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FRESHERS QUOTES:

One Fresher to another, "How do you get to Oriel?". Answer, "First turn right, go straight up, then turn left, then do a U-turn".



Freshman asks learned second year, "Please tell me if I do Afrikaans Nederlands and Journalism as my majors will I be called a Nationlist?"



DRUMMIES

WILL THERE BE

DRUMMIES ?

This year could be a bleak one for drummies as there is no sponsorship for them.

Drum majorettes have always been a controversial topic at Rhodes.

Drummers are no longer associated with rag. They now form a sub-committee of the SRC.

Andy Booysen ex-chairperson of Rag is now chairperson of the Drummies Committee.

Certain allegations have been levelled against the drummies. They were said to have been sexist, to have spent too much, and they were badly behaved.

In an interview with Andy he gave a brief outline of the financial situation. The total amount needed to sponsor the drummies is R1 700.

Andy said he felt that the expense was warranted.

"University is an opportunity for all students to utilise their talents, be it physical mental or otherwise.

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"I do not condemn a beautiful girl for utilising her physical attributes to become involved with an extramural activity which might provide her with certain satisfaction and a sense of fulfilment just as would be the case with a cultural society or sports club.

"This attitude is criticised by feminist movements and maybe justifiably so. However who are we to sit in judgement on other students who are utilising their talents to become involved in student life.

"Probably 1980 will see a commitment from potential Drummies as they might have to support themselves," he said.

Another Fresher to yet another "Describe Tony Reilly please", yet another answers: "He's the guy with the hi-fi".

SRC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Rhodes. I mean this sincerely.

Rhodes has a lot to give, and it wants to give us things. It exists to give.

First and foremost, Rhodes gives us an academic education which, in most departments is second to none in the country.

Rhodes also gives us opportunities to participate in society and sporting activity. Almost every extra-mural interest is catered for.

Rhodes students are very lucky to be in a position to receive these things.

GIVE SOMETHING IN RETURN

But, this receiving, I believe, places us in a position where we must be prepared to give. We must try to give something back to the institution which gives us so much.

By making a contribution to our sports club or society, and by doing our best in our studies we are both receiving and giving something back to our institution.

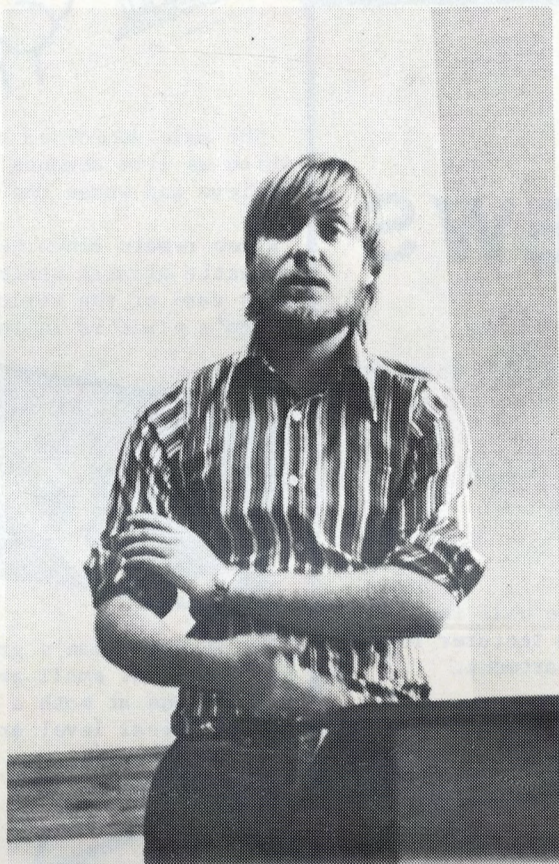
However, this giving does not stop here. The university is not an island. We I believe, are obliged to give something back to the society at large which makes the university possible

BE CRITICAL

It is not for me, or anyone else, to dictate to you the nature of your contribution to society. But what I do ask is that while at Rhodes you examine with a critical eye all that is about you.

This includes your courses, your residences, the administration, the SRC and the society in which the university is situated.

WOULD YOU LET THIS MAN
MARRY YOUR DAUGHTER!



KEEP AN OPEN MIND

Sooner or later we all have to leave university and move into the larger society. It is our duty as citizens of our country to be aware and critical of how the society is run.

There is much in this society that deserves criticism and needs changing. It is our duty to be critical and to attempt to change what we believe to be wrong.



However, we must respect others points of view as well. It is our duty to keep an open mind and steer clear of arrogance but nevertheless to stand up for our principles.

The university has a long tradition of providing constructive criticism of society, and of trying to create a better society. Large is the part that students have played in this type of activity.

Let us not be afraid then to give in return for what we receive while here, both to our university and to our society.

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Let us be proud of our university for we have a lot to be proud of.

BELIEFS

Let us keep an open mind, but stand up for our beliefs. As John Morely said; "Let us not be afraid of our shadows. We have principles we believe in, we have faith, we have great traditions, and we have a great cause behind us. Let us not lose courage and straightforwardness."

CHRIS BUTLER
SRC PRESIDENT.

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WHAT IS THE SRC?

The Student Representative Council is a body of 15 elected representatives of the students of Rhodes University.

Five of these are elected by the whole campus. The other ten each represent a Hall. This means that you have a SRC representative for your Hall.

He or she is expected to look after the special interests of your constituency, as well as to report back to you on SRC activity.

Hall reps are there to be used by you to help you sort out your relevant problems.

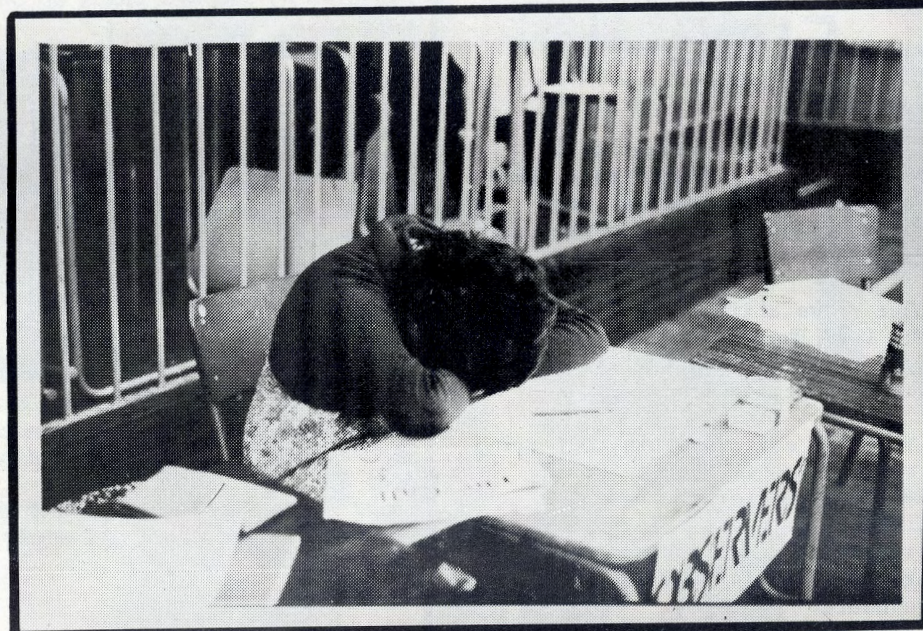
Keep Them Busy!

The SRC administers a grant of R25 000 and allocates finance to societies.

Societies as well as the Rag committee and Freshers Reception committee are SRC sub-committees.

The Residence Superintendents committee, and the senate sub-committee on Residence Affairs also have SRC representation.

Here, your SRC representative can make an important contribution in the field of political debate. A contribution to student benefit programmes on a national level could also be made.



WHAT DOES THE SRC DO FOR ME.

Last year the SRC established Faculty councils, ran on an exchange programme with UPE, organised a tutoring scheme, brought about the award of academic colours, achieved much in motivating for a revised disciplinary system and sorted out problems relating to fees.

It also started an anti-smoking programme, ran the Arts and Sciences week, involved itself extensively in Residence Reform and made contributions in numerous other fields.

This year the SRC intends to try to give you more benefits and to encourage greater involvement in student affairs.

DEDICATED

The 1980 SRC consists of dedicated and competent members, all of whom are committed to representing you and your interests.

The members themselves are drawn from a number of political persuasions, and debate is always lively and we hope, constructive.

The SRC committee can do a lot for you but it needs to be kept on its toes. It needs to be criticised and it needs constructive suggestions.

We have regular meetings which you are urged to attend.

The effectiveness of the SRC is largely determined by campus support and interest.

USE IT. YOU CAN GET A LOT OUT OF IT.

IN WHAT WAYS DOES THE SRC REPRESENT ME.

SRC HARDWORKING.....
HUH!

The SRC represents Rhodes students in two main areas.

Firstly, internally the SRC has representation on almost every committee that plays a major part in the running of this university

The most important of these is the senate. The SRC has three observer members on the senate.

The SRC has invaluable access to the administration. By making your views known to your representative you can be sure they will be put to the appropriate authorities at every level.

Externally, the SRC represents student opinion at national conferences and the like.

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Besides its representative function, the SRC involves itself in a number of projects to benefit the student.

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FRESHERS ISSUE



Welcome to Rhodes!
Rhodes you will find is a very personal place and social interaction plays a vital role in student life.

Student life does not end in the lecture theatre, this is just a small part of our education.

Many of us have just left home or come out of the army - university is a totally new experience.

A lot of time is spent on the sportsfield, at parties, or in the pubs, this is how many students spend their leisure hours.

However this time should also be utilised in building around your basic education.

Another facet of student life are the various clubs, societies and unions.

These organisations can be as useful to you as you can be to them.

A large sector of the Grahamstown population is unemployed. There is a significant contrast between the standard of living of the students and those living in the location.

This cannot exist forever, the differences have to be reduced. Therefore change must take place.

The word change has always evoked a reaction from certain sectors of the population. It is believed that if change takes place there will be initial violence and then anarchy.

The very use of the word "if" shows a reluctance to change and it is that violence that triggers violence.

Society, being dynamic inevitably changes; if this can be accepted change will be peaceful and rational.

We, the students have access to knowledge with which we can help break the inertia of those who will not see the future of South Africa.

ALL IS NOT FINE !!

When we were democratically elected as the 1980 editors there was an enormous backlash from the so-called "left wing" on campus.

Our views differ from those of the 1979 Rhodexo staff as to the type of society that will emerge when change is effected.

The 1979 editors wrote, referring to the Student Press in South Africa, "Whether you agree or disagree with its efforts is irrelevant - for you must accept the principle that all views should be heard."

If the above quote is to be taken seriously we cannot understand the reactionary behaviour that subsequently took place.

We feel a committed person, whatever his cause, will explore every avenue that is open to him/her.

This is said in the light of certain members of the 1979 Rhodexo staff refusing to assist in any way in 1980.

EDS.

MICHAEL BAGRAIM

KAREN KRAITZICK

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LETTERS TO



THE EDS

dear editor

why must there be new editors?
i think that the old ones were soooo -oooper.
i really thought that the baby-faced one was so charming, all those divine pictures of him are stuck up on my wall.

besides that i really enjoyed all those political things they used to write about, even though i didn't understand the first thing they were talking about. they must really be brave you know, apparently -y the police don't like that part very much.

i hope they like you.
also somebody once told me that they were heavy, which really sounds impressive. that confused me a bit because they both looked thinnish to me. however, i suppose there is some deeper meaning to it that eludes me please be a nice editr, like the last ones.

maybe if you lost some weight and tried to grow a beard you might look like the thin one

yours sincerely
"BRING BACK THE LUSHES."

Dear Ms. "BRING BACK THE LUSHES"
I really must admit that with looks I cannot compete with anyone, but I have a heart of gold. So don't hold yourself back.....I am available

As for my weight problem, I've tried everything from an obstacle course to Redupon. Please don't nag, I'm not fat..just chubby.

My beard is a touchy point....I can only hold thumbs that one day I'll mature.

BAGS ' RUNNING DOG ' BAGRAIM.

Dear Eds

I have a strong feeling that Rhodexo '80 is going to be a Zionist plot.

signed
"concerned"

Oh Shit! you've blown our cover.
-eds.

Dear Ed

I have done some research into your nickname 'RUNNING DOG' and brought some facts to light. There are however two things that I am still unsure of:

Firstly, does 'RUNNING' have anything to do with your bowel condition; and, does the 'DOG' bit have anything to do with your habit of sniffing every thing that comes anywhere near you?

"Curious Student"



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The English Press —

watchdog or government's pet?



...tried to Red University the Internat
interests through it. Fund and Excha.
I think the Red Cross gressed there he
not know the Cross director to

Now that the Rhodie affair
has been supplanted by the
DONS-Helen Suzman letter
scandal, what was Info really
all about?

...Cross Fund. and the South African
Instructions had also entered into the
been given to recruit and, at their
already trained became

An attempt to answer this by
the Press itself was made last
year when the Rhodes Journalism
Department hosted the
"Survival of the Press
Conference."

This event involved not only
the oft-expressed belief that the
Press will feature prominently
when '78/'79 is written up in
history - but also the assertion
in the words of one editor, that
"the English Press helped to clean
up a whole Government, a
whole country."

...being represented in
STRATEGIES FOR THE SURVIVAL
of Mr John Metisson
however
THE PRESS OUT ON A LIMB
Mr Allister Sparks
CAN PRESS FREEDOM SURVIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA?
Mr Percy Qoboza
Mr Rex Gibson
THE INFO SCANDAL IN RETROSPECT

Yet while the English papers
have claimed this sweeping
role, it is significant to
note that black newspapers
largely ignored Info. The
Sunday Post, for example,
carried exposes on poverty
and resettlement calling
them the "lack of information
scandal".

For the black newspapers
it was clear that front-page
Rhodie headlines might
help clean up a Government
but they did not change
it - let alone clean up the
whole country. Instead Info
helped spruce up the shining
white image of the P W Botha
administration.

...been
Mr Johan Claassen
Mr Tolle
...padded to
point in Danger
The Sakt

However the English Press
certainly thought Info
significant. The editor of
the once-radical *Rand Daily
Mail* told the Rhodes
conference that the exposures
had been undertaken by a
vulnerable Press, in the
face of an aggressive,
authoritarian-minded
Government in power for
31 years - "as risky as a
journalistic undertaking as
it is possible to imagine."

This view was disputed by law
professor Tony Mathews who
remarked that "even with the
laws and other restraints that we
have, the press can do much
better than it has."

Indeed, some theories - not
suggested at the conference -
hold that far from the Press
watchdog courageously sniffing
out the secret scandals, the
tame and toothless mongrel was
actually the passive recipient
of selected information leaked
by factions in the Nat party,
and of information given by the
State itself - Judge Mostert for
example.

Info most basically was an outcry
against corruption. The newspapers
lost any focus on the basic
workings of apartheid itself, and
focussed on embezzlement instead.
Yet even here they lost perspective
and began to treat Rhodie like a
hero on the run.

'SURVIVAL OF THE PRESS' CONFERENCE

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Where the Press did develop a
wider view, they attacked the misuse
of "public money" which had been used
to create the Citizen as a pro-Nat
paper.

But again this missed the
fact that the Government has
always used so-called public
funds to increase their
support base - be it more
money spent on White
education than on black,
or enforcing (at some expense)
job reservation for white workers.
And the Government has always
used the Information
department to whitewash
white dominance - not to
mention the SABC. But the
Info scandal made it seem
as if the Citizen was something
new - "a conspiracy to defraud
the taxpayers" said one editor
at the conference.

...Mr Kobie
deputy, Mr Kobie
in which he repeated
Prime Minister's alle-
that a "Mr X"

The outcry by the Press seems
strange in the face of comments
made by Allister Sparks, editor
of the Mail, at the conference.
For him, the Government "needs
particularly the credibility
which we have been able to build
up with our black readers over
the years. Because it is only
through our columns that it is
able to communicate its own
message to the black community;
to win them away from the
course of revolution."

What Sparks was saying was
well put by Harvey Tyson,
editor of *The Star*:
"the established Press has
no intention of undermining
the security of the State
or of inciting people to
revolt."

...Bay, sinking
in two minutes.
All that remains of the
is debris and an oil

In other words, the English
Press has vested interests in
the basic status quo, and is
unlikely to rock the boat too
much. Sparks' offer of the
Press for basically winning
the hearts and minds of
South African blacks and
dissuading them from
revolution, boils down to
a simple trick. You change
their hearts and minds, but
not their political and
economic reality.

But if the English Press
and Government share not too
dissimilar aims, why all
the hullabaloo over Info?
The reason is that while both
institutions wanted to
preserve much of the system
as it is, they had slight
differences in tactics.

The alarm was given by
two of the crew, Jimmy
Nyman and Eric Swartz,
who escaped

landed him a
Point, St Helens
Last night t
survivors were

Both bodies presented
themselves as embodying
the national interest, but
the reality of conflicting
divisions in the country
meant that only particular
interests could be catered
for - one group (or alliance
of groups) or the other,
not both.

In the case of the Vorster-Mulder
dominated Government, it
represented the interests of
white workers, farmers and
the manufacturing and mining
middle class. In contrast
the English Press has its
origins in mining, and its
commercial roots in advertising
(from the manufacturing middle
class). Because it does not
represent white worker interests,
it is not averse to limited
black advancement - although
it still stands for the basic
class differences at the heart
of poverty and inequality in
South Africa.

...saying as
Dr Morrison said there
were 387 existing auth-
sites in the

In this light the Info scandal was
not a fundamental conflict between
Press and Government. On the
one hand, the newspapers
were manipulated by selective
information leaks in the
NP power struggle. On the
other, they took up these
titbits as good stories
and as weapons in their
tactical difference with
the Vorster-Mulder camp.

Thus when all is said and done,
Info was a means for a palace
shuffle - a change enabling the
consolidation of the sophisticated
PW Botha group in government.
This outcome has been acclaimed
with unconditional euphoria
by the Press. The criticism
now is not of Nationalist
policies themselves, but
of the slow speed the are
implemented.

...a break-
the worker
for the township.
14 male work-
workers in the
of 466 female
worked near the
317

In taking this position the
English Press has aligned
itself with the Total
strategy initiative to
create minor changes in
South Africa - such as
boosting a Black middle
class. But precisely
because this initiative does
not benefit the impoverished
black workers, especially in
the rural areas, the much-
heralded credibility of the
English Press can only be
expected to wane in direct
proportion to the waxing
of the eulogies to Total
Strategy.

VEGETABLE PASSION



When one arrives in Grahamstown the first thing that is noticed are small black boys not yet in their teens begging for food.

They are a constant reminder that a large proportion of our population is either starving or malnourished.

There are many ways in which one can alleviate this problem. We are told by economists that a system must be devised to spread South Africa's wealth.

This is not answer to the more deeply rooted problem. Malnutrition is not peculiar to South Africa, it is a world-wide problem.

The most practical way to start alleviating the problem of malnutrition is to start at home with yourself.

Think for a moment what the habit of meat eating involves in terms of the world's food supplies. Animals that are reared for eventual slaughter use about four-fifths of the world's agricultural land.

We read in all newspapers about the starving and underfed millions, and all the time we are feeding to meat producing animals the very crops that could more than eradicate world food shortage.

Cattle need many times more land for food and rearing than people do. Most of the fertile land devoted to cattle - which eat cereals, roots and green crops - could show a much quicker and more economical return if used for crops suitable for direct feeding to human beings.

Animals eat 20 pounds of protein for every pound they yield as meat. Hence plant protein would be an increasingly important part in solving the world food problem.



If plant foods were fed directly to man rather than processing through animals, we could increase the yield per acre by up to tenfold.

Plant foods fed directly to man result in a much more efficient use of land. The cow can convert poor protein and other nitrogenous compounds into protein of a better quality but it is an extremely inefficient and wasteful machine for doing so.

Another example of this is that thousands of tons of oilseed protein are fed to battery chickens. Yet just a spoon of oilseed protein a day could make all the difference to a starving child.

In our greed to profit from the underdeveloped world we have begun to sell the idea that a steak a day is the ultimate status goal to aim for.

Research has been done to produce textured vegetable proteins, but the costs are enormous because we are still trying to produce the texture and flavour of dead animals.

Malnutrition could be curbed if people cut down their meat-eating habits. There would be more land available and less wastage of vegetable protein.

Another problem in South Africa is that farmers dump, plough-in and destroy thousands of tons of fruit and grain crops because they cannot get the right price for their produce.

One suggestion is that meat should be taxed and that money should be used to subsidise grain and essentials like wholewheat bread.

We have enough land in South Africa, so why are people starving? A large proportion of this problem can be attributed to the affluent minority's habit of consuming meat sometimes more than once a day.

In residence meat and fish is served at least once a day and down the road people are starving!

VEG SOC

Mens sana in corpora sana. "It (flesh food) is material which of malice aforethought has sedulously been rendered toxic during the animal's lifetime.

In the first place his endocrine defences are interfered with by castration, he is then immobilised and over-fed with a view to causing him to develop fatty degeneration of all his organs, and it is when this ugly process is complete that he is regarded as fit for human consumption."

The chief aim of the vegetarian society is to promote the breakdown of the dietary patterns of modern man.

The reasons for these aims are twofold, to be more humane and to develop fit and healthy bodies.

There will be a vegetarian society table at societies evening on February 26 at 7.30 pm in the Great Hall.

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Our controversial pamphlets are as well known as Charlie Bambi's chicken pies.

We would welcome participation from all quarters in our debates and activities. We must however warn those of you who are ideologically hidebound that our rational and free-thinking attitude will not be to your liking.

We have no holy cows.

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THEY ARE NO LONGER WITH US AT RHODES

JOE SHMO

(CTWYMT)



THIS is the first of the start of what will be a series of rare bits of Welsh wisdom.

My aim this year is to prevent to you the most balanced, neutral, objective, logical reasonable, sane(perverted) viewperch on this rat race sometimes referred to as Roads to BAJorler.

The eminent cricket critic Philida 'Balls' McPherson, fairly bowled me over the other day when she pitched into a tirade about how the lack of bureaucratic initiative has left Roads with little in the way of adhesive continuity of community spirits(I think I got that all wrong but this is not my sort of sticky wicket).

"WHAT ROADS NEEDS IS A NEW APPROACH", she said. She talks in capitals.

"WHAT ROADS NEEDS IS A TEAM SPIRIT", she said.

"WHAT ROADS NEEDS IS A CRICKET TEAM", she said.

So your learned scribe has put his beak to the brimstone and here it is.....

The All-Comers Roads Cricket Team:(in batting order)

1. The Vice-Chancellor:
(a cool, solid, proffessional experienced opening bat, used to taking bouncers from left and right)
2. The Hill:
(absolutely immovable, impregnable, opening bowlers will never budge this bat)
3. Chris Butler:
(a crowd pleaser, tends to flash a bit outside the off stump)
4. British Kaffrarian
Seccessionist League:
(batting in the true imperialist tradition, good on the 'cucumber cut', useful to have the legal boffins with pro cricket)
5. Womens Group:
(specialist silly short leg, garunteed to step on many batpersons toes)
6. Nusas:
(allrounder, struggling a bit on the Roads pitch, but is believed to have had extensive nets this vac)
7. Usfew:
(specialist in picking up anything, brilliant pouncing wicketkeeper)
8. Joursoc:
(this player has done away with footgear and specialises in floaters)
9. Radsoc:
(left arm tweakers)
10. Rhodsoc:
(fiery right arm opening bowler, slightly less fiery since the departure of Smithy)
11. Proffesor Tru:
(economical bowler, especially if you want a few cups in your cabinet)
12. James SG Kulati:
(brilliant extracover fielder or nightwatchman batsman)

P.S. Anyone who knows where a second-hand trapeze can be obtained is urged to inform the committee.



Rubber gloves and chains

The perverted society is attempting to gain official status this year.

The society hopes to get a grant to buy various types of equipment.

If you are interested in becoming a member send your name and adress in a plain brown wrapper to Pervsoc care of Rhodes.

All applications for membership will be considered in an unbiased manner by the interim committee, but any attempt to influence the outcome of the decision to admit an individual through schlentering or caucasing will automatically invalidate an application.

Pervsoc is planning to expand beyond anyone's dreams or fantasies, one can only gasp. Please come forward and assert yourself. You cannot fail to be delighted with our equipment.

Pervsoc appears to be already wipping up support.

Applications should be accompanied by a brief description of your curriculum vitae, and your special talents.

Pervsoc's motto, "Nothing is Unnatural." The honoury life president is Izak Smuts.

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CECIL J STARTS SCHOOL

THE DILEMMA FACING STUDENTS ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY IS ALL TOO REAL AND FRIGHTENING. WITH THE FUTURE SEEMINGLY BLEAK, MANY STUDENTS FEEL THEIR PROSPECTS LIE OVERSEAS. HERE NUSAS EXAMINES THE PROBLEM AND LOOKS AT AN ALTERNATIVE TO RUNNING AWAY.

CECIL John, like 1 000 other students is about to begin first year at Rhodes - but already he's decided he's not staying for long.

Cecil's uncle Ernie can get him into a varsity in Houston. And on his parents' advice, he's taking a commerce degree.

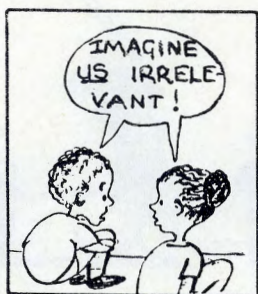
To make matters worse, Cecil hasn't done his army yet. With barracks life looming in the background, he's going to "graft like hell and stay out of campus activities".

But Cecil John isn't an isolated case. Rhodes is filled with Cecils and Sallys who have two things in common - they plan to leave SA as soon as possible and remain as uninvolved in student affairs as they can.

But what has led students to flee their well-feathered nests? One reason is that the very privilege their parents have guaranteed them has made English students aliens in their country.

MANCHESTER UNITED

Our very outlook is more suited to a Western European heritage. We may be highly articulate about Manchester United, Italy's museums and Israel's border problems. But when asked about migrant labour, security legislation or influx control, we lapse into a stutter.



The root of this alienation lies in our educational system. Cecil and Sally have been moulded into students blind to the reality of South Africa.

This narrow educational system culminates in the ivory towers of the university - which churns out 'educated' professionals trained to uphold the status quo in SA.

However, when these students leave university, their knowledge of the country and its problems is as limited as when they began. And the problems and conflicts remain.

Structure of our society



A survey run at Wits in 1977 revealed that 75% of final year students intended leaving the country

But can we be neutral to these facts:

- the black infant death rate is six times as high as whites.
- 75% of families in Transkei have no land, and incomes below the poverty datum line
- Sada, a nearby resettlement camp, "houses" 30 000 people, with employment for 800.
- thousands of people are arrested each year under the pass laws
- over two million people have been uprooted from their homes under the Group Areas Act.

CHALLENGE!

University education teaches us little about this. So the initiative lies with us - to change this and to end the one-way exit ticket education we are given.

To every Sally and Cecil John coming to Rhodes - we are part of Africa and our challenge lies here.



Think on these themes...

- Nusas' three year Education theme challenged the way our education supports the gross inequalities in SA.

This aimed at increasing our courses' relevance to the majority of South Africans. At Wits medical school, for example, campaigns led to a new course in community and preventative medicine.

- For graduates who want to avoid the Rat-race, Nusas has an Alternative Employment sub-committee. This investigates jobs for students to use their skills for the greater good.

- Nusas acts on the brain-drain of graduates leaving to avoid army call-up. Focus weeks on campuses and surveys by Milcom research students feelings on the issue, and what other forms of national service there are.

- Many people are now acclaiming PW Botha's recent moves, and changes are taking place in SA.

But the question is: do these changes benefit the country as a whole - or only part of it? This is the issue Nusas takes up in 1980 with the theme, Exposing Total Strategy.

The theme sees the Government's 'new direction' as reforming some aspects of apartheid - in order to entrench the others.

Total Strategy means drawing all walks of life into the PW Botha offensive. This includes not only the business world, but also the universities.

↓ YOU AND TOTAL STRATEGY ↓

So the 1980 theme asks more pertinently than ever: in their teaching and research, who are our universities going to serve?

NATIONAL CONGRESS - WHAT'S THAT?

The answer to this question lies in the success of the 57th annual Nusas Congress held in Durban last November. It proved beyond doubt that National Congress is the greatest forum for white student debate in South Africa.

Over 400 delegates from UCT, Wits, Rhodes, Maritzburg, Durban, Stellenbosch as well as members from the ASB (the Afrikaanse Studente Bond) and the Transkei University SRC attended.

Although smaller than last year's congress, debates, motions, and speeches covered a wide spectrum of political beliefs.

Congress was opened by Mr George Sewpersahd who called on Nusas and other progressive organisations to see through the government's strategy to create and co-opt a black middle class in South Africa. He said the creation of a black middle class was a buffer to meaningful change.

As is customary the next day leaders from each varsity read reports on the SRC's activities during the year. Following this Congress divided into committees. In these groups, which included discussion on such topics as worker's wages, Nusas projects, social action, alternative employment student benefits, sport and ecology, reports and recommendations were drawn up.

After intensive discussion and debate lasting over two days, the reports were tabled at Congress.

The basis of these reports resulted in certain guidelines being laid down, which will formulate Nusas policy for 1980.



Nusas President, Andy Boraine

Nusas is your national union. You elect its leaders and you have a say in the direction it chooses. Use it!

Nusas Local Committee

is satirical....this is satirical....this is satirical....this is satirical....this is satirical....this is satirical....this is

A GUIDE TO CAMPUS POLITICS

Political groups on English speaking campuses in South Africa can roughly be divided into two amorphous groups, the left wing and the right wing, (the liberals seem to be in the middle of the road, and thats where the accidents happen).

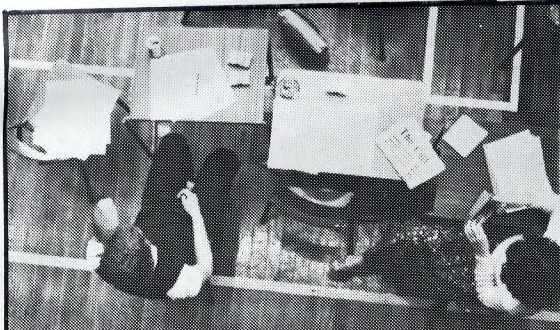
Anything which is worn, is important- its your dog tag. A Nusas jorler will not wear paramilitary gear whereas in other ranks this is 'in'.

Shoes are all important and when they are not being smoked, they are useful as paperweights for unpublished works of wisdom.

Transport must be radical man, either a flashy blue Mazda or a 1950 model, delivery bicycle. Legs are considered too primitive and are not in keeping with simple life styles.

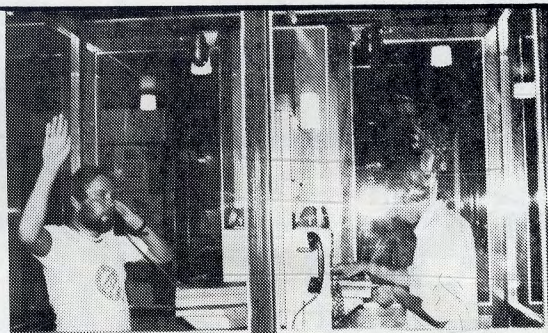


little did he know.... oh well, you can't always be serious and sober!



Groping for relevance at Congress

SCHLENTER - a groupie scene is conducted on the Congress floor; this was where the idea of puppets originated

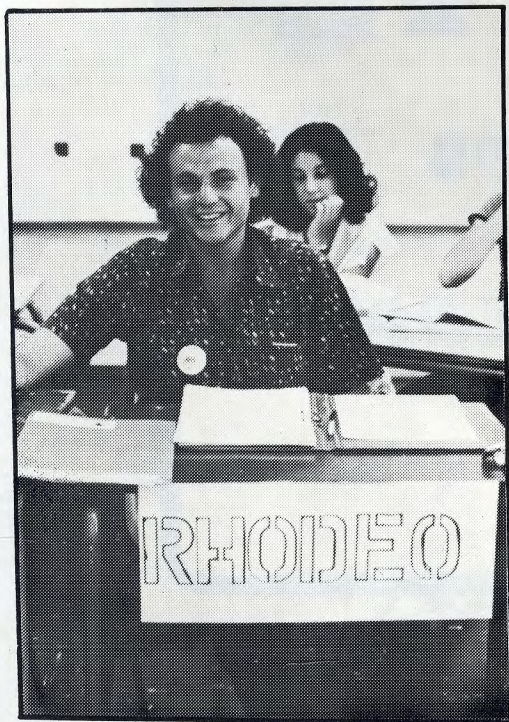


NUSAS HOTLINE - Nigel Wrench's face has been blocked out to protect innocent persons involved.

A miniature blue motorbike is really consistent with the liberal ethic, not too flashy, but very expensive.

Three types of ideal digs present themselves to the discerning student. For the heavies, high rent and low morals together with a striving for that beloved Third World image.

RUNNING - DOG seems to be enjoying SASPU Congress more than they enjoyed him



The liberals go for Cape Dutch style, but thats cool, we employ two servants although we can't really afford it.

For the rugger-buggers three rooms LAID aside for entertaining the chicks another where they can prepare the refreshments.

Graffiti is always a good indication of the political mood of the student body. The Library toilet happens to be the seat of all serious thought.

"Why is it that every time I write something about Nusas, somebody wipes it out?"

A group of dudes who dont fit in, are those who just dropped right out of things, man....the head....anarchy- storming Admin is discussed every evening at 6pm when the heads emerge (from bed). Hunger crazed food addict chip samies, ten cream doughnuts, a few hot Chelsea buns - the Munchies.

Tanning is life, try not to think about anything else, it interferes with a good stint of serious relaxing.

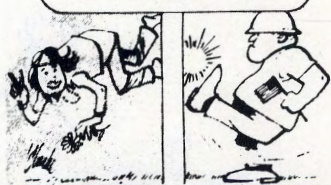
"Hey.... mean swell at Kowie this morning, broke two planks..... these were Poison waves exe!"

Why worry about politics, Mom told me to keep clear anyway!

Wilbur has been around, let me tell you. Anyway, this is how he got here. you'll see him later.



- Dick Crowe -



The British Kaffrarian Secessionist League has found a cabinet in exile which is elected every year.

The Hon. Viceroy for 1980 Nic Mullins was not available for comment but his personal secretary said the river at Bots was ideal for punting.

The aims of the league are to restore British Kaffraria to the monarchy.

While this arduous task is being done cabinet members and associates enjoy croquette and champagne in gracious surroundings.

Join us in gentleman's sport on February 18 on the lawns opposite the Union.

B.K.S.L.

THE BRITISH KAFFRARIAN SECESSIONIST LEAGUE
CABINET IN EXILE - 1979



Standing (l. - r.): PHILEMON KERI, the Viceroy's manservant; the Rt. Hon. I. J. SMUTS, Minister of Native Affairs; the Rt. Hon. W. P. AHRENS, Minister of Sport and Procreation; the Rev. G. A. McCUNE, Honorary Chaplain; Rabbi A. Z. HERSCH, Honorary Rabbi.
Seated (l. - r.): The Rt. Hon. N. J. MULLINS, Minister of Telegraphs and Semaphore; the Rt. Hon. A. A. GRANGER, Secretary to the Colony; His Excellency the Viceroy, SIR STEPHEN MANNING, O.B.E.; His Royal Highness PRINCE STRINIVASAMAR NAIDOO, Ambassador from the Punjab; Her Majesty's Commander of the Forces in British Kaffraria, GENERAL SIR DAVID MACASKILL, V.C., V.D. and Scar.
In Front: HARRIS, captured gun-runner to the Natives



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Coming to Rhodes you oke no doubt have no idea what talent there is around. But this may help you get into the scene.

On campus you are going to find several categories of students, all of which we will not discuss except those who get something together and do it without assistance of a bureaucratic system (of which even the SRC is a little part.).

About Razamataz. This was a show got together by two students Lawrie Hilton (who you'll be seeing during the second half of the year - watch the stage) and Jenni Ferguson (who you won't see).

They hit on this idea of producing a show that would appeal to the whole family and go on a nation wide tour. They hit on the idea of doing a story on the search of the three wise kings for the star.

You might feel it could be dull stuff, that is without a little imagination (and of course a certain amount of talent).

But Jenni and Lawrie with the help of Andre de Villiers as business manager gave that Biblical story a little twist and produced this great little show called 'Razamataz'.

They staged this show in Grahamstown, East London, Umtata, Maritzburg, Durban and Johannesburg.

On the way they got their names in the newspapers and were even featured several times on the SABC.

The band consisted of Corinne Withaus on the electric piano, Brian Boshoff on the drums and Zak Heyns on bass guitar.



DELTA

IF you feel being a university student means more than getting a degree or having a total jorl, you should join DELTA.

DELTA is a student society which believes white students can contribute to meaningful change in South Africa.

A small group of students started DELTA in 1977 in response to the plight of people resettled at the Thornhill refugee camp in the Ciskei.

Their activities were to set up sewing group co-operatives and to help build a centre for one of these groups.

For students who participated it was an educating experience but even more important it was an opportunity to meet and make friends with people in a way white university students seldom experience.

In the past year DELTA has come home to Grahamstown.

'Voice of Grahamstown', a community newspaper is the main project. With the help of black school students from a non-racial youth group, G.P.P. (Grahamstown's Peoples Projects), five issues of the newspaper came out in 1979. More are planned for this year.

The newspaper enables students to meet people from Grahamstown's Black community and to share and learn skills with them.

DELTA hopes the contact also serves a useful purpose for the black community.

DELTA sees itself as a self-educating group and so seminars have played and will continue to play an important role in DELTA's programme.

Seminars for 1980 will cover areas such as conditions in Grahamstown, Resettlement, Influx Control, Education for Development and Relevant Journalism.

The society is presently working through suggestions for other projects for 1980. These range from a charcoal burning home industry, through tutoring schemes, setting up a development resources centre cum meeting place, and a support group for Glenmore.

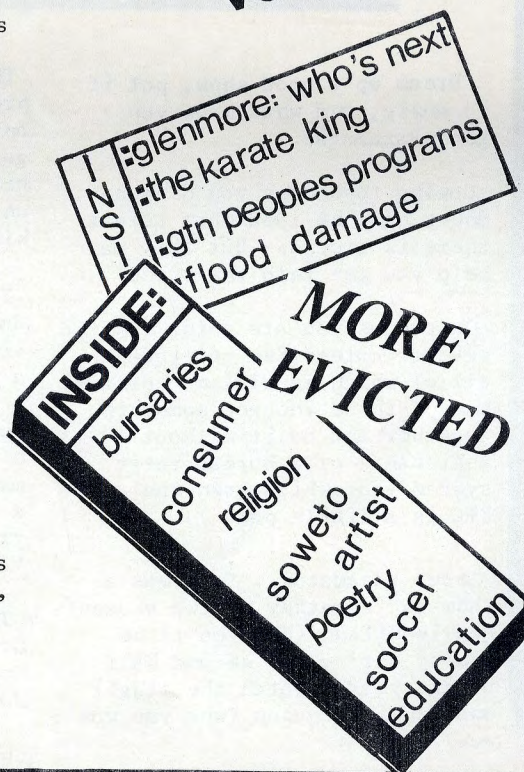
DELTA will make definite plans at a weekend seminar at the coast from February 29 to March 2.

This seminar, an annual DELTA event, gives new members and old members a chance to get to know one another in the context of discussion groups, background seminars and a lot of fun.

There will be a Delta table at Clubs and Societies evening on February 26 at 7.30 pm in the Great Hall.

Delta members will be there to talk to anyone who is interested in joining.

GRAHAMSTOWN VOICE



RAG

'80

AS South Africa moves into the 80's with changing moral, social and political structures, a definition of the role of Rag would be useful.

Rag is first and foremost registered as a welfare organisation.

But in the student context I don't feel the success of Rag is measured purely in rands and cents. The success of Rag depends largely on the amount of student interest and participation that is generated. This to a great extent is how much fun you have (or how much you do).

Rag 80 is the year of the Carnival, and while a smaller procession will follow a shortened route through town and end at the Carnival grounds the emphasis will be on the Carnival itself. Now new opportunities arise for every student to climb in and do something (and have a ball).

CARNIVAL PROGRAMME:

- Hot air balloons
- Parachuting
- Stalls
- Oddball Olympics
- Disco
- Braais
- Many etc's

Rag 80 is a big chance! Don't blow it. So many people are depending on you to have a better life.

ROYDEN DU PLOOY
Rag Committee, PRO

RAG means many things to many people a piss-up, fun, a pain in the arse, hard work or a life-saver. Whatever it is Rag is more than a few stunts and a procession.

Work started for Rag '80 in October 1979 when the committee was elected. Sponsorship contacts were finalized and plans for t-shirts and the competition began. Debs and Royalty were chosen and the first few ad's for the Rhodent Rag mag came in during exams.

We had meetings with admin. (who wanted to scrap Rag completely) and we decided on a Carnival. There have been problems with finding a venue but these will doubtless be solved.

Your residence Rag reps have been hard at work and the first themes for each residence's stall flowed in. Publicity is going well, and we have contacted Capital Radio about having their hot-air balloon and mobile disco unit at the Carnival. They will be here!

Possible TV coverage for the Big Bleed would mean another first for Rag.

Rag this year has established a national first in the Republic's first female Chairperson, our own Melani Wilson. So who said Rag was sexist?



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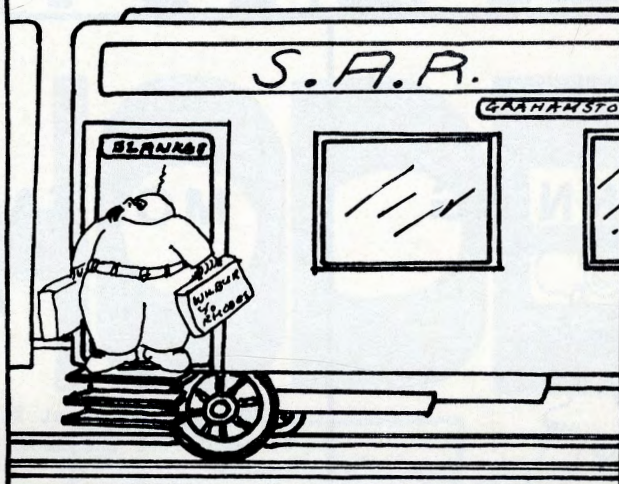
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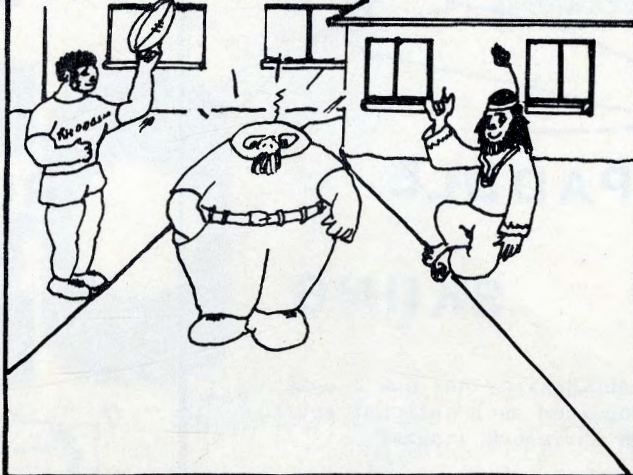
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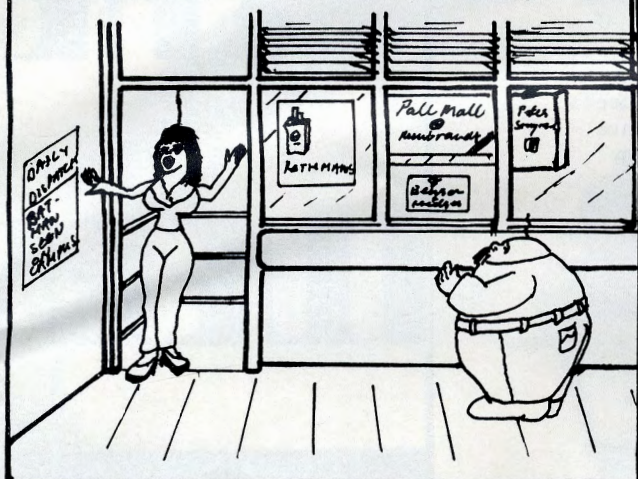
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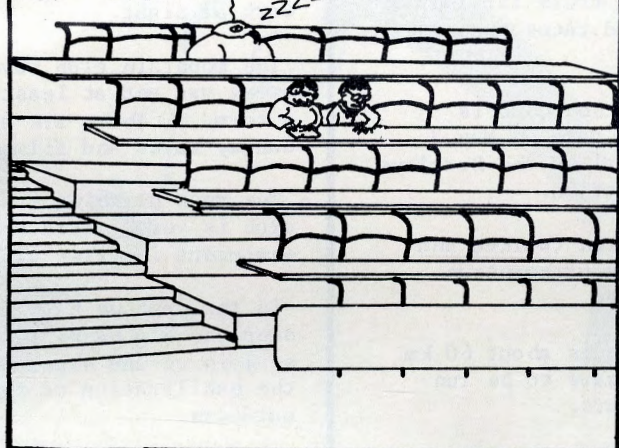
AND HE'S AMAZED AT SOME OF THE WIERDOS LAYING AROUND THE PLACE



...WHEN HE WENT TO KAF HE SAW SOMETHING HE ENJOYED MUCH MORE



BUT SUMMER SCHOOL WASN'T MUCH FUN FOR AN ADVENTUROUS SORT OF CHAP



SO HIM AND SOME CHAPS HEADED OFF...

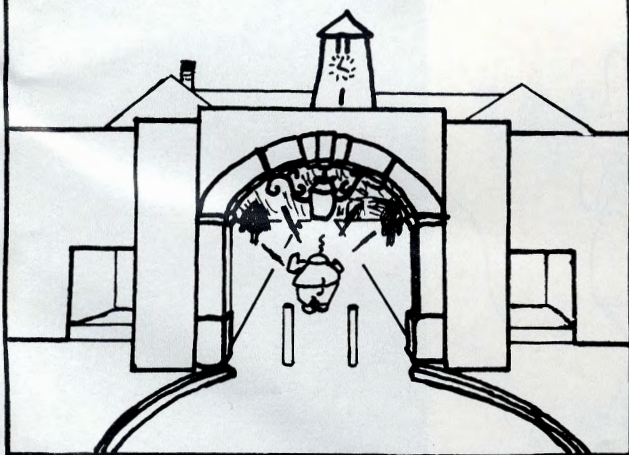


...FOLLOWING THE GREEN MONGOL SIGNS.

- Dick Crowe -

PART TWO

WILBUR GOES TO ADMIN. TO DISCOVER WHAT COURSE TO TAKE



HE CONSULTS SOME DOOD

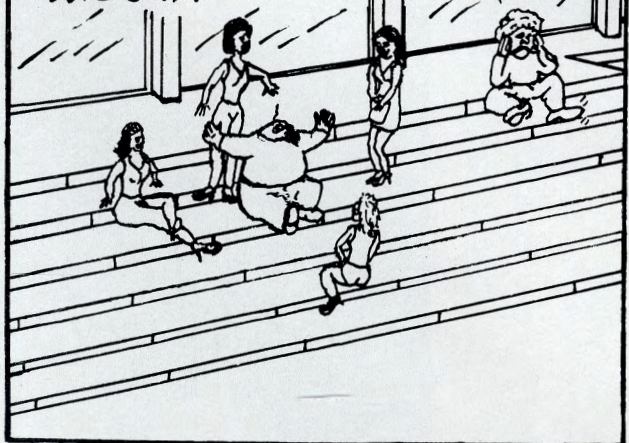


WHICH SOUNDED AS GOOD AS ANYTHING ELSE HE WAS OFFERED... AND SO



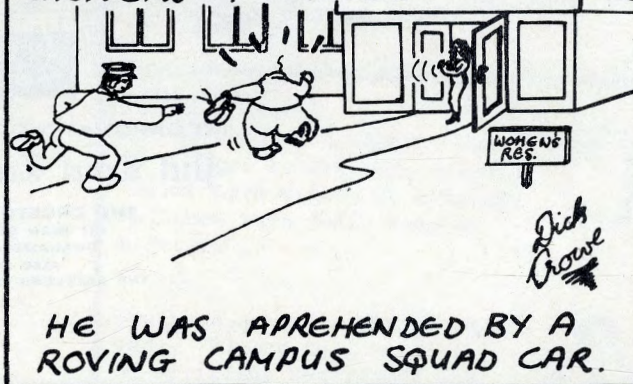
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THINGS WITH GIRLS JUST STARTED HAPPENING FOR WILBUR



AND FUNNILY ENOUGH MET ONE OF THEM IN THE CLUB THAT NIGHT

AND LATER WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO COMMIT HIS FIRST BREACH OF UNIVERSITY RULES



HE WAS APPREHENDED BY A ROVING CAMPUS SQUAD CAR.



PADDLE

SKIING

PADDLESkiing has now become recognised as a national sport with Springbok status.

Qualifying rounds for the selection of the Eastern Province team will commence early in the long vacation.

Student paddleskiers at Rhodes are invited to register as members of the Association at their earliest convenience.

To date, the membership has consisted chiefly of men in employment and the Association is anxious to organize the resources which it believes are to be found at Rhodes and UPE.

Besides grooming talent for national contests, the Association envisages organising inter-varsity contests under its auspices.

For further information write to the Eastern Province Paddleski Association, Universities Branch, c/o Mr A S Watson, 16 6th Avenue, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth.



SPORT!

RUNNING



JOIN the 1980 running revolution!

This year there is more incentive to train for long distance road races than ever before.

Rhodes Marathon Club is organising a race on May 3 this year, called the Barclays Settlers Marathon.

It will be run (walked and crawled) from Grahamstown to Port Alfred.

The distance is about 60 km and it will have to be run within 6½ hours.

Now is the time to shake off the holiday lethargy and begin training.

A run of one kilometre per day is sufficient for those who are very unfit.

This distance should be increased slowly over a period of eight weeks.

An advantage of daily running is that one can eat and drink without gain weight. However this should not be carried too far.

Watch the Marathon Club notice board for training details.

Those of you who don't want to run and would like to encourage the runners seconds are also needed for the marathon.

Running is fun don't miss out on it!

MOUNTAIN

CLUB

Mountaineering at Rhodes happens to be one of the more relaxing sports.

All you need is a rucksack, sleeping bag, and a pair of legs.

The society is very active, you should just watch us at work at night.

The mountain club have meets every vac and at least once a term. There are also Sunday walks and films.

The rock climbing side of the club is very "jacked up" and the equipment is first class.

In the past we have always been one big happy family, so join us and experience the exhilaration of the outdoors.

We will have a table at Societies evening with a schedule of hikes and climbs.



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