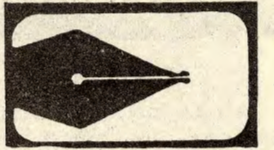


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A Show of Peace...

ABOUT 150 students clad in white participated in a candle-lit march for peace last Thursday evening.

The march convened by the Muslim Students Association (MSA) supported the call for the reinstatement of world peace and an end to all forms of violence. The march involved students from all spheres of the campus community.

In a statement released by MSA they said, "We are asking for peaceful co-existence in the Middle-East, in Southern Africa, specifically South Africa, the Maori's in Australasia, the Indian problem in North America, peace in India Kashmir, Afghanistan and Iraq and specifically that the people of Algeria be left to peacefully govern their own lives.

"The MSA calls for a halt to forces encouraging violence in the killing fields of Natal and the Reef townships. We also ask for peaceful co-existence in Cambodia and Guatemala. We are concerned that the Irish problem be amicably resolved. We are deeply concerned with the strife in Croatia and pray that the Serbs find peace," it said.

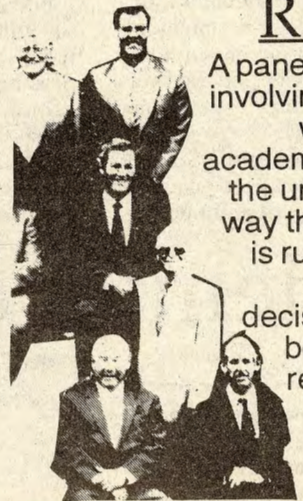
"We condemn no-one and judge no-one, but pray and encourage World Leaders to find a solution to dispute by peaceful means. Problems like violence do not disappear overnight. We have to strive consciously for peace.

As violence continued unabated, Students last week joined the growing call for peace in a candlelit march. Sarita Ranahod reports

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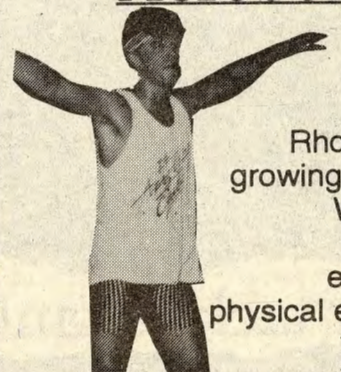
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Candlelit march - student societies "giving peace a chance"

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Campus societies which released statements in support of the call were RUSCO, SRC Projects Committee, BSM, Hindu Students Society, Bahai Faith, Sasco, Demsoc, LSD, Reggae Appreciation Society and the Divinity Department.

The Bahai Society said: "For the first time in history it is possible for everyone to view the entire planet, with all its myriad of diversified peoples, in one perspective. World peace is not only possible but inevitable. It is the next stage in the evolution of this planet - in the words of one great thinker, 'the planetisation of humankind'."

The South African Students Congress (Sasco) said in a statement, "without an end to the endemic violence in South Africa, any real solution to this country's problems would be impossible."

The Reggae Appreciation Society said, "You cannot expect peace in the world if you do not grant people

equal rights and treat them justly. There needs to be not just political change but a change of heart."

BSM commented, "Our country is in a state which can simply be described as the state of war. We all should feel, as concerned and responsible members of our respective communities, obliged to participate and take an active role in the attainment of peace in our country in particular and the world in general."

Zaheer Munshi, MSA Chairperson said, "Peace between states, religions and races is vital. We call on all societies on campus to unite and give peace a chance."

Shereen Essof, SRC Societies Councillor said, "Events like this can unite students and societies to find a common ground and achieve something positive."

Students commented after the march that it was a step in the right direction and an excellent attempt at combatting the legacy of student apathy at Rhodes.



Academics criticise honorary award

Steyn Speed

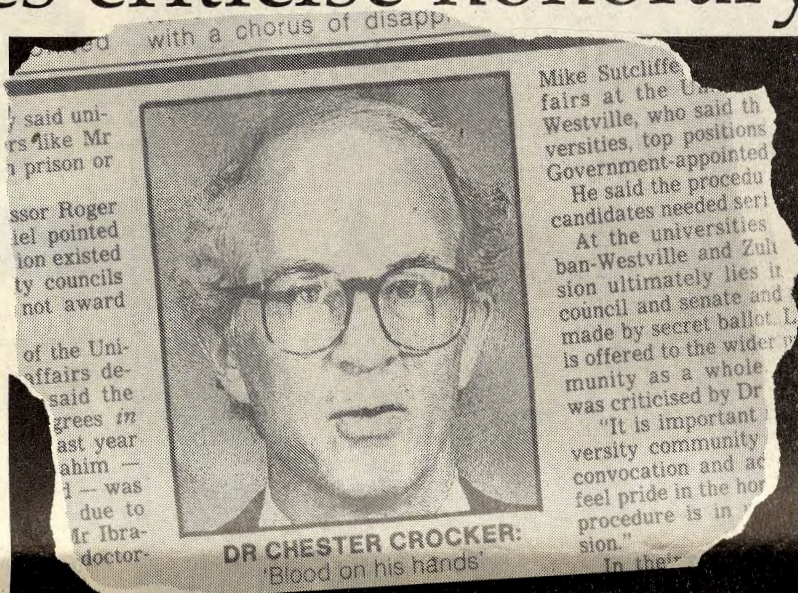
ACADEMICS and librarians at Rhodes have publicly dissociated themselves from the university's recent awarding of an honorary doctorate to Chester Crocker.

In an open letter sent to a number of newspapers, the 57 signatories said they regarded the former US Secretary of State for African Affairs to be "unfit" for the award.

"We felt the need to express our dissent to the general public," said Dr John Daniel, acting head of Rhodes' International Studies Unit. "An honorary degree is seen to be given by the collective entity of the university. We want to show that at least some academics don't agree with this decision".

Daniel explained the statement was drawn up after the positive reaction that a paper criticising the action received on campus. He said he was surprised at the favourable response the letter received from academics despite the fact they had not made an "enormous effort" to canvas support.

The letter described Crocker as the architect of the US government's



Southern African policy. "This policy endorsed South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia and so delayed Namibian independence by a decade" it continued.

The academics further said the US government's sponsoring of Angola's Unita movement encouraged the PW Botha government to "continue its aggressive destabilisation

of the Southern African region". The letter said it was "difficult to comprehend why Rhodes should choose to honour Dr Crocker at this time. "Why, we ask, has Rhodes not chosen instead to follow the lead of other South African universities by awarding honorary doctorates to those who have been in the forefront

of the struggle against apartheid," it said.

Despite the protests, Rhodes University said it would not reconsider its decision to award a Doctor of Laws degree to Crocker at the Rhodes East London division graduation ceremony on May 16.

Meanwhile a campus-wide petition protesting Crocker's award and calling for a review of the composition of Rhodes' Council was to be launched, according to South African Students Congress (Sasco) executive member Kim Jurgensen.

The petition was intended to canvass support amongst students, workers, academics and administrators, she said.

"We want to show that Senate and Council's decision was not supported by the majority of the Rhodes community."

An ad hoc committee consisting of student and staff groupings would be taking the petition campaign forward, she said.

Kim explained that Sasco was taking up the campaign "because the Crocker award highlights fundamental problems with the way decisions are taken at this university".

Student amenities

Allocation of funds biased -SRC

Paddy Hozack

THE university administration's allocation of funding to the SRC and sports budgets was biased towards sport, said SRC President Daryl Lee.

This was because it was run by professionals and brought publicity to the university, whereas the SRC was run by students in whom less faith seemed to be vested in decision-making, he said.

Sports admin's R368 000 budget was almost R150 000 more than the SRC's budget.

Lee said the sports budget allowed students to play sports at a professional level. However, he felt the SRC's budget of R220 000 needed to be increased to provide students with more facilities such as laundromats, photocopying machines and a resource centre.

Twelve sports fields, 37 courts and an athletics track were among the facilities provided for sporting activities, said Sports admin head Pete Andrew.

A quarter of the sports budget went to transport costs, and other administrative and equipment costs had to be covered, he said.

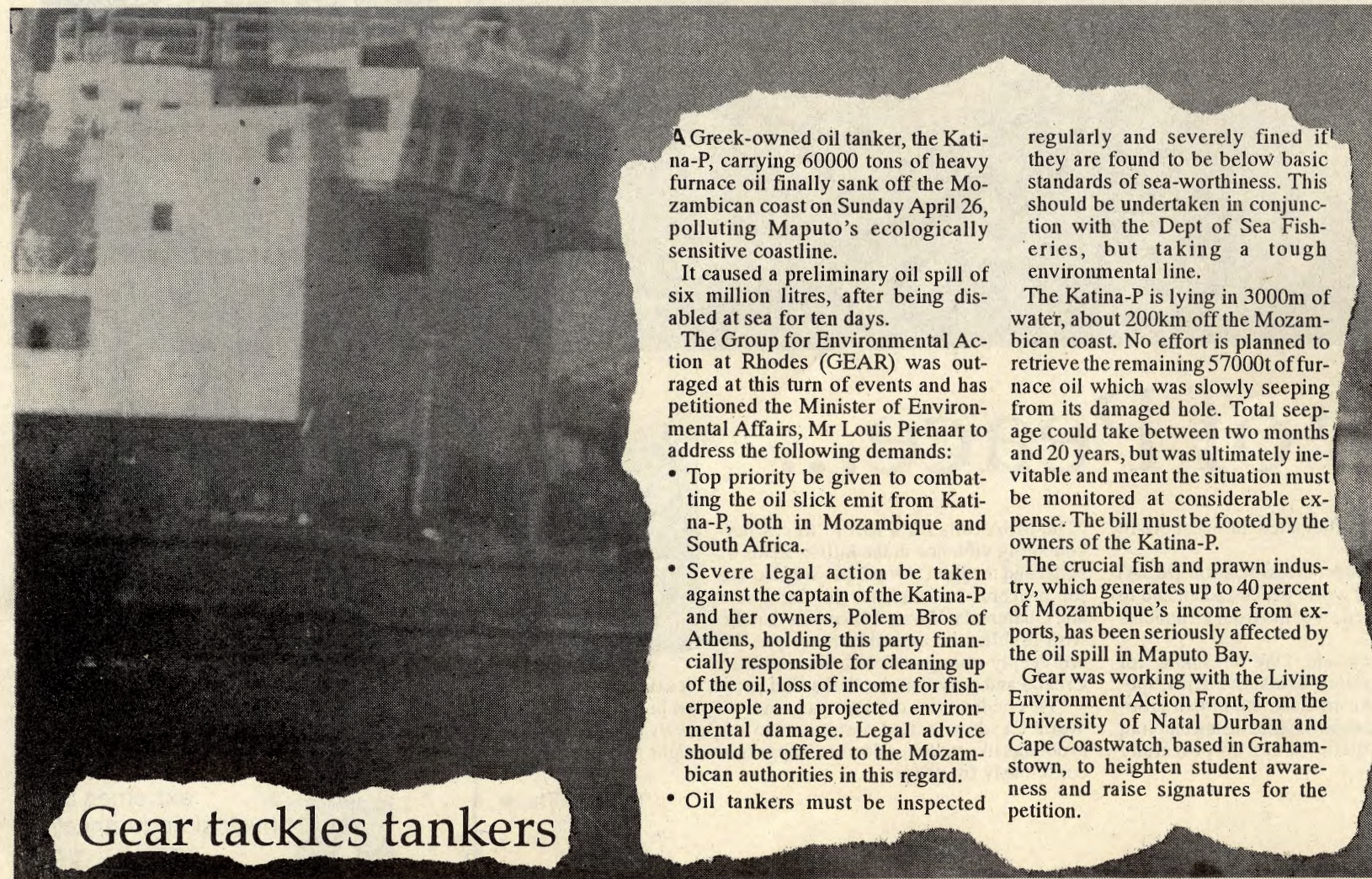
Seventy sports bursaries, which were not included in the sports budget, were given to students this year, said Andrew. The SRC, however, offered no bursaries as there was not enough funding.

Less than a quarter of the R1 million student amenities fund went to the SRC.

Societies were given less than half of the amount suggested in their budget proposals. The SRC had applied to Senate for an increase in their annual budget on behalf of societies and were given an extra R8000.

Sports admin were considering building a new swimming pool on Kaif lawns which would be funded by the facility sports fund. They were also looking at two possible sights on Prospect Field.

The SRC were due to put out a statement in which they would explain why they were opposed to a pool on Kaif lawns.



A Greek-owned oil tanker, the Katina-P, carrying 60000 tons of heavy furnace oil finally sank off the Mozambican coast on Sunday April 26, polluting Maputo's ecologically sensitive coastline.

It caused a preliminary oil spill of six million litres, after being disabled at sea for ten days.

The Group for Environmental Action at Rhodes (GEAR) was outraged at this turn of events and has petitioned the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mr Louis Pienaar to address the following demands:

- Top priority be given to combatting the oil slick emit from Katina-P, both in Mozambique and South Africa.
- Severe legal action be taken against the captain of the Katina-P and her owners, Polem Bros of Athens, holding this party financially responsible for cleaning up of the oil, loss of income for fisherpeople and projected environmental damage. Legal advice should be offered to the Mozambican authorities in this regard.
- Oil tankers must be inspected

regularly and severely fined if they are found to be below basic standards of sea-worthiness. This should be undertaken in conjunction with the Dept of Sea Fisheries, but taking a tough environmental line.

The Katina-P is lying in 3000m of water, about 200km off the Mozambican coast. No effort is planned to retrieve the remaining 57000t of furnace oil which was slowly seeping from its damaged hole. Total seepage could take between two months and 20 years, but was ultimately inevitable and meant the situation must be monitored at considerable expense. The bill must be footed by the owners of the Katina-P.

The crucial fish and prawn industry, which generates up to 40 percent of Mozambique's income from exports, has been seriously affected by the oil spill in Maputo Bay.

Gear was working with the Living Environment Action Front, from the University of Natal Durban and Cape Coastwatch, based in Grahamstown, to heighten student awareness and raise signatures for the petition.

Gear tackles tankers

Council under review

Manelisi Wolela

RHODES University Administration remained mum last week amid increased calls for the democratisation of the Council. Efforts to get comments from the University concerning this issue failed.

In a debate organised jointly by Udusa, Sasco, Nehawu and the SRC, all panelists criticised the sexist and racist nature of the composition of the Council, and called for full representation of the university community and those it interacted with on decision-making structures.

The 29-member Council has only one black and no women members. SRC President Daryl Lee, who chaired the debate, said the Rhodes University Act made provision for representation of the community on the Council. To ensure that human, monetary and intellectual resources provided by the Council's constituencies were used to benefit them, its composition should reflect these communities, he said.

Referring to the discriminatory treatment of women by the university, the representative of Udusa and non-academic staff, Ms Lynn Armstrong, said women's progress up the promotional ladder was hampered more by traditional stereotyping, as there were no clauses in the Act or Statutes which banned women from specific positions. Citing other university practices, she said women were discriminated against in respect of medical aid, pensions and housing benefits.

Other speakers included Prof Paul



The 1989 Rhodes University Council - no significant changes in composition have taken place over recent years.

Maylam, a member of academic staff, Mr Mtwekhaya Nkwinti, representing the local community, and Mr Sizwe Ntlokwa, who represented Nehawu. Prof Maylam, expressing his personal opinion, said a university should be self-critical, involve all sectors in decision-making processes, listen to representative voices, and lead in democratisation. He said if allegations that the

University had a special committee investigating these proposed changes were true, then voices from below had to be drawn into the process.

Mr Nkwinti expressed the hope that the conservative and racist tendencies at the university would change. Mr Ntlokwa criticised Rhodes for poor workers' salaries, saying that those problems would be

better solved if the workers had representation in the Council, citing Fort Hare as an example.

From the discussions, it was suggested that some changes could be implemented, which included the need to persuade municipal representatives to step down until non-racial municipal elections had taken place, and to ask school representatives to give way to an elected

representative body of the broader Grahamstown area.

The debate follows the unpopular decision of the council to grant an Honorary Doctor of Law degree to Dr Chester Crocker, former US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, whilst turning down the nomination of ANC National Executive Council member Mr Govan Mbeki.



Anti-vivisection petition

Ingrid Salgado

THE Group for Environmental Action (Gear) at Rhodes aroused the interest of about 1 000 students last week in a petition opposing animal vivisection.

The petition coincided with the World Day for Laboratory Animals and called for the total abolition of animal vivisection, said Gear's Animal Rights Co-ordinator Adele Bailey.

"Although we've managed to get about 1000 signatures already - we hope to get more," said Gear Co-ordinator Karen Kallman.

The group was to hand the petition to the university's Ethics Committee, the South Africans Against Vivisection, all companies that practice animal experimentation and the government department concerned with animal rights.

"About two million animals die

from vivisection every year," said Adele. In a pamphlet distributed to campus, Gear said although the Rhodes Ethics Committee watched over all vivisection experiments, hundreds of animals were killed and tortured through experimentation.

The pamphlet explained that backward laws still demanded the testing of animals and that the medical profession was not trained in newer non-animal methods. This, they said, resulted in the continuation of vivisection.

Besides the moral opposition, Gear opposed vivisection on the grounds that disease was species specific. Experiments on animals would thus not supply enough evidence when applied to human beings.

Gear identified other methods for testing substances, including the use of tissue culture, bacteria and micro-organism testing.

Trying to make the grade

Sarita Ranchod and Michelle Willmers

COMPLAINTS around the inconsistencies in the residence grading system have sparked an investigation which reveals the inconsistencies and apparent lack of criteria used in the current system.

The SRC has begun to address the issue after receiving numerous queries concerning grading criteria. Bruce Whitfield, Residence Liaison Officer and SRC Hall Rep for Founders Hall, said in a statement that Rhodes had no fixed policy in this respect but a number of criteria are taken into consideration, but not made public.

He concluded there was no official guideline for the minimum requirements residences had to fulfill for a particular grade.

Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee, Mr Les Reynolds, said he felt the present grading system was adequate and that his office was always open to constructive criticism.

Reynolds said residences were graded on their age; whether or not they had hot and cold running water, central heating, carpeting and basins in every room.

He did not clarify what the minimum requirements for the different gradings were.

In a comparison of two A-Grade residences in Hobson Hall, Dingemans and Milner, using Mr Reynolds' criteria it was found that:

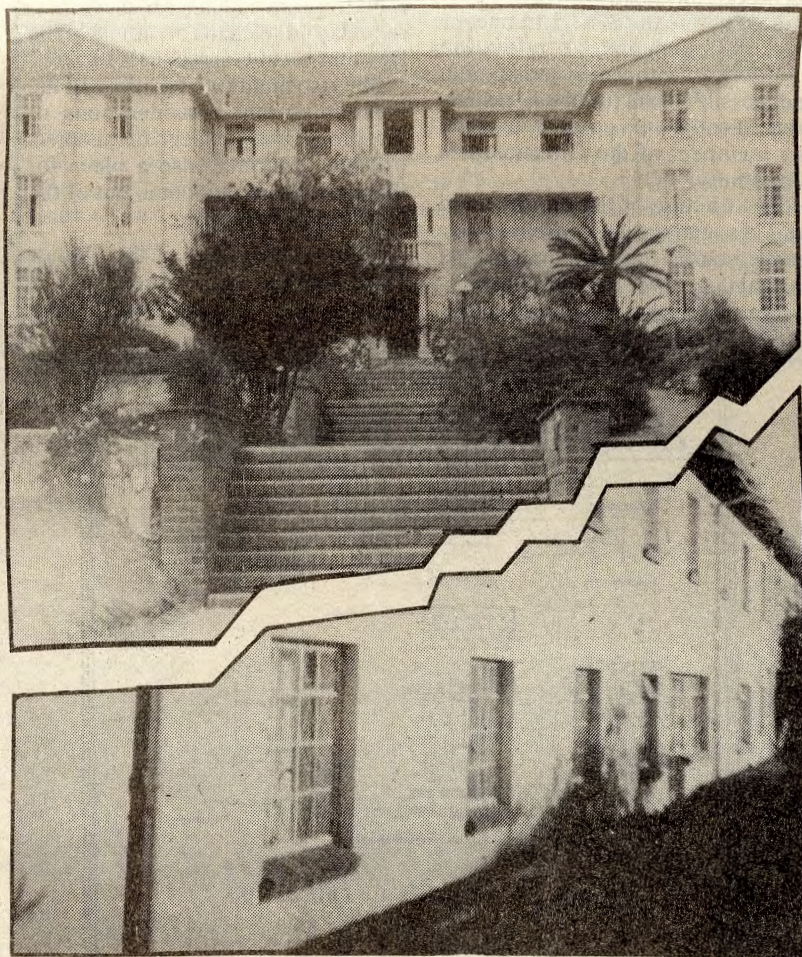
Dingemans had wall-to-wall carpeting, Milner did not.

Dingemans had hot and cold water taps, Milner had only cold water taps.

Dingemans had central heating, Milner did not.

Milner was 47 years older than Dingemans.

SRC Hobson Hall Rep, Shereen



From A to C - criteria for res grading questioned.

Essof, voiced concern at the apparent inconsistency in res grading.

"The bottom line is that students are the ones living in res. It's fine for the varsity to push up fees, but we must get a fair deal.

"The criteria must be made clear, and it is obvious that a complete reassessment needs to be done."

She proposed that an outside body be called in to grade residences in a fair manner.

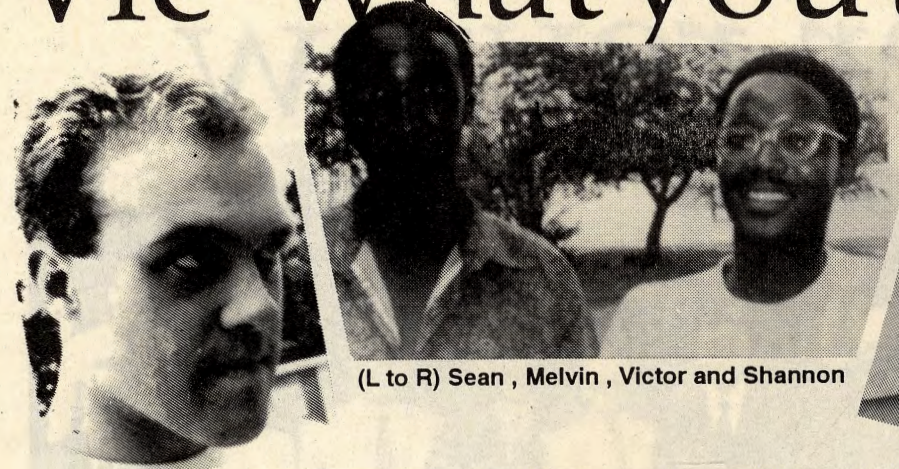
The inconsistencies that exist in the present grading system should

be addressed urgently in order that students are not forced to pay for services they are not rendered with.

When the SRC voiced concern over this matter they were requested to draw up a proposed outline of the minimum requirements for particular grades of residences. This document was to be presented to admin by the end of May.

Whitfield said that while gradings for this year were not likely to be altered, it may affect grading in the future.

Vic-what you think



(L to R) Sean, Melvin, Victor and Shannon

AN article in the last edition of RHODEO on an incident in which two Rhodes students were thrown out of the Vic has elicited a number of responses - both positive and negative.

Paddy Hozack targeted Kaif students for an impromptu opinion poll to gauge their feelings on the Vic since it changed hands at the beginning of this year.

Garth Drummond: "I don't know

who was telling the truth but the black woman's view sounded more believable. I haven't seen any racist behaviour. Races tend to stick together."

Shannon Simon: "I don't go there anymore. I was shocked at the racist behaviour [of some patrons] and being drunk was no excuse."

Charlie Velkes: "I'm very much against what happened. This is supposed to be a new South Africa.

Things like that aren't supposed to happen."

Victor Chwene and Melvin Chauka: "We observed similar incidents last year. We prefer the Union - it's nearer and cheaper."

Sean Donovan: "I think it's shocking what happened. I wouldn't expect something like that to happen. It's supposed to be a liberal town."

No sponsors for condom machines

Ross Scheepers

IN the 1991 SRC referendum students demanded that condom vending machines be installed on campus. Ever since then the SRC has reached nothing but dead ends in attempting to have this necessary benefit achieved for Rhodes students.

The main obstacle facing the SRC is the lack of funding needed to purchase the machines. Benefits Councillor for the SRC, Alison McLachlan, approached Minister of Health and Population development in the House of Assembly, Dr Rina Venter, Managing Director of Volkswagen, Mr Peter Searle, who received an honorary doctorate from Rhodes this year and the National Aids Forum to assist with funding. However, none were able to help.

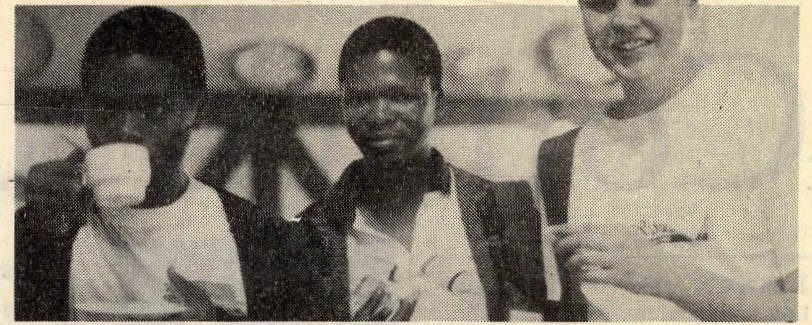
Rhodes Chancellor and Anglo American board member, Dr Gavin Relly, was also contacted but has not replied yet.

The SRC hopes to obtain three machines at a cost of R2300 each and to have these installed in Kaif toilets, Kimberley Hall, and Allan Webb Hall so that the entire campus would have access to the facility 24 hours a day.

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Motara under fire

Kim Jurgensen

"STUDENTS do not have faith in the Dean of Students, Dr Motara - they do not feel he is benefitting them enough," said SRC Education Councillor Jenny Roberts about the leadership weekend.

Leaders of all organisations were invited to the SRC leadership weekend-away at Port Alfred at the end of last term.

Jenny said students raised concern about the way Dr Motara's office is run, the extent of Dr Motara's power, and his inter-personal skills. It was decided the SRC would take up these grievances with Dr Motara and "any other persons deemed capable of resolving these issues".

The forum also discussed problems with Rag and a commission of all interested parties was formed to work through these problems. The commission would report around the Rag procession to Dr Motara on April 24.

Jenny said there was a very successful commission on democratising the SRC. Grievances included lack of public relations.

Rag gets involved

WINTER 1992 will be significantly warmer for many people in the Eastern Cape if Rhodes Rag succeeds in its plans for a rugby field-sized "blanket".

Rag has initiated a project of knitting squares to make blankets for under-privileged people. Students have been asked to knit squares of 20 x 20 cm. The squares will be sewn together to make separate blankets and once these have been made they will be put together to cover the entire rugby field.

The single blankets will then be given out to needy people.

It was agreed the SRC would be responsible for convening a commission comprised of academics, students and other interested parties whose task it would be to restructure the present SRC constitution.

It was also proposed that a student parliament be formed comprising SRC members, society chairpersons and hall senior students.

This parliament would have the power to make financial decisions concerning the distribution of money allocated to the SRC. Its members would have to report back regularly to their organisations.

Rhodes admissions researcher, Matthew Smith, presented a discussion paper and workshop on admissions procedures.

The forum discussed issues such as entrance exams, and a statement of commitment to affirmative action was endorsed by all societies.

Other issues discussed included the environment, sexism, sexual harassment and media.

Jenny said the weekend was extremely successful "because people participated well and discussions were lively".

RHODES Rag is currently fixing up a hall in the township and will be setting up a sewing project shortly.

The hall has recently had security bars put in. It is currently being painted and electricity is being installed.

Rag will be bringing sewing machines in from England and then plan to start classes. They are calling for volunteers to come in and teach people from the township to sew and are also asking people to donate material and patterns.

Once people have learnt to sew they will be able to make their own items and then sell them.

Student killed in crash

Anne Williamson

A Rhodes University student was killed and three others injured in a motor vehicle accident at the start of the Easter weekend.

Social Work honours student, Melanie Fuchs, 23, was killed instantly when the car she was travelling in overturned on the road between Steynsburg and Molteno.

The driver of the car, Kevin Featherstone, 20, said he was flung from the car, and sustained broken arms and lacerations to his hands. He was recently transferred to his home in Johannesburg.

Jean Wallace, 19, sustained a cracked pelvis and broken hip, as well as lacerations to her face, hands and feet. She is in a satisfactory condition in Rosepark Hospital in Bloemfontein, and will be transferred to her home shortly, said her mother.

The fourth passenger in the car, Maria Nkopana, 28, was admitted to Bloemfontein National Hospital after the accident.

Kevin was hoping to return to university later this term, whereas Jean was doubtful whether she would return before the third term, as she would be undergoing physiotherapy.

Gay group soon?

Students discuss logistics of support

Anne Williamson

A group of Rhodes students have begun to discuss the logistics of forming a gay support group after gay and lesbian students identified a need for such an organisation.

The group, initiated by Larissa Klazinga, started halfway through last term, and members of the group are currently discussing the formal aspect of such a grouping.

The debate confronting them is whether or not to affiliate to organisations such as the SRC, Lifeline, or other gay societies, as affiliation would mean a confined jurisdiction and possible constitutional restrictions. It could also possibly exclude gay members of the Grahamstown community.

The structure of the group would remain social until a consensus was reached on its formal dynamics. At present there were two different perspectives on what the aims and objectives of the group should be.

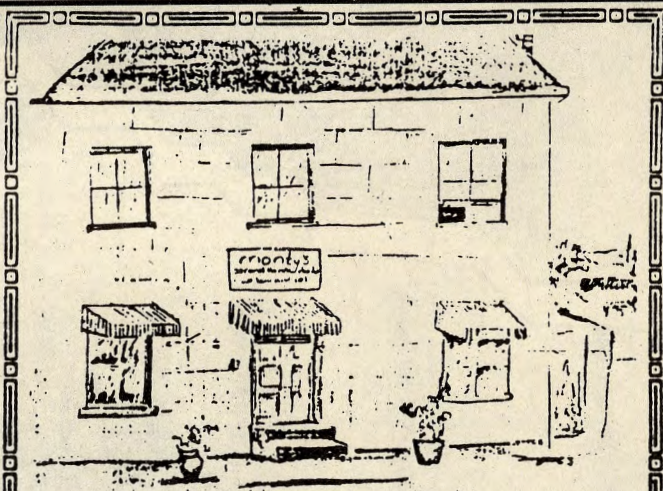
One view believed the group should remain a social interaction group; the other wanted to deal with issues such as gay rights, homophobia and non-heterosexism.

When asked whether a society such as this could lead to the victimisation of gays, Larissa said this was a possibility, but the organisation was being discreet about its meetings and members.

"The group is not exclusive for gay people," Larissa said, "but I want to create a place for us. Homosexuals and lesbians do not have the freedom that heterosexuals have."

She also mentioned that one of the most important considerations of the group was respect of people's privacy. "There is also a place for those who have not come out of the closet in this group."

"If the University of the Orange Free State can get a society such as this together, why can't we?" Larissa said.



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Rhodes' other half

Rhodes East London has been under the direction of Stephen Fourie for almost a year. Michelle de Bruyn spoke to him about the division and the vision he has for it.

THE East London division of Rhodes has done very well considering its size and the resources available to it, said director Stephen Fourie.

For the last three years it has had the best Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) students of the two divisions and has done well in the Arts faculty.

Mr Fourie attributed these results to the student-staff ratio and the type of students: East London students are often mature.

"This raises the level of debates in lectures and benefits all," he said.

East London started off with only the BComm faculty, which now offers all credits except Legal Theory and Statistics.

For three years it has also offered a BA course with Psychology and Economics as the only possible majors.

Unlike the Grahamstown division, there is little difference in the numbers of male and female students.

There is a trend towards taking more second year, third year and postgraduate students with less first years, he said.

Fifty-four students, including himself, would be graduating in May, he said. He will be receiving his doctorate in theology.

When asked about the controversy surrounding the honorary doctorate to be awarded to Chester Crocker at the ceremony, he said that the issue should not be looked at in isolation but rather it raised questions about the procedure for awarding honorary doctorates. He felt that in general the people complaining were "part of the process."

Fourie felt the division had a vital role to play in the wider East London community and as far afield as the Transkei.

It was not meant to compete with Rhodes Grahamstown, but to "complement" it. There were many areas in which it could provide services impossible to provide in Grahamstown.

Although students in the two divisions have little contact, Fourie feels that there is only a perceived gap between the divisions.

He travels to Grahamstown once a week during term time. Academics are similarly linked.

For purely geographical reasons, it was not feasible to combine the team sports, he said. "But individual sport events are well linked," he said.

When asked about the future of East London division, he said much research still had to be done. This involved looking at both divisions as a whole and how they interacted. However, he had some definite ideas in mind.

He hoped to facilitate the expansion of the BA course. This included trying to have at least one more major subject available by next year. "Hopefully legal theory will also be incorporated into the BComm course," he added.

Although the staff were excellent, "an influx of senior academics who could play a role in the management of the university would be helpful," he said.

In a broader sense, he believed the division should play a greater role in creating a "climate of learning" in the Border area.

Mbeki speaks out

Steyn Speed

"UNIVERSITIES should seek to transform themselves so that the academic awards they confer aren't found to be questionable."

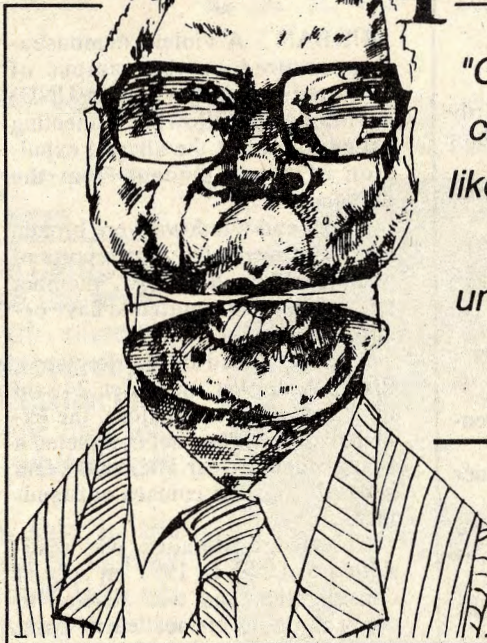
This was the response of ANC Eastern Cape leader Govan Mbeki to the recent honorary degrees controversy at Rhodes University.

The controversy arose when the university announced its decision to confer an honorary doctorate on Chester Crocker, former US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. The decision was greeted with criticism by several groupings on the campus, including prominent academics, students and workers.

The issue at the centre of the honorary degrees controversy is the composition of Rhodes' highest governing bodies.

Mbeki, whose nomination for an honorary degree was turned down in the same selection process, said important decision-making should not be restricted to senior administrative and academic staff. Rather, he argued, it should involve a broad range of people within the university: "A junior lecturer has as much interest in the university's well-being as a senior academic or a vice-chancellor." He said the university as a whole needed to dictate its direction.

In a debate organised jointly by Union of Democratic University Staff Association (Udusa), National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu), South African Students Congress (Sasco), and the SRC, the racist and sexist nature of the composition of the council was criticised. A call was made for



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full representation of the University community and those it interacts with in higher decision-making bodies.

In a recent paper on the issue, two Rhodes academics noted that of the 27 members of the Rhodes council all were male and, with one exception, all were white. Every member of the Board of Governors was male and white. Of the Senate's 83 members, 82 were white and 79 male. According to a recent survey, only four percent of Rhodes' academic staff were black, and about 20 percent female.

"Like the rest of society, the university needs to undergo a process of democratisation," Mbeki commented, "and it needs to begin

now".

He felt the university's immediate community should be able to express its views about the institution, though not take control of it. "The will of the community should be influential, but not decisive," he said.

Mbeki maintained that because of the role of tertiary institutions in providing society with people to fill vital positions in industry and commerce, these institutions must commit themselves to the challenges facing a democratic South Africa.

"The role they are playing at the moment is another thing altogether. The universities in particular will require much transformation before it can be said that they serve the

interests of the people," he said.

Mbeki, one of Robben Island's most famous "graduates", said even South Africa's so-called liberal universities weren't accessible to the large number of South Africans: "Many institutions still bare the marks of their colonial past."

Tertiary education is generally conservative and racist in character, he maintained. "What were once quite progressive institutions like Fort Hare were reduced under apartheid to tribally-based universities completely under governmental control".

He predicted that these "tribal" institutions would move faster towards democracy than their "liberal" counterparts. The English-medium liberal universities were "still very far from becoming what could be called Peoples' Universities," he said.

The transformation of these institutions relied on the work of its staff and students: "Change has to come from within. It cannot be imposed on the university."

"Where the staff is slow in doing this, students have to take the lead. The time for change has come - it can't be kept back much longer," he said.

The need for change is reflected particularly in the honorary degrees that the university has given in the past. Of the doctorates that Rhodes has awarded, 89 percent were given to males and 95,5 percent to whites.

"Giving awards to conservatives or like-minded people will reflect a university's lack of progressive direction," he said.

"And Rhodes... well Rhodes is pretty conservative."

Czechoslovakian students take a shine to South Africa

TEN Czechoslovakian students visited South Africa as part of a Rhodes Aiesec student exchange programme to forge trade links between the two countries.

Students from the Bratislava and Zelena Universities were part of a tour allowed in South Africa for the first time.

A keen interest had been shown in establishing permanent trade links and the students had various meetings with companies around South Africa, said Aiesec Regional President Donna Mackenzie.

The exchange programme allowed for a reciprocal visit of Aiesec Rhodes students to Czechoslovakia, planned for January 1993.

Aiesec member and South African Czechoslovakian, George Pindak, said the students learnt a lot about South African culture and had a rave. They saw the Kruger National Park and the Garden Route.

They also had a chat show on RMR, and a discussion on South Africa's political situation which was presented by the SRC and the South African Students Congress.

The students even outshone Rhodes' hardened drinkers - they started with Vodka and 70 percent proof Plum Brandy at 8 o'clock in the morning!



Visiting Czechs meet the De Klerks in Plett

Xolisa Mabhongo

FOR the first time in the Eastern Cape people from community organisations, media training groups, the alternative press and the establishment media came together in a media festival to look critically at the media and to acquire skills.

In his opening address, the group editor of the East Cape News Agency (Ecna), Mr Franz Kruger was hopeful that Codesa might deliver an interim government and democratic elections soon. He cautioned, however, that giving everybody a vote was not really enough to ensure fairness.

"Voters must have enough information to make up their minds. The power to deliver that information is an important power and that is precisely the power of the media," he said.

The festival, held at Rhodes, was organised by Ecna and the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (Idasa) and was aimed at raising awareness of media in the region and breaking skills barriers.

Among the speakers at the festival was Thami Ntenti, of Radio Freedom, who called for an end to the monopoly of the airwaves by the

Festival brings media to E Cape

SABC. He said the future broadcast structure should comprise public, commercial and community sectors.

An interim body should be established to monitor and control the SABC during the period of transition, he said.

South editor, Dr Guy Berger said the imbalances between the alternative and mainstream press still existed despite some attempts at convergence. He said attempts were being made to make the alternative press self sufficient and changes were being wrought in the character of the alternative newspapers.

Among the speakers were Leslie Xinwa of the Transkei Broadcasting Corporation, Joel Netshitenze of the ANC journal Mayibuye, Mandla Tyala of the Evening post, Gabriel Urgoiti who is involved in the Cape Town community radio station and Jeanne Prinsloo of the Durban Media Trainers Forum.

The issue of community radio was

also a subject of intense discussion at the festival.

Gabriel Urgoiti said community radio should be aimed at empowering people at grassroots level. Programmes for community radio would be decided collectively by the community.

He said that community radio "has a non commercial relation with the audience".

While organisations in South Africa were looking into the feasibility of getting licences through legal channels, "we should set them up now with or without licences," he said.

He was drawing from the Argentinian experience where "people were broadcasting from bicycles and from their backyards".

There was a feeling of disquiet among delegates as they discussed whether the media was reflecting what was happening in the Eastern Cape.

Marion Sparg of the ANC's de-

partment of Information and Publicity, and Naledi Burwana of the Border Advice Offices Forum felt the media was not reflecting what was happening in the region.

Burwana felt the media should be accessible to communities so as to express the views of the people.

Marion Sparg felt a "crusading ethic was needed in the South African media".

Mandla Tyala said the problems faced by the media were lack of resources and little understanding of how newspapers work by community organisations.

The festival offered an opportunity for organisations and interest groups to discuss common problems, training programmes and their future plans.

Rod Amner, one of the organisers of the festival, felt it was a success as it managed to group together people who would not have otherwise met.

He felt the training workshops on radio programming, video and pamphlet production, although introductory, were very successful.

"The media festival brought together community newspapers and establishment newspapers, media trainers and community activists," he said.

Campus Briefs

UND - The food crisis in Durban's residences has been temporarily resolved after residence students threatened to sit outside the senior warden's house.

They were reacting to having to queue for up to 30 minutes to get into the dining hall and the bad quality of the food.

Following a meeting with the senior warden, Mr MacDonald and the caterers, Jay Ross, it was resolved that Jubilee dining hall would be used until the construction at Charles James dining hall was finished.

UND - Two separate investigations have been undertaken into the screening of pornographic movies during orientation week.

One investigation is into the showing of a porno movie in Mabel Palmer mens res during the orientation week.

The Mabel Palmer House Committee is holding an investigation into the matter and until then it is sub-judice. The house comm will make its findings known.

The other incident is into the alleged showing of a blue movie by the parachuting club at its recruitment table.

The club maintains the movie is freely available from any CNA. However, one of the students who complained said the movie had "been paused on a full frontal of a woman".

The SRC is taking the matter up with Sports Union.

EAST RAND - Members of the SA Police riot squad, commanded by a police colonel, allegedly assaulted SRC members at the East Rand College of Education, as they tried in vain to meet the Regional Director of Education of the Department of Education (DET).

Students were allegedly kicked, punched and dragged from the DET's regional office in Springs. They were given five minutes to disperse but refused to do so, saying they wanted an appointment to discuss the closure of the college by the DET.

Police have refused to open cases or to allow students to lay charges.

WITS - If you think the crime wave sweeping South Africa has not hit Wits, think again.

There has been a spate of robberies on campus over the past few weeks, the most dramatic of which occurred in Senate House. A number of men armed with AK47s held up two Fidelity Guards in Senate House basement and managed to get away with tens of thousands of rands.

A number of offices in Senate House have also been broken into by someone who has a duplicate key. The culprits stole a radio cassette and a watch worth R1500.

Wits Security has also appealed to students not to leave their bags unattended. Thefts of bags have escalated dramatically with approximately 15 to 20 cases being reported last week alone. "If you do have to leave your bag unattended, take your valuables out," advised Wits Security.

-SASNEWS

The Story of Knowledge

DURBAN - A violent demonstration occurred on the campus of University of Natal-Durban(UND) on March 23 following a meeting called to protest the alleged expulsion of a law student from the university.

Doors and windows were broken and there were also four reports of assault, although an SRC member says more were reported to have occurred.

A letter, issued by the Registrar, Prof B X de Wet, on March 24 said that Knowledge Mdlalose, the expelled student "has not completed a first academic year after two years and still has two courses outstanding".

Knowledge Mdlalose was readmitted to UND in 1991 on special consideration and was advised to concentrate on his academic work. During the course of 1991 he was repeatedly spoken to about his non-attendance at lectures and tutorials. In August 1991 he was warned by the Dean of the Law Faculty that he should pass all his courses in the second semester, if he did not want to face expulsion from the faculty.

On August 5 last year the Assistant Dean spoke to Mr Mdlalose and warned him that if he was excluded from the Law Faculty again he would not be re-admitted.

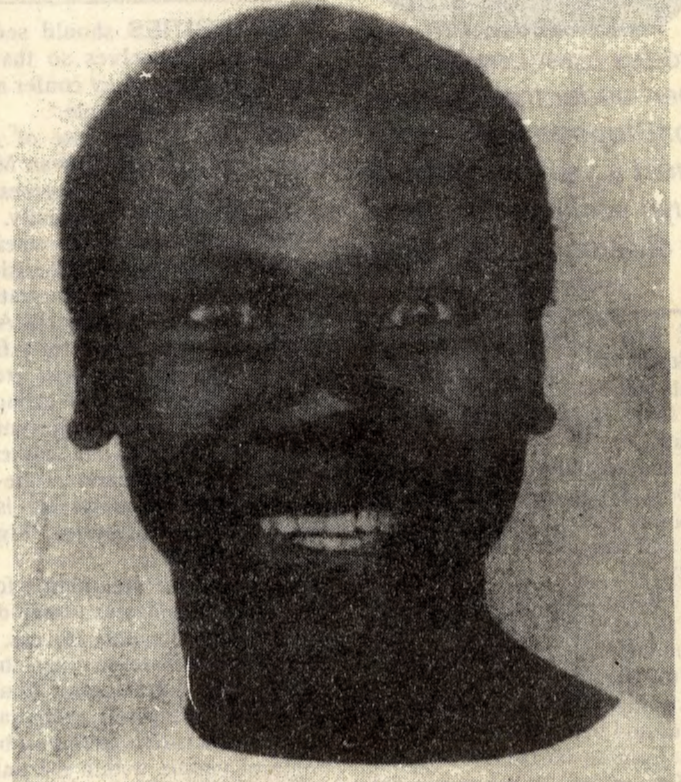
This followed a letter received by the Assistant Dean concerning unsatisfactory academic progress by Mr Mdlalose.

During registration week this year Mr Mdlalose was handed an appeal form by the Assistant Dean and reminded that it should be submitted by February 25 this year.

Apparently this form was never submitted and on the day of the demonstration it had still not been received by the administration.

Mr Mdlalose's failure to obtain Senate permission to be admitted to another faculty resulted in a letter being written to him by the Registrar on Friday, March 20, informing him that he was no longer a registered student and had to vacate residence.

The SRC issued a pamphlet on the day of the disruption which distanced the SRC from other pamphlets issued in their name.



Knowledge Mdlalose, the reason behind loud and destructive demonstrations at UND

According to an SRC member: "This caused widespread dismay among Mr Mdlalose's supporters that during their protest march there were chants of, "Death to the SRC". Another pamphlet was issued the following day emphasising the SRC's stance on the issue.

It stated that the SRC had not taken a position on Mr Mdlalose's exclusion as his case had never been officially raised with them and that they could not be biased by the fact that an SRC member was excluded.

Mr Mdlalose was the Sport and Culture Officer on the SRC, but was expelled on April.

After the trouble on campus, a special senex committee was set up to review Mr Mdlalose's case. This was in terms of an agreement between the Administration and a "Committee of Ten" which is representing Mr Mdlalose.

On March 30 Mr Mdlalose lodged an application for leave to appeal against his exclusion.

His case was reviewed by a special Senate Review Committee at a meeting on April 15 and it was agreed by an overwhelming majority that, "the decision of the Board of Faculty of Law to exclude Mr Mdlalose be upheld"

The atmosphere at the end of the term was described as being quite tense because of the publication of Mr Mdlalose's fate. Mr Mdlalose was treated as a normal student during the appeal but should now leave campus.

Mr Kesh Govinder, SRC member said: "Students are rather divided on the issue, there are some who feel that Mr Mdlalose should be re-admitted even if he was wrong and the rest feel that he should not be let in. The issue has severe implications for the SRC and the principle of non-racialism. Many white students were overheard saying that they wished they had voted "No". The administration has adopted a very tough stance and they have clamped down on all demonstrations and protests on campus restricting them to certain areas and venues."

Workers not allowed on student buses

WITS - Workers who live in Soweto feel their lives could be endangered by the administration's refusal to allow staff to travel on buses intended for students.

Four workers who have been travelling to Wits in the buses that bring students from Glynn Thomas House residence in Soweto have been told that they may no longer travel on the buses. The four workers who normally use trains from

the townships feared for their lives because of the escalating attacks on train commuters. They also said they cannot afford the high fares of taxis. They pleaded that they did not intend to board the buses permanently but only until such time as the violence had subsided. Mr Hickman of the Transport Department told WITS STUDENT that no staff members will be allowed on the buses. Allowing four staff members

might lead to an influx, with the number increasing every week, he said. Hickman pointed out that students, as part of their residence fees, have a small amount deducted for transport while workers paid nothing. According to Hickman, allowing staff on buses might have "serious insurance and legal implications". The traffic department might take away their commuter's licence if it were found that staff used the buses.- SASNEWS

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Saspu National Council focuses on gay rights

NON-HETEROSEXISM was at the centre of discussions at the South African Students Press Union (Saspu) national council recently held at Rhodes.

The 30 media activists from 20 campuses around the country discussed issues relevant to their campuses and South Africa at present.

In a workshop, given by Stephanie Allais from Wits, non-heterosexism was defined as the non-discrimination against people on the basis of their sexual preference, it involved challenging beliefs around discrimination and believing homosexuality is as valid a sexual orientation as heterosexuality.

Representation of homosexuals in the commercial media was shown up to be discriminatory as gays always took shape of caricatures of "the gay hairdresser or florist" or even psychotic killers as in "Silence of Lambs" and never as ordinary people whose homosexual preference is irrelevant.

Arguments against non-heterosexism based on religious reasons were contested by Ms Allais because they were being used to justify oppression as they had been previously used to justify racialism and sexism. Ms Allais also said quotes from the Bible were unjustly used as

they were usually ambiguous and only parts supporting their arguments were noted and other parts ignored, often merely to support their own personal discrimination.

Many statistics were given showing how long homosexuality had been considered normal in many societies as well as the brutal forms of discrimination against gays had taken the shape of.

Saspu is a national organisation involving many student organisations ranging from religious and environmental groups to campus radio stations and political organisations who follow the principles of non-racialism, non-sexism and democracy. One of its main functions is to train students to bring out good media and be critical of the media going on around us.

"We are presently in the process of raising awareness around non-heterosexism with the possibility of incorporating it as another principle," said Saspu Rhodes campus co-ordinator, Kendal Claassens.

National Council is a means for representatives from all the affiliated campuses to meet, discuss and co-ordinate issues relevant to all students and student organisations as well as help sort out common problems by making contact with groups on other campuses with the same interests and problems.

College closes after negotiations break down

Graham Welch

CAPE Teachers College of Education was closed last Friday after students refused to sign a list of conditions that would have outlawed almost all forms of political activity on that campus.

The rector, Johan Venter, informed students on Friday morning that the Fort Beaufort college would close at 3pm, and that if students had not vacated the premises by 4pm the SAP would be called in to remove them. He said the college would remain closed for a week to give students a chance to reconsider their decision not to sign the list of conditions.

banned

If students still refuse to sign the list of conditions, the campus will be closed until May 18. When it is reopened students would have to re-register, and Venter assured students that not all of them would be allowed to return.

The action taken by Venter followed months of negotiations between the administration, the South African Students Congress (Sasco) and the Students Representative Council around the exclusion of 27 students at the end of last year.

"The negotiations broke down in the middle of last term when the administration reneged on a promise to allow the students to return. Following extensive discussions and a mass meeting convened by Sasco, students decided to embark upon a class boycott while negotiations continued," said a Sasco spokesperson.

negotiation breakdown

"On the second day of the boycott the rector decided to allow 14 of the excluded students to return, and agreed to negotiate around the return of the remaining 13 students," he said.

"We then went on holiday having agreed that all the students would return. On the first day of term, to our surprise, the rector informed us

that the 13 would not be returning.

"We decided to resume the boycott, but the administration said they had closed the college. We reviewed our decision and decided to return to classes. When the rector was told of our decision he said that before students could return they would have to sign a list of conditions.

"These included not being allowed to embark upon any protest action in the future and being banned from taking up issues around exclusions.

"We refused to accept these conditions, and decided to ask the community to intervene on our behalf. Community organisations and the Chamber of Commerce met with the rector, where it was agreed we

would be allowed to return unconditionally.

"Yet again the rector reneged on an agreement and on Friday informed us that all classes would be suspended until May 4, and if we did not leave the campus by 4pm the police would be called," he said.

Sasco condemns suspension of classes

Meanwhile, the Regional Executive of Sasco has issued a statement condemning the suspension of classes. The statement said the "unilateral decision taken by the Department of Education and Training (DET) demonstrates that it remains aloof from the unfolding processes in our country.

"Its refusal to heed the call from students and the Fort Beaufort community to keep the college open while negotiations continue clearly indicates its intransigency and insensitivity," the statement continued.

Sasco called on the DET to demonstrate its commitment to education by immediately and unconditionally lifting the suspension of classes and to open discussions on the plight of the excluded students.

The rector, Johan Venter, was unavailable for comment.

Pigs in digs



Is Rhodes going agrarian with pigs in digs and rats in res? Julia Pole investigates

A bit of sneaking around and eavesdropping found the first digs pig, who has unfortunately left Grahamstown, and a rat who has taken to res life.

Morticia, the digs pig, was a clean and contented pig who enjoyed taking a weekly bath but disliked the blowdryer, according to her owners. During her first ventures in the sun her sensitive ears had to be protected with sunblock.

Morticia, a typically greedy pig, cried for food - this was obviously her favourite with beer taking sec-

ond place, which is why she wasn't a member of Zimsoc.

This little piggy didn't go to market but had to return to Bathurst after destroying the landlord's veggie patch. Her leaving was in her best interest as she was being subjected to rude jokes about roast pork for the graduation supper and entering the pig skin business.

Cecil, the res rat, lives in exile in the cupboard during the day and hibernates in his owner's bed at night. Occasionally he sneaks out for a night on the town hidden in a shirt sleeve or his owner's hair. If you look close enough you may see his long scaly tail dangling from his owner's hair.

He loves the movies, because it is warm and dark - in fact his favourite

is "Silence of the Lambs". Cecil also enjoys eating out with his owner at the Spur.

He lives on res food of which he has no complaints, although his owner is sure it'll shorten his expected life-span. He is fond of chocolate and enjoys sips of his favourite wine, "Sweet White Muscadell", introduced to him on the wine route.

Cecil has a bath once a month and is also rather partial to the occasional shower. His cage has not yet been rattled by higher authority although some suspicious sneaks who don't like rats have searched his owner's room.

His owner said, "Cecil seems to have forgotten he's a rat".

Graduates fume over ball

Anne Williamson

THIS year's Graduation Ball has raised an outcry amongst graduate students and a caterer at the 1820 Settler's Foundation due to its lack of organisation.

The Ball, held at the 1820 Settler's Monument on April 11, was attended by over 500 people, and according to Rag organiser, Anna Walton, it ran "pretty smoothly".

The tickets cost R70 per couple, and Ms Walton said the Standard Bank helped with sponsorship of the function, but Rag did not manage to make a major profit. "It was a very expensive event," she added.

Ms Walton said she had received few complaints regarding the music and food over which she had no

control. She said some people received their food at 10:45pm, and thus had a right to complain.

"There was a lack of staff, and some people received more than their fair share of the dinner, but that had nothing to do with Rag," she said.

The monument caterer, Mr Richard Boshoff, said he was considering never catering for a ball again after the Grad Ball. He said Rag was disorganised and this put his catering services in a bad light.

"Rag added an extra table in one of the walkways used by the waitresses to serve food, and it made it difficult for them to get to people with the food. Some people never got dinner because others had two or three helpings. There was nothing

that I could do," he said.

Ms Walton said the catering services were supposed to sort the lack of stocks in the bar out. Not only was it understocked but the variety of alcohol was limited.

Mr Boshoff, on the other hand, said it was up to Rag to tell him what they wanted in the bar.

A graduate student who attended the ball commented that it was not very well organised. "People were only served food at about 10:30pm and some didn't get at all," she said.

"I also felt that the speeches were not very well planned, because as soon as there was a relaxed atmosphere where we could dance, we had to sit down for speeches that were inaudible and not very well prepared."

Bishop fasts for labour rights

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ILLEGAL SQUATTING & TRESPASSING ACT Turn RURAL POOR into CRIMINALS



Biddi Rorke

WHILE many white South Africans bask in the glow of the referendum result, the farmworker's plight remains largely ignored and isolated. Denied legal rights, and dependent on their employers' generosity, these labourers are still grossly underpaid, often evicted without notice, and frequently mistreated.

Despite President de Klerk's promise of equal citizenship for all South Africans, certain "planned stalling" threatens to reduce his stated claims to mere lip-service.

Some South Africans, however, are not complacent and self-congratulating. Reverend David Russel, Grahamstown's Anglican Bishop, courageously addressed the marginalized farmworker issue, by a week of fasting and prayer in Cape Town recently.

Although Bishop Russel is painfully aware of the many other social issues (such as the position of domestic workers and the unemployed) which desperately need attention, he believes he is being called to give particular focus to the plight of the hidden and isolated people living on farms.

He adds that it "would not be helpful to attempt to focus on all and every need at the same time."

On the sixth day of his fast, the bishop, who was feeling "surprisingly well if a bit 'pap'", warned that we cannot speak of a new South Africa while farmworkers are still so cruelly vulnerable, and are refused basic human rights. Apart from the need to reform labour legislation, there is a need to abolish certain provisions of the Prevention of the Illegal Squatting and Trespass Acts.

At present, a farm labourer and his family can be dismissed and kicked off the land at extremely short notice, immediately reduced to criminal status, and possessing no territorial rights. If a worker stays on the farm he can be arrested and imprisoned for trespassing. If he stays on the road-side with all his belongings, he can be arrested for illegal squatting.

Although the National Manpower Commission (NMC) has proposed reforms offering basic workplace protection such as

unemployment insurance, and a minimum wage for farmworkers, the bills, tabled in Parliament last year, were not followed through.

Bishop Russel is not primarily addressing the farmers. He realises that "they have enormous problems of debt and drought and often large numbers whom they cannot feed nor employ." However, he does accuse the South African Agricultural Union (SAAU) of exerting influence on the government and delaying the reform of certain unjust apartheid laws. The time for conservative die-hards and their personal power is past, the farmworker's plight is a national issue, "and needs to be tackled as such."

His publicised fast calls upon state administration to deal effectively and positively with the impoverished farmworker, and "to provide them with dignity and equal human rights" immediately. According to the bishop, the overwhelming "yes" vote has invalidated the government's tendency to succumb to right-wing pressures regarding labour reforms. De Klerk now has to "take hold of the nettle" and tackle the farmworker question without relying on the excuse of conservative interests.

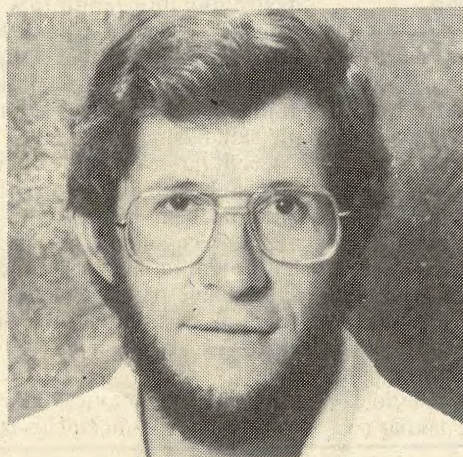
Bishop Russel is calling for the inclusion of farmworkers in all the labour legislation, which presently protects only industrial workers. However, he is aware that certain adjustments may be necessary to take into account the special circumstances of the agricultural sector.

"People must be protected from the abuse of power, and the farmworker must have effective access to the courts." Bishop Russel also agitates for accommodation for retrenched rural labourers, stressing that "all South Africans must have the right to live somewhere. Reconciliation in our new democratic society cannot be built on unjust laws, and there can be no peace until all citizens can feel secure."

Bishop Russel feels that the farmworker's labour reforms are long overdue, and he is prepared to starve President de Klerk out of his comfortable apathy in order to achieve this aim.

Conferencing in Cameroon

A Rhodes Psychology lecturer recently attended an International Workshop on Child Development and National Development in Africa, held in Cameroon. Dr Andrew Gilbert describes his experiences.



IT is often stated by the people of Cameroon that their country is one of the friendliest in Africa. It is a claim that stands up to close scrutiny, as I learnt to my pleasure when I attended the workshop in Yaounde recently.

Apart from the odd taxi driver who tried to fleece me (but isn't that a universal phenomenon) I was warmly welcomed to Cameroon by all I met.

Attending conferences is not all simply a matter of listening to or presenting papers. It is the establishing of new contacts and the exploring of new ideas and lifestyles that makes them so fulfilling.

The conference drew together a little less than 50 people from Somalia and Ethiopia in the East, the Ivory Coast in the West, Burkina Faso in the North and Lesotho and South Africa in the South, all representing a good cross-section of Francophone and Anglophone countries.

We came together as African scholars and practitioners, along with a few European academics, to focus on the African child and his/her development in a changing environment. I came away with lots of new friends and possibilities of collaborative work, and lots of thoughts.

It has been advocated, particularly in sporting circles such as soccer and athletics, that South Africa's road back to international legitimacy should be through Africa. It is a

view, following my trip, for which I have a lot of sympathy.

If we are ever going to get to grips with the poverty, the economic crisis, the problems of limited resources to cater for all our needs and the issues of creating a non-racial democracy, then we have a lot to learn from Africa. A lot to learn from her successes as well as her mistakes.

The Cameroon has over 200 tribal groups and languages, numerous kings (the city of Douala has two), a legacy of British, German and French colonialism and four very distinct geographical regions. Nevertheless, everyone is committed to national unity and people bury ethnic and religious differences in a desire to create a single state. South Africans could do well to be infected by this spirit.

Despite limited resources, a number of countries are attempting to implement programmes to address the needs of women and children that go far beyond the response of the South African state.

Thus Burkina Faso, arguably the poorest country in the world with a per capita income

of 15 times lower than South Africa's, has national programmes which aim to implement primary health care in conformity with United Nations requirements.

Furthermore, they have programmes aimed at establishing basic education in the form of trade skills for all children, and programmes to emancipate women. In the Cameroon, the central role of women in health and social services is recognised through the existence of a Ministry of Women's Affairs.

Of course, there are negative lessons to be learnt. My experience of having to buy my way into and then out of the Congo raised concerns that the spread of officially sanctioned corruption is a prescription for disaster.

Furthermore the reports of the consequences of regional conflict on family life and child development, particularly in Ethiopia and Somalia, provide a warning for the escalating violence here at home.

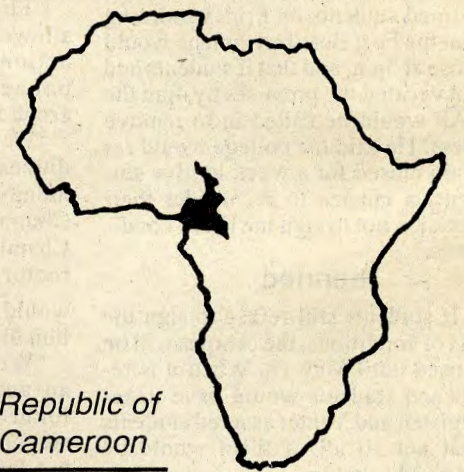
But there were other insights as well.

A number of papers presented at the workshop provided challenges to the dominant theories in the social sciences that have emerged from Europe and America. There is often a hidden ethnocentrism to many concepts and certainly a naivete when it comes to applying them in local African settings.

Africa, on the other hand, has a lot to offer with regard to the expansion of ideas particularly in the area of extended family networks and support systems and analogical thought.

Living at the tip of Africa we are apt to forget our roots in the continent.

My journey into the heart of Africa reaffirmed the need to build links and bridges with this heritage. This is not only for academic reasons. The music, crafts, textiles, colours and textures; the vegetation, fruit and food; and perhaps above all the humour and human warmth I found are sufficient reason to return.



Republic of Cameroon

THE POPULATION:

Cameroon has a population of 11 million people of which 40 percent live in urban areas. There are 24 population groups and 200 tribes in Cameroon. The biggest population group is the Bamileke, who make out 30 percent of the population.

The official languages are French and English, while 33 percent of the population are Christians and 16 percent Moslems.

THE COUNTRY:

Cameroon covers a landmass of 300 000 square kilometers. Nigeria borders Cameroon in the north, Chad and the Central African Republic in the east with the Congo, Gabon and Equatorial-Guinea in the south.

About two thirds of Cameroon's landmass is covered by tropical rainforests, it is mountainous in the west and in the north there are grass flats that lead up to the Chad lake.

THE ECONOMY:

Their most important products are chocolate, coffee and cotton, while aluminium, oil and palmproducts are also produced. More than 70 percent of the population is involved in agriculture. Cameroon's most important trading partners are France (40 percent) and Germany (15 percent).

Editorial

Admin is determined to ignore the voice of the people it's making decisions for, whether they be students, workers or academics.

The letter, signed by 57 academics and librarians, has met the university decision-making body's brick-wall-with-broken-glass-on-top attitude to allowing anyone else in on the decisions made by the University. Public relations officer, Mary Burnett recently confirmed that Rhodes would not reconsider the controversial decision to award an honorary doctorate to Chester Crocker.

"Our" decision making bodies are not at all concerned with what we think. Fortunately there are some people who realise these decisions do affect their lives. Students will leave Rhodes and move into the "New South Africa" with a degree from the university that gave an honorary doctorate to a man being described by SASCO as "a war criminal". Not if we can help it.

The ceremony is due to happen in East London on May 16, it is not yet known if Chester Crocker will be there to accept the award or if after all this he'll be too embarrassed.

Fortunately Sports Admin do believe students have a say in what happens on campus and have consulted the SRC to gauge student opinion around the proposed pool on Kaif Lawns. Now it's up to students to take the opportunity to speak up through their house comms and let the SRC know how they feel.

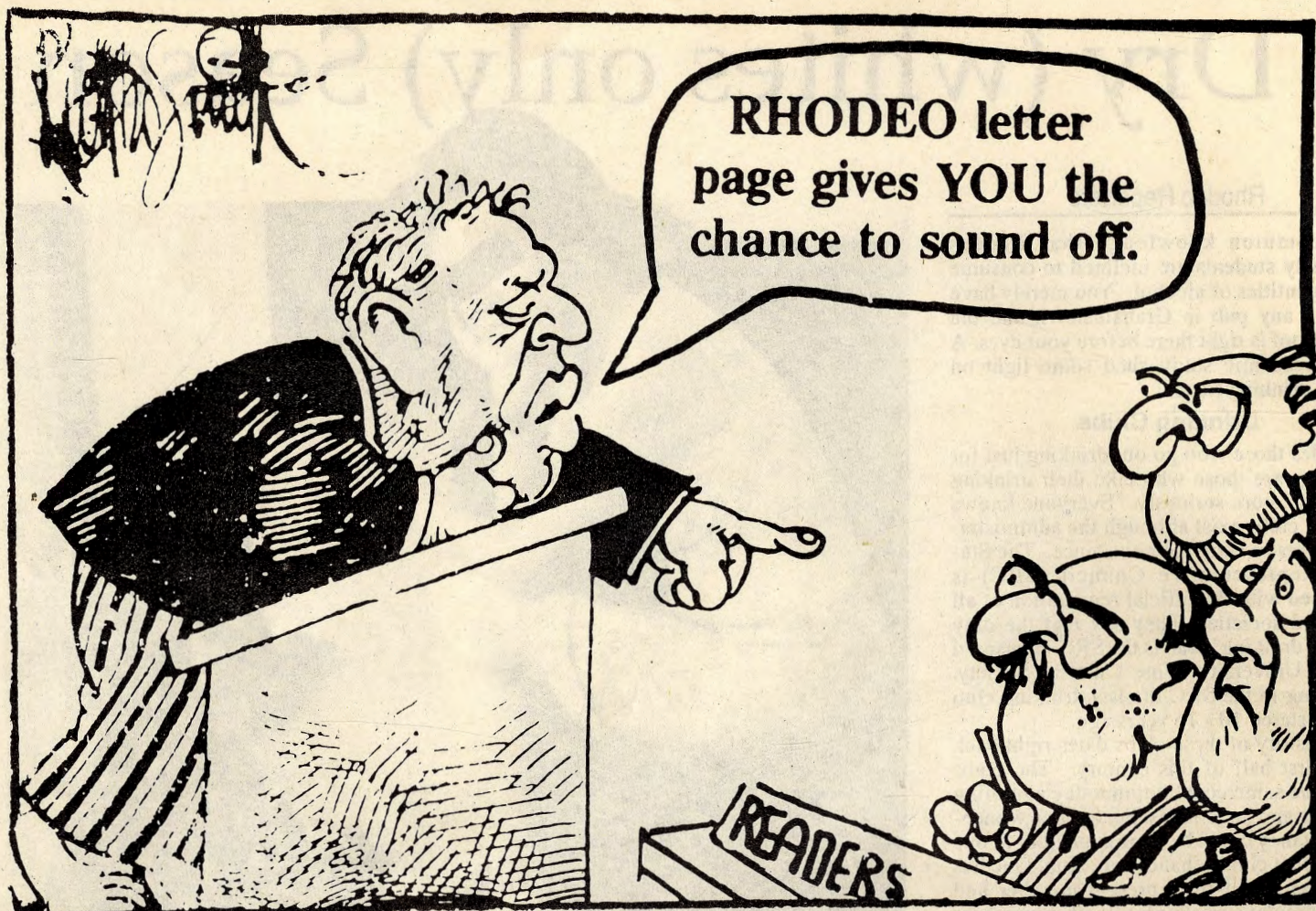
SRC should also think about what a superb bargaining chip the pool is for broader community development and not let it drown in a more shortsighted powerplay. Today's spectators could be tomorrow's participants, if the student body plays its cards right.

The spotlight on the drinking culture of students is happening on campuses across the country at the moment, UND and UWC in particular. One only needs to be sober at your average student party to realise that there is nothing cultural about drunken debauchery, vomit, or hangovers.

Creditorial

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No thanks to RMR who left us without music or entertainment, due to a broken speaker.



Open letter

We, the undersigned academics and librarians of Rhodes University, wish to dissociate ourselves from the university's award of an honorary degree to Dr Chester Crocker. We regard him as unfit for this award.

During the Reagan presidency Dr Crocker was the architect of the US government's Southern African policy. This policy endorsed South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia and so delayed Namibian independence by a decade. The US government's sponsorship of Unita perpetuated a destructive civil war, which brought death and economic ruin to thousands of Angolans. This support for UNITA also encouraged the P.W. Botha regime to continue its aggressive destabilisation of the Southern African region.

It is difficult to comprehend why Rhodes should choose to honour Dr Crocker at this time. Why, we ask, has Rhodes not chosen instead to follow the lead of other South African universities by awarding honorary doctorates to those who have been in the forefront of the struggle against apartheid?

- Ms N Baai, Mr G Baines, Ms M Beard, Ms V J Botha, Dr G Buijs, Mr S Buthelezi, Ms N Cattaneo, Ms J Cherry, Dr J Cobbing, Dr J Daniel, Prof W Davies, Prof M Dickerson, Mr S de Wijze, Mr M Drewett, Dr A Fluxman, Dr R Fox, Prof R Haines, Dr R Hall, Ms C Jefferay, Mr I Jennings, Mr M Kelly, Ms M Kenyon, Ms M Lacey, Ms M Matthews, Prof P Maylam, Dr C Manona, Prof P McAllister, Mr D McLean, Prof J Midgley, Prof S Miller, Ms G Morgan, Mr D Mosenthal, Mr L Mosia, Prof P Mtuze, Ms S Murray, Ms J Osborne, Mr L Pillay, Mr D Pinnock, Dr M Qhobela, Ms M Reitzes, Mr C Riddle, Mr J Roodt, Dr K Rowntree, Ms S Rowoldt, Ms J Segar, Ms D Shepherd, Ms K Skinner, Mr R Smith, Prof R Southall, Ms L Steenveld, Mr L Strelitz, Ms M Strom, Ms N Tisani, Prof R van Heerden, Mr M Vermaak, Ms M Welsh, Mr G Wood

Homophobia rears its ugly head

Dear RHODEO

Last week blatantly homophobic complaints were lodged against a woman in res because of her lesbian relationship.

The complaint was about open displays of affection between two women in the common room.

The obvious homophobia and general bigotry of these complaints leads me to wonder about the "progressive" nature of university students. I feel that if you're going to complain about any displays of affection in the common room you have to complain about all displays, whether gay or straight.

I feel the complaints are completely unjustified and in the present state of change in this country people should be practising tolerance on all levels.

I think that students should start re-evaluating their ideas of "normal" relationships, whether inter-racial or homosexual, because let's face it people, the times are changing.

Larissa Klazinga

Disgusted at perve list

Dear RHODEO

I find the idea of an "Official Rhodes Perve list" totally repugnant.

Even if the collection of names on the list was meant as a joke, or was a publicity stunt to get into RHODEO, it was in poor taste.

In compiling a perve list one effectively denigrates and cheapens the basis of interpersonal relationships to a level of crude sexual lust. It contributes to a culture in which people are seen as nothing more than a potential fuck. It creates certain "standards" by which to judge a person's desirability, and people who do not conform to those "standards" are not considered worthy of the same attention. It denies that the people on the list have any value beyond their perve-worthiness. These people are seen not as caring, thinking people (which some of them in fact are), but as mere objects.

Having said this, I wouldn't want to blame this list for all societal evils. There are far more worrying instances where the same sort of objectification occurs. From soap advertisements to Miss and Mr Fresher contests to the back page of the Sunday Times, there are numerous examples in society of how people are deprived of their human-ness in an attempt to find the ultimate in "physical perfection" - or to sell luxury sedans, whatever the case may be. It is unfortunate that a Rhodes student, perhaps unwittingly, has become part of this sordid process.

Please don't think I'm knocking sex. In fact, some of my best friends do it. What I am knocking is the perpetuation in this instance of the myth that white males should be singled out as objects of desire. Not to say that we should objectify people regardless of race, colour or creed - we should do our damndest not to objectify people at all.

We should be especially critical of the racist, sexist and heterosexist judgements implicit in things like this perve list; we should guard against what we regard as fun being the

cause of other people's misery; and we should avoid letters to the editor becoming self-righteous tirades.

"A victim of a cruel and bitter joke"

On behalf of BSM, my foot!

Dear RHODEO

AS a "black" student, I was most concerned by the exchange between Mr Khoza, "entertainment rep of BSM" and Vallance Kennely, as printed in your last issue of RHODEO.

At the outset, I must make clear that I dissociate myself entirely from the statements made by Mr Khoza, "on behalf of BSM." This does not mean that I agree with the present culture of Rag, although the principle behind it has my full support.

My dissociation from Mr Khoza's statements is not only because they are senseless (as proven by Vallance Kelly), but

*Mr Khoza, as we were informed at the last BSM meeting, has resigned from BSM. I therefore fail to see how it is possible for him to make statements on behalf of BSM, when he is no longer a BSM official.

*Mr Khoza is not a registered student at Rhodes (I have checked with the Records and Planning Office). He therefore cannot possibly speak for BSM or students (at least, not for this "black" student).

*BSM, as an organisation, is in a process of disintegration - if it has not yet totally disintegrated. As far as I'm concerned, it has no mandate to issue statements "on behalf of black students."

At present, I am rather confused about the role that BSM is playing on this campus, except for productive jorls and unproductive meetings. I would like to take this opportunity to PUBLICLY challenge BSM on their role and mandate on this campus.

I would like the SRC, especially the Societies Councillor, to explain how someone like Mr Khoza, who is not a registered student, can be an executive member of the Jazz and Fusion Society. According to the current records on societies on campus, Mr Khoza is the chairperson of this society.

To the Satusu chairperson - how can you allow an "unqualified" person not only to participate in Satusu-organised sports, but to coach certain codes? Apparently Mr Khoza is coaching the basketball code in Satusu.

To conclude, I must warn anyone who intends making statements on behalf of any student organisation, to make sure that s/he is officially qualified to do so - to have the appropriate mandate from the organisation concerned and the students.

I feel that I have to congratulate RHODEO staffers for doing a good job of not only providing the news, but also encouraging debate on this campus. By the way, watch out for typos in your newspaper!

Pet Lumphondwana

"Your nightmare on New Street"

Conscription- the real Storey

IN September of 1990, like so many other young white South African males, Alan Storey received his call up papers for military service. Unlike the thousands of people that registered at various camps in February 1991, Alan was arrested in March for refusing to serve in the SADF.

Alan is now studying Theology II at Rhodes, and is in Livingstone House. Rhodéo spoke to Alan about his experiences, as well as about conscription as a whole in South Africa.

After matriculating in 1987, Alan worked as a labourer in Australia for a year, and returned to South Africa to become a probationer minister in the Methodist Church in Rustenburg.

Alan refused to serve in the SADF because: "Because of my Christian convictions, I have decided to refuse service in the South African Defense Force. My understanding of Jesus Christ, His teaching and example, leaves me no choice."

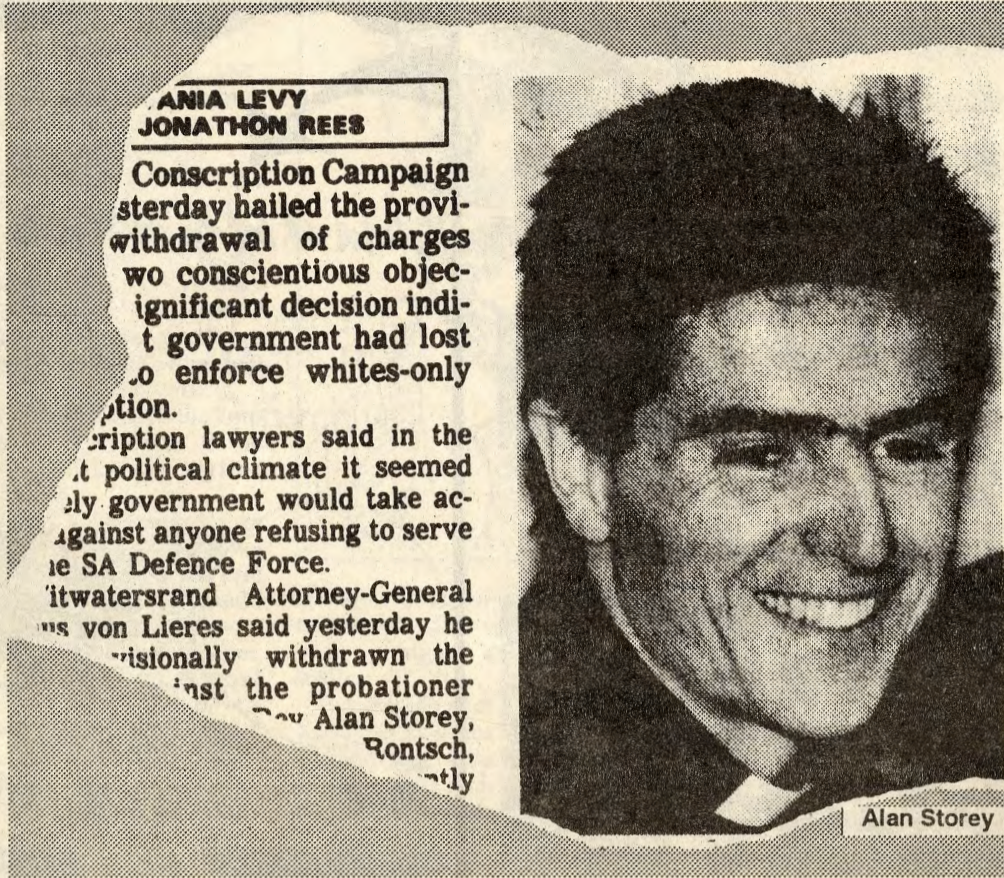
"In South Africa apartheid has produced a culture of violence among us which the SADF has not only propagated but fostered".

Alan continued: "The new South Africa needs to look at alternatives to resolving conflict. By using violence to solve conflict, we are merely planting the seeds for new conflict to be born at a later time. We are now seeing the fruits of apartheid in the violence which stains our country at the moment".

Alan appeared before the magistrate on the 15 April 1991. His trial was delayed until June. The implications of the trial could have gone both ways. Alan could either have had to spend up to six years in prison for non-violence objection; or as it so happened, the charges were dropped and Alan was the first conscientious objector to go free.

However, if the State has the power to reinstate the charges at any time.

The implications of this trial have had a profound effect on all conscientious objectors, and conscription as a whole in South



ANITA LEVY
JONATHAN REES

Conscription Campaign
Yesterday hailed the provi-
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terday, the legal basis for a wh-
only call-up, had fallen away.

He said the ECC would tackle go-
ernment "at every turn" if it passe-
new legislation to continue with con-
scription. Such a decision would show
F W de Klerk's reforms as a sha-

Conscription lawyer Mike F-
said the withdrawal of charge-
politically significant and he
indicated the SADF was re-
ing the conscription issue.

De Villiers said governme-
now "come clean" and spell
plans for the security forces
's transition phase

Africa. People are unaware of this; the time
has come to educate people about their rights
with regards to conscription.

"Conscription is dead to those of us who
know about it (the case won by Alan in 1991);
but people continue to serve in the SADF
because they don't know."

It is imperative that people be educated
about conscription, so people aren't forced to
serve. This case has set a precedence with
regards to conscription in South Africa for the

future. Since Alan's case, it would seem that
no more people can be prosecuted for objec-
ting to serve in the SADF.

"Conscription is the denial of people's dig-
nity to choose. There is no place for such a
structure in a country where a democratic
constitution is followed". Alan, along with
many others, calls on any State to rid con-
scription from the Statute books. Infringing
on peoples rights cannot be tolerated in a new
South Africa.

The government at present is asking other
political parties to disband their military
groups; yet it continues to have its own. "All
parties/persons need to seek ways which,
through action and policies, will bring about
an end to the culture of violence that is pre-
valent in South Africa".

"We should try and begin with ourselves,
loving not only those who love us, for what
reward will we get for that; but instead to love
our enemies and pray for those who persecute
us" (Matthew 5).



What's May Day all about ?

ALTHOUGH not a public holiday
for Rhodes students, May Day re-
mains a national day of rest for wor-
kers. RHODEO reporters stopped
people at random on campus, asking
them their opinion on May Day.

Douglas McClure, a second-year
law student, claims he "is sick and
tired of worker strikes" (which May
Day is not), and that "because other
universities enjoy it as a public holi-
day, Rhodes should too".

Fourth-year pharmacy student
Desmond Greaver firmly disagrees,
stating that "students don't deserve
worker status". However, Roshen

Harry (BComm I) believes that be-
cause many students are part-time
workers it should be recognised as a
campus holiday. Friends Naz Mulla
(BA I) and "just Ray" support his
view.

Engineering workshop assistant
Ernest Balela said students should
not attend lectures on May Day, but
should spend the day "talking and
thinking about workers' conditions
instead". Hilary Mfengwana, who
cleans residence rooms, spends the
holiday doing her own housework,
and does not see it as any different
from a normal weekday.

Alex Murton, a second-year
BComm student, had visions of
country maypole dancing, and
would like to see it "given more
exposure in South Africa". Friend
Lara Taylor (BSc 3) "didn't mind
not getting May Day as a holiday
because it interferes with time-
tables.

Messenger Joseph Jadi com-
mented that many workers spend
their public holiday cleaning streets
in locations. He added students
should be allowed the day off.

Karin Livni (Psycho 2) doesn't
"know what it is, but yes, we should
get it off".



Hilary Mfengwana

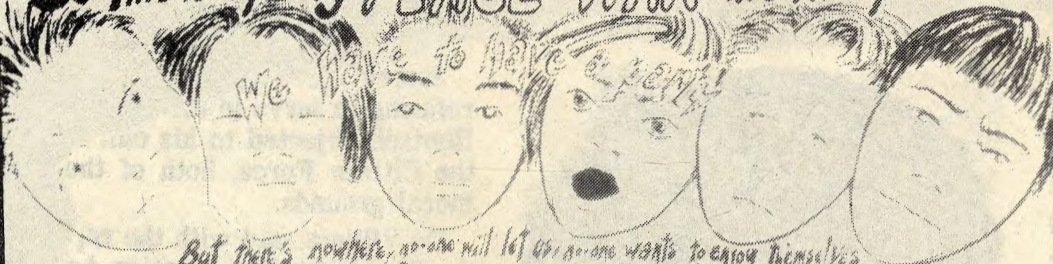
Douglas McClure

Desmond Greaver

Joseph Jadi

They said it !

So this is a party **PEACE + WAR**: The two paths



But there's nowhere, no-one will let us, no-one wants to enjoy themselves
It's time for a little revolution...

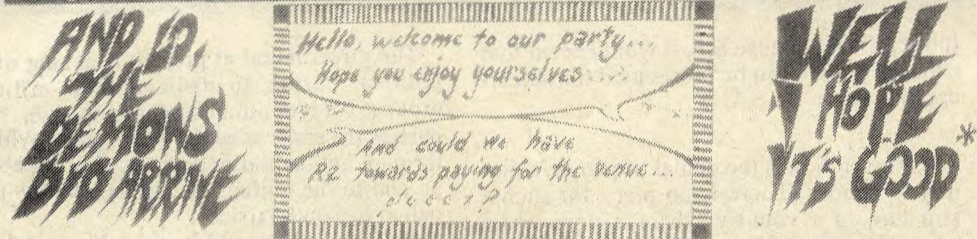


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This is it this is the night Grahamstown's going to have a party...
a place where we can all be ourselves a place where we can all be
happy! (F**K the parents and the fascists) I jus wanna be meece!!!



But you have to pay for EVERYTHING and munny is the root of all evil...



Nevermind, it's okay, they're all nice people

* Good: what I like and only what I like, which is: only what I expect.

Freedom of expression must of course be protected, and the right to
object is as precious as any. Even straights must be tolerated. It's only fair.



BUT SOMETIMES THEY GET IDEAS....



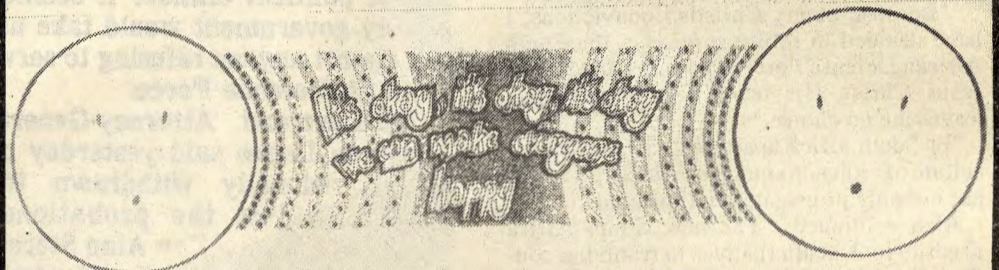
ART BEAT

It started well, but the cracks in the mirror were hard to ignore...

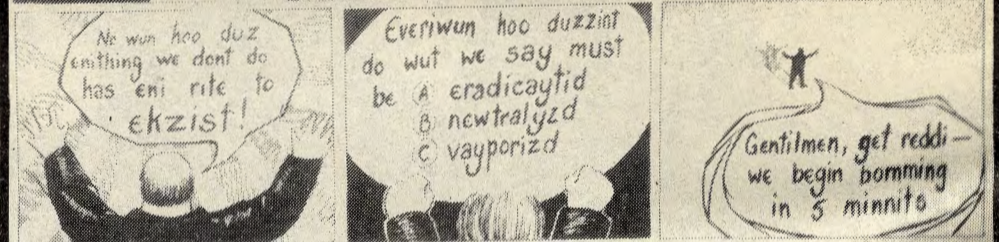
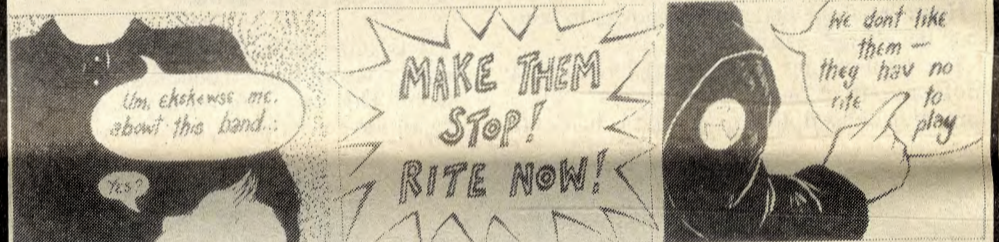
Can't you turn the lights down?

Can't you turn the music up?

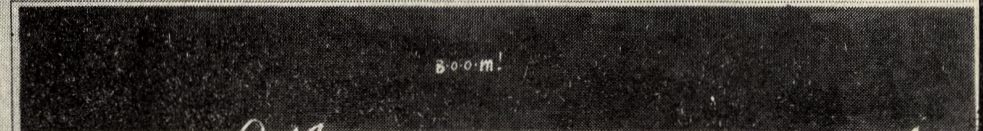
Can't you play something nice?



Then a band started to play...



And halfway through the last song ...



Okay, if that's the way you want it → **THIS IS WAR** → But beware → **WE have minds and you'll be sober** ☿ in the morning ☿

The person who made this comic apologizes for the crude interpretation of events, + the inflammatory nature of fragments of it. I'm only a little girl, after all, and a bit stupid and cross. As is customary, any persons who feel they have been touched too nearly have the right of reply. Just remember: I won last time ★ ★ ★

Stoeptalk

Pseudo-students, "riff-raff" in res, the Crocker fiasco, a breakaway from bottle-blondes and devastating duets! Confused? Read on and get turned on by the latest topics of intellectual masturbation Rhodes has to offer.

Heard about the one where some guy goes to a university campus and masquerades as a student for a couple of months without being registered at all? Anyway, he goes around posing as a society member, telling one and all about his hectic schedule and complaining about how there just aren't enough hours in his demanding academic day. Of course nobody ever stops to think whether the guy who always has to borrow a card for short-loan is actually a bona-fide student and life goes on... Sounds pretty incredible, doesn't it? Well the incredible is alive and well at Rhodes.

Res grading is at present quite an issue and all of you out there who didn't get into an A-grade res should start thinking about what went wrong. According to a certain "A-grade" warden it may be because you're one of the large group of students commonly thought of as "riff-raff". Even so, the current controversy about inconsistencies in res grading leaves some of those who did "make the grade" wishing they hadn't.

The Crocker doctorate issue rages on and the latest thing seems to be one-liners about Angolan war paraplegics and Rhodes admin not having a leg to stand on. Some seem to find these crude attempts at being witty almost as appalling as the award of the doctorate. You decide.

Hey, Rhodes students take their jokes pretty seriously. The current spate of blonde jokes seems to have driven many students to radically change their hair colour or get rid of it completely. A prominent RMRDJ, however, seems to have misunderstood that blondes are the butt of the joke and has now joined the ranks of the victimised.

The words of Queen and The Bangles ring clear in a devastating duet as a De Beers resident "bites the dust" for having a girlfriend "in your room". He found out that it was taboo to "boom boom in my room" and co-habitate for a month. Now he has three days to "pack up his troubles in an old kit bag." Guess it's just a case of the "establishment blues."



Looking for Lost Men

Janet Roche

THE *Lost Men* seem to have found themselves, according to Steve van der Mescht and David McClusky who, together with Mike Tymowski, have recently formed a band of the same name.

The band was formed only two months ago and seem to be doing relatively well. With David on saxophone and keyboard, Steve on guitar and lead vocals, and Mike on bass and

"Blue Velvet"

THE annual Oppie Ball will be happening on Friday, May 8 at 7.30 pm in the Great Hall. The theme is "Blue Velvet", and tickets are available from the oppie secretary at R30 per couple.

The ticket will buy a hot dinner, a bottle of wine and live music (possibly Cargo). A professional photographer will be there to capture special moments, so be there! A bar will also be available.

Craig Fourie, the oppie entertainment officer, said he was "quite optimistic" that the evening will be a success, as a lot of effort has been put into the organisation for this event.

Anyone who is prepared to help with decorations can contact him through the oppie secretary.

backing vocals, the band has played at the Union and the Crillion a number of times. Steve said "the response has been incredibly positive".

The Lost Men play cover versions and their selection is dominated by 70s and early 80s music and they pride themselves on the fact that they play covers no other Grahamstown band is playing. "We're doing something different and people seem to enjoy it," said Steve. The problem with live music in Grahamstown is that "90 percent of musicians are guitarists, and play covers written for guitar" so "musical variety" is limited.

The band's name originates from a band that Steve's late brother played in.

The only member who has had any formal music training is Mike - 'the brains of the band'.

"We all have a good knowledge of music and are able to play by ear," said Steve. "But we don't play any originals which are time-consuming to compose."

"We often bring our own interpretations into the music we play. Generally people don't know much about live music and expect it to sound like the original. Much of the audience response to the band and our music depends on their mood," said David.

The band's plans for the future? "Well, with a bit of luck, we'll pay off our equipment and play until we're 'discovered'!" said Steve.

Splashy Fenders



Michelle Willmers

FOR those who haven't forgiven themselves for missing Woodstock, the third Splashy Fen happens this weekend.

Transport has been one of the main problems facing those not wanting to miss out on the three days of musical transcendence, and some Rhodes students have gone to great lengths to make highly inspirational posters pleading for lifts. One student said Splashy Fen was popular because "open air festivals like Splashy Fen encourage positive off-stage emotion and fellowship".

From April 30 to May 3 over 5000 devoted music lovers from all over the country are expected to descend upon the 600 acre Splashy Fen farm in the Underberg region. The Festival has come a long way since 1990

when approximately 1500 people attended.

A variety of music tastes are being catered for, with artists ranging from Koos Kombuis and Bernoldus Niemand to Syd Kitchen and Tananas.

Bands will be playing on two stages from 10am till midnight for three days from May 1. The whole of April 30 has been set aside for arrivals so that everyone can settle down before the real festivities begin.

The annual music festival first held in 1990 is the brainchild of Splashy Fen farm owner, Peter Ferraz, who got the idea from a flower child music festival he attended at Woven Abbey, England, in the 1960s. He is jointly organising the event with Bart Fokkenf and David Marx, a sound engineer at the original Woodstock music festival in 1969.

Talent Show fiasco

Biddi Rorke and Karen Briner

AN irate adjudicator stormed out of a local talent competition at the Grahamstown City Hall last weekend.

Daniela Heunis, fuming about the "unprofessional organisation" and "slow tempo" of the competition, left the hall after a heated argument with organiser and compere Mr William Uithaler.

Fifteen hopeful entrants, drawn by the promise of cash prizes and a possible recording contract worth R6000, played to a virtually empty hall. Inferior sound quality, long delays and disjointed introductions left competitors very unimpressed and disappointed with the evening. To crown it all, once most people had already left, Mr Uithaler said that "performers who do not stay until the end are automatically disqualified".

Participants, including three Rhodes students, complained that such rules "should have been announced beforehand", which Ms Heunis angrily confirmed.

As the four proposed categories were poorly contested, judges Mr Andrew Tracey and Ms Heunis were forced to assess the talent in one broad category. This meant that 13-year-old singer Yvette Esterhuizen had to compete against the Rhodes Jazz Quintet, other in-

strumentalists and more experienced vocalists.

Mr Uithaler said the contest aimed to promote local talent and to provide hoteliers and restaurant owners with a selection of performers. However, many people did not arrive because of misprinted tickets.

Student Chere Victor of Nitebeat duo felt "embarrassed at having entered", as she expected much heavier competition and more diversity. Rhodes guitarist and songwriter Matthew Friedman, whose performance was severely affected by poor sound, agreed that it was poorly organised. He questioned the merit of the supposed recording contract, as details had not been discussed.

Performers were not the only ones to suffer from Mr Uithaler's poor management. A local caterer lost money after a promised interval never happened, and sponsors were given inadequate exposure.

None of the advertised prizes, including a camera and free meals, were awarded, "because there was no time between acts". Mr Uithaler did not say what he was going to do with the prizes, as the scheduled finals would probably be scrapped.

No winner was announced, and judges described the talent displayed as "mighty moderate".

Students to unite in Art

RHODEO Reporters

RHODES will be having its very own Arts Festival in August. The SRC has planned to draw all local and regional talent together for a month of music, drama, a film festival and a lot more.

By having the Arts Festival, the SRC hopes to unite all students on campus through true South African music and drama.

One SRC member said: "The only way to unite students on this campus is through social activities. People seem to believe that Grahamstown has got a strong culture because of the Grahamstown Arts Festival; this is a myth. Southern Africa has got strong traditions that are being wasted. By having the Arts Fest we hope to increase a feeling of appreciation for

this culture."

The SRC hopes to make the month long Arts Fest a roaring success. A Human Rights week has been planned for a week of the Festival. All of this, however, demands a lot of hard work and planning. As yet the SRC has been concentrating primarily on other areas of work.

Another SRC member said: "We would like to see students being united, not only in celebrating the Festival, but also in working together in organising the Festival. It is important to remember the Arts Fest is a Rhodes University activity, and it should not be restricted to the SRC alone."

All those interested in getting involved in the organising of the Arts Fest, are encouraged to contact the SRC Secretary soon.

MUSIC

Tony Lankester
TUNED IN



I WAS in a band, once. Of course, it wasn't really a band - more of a school choir, and I wasn't really in it. I just watched them practise once. So I'm not really musical at all - in fact, I have the musical ear of a bat. But when I die, I'd really like a tribute concert like the one they gave Freddie Mercury. Maybe we could turn the Great Field into a mini-Wembley and pack it with fans all contributing to a lung cancer fund. Then we could have Mango Groove do an amateur satellite link-up and invite Axl Rose on stage to wear the same "Kill Your Idol" t-shirt he wore to pay tribute to Mercury. I'm sure Freddie was touched by the gesture.

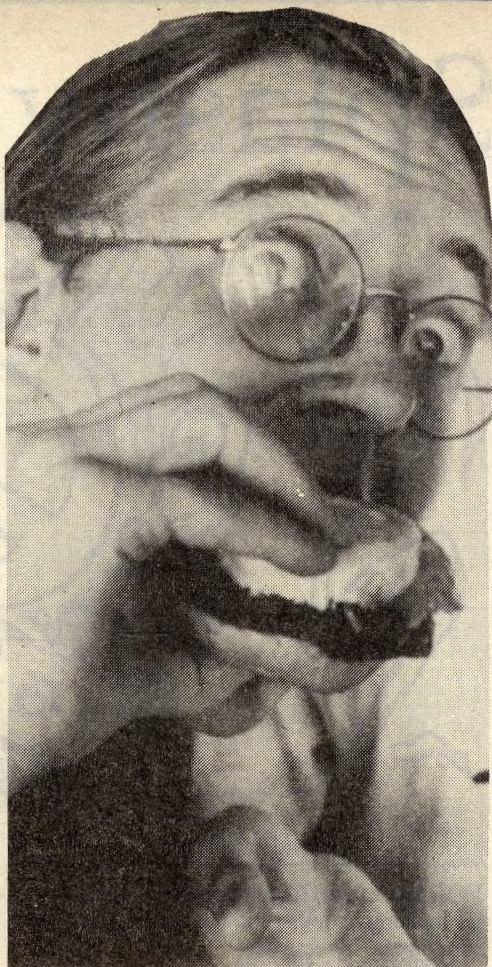
Despite one or two flat moments, the Wembley concert was a really fitting tribute to one of rock's most flamboyant geni. I didn't think anyone would have the cheek to try and do a cover version of Bohemian Rhapsody - arguably one of the most complex pieces of music performed in modern times - but Elton John rose to the occasion admirably. It can't have been easy for the three remaining Queen members to take this poignant walk through their careers. Undoubtedly, the band has the most staying power in the business, and Mercury's death brought to an end a paradoxically stable whirlwind of a career.

So, who will now step into the shoes of this great band as pioneers of innovative and creative music videos that compliment so well their musical brilliance? Possibly, U2 will come close to replacing them at the helm of an industry wrought by drugs, greed and money. Squeaky clean in comparison with say, Guns 'n Roses, U2 are every bit as innovative as Queen was and only time will tell whether they have the same staying power and class.

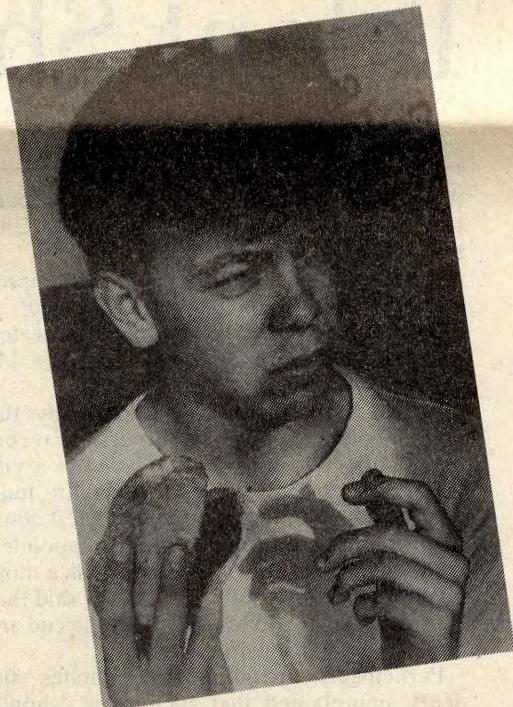
It must be really hard to make good music. I mean, most of us struggle to sing along tunefully to songs we might know well. Imagine sitting down and creating that magic blend of lyrics and music that sends a song rocketing into the charts. No wonder musicians demand so much from live performances and make so much money. To take all that into your stride and still stick together as a band is no mean feat. But Queen did it. And endured.

Maybe I should take up songwriting. I mean, I wrote a song once. Of course it wasn't really a song....

I don't think I'll get a tribute concert at Wembley. I may have to settle for a quiet wake with a few close friends. And Axl Rose isn't invited.



"I embarked on what I considered to be a challenging venture - to comb Grahamstown's kitchens for the perfect burger."



Burger Binge

Steyn Speed

THIS is the kind of story Jughead Jones would die for - to review the pick of Grahamstown's classier burger joints. To meticulously survey half a dozen different meat patties; and to savour the tangy delight of numerous sauces as they congeal on your tongue to produce a symphony of taste.

With probably less enthusiasm than Riverdale's gastronomical wonder, I embarked on what I considered to be a challenging venture - to comb Grahamstown's kitchens and cafes for the perfect burger.

Soon after 2pm on a Friday afternoon I took a stroll into town on what became a latter-day Magical Monkey-gland Tour.

First stop was the Redwood Spur. A telephone call 10 minutes earlier made it happen - so to speak. The burger with chips and fried onions was ready on my arrival. After forking out R7.65, I headed off to Avalons in Hill Street.

Ten minutes and R3.50 later, I had in my possession an aromatic and very greasy package.

Getting a Bambi burger was equally easy. In the time that it took to discover thirteen typos in the latest Grocotts Mail cover story, I had in my hand the renowned Bambi Burger along with its distinctive pseudo-neopolitan sauce. All this for R3.55.

A brisk stroll up New Street was rewarded with a Monkey-gland burger from Southern Fried Chicken at R3.95. A brief stop in Kaif completed my collection of G-town's fastest fast food.

Seated in my den of culinary iniquity, I succumbed to the seductive allure of the assembled bevy of burger patties.

First down the hatch was the Spur Burger, immaculately presented with garnish and grease. In true Redwood style one couldn't see the bun for the beef. The pattie, although substantial, was a bit on the dessicated side.

Nevertheless they are the best well-done pieces of meat this side of Hades.

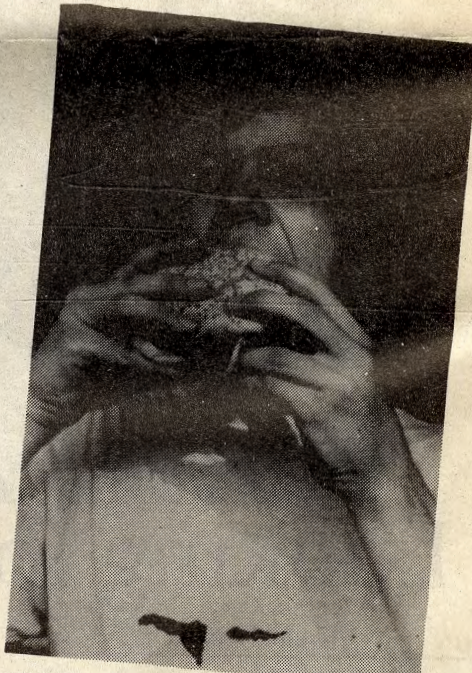
The Bambi pattie by contrast is a real thumper. Its succulence was no doubt enhanced by a liberal dose of their nice pink sauce. Equally liberal was the distribution of sesame seeds on the top of the bun - a bonus for anyone without gaps in their teeth. On the question of size - and don't let anyone tell you its not important - the Bambi burger was no fawn.

The Avalon pattie has the same ethereal qualities one associates with its mythical namesake. One would probably have found more meat at a vegetarian braai. The pattie was considerably similar in size to King Arthur's legendary Round Table. Unfortunately the pattie's consistency could be likened to the Hollywood rendition of Camelot - both quite mushy. The burger itself was only redeemed by the sesame seeds which adorned the bun.

For an establishment better known for the application of extreme heat to the carcasses of ex-fowls, Southern Fried Chicken can make a mean burger. Even meaner is the free monkey-gland sauce. By making the burger in plain view of the customer, they engender a certain intimacy which lasts until long after the burger has been consumed.

It is said at Rhodes that we've grown big by staying small. This is no doubt the guiding principle behind the humble Kaif Burger. As an alternative to the average res meal, the Kaif burger is...well, sufficient. As the little cousin of the legendary "Big Mac", it falls short of most expectations. The chunky kaif sauce, apart from its welcome tanginess, is literally finger-licking good.

Having satiated my hunger for indulgence and excess, I sit back to ponder on the broader metaphysical implications of my recent experience; to consider the environmental costs of a rapidly growing fast food culture; and to work out how the hell Jughead Jones manages to keep his cholesterol level down.



"Seated in my den of culinary iniquity, I succumbed to the seductive allure of the assembled bevy of burger patties."

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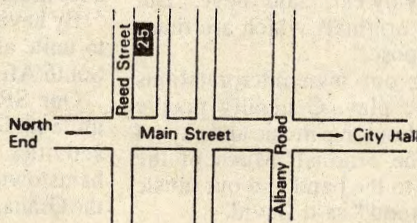
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Table tennis triumph

Kim Jurgensen

THE Satisu first and second teams of the table tennis code recently played their first match in the Eastern Province League. The two teams travelled through to Port Elizabeth where they played the "101" team.

The first team consisting of Mommom Wally, Lucky Madikiza and Kunene January beat their opponents 7-3.

The second team consisting of Chris Klaasen, Siabonga Mabeka and Mzukisi Mati were not able to follow up this performance and lost 9-1.

Table tennis code co-ordinator Mzi Mgudlwa said the performance had been relatively good considering that the teams had never had any formal practices and this was their first league match.

He said there would be regular fixtures from now on and the focus for the code for this term would be the league.

Satisu also has their zonal games coming up this term. The Eastern Cape is made up of 12 regions. There are four zones. Rhodes' zone includes campuses such as Cape out Teacher's College and Lovedale College of Education. Once the zonal games are completed the winners go through to the regional games and finally the national games which are held in the third term. The zonal games are due to start around the middle of May.



Not an April Fools Joke... Rhodes East London Sports and Schools Officer and South African cricketer, Peter Kirsten paid a much publicised visit to Rhodes Grahamstown. After signing autographs for eager fans and curious students, Kirsten attended a function in his honour. Soon after his Rhodes visit left to prepare for the South African Cricket tour of the West Indies.



Unity to be set up among Rhodes volleyballers

Michelle de Bruyn

SAU and Satisu volleyball has taken the first step towards playing unified volleyball

As of 14 April, the practices have been unified which will allow for separate men's and women's practices and greater specialisation. Volleyball at Rhodes will now have a chance of developing competitive teams with a larger base from which to draw the teams.

Speaking on the transition process, Karen de Bie, chairperson of the former Rhodes women's team said "It's not as easy as you think."

She added that the main issue is not with the playing itself, but with administration. There will be elec-

tions for a new committee and to organise portfolios.

On the practical side, the two teams have developed different playing and practising styles which will have to be consolidated. Advantages include that the entire women's team will now be coached by Adrian "Gosh" Strydom, who formerly only coached the Satisu side.

Unfortunately, the men's team is still without a coach. However, there are plans for a coach to travel through from East London.

The former chairman of the men's Satisu team, Andre Burness said "we had problems at first because of the differences in the teams but it's going smoothly now".

Aerobomania

A look behind Rhodes' latest health kick

Janet Roche

THE steady stream of neon-green pedal pushers, designer leotards and fluorescent headbands past the tennis courts every day is indicative of the growing allure of aerobomania.

With a membership of 450 people this year, the Rhodes Aerobics club has come a long way since its humble beginnings.

The club's history reads like a success story from the start when in 1987 Nancy Jennings and Paul Williams approached sports admin, proposing a Rhodes aerobics club.

Nancy says she can remember when classes totalled three people - a far cry from today's average class of 50.

Aerobics classes are held four times a day during the week, except on Saturdays and Sundays when there is only one session at four in the afternoon, with a variety of aerobic styles including low impact, high impact, stretch and tone and bench aerobics. The classes are taught by fully-qualified instructors.

Instructor try-outs were held at the beginning of the year and instructors were selected for displaying personality, functionality, teaching ability and most importantly, safety in their teaching techniques.

"We've had no injuries so far," said Nancy.

Instructors are sent on technique updating courses about five times a year to ensure they teach the latest in "aerobics technology".

Aerobic workshops and marathons are held regularly. Workshops aim to teach pupils correct methods for maximum benefit (both body and fitness-wise), and although hard work, are plenty of fun.

The next workshop, co-ordinated by Sean Ledger (an ex-Rhodian) was scheduled for May 2 and there would be an inter-res marathon during the third term. All participants are welcome and the marathon is free.



Rhodes aerobics is about to take off - quite literally

"We're ecstatic with the club's success, although more males would be welcome", said Nancy. Aerobics is an officially recognised sport and rates highest as the all-over fitness activity, exercising all muscles equally.

The South African Final Aerobics Championships (although still pending) was scheduled for the end of the year and for the first time in many years South Africa would be involved in the World Championships, scheduled for March 1993.



Fun in Sun is a flop

Lucky Madikiza

THE SRC sports day held during the Easter weekend was not only a day of fun and sun, but a day when some sport talent was unearthed.

Due to the lack of sufficient participants, only the soccer and rounders matches were played - by the only two teams, the South African Student Congress (Sasco) and Maputo.

A five-a-side soccer match was won by Sasco 5-2. Sasco also proved invincible in the rounders match.

At the end of a day of pleasure and leisure the Sasco team snatched all the prizes. With the high level of performance displayed by the teams, they are worthy of receiving a DP certificate for entry into Barcelona!

The sports day was organised by Roger Webb, SRC sport and health councillor, and Vuyo Kahla, SRC vice-president, with the help of the whole SRC.

Despite good organisation very few people turned out to participate. As a result other scheduled games had to be cancelled.

"We knew that there was going to be less participation. The sports day was organised as a leisure activity for the few people who remained on campus during the easter vacation," said SRC president Daryl Lee.

SPORTING RHODEO

A God-send for frustrated aquatics stars, or more than an inconvenience for those who use Kaif Lawns? Catherine Goodwin looks into the bottom line of the debate around the proposed Kaif Lawns Pool.

Debate rages over where to take the plunge

Those who have dared to brave the pool at Kaif, floating over an underwater hockey practice or attempting to paddle in the wake of jet-propelled waterpolo players recognise the experience as similar to that of trying to cross the N2 highway on the first day of the April holiday.

Way back in 1987 an ad-hoc committee was formed to address future sports developments at Rhodes University. Sports Council decided to gauge the needs of students and staff to determine the number one priority capital investment sports project. The result of this questionnaire was a plea for a new competition-size pool.

Other suggestions for developments included more tennis courts, a sports clinic in the local township, an astroturf field for hockey and a sports training centre for previously disadvantaged students and members of the broader Grahamstown community, including Fort Hare University.

The proposed venue for the pool was, and still is, Kaif Lawns (one of the few remaining proofs that trees, hedgerow and grass can co-exist in perfect harmony on campus).

Facilities already established on this site such as change rooms, a heating system, electricity and the tiered stone embankment suitable for seating would cut costs considerably. A severe lack of funds, and a deficit in the University budget has prevented any further developments.

Now in 1992 a major benefactor has enabled Sports Council to bring to fruition the top priority sports development project. On April 3, Sports Council met and briefed the Student Representative Council on their proposal for building a competition pool on Kaif Lawns, as described in the diagrams.

The present pool is a frustration to

aquatics participants. Crowded over on hot days and weekends, it is too shallow for waterpolo or underwater hockey, too short for serious swimming training and an impossibility for divers and scuba divers, said head of Sports admin, Pete Andrew.

"The new pool would cater for swimming, synchronised swimming, springboard and scuba diving as well as waterpolo and underwater hockey. Rag beer stubes would not be affected.

"The pool is not olympic size, its only 30m long. An accepted competition pool would attract top aquatics people to Rhodes and allow more time for the Rhodes University community to use the present pool," said Mr Andrew.

Vice-President of the SRC, Vuyo Kahla said, "The design is exclusive but it could develop the community

Opinions from non-swimmers, pool socialisers and competitive aquatic participants range from not-interested to generally receptive to the idea.

"What pool?"

"What about women walking home from Prospect after practises, at least at Kaif its safe, and there are lights."

"Go for it...but not on Kaif Lawns."

"Good idea, Kaif Lawns aren't used anyway!"

"Beer fests can go to Prospect, we desperately need another pool."

"But Kaif Lawns are aesthetically pleasing."

"Oppie craft markets can be on the Great Field, the 'Lawns' are scrub anyway."

"Have it, but then its recreation for whom? What percentage of the student population uses the pool anyway? How about these competitors giving swimming lessons."

"Competitors can f... off to Prospect, I'm not going to walk all the way over there for a beer fest, to hell and gone!"

"People should be grateful that the university is pushing water-sports rather than 'good ol' rugby."

"Yeah get the sporty dudes over the road, then we might get a chance to swim."

in sports, by adding to the facilities available. The physical development of the pool could be matched by a development in the wider community to redress the imbalance between participants and spectators in the sports community."

The SRC, Rag, and to a lesser degree, oppies, use this green section of Kaif for Orientation Week Lunch, beer stubes and craft markets, they are being consulted as part of a two week process to gauge general student opinion.

A final decision will not be forthcoming from the SRC until the Campus Leadership Forum can reflect student opinion through consultation which is taking place.

President of the SRC, Daryl Lee said, "Up to now the feedback from the residences has been negative - I'm surprised. We're still waiting for Oppies and Rag to respond."

Rhodes soccer success

Xolisa Mabhongo

RHODES' first team soccer started the season well with a 3-2 win over the Uitenhage Drodtsdy Park on campus recently.

The entertaining game saw the two sides holding each other to a 1-1 draw at half time. The students were the first to make it to the nets towards the middle of the first half when Joffe confused Parks' goalkeeper with a long drive. It did not take long for Parks to draw equal.

For a moment it seemed as if the game was to be a tough encounter until the students showed their dominance once more.

At halftime Rhodes had two substitutions, Lincoln Mali and Mvelase Mahlaka. With a new injection of stamina the two changed the pace of the game and put Rhodes back in control.

A volley from Steve in the early



minutes of the second half got past Parks' goalkeeper and saw Rhodes leading 2-1.

After Rhodes' third goal, a careless mistake by the students' backline gave the visitors an opportunity to net their second goal.

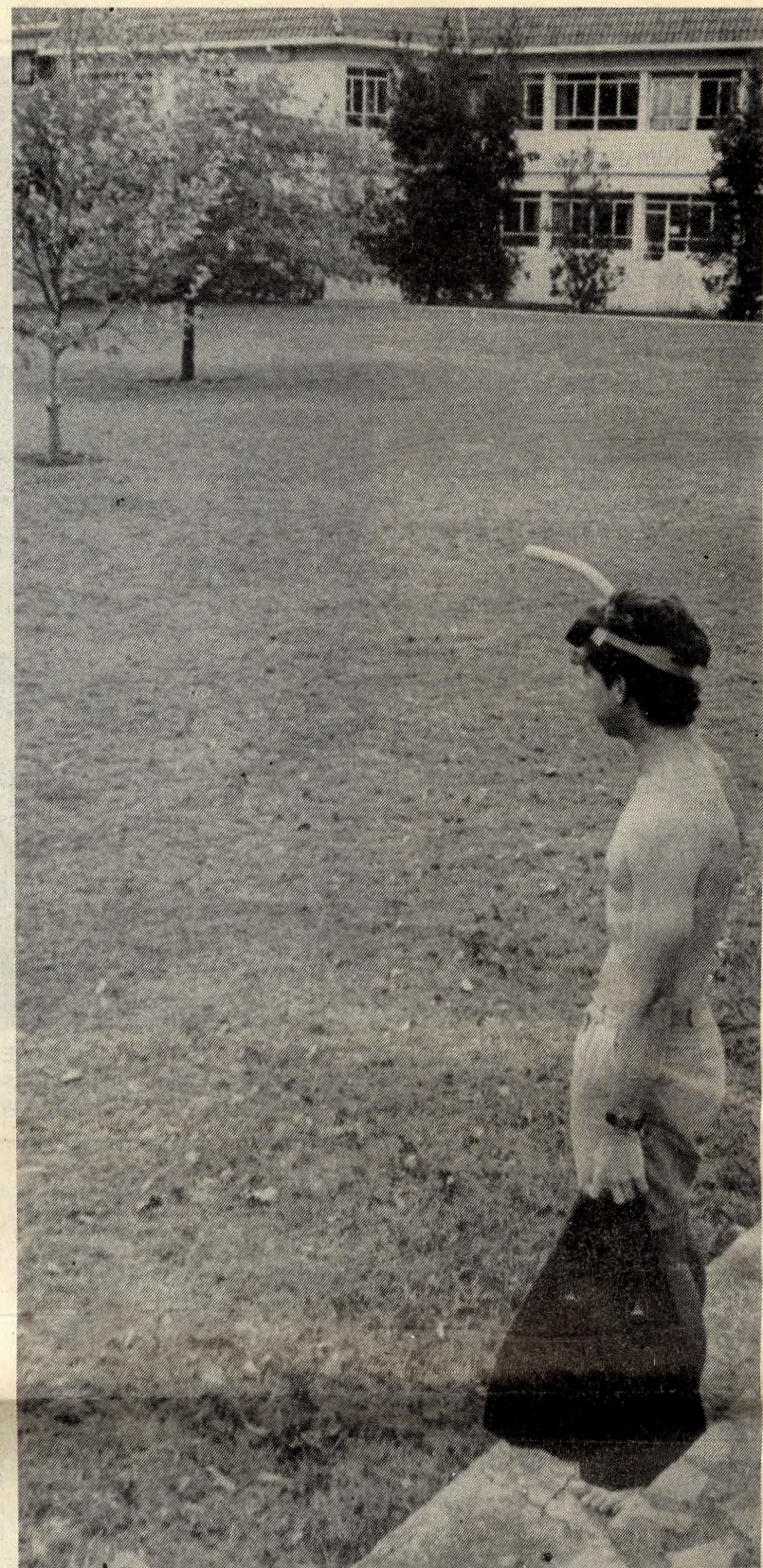
The Rhodes soccer internal league also kicked off in the first week of term with some interesting games.

The league, which is scheduled to run until the third term, will play on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The teams are divided into two sections because of an increased number of affiliates.

According to a statement issued to clubs, a five-a-side competition will be played towards the end of the season.

There is a lot of dissatisfaction among the teams around the exclusion of Rhodes team players from the league. This has been hard on those teams who relied on first team players. Rhodes third team, however, is playing in the league.



Res students react to Kaif Lawns pool

A number of objections to building the new pool on Kaif Lawns have come out of discussions held in certain residences.

Founders, Smuts and Winchester were consulted and were against building the pool on this site.

Three of four houses in Founders Hall objected strongly, mostly due to increased noise levels they felt they would have to put up with.

However, sports admin said noise times would be between 5 and 7pm only, as all teams would practice during those hours.

Livingstone House residents raised another objection - they wanted to know why money was

being spent on a new pool when it could be used for bursaries.

Students from Winchester House said Kaif Lawns was the only "green lung" left on campus where students could sit and have a cooldrink during lunch.

Other objections raised by students were that the passage to the Union buildings would be like a tunnel with high walls on both sides and a bridge overhead which would link the new pool to the existing change rooms.

Some students felt that beer stubes on Kaif Lawns would lose their atmosphere as they would be surrounded by high walls on both sides.

Women's waterpolo

Catherine Goodwin

INJECTING new life into a sport which seems to have died at both Stellenbosch and Cape Town universities, Rhodes University women's waterpolo team is going on tour in the September vacation.

Womens' waterpolo has never been a well-funded or prominent sport, but the first team squad are about to change all that. Comprising 15 players including the coach, they will play clubs, top school teams and revamped university teams.

The tour will encourage interested

but as yet neglected individuals at some universities to regroup.

Since the heyday of womens' waterpolo in 1989, both Stellenbosch and Cape Town Universities have failed to produce teams of the same calibre, if a team has appeared at all.

The tour is in its initial stages of finding sponsors, organising fund raisers and contacting prospective opponents. The initiative has come from the players. However marginalised a sport womens' waterpolo might have been up to now, they are determined to go... watch this space.