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*Rhodes University's Student Newspaper*



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# BLACK WORKERS UNION

## 5 years of friction

Bonny Schoonakker

The Black Workers' Union - organisation of contro-  
versy and embarassment for Rhodes University's  
administration - has a more turbulent history  
than Administration diehards would care to remem-  
ber.

Although it existed before 1972 in some passive  
form, it was neither active nor effective. Then,  
in 1972, Rhodes workers, Alester Maxegwana and  
Philemon Pekana attended a conference in Johannes-  
burg, organised under the auspices of the Black  
Workers' Union, a national body.

Upon returning, with advice having been given on  
how to run a Trade Union, Maxegwana and Pekana  
tried to initiate a more forceful organisation.  
The move, however, was countered with strong oppo-  
sition from the then VC Dr Hyslop and vice-prin-  
cipal Dr Twyman. Dr Twyman confronted Alester  
Maxegwana with language far from mild. The Univ-  
ersity also opposed the word "union" in the title  
of the organisation.

Then, in February 1975, the Black staff met on  
King Field to air their grievances. These includ-  
ed abuse by employers (swearing eg.) and assaults  
to which the 'varsity did not react. A reporter  
from the EP Herald attended the meeting, and the  
subsequent Herald report embarrassed the 'varsity  
to the extent that Dr Hyslop declared that all  
future meetings were to be held in the GLT, and  
whites (except Admin. staff) were to be barred.

At present, however, the BWU is still severely  
limited in power. It's recommendations are taken  
first to a Black Liason Committee, then to a  
Labour Relations Committee (of which Dr Twyman is  
a member), and then only to Council. This process  
is supposed to "sift out" the recommendations and  
proposals of the BWU, according to a highly  
placed Admin official, making a farce of the role  
of the Union.

A senior member of the BWU complained of Admins'  
housing certain verkrampde elements, and it would  
not take much conjecture to guess who. This,  
coupled with the present threat of a vast number  
of "Black jobs" on campus and the unavailability  
of jobs in Grahamstown, all serve to delimit the  
resistance the workers would have to misuse and  
abuse, and makes Mr Maxegwana's reaction all the  
more understandable.

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# MAXEGWANA SEQUEL

■ *Smuts shows little interest*

■ *Dr. H: 'No reasons'*

Bonny Schoonakker



Alester Maxegwana: ex-chairman of the BWU.  
His successor is to be elected on March 9.  
Can he or she do as much as Alester has?

Alester Maxegwana, one time head waiter of Milner  
House, ex-chairman of the Black Worker's Union  
and present embarassment to the university, has  
been fired by a council decision on the recommen-  
dation of the extraordinary Disciplinary Comm-  
ittee which heard Mr. Maxegwana's case.

But the decision to suspend Mr Maxegwana was not  
as controversy free as the present consensus  
would suggest. The decision of the Disciplinary  
Committee, comprising, amongst others, Dr Hender-  
son, the Registrar Mr Askew, Vice-Principal Dr  
Twyman, and Personnel Officer Mr L. Smit, was  
not greeted with much enthusiasm by Council.

Despite the close secrecy surrounding all official  
decisions, and Dr. Henderson's refusal to disclose  
the reasons for suspending Alester, it appears  
that certain members of Council were opposed to  
the suspension on the grounds of "harm to race  
relations." These are reported to have included  
IUP MP Bill Deacon.

One of the most remarkable features of the whole  
affair is that Mr. Mbonga, the University's Black  
Personnel officer, was excluded from both the  
Council and Disciplinary Committee meetings, and  
only had about an hours' consultation with Mr.  
Maxegwana.

Isak Smuts, Black Liason Officer on the SRC since  
November 1976, has shown little interest in the  
matter. Smuts claimed that he was too busy reg-  
istering students earlier this year, and could  
only work with SRC backing, despite the SRC having  
met *in camera* to discuss the issue. He also said  
that he took exception to the fact that Prof.  
Bradshaw (who recently appeared in court) was not  
suspended for his conviction, while Alester was.  
He protested against what he called "the direct  
involvement of the University in the private life  
of the individual."

He has since been appointed by the SRC to in-  
vestigate the matter to "his satisfaction."

According to Dr. Henderson, Mr. Sydney Zotwana,  
lecturer in the African Languages Dept, was also  
suspended for "breach of contract". What this in  
actual fact means is that Mr. Zotwana did not  
appear for work, as he was in jail after having  
been convicted in the recent 'pamphlets trial'.

According to Dr. Henderson, there exist no aven-  
ues of appeal for either Zotwana or Maxegwana.



## Midgeley bows out

"There will not be much left of SRC by the end of  
the year if its members continue to play petty  
political games instead of getting down to the  
grit of student business." So says Rob Midgeley,  
ex-Cultural Councillor of the SRC.

Midgeley's resignation has been the cause of some  
controversy on campus. When asked, he stressed  
that his resignation was not solely because of the  
complaints about the exorbitant cost of the fresh-  
er's brochure. It was more the result of the  
culmination of a series of incidents which have  
been occurring in SRC since last year.

"As a result of personality clashes, the SRC has  
divided into two 'factions', one of which dominates  
the Executive. The President, Ashley La Grange,  
insists on interfering in other members' portfol-  
ios. He is leading the SRC in the wrong direc-  
tion", Midgeley asserted.

Together with Izak Smuts and Malcolm Davidson,  
Midgeley was a prime mover in the Nusas disaffil-  
iation vote in April 1976.

In a further verbal attack on La Grange, Midgeley  
stated that "He is the root of all evil in the  
SRC."

"SRC should be the peak of student organization,  
but it has lost its meaning. It doesn't serve  
the students anymore; its members are just there  
on a personal ego boost."

## SRC-VC meeting

The relevance of liason meetings between the Vice  
Chancellor and the SRC Executive is expected to  
be reassessed after the first meeting this year.

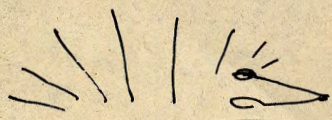
The meeting, which took place last week, was tak-  
en up by matters which some SRC members regard  
as irrelevant, particularly in the light of the  
current crisis that Rhodes is undergoing.

The two main matters discussed were:

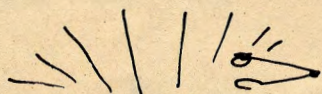
- The question of drunkenness on campus. Dr.  
Henderson was apparently concerned about  
various incidents of 'unruly' behaviour,  
including one case where he personally went  
to a house in Donkin Street and told residents  
to make less noise.
- The question of bands on campus. Apparently  
Dr. Twyman, whose information was totally  
inaccurate, was concerned about the number of  
bands on campus. He feared that this was  
leading to friction over practising times and  
playing at functions. According to an SRC  
member, however, there are not more than two  
bands at Rhodes.

It is likely that the role of these meetings will  
be re-examined in the light of the administration's  
apparent reluctance to discuss issues of import-  
ance with student representatives.

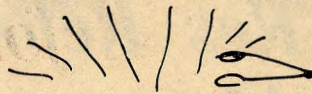
A word of advice.



If you're short of cash...



...don't sponsor any  
Canterbury or Winchester  
birds for the Big Walk





# RHODES IN THE RED

## VC OUTLINES CRISIS: austerity ahead

Vice Chancellor Dr Derek Henderson, releasing confidential budgeting details to Rhodes academic staff last week, outlined the financial crisis in which the university finds itself, and the steps to be taken to overcome a R300 000 deficit.

Detailing the concrete steps that would have to be taken to pull Rhodes out of the red, Dr Henderson said that:

- leave replacement provisions would be abolished;
- new appointments would be "spaced out" over a year;
- posts in some cases could be frozen;
- a limit would be placed on funds for sending staff to academic conferences.

He stated that these measures are "possibly less draconian than other alternatives that I could suggest".

The three main reasons for the R300 000 deficit are according to Dr Henderson,

- a 2,3% cut in government subsidies to universities;
- the vastly increased cost of energy;
- a new pension scheme costing an extra R150 000.

He went on to confirm that the Administrative staff is growing at a faster rate than the academic staff:

1972-77 Growth	
Admin:	up 30%
Academics:	up 14,2%
Students:	up 23,8%

This is one of the areas which Dr Henderson promised to examine, in consultation with the academic staff. "I don't feel that there is any monopoly of sin as far as these characteristics are concerned."

Providing that Rhodes "is absolutely brutal in controlling expenses", the VC maintained, "we may almost be able to keep our heads above water." "A 10% tightening of our belt is unpleasant but not fatal", he said, after showing that Rhodes was living 10% beyond its means.

Dr Henderson spoke of another South African university where more than 80 posts had been frozen, while RAU has a R1m deficit and a 15% staff retrenchment is under way.

Investment nest-eggs which in the past have cushioned economic setbacks have been almost completely eroded, mainly by a R400 000 deficit in 1975. Residences also ran up a R400 000 deficit which worsened the situation.

Where each individual can make the biggest contribution is in careful energy consumption. Staff heaters, for example, cost Rhodes R24 000 a month, although only R40 is for actual power consumed. The rest is an "availability charge" for the right to draw power. Thus it is proposed to limit the number of heaters in operation at any one time to 250.

In conclusion Dr Henderson warned of "a very difficult period ahead" for Rhodes, with "difficult and sometimes agonizing decisions to be taken."

## HALL AUTONOMY —will it help?

Arlene Getz

In 1976, in response to student outcries, an *ad hoc* committee formulated a number of new regulations directly affecting students in residence. One of these was that each hall would determine its own rules (with the exception of inter-visiting, liquor, and living out of res). This autonomy extends to the financial running of the hall. Will it help Rhodes' present financial situation?

"All that most people wanted from residence reform was later hours for the women and inter-visiting. Instead we've been dumped with financial autonomy," remarked one student, with irritation. It would indeed seem that it would be far more viable to run all the residences on one financial system controlled by experienced financiers, than by inexperienced students.

"The university has had hall autonomy rammed down its throat since 1970," said Dean of Students Mr. Best. Superficially, it would appear that financial autonomy has many advantages, however. "It means that individual halls can economise on meals, for example, by deciding that they don't need two big meals a day," said Mr. Ashley la Grange, SRC President.

One disadvantage is that there are well over 100 students in each hall, and the chances of reaching a consensus on the changing of menus is very small. It was also suggested that women's residences might prefer to be given salads, rather than potatoes and rice, with meals.

We are assured, though, that Rhodes has one central catering manageress, who orders on economic rather than preferential grounds.

Rhodes certainly should not be blamed for its desire to save money; the residences have a deficit of R400,000, and it is an open secret that Rhodes is only one university to have suffered the 2,3% cut in Government subsidies.

The obvious query is whether financial autonomy will be cheaper. Apparently many financiers have been asked to sit on Hall Committees, and there has been a suggestion that catering supervisors join them. This should overcome the problem of mismanagement due to inexperience.

"We have no historical precedent to follow, and everything is still very much in the experimental stage," said Mr. Beale, Rhodes Finance Officer. This apparently means that controversial questions cannot be answered.

The older residences need more maintenance, as well as needing electricity for their heaters. The newer residences, on the other hand, have to pay for hot water in all the rooms, and Dingemans has to pay for an oil-based central heating system.

A possible solution to this problem is differentiated residence fees, as at UCT, but this is one of the issues still "in the experimental stage."

Theoretically, residences may retain the money they save, but in practice they probably won't. "If, for example, Kimberley Hall, which does not need much maintenance, has maintenance money left over, we can juggle the budgets around so that an older residence may get the surplus," explained Mr. Beale.

What will happen if the residences actually lose money is now a redundant question. They will all be run on a similar system.

It appears that residences will only be financially autonomous when it comes to such matters as serving tea.

## No more tea?

Morning and afternoon teas may soon be stopped, if Hall Committees agree, said the Vice Chancellor Dr Henderson at a meeting of the Residence Hall Committees on Monday last week.

There is also a suggestion afoot to shorten the break between periods 1 and 2 and periods 5 and 6 to five minutes. The extra ten minutes will be placed between periods 3 and 4, so that staff and postgraduates may enjoy a twenty-minute tea-break in the Senior Common Room.

This issue is still to be discussed, but indications are that the SRC will oppose this measure if residence teas are stopped.

"Residence tea serves a useful social purpose and is a long-standing tradition. It will upset people if it is tampered with", said Ashley la Grange, President of the SRC. "It is an institution which encourages people to mix, rather than just sit with their friends, as they do in Kaif."

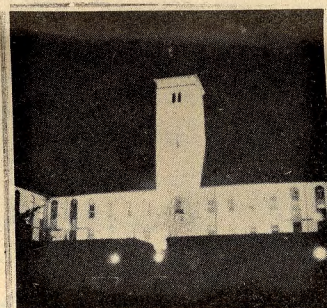
The proposed termination of the serving of tea will save Rhodes about R8000 a year, yet this is not the only reason for the suggestion, according to Mr Best, the Dean of Students.

Mr Best explained that with the advent of financial autonomy residences will only be able to cater for their own students, and thus could not afford to supply tea for Oppidans and students of other residences.

Ashley has suggested that each student who goes to tea should pay 2c, which would easily cover the cost (1½c a cup).

As this is still being considered, and depends on the recommendations of the Hall Committees, it is not yet possible to guess at the outcome. One likely consequence is that, by the same token, inter-Hall dining over weekends may well be stopped.

Arlene Getz



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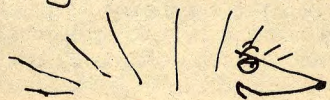
Drastic staff cutdowns, heating blackouts during winter, no morning or afternoon tea, "stricter portion control" in residence meals.... All according to Dr Henderson are on the cards for Rhodes this year, as part of his austerity campaign to balance the university's budget.

Meanwhile the front façade of the Admin block is bathed in the glare of floodlights every night, sending the electricity meter ticking over at a mean rate.

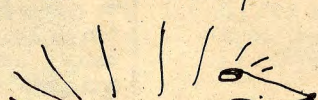
Priorities like these seem to be forming a pattern lately:

- (1) outside images;
- (2) students;
- (3) workers.

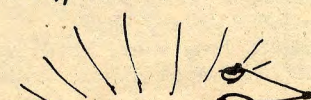
I'm glad to see Kaif catering better for students.



...Body and mind...  
Look at the light reading selection for example...



Little Audrey, Caspar the friendly Ghast, Archie, Hot Stuff....





# RES REFORM?

Pat Cheney and Jo-anne Richards

1977 can be seen as a landmark in the history of Rhodes residential life. It is the first year of the implementation of the new residence reforms and opinion is varied about their future success. The most significant feature of reforms is a measure of hall autonomy or the placing of the responsibility of running each Hall on the new Hall committees.

This does not mean that the students are running their own residences. It merely means that there is a committee dominated by Wardens and sub-Wardens with minimum student representation.

It is around the question of the constitution of these committees that the most dissent between students and Administration arises.

The students recognise that future reform is severely endangered by the domination of Administration and not elected by the students. Sub-wardens can not be considered student representatives as they are appointed to their positions by Administration and not elected by the students. Even if there was equal student/Admin representation, the Hall Warden is still the one who has the final say.

## SRC

The SRC can play a vital part in its position as the student representative body. A spokesman for the SRC said that the SRC sees its function as a watchdog, informing students of their rights and making the system truly representative.

He said that if a constitution is controlled by a non-representative council, the two-thirds majority required for change is never likely to emerge in a system lulled into apathy by the ruling body.

## Apathy

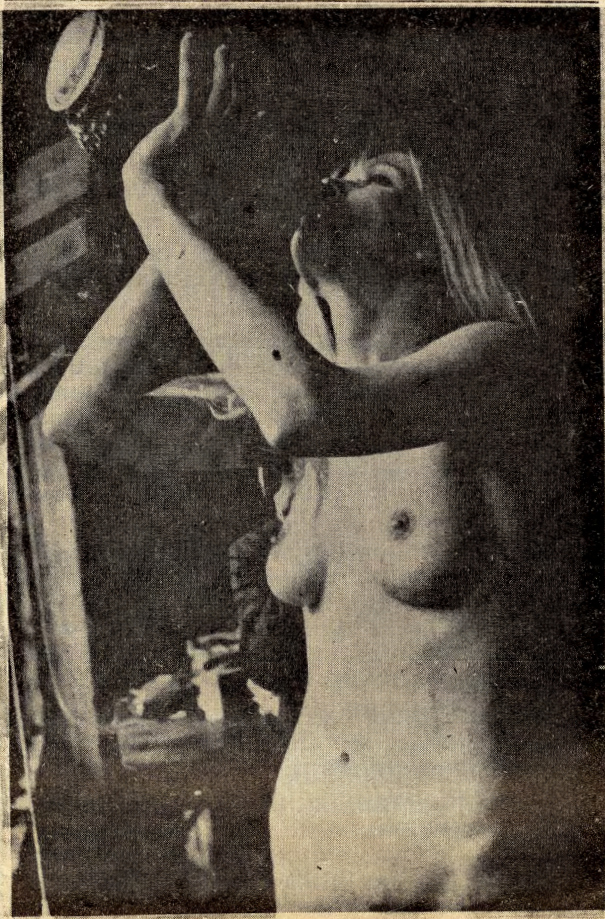
Apathy is the students' greatest danger. It is up to the students to see that the Hall committees do not degenerate into an entrenching of the Warden at the head of a system where, if change is necessary, it must come from the top. It has not taken long for such apathy to set. A brief survey last October, soon after the reforms came out, showed that most students had swallowed the new system without much questioning of the Hall committee constitution. In most Halls, especially in the women's Halls, this vital issue was overlooked in the initial ecstasy of being able to make changes in Hall rules. Even in such issues as lock-up hours and who should have keys, it was clear that the final decision comes from the Wardens.

Legalising inter-residential visiting by women to men's residences is a step in the right direction, although Administration is merely making legal what has been happening for years. That men still have to return these visits in chaste common room *tete-a-tete* shows a marked Victorian leaning on the part of the Senate.

Another step in the right direction is allowing

students to leave residence after their second year. Surely instead of keeping students in residence by force, the university should improve the system so that students *want* to stay in residence.

Perhaps the best feature of the new reforms is the abolition of the Smuts system. That first-years were separated from their more senior brothers was illogical and unnecessary. Students should be given far greater freedom. Admin has taken a tentative step in this direction but they still have a long way to go to catch up with 1977.



## Is this what wardens fear?

"You're terribly immature. Perhaps you'll grow wiser with age." - was the comment of the lady warden of Jameson to a girl who was petitioning for a change of constitution.

The warden said this to her just after two-thirds of Oriel Hall had signed the petition stating that they were dissatisfied with their constitution. The warden disapproved of the petition. She said that it had caused unnecessary and uncalled for suspicion between the students and the wardens.

The constitution was drawn up last year and was accepted by the students by a show of hands during lunch. By signing the petition the members of the hall showed that they were dissatisfied with this form of referendum because it led to pressurisation of the students under the eye of the high table. It also showed that they wanted a constitution which catered for equal representation for the students on the hall committee.



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## EDITORIAL OPINION

### Maxegwana

The university's handling of the Maxegwana affair leaves much to be desired. Dr. Henderson, by indulging in plain discrimination, contrary to his much publicised liberal beliefs, has made it quite clear that those beliefs are no more than window-dressing.

"Remove all security legislation", said Dr. Henderson at the Worrall debate last year - yet he is indulging in precisely the sort of behaviour that we have come to expect from the government and it's double standards - and with a man who has already faced a court of law under those very security laws.

Alester Maxegwana, with Sydney Zotwana, was fired from the university for a 'breach of contract'. There are over 55,000 Blacks in Grahamstown. The chances of either of them finding similar employment are small.

Dr. Henderson refuses to disclose the full reasons for what can only be described as a cowardly act. We can see no reason on his part for refusing other than the knowledge that those reasons will not stand up to public scrutiny.

### The other side of Rag

March 12, the climax of Rag, is not far away. On that day most of us will win the somewhat patronising admiration of little old ladies and other custodians of society's status quo, when we live up to their expectations as boisterous, fun-loving, but, deep down, charitable youth.

But are we charitable, in the true sense of the word?

Were it not for the drinking and festivities associated with it, wouldn't Rag be little more than a Saturday morning tin-shaking affair?

The money we do collect can never be sufficient no matter how much singing, drinking and dancing we do to raise funds. The R30 000 will not solve the 50% unemployment problem in Grahamstown. It will not improve Black living conditions. It will not provide better education. It will not create jobs. It will not eliminate prejudice. It will not stop Blacks from feeling psychologically inferior. Its just a drop in the ocean.

We as students, (the future "cream of society"?) can achieve so much more through active involvement in the mechanics of a society that is itself the cause of the ills that Rag is trying to alleviate.

The truth is that Rag, although undoubtedly beneficial in the short term, serves only to act as a conscience-appeaser, camouflaging the real issues behind the need for charity. It is the cry of people powerless to being about real change, people who instead of healing the sore are merely putting a dressing on it.

### Austerity

We view the university's financial position in the same serious light as does the Vice Chancellor, and we accept his claim that the deficit is largely a result of unforeseeable economic circumstances. But the academic consequences of this crisis and the resulting austerity campaign are less clear.

We understand for example that already the Geography department has eliminated the practical side of its first-year course, simply because there is not sufficient staff to cope. If the temporary lecturers in the Journalism Department have their appointments terminated, the department will be left with a staff of three.

We suggest instead that the top-heavy Administration undergo a severe pruning by taking an evaluatory look at the Admin Block, office by office and person by person.



Sir,

An open letter to Prof. Higgins.

Is individualism encouraged at this university?

I always thought you were a professor in English phonetics, but that just goes to show what green-horn ignorance can do to a person. It is quite understandable that you have categorised students who come to this university, otherwise you wouldn't be a professor of phonetics. I mean sociology. However, I should like to add a small minority to your categories.

Firstly, I'd like to be an unattached attached columnist for *Rhodeo*. You'll see what I mean in a moment. I'm the type who sits in my room most of the time, just thinking. Now you'll really agree with me that it is a most exhausting but rewarding profession, although it doesn't look exhausting. You see there are two kinds of, say, politics in this country. Or in any country. Politics of the mind, philosophical politics, or party politics. I prefer the former. You see, I sit and wonder why students and people criticise this or that law or that or this politician, and for what reasons. But there is another more important question. What are they doing about it? Are they doing something which will have concrete consequences, or do they just talk, like most politicians or do they write snotty remarks on the back page of *Rhodeo*? Does it achieve anything? I sit in my room and wonder and wonder if they are going to become politicians and do something about it, and whether they are going to become journalists and keep on writing snotty remarks for the people. That is fashionable and all that, isn't it? Very rebellious and all that crap. I wonder if they really believe in so-called equality. Are they really as friendly towards Blacks as they are to that kid back home who doesn't have the financial or mental means to come to university? You know that kid who stays on the wrong side of town. Downtown? You must know that kid, man. I think he's doing a trade and doesn't speak proper English. In the extreme he might even be Afrikaans. Isn't snobbery just as bad as prejudice?

Then religion. Isn't it wrong to give money to Blacks (this church) and point a finger at others (that church)? Isn't that also prejudice? You see I do fall into another category. I want to observe and question the values of everybody and all institutions and not just certain bodies. This may seem conservative, but I have noticed a lot of hypocrisy floating around this place in my short stay here. That's fine, it happens everywhere, but students seem to reserve the right to themselves that they are goddam little messiahs. Is liberalism free thought or is it collective radical thought? Which is just the opposite of collective conservative thought.

Once more, is individualism encouraged at this university? I don't know yet, but if it is, then I'll start joining clubs and societies. Not before.

Thus if there are any political rebels at this university I would like to quote Albert Camus: *A rebel only rebels out of own conviction.* If they become leaders of tomorrow, and they are the type I think they are, they are also going to apply double standards of collectivism. Thus a new variation on an old theme.

I believe every man must first make peace with himself before he can even start trying to propose peace for others.

I do belong to a club. The chairman is my "I" (reason) and common sense and I'm the only member. Can reason propose prejudice? I'm the other Professor Higgins. "Just an ordinary living man, but..."

N.L. Sonnekus  
(Independent 1)



I THINK THAT MAYBE THE 3rd YEAR WHO TOLD YOU THAT SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA IS A FORMAL MEAL WAS HAVING A LITTLE JOKE ON YOU.

Sir,

With only two candidates for the two SRC vacancies we'll presumably be spared the tedium of campaign speeches that promise MORE and BETTER facilities and so forth for students, already one of the most privileged, pampered components of White South African society.

Any criticism of student newspapers or representatives because they are 'political' is the ultimate in small mindedness. In the unique S.A. situation where a repressive govt. motivated by misguided nationalism imposes its misguided will on a long suffering population, who can ever be 'political' enough?

AZANIAN

Sir,

So the mutterings of inflation move closer. The latest rumour is doing away with morning tea. Very nice. System can't deliver all the goods - we pay the debt. A social, a-academic, student institution gets its guillotine. Meanwhile the floodlights bask the clock-tower prick; the Merces multiply. Enjoy your morning tea Dr H: might we sip at your pool?

PEEBLES

Sir,

It seems that drinking in a public place is OUT these days.

Sometime last week a group of us bought a Chinese takeaway dinner in town and enjoyed it on the lawn in the fading rosy light in the shadow of the Cathedral. Being Rhodes students, we of course were armed with a sizeable bottle of wine.

The lyrical quality of the moment was shortly punctured by a screeching of tires, announcing the arrival of the long arm of the law. One of the fingers, dressed plainclothes, leapt majestically from the van and verbally assaulting us, questioned our sanity, respectability, and right to exist, in no uncertain terms.

We were then bundled bodily into the back of the van by the custodian of the peace and, clutching our fast-cooling food, were reshed off to the station. On our arrival, it was made clear to us again how uncivilized it is to sip at the drink of the gods before a place of worship. We were released on the condition that we didn't get to the corner, yell back 'fucking fuzz' and run off into the evening.

Those of you considering having a drink in the open remember - the system is watching you.

CRIMINAL

Sir,

I just loved the skilful way you managed to disguise all the paragraphs in your first issue.

Peter Bruce

# LETTERS

Sir,

In the first issue of *Rhodeo* an article appeared under the title *Students under pressure*. A notable omission among the pressures mentioned is that exercised by *Rhodeo* on students to become anti-establishment and anti-authority. To this end an attempt is made to discredit the administration, wardens and several others. Practically the only person not presented in an unfavourable light is head waiter Alister Maxegwana, who threatened to burn down the houses of fellow Blacks. The immature attitude displayed by the editorial staff of *Rhodeo* is hardly what one would expect from students demanding a share in the running of the university. I find this particularly deplorable as it must give freshers a very biased view of the university, and to many coming to the university with great expectations it must be very disillusioning.

I fail to understand why half the first issue should be devoted to expressing the political view on various issues of a certain Party. We get more than enough of this in the daily press. If the *Rhodeo* staff is unable to produce an unbiased and truly campus newspaper, I suggest that the R4000, which represents a large part of the SRC's grant, would be much better spent if it were divided among the numerous societies which do make a positive contribution to university life.

J. Smuts

Gordon Cramb replies:

The article *Freshers under pressure* was in fact an interview which expressed not the "immature attitude" of *Rhodeo* staff but the opinions of the Professor of Sociology.

The editorial comment under the story on Mr Maxegwana clearly stated: "The threat to burn homes was reprehensible". It is the blatant double standards of Admin which are at issue here (q.v. the Editorial), and in this I do not think our attempts to "discredit" them can be termed immature.

Students who come to university with "great expectations" are disillusioned not by unfavourable attitudes towards Admin but by the overwhelming morass of apathy which exists among their fellows. *Rhodeo* in publishing features like *Freshers under pressure* and Alister Maxegwana is alive and well and living at the whim of Admin is attempting to counter this apathy and thereby do its readers a service. Very few students indeed would question *Rhodeo*'s "positive contribution to university life".

And as for the "certain Party" whose views we are alleged to be propagating, all of us in the office are frankly baffled!



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## NUSAS student market

The NUSAS Students Benefits Committee is to establish a student Market at UCT this year, which will enable students to sell their work on campus.

The Market will be limited to students, and only self-made goods will be sold. It will operate on a fortnightly basis under a market convention to be appointed.

Other projects that the Students Benefits Committee are working on include:

- ordering all university T-shirts in bulk to reduce costs
- travel concessions for students within the Republic, which at present are non-existent
- postboxes on campus for students in digs

Committee Chairman Jeremy Schmahmann also said that the two main problems the committee faced were that White students are privileged enough, and that the responsibility for student benefits actually lay with the various SRC's.



# wax rap

ROCK and ROLL HEART - LOU REED



A new Lou Reed album is always worth hearing, even if only to hear what the New Yorker with the bad reputation is going to try next. As with this disc there is usually a surprise or two involved. His last album "Coney Island Baby" showed Reed giving up all artistic pretensions in favour of simplistic songs with a strong rock beat and lots of rhythm guitar. This time the songs are even simpler and shorter (there are no fewer than twelve numbers) but he appears to be trying for a black feel in his music. The singing is terse and staccato and with few exceptions there is very little melody. The only guitar work on the record is Reed's own rhythm guitar, while Michael Fonfara's keyboards and Marty Fogel's jazzy sax are plastered all over the place.

Reed, once the leader of a band called the Velvet Underground, used to write songs of such excruciatingly honest soul searching (check out "Heroin" or "I'll be your mirror" for illustration), that the result was often painful in the extreme, although sometimes beautiful. Since then he has diluted the mixture on his solo efforts more and more, for which he has been almost universally panned by the critics. However Lou Reed is still the only Lou Reed, and once it has been accepted that the man has very little actually to say anymore, his constant experimentations with style remain fascinating.

"I believe in love" kicks off with a catchy brass riff and good-time party feeling and Lou professes to believe in everything from love to rock and roll to the Iron Cross (!?). "Banging on my drum" is fast, repetitive and appears to be about, guess what, masturbation. "Banging on my drum/ and I'm having lots of fun," he warbles. Ah go on Lou, tell us some more.

"Follow the leader" is a fast disco thing and is followed by three of the strongest cuts on the record. "You wear it so well" is a song of admiration for an unnamed female who bears her experience of life as well as she wears her clothes. There's a slow piano buildup at the beginning and an excellent crooning backing vocal by Garland Jeffries. "You wear it so well/ got such a story to tell". "Ladies pay" has an eerie guitar line in the background, and the title track which closes side one contains the classic chorus which summarises Reed's current anti-intellectual stance: "I guess that I'm dumb/ 'cause I know I 'aint smart/ but deep down inside/ I got a rock and roll heart."

Sidetwo is not quite as good but there are a couple of outstanding cuts. "Chooser and the chosen one" is the only instrumental that Reed has put on disc and is a great piece of 3a.m. night club jazz. "Sheltered life" is an amusing tale of a naive home town boy who wants to acquire sophistication; with its walking bass and sax it reminds one of the Kinks. On "Temporary thing" which is the closer, the highly inflected singing renders the lyrics unintelligible, but the insistent hi-hat beat, chanting background vocals and hand claps in the fade-out sustain some tension.

Lou Reed can or will not write great emotional songs anymore, but the musicianship and variation here is excellent throughout and you can dance to most of it. Lou's fans will grab it for sure, and others might find much to enjoy.

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## UND Newspaper Under Pressure

The banning of the last 1976 issue of UND's student newspaper, DOME and the pending appeal by ex-Wits Student editor Sean Moroney against a conviction under the Publications Act will have critical consequences for all South African student newspapers.

The last 1976 issue of DOME, which carried an allegedly obscene article on rape was banned by the Publications Board after a complaint from a parent. After the banning, DOME editor John Morrison and assistant editor Garth Senekue spoke to the Principal, who told them of his disgust at the issue.

### Secret

At a subsequent "restricted" Council meeting, the UND Council discussed the matter in private, excluding the only student representative, SRC President Bernie Wolfsdorf. He afterwards received a letter from Council which;

- expressed its disgust at the banned issue
  - called for the dismissal of the DOME staff.
- The letter also threatened to ban the campus newspaper permanently. Although the issue concerned DOME, and specifically the editor, the letter from the Council bypassed him entirely.

### Police

At the same time two members of Durban's Vice Squad, a Lt. Brown and a Sgt. Stopforth, opened a docket on the affair. Their investigation has since been completed, and the matter now rests with the Attorney-General. John Morrison is waiting to see what steps will be taken.

### SRC

At a special meeting the SRC rejected Council's letter and expressed strong dissatisfaction with the fact that existing channels such as the Students Disciplinary Court and the Student Newspapers Press Board of Reference had been bypassed.

### Big Business

DOME's Assistant Editor spoke to one of the Council members that represent financial concerns which are donors to the University, Mr Craib of the Natal Witness. He supported the Council move against DOME, "because it might scare away financial donors."

### Implications

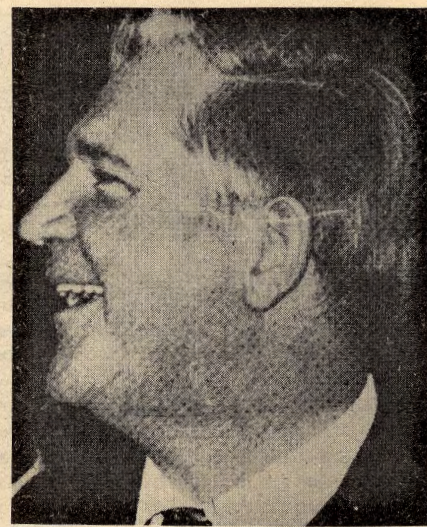
The implications for the student press are crucial: university administrations that disregard the official channels they themselves have created foster distrust and resentment, and also exert direct and powerful influence on a student press which has very little means of protecting itself. It is to be hoped that Rhodes Admin. does not follow suit.

## Moroney appeal

Sean Moroney, ex-editor of Wits Student, is at present appealing against a judgement late last year under the Publications Act of 1974. His trial under the act was a precedent setting case. Out of three charges he was found guilty on two, the most controversial of which was the publication of an undesirable document after it had been published, i.e. a retroactive offence for producing two issues of Wits Student in mid-1975, which were banned.

Moroney was fined R200 suspended for three years. He was found not guilty of publishing a newspaper that was not registered, as required by law.

The importance of Moroney's appeal lies in the fact that should it fail, there are 11 similar prosecutions pending against various student editors, who could be prosecuted for the publication of banned issues in the past. This includes DOME, Varsity and Wits Student.



## Why can't the English?

"We do find out. We have our methods." With these ominous words Professor Guy Butler (alias The Godfather) warned his new English I class of the dire penalties attached to handing in work that is not one's own.

But perhaps he has more confidence in his mysterious "methods" and in the marking standards of members of his department than he ought. For one literature assignment last year, two essays, word-for-word the same were handed in to two different tutors. One was returned highly commended with 72%; the other was failed with 36%, exactly half of the other mark!

In another similar instance, the original earned 58% and the plagiarised version 72%. Inconsistency is not the word for it. Nor are these essays marked in a rush: students were discontented last year with the tardiness of some English Department tutors in having written work marked and returned. There were some delays of as much as two months.

This academic slackness has again manifested itself in the marking of the recent Aegrotat examinations, for students who due to illness could not write in November. Results of the papers, written on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 February by only two students, appeared over a week later. By contrast, the Pharmacy Department had the results of its exam, which some twenty students wrote on Saturday 12, out by late the following Tuesday.

Is this good enough for reputedly the best English Department in the country?



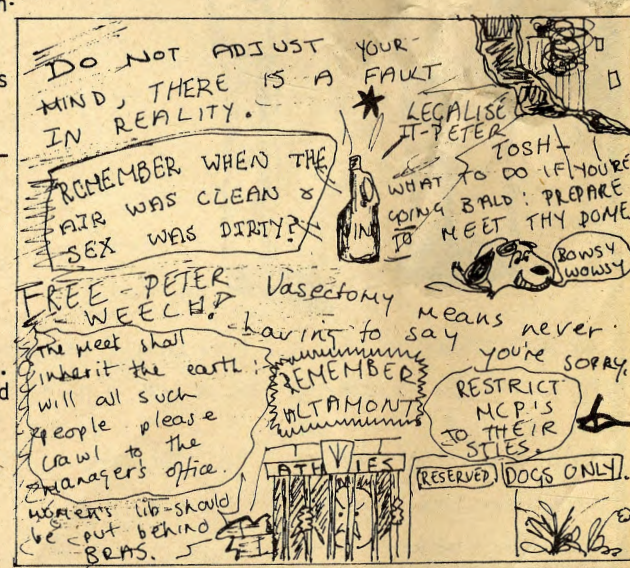
## Criminal Charges for Freshers Reception?

The freshers brochure sales were illegal. SRC Treasurer Graham Bell has taken legal advice on this, and has learned that the system whereby freshers had to pay R3-50 for a largely useless brochure in order to get a R1-00 Inky Social ticket, is "conditional buying" which is prohibited by law.

The SRC made R1-00 profit on each brochure, but according to Graham this was used for functions such as the cheese and wine, and paying the travelling expenses of opening speaker Dr Abel Hendrickse.

Nevertheless the affair, which led to the resignation from the SRC of Rob Midgeley, will be the subject of an investigation.







# EDITORS' CONFERENCE '77

A new stage in English-Afrikaans dialogue was reached recently at the 1977 Student Newspapers Conference in Cape Town, when student editors agreed to exchange news and information on a regular basis. They also agreed in principle to meet at least twice a year to ensure continuity in inter-university communication.

The conference was attended by delegates from all White universities except RAU. No Black or Coloured students attended, although conference organiser Avrom Goldberg, editor of *Varsity*, invited all South African universities. He said that as far as he knew, there were no student newspapers functioning on Black campuses since the unrest.

Rhodes was represented by *Rhodes* editor Martin Feinstein and assistant editor Gordon Cramb.

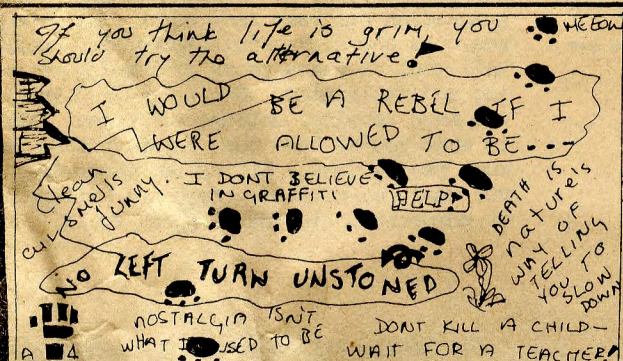
The idea of a National Student Newspaper Association, which was raised by *Varsity*, was agreed to in principle, although Afrikaans editors maintained that the same objectives could be achieved with a "gentleman's agreement".

It was proposed that student newspapers should cooperate in forming a telex network to facilitate news exchange, and a firmer decision is expected to be made at the next meeting in June.

The conference was opened by Mr. Mike Phalatse, assistant editor of *The World*, who read a special opening message from Mr. Percy Quoboza, editor of the newspaper, who was unable to attend due to unrest in Soweto.

Although ideological differences hampered the conference at some points, editors generally agreed that English and Afrikaans campuses had reached a new stage of dialogue and a new awareness of the South African political situation. In the words on one Afrikaans editor: "We recognise the need for fundamental change in South Africa."

Another development was the formation of an Independent Student Advertising Service, a private concern which will co-ordinate national student advertising for student newspapers throughout South Africa. The service is being run by Anthony May, ex-business manager of *Varsity*.



1st professor: "Now it's February, I see all those nasty students are back again."

2nd professor: (sigh) "Yes. What paradise the academic life would be without them!"

# QOBOZA: STRONG PRESS NEEDED

Extracts from a special opening address by Percy Quoboza, editor of *The World*, delivered by assistant editor Mr Mike Phalatse at the 1977 Student Newspapers Conference.

There is today, more than ever before, a need for the people of this country to initiate serious and earnest discussions on this topic. Never in the history of our country have we been confronted with the immense and frightening challenge that South Africans of all race and colour groups are faced with today.

Anybody, every organization and any group of people who refuse to recognize that our country is undergoing a bad and sometimes traumatic time, then they are literally sleeping through a revolution.

The press in our country, especially the English speaking press and the Afrikaans press in particular, have been unanimous in their outlook that South Africa needs serious and fundamental changes in its national policy. They have warned that any attempt to preserve our glorified traditional way of living can only spell disaster for our country. What is more, we stand today, more than at any other time of our history, on the brink of a racial confrontation.

## Message

We have seen the message of the past few months as strongly indicating that:

- there is a crying need for an alternative national policy to the present policy of apartheid which is leading this country to disaster;
- there is an even greater crying need for people to place more emphasis on those things that unite us as South Africans instead of clinging to outdated and irrelevant justifications for the perpetuation of racism and white privilege;
- the country is crying out for meaningful leadership that will recognize the need for all peoples of our country to come together around the conference table and together let us map out a mutual and acceptable national policy that will ensure peace and guarantee the rights of all South Africans irrespective of race, colour and religion;
- but above all, there is now the biggest urgency for the elimination of racial discrimination and the adoption of a policy that interprets human dignity for what it is and accepts merit, and merit only, as the criterion on which a man can and must be judged.

We are well aware that people will not take the invitation to scrutinize us but they feel more comfortable in making public insinuations and indulge in all kinds of smear campaigns against the press.

## Black Consciousness

We have neither been influenced by imaginary Black Power nor intimidated by White Power. Our whole and entire perspective has been designed by human power. The power of all our peoples - black and white - to come together for a common and national goal.

It is true that we have expressed complete sympathy with Black Consciousness. We have been sympathetic because we are convinced that it is not a sectional and racist philosophy, but a genuine and honest attempt by oppressed peoples to find themselves in this sea of frustration and even of anger.

Black Consciousness in its entirety does not preach white hatred but is a natural reaction to white nationalism. It does not preach destruction but creation. The creation of a new society where the rights of individuals - as opposed to groups - will be guaranteed and their human dignity recognised.

We have been able to understand these aspirations because in our daily lives and operations we have never made bones about our innermost resentment and hatred for two kinds of people - White racists and Black racists. This we proclaim without fear or favour.

## Traitors?

I must profess that I could never understand the workings of a Nationalist mind. While they take the liberty of harrassing and intimidating our reporters, they never cease - through their department of Information - to send all their import- and visitors to our newspaper to speak to the very people they accuse of being traitors to their country.

We have never been traitors. We have accepted their visitors with open hearts and warm hands. We have never said to them that we do not want to talk to visitors of the Government. Our doors have always been open for the simple reason that our actions are always open and subject to the most critical scrutiny. We have nothing to hide at all.

Eventually the people of South Africa and the world at large - who remain the final judges of our actions and intentions - will come around to the fact that the South African press stands high and aloof when it comes to dedication and loyalty to its country.

## New Nation

What I am confident about, is that long after the myth and illusions of the Nationalist Party lie in ruins, a new nation will emerge in which colour has no place. In which religion has no part to play. In which South Africans will be together. To gather because they must be together if they have to avoid the stupidity of national suicide. To gather, for in the words of the Dr Martin Luther King Jr: "Unless we learn to live together as brothers we will perish together as fools." I am convinced that we are not fools. I am confident that we are victims of a dream - an unattainable nightmare. A nightmare in which future historians will shake their heads in disbelief and our future generations will be ashamed of this era we find ourselves in.

This is why my friends I believe that South Africa needs a strong and courageous press. To act as custodian of all the norms of decency and the highest principles for which our Western heritage has found strength and survival.

The press stands as the only visible monument of honesty, decency and survival from the horrors of a dictatorship. If indeed South Africans are serious about saving democracy in this our darkest hour, then they will stand up and be counted. They will reject with contempt the activities of our government that involves their country in a war across our borders, deny that they are involved and two years later confirm that they were involved.

In conclusion I can only appeal that you more than everybody else are conscious of your national responsibility and will at all times ensure that the nation is well served with a free and powerful press.

The alternative to this is too ghastly to contemplate.



# Joke!

Professor Marius Swart, professor of history at UPE, maintains that Afrikaans is capable of becoming the *lingua franca* of Africa.

He said that Afrikaans is as well qualified as Swahili to become such a language and should be developed to that end. Swahili, he said, "had been chosen by the communists to be promoted as the international language of Africa."

He was speaking at a ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of Afrikaans theatre in the city. He also called for the university to introduce the study of Swahili "as part of the promotion of Afrikaans in Africa."

# Terrs and Uzzis

Introducing a BBC *Panorama* TV programme about White Rhodesian farmers, producer David Dimbleby found it necessary to say that it might help "to know the slang that they are going to be using." He went on to explain to British viewers that *terrs* is short for 'terrorists', *Uzzi* is the name for an Israeli sub-machine gun, to *rev* is to shoot someone and *munt* is a derogatory name for an African.

One of the interviewed farmers, Jack Wantenaar and his wife, speaking on the programme: "We've moved the locals out of the old kraals and given them housing in a protected village. There is an alarm system which I am putting in. They can notify me when there is a terr present. We had an old chap next to our boundary. He was sort of loyal to us, to the Europeans. And they attacked him, and shot his son. I think he was a good old chap...so that's a nasty thing, shooting that old Black."

His wife asked him who he was talking about. "Nothing - my old neighbour. You know: munt. This is lousy, man, when they do things like that."

His wife: "I have my revolver in my handbag. I carry it even in town, wherever I go. But my Uzzi is what I carry when I'm travelling on the road today, and I know how to use it. I would like to take one of those blokes with me. I think everybody has that opinion. they want to take one with them."

She interrupted her conversation to ask: "Anne, can you tell the piccaninnies to bury the cat? Down there, in the pineapples."

(From *The Listener*)

# Varsities ask Govt

The Minister of National Education, Dr. Piet Koornhof, announced in Parliament that three White universities had applied to the government for permission to admit students of all races. They are the universities of Cape Town, Witwatersrand and Rhodes.

He was replying to a question from Dr. F. van Zyl Slabbert (PRP, Rondebosch).

He stated that the principals of the three universities had made the applications last year, and "they will be furnished with a reply as soon as possible."

## BLACK COUNCIL CHANGES

The Deputy Minister of 'Bantu' Education, Dr. Andries Treurnicht, said in Parliament that the composition of the Councils of the three Black universities would be changed this year. He said that the relevant Acts would be amended during the present parliamentary session.

Last year, the Commission of Inquiry into the disturbances at the University of the North recommended that the councils should be changed so that there would be a Black majority.



NUSAS President Fink Haysom, who is also president of the UCT SRC, visited Rhodes recently to speak to students and staff. RHODEO will feature an interview with him in the next issue.



SRC Publications Councillor Albert Heydenrych signs up students for one of the many societies that vied for student interest at last week's Societies Evening.

# Grad grumbles

The decision by Administration to hold the 1977 Graduation ceremonies in the 1820 Settlers Monument instead of, as is traditional, in the Great Hall, has evoked opposition from the SRC, which was not at any stage consulted.

"This arbitrary decision is typical of the University Administration's blatant disregard for the SRC and the students it represents", read the motion. It called on Senate to "issue an unconditional apology for ignoring the SRC" and to re-investigate the venue.

SRC members Sue Lipworth and Chris Leppan, who objected to the tone of the wording, were the only ones to oppose the move.

# Banned

Two documents published by the Minister's Fraternal of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga (Black townships in Cape Town) have been banned. The banning was announced in the Government Gazette.

"Message for 1977", addressed to "those in authority and to White South Africa", appealed for the dismantling of racial discrimination and called attention to a number of areas which required immediate attention. Copies had been sent to the Prime Minister, all members of Parliament, newspaper editors and church leaders.

Another document, "The Role of Riot Police in the Burnings and Killings, Nyanga, Cape Town, Christmas 1976" was also banned.

The document alleged that Riot Police were, in some instances, to blame for the township violence, as they allegedly aided migrant workers in attacking residents.

The assistant secretary of the Minister's Fraternal Rev. David Russel, said he was "amazed" at the bannings. "Message for 1977", he said, was a considered opinion of things needed to make for peace in South Africa.

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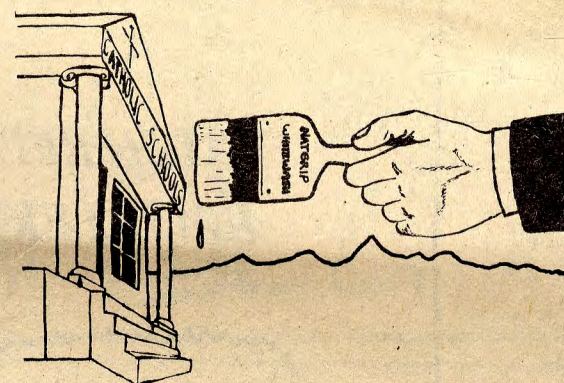
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# The buck stops...

The SRC at its February meeting resolved to suspend the operation of the SRC Disciplinary Board "until the board is accorded independent powers."

At present the board is "nothing more than a tool of the administration", says Izak Smuts, the proposer of the motion which was passed with one abstention. The board, consisting of the President and four other SRC members, is being used by the VC to dispose of all unpleasant matters he would prefer not to deal with himself, it was said.



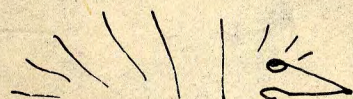
# Open schools

"The courage and determination shown by the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church of South Africa in opening its schools to all races" was commended by the SRC at its last meeting, while "The tactless and kragdadige methods used by Dr Munnik and Mr Sybrand van Niekerk in their handling of this particular issue" was condemned.

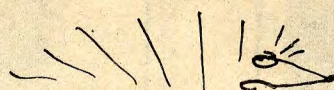
The student body called on "the Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors, or the appropriate bodies of all universities in South Africa to enter into urgent negotiations with the Nationalist regime" to bring about these changes.

The motion was passed with one abstention, Izak Smuts.

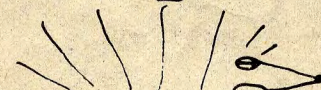
So Ackerman's a trustee?



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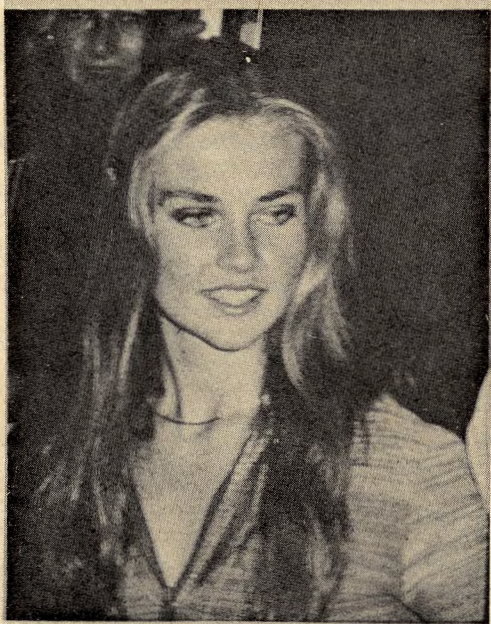


Down came the shops on the North side of High Street, and up goes a branch of Pick 'n Pay!





# RAG QUEEN 1977



## Trish Wood

*Trish, who was crowned at the Coronation Ball on Saturday night, is a second-year HPTC student from Cape Town. She will be representing Rhodes at the Witzenburg Campus Queen Competition in May. Her two princesses are Shirley Anthony and Rose Baker.*

## Rhodent blitz

To those who have only heard of this mystical exercise and are good at hearing this may smack of corruption (at least the Americans have taught us something about Government) but on closer investigation the smell of rats is more an illusion than a fact.

That mags were sold is more a credit to the sellers (among them, a certain Clousseau) than to the promptitude with which they were delivered. Meeting at 4.15 outside the library, the transport left late and the venerable flagship of the fleet crept into East London like it was approaching a wrecking yard.

Mag selling started at 9.15 and within 5 minutes the public were being led like lambs to the slaughter and ... and bloody? - one seller nearly got 'bloody stuffed'. With attractive females accosting the other attractive female sellers and trying to sell as well as buy, activity was furious. In 4 hours, every illiterate in the town had his phonographic copy of 'Rhodent'.

Botha and Olive Schreiner sold an incredible 590 ad mags while Pringle and Hobson sold 530. The occasion was however made by Kronenbrau who donated free beer and T-shirts. Now all rhodents know the meaning of free booze and this perhaps led to the merry frovolity which took place after the "job" had been done.

The journey back was more palatable for all-it took as long but various conditions of the load guaranteed a float home 'I tell yew, the aisles were almost up to the poopdeck when I came tew'.

A footnote must be added-they call me club footed Paul Etzine and AIESEC must be congratulated on their organisation; the allotment of areas to the selling groups and the aquiring of free booze meant instantaneous success.



## Centapede?

Although Rhodes Rag might appear to be a time for student frivolities, it still remains mainly concerned with raising funds for charity or being of service to the public.

Therefore the Rhodes Rag Committee has always made the Big Bleed an important occasion in its programme. The Big Bleed will be held in the Great Hall on Wednesday March 9, under the guidance of the Eastern Province Blood Transfusion Service.

The residence which donates the most blood will be given a shiel by the Blood Transfusion Service and each member of the winning residence will be given a pint of beer.

If a student donates three or more pints of blood, he/she becomes eligible for free blood when required when required. This could prove to be a very useful offer as a pint of blood comes to about R20 today.

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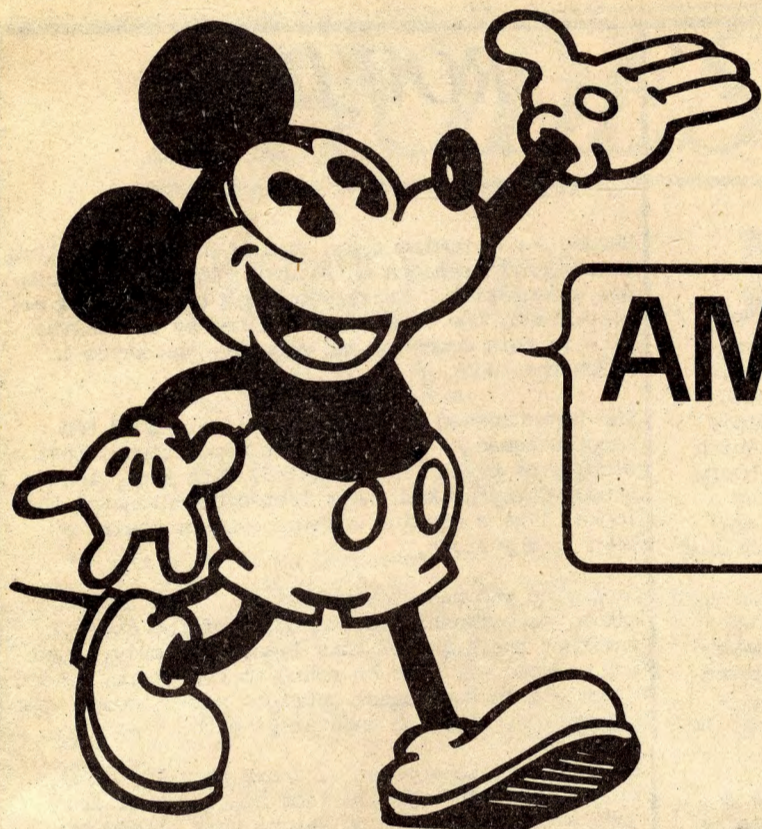
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Rag Princesses:  
Above, Rose Baker;  
Below, Shirley Anthony.







AMERICA  
ONE

Graham Watts graduated from Rhodes in 1974 and went on to do Politics Honours. A lecturer in the Journalism Department last year, Graham is now studying for his Masters degree at the University of Wisconsin. These are his initial impressions of the United States.

When I saw the list of possible major subjects for a degree at the University of Wisconsin, it wasn't long before I realised I was in America. You like it? Then why not get a degree in it? Apparel Design, Ethnomusicology, Recreation Residence Management, Agricultural Journalism, Risk Insurance; or even something listed as INF SYS ANAL & DESIGN. I was going to say "you name it..." But even if you can't pronounce it, you can still do a course in it: like PRE-SCH KINDER ED. You can even do credit courses in tennis - but more of that later.

In a way, that list of majors on the registration form could have been an index to a book called *America: Society, Politics and Economics* - a comprehensive account. The truth is that America is as diverse a society as the UW's possible majors. It's the nearest thing I've come across to an exhaustive list of "things American".

As was common during last years bicentennial celebrations, people often say - and I must too - that "America must have done something right." You've just got to look hard, that's all.

And I've been looking. Unfortunately when I first arrived here, wide-eyed as I was, I registered for those courses my advisor said I should take and ended up attending if-you-can't-count-it-it-doesn't-exist classes for the first four months. A miserable time was had.

But then I met someone who showed me the other side of America. I was marching in a pro-abortion rally one Saturday at the Capitol Square and everyone around me was chanting: "Two, four, six, eight, separate the Church and State." Except one. Faintly to be heard, in time but, but not quite in the same vein: "Two

four, six, eight, smash the family, smash the State." I think we'll be lifelong friends.

With my new-found friend's assistance, (we became acquainted in Bob & Gene's Rhythm and Booze Bar after the rally) I have 'gotten' around to doing my grocery shopping at the Mifflin Street Coop (you can still smell the teargas from the anti-war years in the soya beans); eating dinners at the Green Lantern People's Eating Co-operative (down with bourgeois eating habits: pass the organically grown lettuce); studying under Comrade Professor Erik Wright in the Sociology Dept. (where your final grades will be collectively negotiated to avoid the type of oppressive imperialistic bourgeois authoritarianism we study in this course reproducing itself in this classroom) and reading *Free For All* underground newspaper, (with cover stories like "Is Swine Flu a Hoax" and slogans like "Vaccinate Pigs, not People").

The truth is that the margins of socially acceptable behaviour patterns in this country and on the Madison Campus are far wider than they are in South Africa. And quite literally indulgent individualism and alternative radical lifestyles exist side by side in remarkable harmony. But despite the extended boundaries there exists, as in any society, I suppose, the usual lifeless blob in the middle. The vast majority of students here are obsessed with academic results and career prospects balanced with the character building qualities of athletic prowess and membership of organisations - any organisations.

In the social sciences it is readily apparent that Parsons is still alive and well and living in America. Coupled with this conservative sociology is the pervasive insistence that nothing may be said until you have two tables and a graph to substantiate it. Indeed, a thesis measuring and quantifying the anxiety-levels of suburban housewives on Weight-Watchers diets would be far more readily acceptable, I'm sure, than a purely theoretical piece attempting to explain the causes of malnutrition in the Third World.

When European social scientists accuse Americans of crass positivism the response is to call the former 'armchair speculators'. As someone once remarked: "The European holds high the banner of preserving intact the problem in which he is basically interested...; the American raises aloft the standard affirming adequacy of empirical data at any price..." God spare us from both. The task of the philosopher is not to interpret the world, someone once said, but to change it. In the meantime there is work to do and credits to be got. Anyone for tennis?

RHODEO will be featuring more articles from Graham Watts in future issues.



## Police Brutality in Mdluli's Death?

Martin Feinstein

The full horror of police brutality towards detainees was revealed during the "terror trial" in Pietermaritzburg recently when a government pathologist told the Supreme Court that Joseph Mdluli, a detainee, had died as a result of "force applied to the neck." He said that death could not have been caused by falling over a chair, as the Security Branch have claimed.

Ten men appeared on charges under the Suppression of Communism and Terrorism Acts. They are Mr. T.H. Gqala, Mr. William Khanyile, Mr. Anton Xaba, Mr. John Nene, Mr. Vusimusi Magubane, Mr. Matthews Meyiwa, Mr. Azari Ndebeli, Mr. Zakhele Mdlalose, Mr. Joseph Nduli and Mr. Cleophas Ndhlovu.

All ten have pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Mdluli, a former ANC member, died on March 19 last year while in detention. Four members of the Security Branch were charged with culpable homicide arising from his death, but were found not guilty.

The pathologist giving evidence is Dr. Barnard van Straaten, a pathologist at the South African Police laboratory in Durban. He told the court that he had first seen Mr. Mdluli's body in a Security Branch office, and rigor mortis had already set in. He said that Mdluli could have been dead for up to 12 hours.

He had allegedly been informed that Mr. Mdluli had been sitting on a chair, but rose and said that he was not feeling well. He allegedly then collapsed, although no mention was made of a chair.

A post mortem revealed that Mr. Mdluli had numerous and extensive injuries that could not have been incurred through falling off a chair:

- abrasions on both cheeks
- abrasions on both shins and ankles
- three fractured ribs
- fractured Adam's apple
- blood congested lungs
- brain was extremely haemorrhaged
- extensive neck bruises caused by force
- abrasions behind left shoulder and calf
- deep bruising and haemorrhage over left rib cage

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## Scuba Course

The Rhodes Underwater Club is holding a course this term for the third class scuba certificates.

The course, which is led by the captain of the club, Miss Sandy Rudd involves passing seven practical and two written tests, and prepares divers for any emergency.

The first test is a basic swimming test and the three following are snorkel tests. The last of these must be held in open water and involves diving to a depth of about eight metres, with a snorkel as the only breathing aid.

The latter three tests are scuba tests and include five open water dives of more than 20 m. and 10 open water dives of more than 10 m.

Lecturers are held twice weekly to prepare the participants for the two written papers - the theory of snorkel and the theory of scuba diving, respectively.

They include lectures on first aid, equipment, diving, physiology, life saving, pressure effects, air compressing and diving medicine.

Sandy Rudd is the only woman in South Africa who is trying for her first class scuba certificate.

## Intervarsity dates

Summer: 16 March, at Rhodes.

Winter: 5/6 August, at UPE.

## ROUND ROBIN

The tennis club held a social round robin competition on Saturday 20 February. The event was held to eye out the talent and in this respect was a success Bruce Barder, Gary Solomon, and Gordon Kiyter all showed up well.

The club has initiated a new ladder system which will encourage players to challenge more regularly. Each player has one free challenge which he/she may use to challenge anybody on the ladder. If successful the challenger assumes the position of the challenged while in the event of failure he/she will drop to the bottom of the ladder. In addition ordinary challenges of two places above will still operate. To keep the club lively everybody will have to challenge twice a month. The importance of this system lies ultimately in the fact that all teams are chosen solely with reference to the ladder.

## You get more

The Rhodes University grant this year is expected to rise to R28 800. The 1976 allowance per student was R7; this year it is to be R12. With an estimated attendance at Rhodes of 2400 this will give the Sports Union R28 800.

The budget allows R3 200 for equipment, R95 000 for transport, R4 250 for SAU tournaments, R6 000 for Sports Union administration costs and R2 200 for affiliation fees.

Petrol allowances for private vehicles has been raised considerably. From R8 in 1976 to East London to R15 this year and to Port Alfred from R2.50 to R4.50.

The large budget rise will allow the Sports Union to pay all affiliation fees; in the past they only paid half, and will increase the SAU tournament grant to R1850 which in terms of the individual means a rise from R6 to R12.

This year the Sports Union brought out T-shirts, bags and hats, all in the familiar Rhodes colours. Barclays were responsible for the sponsorship.

## 300 start Big Walk

The Big Walk organized by Clive Pearson for Rag was staged before an appreciative audience on Saturday. Those subtle enough to avoid entering simply stood by while the charlatans pretended to exude active disinterest. Well these people eventually got off to looking for ElDorado which in this setting was an isolated Coke stand every 5km. Seeing that the country is experiencing a severe drought this year (Durbs got washed away last month) watering the beasts was not desirable.

The procession wound itself up the Kowie road and then unwound itself down to the Belmont Valley turnoff - by this stage some of the clocks weren't ticking very well: some even showed distinct signs of disorder. Alarms were tolling while some guys were going off, leaving 'ell out of the clock. (The tradition goes on?)

Ashley la Grange finished first or rather he crossed the finishing line first 5 seconds ahead of Chris Sanderson. Ashley explained that although this small time difference might perhaps indicate a "dice" it was just too hot to put the car into overdrive, so the group of runners sweated it out in neutral with a finishing spurt to please the gawkers. The 2 hours 25 minutes times produced by these two runners was excellent, as were the times of about 2 hours 40 minutes produced by S Clarke and D Peacock.

For those who root for the females, there was an extremely fresh-looking Jenny Anderson finishing about twentieth in 4 hours 9 minutes.

Although about 300 started, the boiling weather was instrumental in slowing the majority of the field down - after five hours only 50 people had completed the course. Obviously heat is not conducive to good performances.

## Singing (for George)

*Everybody gets his priorities arse about face, but this is the sport at Rhodes*



## ROWING...

*by Julian Roup*

Rhodes's new rowing team, rowing in the open class at the Kowie regatta on Saturday 18 February, caused a sensation. Firstly because they were an all black team, the first ever fielded by any university in this country, and secondly the style in which they won.

The team crossed the finishing line a good ten lengths ahead of their nearest opposition. What a display of black *kragdadigheid*! With their innate sense of rhythm and their incredible fitness, they looked like a winning machine even on their way down to the start.

As anyone who has ever pulled an oar in any regatta knows, gamesmanship is the order of the day. To say that the sight of this immaculate crew, chanting a Xhosa war song en route to the start, caused gloom and in some cases outright panic amongst the opposition, would be understating the case.

Getting away to a powerful start they looked the winners all the way. In fact the old trainers' joke about wanting to go skiing this afternoon chaps... with this team it looks a distinct possibility.

The crew was as follows: bow, Joseph Malangabi; two, David Talie; three, Maxwell Dlamini; stroke, William Mogoregi; and cox Edward Sinani. All of the above are either drivers of the various Rhodes buses or work in the Admin block.

The idea to start a black crew was sparked off one night at about 7pm down at Settlers Dam, when Louis the regular A crew busdriver mentioned to one of the crew that their stroking wasn't looking so hot....

*The above story if unfortunately just that, a story. In fact, read in the context of present-day South Africa it sounds more like a fairy tale. Isn't this a tragedy both for black and white?*

*In reading the previous Rhodéo I noticed some remarks about the alienation of most of the students from campus politics. It appears that this arose out of the extreme left and right positions taken by politically active students last year.*

*It is 1977 and today in South Africa when the Government is allowing mixed sports clubs, is there any justification on a supposedly liberal campus for the non-implementation of the above idea?*

*Instead of the usual hot air, theorizing and debates let us do something constructive to ment the ever-widening gap between the races. Not in a patronizing or let's-help-the-poor-downtrodden-blacks attitude, but for our own good. We will be the richer for it.*

## CRICKET:

### Fraser's faultless ton

Gavin Fraser hit a solid 106 not out to pave the way for a Rhodes victory over Walmer by 1 wicket. Coming in at number 4 he batted responsibly and in a ninth wicket partnership he and Gavin Klettex took the total from 257 to 295 to pass the Walmer declaration of 271 for 5.

The two-day match began with Walmer winning the toss and batting. The foundation of their innings was laid by Neville Ritchie who made 110 not out. Phillip Rudd took 2 for 66 while Rob Russel showed himself a keen fielder.

Apart from Gavin's fine 106 good support was given by Alan Tarr (46), Phillip Rudd (37), C. Pearson (30) and M. Bosman (30). The only point of regret about the victory was that there were few spectators there to view it. The 1st team appreciate support and appeal to those who enjoy cricket to come down to the Great Field and give them their backing.

Dave Alers, a SA schools cricket player and a member of the Rhodesian team which was recently beaten by Natal in the Gillette Cup semi-final is at Rhodes. After initially shunning 1st team practices, he has now arrived and his potential should soon be realized. This fast bowler should soon be skittling out the opposition.



# in the tube



Well, believe it or not, surfing will get publicity from now on. The gripe that it was ignored was muttered with credibility: last year the surf contest down at Kowie was practically a non-event, except to those who participated, and a few hard-core supporters. RHODEO will from now on publish a surf-column, featuring surfing and surf-lifestyle news of interest and affecting Rhodes' surfers. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted and can be deposited in our letter-box.

Good news is that surfing is not altogether banned in the Kowie River Mouth (i.e. for those who did take the sign seriously).

The Town Clerk of Port Alfred, Mr Miskin, said that a problem arose with surfers paddling out down the river mouth or climbing down the ladder on the west pier, and swimming across the bar. After several close incidents in the classic surfer-fisherman struggle, the Town Clerk found it necessary to keep us safe and prohibit surfing and/or swimming in the river mouth.

However, if from now on, you park your car/Kombi/van on the East bank, and paddle out in the rip along the East pier, no-one is likely to be upset, provided you forsake that sometime-tube in the river mouth and keep to the right.



## STOOPS TALK....

Everyone's wondering about asking who to see about what spot and where to find them. It came into my mind that people should have some guide to Rhodes sport and its intricacies. Since first years have only just learnt their alphabets I thought it might be a good idea to give them some practice:

- A is for **ACTIVITY**: that which comes to the Great Field as soon as the Drummies start practising; and for **ARSON**: the only way average darts players get to hit three trip-20s.
- B is for **BREASTSTROKE**: a popular event at swimming galas and pools and outside women's residences at night; and for **BANDICOOT**: a stupid bow-legged athlete.

## Prospects for new pavilion?

Prospect House playing fields are soon to have a face-lift. A tender for a sports pavilion, probably to be called "Old Mutual Pavilion", has been accepted by an East London firm of architects.

A sum of R60,000, which will cover interest and redemption costs, was donated by Old Mutual for this purpose about ten years ago, but building will probably only start in March, and construction will probably be completed in nine months.

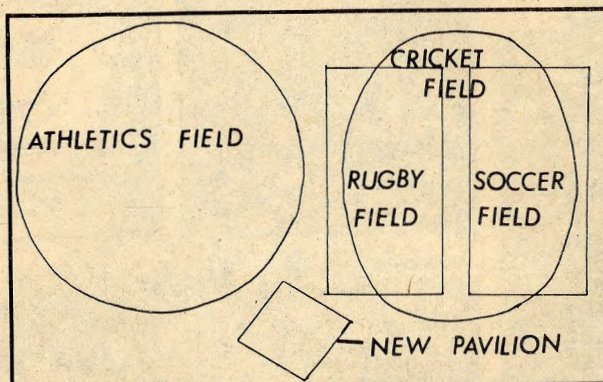
About R190 000 is to be given by the Government, which means that the building will not cost Rhodes anything. Despite this, Council refused to pass the plans for a number of years, probably because (according to Mr Doug Coghlan, senior lecturer in the Physical Education Department), they felt a pavilion was an unnecessary extravagance.

Mr Coghlan commented that "perhaps one should refer to the building as a clubhouse, rather than a pavilion, as it is to be purely functional."

The double-storey building will be situated between the athletics and cricket fields, and will be overlooked by an open balcony on the first floor of the pavilion.

A Sports Union area with a small servery for visiting teams, as well as a commentator's box will also be on the top floor. The ground floor will consist of changing rooms and equipment rooms, with an office for the equipment supervisor.

The pavilion is intended for public use, so there are plans to build a kiosk and toilets for the spectators sitting on the bank.



C is for **COMPLAINT** and **COINCIDENCE** (closely linked): Complaint being that suffered by sportsmen before long-weekend fixtures by sheer coincidence; and for **Courtier**: expression used by fielder after taking a catch.

D is for **DAREDEVIL**: Tim Schaefer 1st XI Hockey goalie, hero of many suicidal saves; and for **DUMBELL**: female weightlifter or what she lifts.

E is for **EARLY MATCHES**: not well attended but more often than not providing more excitement than main matches (advert for Thistles rugby team); and for **EYEBALL**: a communication really from a mis-hit at cricket or hockey.

F is for **FANTASY**: a noun summing up beliefs that visiting referees actually like Rhodes; and for **FINALIST**: what you do if you can't remember who's in the team for tomorrow's game.

G is for **GRACEFUL**: the best way of describing 1975/6 Sportsman of the Year, Springbok diving captain Barry Birkett, in action; and for **GOAT**: a popular Rhodes cry of encouragement.

H is for **HALF-TIME** and **HOUSE SPORT** (very closely linked) because half-time marks the limit of endurance for many house sides and is used for team talks, resting, or just passing out; and for **HAIIIEEEAAH!**, a Karate Club expression

I is for **INSWINGER**: that delivered by the bowler/pitcher or what he becomes on the party scene if he gets 8 wickets or a shut-out; and for **IDEAL**: only way I win at the Bridge Club.

J is for **JAWS**: what all Rhodents learn to use at matches. Use of jaws covers up our mistakes and encourages the players to execute some more; and for **JACKPOT**: beverage consumed by no. 11 batsman.

K is for **KEEL**: useful component of most Sailing Club vessels; also what Police try to do (legitimately by Act X42775) to Rhodes in rugby matches; and for **KEEP**: what most people do after ten minutes at a tennis match.

L is for **LEFT OUT**: something which should mean 'try harder next week' but to ego-trippers comes to mean 'time to change sports'; and for **LOBSTER**: a clever tennis player.

M is for **MARKSMAN**: The Rifle Club on its hunting ground behind the Rhodes laundry, training potential Lee Harvey Oswalds; and for **MATCHBOX**: an event that normally takes place during the second half of an evenly balanced game.

N is for **NETBALL**: a sport in which Rhodes provides several Border provincials each year. Much maligned but well worth watching; and for **NOBLE**: the end of a pinball game.

O is for **ORGANISATION**. Organisation in sport relies heavily on students. Oz is one who accepted this, made a go of it, and then got stymied by a bad referee; and for **ORANGE**, a Rifle Club term meaning point blank.

P is for **PINBALL**, THE craze on campus this year. Small things amuse small minds: silver balls and grey matter?

Q is for **Quiver**, item used by our non-existent Archery Club; also activity pursued by nervous batsmen; and for **QUADRANT**, smallest of four sons born on the same day.

R is for **REPRESENTING RHODES** which I hope as many as possible of you do this year, also for **RIPCORD**: one of the many vital strings attached to the Flying Club.

S is for **STAMINA**, that required to become a first-class member of the Cross Country Club; also for **SLIPSTREAM**: the torrent of abuse coming from a slip fielder after dropping a catch

T is for **TENNIS CLUB** or **RACQUETS** or **BALLS** or... anyway another highly successful sport on campus;

also for **TENSIONS**: how many you have to kick in a soccer match before you get sent off.

U is for **UNDERWATER SPORTS**, building cabinets beneath plug-level and underwater hockey. Give it a thrash.

also for **UGUGUGUGUGUG**: noise made by unsuccessful underwater sportsmen.

V is for **VOLLEYBALL**, a relatively new sport on the organized scene. We hope it will flourish now that the founder members have seft; also for **VIRUS**: instruction to cross-country runner on a new, untried course: "If you get lost, virus."

W is for **WIGS** - one of the great Campus sports personalities, famous for his baseball comments, Brian Wegerle also plays representative soccer; also for **WEDGE**: question asked of lost cross-country runner who got lost and didn't virus - "Wedge you get to?"

X is for **X-RAY** - a helpful device in proving injuries before the long-weekend fixtures mentioned in C;

also for **X**, a variable, where  $x=0$ ,  $x$ =fees paid by sportsmen for a year at UPE.  $x=0$ ,  $x$ =probably number of exams written by sportsmen. Where  $x$ =above 0 then  $x$ ;  $x=0$  is marks achieved in exams by sportsmen.

Y is for **Y**, a good question. Y do Rhodes lose rugby matches? For answer see F (Fantasy); also for **YALE**, a lock = 2/15 of the 1st XV

Z is for **ZEST**, that which runs out about now.; Also that quality exhibited by sportsmen; also for **ZZZZ** - noise you're probably making by now.

LATE NEWS



# A NIGHT AT THE SPACE OPERA

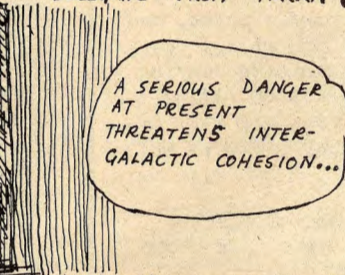
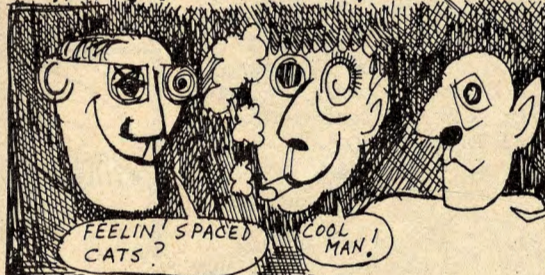
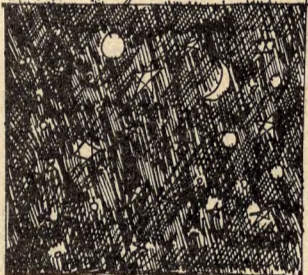
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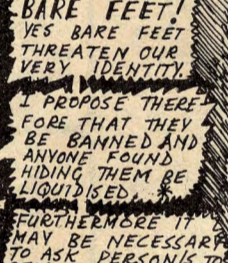
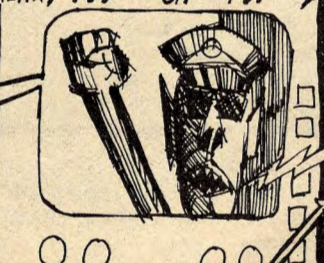
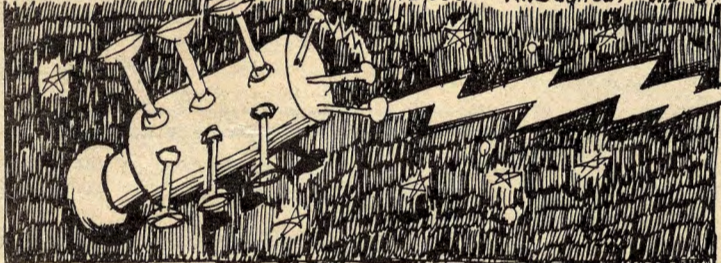
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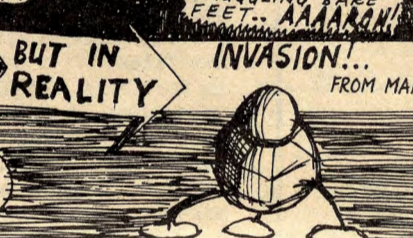
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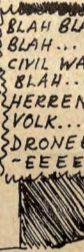


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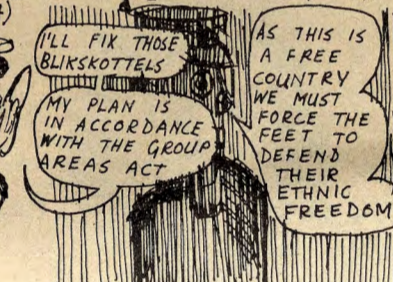
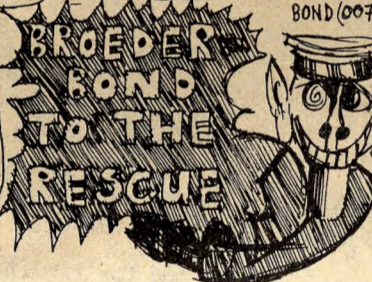
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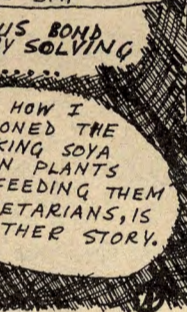
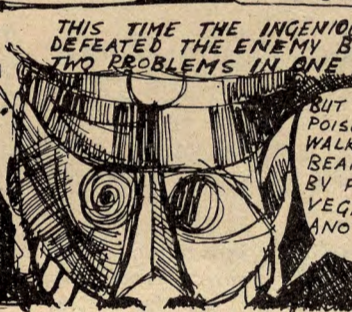
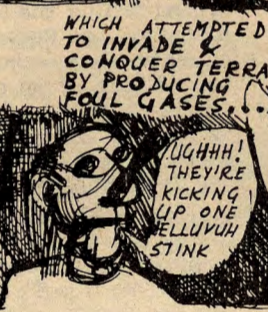
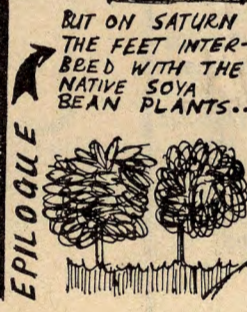
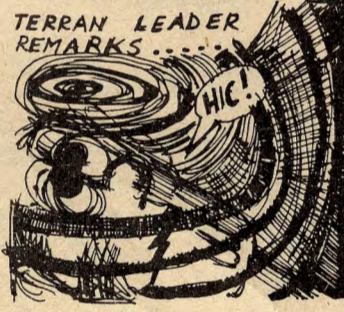
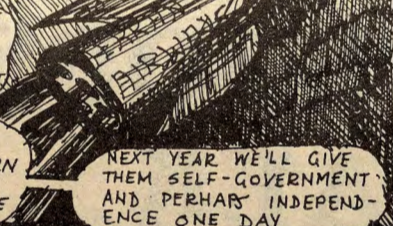
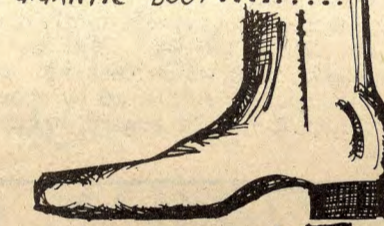
THE FEET REACT BY DEMONSTRATING. LEADER MICHAEL FOOT (WHO HAD INFILTRATED BRITISH GOVERNMENT) ADDRESSES THE MEETING:



THEREFORE, WITH CUNNING, BOND STRATEGICALLY POSITIONS A GIGANTIC BOOT.....

AND LEADS HIS BAND OF SECRET AGENTS IN A BATON CHARGE AGAINST THE FEET...

WHICH IMMEDIATELY TAKE COVER IN THE BOOT...



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