that has been done is the sudden flu epidemic (which may have had something to do with playing in mud and rain), and those struggling few who can't seem to get that stubborn purple dye out of their hair.

## Zim students face crisis

By Thanduxolo Jika

The US is planning to impose sanctions against Zimbabwean ministers but it seems as if this is going to affect Zimbabwean students studying in South Africa. The sanctions are going to worsen the economic crisis in Zimbabwe and this means that it is going to be difficult for students to buy Rand.

When asking one of the senior Zimbabwean students, who did not want his name mentioned, about this issue of sanctions, he said "I think the sanctions are pathetic because they are just going to make Mugabe angry and in the process we are the ones suffering, not Mugabe". This student added that it is difficult to pay University fees. Another student who also did not want his name mentioned said that the situation they are in is frustrating and is exerting pressure on them. This student said, "Our parents back at home are expecting us to do well in our studies yet it is difficult to learn under such circumstances".

Many other students also think that the sanctions are not going to be effective but they will just worsen things in Zimbabwe. The students are saying that if the economy drops further, chances of them coming back here next year are very slim. As it is, many of them can only get Rand on the "black market". These students fear that next year they might be forced to finish their studies elsewhere or not at all.

## Blood Drive Success



By Asha Speckman

"More students than staff are donating blood," said Eastern Province Blood Transfusion PRO, Debbie Carter. The blood drive held on the 8 of August at Eden Grove saw an impressive increase of donors from the 165 recorded on the 16 May to 250 donors on the 8th of August.

"It's about time," said Colleen Elkington, a member of the Grahamstown branch. In comparison with the recent figures, she says that ten years ago, in 1991, they received approximately 1000 donors. She believes that this was encouraged by inter-res competitions and the Rhodes rag, which ceases to exist. "It's a good deed, people need blood," said third-year student and occasional donor, Dumebi Ubogu.

Presently the South African blood transfusion service is experiencing a nationwide shortage of blood. "Either the ratio of accidents is higher than individuals donating or people are just scared to give," said Mrs Elkington. Due to the "blood low", non-life threatening operations at hospitals are cancelled to prevent a total depletion of blood.

"I can spare it, and they need it - it's definitely worth it!" said second year student Lyle Lumsden.

Anne Warring, a warden and Rhodes Librarian, has been a donor since 1978. Originally inspired by a friend she said that "it appeals to my altruistic needs and you just never know when you're going to need blood."

Although the Eastern Province Blood Transfusion did not reach the 300-360 donor target they had in mind, they were satisfied with the results. Prospective donors still have the opportunity to donate every second Tuesday of the month at the Scout Hall in African street, or wait patiently until the next blood drive pulls into Rhodes.

## Rhodes workers demand wage increase

By Thanduxolo Jika

Workers union NEHAWU has been at Rhodes holding talks with the management of the University with regard to the workers' wage increase. One of the Union representatives - who did not want his name to be mentioned - said that they want to close the wage gap that apparently exists between the workers at the University. The workers demanding wage increases are members of the catering and housekeeping staff. They are demanding a 13% wage increase, but according to the Union representative the University is only willing to give them a 10 % increase. The Union representative says that they are willing to take that 10 % dependent on the fact that their leave will also be extended.

Currently the workers' leave is approximately 18 days per annum, and the University is only prepared to extend it by one day. They are also demanding that the University provide everyone with a housing allowance because most of the NEHAWU members do not benefit from the housing subsidy provided by the University. Union members are also demanding medical aid benefits. The Union representatives say they are confident that the University will consider their demands. There was no one available for a comment from the University management.

## Racism conference

By Wilma Den Hartigh

The World Racism Conference, which monitors racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia will take place in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001. Deputy President Jacob Zuma told the Mail and Guardian that "South Africa's racist past was a motivating factor for the United Nations to choose South Africa as the host country for the conference."

The Durban Metro Council has started preparing for the week-long conference, in spite of the R30 million still outstanding from the international community. The conference – at a cost of approximately R62 million - will attract between 12 000 and 15 000 delegates from all over the world. South Africa will receive a huge tourism revenue injection of R200 million as thousands of overseas visitors and their spending power will be visiting the area. Hotels and guest houses are already fully booked. New employment opportunities will also provide many people with an income.

The conference aims to, among other issues, review progress made against racial discrimination and devise ways to overcome them. Political, historical, economic, social and cultural factors leading to racism will also be discussed. Methods on how the media can be used more effectively to promote tolerance and respect will also be devised.

## Briefs

### Orphaned Elephant Returns Home

Orphaned elephant Sahib will finally be returned to South Africa. Sahib has been a circus attraction in Germany for the last 18 years. After months of petitioning by the various authorities he will be returned home, be baptized Mayibuye (it must return) and live out the rest of his days in the Royal Zulu Reserve near Empangeni.

- Mail and Guardian

### Toilet police out to fine

Spot fines are to be imposed this month on those who urinate in public. The problem seems to be worst in Johannesburg and Gauteng, but angry residents all over Gauteng have had enough. Not only is it unhygienic, but it spreads disease and the smell is unpleasant. Fines of R10-R50 will be imposed on offenders.

-Mail and Guardian

### Bomb Blast

As politicians from all the Northern Ireland parties discussed the latest plan to save the faltering peace process, an I.R.A. group demonstrated its resistance to compromise by detonating a car bomb in West London. The device went off near an underground station Thursday 12th injuring 7 people. The police believe it to be the same group that killed 29 people in Omagh in 1998.

-Time

### Canada goes to pot

Canadians suffering from chronic conditions and terminal illnesses are now legally permitted to use marijuana to relieve their pain. The new rule allows people meeting strict criteria to use supplies of the drug. Patients have largely welcomed the new law, though the Canadian Medical Association opposes it, saying there has not been enough scientific research for accurate prescription of the drug.

-Time

### Poor Mariah

Mariah Carey was admitted to hospital 10 days ago with a case of extreme exhaustion. She claims that she can't trust those close to her anymore. She wants to close the management company she owns, saying it is another reason for her ailment. But no amount of work or stress has stopped her from closing a \$23.5 million dollar contract with Virgin. At least she can pay her medical bills.







# bite me Spice



I must apologise. I understand that the Duke and I are supposed to write about similar topics, but when I phoned him for a quick brain-storming session, the nice people at the Repeat Sexual Offenders Detention Centre told me that he had his cellphone privilege revoked (something about a watermelon, an inflatable sheep and a Nokia set to vibrate - I didn't ask for the details).

So, I decided to tackle a subject that has weighed on my mind for a long time now (in between my constant shopping impulses and my need for hourly chocolate doses). Namely, Why are men so afraid of women?

You may wonder why in a such a time of rampant rape and domestic violence I am suggesting that men are afraid of women and not the other way around. Well, if you and my other two readers (Hi mom, Hi dad) remember my 'Size' column, you will recall that I suggested that the world revolves around penis size. Think Eiffel Tower, Empire State Building, Leaning Tower of Pisa (I'm not quite sure what that suggests about the so-called 'Great Italian Lovers' - but I digress).

This pre-occupation with penis-size is not part of some major Freudian fascination, but rather a deep awareness of that most dangerous of all things - male insecurity.

Every time I am in one of the so-called 'First World' countries where women don't need to strive for equality because it's just a natural part of their existence, I am struck by one thing - the confidence and healthy self-esteem of the men in that country.

Male insecurity is not just about penis size. Rather, it is a determining factor in wars, coups and violence against women. Men know that women are capable not only of providing that most vital function of human existence (birth you big idiots, not blowjobs). We are also

capable of running major corporations, countries and even a household with four dogs, seven cats and six children under the age of five. We can answer the phone, send an e-mail, clean the gerbil cage, cook dinner and give birth all at the same time (maybe I exaggerate, those gerbil cages take a seriously long time to clean).

Men know this and in countries such as Germany and Sweden they try to assist their women in making full use of this potential. In other countries they have taken a completely different route. Female circumcision, foot binding and 'virginity tests' are all more extreme examples of how men have managed to keep 'their women' in line. However, there are more subtle ways, including emotional and physical abuse and a host of so-called 'religious traditions' used to carefully keep women in their 'place'.

I do not wish to offend anyone's cultural sensibilities (I leave that to the Duke) but I would like to suggest that any man who reads this should carefully consider just how secure he actually is in relation to women. I have been slapped by more than one man who thought that I was too outspoken for a woman.

Just as Charlize Theron makes the distinction between 'real men' and those who commit violent acts against women, I would like to make a distinction between 'real men' and those insecure Homo Erecti who think women have 'their place' and do their damndest to keep them there.

Consider the most civilised, advanced countries you can think of. Do the women in those countries have to fight for equal opportunities? Do the men in those countries feel threatened by women? Do you honestly think that this country can achieve anything while women and men maintain their separate 'places'?

I think not.

By Avri Splika and Hendri Pelser

When we sit down to a relaxed evening of sitcoms and microwave dinners, our senses are saturated with atrocities happening everywhere else in the world. Some of us will lose our appetites, some will change the channel - and most of us will thank our lucky stars that it's all happening somewhere else.

The sad truth is that crime is not something we can ignore - it's happening right under our South African noses.

Mike Earl-Taylor is sitting at his desk in the MTN Crime Prevention Centre, surrounded by assorted stationery and papers.

"Excluding countries involved in armed conflict, South Africa is the most violent country in the world".

Earl-Taylor is a staff member of Rhodes' Psychology Department. He has a certificate in social work, a BSc and a B.A. in social sciences, and an M.A. in interdisciplinary studies from Oregon University.

## The statistics

Earl-Taylor defines violent crime as "crime against the person: murder, serial killings, rape, armed robberies, child abduction..."

The list is endless.

It is distressing to note that violent crime figures in South Africa are shown to largely exceed those in the United States. The US has a population of 272, 691, 000 - six times more than South Africa's 43-45 million. However, a 1999 FBI report stated that 5.7 murders occur per 100 000 people in the United States. In the same year, South Africa's figures were 55.4 per 100 000. This equates to ten times more murders per 100 000 people in South Africa.

Although the murder rate dropped to 49.3 per 100 000 people last year, rape statistics are on the rise. Statistics show that this increase is 0.7 percent - however, only one third of rapes are ever reported. The conviction rate for rape in South Africa is only 4 percent, compared to America's 6.

32.7 rapes per 100 000 people are reported in the United States - the figures for South Africa are 120.1 per 100 000. The disparity is difficult to ignore.

Earl-Taylor says: "The amount of child

sexual and physical abuse (in this country) is appalling."

Chillingly, one in three girls and one in five boys will be physically or sexually abused before they turn 18.

## The rationale

Crime in South Africa has increased exponentially since 1994. The reason for this, explains Earl-Taylor, is the country's "past patriarchal society" that is being broken down. Power structures are being challenged. The result is increased crime towards women and children. Apart from obvious socio-economic causes - poverty, unemployment, and alcoholism - violent crime's roots can be traced back to the apartheid era. Children who grew up during the turbulent years between 1948 and 1994 suffered definite material and psychological trauma.

Despite advances in forensic treatment of convicted criminals, there has been very little successful rehabilitation. Incarceration seems to be the only option.

Behind the rose-tinted glasses

We hear of atrocities all around the country, but it is easy to believe that Grahamstown is a safe haven. Crime does not just happen in big cities. House-breakings and petty theft are on the rise. Students in digs are particularly vulnerable - Leanne's digs has been burgled eight times in the past six months.

She says: "We believe we might have hidden treasure under our floorboards".

Jaco's cat was stabbed in one incident. She has since recovered.

Ask Jaco how he feels about crime in Grahamstown, and he says "helpless". He's only really angry with "the bastard who hurt my cat", and feels that students are perceived by criminals as "no better than beggars, living off our parents and bursaries".

Anton recommends not getting broken into over the weekend - the police have a notoriously slow response time over the weekend.

## The long arm of the law

Grahamstown's SAPS branch was the country's top station until March last year.

Since April 2000 there has been an increase in crime. SAPS Media Liaison Sergeant Milanda Coetzer explains that over the last year or so there has been an alarming population growth with 13 families, mainly from the rural areas, moving into Grahamstown daily. These people have no way of supporting themselves and Grahamstown does not have the resources to cope with the influx. The unemployment figure stands at 82%. At the moment there are no juvenile detention facilities in Grahamstown and so juveniles awaiting trial are either sent to Port Elizabeth or released into the custody of their guardians who usually cannot provide adequate supervision.

Four recent operations carried out by the police are aimed at highlighting visibility. The raids are executed at what are regarded as "high risk" times.

Sergeant Coetzer stresses the importance of citizens reporting crimes to the police, because those statistics allow police to plan their raids more carefully.

Grahamstown is currently divided into 34 vehicle blocks, 18 foot patrol blocks (including CBD and campus) and the Business Watch block. Danger areas include: Francis Street, Beaufort Street, African Street, Charles Street, Henry Street, Oatlands Road and St Aidans Avenue. The police are severely understaffed. There are only 55 available staff on any given day and approximately only 20 of those are on patrol. But Sgt Coetzer says: "We are making do with what we have."

Numbers and statistics are very difficult to argue with. They provide police with a starting point from which to tackle crime. Many South Africans are disheartened by the increasing amount of violent crime they are exposed to each day. Everybody tries to cope with it in their own way. Some refuse to admit that it's a reality, others emigrate and many simply give up hope.

Earl-Taylor laughs at the idea of a crime free society: "Then we would all be out of a job!"

He is quick to add: "Our aim and desire is to reduce crime to much lower levels as crime in South Africa costs R80 billion a year and untold suffering in human terms."



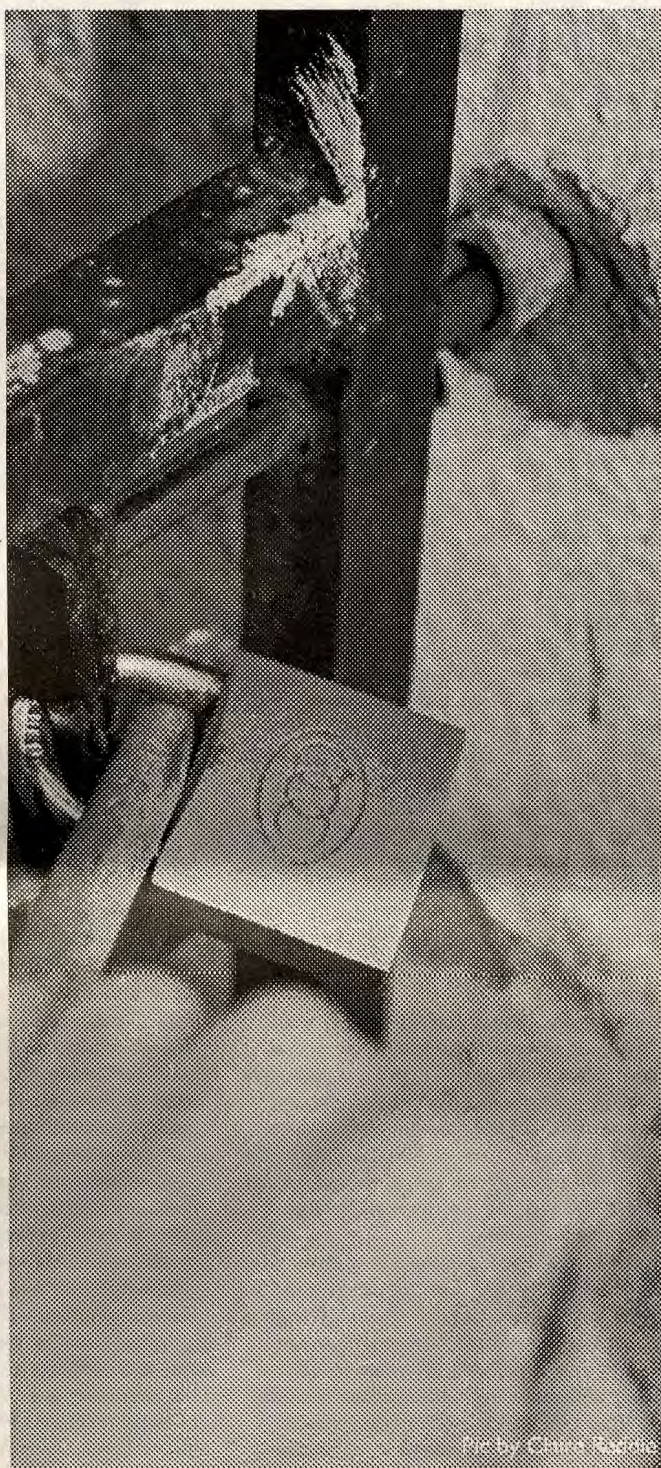
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# Run on the rise



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## Duke “filthy” Sanchez



My editor has told me to tread very carefully around the issue of violence against women. Apparently those who have been tolerant of my sexist opinions until now are far more likely to storm the Activate office brandishing copies of *The Second Sex* and fiery tools of castration if I come out in support of men who beat women.

Luckily, I have no desire to do so. Far more interesting to me is the issue of violent women (like our dear editor). I seem to attract violent chicks in the way that the Jac labs attract baai-ouens looking for porn. If any of you are wondering about the identity of the Duke, look for the guy being chased around the Union by strong girls wielding primitive looking weapons - and not for any pleasurable ends either. I'm that guy who begs for mercy, and ends up cowering in the corner, caked in the rugby team's collective excrement with fear of imminent pain all over my face. It reveals a real social double standard if you think about what would happen if I was a girl being pursued by a guy.

All those jocks would climb in to defend the poor girl, and the oke would have the living shit beaten out of him, and the girl would be ushered into one of those support groups of Oestrogen-laden friends that always seem ready to form at the slightest hint of bastardness. What do I get? The ridicule of every man woman and quadruped in the Union - not to mention the loss of drunkenness that must follow from episodes of manic fear and the exercise involved in fleeing.

The difference is supposed to lie in an unequal power relationship - men have always been dominant in society, and are therefore more able to abuse that power and

harm women, the theory says. But I've always felt that the power relationship in my case swings to the other side. It's simple economic relationship of domination.

Women have a commodity in their pants for which I have an enormous demand, and which they have no qualms about denying me. This feeds into the circle of desire, creating even more unhealthy and unnatural lust and demand.

It all gives them a bargaining power over me that can result in serious emotional trauma, not to mention highly irrational behaviour. The type of irrational behaviour which causes women to want to hurt me. You'd think that they'd be a little more altruistic about sharing what they've got.

In fact, I would argue that society at large has a moral claim to free access to "punani". It's a commodity which is of no absolute value, and the owner cannot take responsibility for the fact that it is valuable since twats are distributed arbitrarily. So the only reason that we value female genitalia is because of socially constructed needs. Which means that it should be considered a shared resource, available for use to all interested persons.

But nooooo, you take one pull on a set of elastic-supported pants and you're seeing stars within seconds. Or lie under one of those wooden benches to get a perspective on that little mini-skirt, and you'll find yourself eating flip-flop for the rest of the evening. And unfortunately, women being the irrational creatures that they are, none of the arguments above ever work on them either. So I guess I'm destined to spend Friday nights nursing injuries inflicted by women who abuse their power over me.

## Crime statistic 1999

Type of crime	No. of incidents	No. of arrests
Rape	6	6
Assault	43	23
House break-ins	+/- 50	25
Car theft	3	-
Car break-ins	30	1
Possession or dealing in dagga	4	6
Murder	-	3
Zero Tolerance project	-	366
Drunken driving	1	1





# El Presidenté

The time has come for a new SRC to be elected. It seems like only yesterday when we came into office. The entire SRC would like to wish the candidates the best of luck and hope that they take this opportunity and treat it with the seriousness and responsibility it deserves.

In the early days of Gorbachev's perestroika, when the first Russian managers arrived for a course at the London Business School, it was joked that the Russians knew about costs and prices, but they just didn't realize that the two were connected. Some of you might level this at SRC members - but I am proud to say that this year's SRC has been very financially responsible. In our end of year report you will see all the financial statements. All Societies who would like to feature in the end of year report are asked to submit a small summary of their activities to the SRC Office for inclusion in the report.

We hope you enjoyed Mr and Miss Rhodes and would like to thank all the participants and the committee that put it all together. This week will be a busy one, with many students having to decide who to vote for. I would urge you to use your vote responsibly. I would also urge you to vote - not only for the new SRC, but also for the new constitution. If you do not wish to vote - there will be an abstain option which you are free to exercise.

For the first time we are using ROSS. I must stress that this will be a secure and confidential means of voting, with all the previous precautions being paralleled on ROSS. We have had the computer programme inspected and declared fair and fit for purpose. Last year our Student Poll was 45% and was one of the highest in the country - I would really appreciate it if we could get over 50% and be the highest in the country.

# Robert Shell: the facts and the fictions

By Rebecca Hodes and Matthew Wilhelm-Solomon.

In the midst of what is arguably the greatest crisis South Africa has ever faced, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, Rhodes' leading HIV/AIDS researcher and one of South Africa's most well-known historians, Dr. Robert Shell, was dismissed by the university on 9 February this year. His case is enmeshed in contradictions, accusations, and a barrage of bad press for Rhodes University in South Africa as well as abroad.

Shell was eventually dismissed for statements made in a personal e-mail that he sent to Professor Grunewald of the National Research Foundation (NRF), as well as two other academics. The NRF had awarded Shell with a prestigious research grant to head an organization called the Population Research Unit (PRU), the purpose of which was to investigate the spread of HIV in South Africa and to make recommendations as to how the spread could be curbed. The PRU has since closed down.

In the e-mail, Shell reneged on an apology he had previously signed in which he had withdrawn allegations made in a co-authored report on the structure and function of the Board of Studies in Rhodes East London. In the report he had made allegations of nepotism, "cronyism" and maladministration on the Rhodes East London campus.

In the offending e-mail to Grunewald, Shell again referred to what he viewed as "compelling evidence of high level nepotism" in RUEl staff structures. He complained that Rhodes had been deliberately obstructionist in its allocation of NRF funding to the PRU. The point of the e-mail was that Shell felt he was still being victimised for the report he had written.

The e-mail also contained allegations that the ex-vice principal, Dr Michael Smout, had faxed "expurgated details" of Shell's original report to Stellenbosch University where Shell had been offered the chair of history (these allegations remain unsubstantiated as the Vice Chancellor's office has refused to make the fax records available). Shell also made an unfounded remark that Dr Smout had resigned because of his report. The email was considered by the university to be a publication.

The debacle dates back to July 1999, when Robert Shell and Cornelius Thomas (a leading black academic, since retrenched) produced the initial report. The university reacted strongly to the report because of the serious nature of its allegations, and two senior academics from Rhodes Grahamstown were appointed to investigate its claims.

This follow-up report, known as the Midgely Report, accused Shell of misconduct and of making false allegations, and both he and Dr Thomas were forced, under threat of disciplinary enquiry, to withdraw the report and to apologise to those whose actions they had questioned. However, the Midgely report did also state that in the case of the appointment of one particular person Sam Munschenbroek, "... the University is powerless to refute charges of nepotism" (pg 23 of the report). Shell refers to the Midgely report as "nonsense on stilts".

In the agreement Shell made with the university when making the apology, the university undertook to help rebuild Shell's academic reputation. If Shell's allegations regarding Smout's faxing of details to Stellenbosch in order to prevent Shell receiving the position of Chair of History are true (and telephone conversations are confirmed to have taken place), Smout's actions

would be in clear disregard of the of the agreement. Shell subsequently lost the appointment due to Stellenbosch receiving the documents from wherever they came.

The overarching irony of the whole affair is that Shell was ostensibly dismissed because of a few sentences in which he brought the name of the university into disrepute. But the fact that both the local and

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- Dr Woods

national media have sympathetically taken up the case has caused significant harm to the reputation of the university. It could be said, the university's actions have been far more damaging to Rhodes' reputation than Shell's. Vice-Chancellor David Woods, in a contentious letter published in the Mail and Guardian on 30 March, referred to what he termed as Shell's "propaganda coup", in which Shell "has managed to dupe a handful of colleagues and reporters with lies, distortions and opportunistic claims about the value of his research, which has yet to be disclosed in written form". It is questionable what the Vice-Chancellor hoped to achieve by stating that a "handful of colleagues" (many of them top Rhodes academics and at least one of them a Head of Department) had been "duped". If Woods purpose in writing the letter was to convince the public that in the Shell-Rhodes affair it was the university that was firmly in the right, his use of bitter and emotive language probably renders the attempt a failure. (At one point Woods attacks Shell for his "sustained vilification of Rhodes", but Woods article may itself be seen as a "sustained vilification" of Shell.) If Wood's purpose in writing the article was to unite and reassure the academic staff, by implying that those who supported Shell had been fooled by him, the article succeeds in further alienating and offending a number of Rhodes employees.

Other than the local backlash in the press against the university and in support of Shell, there has been an influx of letters from acclaimed academics around the world that have stated his merit as both historian and researcher. Bruce Smith, the Director of Human Resources at Rhodes says of these academics that: "I suspect <they> were encouraged to do so by Robert Shell...they've only heard Robert Shell's side of the story and I think that anyone commenting on something they that don't know the full story, I think that's unwise."

Respected academics across the world are exercising their freedom of opinion, and it is important that Rhodes University takes account of how its actions are being perceived, as these perceptions reflect on the whole university including the students. For example, Richard Elphick, a renowned historian, stated in an e-mail to Dr. Roger Southall that "It is beyond my comprehension that Rhodes would dismiss a scholar of Rob's energy, reputation, and passion, especially in the midst of a gathering catastrophe on which he is an expert and a prophetic voice... The penalty appears grossly disproportionate to Rob's alleged misdeeds." Patrick Furlong, another academic employed by the Alma College in Michigan, wrote of the case that "Ever more academics around the world are learning of this case, which could have profound consequences for the

reputation of Rhodes as a haven of free enquiry".

The academic community at Rhodes has been greatly divided by the issues. At a meeting convened by the board of the faculty of Humanities department academics voted by 21 votes to 16 in favour a motion that stated: "This Faculty deplores the dismissal of Dr Shell from his post. Regards this punishment as excessive in relation to misdemeanors allegedly committed by him, and calls on the administration to reconsider its decision and to seek an alternative resolution to this crises which is damaging the university." In addition to this, a letter signed by over 50 academics was sent to the Mail and Guardian expressing these sentiments.

Roger Southall has also stated that: "I think there is a message coming through from this that if you step out of line you're likely to get chopped... Rather than dealing with the substantive issues Rhodes has preferred to shut down the criticism". In addition to this, students who approached Vice Chancellor Woods have reported that they felt intimidated by him, that he "raised his voice" when addressing them, and that he was not receptive to their views.

The case of Robert Shell raises a number of issues regarding academic freedom at Rhodes and indeed in South Africa. Bruce Smith, the Director of Human resources says that: "Anyone can criticise the university but they've got to back up their claims with fact". This has validation, but it is also important to note firstly, as stated above, that the Midgely report acknowledged that in one case there was a base for the allegations, and secondly that in the e-mail to Grunewald, Shell does not mention any names but merely points to "compelling evidence" that he presented and expresses dismay at the way he was treated. An example of how academic freedom is perceived in international academic circles is expressed in the following quote by Professor Leonard Guelke of the University of Waterloo, Canada: "Academic freedom means that an individual can express critical and independent

judgments on any matters relating to scholarship, public affairs or institutional governance without having to fear any negative consequences whatsoever". It does not seem from this case that such a culture is being entrenched within the university.

Ultimately, this whole affair has been characterized by an astounding amount of arguing over details, the complexities of

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which cannot be dealt with in this article. It seems clear that both Robert Shell and the University acted in ways that were inappropriate. Yet, the University remains unwilling to find a possible compromise with Shell, or to take into account the divisive atmosphere among the academic staff in particular that has followed in the wake of the affair. Finally, what is also at issue here is the fact that the image of Rhodes University is a reflection on the students who attend it. Setting aside the case in question, it is extremely important that the student body overcome its apathy and ignorance regarding university matters. Students must start to question how Rhodes is run, rather than passively refusing to take responsibility for what is projected about their university and what happens inside it.



Activate AGM - Exclusive! Exclusive! Exclusive!

On Monday, August 27, Rhodes University's only independent student newspaper, Activate, will be holding its annual general meeting.

The meeting will be held in the RA Room (room 23, upstairs in the Student Union) from 7pm. All are welcome, but only members will be allowed to cast their votes after the meeting. The AGM provides a look back at the past year and is also a chance for members to meet those people running for staff positions.

Please come and cast your vote if you are a member; non-members are more than welcome to come along and ask questions. Manifestoes will be up in the Activate office from Wednesday 22, so anyone who is interested can come and read manifestoes.

Contested positions include: Editor, Marketing and Communications Officer, Staff and Office Co-ordinator, Interactivate Editor and Assistant Editor, Content Editor, Managing Editor, Features Editor, News Editor, Arts and Culture Editor, Inter-campus Editor, Sports Editor, Just-Say-Know Editor, Chief and Assistant Sub-editors, Chief and Assistant designers, Pictures Editor, Advertising Manager, Training and Development Officer, Distribution Manager, Finance Manager and IT Manager.

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# Oppikoppi "in-die-valli"

By Nic Gutteridge & Hilton Tarrant

No showers, no beds and bad food is what a weekend in the bush is like. Although - how much of the bush exists just 2 kilometers from Pretoria CBD? Essentially, the move to Fountains Valley has taken the koppie out of Oppikoppi - the new venue is really just a regular caravan park tucked away in a valley.

Although any intrepid festival-goer expects a lapse in personal hygiene, Oppikoppi's organisers (disorganisers?) neglected to place their showers where your average Rhodes student could find them.

Sadly, the change in venue from last year left Oppikoppi without its distinct feeling of camaraderie. The Rhodes contingent put Pretoria's supposedly "hard-core" residents to shame: the bloody slackers passed out by ten in the morning, missing all the day's musical madness.

The atmosphere at this year's Oppikoppi lacked the sense of camaraderie fostered at Northam, where festival-goers roughed it together in the bush, listening to great music and generally having a great time. The vibe at Fountains Valley was reminiscent of "agricultural shows in Bloemfontein", where folks go to get drunk and shop, with little regard for the local musos singing their lungs out onstage.

Bringing Oppikoppi to the Fountains Valley was a "strategic business move," according to Carel Hoffman, the event's organiser. Hoffman's view is that the festival's proximity to the city will allow the festival to develop into "a healthy and really big music festival - a critical move for live music."

In the past, Oppikoppi had been held at Hoffman's farm near Northam in the Northern Province, about two hours drive from Johannesburg. The calculated change of venue was hoped to ensure that attendance numbers grew. Hoffman says that he would like to see the festival develop into something monstrous "with 20 000 to 30 000 people attending" to support local music.

However, attendance was estimated at between twelve and thirteen thousand people, the majority of whom were day visitors. Passes for day visitors were a new addition to this

year's event.

Wintertime in Gauteng had clearly killed off the 'plush' lawns advertised by pre-event publicity. Instead the main arena was nothing more than half-grown rows of grass and red dust.

Highlights included Duusman's last ever gig, and a double bill by Koos Kombuis that allowed fans to hear favourites like "Johnny (is nie dood nie)" more than once, first solo and then accompanied by the group Not My Dog.

Lowlights, on the other hand, were topped by John Walland and John Vlismas MC-ing on the main stage ("What's up next John? - I don't know John - Hahahaha" got boring after about two minutes)

Glam-vamp glitter-Goth Ashton Nyte, the sound engineer(s) during Not my Dog's set, 340ml (a Mozambican band), and the mini doughnut stall also failed to impress.

International acts have been included in the Oppikoppi line-up before and, given the potential and positioning of the new venue, this could see an increase in international acts making appearances, according to organisers. Federation Française de Fonck rocked the main stage and surprised many an unsuspecting South African music lover, demonstrating the power and energy of French music.

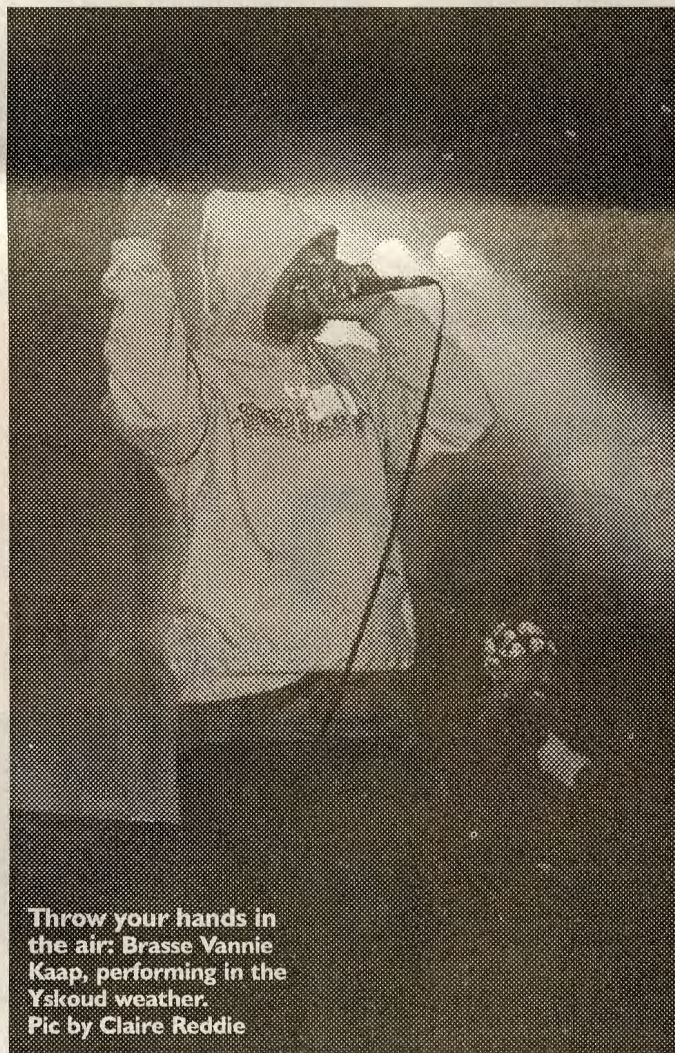
In the barrage of publicity that preceded the TUNED festival, the organisers stressed that they not only wanted to "feature South African legends, but to expose audiences to artists from dirt roads less travelled". Unfortunately, other talented artists like Bongo Muffin and Lucky Dube were not as well received as the Afrikaans musos - perhaps because they did not appeal to the tastes of the majority of (Afrikaans-speaking) visitors.

If you missed the festival in Pretoria, fear not: Oppikoppi will be wreaking havoc at the Northam Easter Rock Fest next April. And then there's always next year's 'big' Oppikoppi. Although Oppikoppi 2002 has been advertised with Fountains Valley as the venue, the organisers are still debating the feasibility of this move.

According to an exhausted Hoffman: "Everyone's keen - we need to sleep for three weeks before making a decision."



Pic by Claire Reddie



Throw your hands in the air: Brasse Vannie Kaap, performing in the Yskoud weather.  
Pic by Claire Reddie

## A joint decision

By Justine Norval

Consider this: Mary Jane is a party girl. She's strong, healing, great to hang out with and more than happy to provide a little relaxation after a long, hard day. And hey, if Mary Jane sometimes makes you a little forgetful, it's not a problem - just fire her up again and see if you can remember again.

Marijuana has a lot of names, both on the street and in supposedly conservative households. Pot, weed, grass, dagga - Mary Jane gets around, but she's also been notoriously coy when it comes to the long arm of the law.

But if British politicians have their way, Mary Jane may not have to hide out in student digs for the rest of her life.

### The British Perspective

Former Tory deputy leader Peter Lilley has raised eyebrows in London with his proposition of legalisation.

For now, the Conservatives remain unmoved, and both Home Secretary David Blunkett and Prime Minister Tony Blair maintain strong anti-legalisation attitudes. Lilley's suggestion has opened the way for a great deal of debate, and even some experimentation.

In Lambeth, a London county, police officers have stopped arresting pot smokers, preferring a warning and confiscation of any marijuana the smoker may be carrying. In a county where offenders are usually guaranteed a fine of less than 50 pounds, Lambeth's new policies are being cheered by many as a step in the right direction.

A recent poll revealed that 49% of the British public either support legalisation or have not yet decided where they stand on the issue.

Luminaries like Virgin billionaire Richard Branson have come out in support of legalisation, with the grinning billionaire maintaining that dope is less harmful than cigarettes or alcohol.

### South African attitudes

Although the legalisation and decriminalisation of marijuana is

a long way off, it's quite possible that South Africa, still a runny-nosed kid on the battlefield of international politics, will follow big brother Europe's lead. That means marijuana could well be legalised in this country sometime in the future - though not as soon as some students would like...

### Medical Facts: why marijuana will not make you sexier, smarter or famous

A recent study conducted in the U.K. and Switzerland has shown through a series of trials that the chemicals contained in a hemp plant - cannabinoids - do not improve quality of life for cancer sufferers any more than regulation drugs. However, marijuana has been proven to relieve the pain of Multiple Sclerosis sufferers, and is an effective painkiller for sufferers of other neurological conditions.

Side effects can and do include dizziness, nausea, paranoia, depression, slurred speech, disorientation, disconnected thought, dry mouth, blurred vision and muscle twitching.

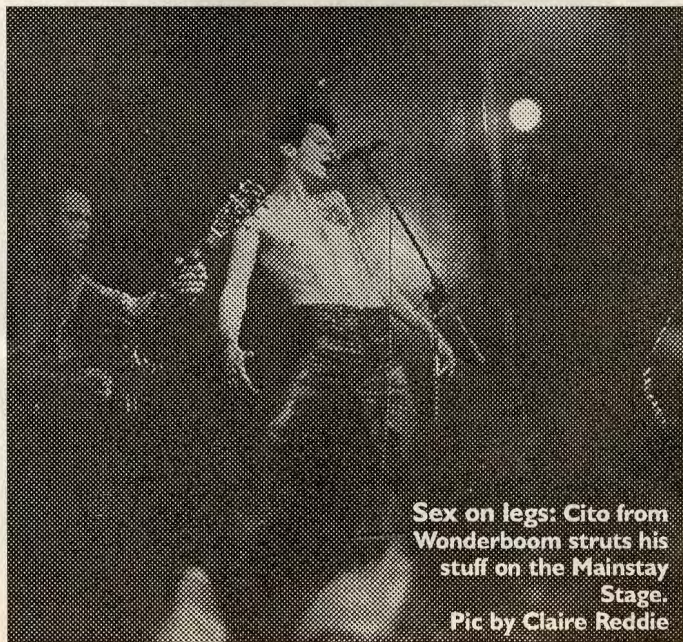
Some experts maintain that cannabis is a "gateway" to hard drugs like cocaine and heroin. This issue remains hotly debated and may well provide ammunition for anti-legalisation campaigns.

### The Positive Stance: marijuana smokers vs. "primary offenders"

Supporters of the legalisation drive call into question the effort supposedly "wasted" on pursuing and arresting cannabis smokers. In a country where rape and murder are everyday norms, they insist, police efforts cannot focus on marijuana convictions and ignore "real criminals".

### And the point, bru?

It seems the British aren't quite as conservative as we here in sunny South Africa suspected, but legalisation is a long way off, so don't get excited and fire up a joint when next you're chilling at the Rat on a Saturday afternoon. It looks like Mary Jane will be the mysterious girl in the corner for a while yet...



Sex on legs: Cito from Wonderboom struts his stuff on the Mainstay Stage.  
Pic by Claire Reddie



Drinking in the sun and good tunes: What more could you ask for?  
Pic by Claire Reddie



# stuff

**20-26 August - AIDS AWARENESS WEEK:** There are lots of events happening with regards to this very important time of year.

**22 August - AIDS DEBATE @ GREAT HALL @ 7pm.** You can also check what all the residences, sports clubs and societies are organising. Details are available on the Rhodes website <http://www.ru.ac.za> in the Student Zone section. Participate, and don't forget your Red Ribbon!

**25 August -** For those of you who haven't got tickets to the GREEK BALL (what kinda party will it be without me anyway?), Squeaky Clean Productions is having a WET PARTY @ the heated pool in Port Alfred which sounds like it could be a splashing time.

**23 & 24 August - INNOVATIONS,** a totally student driven drama and movement show will be presented @ The Rhodes Theatre @ 7:30pm. Tickets are R5.

## RMR Top 30 Show

Every Saturday from 4-7 pm, RMR brings you its TOP 30 show. We've all become very accustomed to hearing Blizzard and Venus taking us through the list adding all the interesting bits in between. Unfortunately Blizzard has now left the show and is leaving Venus to do it all on her lonesome - and hell is she doing it!

The TOP 30 still has all the flavour it used to, perhaps minus the slugs and snails and puppy dog tails. Its all sugar and spice, and if the last show was anything to go by, she'll continue to do just fine. One of the highlights was a live cross over to Oppikoppi, which listeners just loved. Tune in, it'll definitely be 3 of the smoothest hours on radio you'll catch on RMR.

## Return of the h

These days bands are reaching for the PR button. They're trying to flash you their cool clothing or name-check you with artists only they appear to have listened to. Enter *Strange Little Man*, a band who seem to epitomise the complete opposite of this rock melodrama.

"Yeah and they showed it off on M-NET, this lame-ass music video. Luckily not many people watched it," laughs the down to earth, Kendal Beadon, singer and guitarist of Port Elizabeth five-piece *Strange Little Man*. He's talking about their recent television appearance, which left Kendal alone in a local restaurant with the cameras rolling while the rest of the band were nowhere to be seen.

With a warm, jumped-up kind of sound, their folk cult punk attracts many a repressed rock-lover. Theirs is honest pop music, something which when placed alongside the MTV generation, seems aeons away.

Singer and photography student Brynley Coetzee, a sort of Barry White disguised as Jim Morrison says the group originally started off as a three-piece doing mellow acoustic numbers. They first met at school before coming together in March 2000 to form *Strange Little Man*. Bassist Rob Szabo, who majors in English at Rhodes University, is the band's most recent addition and got the call in July last year while playing in a swing band. After some encouragement from a friend of the band, who organized their first gig and helped keyboardist Richard Brunyee overcome his initial stage fright, *Strange Little Man* were on their way.

Being in a place like Port Elizabeth, which gets nowhere near as much coverage as big cities like Johannesburg or Cape Town, doesn't faze them. "We don't really mind being outsiders," says Rob, while the others nod their heads in agreement. For them being in a smaller place with a smaller pool of bands, makes it easier to sneak in through the back door.

Says Kendal with a wry grin, "You have to maintain a balance between what is heartfelt and what is funny. If we become famous - that's just something on the side."

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## Splitting Reels Swordfish

Reviewed by: Robert Odendaal

**The Players:** Hugh Jackman, John Travolta, Halle Berry, Don Cheadle  
**Director:** Dominic Sena  
**Rating:** 5/10

Travolta starts *Swordfish* off with a monologue about the crap movies that Hollywood churn out these days. He talks about how the movies are so predictable and that the audiences always like a happy ending. Ironical this, because *Swordfish* is your usual Hollywood crap, only it tries to disguise itself as an intelligent, twist-filled thriller, without much success I might add.

Lets look at the "plot". There is Travolta (trying to reinvent his cool badguy image), an ex-CIA agent, now with a cyber-terrorist plot to steal 9 billion bucks from government funds. Only his real motive is to stop terrorists by terrorising them. Sounds confusing? Welcome to modern cinema. At his side is Halle Berry (*Executive Decision*, *Bullworth*), whose only real function in this movie is to give it a 16 age-restriction, and thank God for that. Then there's Hugh Jackman (*X-Men*, *Someone Like You*), the world's best hacker, recently out of jail, with the pure motive of regaining custody of his daughter from her porn-actress mom. Cute. Oh, and let's not forget the cop-on-a-power-trip played by Cheadle (*Traffic*), who arrested Jackman's character two years prior. Ah, you're thinking, I've never seen this before.

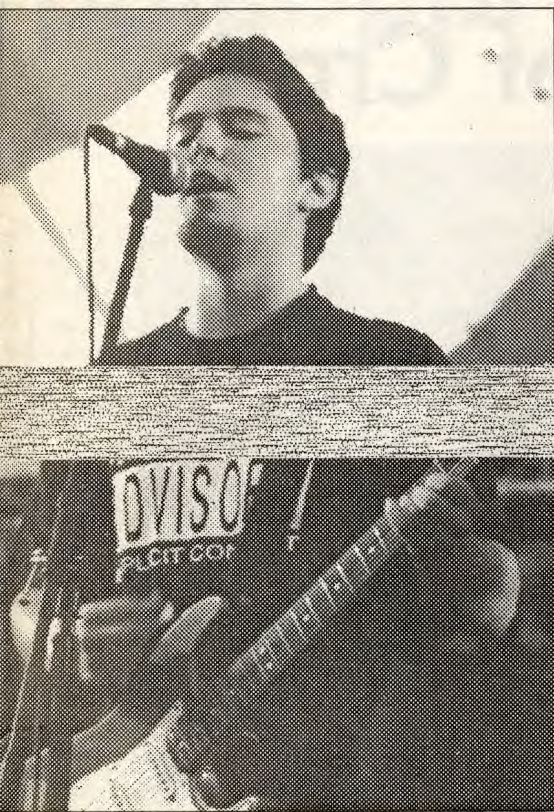
Now some people have called this movie intelligent, based on the fact that there are a few "surprise" twists, yet if you listen to Travolta's opening speech you will realise that they are about as surprising as finding a likeable Australian. Sorry, but I'm simply tired of these old rehashed clichés. Sure producer Joel Silver (*The Matrix*, *Romeo Must Die*) makes sure that visually there are some excellent explosions. And Sena (*Gone in 60 Seconds*) at least tries to be inventive with his directing. Still, when all is done, you realise that you feel your IQ has just dropped a few points. If you want intelligent rather see *Seven* or *The Usual Suspects*. If you want to see Halle Berry nude, though, then look no further than this spectacular masterpiece. Sure.





# Heart felt

Story by: Stephen Timm



Ndal Beadon of *Strange Little Man*, live at Splashy  
Pic by Kelvin Jay Hourquebie

# Mission: Munchies

## Marvelous Muffins

They may look like an evil member of the cake clan, but muffins are actually quite healthy (chocolate chip excluded). And as for a light, tasty meal, you won't find anything better. Added to that, muffins come in a variety of flavours, so after a week of these delicious little snacks for lunch, you'll still be able to stand the sight of them.

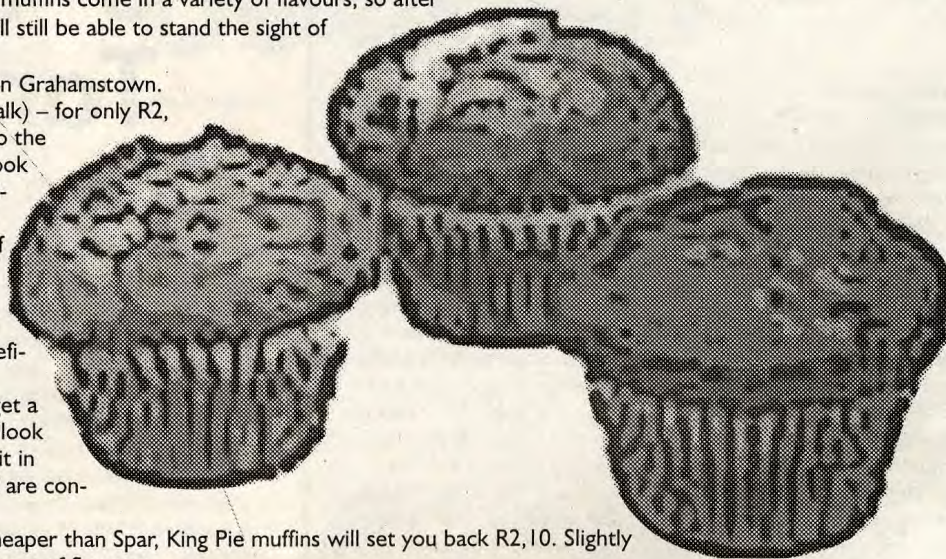
The JSK team found the top three muffin makers in Grahamstown.

Oatlands Bakery (next to Clicks, but worth the walk) – for only R2, these muffins are a definite bargain and well suited to the student budget. Not only are they cheap, but they look amazing and taste just as good. Garnished with a dollop of icing and marzipan carrot or date (depending on whichever flavour you prefer), they get a 5 out of 5 for appearance. They are moist, but not oily, and won't let you down in the flavour department. While you are there, it might also be worthwhile to try out some of their other baked goods: they are definitely worth it.

Spar (we all know where to find Spar) – you can get a freshly baked muffin for R2,45, and while they don't look as appealing as Oatland's goodies, they make up for it in taste. Spar also offers a wider variety of muffins, and are conveniently situated a lot closer to campus.

King Pie (in High Street in case you missed it) – cheaper than Spar, King Pie muffins will set you back R2,10. Slightly oily, but moist, they also taste great and come in a range of flavours.

So, instead of snacking on chips and chocolate, have a wholesome muffin! Not only are they inexpensive, but they taste just as good as junk food and are a lot healthier.



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(figure out the rest)

## RU Fixtures

Monday 20 Aug	<b>Squash:</b> PE League: RUW3 vs Humansdorp RUW1 vs Londt Park RUM1 vs Swifts	Away	18:30
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Tuesday 21 Aug	<b>Badminton:</b> RU Men vs Hume Park <b>Squash:</b> PE League: RUM2 vs Londt Park RUW2 A vs Westview A	Home	19:00
		Away	18:30
Wednesday 22 Aug	<b>Badminton:</b> RU Mixed vs Charl <b>Table Tennis:</b> League - Round 11 <b>Rugby:</b> RUA U/21 vs Border Tech <b>Volleyball:</b> RUM vs Paterson B RUW vs UPE	Plascon	19:00
		PE	18:00
		UPE	19:00
Thursday 23 Aug	<b>Table Tennis:</b> League - Round 11 <b>Squash:</b> SPAR League - Semi Finals <b>SPORTS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING</b> <b>Badminton:</b> Internal League	PE	18:00
		Londt Park	18:30
		OMP	13:00
		AM	19:00
Friday 24 Aug	<b>Soccer:</b> RUM1 vs PE Technikon	UPE	19:00
Saturday 25 Aug	<b>Tennis:</b> RU vs Salem I (Finals Day) <b>Road Running:</b> Spoornet Great Train Race <b>Hockey:</b> RUW1 vs Technikon RU Rats vs Pegs RUW3 vs Gelvan Harlequins	DSG	12:30
		PE	07:00
		OG	14:30
		Home	13:00
Sunday 26 Aug	<b>Hockey:</b> RU Romans vs Hume Park Occasionals vs Gelvan RU Rats vs Technikon <b>Mountain:</b> Adventure Race <b>Basketball:</b> RUM vs Dynamos B	Home	11:00
		Gelvan	13:00
		OG	13:00
Monday 27 Aug	<b>COLOURS MEETING</b> <b>Squash:</b> PE League: RUW1 vs Crusaders RUW3 vs Westview A RUM1 vs Westview	PE Tech	13:00
		OMP	13:00
		Away	18:30
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Tuesday 28 Aug	<b>Squash:</b> PE League: RUM2 vs Westview B RUW2 A vs Old Grey RUW2 B vs Westview B <b>Badminton:</b> Internal League	Away	18:30
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		PE Tech	13:00
Wed 29 Aug	<b>Badminton:</b> RU Mixed vs St Albans 'A' RU Men vs Walmer <b>Table Tennis:</b> League - Round 12 <b>Rugby:</b> RUA U/21 vs All Stars U/21 <b>COLOURS MEETING</b>	Plascon	19:00
		Scribante	19:00
		PE	18:00
Thursday 30 Aug	<b>Table Tennis:</b> League - Round 12 <b>Squash:</b> SPAR League - Finals <b>Hockey:</b> RUW1 vs Rhodes Rats <b>Badminton:</b> Internal League	Away	19:45
		OMP	13:00
		PE	18:00
Friday 31 Aug	<b>Tennis:</b> Spar Ladies Doubles Finals	Westview	18:30
		Home	TBA
		AM	19:00
Saturday 1 Sept	<b>Tennis:</b> RUM vs PE Club Spar Ladies Doubles Final <b>Road Running:</b> Good Year Marathon & 10km <b>Soccer:</b> Winner Pool A vs Runner Up Pool B Winner Pool B vs Runner Up Pool A <b>Hockey:</b> RUW1 vs Old Grey RU Rats vs UPE RUW3 vs Lotus <b>Mountain:</b> Zinkuka Hike (with MCSA) <b>Volleyball:</b> RUW vs Goodyear RUM vs St Albans Home	Home	12:30
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Arts n' Culture

# Art Official Intelligence

Clare Hazelton,  
Arts & Culture Editor

When my co-editor, Christelle du Toit, first joined the Arts and Culture team, she reflected on the true meaning of "arts" and "culture". She discovered that their definitions were large and complicated. By trying to encapsulate these two "common" nouns on a page every two weeks, I feel we must often miss essential aspects of their meaning.

Looking at the content for this edition, it has come to my attention that one of the aspects of arts and culture, is that they are intrinsically entwined with our identity. As our culture forms part of our identity, so our identity forms part of our art.

Take the Xhosa crafters, for example. Their work is a tradition passed down from generation to generation, and their craft is not only an art, but also a part of their identity. Likewise, the drama students' productions, innovations, will most surely reflect the identity of the performers and directors (which could be rather interesting, so be sure not to miss it). Finally the Zimbabwean culture definitely has a strong identity on campus, which nobody can deny.

One woman whose identity will forever be understood in terms of her art, was Helen Martins. She lived in the tiny "town" of Nieu Bethesda, where after the death of her parents, she set about creating an artwork of her home and birthplace. The entire house and garden of this "modest Karoo dwelling" is a menagerie of glass and concrete sculptures. A

prominent feature is the owls, from which the place now gets its name: The Owl House.

Most of the sculptures Martins designed have biblical or allegorical references, such as the nativity scene and the "passage of time". The Owl House is her own mythical Mecca, and the spirituality of her creation can be felt as you walk through the "camel yard" to the "East" sign-posted on her garden fence. "This is my world," she wrote on one fence. Her world; her art; her culture. It is not difficult to see why her art has been described as that of the mentally disturbed.

There is an esoteric force in the Owl House, evoked in one by the fantastic sculptures and the words, written in wire on the fences. The combination of the visual with the words is an expression of what haunted the very depths of Helen Martins' soul. The depression and despair; the joy and hope; the debauchery and morbidity are all contained in the Owl House, so that Helen Martins' identity lives on after her death, brought about by her own hand.

In memory of Helen Martins, whose 15th anniversary was recently celebrated by the folk of Nieu Bethesda, I urge you all to take a look at your identity. Dig it up out of the trends and peer pressures around you. Think about the culture you consist of and how you can artistically express yourself. And remember: without arts and culture, we would not be who we are.

## There's nothing quite like Tanganda

By H.M.

Ahh, culture – a small collection of specially cultivated bacteria. And yet this concept is so important to us as students, as communities, as humanity... Bacteria surround us at all times. Kind of like the Zimbabweans on campus.

I am Zimbabwean. Not only that, I'm immensely proud of being one. Most of my friends are Zimbabwean – not because I avoid South Africans. I obviously feel a close affinity towards people who are like me: ahh, culture. So what defines being a Zimbo for us? We still drink Zim tea – mostly Tanganda and Zim coffee – Daybreak, Coffee Time or Ellis Brown. Apparently even Zim Milo is preferred! Lots of us carry our books in canvas "Earth" satchels. We call "pants" "trousers" – "pants" is used for underwear.

Of course another way of telling the Zimbos apart is the collection of Zimbabwean handmade works of art. We have colourful wall hangings, carvings and wrought iron candlesticks bought on the side of the road, from the "peoples' markets".

Zimbabweans have also been considered to be very "cliquey". We hang out with Zimbos and actually enjoy the taste of our chicory (with up to 30% coffee in every jar). We have Zim evenings and sit and talk politics and play the "I miss home" game. Of course any South Africans are invited but they tend to leave after about ten minutes – we are a tight bunch and everyone knows it. However, we don't mean to be. There are a lot of Zimbos on campus and I often find that I meet more Zimbos than South Africans when I go out.

Of course the love of Zim coffee and tea is not the only thing that makes us stand out. The idea of the sea makes us over-excited and we take as many chances as humanly possible to go to the beach. And what's more we insist on swimming in the water, no matter what the temperature is. Embarrassing as it is, we still collect shells and even build a few sand castles. I have only done that with Zimbabweans. The South Africans mostly laugh at us. Few join in. For them the novelty has worn off. The sea is the sea – a bit of really salty water. Bear in mind that it takes two days of heavy travel for Harare dwellers to get to the sea. That meant that my family only went once every two or three years.

Family holidays are, of course, as big a thing as you will find anywhere else in the world. We insist on going camping or staying in little chalets where you have to walk to the bathroom. We consider ourselves so lucky that we have places like Kariba, Mana Pools (a game park a little east of the Kariba dam wall), Nyanga and Chimanimani (in the cooler eastern "highlands"), Gonarezou and Hwange (nearing the south of Zim) and the Victoria Falls. Each of these offers such a variety of activities from game drives to bungee jumping – all of which are great fun. Like anyone else who loves the things that a country has to offer, we boast about holidays to these places and have too many photos of each time spent there.

Zimbabwe is something that is hard to get out of your blood. It's not so much patriotism as the plain simple feel of the place. If you smile at someone – anyone – they tend to smile back. You find everyone you know greeting you and asking how you are. Vendors remember you and greet you by name with great big smiles. There is a whole group of Zimbos who are proud to be from such a place and we go back every chance we get. One such example is a lecturer from the English Department – none other than Dan Wylie. During the December vac I was shopping for English books at a tiny bookshop in Harare, and the man behind the counter confessed to being an old Rhodent with Honours in English. He told me that Dan Wylie had been in the same shop the day before. Dan goes back to Zim at least once a year. Everyone has to return at some stage. Zim grows on you. It becomes a culture.

Probably the best thing about all the Zimbos I know is that we're all profoundly positive. We've been taught this thanks to bad politics, a collapsing economy and rife rumours. On top of that, most of us swear blindly that we'll eventually return to what we consider to be our home. Naïve? Many of our South African friends have been stunned by the friendliness of the "man in the street", by our rich diversity, the wall hangings, carvings, wildlife, in a word by our culture. Naïve maybe – but how could we ever leave such a wonderful place behind.

## Art of Craft



Xhosa women use traditional crafting techniques to make a living. Hats crocheted out of plastic packets are an example of the artworks they create.

By Fiona Milligan

Walking, unaware, past the numerous stalls held by informal traders, seems a normal occurrence for most of us. Not many of us give them a second glance. However, these stalls – offering intricate bead work, unique "plastic bag" hats and bags, and woollen beanies – represent far more than just a means of survival for the poor and unemployed in Grahamstown's streets.

A realisation of the talent, tradition and meaning concerned, reveals the true art involved in these "passed-by" street stalls. Many of the women involved in producing the striking necklaces, bracelets and other accessories on display, have been taught these skills as children by older women in their communities, and have been patiently perfecting them over many years. The various colours, designs and shapes that they use in their work represent different meanings according to tradition in their Xhosa culture.

For example, green, white and blue beads are used to represent a girl's journey into womanhood. A specific necklace is created from red, green and white beads, and is given to boys during their "coming of age" to represent that they are ready to fall in love.

Enterprising and determined, these Xhosa women have been successful in bringing part of their culture onto the streets. Many speak of suffering and the need to feed families, pay accounts, buy paraffin... the expenses for living are endless. Coming up with new ideas and effectively using the cheapest resources available to them are ensuring that their "could be" desperate situations are improving. Innovation in the area of arts and culture is seeing them through.

Unfortunately, the future of these art forms may be unstable. A 72-year-old seller explained that she could not teach the art to her children – they are too busy. Hopefully, this is not the usual case. It is vital that we preserve all aspects of culture in our country.

Show some respect. Admire. Observe. Appreciate the art and culture clearly evident even on the streets of Grahamstown. Start a trend – a striking piece of beadwork would make a funky acces-

**Mootox: open mic, stand up comedy, live acts.**

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pic by Emma Goss



## Poetry Corner

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## Old drugs may fight Mad Cow disease

By Will Boggs, MD

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - Two old drugs may prove useful in treating the fatal brain malady Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) - including the form related to Mad Cow disease - scientists at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) have found.

Prion diseases, including CJD, result from the misfolding of prion protein into a shape that somehow copies itself and causes progressive loss of brain function. The form of CJD linked to eating meat infected with Mad Cow disease is called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or vCJD. All forms are invariably fatal.

New research involving mice suggests that two long-used drugs - one for malaria, the other for schizophrenia - may fight prion disease. Based on results, the researchers believe Quinacrine or Chlorpromazine could be used immediately to treat such prion diseases as CJD. Whether the two drugs might be even more effective when used together remains to be seen.

Two CJD patients have already received Quinacrine at UCSF. The family of one patient,

a 20-year-old UK woman with symptoms of vCJD, says she has undergone an "extraordinary transformation" since beginning treatment, according to British media reports. However, the scientists are cautious about the potential success of these two drugs. "I don't want to raise any unrealistic hopes," said study co-author Dr. Carsten Korth. "We have treated two patients and one of them did not improve and with the other, it is too early to tell."

A spokesman for the Department of Health in London said experts from the National CJD Surveillance Unit are in close contact with Prusiner and his colleagues over this research.

He also pointed out a major obstacle - the fact that there is currently no way of definitively diagnosing vCJD until after death. This makes it difficult to be certain the drug is treating the disease and not another condition with similar symptoms.

Courtesy: Yahoo.com

## Flying hazards: not such old news

The media has reacted strongly to news that Emeritus Professor, Peter Beighton - one of UCT's top geneticists now retired - had warned the airline industry of the dangers of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) almost 34 years ago. Beighton, on a lecture tour in KwaZulu Natal last week, said three other major daily newspapers had approached him about his early disclosures on the condition. This followed an article in the Saturday Argus, (July 28/29, 2001), highlighting Beighton's initial findings on DVT.

He said it was "quite possible" that he would be asked to testify about his findings, first published in 1967. These appeared in an article, "Medical Hazards of Air Travel", in The Practitioner when Beighton was "just a lad" and a Medical Registrar at St Thomas' Hospital in the United Kingdom. A year later Beighton and a co-author, Dr Peter Richards, compiled an article on cardio-vascular disease in air travellers for the British Heart Journal.

What is telling though, 34 years later, is that Beighton and Richards got the go-ahead to publish the article from the BOAC's Director of Medical Services. "Richards worked part-time for BOAC as a medical officer at the airport, so he needed their permission to publish it. This was granted and we subsequently sent BOAC a reprint," Beighton confirmed.

Furthermore, copies were also distributed to the major airlines. "So they have always known that Deep Vein Thrombosis was a risk, they just didn't inform their passengers," he added. "Following recent disclosures about DVT, over 2 500 Australians have got together to sue the airlines for negligence and there is a similar move in Britain."

Beighton first became aware of the effects of long-distance airline travel on passengers in the early 1960s. "I was a Medical Officer in the United Nations' Parachute Regiment during the Congo Crisis. Flying with the troops into West Africa gave me some insight into the problems caused by long flights. Five years later, while I was training in internal medicine at Hillingdon Hospital near the airport, I saw some of the acute emergency cases coming in and I wondered about the affects of long flights."

Courtesy: The Monday Paper



Inter-campus

## Briefs

### Dismissed

Students' reputation for being promiscuous after a recent survey of 2 600 students by web company, virginstudent.com. They found that the majority of the participants had fewer than five sexual partners, with many being monogamous. Of those in relationships, half the women said they would stay with their present partner for ever, whilst four out of ten male undergraduates believed their love would survive long after university. The poll highlighted Kent University as the most sexually active university, with Oxford near the bottom of the league.

### Hungry

Ethiopian students after stopping their hunger strike protesting the Kenyan government's refusal to treat them as refugees and allow them to continue studies at Kenyan universities. Calling off the twelve-day strike in Nairobi, student leaders said they were in talks with the Kenyan government and that they are hopeful their demands will be met. The students, from the University of Addis Ababa, said that starving themselves was not helping them to fight for their rights. Courtesy: Die Matie

## RSFM DJ wreaks havoc

By Mia Street

During the past July holidays a part-time DJ at the University of the Free State's campus radio station, Radio Shimla (RSFM), managed to step on quite a few toes.

Louw Mulder was one of the DJs who went on air between 7pm and 10pm twice a week during the holiday, to "entertain" listeners. Allegedly a couple of his shows began to become out of hand. Amongst Mulder's audience members were some school children that were drawn into a heated debate over rival schools and unpopular teachers.

Nasty comments were exchanged, and teachers were singled out, cursed and offended. Pupils of an elite boys school in Bloemfontein were amongst the dirty-mouthed contributors. Unfortunately the DJ did not have the sense to stop the debate but rather decided to join in and use foul language over the air. He is also being held responsible for

defamation of character.

Mulder is yet to appear before a disciplinary committee, but no longer has airtime at RSFM. Unfortunately, he could not be reached to deliver a statement, as rumour has it that he is currently in Cape Town, leaving a very infuriated public in his wake.

At RSFM there is limited control over what a DJ says over air because RSFM trusts that they will be professional at all times as stated in the RSFM code of conduct, and according to IBA regulations. Jack Miller, Director of RSFM said: "RSFM would like to apologise to listeners for Louw Mulder's offensive behaviour, and we are currently looking into corrective steps against him."

Courtesy: IRAWA Online

## Natal Professor receives Award

By Kathy Waddington

University of Natal's expert AIDS researcher, Anna Coutoudis, has been honoured with an excellence award from La Leche League International for her outstanding studies into mother-to-child transmission of HIV through breastfeeding. Recently the League's outgoing South African chairman, Mrs Jane Maasdorp, presented Professor Coutoudis - of the department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine - with her award, as Professor Coutoudis had been unable to travel to the US to receive it in July.

Mrs Maasdorp said the award was in recognition of the "groundbreaking research" Professor Coutoudis and her team had carried out. "Her work has led to a better understanding of, and respect for, exclusive breastfeeding. For the first time, there was a study in which breastfeeding was properly defined, and where exclusive breastfeeding was differentiated from partial or mixed breastfeeding."

Professor Coutoudis - already renowned for her research into the benefits of Vitamin A for HIV infected infants - found that the newborns of HIV positive mothers, who are given exclusive breastfeeding over a period

of at least three months, were at no greater risk of acquiring HIV than infants not given any breast milk. The risk of HIV infection was increased, however, when liquids and solids were introduced to complement breastfeeding in babies less than six months old. This, it was suggested, could be a result of damage to under-developed gut linings, leading to a greater susceptibility to HIV infection.

Courtesy: University of Natal Website

## HORROR Scopes

### Aquarius - (21 Jan - 19 Feb)

You will become part of the multi-national task group that resolves the middle east crisis. You smoke a hubbly with the Islamic Jihad and manage to get Osama Bin-Laden's cell phone number, which you then pass on to the US foreign secretary. Negotiations begin in earnest.

### Pisces - (20 Feb - 20 March)

You and some fellow green warriors organise a sit-in on the Washington Memorial steps and invite the world leaders, who pitch up in tie-dye and fake braids. After two spliffs George Bush admits that the Kyoto treaty "wasn't such a bad idea after all."

### Aries (21 March - 20 April)

You will leave this week for Manhattan for a three day march around NikeTown (in non-branded slippers) to

lambaste the company for doggy labour practises in 3rd world countries. As a massive visual aid, you get Hollywood effects artists to make up a massive inflatable sweatshop worker - dressed entirely in Nike clothing, holding a big-mac and drinking coca-cola.

### Taurus (21 April - 21 May)

That reserve stock of Zim Dollars you couldn't get rid of will make your rich this week. Mugabe is forced to step down from power and his assets are nationalised. This gives Zimbabwe the ownership of several diamond mining companies, and the keys to a chateau in Switzerland. The Zim dollar becomes stronger than the pound overnight.

### Gemini (22 May - 22 June)

By sheer chance, you will find yourself leaving this week to back-pack through China. You find yourself part of the first

of at least three months, were at no greater risk of acquiring HIV than infants not given any breast milk. The risk of HIV infection was increased, however, when liquids and solids were introduced to complement breastfeeding in babies less than six months old. This, it was suggested, could be a result of damage to under-developed gut linings, leading to a greater susceptibility to HIV infection.

### Cancer (23 June - 23 July)

Your destiny for the next 2 weeks has been put on hold due to deadlocked negotiations. A multi-lateral task group will be assessing the situation.

### Leo (24 July - 23 August)

You, the cast of "Survivor 2" and various aboriginal leaders stage a base-jumping competition of the large stone thing previously known as Ayre's rock. In a show of goodwill, the Australian land ministry pitch up to join in. A few "errors" in packing their chutes solve the entire aboriginal land rights issue.

### Virgo (24 August - 23 September)

You and a group of fellow students,

start a pre-emptive "clone rights movement". You all march around dressed alike carrying placards with the witty tagline "Clones are people 2", and selling specialised "double dolly" twin toy sheep sets.

### Libra (24 September - 23 October)

You decide that the biggest problem with the nuclear face off between India and Pakistan is a lack of communication. You get the UN to fund a print run of a few million badges with messages such as "ban the bomb" and "push THIS button" in both Urdu and Hindi. The result is a lot of people marching around Kashmir staring at each others' chests. The leadership is so confused they call off the arms race.

### Scorpio (24 October - 23 November)

This week you will find you are too stressed and too broke. So you decide to get as close to a beach and as far away from capitalism as you can - Cuba. As if the Cigars in the Jazz clubs didn't give you enough of a sore throat, you find yourself screaming alongside

protestors on Miami beach for the US to recognise refugee rights and go easy on 9 year olds and other non-fans of Fidel.

### Sagittarius (23 November - 21 December)

You figure out this week that the various African civil wars could be resolved by more sociability. You get representatives of the various factions of Congo, Sudan, Sierra Leone and various other conflict areas into a huge bar in downtown Lagos. The conflicts are resolved by a series of down-downs and multiple games of drunken "ching-chong-cha". At the first meeting of the African Union, the delegates will agree to name a beer after you.

### Capricorn (22 December - 20 January)

This week, Microsoft attempt to relocate their corporate HQ to Timbuktu to avoid further anti-trust suits. This provides you with a chance to lead the first anti-microsoft cyberterrorist strike. You enlist the aid of Linux users and hackers the world over to change the basic windows system code. Windows XP becomes an anti-microsoft package.



# Grad placement what?

The Graduate Placement Programme (GPP) is run each year not only to assist students find work, but to assist even those who are not ready to hit the market place to begin to explore their options and hear what it is that employers want. The career presentations at lunchtime and in the evenings are probably most important but the interviews can also provide some students with valuable experience and insight into the process. We do run Job Search



Workshops during the second term to assist with this and there is detailed information as well as videos in the Career Library in the C&CC.

The timetable is sent to all final-years at the beginning of the third term and additional copies are available from the Counselling & Career Centre. As the programme progresses, a number of organizations change their details (times, venues, even dates) new organizations join the programme and some even withdraw! Keep an eye on GPP Changes throughout the GPP.

## FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

### Interviews

- Uskotec - Seminar 3

### Testing

- Old Mutual - Seminar 1

## MONDAY 27 AUGUST

### Interviews

- SCMB - Seminar 3

Interviews cancelled - IQ Business Group

### Closing date

- Standard Bank IT [new]
- Department of Trade & Investment

## TUESDAY 28 AUGUST

### Interviews

- Momentum - Seminar 1
- SCMB - Seminar 3

## WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST

### Interviews

- British American Tobacco - Seminar 1
- Hemisphere Technologies - Seminar 3

Interviews Cancelled - Old Mutual [only on Friday 31 August now]

## THURSDAY 30 AUGUST

### Interviews

- Business Systems Group - Telephonic

### Interviews

- Hemisphere Technologies - Seminar 2

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## FRIDAY 31 AUGUST

### Interviews

- Old Mutual - Seminar 3

## MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

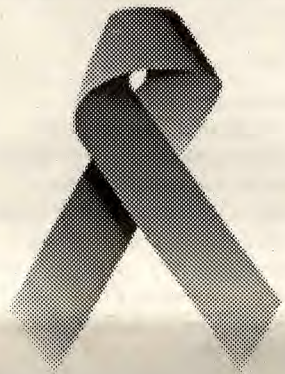
### Interviews

- Standard Bank (IT) - Seminar 1

## TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

### Interviews

- Department of Trade & Investment - Seminar



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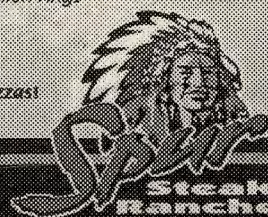
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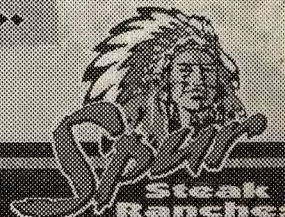
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# Rhodes Basketball

By Noelle Liskay

The purple and blue crowds gathered together at Mullins Hall to once again witness the basketball. The boy's first team were already getting their act together, as they warmed up in front of the crowd, with the girls doing their little warm up jig shortly afterwards.

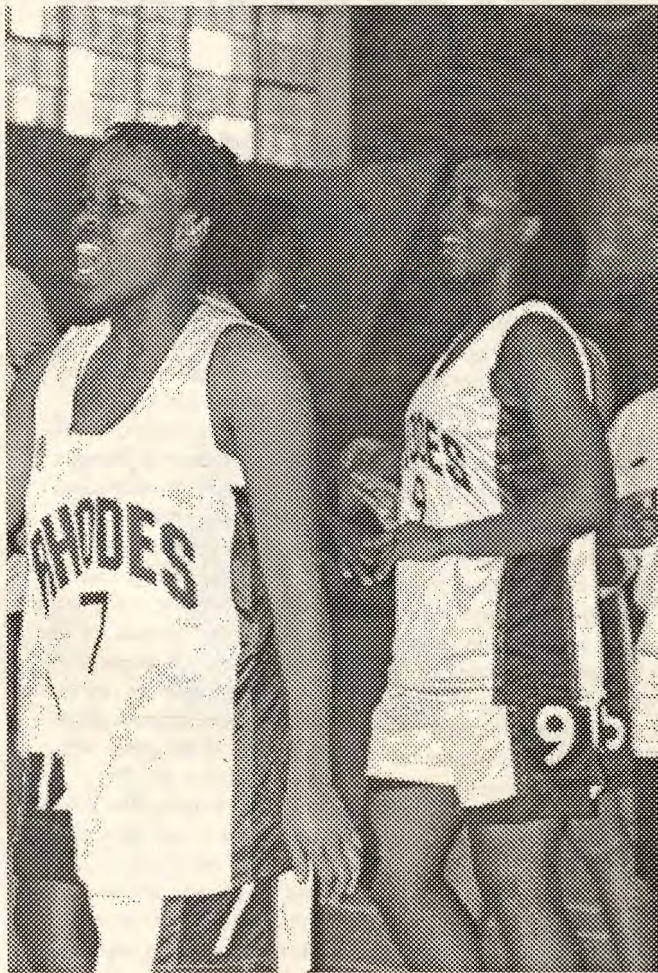
This is a game requiring height, speed, fitness, team spirit and determination – characteristics that both the boys and girls team have (maybe not to much of height on the girls side). The girls played against Fort Hare first, and the game was a very energetic one. They played hard with Rhodes really dominating most of the game.

In the end Rhodes won 35-19.

The male teams, on the other hand, did not play Fort Hare due to their refusal to play.

However, the boys' teams did get to show off their skills in a friendly match between Rhodes first and Rhodes second team. A supporter said that the game was "not the best thing on earth and that the second half of the game was much better than the first." During the second half, the second team rose up a little and gave the first team a run for their money when after shooting basket after basket, they managed to improve their score from 18 to 26.

But, even though they played to the best of their ability, and managed to get a few good baskets, in the end the first team came out tops winning the game 60-38.



All pics on this page by the Activate photo team.

## Rhodes Table Tennis Remains Tops

By Lee-Ann Davids

For the 7th consecutive time, the Rhodes Table Tennis Club has claimed first position in the Tri-Varsity games. This year was clearly the most nail-biting victory for the club since the beginning of their Tri-Varsity winning-streaks in 1995. As Dave Holness, coach and player, describes it as "one of the closest and most exciting Table Tennis Tri-Varsity's since 1995 – only one point in it. It eventually came down to the final game of the final match between Rhodes University and the University of Fort Hare's Men's first teams."

The Rhodes University Ladies first team - Leillah Sekalala, Lee-Ann Davids

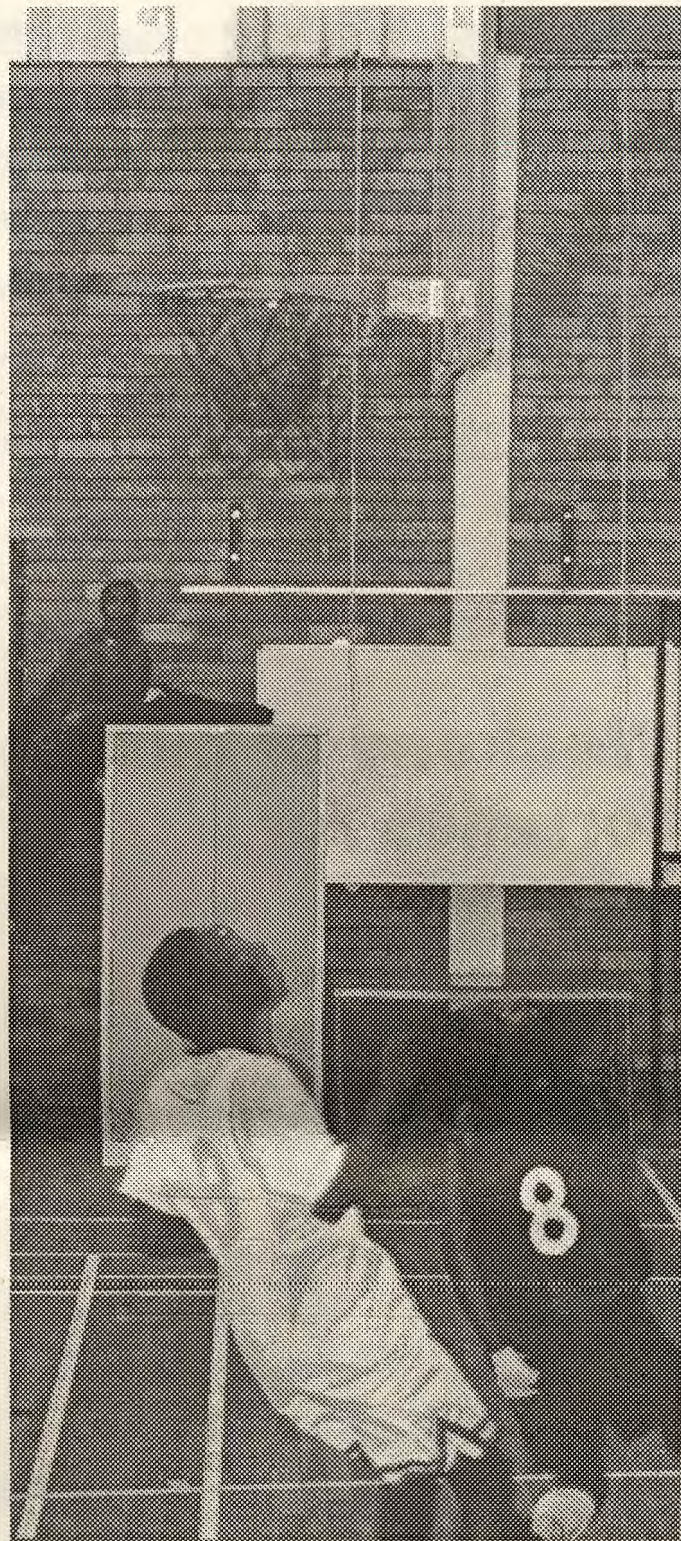
(both were selected for the Eastern Cape side), Angela English, Meryl and Sima - had little difficulty destroying Fort Hare's ladies 9-1. Unfortunately a ladies team did not represent UPE for the second year running. According to Holness, this affected UPE's Table Tennis

results as well as their overall Tri-Varsity results.

Rhodes's Men's First team consisting of Igsaan Salie, Greg van Berkel and Lester Bhana also walked over their opponents. They beat both Fort Hare and UPE 8-2. Van Berkel and Bhana were in excellent form and remained unbeaten on the day.

Rhodes's Men's second team represented by Edward Hsieh, Peter Morcombe and Spencer was less successful. They lost to UFH 3-7 and to UPE 0-10. The overall standings were: Rhodes – first (26 points), UFH – second (25 points) and

UPE – third (15 points). Holness concluded that the gripping deciding game was much appreciated by the excited crowd from all three the participating universities as well as that there was a definite improvement in the standard of game played by UFH. This is particularly impressive if one considers that their relative isolation in Alice means that they can not participate in a league.



## Rhodes Volley Ball: slamming stuff

By Noelle Liskay

Cries of "here we go Rhodes here we go" filled Mullins hall as purple heads and faces streamed in to watch the men's and women's volley ball matches between Rhodes and UPE on Friday 3. For this game good hand/eye ball coordination is needed and these players definitely have that.

It was a match of best out of 5 sets, seeing which team could get to 25 points first, except for the last set where it's only up to 15. The last set is only reached if both teams tie 2 all for the first 4 sets.

The girls came on to the court in their purple gear and pigtails, and had amazing team spirit amongst one another on the court. What was also nice is that the supporters were very much involved with the game as well. They cheered and shouted and really gave their all as supporters of Tri-varsity.

The girls played hard and had a lot of fun. There were good serves, hard slams and entertaining dives. When points were lost,

the team pulled together, when points were won they cheered and in-between sets they sang war cries with the supporters.

There was Great Spirit and even though UPE won three sets to nil, Rhodes still kicked ass.

The results were  
Set 1: 25-16=UPE  
Set 2: 25-14=UPE  
Set 3: 25-12=UPE

Very well done to all the players, you really put on a good show.

The men's game was a lot faster and harder, and they reached the final set. Both teams were very strong and in the final set Rhodes had to fight hard to get the lead, as UPE put up a good fight. In the end Rhodes men won 3 sets to 2.

Results were  
Set 1: 25-22=Rhodes  
Set 2: 25-12=Rhodes  
Set 3: 25-23=UPE  
Set 4: 25-20=UPE  
Set 5: 15-8=Rhodes

Well done to the guys for kicking UPE's butt!







# Men's First Team Cause Upset

By Sheldon Morais

The Rhodes Mens First team upset the form book to beat their UPE counterparts 3-1 in a game played in treacherous conditions.

Rhodes went into Tri-Varsity weekend effectively as the underdogs as they had lost to both Fort Hare and UPE in warm-up games played earlier in the season. Another area of

concern was that a few key players were out injured and meant that the Rhodents went into the challenge under-strength. Driven by the spirited fans Rhodes overcame all obstacles to beat a team that had greater experience. In all fairness to UPE they played two magnificent games on consecutive days having beaten Fort Hare 5-4 after extra time the previous evening.

## Weekend of mixed fortunes for seconds

By Sheldon Morais

Rhodes' men's second soccer team had a Tri-varsity weekend of highs and lows winning their first match but losing the second. Friday's round of matches got under about an hour after the scheduled time due to the late arrival of the UPE contingent.

The second team's first match on Friday night was against the UPE second XI, a team that had previously beaten them by five goals to nil. The Rhodents began the game confidently, but were unable to capitalise on the chances created by the hard-working midfield. It would only be a matter of time before the Grahamstown based team opened their account with a goal midway through the first half. It was not long before they doubled their lead. UPE were thrown a lifeline late in the first half through a dubious penalty. The drama continued when Rhodes players protest-

ed that the spot kick was taken while a UPE player was in the 18 yard area. Their pleas fell on deaf ears as the referee upheld his decision and the goal stood. The teams went into the break with the score at 2-1. Rhodes extended their lead in the second half to three goals.

The PE students were down but not out and pulled one back close to the hour mark. Rhodes, though, showed they were the better team on the day keeping their composure and soaking up the UPE pressure. Saturday saw the team affected by excessive Tri-Varsity partying coupled with the fatigue from the previous evenings match. With the players looking visibly tired (and some even hobbling around with fresh injuries) Rhodes took on a fresh Fort Hare. The setbacks proved too great to overcome and the team went down 2-0 to a team that was fitter, fresher and better prepared.

## Sisters are doing for it for themselves

By Lindsay du Plessis

The Trivarsity weekend was a great success for the ladies soccer team, as they played some enticing and brilliant football. They won one game and drew the other, but the drawn game was against their toughest rivals - Fort Hare.

The action kicked off on Friday night on the Great Field. The game was supposed to start at five pm but the UPE ladies had some transport problems and only arrived later in the evening. The game finally got underway and the Rhodes team had a few good opportunities to score. There was one goal scored but it was called off sides. About fifteen minutes into the game one of the Rhodes players got tackled from behind and was carried off on a stretcher. It was very dramatic and exciting but the game resumed after that with the usual energy and concentration. It was a difficult game for the Rhodes ladies because of the scrappy UPE game, so it was difficult to keep control when the ball was being kicked randomly about.

## The Putter

By Emily Russell

The golfing clash between Rhodes and UPE in the tri-varsity match on Friday 3 August saw UPE's A team win by 11/8, and Rhodes B's take their event 15/9.

Foursomes played in the morning with singles in the afternoon made for a great day of good golf. Chairman of the golf club, Rob van Hille, proudly said that the performance of the Rhodes men was of a much higher standard than at last year's tri-varsity, which saw Rhodes receive quite a beating. UPE was on the same good form, which people have come to expect of them. Tri-varsity spirit infected all those participating, as even the usually reserved golfers joined in. The

Rhodes scored again in the second half with Hazel scoring her third goal of the game but the first to actually count! The final score was 1-0 to Rhodes.

The next game was played in tough conditions against tough opponents. The two-all draw was remarkable in that we played against Fort Hare a week earlier and lost 5-0. There was so much determination on the part of Rhodes that it was an amazing game to watch and probably our best game of the season. Elmarie and Hazel scored the goals and the rest of the team defended like demons for the entire game. The score really should have been 2-1 to us but Fort Hare drew level right at the end of the game with two minutes to go. The atmosphere during the games was excellent and the support during the first game was first class. Thank you Rhodents! The weekend proved to be a success for Rhodes soccer and the ladies are looking forward to playing further games this season.

men's A team were clad in tie-dyed purple shirts, with the men's B team sporting long pants tucked into Rhodes rugby socks. The bad weather and mist meant that play started slightly later than planned, but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors. The early morning events were rather quiet, but the afternoon saw the dedicated spectators arrive in full force. The week's good rains meant that the course was in good condition, with a soft and smooth pitch allowing for many spectacular shots. Although the golf course was abandoned at 5:30, the Grahamstown Club House kept the 19th hole celebrations going well into the night, bringing the day to a jolly close.

## The Final Whistle

by G.R.Lipschitz

**Any man's finest hour - his greatest fulfilment to all he holds dear - is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - VICTORIOUS.**

Vince Lombardi

We all like to support teams that win, well, I know I do. But there are two different types of sport fans. There's the Diet Coke sports fan who supports only the winning team and only when that team is winning is it supported - fickle sports fan who does not pledge their full allegiance to the team and therefore gains no satisfaction when its team comes from behind to win an important derby of sorts.

Then there's the fully fledged, go big or go home sports fan who has had their team's scarf around their necks since they could barely stand and cry if the team loses. They support for the right reason, because they want to see their men and women on the field, exhausted on the field of battle - victorious. More often than not, though one finds that they don't support the winning combinations.

Teams like Liverpool and Ferrari are the Coke sports fans' dream because they aren't the best but they try damn hard out there on their respective fields to produce the kind of magic that sets the heart racing and the adrenalin flowing. Although in the past sportsmen and women have had only their unique skill and ability to see them through a match, it has come to the fore that technology has caught up with the old tradition of fair play and camaraderie that is the sports world.

I mean, it's getting almost superhero-like, the way all David Beckham has to do is launch the scientifically moulded Adidas soccer ball off the specially engineered side of his

Adidas Predator II boot and the ball will cross directly with an indescribable curve to the waiting head of Solskjaer at the goalmouth.

Or the traction control on most of the Formula 1 racing cars today that doesn't allow drivers to stall their cars helps them keep their cars on the road. Coupled with this technological breakthrough is the technical genius of Ron Dennis and his fellow compatriots - only 3 of them have ever seen the engine of the McLaren racing machine. Hakkinen doesn't even need to drive well (actually one could have any driver in that car) and it would win a race.

Meanwhile, back at the "old school" ranch of sport we find men and women who work damn hard with their talent to be world-beaters. A couple of examples would be Michael Owen and Michael Schumacher. These two gentlemen don't play for the best teams in the field, but with hard work and raw talent (which still needs a bit of honing) they are making their teams soar right up there with the best of them. Liverpool, at one stage, was eighth on the English Premiership log and now through the efforts of the mildly technologically aided players they have qualified for the Champions League. As for Schumacher and Ferrari, the ex-Benetton driver has turned Ferrari, who hadn't won a race in a very long while without Schumacher, into a world class racing outfit.

All I am trying to say here, sports fans, is that the game is better when it has the least technological aid as possible. I am not saying technology is the bane of sport - far from it. All I am stating is that the true nature of sport, fairplay, sportsmanship and camaraderie. That is lost through the suffocating nature of technology. Let's not turn the sports field into a 21st century technological battle scifest.

And that's the truth.

# Going for Gold

By Peter van der Woude

Approximately twenty archers from Rhodes, and U.P.E. arrived at Lower Barrat's Field at 09:00 on Saturday 4 August 2001 to compete in the first ever archery competition held during Tri-Varsity.

The weather conditions, although bitterly cold and wet, did nothing to deter the enthusiastic group of archers, many of whom were competing for the first time. Men and women of all ages participated, with the youngest squeezing in at ten years old, and the oldest a shade over 83; truly a sport for every-

one. In the standard round shoot, the participants fire from thirty and fifty metre distances.

Recurve bows are used with draw weights between 25 and 50 lbs. Unfortunately a standard round does place certain limitations on the equipment allowed, and many archers were shooting without some of their usual accessories, like stabilisers and pressure buttons. A total of 72 arrows per archer are shot during the course of the competition, with a maximum score of 720 possible. Despite the weather conditions and limitations the top-scoring archer, Carl, from UPE managed an

excellent 555 while the highest scoring

Rhodes archer, Jody shot an impressive 538. The competition was a team event, however, and Rhodes managed to ace UPE by 170 points winning the first ever Tri-Varsity archery competition. Interested onlookers braved the wet cold to get a first hand glimpse of what promises to be a booming sport, now available at Rhodes. Although archery is only in its development year, if the day's performances are anything to go by it will have no difficulty in becoming well established at Rhodes University.







# GO Rhodes!

**By: Sheldon Morais**

"The spirit and support was absolutely fantastic." This was how Carl van Rosenvelt, a First team Rugby player, described the support provided by his fellow Rhodes students during the annual Tri-Varsity weekend.

The planning that went into the challenge on behalf of the students was immense. This was evident days in advance as students were seen rushing to the local pharmacy to purchase peroxide and gentian violet. Asked why he would colour his hair purple Mike Rathje, a first year BA student, responded, "to get into the spirit of things, to make the weekend more fun, and to support Rhodes."

Van Rosenvelt felt it would be wonderful if the rugby team could play all their games in front of such a fanatical crowd. He said that "the screaming of the crowd lifted us to higher levels."

Something that Dillan Cagnetta, a BSc student, liked was meeting new faces from both Port Elizabeth and Rhodes. "I loved the fact that people came to the rugby no matter the weather. You could see the spirit - they came to support Rhodes all out."

Tri-Varsity would not be the same without partying and the booze which flowed freely during the weekend. But one issue people were divided on, was whether or not there were too many parties, thus splitting the magnificent spirit. Some felt this had a negative impact, although most needs were catered for. Others saw it as increasing the spirit because most of the venues were packed.

Most will agree that, in spite of the weather, the weekend was a huge success, and one of the most memorable events on the large Rhodes social calendar.



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"Tri-Varsity weekend? It should be called Tri-Varsity week!"

"Most people were more worried about how much was left in their bottle than anything else."

"I loved every single minute from Friday night to Sunday morning."

"Rhodes may have lost the rugby, but they proved their stamina by partying for a week straight."

"It was such a build up before, with everyone dying their hair purple and everything, but to be honest I found it an anti-climax."

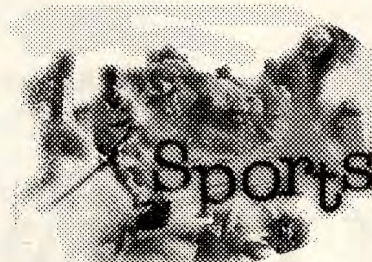
"I feel like Christmas is over and now we all just have to wait for next year."

"One of the biggest parties at Rhodes, definitely."

"An awesome weekend!"



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## Club Crawl

**By: Emily Russell**

The air up there is indeed fresh and not to mention democratic. In basketball each person is able to score with no-one being restricted to set positions. On Monday and Wednesday evenings, the Alec Mullins hall hosts a stream of stylish athletes. The unwritten dress code of basketball has a single rule; anything goes, as long as it is black and baggy. Bandanas are a must in a basketballer's wardrobe, and the court is not unlike a scene from the Wild West.

As height is a great advantage in basketball, with these large bodies comes large feet, and with these large feet comes a rather large smell. One of the few sports in which body odour counts in your favour, basketball should definitely fit into the full contact category. In heated defence these players voluntarily use their bodies as barriers between opponents and the net, transforming the game into a kamikaze battle.

Rowdy crowds are lured to

the courts by the games quick and exciting pace, the aim being to keep the flow of play uninterrupted.

When the accepted savage behaviour crosses the line, the referee awards fouls to the offensive team. When this foul tally reaches seven, play is stopped and free shots are awarded to the opposing team. Intense men's games can see the score reach the hundreds.

The Rhodes men and women's teams, having both won the Eastern League, will travel to Johannesburg to compete in the Campus Basketball League later this year.

Clad in purple bibs that endure extensive dribbling, players seem to levitate during slam-dunks and it becomes evident that basketball gives you wings!

If attending one of the basketball fraternities' cheese and wines, you find yourself cornered by beings who make you feel vertically inadequate, look up and merely ask, 'So home-boy, what's your hang time?'



## Unlucky Rhodes sides can only manage draws

**By: James Tricker**

On a cold and wet Saturday of the Tri-Varsity weekend, both Rhodes men and ladies hockey sides could only settle for draws against their UPE counterparts. The women's match was a rather dull affair with no goals being scored in their 0-0 draw. However, they played solid hockey, and created numerous chances throughout the match on which they were unable to capitalise. They were extremely unlucky not to have ended the match at 2-0 due to two of their goals being disallowed.

By the time the men's match started, a slightly bedraggled but very vocal crowd had accumulated to cheer their respective sides on. The Rhodes side was up against the highly touted UPE side, which boasted two current Springboks, but was missing the

enigmatic SA striker, Greg Nicol. In the first half, Rhodes was in total control, and dominated the proceedings. They were justly rewarded with a goal as half time approached, when Matt Cooke tapped in after UPE failed to clear a short corner.

The match came alive in the second half, as UPE began to apply pressure. However, they couldn't prevent Mike Yates' far post deflection to take the score to 2-0. UPE answered in style with a well worked short corner variation to pull a goal back.

Rhodes was doing well in defending the continuous UPE advances, and were unlucky not to restore their two goal advantage when Wayne Sedice failed to make use of an open goals opportunity. UPE then leveled the scores at 2-2 with a straight shot off a short corner. Rhodes

continued fighting hard, and once again retook the lead with a splendid Kyle Black goal. The crowd went crazy, and were now expecting a Rhodes victory.

But as the remaining two minutes ran out, UPE were awarded a penalty on the top of Rhodes's circle. The ball was played in quickly, and luckily deflected in the goals off a UPE stick.

Soon after this, the final whistle sounded to end the game with the sides locked at 3-3.

After the match, the Rhodes captain Gavin Harpur commented that they didn't play well enough in the second half and let UPE run at them. However, overall, he thought it was a fair result and was happy with his side's performance.





# 1ST TEAM GOES DOWN FIGHTING



by Rowan Watt-Pringle

Over tri-varsity weekend, Rhodes fielded an Open 1st XV for the first time this season against a formidable UPE side. Looking to emulate the achievements of both the under 21A and 2nd XV's, who both secured well-earned victories over stiff opposition, Rhodes came out fighting in front of a formidable purple supporters' contingent. The spirit of Tri-Varsity abounded on a day when hot chocolate in front of the fire might have been more appropriate, and the festive mood was evident in the chants of the purple-haired masses. Even some of the players had joined in the festivities, with lock, James Dewar, sporting peroxide braids in true Tri-Varsity style. Despite the increasingly wet and cold weather throughout the day, the sheer weight of support, not to mention the deafening roar when the team took the field, seemed to buoy the players and instill a quiet confidence in their play that was a pleasure to watch. The commitment and heart of the players in the face of such tough opposition kept Rhodes in the match for most of the first half. However UPE managed to keep their noses in front for the duration of the match, running

out eventual 20-6 winners. Two penalty kicks from fullback Gary "Buzz" Slade were the only points Rhodes could muster. However the score-line does not by any means reflect the way that the home side's backs dealt with the threat posed by the UPE three-quarters. The visitors were big, quick and highly skilful, and Rhodes did superbly to snuff out their well-drilled attacks with some big hits in midfield as well as superb cover tackling. The pack performed admirably considering the fact that they were dwarfed by their UPE counterparts, and that the footing on a muddy pitch was tough to say the least. The tackling around the fringes was a step up from anything seen from a Rhodes side this season, and the forwards proved that they could still function as a tightly knit unit. This was despite some members of the pack making their first appearance of the season (due to the under 21 age limit). The fact that this side contained so many different faces from the under 21 side of this season makes the team's performance all the better, as all the newcomers fitted snugly into their designated positions, and everyone knuckled down to the task at hand. While attacking opportunities were limited, there were a few occasions where the underdogs gave their UPE opponents some things to think about, with the backline in particular making some sniping forays into the UPE half. With so many young players in the current side, the future of Rhodes rugby, whilst possibly not quite rosy, is looking secure and promising, as long as those who come into the side next season take up the reins. If the passion and commitment of this year's side can be repeated, there is every chance of Rhodes pulling off an unlikely upset against our old rivals in the next few years.



## The Legend Continues...



Teejay - Sports Editor

She finally laimed her gold medal! She was able to jump up onto the top level of that podium, and claim the gold medal she has been chasing since winning silver at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Our very own high jumper, Hestri Cloete, clinched South Africa's first gold medal on 12 August during the recent IAAF World Athletics Championships in Edmonton. Standing 1.85m tall and weighing in at approx 68 kgs, Cloete - a housewife in Coligny - is under the watchful eye of prominent jumps coach Martin Marx. She is a well established member of the Mr Price Athletics Club and also runs 400m and 800m under the Mr Price Club flag. Some highlights of her career are as follows: 1995 and 1998 African Games champion. From 1996 right through to 2000 Cloete won the South African Championships and was virtually unchallenged every year. In 1997, she won both the World and the African Junior championships, and currently holds two records which stand as South African, Commonwealth and African Records. She achieved this goal in 1999 at the Athletics championships in Monaco where she cleared 2.02m, and then went one step further to

clear 2.04m and reach her personal best jump. Her outstanding performance in Edmonton this year was backed by the 4x100m men's relay team who finished second after the US team in the final - just moments before the medal ceremony for the women's high jump. Cloete finally managed to defeat long time rival Inga Babakova of the Ukraine. Babakova is the defending world champion who stole victory from under Cloete's nose at the Sydney games in 2000. It seemed rightful payback considering that in the last competition where these two rivals met, Babakova won on countback. In Edmonton this month, both Cloete and Babakova cleared the benchmark 2m - but Babakova failed in her final attempt at 2.02m, leaving Cloete to take the title for this year. Cloete is now aiming for gold at the 2004 olympics. Now chaps, it is time for your feedback so here goes. The past two issues of the sports pages have been managed by the potential incoming sports editor Dominic Esposito. Please could you send any comments - either positive or negative - about the past two issues. Include your views, and all that stuff. Email me at G00J0807@campus.ru.ac.za.

# Locker Room Chatter

By Dominic Esposito

## Rivaldo header seals crucial victory for Brazil

Skysports.com

Brazil put themselves back on course for a place in next year's World Cup finals last night by beating Paraguay 2-0 in a make or break qualifier. Striker Marcelinho Paraíba scored his first international goal in the fifth minute before Barcelona ace Rivaldo wrapped up the points with a header 20 minutes from time.

## Easy win for Henman in India

BBC.co.uk

Tim Henman needed just one hour to dispatch Romanian Adrian Voinea 6-2 6-3 in the second round of the Indianapolis Championships. The number six seed had five break points in the match, and took them all to set up a third-round tie with Mariano Zabaleta of Argentina.

## Rahman and Lewis closer to re-match

Foxsports.com

Hasim Rahman has signed for a re-match with Lennox Lewis, according to his manager Steve Nelson. The Baltimore Sun reports that the WBC, IBF and IBO heavyweight champion will earn over \$10million for the clash against the man he shocked in April. Nelson said: "The fight will take place in Las Vegas on either 10 November or 17 November, at either the Mandalay Bay, Caesars Palace or MGM Grand hotels.

## SA to go on with Zim tour

Supersportzone.co.za

The South African cricket team will go ahead with its tour to Zimbabwe next month, unless advised not to do so by the South African Government or the Zimbabwe Cricket Union. At the announcement of the squad on Monday, Gerald Majola, the Chief Executive Officer of the United Cricket Board (UCB), said they had asked the government to advise them on the safety of their players.

## Swiss wins tour of Portugal

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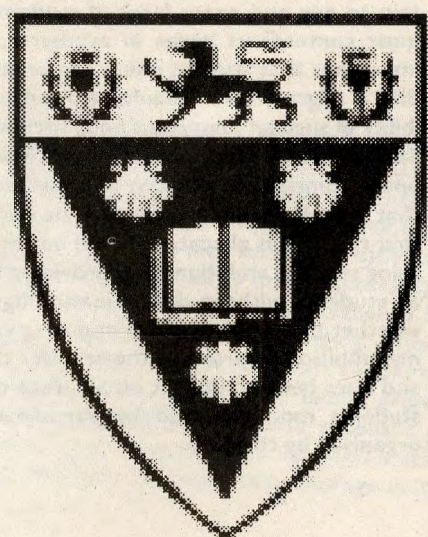
Swiss rider Fabian Jeker won the Tour of Portugal on Wednesday after claiming the 14th and final stage - an individual time trial over 26.4 kilometres. Jeker clocked 32 minutes and 47 seconds over the course around Maia, near Portugal's second city of Oporto. He almost caught his nearest rival, Juan Miguel Mercado of Spain, who had started two minutes before him.

## Debut win for Ford

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Reigning champions Neil Woolridge and Kenny Skjoldhammer gave their brand new Ford Ranger V8 a debut overall win in the Production Vehicle category of the Tarka 400 event. The Queens Spares Tarka 400 was round six of the 2001 MSA Off-Road Car Championship, and was run in wet and muddy conditions in the Tarkastad area of the Border on Saturday.



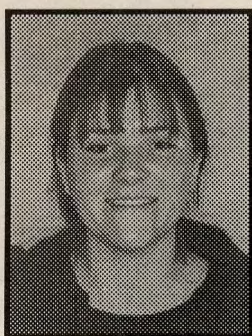


# SRC 2001

## 2002 Election Candidates

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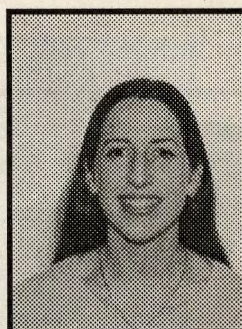
#### Kim Andrews



The function of the SRC may be regarded as two-fold: Firstly to help facilitate the integration of new students into the university system, and secondly, to continuously represent the needs of students for the duration of their studies at Rhodes University. However, in order for the SRC to perform these functions effectively, a key ingredient is necessary: Communication. It is essential that the student body communicate its diverse needs and problems to the SRC so that it (a) becomes aware of such needs and problems and, (b) can assist in solving these needs and problems. Thus, as an SRC member, I will strive to interact and communicate with students at all levels, and to involve myself in as many spheres of university life possible. I am a highly motivated, dedicated, honest and well-organized person, and believe that I will make a valuable contribution to the SRC as it undertakes its many activities. On a final note, I would encourage the student body to dispel the apathy often associated with it - VOTE SRC!!!!

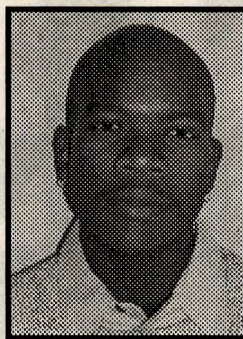
Through my membership on diverse committees in the past few years at Rhodes I have become aware of the vital need for continuity between years when it comes to committees. This prevents groups from "reinventing the wheel" or losing what the previous year's committee has worked hard to achieve, and create a vision for future SRCs. A vital aspect in achieving this goal is communication linking student, staff and administration interests. This will ensure understanding and accountability between the three groups on campus, which will in turn lead to greater credibility. I promise service, hard work and, as one of your General SRC representatives I hope to ensure that our concerns, as students, are taken seriously, and that these concerns, whether individual or group, are investigated and resolved. I am planning on running for the position of SRC Vice-President.

#### Miranda Armstrong





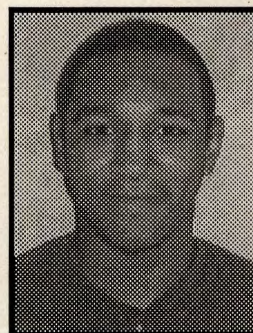
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I believe that the SRC should be more proactive in issues that pertain to any and every facet of student life. This should include the most contentious issues of academia, social and others. It is also important that student issues are prioritised and the image that the SRC is a "grave train" should be dispelled as this jeopardises the credibility of such an important body within the University structure. The SRC should be more personal in its interaction with the students, be open, committed, friendly, approachable and dedicated to the job that they have been entrusted to do by the students. The budget that the SRC is allocated should be used to the fullest extent in pursuing student ambitions and providing all the necessary resources to all students without discriminating against any student, no matter whether that student holds opposing views to those of the SRC. It is my ambition to prove to the sceptics that the SRC really is effective and does have an impact on all areas of student life, and also to get students more involved by participating in activities and events organised by the SRC.

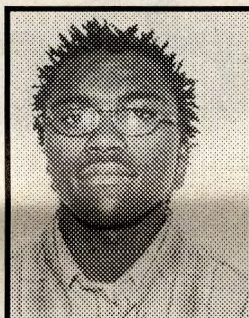
I wish to promote on Rhodes Campus an atmosphere of openness, free speech, greater transparency and effective communication. In order for that to be achieved, the SRC and the student body must stand together with one heart, one vision to see our campus transformed into the utopia we dream of. There must be an allowance for the colourful diversity of our campus to be reflective of the rainbow nation we live in. Through our love for Rhodes let all that we do and achieve continue through the generations and consequently let us take our rightful places as leaders among the nations. I believe that Rhodes is a smaller representative of what we will experience in the world. This ensures we meet that bigger reality with confidence and faith in our identity. Our aspirations for the world should be first practised here on this campus, especially if we are to work towards world peace and prosperity in the fight to live a good and purposeful life. The way to achieve this is if we all partner together in serving one another so we create the campus and the world we desire to live in.

## Earl Hodges



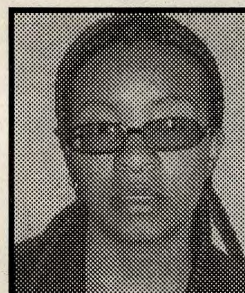
I believe that Rhodes University is an extremely successful institution. The vast majority of the student body is satisfied with the way things are run, despite the fact that the minority student's complaints remain unattended to. If selected I promise to contest this sense of indifference by promoting the SRC as an active advocate of student interest. I believe that students are capable of acting responsibly and I would use the opportunity on the Student Representative Council to call for a careful examination of the proposed Student Disciplinary Code to make sure that it creates a safe place for the students. As a candidate for the Student Representative Council 2001/2002 I promise to ensure that all students rights, including the minority, are well represented.

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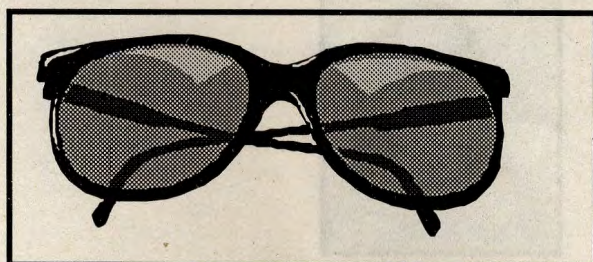


I would like to become a member of the incoming Rhodes SRC particularly at a time when many institutions of higher learning are faced with physical, academic and logistical possibilities of tentative merger. Student involvement will no doubt be at its pinnacle during this time. Academic excellence has always been the pride of this institution, but it often leaves potential greatness behind. I would especially seek involvement in matters of academic development and supplementary instruction as well as seek to explore and initiate, through the bargaining body of the SRC, other ways to address academic difficulties for students of all academic abilities. **VOTE ACADEMIC SUCCESS, VOTE JENNIFER!!**

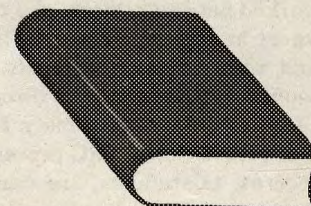
## Jennifer Neves



## Bongane Nshingila



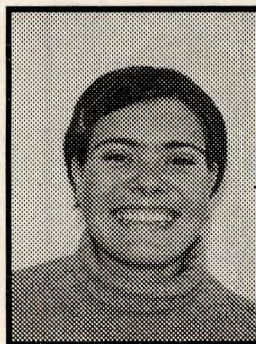
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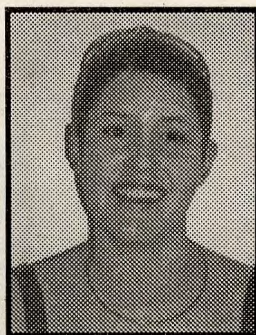


I am not going to make any promises, but let my yes be my yes and my no be my no. I will do what I have said I will do, to the best of my ability and strength. I would like to maintain the present momentum of the SRC into 2002, making every effort to address all issues brought up by students and ensuring changes are made where there is need for change. One of the issues that I think needs addressing is students who are living in digs and are not aware of their privileges as members of the Oppidan society. Oppidans have the right to know what they are entitled to. As the students of this university, you know what needs changing and what issues need to be addressed, so let me be a representative of your voices and demands. Let us do it together - Divided We Fall, United We Stand and Stand We Will.



**Candace Tintinger**

**Sabrina Raaff**



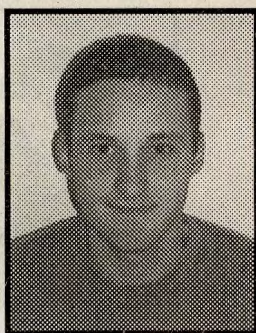
I have been involved in societies at Rhodes and RAU, and I feel that at Rhodes societies, other than sports societies, are not as active as they could be. I don't want to see all the potential we have as a student community to disappear. We need to be united by some common goal other than academics. I also want to motivate societies to become more aware of community and environmental work. As Societies' Councillor I would like to be approachable and helpful to both students and committee members. Being part of a national organization already, I believe I have the experience to do so. I feel strongly that all people should have the right to liberty and freedom as long as they do not harm others in the process. On the cultural side of the portfolio I believe that the cultural diversity among its students is one of Rhodes' strengths. I would like to organize events that will encourage cultural tolerance among students.

There are two reasons that I am standing for SRC. The first reason explains why I want to become a member of the SRC. I enjoy getting involved in the "behind the scenes" workings of institutions. It is at meetings with all the stakeholders that I find insight into how and why a system works the way it does. This satisfies many queries and complaints that I grapple with and puts me in a position where I am empowered to help change the aspects of the workings with which I disagree. The second reason explains why I would be a good SRC member. I am a straightforward, diligent and responsible person who can manage my time well. I enjoy hard work and am willing to put my shoulder to the grindstone if it is for a good cause; for instance, I am particularly interested in any form of social work. I am a confident speaker and am willing to fight for a cause that I believe in.



**Lisa van Dongen**

**Mark Webber**



I believe that Rhodes University is an extremely successful institution. The vast majority of the members of the student body are satisfied with the way things are run. Despite this fortunate state of affairs, many student gripes remain unattended to. I think in many cases this can be attributed to the feeling that there is nothing they can do. They do not perceive there to be an effective body on campus to represent their complaints to the University authorities. If elected I promise to combat this sense of apathy by promoting the SRC as an active proponent of students' interests and rights. As a liberal I believe that students are rational and capable of acting responsibly. Many of the rules that govern campus life are outdated and superfluous. I would use a position on the SRC to call for a careful examination of the proposed Student Disciplinary Code to ensure that it creates a safe space for the members of a modern university.

Allan Webb Hall, a Hall that excels in all spheres of the Rhodian life, that academically, culturally, in the sporting arena and most spectacular in its social vibe, has made me proud to be a part of its dynamism. I, Tendai Gwisai would be honoured to be your SRC representative. Because of my friendly disposition I have been able to communicate effectively with my peers, which I think is a quality I can use effectively within the SRC and in serving YOU, and thus become a part of the machinery that ensures the smooth running of the Hall.



**Tendai Gwisai**

**Allen  
Webb  
Hall**



## Lisa Human



The views and sentiments that I would like to convey in the SRC, if I am elected, are these straightforward ideas: I wish to ensure that the heritage, tradition and legacy of Rhodes University is maintained and held high at every possible level. To ensure that the University and all students adhere to and encourage these values and that this reciprocal relationship is maintained. I would also like to ensure that the University and its students are given fair, equal and legal rights so that there is no discrimination in any form such as race, religion or gender. That an equilibrium and harmony can be constantly maintained and brought into the University environment. This will secure my views that the University is a well-established structure looking out for the benefits and interests of its students. This I feel will leave a certainty in the majority of Rhodes students that they have a safe and secure environment in which they can excel and a foundation which will ultimately assist them throughout life.

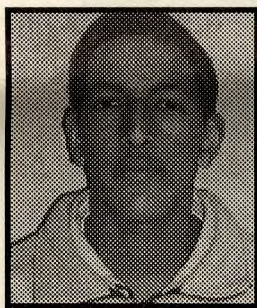
## Drostdy Hall

Since my arrival at Rhodes University, Drostdy Hall has had great SRC reps. My main aim thus is not only to follow in their footsteps, but also to take my position to a new level, setting better standards for future generations. As an SRC Hall Rep, I aim not only to represent my fellow hall students but also to be a voice through which their visions, aspirations and grievances for the Hall can be expressed and also assist in maintaining a good relationship between students and the Drostdy Hall staff as well as with the SRC. I want to make sure that all students, irrespective of race, gender, age and religion are treated equally and fairly by the university and represented in all spheres by the SRC. I am here to serve and make a difference, to enable Rhodes to become a place where leaders learn, and for Drostdy to be a place where people interact and develop to their utmost potential. This can only be achieved through open and frequent communication with the Drostdy residents, honesty, and diligence as well as adhering to all the SRC and university rules.

## Thando Koti



## Sheldon Simmonds

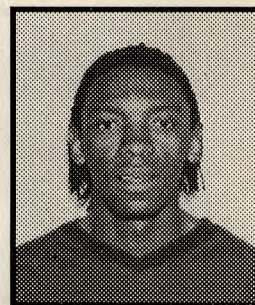


In a tertiary environment as diverse as ours here at Rhodes University, I think we have to accommodate many different students into our complex system of operation. With students from all around Africa, and even all around the world, there is no doubt that a great combination of cultures, morals, ideals and beliefs come together. In order for Rhodes University to produce better leaders, and for these leaders to have a better learning experience, I believe that students need to feel welcome at this university without being discriminated against. I think it is of great importance to gain experiential knowledge of people's wants and needs and I have a desire to do so. In achieving this I believe I will be in a position to help create a positive educational experience for students from every walk of life.

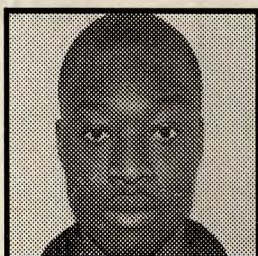
## Founders Hall

As Founders Hall representative on the SRC I commit myself to making life in this Hall more pleasant for all. I will ensure that Founders Hall is a place where every student on campus would like to stay in. I also commit myself to promoting a spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie among all the inhabitants of the Hall. I commit myself to work with the Hall committee to increase cultural integration in the Hall. Secondly, I commit myself to ensuring proper consultation between the university and students concerning issues that affect the well being of students. I will ensure that I become the mouthpiece of the students and make their voices heard by authorities. In conclusion, I commit myself to fundraising for the Hall. For instance, I believe that if we come together and fundraise as the four residences in the Hall we will be able to have things like Ds-TV (as they have in the so-called Class-A residences).

## Modise Kabeli

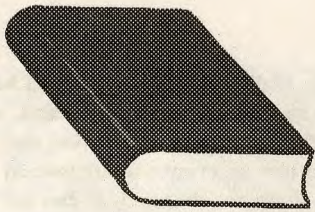


## Garreth Mangwiro



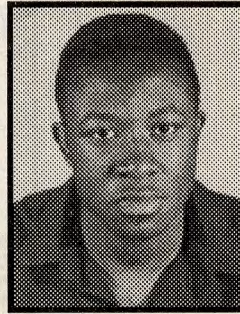
Having been a member of the prestigious Founders Hall for two years now, and having experienced the hospitality of this community, I would feel privileged to have the task of serving the students in my Hall as their Student Representative. I, as a representative of Founders Hall, will continue to foster the values of togetherness, association, social solidarity and respect for one another. These are values that are indispensable to the well-being and functioning of not only Founders, but also the Rhodes community as a whole. The fundamental principle is to protect the interests of the community as a whole, and through this the well-being of everyone will be catered for. Therefore, in the dispensation of my duties, this is a task I would carry out with as much efficacy and competency as I possibly can. The prosperity and contentment of the students is something of fundamental importance to me. To ensure that I am well aware of the issues that may be bothering students I will make sure that I am available whenever anyone wants to voice a concern.





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## Anderson Muza

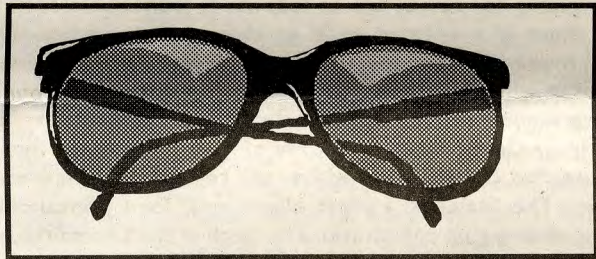


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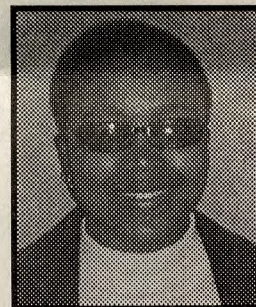
I am a 2nd year Bcomm (Management) student currently residing at Dingemans House. I feel that I am the right candidate for the job because I possess the necessary qualities. I am an outgoing and friendly person with her eyes set on success. I am easily approachable and always willing to listen to others. I get along with the majority of the students in my hall and I am known for my responsible nature and friendly character, two traits that I believe are imperative in the making of a good leader. I am aware that the position of hall representative comes with a lot of hard work and responsibilities and is a job for a person who is willing to sacrifice her time. If I am chosen as hall representative, not only will I do my utmost to fulfil my obligations, but I will also work at strengthening the bond between students and the SRC. I promise to abide by SRC rules and live up to their ethos and to continue upholding its good name.

## Hobson Hall



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## Gcinile Mamba



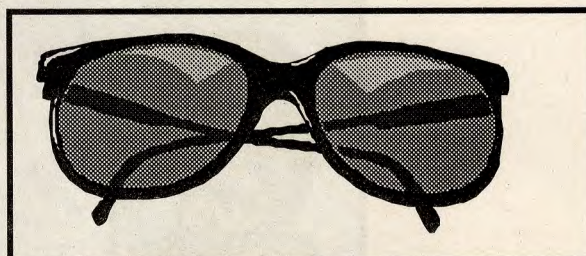
## Mutsa Mangezi



In recognising that the main role of the SRC is to be an active voice for the student body and a liaising structure, I intend to commit to this function first and foremost. As far as I am able, I will commit to improving the quality of life of the students on campus mainly through negotiations with the Administration for the residences, particularly through ensuring efficient residence allocations and prevent dining hall overflows. I also intend to promote openness and accountability of the council through the introduction of a monthly SRC newsletter, which will promote responsiveness and constitute an effort to inform the students of the council activities. Because of the realisation that the procedures to institute proposals made by the council are time consuming, I intend to commit to build on the foundations laid by the previous Council to ensure continuity and completion of projects, thus permitting steady change on campus.

My mission is to meet the particular needs of the students by working together with the student body. My immediate priorities are: Encouraging student participation and involvement in decision making, improve communication between the students and the Council by creating awareness, building commitment, and informing students of progress, promote facilitation and support by providing guidance and direction where there is a lack of clarity, restating the vision of the SRC in order to pull students in the same direction by helping them reach consensus and clarity. My course of action would be to consult students extensively on their matters of concern, in order to obtain suggestions, advice, ideas and recommendations. I could provide a public platform for all SRC activities as well as liaise with university officials to address issues. I would particularly like to promote the concept of individual responsibility for health care regarding medicinal drug use through advisory groups.

## Virginia Moshonga



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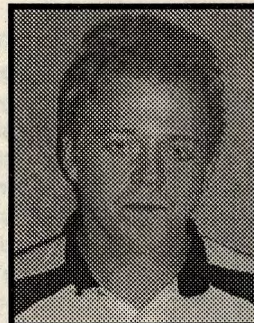
# Jan Smuts Hall

## Bintou Ahidjo



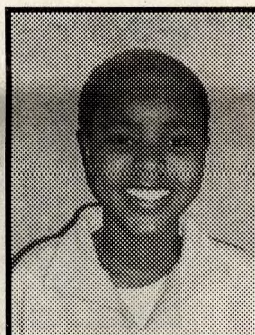
I have noticed that Smuts Hall is not a very united hall. I intend to change this by organising sporting events and braais, amongst many other things, so that all the members of the hall get to know each other better. I would also like to create a suggestion box so that if anyone wants something done or changed, it can be looked into. I also intend to have the toilets in the dining hall open at all times. Being a member of the societies I have belonged to has allowed me to acquire the skills to bring to Smuts Hall what I have to offer.

## Dominic Esposito



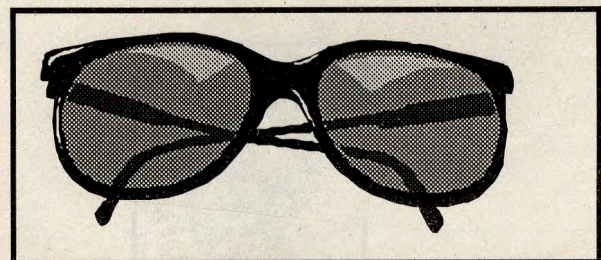
Having held one of the three head positions of my school executive I am best suited for the job of Jan Smuts Hall representative. I was chosen onto the school executive for my trustworthiness and the friendly and approachable characteristics I have. Since my arrival at Rhodes and my stay in Jan Smuts, I have become close to the people in Jan Smuts Hall. I believe that if there is a problem or if there is an issue that needs to be raised I am the person to talk to. It is with these three characteristics in mind that I believe that I will be a worthwhile representative of my hall.

## Lethabo Moraba



I strongly believe that as a member of the Student Representative Council I should and will serve the students of Jan Smuts Hall with an attitude of servant leadership as opposed to using the leadership position to serve my own personal ends. From this position of service, my main points for action are as follows: 1. Communication: I believe that there is a greater need to deepen the relationship between Hall Representative and students. I undertake to have an open-door policy with the students in the hall to understand what their daily grievances are. 2. Co-ordinate House Committees: To ensure that House Committees are aware of their powers and functions; to ensure that the students' wishes are respected and govern the residences. This includes: budget allocations, food grievances, entertainment, drawing up constitutions for each of the Committees. 3. Residence Exclusions: To suggest that the SRC looks into ways of protecting students from residence exclusions due to delays in parents paying MIPs. 4. Wardens: Ensure that sub-wardens and wardens are in line with University regulations in their dealings with students.

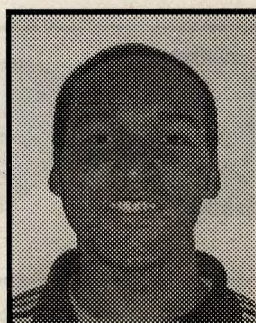
## Nomalanga Nkosi



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Being student representative means putting students first. It means improving the quality of student life for ALL students on campus and representing the interests of the entire students body to the university administration. It is about commitment and having the time and strength of character to stand your ground. I will attempt to promote inter-res activities, increase the present security around campus, particularly at night, and investigate alternative catering for meals. I will serve as your mouth-piece to ensure that you are heard!

## Michael Zeeman



Meeting the needs of Jan Smuts hall students who: expect clean, hygienic eating utensils and excellent food; need a sufficient seating place during meals; would like a unique environment, e.g. a pond in between Smuts and Atherstone; support the various competitive and social activities happening around and within the hall; and displaying a high level of academic achievement. This will be done by giving the sub-wardens, house committees and students a platform to voice concerns, develop solutions and even share resources to meet these concerns.



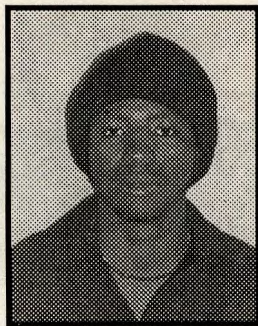
# Kimberley Hall

Mission: To be the agent that brings about the accomplishment of the Kimberly Hall resident students' needs and the Rhodes University constitutional requirements. To be the voice which will ensure that the needs of the students are not overlooked, in any given instance. To make sure that our views are taken into serious consideration at all times. To maintain the "ground" gained by my predecessors while venturing into greater achievements. To promote excellence in Hall activities in the pursuit of a strong spirit of belonging. This I will achieve through constant personal interaction with Kimberly Hall residents, providing means for the voicing of their needs, grievances and accolades. Availability, open heartedness, and excellent public relations will be useful tools to achieve this goal. Finally, I would like to encourage more inter-residence activities to encourage unity.



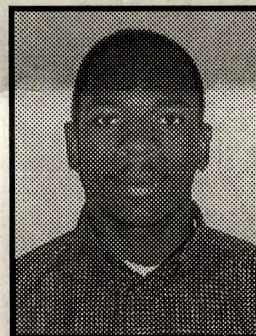
**Tsungayi Chikwakwata**

**Brian Makusha**



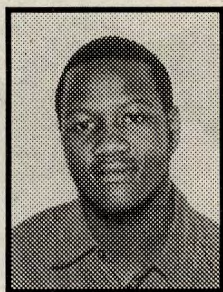
It is my firm belief that any institution that deals with a diversified population needs to attain a certain kind of balance to facilitate a symbiotic co-existence that leads to beneficial interaction. To facilitate such a discipline, there is thus the need for "leadership" that accommodates and understands the diversity of individualism while at the same time have a firm appreciation of true altruism, which I believe I have. It is because of my belief and interaction with Kimberley Hall students that I hope to be considered for the post of Student Representative for Kimberley Hall for the 2001/2002 year. I do not come along with a bunch of promises and seemingly unattainable hopes, but I do bring to the committee however my belief in humanity's altruism and my desire to facilitate and attain such an environment for the Rhodes University community, and as always home is always the starting point - my home is Kimberley Hall.

This is my second year at Rhodes and I have so far cited several aspects of the university's constitution, which can be upgraded to enhance student security. I have been involved in various clubs and societies on campus and my experience with them so far has enabled me to work with students and address their grievances. It is my opinion that the diversified student population at Rhodes which is bred by cultural ethnicity needs to be balanced to facilitate a conducive learning atmosphere. To top it all, the SRC cannot effect all the necessary upliftment of the university without student input and it is my firm belief that as the Kimberley Hall student representative for 2002, I will work in conjunction with the students for the betterment of their university lives. I hope to bring about several changes and improvements to Kimberley Hall and the university in general as per students' demands.



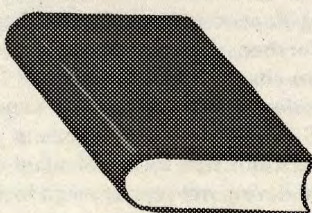
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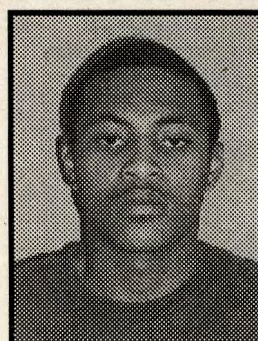


My reasons for wanting to be part of the SRC at Rhodes University are that I want to represent and serve the students and hall. My goal is to try to communicate the students' suggestions to the SRC and work with other representatives in addressing the recommendations made by students. My previous experience in various leadership roles will help me in achieving the goals of the newly appointed SRC. I also plan on not only addressing the student needs but also involving the community. I also want to be part of the SRC so that we can work together as a team in developing and marketing our university to prospective students and the outside world. I also aim to acquaint the students with the rules and regulations (constitution) of both the SRC and the University that they tend to overlook. The SRC will also help me develop, as I will meet new people, take responsibility for projects, and in the process form life-long relationships and learn from others while improving on the present leadership skills that I have.

## Oppidans



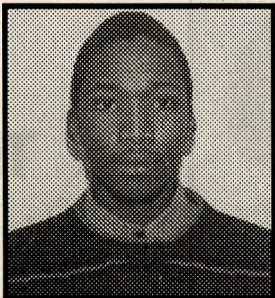
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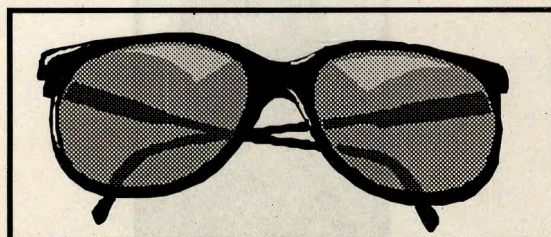
## Nyameko Nondzube



It is important that students at Rhodes be aware of the changes taking place around them. In this manifesto I attempt to address the OPPIES' interests since I am an Oppidan. My focus will be directed to their needs, and at implementing policies that will help them. Publicity, improvement of services, a relaxing environment and better communication between Oppies and their representative are high up on my list of priorities. I will act from the mandate of the Oppies. Lastly, there will be communication between myself, the University and the Oppies at large. Throughout my actions will ensure that disillusionment gives way to contentment.

I, Tina Wamala feel that being an active member of the SRC will figuratively and literally speaking give me a louder voice. It will permit me to empower the views of all Rhodes students and will enable me to ensure that their interests are met. I feel that being a member of the SRC will provide me with the ability to facilitate the effective implementation of Oppidan student needs and hence enable me to engage in the democratic running of the University. Attending to student needs is of utmost importance at an institution such as Rhodes, which exists primarily for the students. I, as the next Oppidan Representative, will offer my hard work and commitment to ensure that these needs are met.

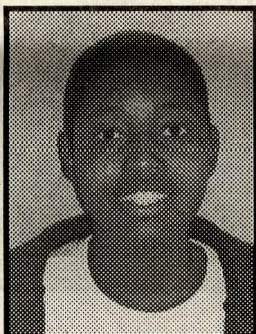
## Tina Wamala



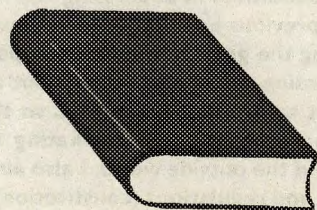
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## Oriel Hall

### Sibongile Mashinini

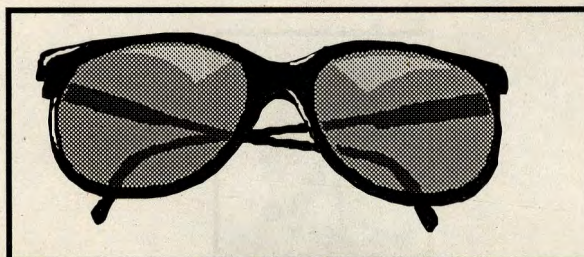


Running for SRC is a great challenge, mostly because of the nature of the position that I am running for. I want this position because I believe it is my duty as resident of Oriel Hall to represent my hall and to link it to the SRC, and to make sure that issues affecting students on campus and within the SRC, are related to them. During my first year I have observed that the link between the SRC and the students is very weak. I believe that it is insufficient to inform students only during Orientation week about the SRC and "what it can do for you" without further explaining and cultivating a stronger, open relationship between the SRC and residential students. The greatest question I believe regarding the relationship between the SRC and the student is: How does the SRC affect residential students? Can one ask for better catering services? Can one ask for the upgrading of their residence? For open communication lines, and to make policies known, rather than changing them, vote for Sibongile Mashinini as a representative of Oriel Hall.



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## Nombuso Nkawanyana



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## St. Mary's Hall

### Thandolwethu Kunene



As the Hall Representative for St Mary's Hall I would like to carry the banner that our outgoing Representative, Lerato Semenya has had going and take it even further. She promoted amongst other things an open communication channels like none other I have ever experienced. Coming to Rhodes University I never expected such openness between students, SRC members and Wardens. I intend to further build on the firm foundations that have been laid by the previous Hall Representatives and during my year of reign look at where I could improve the lives of the ladies of St Mary's Hall. Looking at the unique stature of our Hall, I am aware of the age differences that exist and having had my experience with people skills, that should not present a problem. Women empowerment is happening everywhere and I intend to make St Mary's Hall a force to be reckoned with!