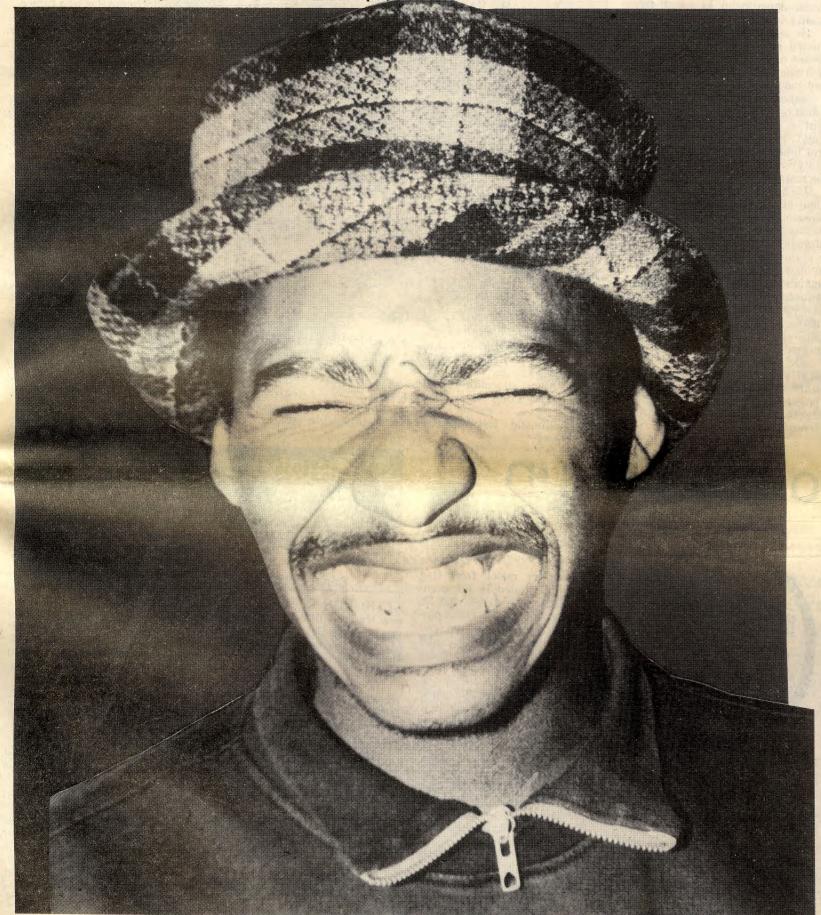
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# Subsidy cutback

Sun-ja Gohre

"RHODES has never ended a year in a deficit," the Registrar of Finance, Tony Long, said.

But he was optimistic that with

careful planning the university could escape such a first time deficit despite drastic cuts in government subsidies.

Rhodes' government subsidy for 1994 was cut by R1 million, a figure which has seen Rhodes seriously looking into ways of saving and then saving some more.

The government subsidy for 1993 was nearly R47 million and we thought it would increase by something like the inflation rate but it actually decreased," Long

Long said it took about R70 million to run the university, which included diverse items such as stationery, chemicals, electricity and vehicle payments among a whole range of other things

Student fees contributed about R20 million to the annual budget and donations normally added another R1,3 million to help the university. The latter was not growing dramatically despite the increase in expenditure due to in-

flation, Long said.
The rest of the money to balance the budget came from returns on investment as well as "surplusses"

amassed over the years for "rainy days" like those the university presently faced, Long said. Long said changes in the expen-

diture pattern were essential and listed freezes on equipment in academic departments as one of the main priorities.

He said these freezes were discussed in collaboration with the Deans of all the faculties to establish where the freezes were necessary and possible.

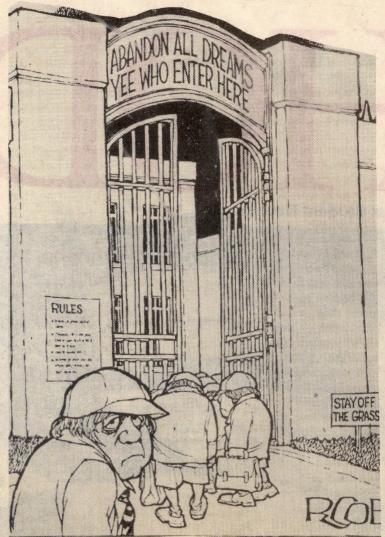
Asked about how serious the situation actually is, Long said: "I got a fright (at the subsidy cuts)...It's serious but we have still got time to correct things. Hopefully our new student numbers will

He hoped for an increase in student numbers because he could not see student fees rising much more before becoming a serious threat to

drawing in students.

Long said that the amount of money the state spent on a Hu-manities versus a Science student varied to the extent that there has been a cut in subsidy on a Humanities student from R7500 to R5700 and in the Sciences an increase from R11500 to R15000.

He said these changes do not really have an impact on the university budget, because the larger number of Humanities students basically evened the dif-



Asked if the university was preparing for a more dramatic cut in subsidies by the next post-April 27 government - because of talk of a focus on primary education as well as technikons - Long was not too

"I'm optimistic - you will have

a need for professionals and they

will come from the universities.
"I suspect reality will prevail. I don't share the pessimism. You cannot destroy a tertiary system overnight - you can damage it but not destroy it," he said.

**Empty** 

House

Sanja Gohre

ALTHOUGH two wings of the

new res are still waiting for their

furniture, the Dean of Students Dr

Moosa Motara said the "New

House" could be completely op-

"If we have enough students, we will open," Motara told RHO-

He admitted only one third of the res was furnished, but added

"Block A and C's furniture is on

He said the main cause for the

delay in the building of the res was

that "the contractors could not find

enough artisans" and were forced

to bring them from outside Gra-

the res was being built while stu-

dent attendance at Rhodes has hit

a low, Motara said the decision to

build the res was taken in 1991

when an accommodation crisis hit

there were too many students who

were seeking accommodation at

There was a massive crisis here (in 1991)," Motara said, when

He said the viability of a new res

was considered with the knowl-

edge that a res could cost up to four

or five times more in a few years

massive increases in student fees

in the next year to compensate for

the lower student attendance at

Rhodes, Motara said: "We are a

market - you are our customers.

We cannot sell ourselves out of the

Asked if students can expect

Rhodes.

the university.

Asked if it was not ironic that

ened if it were necessary.

### Money matters

Kameshnee I Do

THE beginning of another year - a time for new resolutions, fresh starts and of course, for all the first years - the beginning of a career.

Exciting times, indeed, however it can also produce numerous headaches and difficult choices. Do you live in residence or join the mass exodus of students seeking

the freedom of digs?

Perhaps the biggest obstacle is financial concerns for the period of

RHODEO investigated the financial assistance packages available to students at Rhodes University.

The commercial banks offer basically the same student loans packages with minor variations. To qualify for a loan at First National Bank, undergraduates require a minimum of a Caggregate, together with the parent/guardian having an account at the bank. The loan covers the cost of the tuition fees and R1000 for books.

The Standard Bank loan differs in that it offers a basic loan of R7000, which could be used for any purpose of studying including the payment of digs, residence fees, purchase of books and sta-

Unlike the First National Bank, they do not require the interest on

the loan to be paid back monthly.

However, Standard Bank Student Business Manager said, "We are encouraging students to pay the interest on loans so that it does not accumulate.

Interest a major factor when taking out a loan as it is offered at a prime rate

The Standard Bank also awards scholarships to outstanding stu-dents, both undergraduates and post-graduates.

Together with the commercial banks, Rhodes University also offers financial assistance to its students, in the form of student rebates, bursaries, loans and scholarships.

### Fifty percent rebate

Students may receive up to 50% rebate on their fees depending on academic performance.

The Tefsa loan system is also available for disadvantaged students. No gurantor is required here and it does offer a lower interest rate. This covers the loan plus R7200 to the student.

There are also other loans and bursaries available for disadvantaged students from the Kellogg Foundation Funds, Stefsa, Coca-Cola Bottlers and the Kagiso Trust

### lesson to learn

There are many students at Rhodes who attend university by grace of a student loan, but even more are turned away because of lack of funds - not only first years but also people who may be unable to continue payment half way through an academic career.

· The lesson to be taken from this is that as long as you can afford to be at this university, you have to take advantage of every opportunity to get what you paid for.

## sobers up

Angelicus Lazarus

"RAG day on April 16 will not be as we know it," said Annabel Johnston of the Rhodes Rag office. "There will be no floats or beer

stubes. Instead three weeks of Rag parties and functions will be spread out throughout the first

The various functions include pool parties at the Mot, courts of injustice, an M-Net red-nose day circle in town, night cricket and gambling at the Mot.

"It is impossible to please all students all the time but we will be targetting different events for different groups," Johnston said.

"Rag has become a drinking session, floats mean that people would get drunk automatically, this year the Rag committee emphasizes a more civilised approach, the functions will be day events making it less of a drinking



The Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) aims at instilling an awareness against drinking and driving that students can take back home.

The Vic and the Union have sponsored a buddy bus, that will take students to the various parties

thing," she said.

There are many positive aspects such as the Buddy Campaign.

The money raised from Rag will be distributed in the community. Rag also assists the St. Mary's day care centre. Other projects at the centre include the sew-ing centre, literary projects, games for the children and organising personpower for the various pro-

"Anyone with a skill that can be used, people who can paint to cheer up the township, help with food markets, playing with the children in the afternoons, also skills such as bricklaying, are encouraged to support us.

We also need drivers, bouncers for the various functions and people with various media skills.

Rag is not perfect, but serves a purpose to help others.

Rag is fun and it is for the students."

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Lucky Luke Mnyanda

THE Rhodes community should vote for the ANC because it is "the only party with a proven track record of struggling for people's rights", said National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (Numsa) secretary general Moses Mayekiso, last week.

Mayekiso was addressing about 1000 workers who had gathered at the Great Hall for a discussion on the ANC's Reconstruction and Development Programme(RDP).

The RDP which has its origins

in the Freedom Charter adopted in 1955, deals with the ways in which the ANC and its allies hope to reconstruct the country after decades of what they called National Party misrule and corruption.

The ANC's programme con-centrates on the needs of its traditionallydisadvantaged constituency offering peace, jobs, houses, redistribution of resources but at the same time tries to address the fears of the white mi-

"The land issue triggered the ANC's struggle and there will therefore be redistribution of land to enable those who want to work it and develop the country to do so", said Mayekiso.

However, Mayekiso emphasised that the ANC would not grab" white farms, but would instead use state land to impliment

the programme. Assistance to farmers to get access, training and markets and compensation for victims of forced removals, would be key

elements of the programme. Affirmitive action forms an important part of the ANC's plan to empower Africans, Coloureds, In-

dians and women.

Mayekiso said "Affirmitive action is not aimed at chasing whites out of their jobs but the RDP must accommodate the needs of the disadvantaged to ensure that there is

a fair distribution of jobs".

"It (affirmitive action) must not be racial tokenism but must aim at providing blacks and women with the education and skills necessary

to compete in the job market". An ANC government would use the R23 billion already available for education more effectively and provide free and compulsory education up to matric, said Mayekiso.

He said tertiary education would be "heavily subsidised to make it more accessible to previously disadvataged com-

The ANC aims to build at least 1.5 million houses and provide electricity to a further 2.5 million households over the next five years, said Mayekiso.

Mayekiso warned that people's needs would not be addressed immediately after the April 27 elections and said reconstruction

would be a "gradual process".

Referring to media reports which predicted a landslide ANC victory in the elections, he warned against complacency and called for the intensification of voter education programmes.

He said the run-up towards April 27 would be crucial and that all peace-loving South Africans should do everything in their power to protect the democratisation process from counter-revolutionaries such as the Freedom Alliance.

Sexual harassment covers a wide range of

actions and behaviour patterns. Some forms are easily recognisable; others may be less so but can still be highly offensive. Here are a few

examples of what harassment could mean:

· Making offensive comments or behaving in a way that is known, or ought to be known, to be unwelcome.

 Offensive, abusive or suggestive communications.

 Acts such as the crimes of rape, attempted, indecent assault, crimea injuria, sodomy where the parties are not consenting adults, statutary rape or attempted statutory rape.

· The promise of reward for agreeing with or submitting to a sexually-orientated request or favour.

 The threat of reprisal for not agreeing with or submitting to a sexually-orientated request or advance

· Unwanted direct sexual propositions or invitations or physical contact.

· The display, anywhere but in a private place, of posters, car-toons or drawings which are, or ought to be known to be offensive.

· Making suggestive or demeaning comments or gestures about a person's appearance, body or sexual orientation.

· Offensive or lecherous staring, leering or whistling.

Not all sexual attention is sexual harrassment. It is only so when sexual attention is unwanted and abusive, intimidating or op-pressive. Sexual harassment includes both men and women, however, it is more common for women to be harassed than men.

Information supplied by A. Clifford-Vaughan, Head of Public Relations and DevelJay's Naidoo

**NEWS** 

ORIENTATION Week will see the opening salvos in a concerted campus campaign to deal with all kinds of harassment, especially sexual harassment.

This follows Senate's approval last August of a University Policy on Harassment and the subsequent establishment of a Harassment Panel, representative of all sectors of the campus community.

An education campaign, including both staff and students is planned. This will start with the distribution of pamphlets together with the inclusion of speakers in the Orientation Week Programme.

Workshops will be held in residences to alert students while arrangements are being made to reach the oppidans. Talks and panel discussions are also planned

to inform staff on the subject.
The Harassment Panel is approaching its task to combat sexual harassment on several fronts.

A main focus will be an education campaign aimed at prevention as well as the establishment of procedures to deal with harassment.

The panel hopes to secure a "pool" of trained mediators for both the victim and the accused, and will be issuing warnings about unsafe areas on campus

Co-ordinator of the Harassment Panel, Annette Clifford-Vaughan, said: "The major problem in dealing with harassment is that incidents are seldom formally reported because of the fear that the details will be repeated to

The Panel insists that absolute confidentiality will be maintained unless permission from the complaintant is received.

However, details of the incident will be reported to enable the university to keep records of the incidence of harassment on cam-pus. Normal disciplinary proce-dures will apply if a formal complaint is made.

This information was supplied by A. Clifford-Vaughan, convenor of the Harassment

Jime out

## Campus rape warning

Kathy Durphy, Hannah I&J and Dani Mountain

THE bench at the monument is the perfect place to watch a perfect sunset. However, this perfect sunset is the perfect backdrop for a

perfect rape.

Three weeks ago two school girls were sexually assaulted, narrowly escaping rape, while watching the sunset from the monument. This incident was followed by another narrow escape two days

Police officer Marais Cartz said that when night makes its appearance at the Monument and in the Botanical Gardens, women must make their exit.

He said Grahamstown may be a small and friendly place but, with-in the community, there are sick people who upset the balance.

According to police statistics, Rhini had at least one case of rape reported every two days.



Officer Cartz stressed that unlit areas, including the Great Field and the library quad, must be entered with caution at night.

The university has, however, agreed to light badly lit areas and campus security is available to escourt students home at night. He said, "Campus security is doing a

All students should be aware that date rape and sexual harrassment do exist on campus even if you do not hear about it.

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market on February 12!

## Your alphabetical guide to campus life

Abortion [ab or shin]- see admin. Admin [add min]- see abortion. Alcoholics [alk o hole icks]- see campus.

Amandla [aman dla]- cry accompanying Ngawethu. How you say hello to the na-

Apathy [a pithy]- who cares?

Black label [blak leibl]- a million blacks couldn't be more wrong. Bobbit [bob it]- what every female should

Bots [botz]- campus rape zone... steer clear.

Campus life [camp piss life]- what life?

Campus security [camp piss sa cure it e]-Rhodes' only escort agency.

Contraception [con tra sep ssh in]- address of Family Planning Clinic.

Cotch creek- vomit river, we'll leave the phonetics up to you.

Council [cow 'n sill]- white middle aged old

Dawnies [door knee zzzz]- They know we

won't go.

Deans [deen zzzz]- a male preserve. Docs [doks]- leather extensions of the distal limbs of humanoids associated with an arts

ducation [edu kay shin]- don't leave RU Elections [ill ect shinz]- here you'll have to

FF [efefef] - find a friendly first year Feminist [femme a nist]- a bobbit with an at-

Friendly herbs [fren dli her bzz]- indigenous to Ciskei, see giggle twig.
Fuck [vak]- fornicate under the command of

Fully [fool lee]- bungi phrase, I agree to the full extent.

Ganja [gan nja]- giggle twig, blows your

Gatstad [ghat stad]- biggest hole south of Nerds [ner dz]- they're narse people really. Night life [nite lie ff]- WHAT! not in G-Bloem.

Gay [gei]- happy types.
Giggle Twig [gig lill twa igg]- if you don't know, you soon will.

Harassment [har ass mint]- we'll bobbit

Hike [haik]- take one Henderson!
Honky [honk ee]- have high chances of getting skin cancer, (a white person).

Horny [whore ni]- a state of mind... save the

Hungry oppies [hungri opp ease]- see them on Sundays in your dining hall

nbreeds [in breed zz]- G-town pigs in blue. Initiation [ini she a shin]- don't be intimidated, it's degrading, just say no.

Jilted [jill ted]- dumped like a piece of shit, at the Union. Junkies [junk ees]- abusers of giggle-twig.

Kaif [kay fff]- place to nosh and arb. Kiff [key ff]- lank kief, narse.

Lank [laang kk]- verry!
Lefties [lef tease]- people with an extreme

Liberals [libber als]- people with no sense of

Madge [mad dje]- the coolest relative in

Marches [marr chis]- join the end to the April rush.

Marijuana [marra wanna]- see giggle-twig. Marriage [ma rage]- it's a two year degree. Motara [moet arra]- he's not white but he is a middle-aged male.

Motherless [muther lass]- what the RHO-DEO crew was when it wrote this. Mountain Drive [mount and drive]- pull in,

fully, but you don't have to get out.

Munchies [mun cheese]- really shit when you're in res(campus prison) after a smokey night out, see marijuana.

Narc [naak]- blue uniformed pig lover. Narse [naas]- nice.

Obies [oh bees]- Old Brown Sherry.
Odeon [oh dee on]- always better on the big screen, bring a blanket.

Oppies [opp ees]- hungry Rhodents.
Orgasm [or gas mmm]- have you had one lately, don't confuse with organism.

Paste-up [pace t up]- how do you think

this paper happened?
Penis [pee niss]- Mr Bobbit, you snooze,

Perve [purr v]- to look before you touch.
Pervert [purr vet]- Mr Bobbit.
Piss Off [piece off]- you'll know it when

Pregnancy [preg nan see]- you won't get it

till you've got it. Puke [p you kk]-see cotch creek.

Queens [kweens]- men who love men and other people too.

Hag [rag]- get pissed for charity. Rape [rae p]- a phenomenon not recognised by Rhodes admin. Don't let it happen to

Redistribution [ree dis tribute shin]- you're not stealing my Porsche.

Retrenchments [ree trench mints]- something admin does to workers while we're on

RHODEO [ro dee yoh]- for the most beautiful sunrises on campus.

Safe sex [say f secs]- just do it. Scab labour [s cab lay bar]- watch out for your knee caps.

Seriaas [see raaas]- get serious. Sexism [secs i zim]- a definite no no, but it happens at Rhodes.

Spur [spaare]- when all else fails.

Spading [s pay ding]- some people just pulhappens at Rhodes.

SRC [es aar see]- Seriously Reconsidering

Swart mense [s warrt men sir]- black by choice proud by nature.

&T [tea and tea]- tassies and tussers or cheese and wine, don't miss RHODEO's! Tokenism [tow can is im]-see Motara. Toyi-toyi [toy e toy e]- a cool way to get fit. Tuts [tarts]- something to avoid.

Ubuntu [u bu nt'u]- humanity, caring for

other people.
Underpaid Workers [unda pade work as]when the hell will they get a living wage. Unity [you n it ee]- see it in action at SRC jorls, rainbow culture.

VC [vee see]- Very Charming- NOT! Vic [v ik]- the only place to go...unfortu-

Vicstock [v ik stok]- Rhodes' version of Viva [vee va]- see amandla, how you answer back.

Volkstaat [folks tart]- in your dreams ET.

Wab [w-arb]- work avoidance behaviour. Wabbing [w-arbing] what everybody does. Wank [wengk]- zinc deficiency, you do it, you lose it.
Wellies [well ease]- place to go for expens-

Wet spot [wat splot]- where you find lost

X [ex]- make your mark. Xenophobia [zee no fob eea]- fear of everything, akin to apathy. X-rated [ex rait ed]- Guy Burger, yum yum.

Yessus [yiss sis]- geez man. Yuccies [yuck ease]- young up and coming corporate comrades.

ZZZs (catching) [cat ching zeez]- see ar-Zippos [zip oh s]- first yuppie investment, to try and light up your life. Z end!



#### **Elefant Olifant**

So... you've finally moved into digs.

Connected your telephone? Connected your water and lights? (while realising that maybe res wasn't so bad in the long run??) Decided that maybe that cheap orange chair wasn't so ugly after all? Don't despair, the Oppies Union is there.

This year the Board is ripping and roaring with new ideas with the help of oppies rep, Mary Humphreys.

Mary has suggested the possibility of the installation of a laundromat nearby Kaif, for use of Oppies.

Additionally, she will be making suggestions to the Oppidan board for possible Sunday Oppie lunches on Kaif lawns and a lift scheme for digs students on and off of campus.

Oppidans can expect invites to a cheese and wine for the first, second and third terms of this year along with an Oppie ball which will take place in the second term.

The Oppie common room is open every day for T.V and M-Net viewing and tea and coffee are served twice daily.

For those uninformed few, lawnmowers and vacuum cleaners can be hired out at very reasonble fees from the Oppie secretary. A small deposit can acquire the use of picks and hoes for oppies with

Oppidans are also entitled to discounts ranging from five to ten percent at various shops around town. A list of these shops are available from the secretary.

Also available are a list of available

For any more info or suggestions, get you butt over to the Oppies Board and see Mary Humphreys.

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Welcome to Grahamstown

### 1994 -- What's in, what's out

RHODEO's tongue-in-cheek guide to campus trends (duh! Like we'd know anyway)

### IN

Cat boots stubble/blisters/dandruff **Beavis & Butthead** grunge stubble/angora coat bridge club **Parrot and Rat** CompSci lentils Hawaii Bermudas chess club Bobbit hair Oakleys mountain bikes Hondas

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docs the bald look Mickey Mouse (sorry, Walt) techno shaved legs digs parties Mots on Thursdays library dope poly shorts ruggerbuggers sexual harassment caps ray bans club 100 (speak to Gogo Madge twice removed)

# KIFF KAIF

Wanda Why kaMkutshulwa

One membership, one entrance!
AFTER endless complaints and speculation, 1994 will see a new, revamped Kaif and Union as they are now under new manage-

The new owners, manager of the Monument restaurant, Richard Boshoff and ex-Rhodes student, Mark Musson have initiated a few changes to both the Union and Kaif.

The Union will have new furniture as well as a new bar. However the old bar will still be used for private parties and busier

It will now only be used as a lounge with the Orange Room being used for parties.

Sanitary conditions, long a source of discontent, will be improved.

Members will gain entry to the Union by means of a round chip which will allow them in once a computer has verified their

membership. Due to a 14% increase in alcohol, their prices will also increase but Musson promises to be cheaper than surrounding liq-

He added the bar will still employ students and plans to close at 12am on party nights.

Further renovations to the Union have been planned for a later date.

Another change to be expected some time this year, is that the Vice-Chancellor's dining room will be moved to Bots and the dining room will be used for student func-

Kaif prices will remain the same depending on economic conditions.

Musson promises they will improve the quality of food and will continue to serve the 'Meal of the Day.'

There will also be hot meals available in the evenings, if there is a demand for them.

He added although they are planning to close at 8.30pm, they are prepared to remain open even later if students are still around.

When asked if he was concerned that students may wreck the new furniture given their track record, Mr Musson said, "if you treat people like animals, they behave like

## Beware the bookbug

Dye-A-Gerrie Coetzee

BEWARE all first years, don't let your booklist bankrupt you. The books on your prescribed booklist usually serve as a guideline only, as some books are never used.

Avoid hasty trips to the bookstore. It is wise to seek advice from lecturers and senior students first.

With this new, shorter booklist in hand there are a few options available. The campus second hand bookstore is a good option, except that it's only open during lunch hours and there's no guarantee of finding all the required books.

The only campus bookstore, UPB is rather expensive and it's often out of stock.

Many students sell their books at a fraction of the bookstore price, and if you're searching for a bargain this is the best option. Watch department, res and Kaif noticeboards for more information.

The library has copies of nearly all the prescribed books. These are available in the main library or the short loan section.

If you only need a small section of the book it makes sense to photocopy the relevant section rather than purchasing the

Library hours are: Weekdays 8:30am-5:30pm and 7:30pm-10:30pm; Saturdays 8:45am-12:30pm, 2pm-5:30pm and 7:30pm-



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CONFUSED? Frustrated? Unhappy?

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The ADP, as the name implies, is a programme to aid students in their academic careers by means of what can be described as supplementary tutorials.

The programme involves not only Arts and Humanities but also the Science and Commerce faculties.

The Programme's services are free and offered by most departments. The Director of the programme suggested that those "who consider themselves at risk academically... should come early to find out what they

During Orientation week, students can attend introductory lectures on Arts, Commerce, Science and Humanities ADP programmes up on offer.

The programme includes well-structured workshops on study skills, exam preparation, reviews and content-related workshops. Additionally, the ADP offers tutor training and staff development courses.

For students who do not obtain immediate university entrance on the points system, the programme offers, in the field of science, foundation courses in Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science.

For Commerce students, Maths and Accounting courses and a computer literacy and Commerce foundation course are of-

The ADP is also involved in all computer based education programmes on cam-

The Director of the programme advised students who were interested to see the deans of their faculty for more information. The ADP building is situated next to the General Lecture Theatre, opposite the old Geology building.

The Counsilling Centre is open for students needing someone to talk to.

It is run by Lisl Foss and is open for completely confidential personal and academic counselling.

Counselling times are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

On Tuesdays, an intern from the Psychology clinic is also available for consultation.

The centre can be found in room B22 upstairs in the Union Building. Although times are given for consultation, Foss stressed that if a problem cannot wait, counselling is available by appointment.

She added that the programme is aimed at helping the student help her or himself.

The service is free and is part of the SRC Community Outreach programme. Lisl Foss can be contacted at the centre

at 26587 and for emergencies at 23591

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# Journ Dept Berger Special

Ganja Gohre

SITTING tucked away in a small Cape Town "alternative" newspaper office sits a man with great potential power who says he brings along with him "two contradictory imperatives", impatience and an ambition for things to change.

Not really contradictory, until one understands that Guy Berger, formerly editor of SOUTH newspaper and head of the Journalism Department from June onwards, always does things thouroughly...a trait which aggravates his impatient side.

#### humility and subtlety

None of this is stated loudly by Berger, who portrays a kind of humility and subtlety

over the phone. He often laughs at the questions put to him because "they are difficult to answer", but always has a ready reply which betrays how much he has thought of the future, past, present of the Journ department and more especially its great potential.

Berger said the greatest challenge facing the Rhodes Journalism Department is that it "must make a bigger name for itself".

'If people think journalism, they must think Rhodes. If they think critical thinking in the media field, they must think Rhodes. If they think research in media, they must think Rhodes.

He said the department had to increase its profile, publish more and lure more experts who have actual experience in the relevant fields to visit the department.

In five years Berger sees the department as being much bigger with a larger staff, a name for its research and the host of more conferences on critical issues affecting the media.

#### good contacts

"I hope to develop a clear programme for 1995...with resources to back it," he said.

By resources he means human as well as financial, and lets on that he has got good contacts for sponsorships, especially for the sorely needed conferences.

How human resources are going to back him up is stated clearly when he says it would be "detrimental for a department" if the head's position is reduced to that of "chief clerk" - Berger is not intending to become a bureaucrat.

But he cautions: the extent to which he is able to fight off becoming a pure adminis-trator depends on the back-up from staff, which is one of the reasons why he hopes



Guy Berger in an interview with RHODEO last year

for a bigger staff.

"The bigger the department, the better,"

Asked how he intended to impact on staff and students in the department, Berger hesitates: "It is too early to say."

But he adds he might have a certain influence on a possible staff and students' "laid-back attitude", which to him is "not on" if the department is to change.

He said Grahamstown is "a potentially sleepy town" but doesn't think the department has to be likewise.

#### cracking whip

When asked how he intended to bring about an attitude change, there is a selfmocking laugh at the other end of the line which ends in "by setting an example...or by cracking the whip"

Berger is not phased by the fact that a Journalism Department is situated so far out in almost complete isolation from the rest of the big journalism centres

You can be as cut off as you want to be...Rhodes could and should not ignore trends," he said.

#### specialised reporting

One trend he intends to follow is the move in the industry to specialised repor-

"The days of general reporting are numbered," he said.

He said a student must decide whether to do developmental, political, economic, sport or other journalism and then specialise.

#### broad training

Berger said "the great thing about a degree is that you get broad training" in other subjects which gives you that edge over straight reporting.

Berger is confident that his strength lies in his working knowledge of the journalism industry and hopes to help make the degree more relevant to what is happening out

Asked what the response of his collegues at South was to his appointment, he laughs: "They are glad to see me go, I'm the boss," but becomes serious saying the new editor, Rafiq Rahan, is very capable as he has been with the newspaper for two years.

#### pressure

Berger sees one of the biggest adjustments he will have to make as the different form of pressure he will be under at Rhodes.

Now I am producing one commodity a week. After June, I will be producing one commodity a year!" he said.

It doesn't mean less work. And Berger is

fully aware of it.
"If I'm going to put a stamp on (the department), I will have to start from scratch,"

Without a doubt, a thorough man.

# Voter

Rycherde Waltzes II Tango

Tuesday 26 April 1994 marks the begining of one of the most historic periods in South Africa.

South Africans of all races will finally have the opportunity to vote.

For those who have voted previously, the election will also be different as a vote will be cast for a political party rather than an individual.

Tuesday April 26 has been set aside for special votes. That is, votes cast by the aged or people living overseas.

From the morning of Thursday April 27 to the evening of Friday April 29, voting stations will be open to all voters.

All South African and TBVC citizens as well as people who qualify for permanent residence and are 18 years and older, are elligible to vote.

South African citizens by naturalisation

- To vote in the election you will need one of the following:
  - a valid id document
- temporary id certificate

temporary voter's card

- a reference book issued in terms of the former Blacks (Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Document) Act, 1952
- an identity document referred to in section 13 of the Population Registration
- a valid passport if you will be voting overseas.

If you are in any doubt as to the necessary documentation, contact the Home Affairs Office on the corner of Dundas and Hill Street, or one of the Political Party Of-

Over 6100 voting stations have been set aside country-wide, and about six have been allocated to Grahamstown.

Possible polling stations could be the City Hall, the Great Hall, and community halls in the township. The next edition of RHODEO should have the precise location of the voting stations.

Once inside the voting booth, you can indicate your choice by any clear mark, as long as it does not appear twice and is not a signature which will disqualify your vote.

The seven steps to vote, what your vote will count for and where to vote in Grahamstown, will be covered in the next edition of *RHODEO*.

# The Rat and Parrot

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### The Blood of Eden flows ...

A lot of women at Rhodes have had enough. Enough of sexist res rules, enough of being harassed when they walk home from the Vic at night or go to Bots for sundowners, enough of being grabbed at the Union on a Friday night because they wore one of those tight little tops, enough of being told what they have to do with their bodies and being refused abortions because some men in power don't think it's right. Basically, enough. Michelle Willmers took a look at what Rhodes can expect from its women this year.

FEMINISM is not a pretty thing.

The Women's Group at Rhodes has re-formed under the new name of the Women's Movement, and after a year's absence, plan to be even more in-your-face obtrusive and disturbing to the patriarchy than ever before.

"Basically we're tired of apologising for being angry at a male-dominated society and this year we're going to make a noise to draw attention to the issue of women's rights," says Women's Movement organiser

And campus beware: the pretty approach of asking everybody to sit down quietly and listen to the plight of women who are dissatisfied has been trampled under the soles of fascist footwear.

The Women's Movement are determined to put their message so far into your face that you won't have a choice but to take notice of them.

With posters and media that's guaranteed to upset a couple of people on campus, Larissa feels the best way to get the message across is by bombarding students with information - information on the realities of women's opression.

"We're going to be running largely on Riot Grrl lines of hardcore feminism and with the literature we'll be passing around I hope we can get people worked up about sexist issues," says Larissa.

"We've tried the user-friendly approach, but you always end up apologising for being angry with that approach. We don't care if people call us nasty and offensive now, that's what we are."

One of Larissa's main goals for the Women's Movement in 1994 is to raise the issue of abortion and to push a pro-choice

"You don't have a choice about being raped, but every woman should have the choice about what she wants to do with her body; and if it's an abortion she wants then that should be available on demand," is Larissa's attitude about abortion.

No men will be allowed to join the Women's Movement, but Larissa is adamant that that's not because they hate men or that men don't have a role to play in the gender struggle.

Larissa feels the Women's Movement will be working "on the 'personal is political' line and the discussions are going to be

about women's own experiences on a deeply personal level. Having men around would hinder discussion when women are relating their experiences on things like rape and failed abortions.

The Gender Forum will be open to males this year, but Larissa feels the latter will be playing a different role on campus as they focus on gender issues rather than just those of women the way the Women's Movement

Gender Forum collective member Lauren Netto said the forum would be continuing campaigns against sexist res rules and sexual harassment which were initiated last

She said the Forum would be running alongside the Women's Movement which was described as its "lunatic fringe" and would be aimed largely at stimulating debate and education around gender issues on

Lauren is aware of the Gender Forum's reputation as being somewhat "wishy washy" and never actually effecting any change, but she feels the society is more focussed with realistic goals this year.

Workshop co-ordinator for the Gender Forum, Tammy Foyn, said a number of workshops dealing with issues from 'Cosmo' versus 'Afro' feminism to men's oppression were planned for the year.

"We're not expecting to change the world, but we think the workshops will at least raise awareness around important issues and get people thinking," says Tammy.

Between the Gender Forum and the

Women's Movement, it seems Rhodes has



### fuck your male dominated law. sexism sux

little alternative but to sit up straight and take notice of women on this campus who are determined to make themselves heard.

"We're young and we have all this energy to do something really hardcore, so we're going to be channelling that energy into something constructive that affects our lives, rather than just sitting around smoking dope and thinking about how cool we are,

## No Token Woman

### Sarita Ranchod

IT is quite strange to see an African woman in a position of authority at Rhodes, considering the inbred racism and sexism which is so entrenched in the university and its age old traditions.

Thami Tisani is an African woman and she is in a position of authority at Rhodes University. Tisani is no token and this becomes evident when meeting this assertive and confident woman.

Tisani quirks about colleagues who think she is a member of the cleaning staff, perhaps an indication of the accepted role of African women at Rhodes. She is one of the directors of the university's Academic Development Programme (ADP) which aims to assist all students to develop the skills needed to succeed at university. Her field of interest is academic skills training for Arts and Social Science students.

### affirmative action

She says students coming from Department of Education and Training schools (a minority at Rhodes) often have severe problems orienting themselves to the teaching style, the language of instruction at the university and the general environment. The ADP lecturers have taken this factor into cognissance and have designed special methods to allow such students to succeed at university.

I ask Tisani about her views on affirmative action at Rhodes, and she says for most people it is an emotional issue, not an intellectual one. When affirmative action is discussed at Rhodes the question of standards is always raised which can be viewed from a number of angles according to Tisani.

\*"People who have a genuine concern and love for the university could be concerned about maintaining standards.

\*The question of standards can be used as a means to maintain the status quo, to keep Rhodes a little white enclave on the southern tip of the African continent.

#### White enclave

\*Critics should ask the question of who defines standards, because standards are relative, not scientific", she says.

Tisani maintains the issue of standards and affirmative action draw emotional rather than intellectual responses. She believes there is scope for more effective and bolder

policy to be taken concerning affirmative action at Rhodes. How can this be achieved?

She is quick to answer this one. "People who have confidence in the future of Rhodes University need to stand up and act, because there will be no voluntary act from the administration".

### **Africanness**

Her vision of Rhodes University ten years from now? "Rhodes will be a completely bilingual university with English and Xhosa as the languages of instruction. Rhodes will reflect its Africanness in all courses taught. Rhodes will reflect the South African demography within its staff and student body. It will be one of the major tertiary institutions in the Kei region working closely with sister institutions in the region. It will have a world-reknown reputation for its effective teaching techniques and its high standard of research. I have two more pressing questions before she rushes off to another meeting. Are you a feminist? No. Are you an Africanist? No, I'm a humanist, she says.

### Pearl Jam-Katherine Murphy

PEARL Jam returned with their second album on Epic label, simply called PEARL

The first PEARL JAM album "10" catapulted to the top of the charts and attracted a large following, their second album is sure to attract more disciples.

PEARL JAM hit the charts in 1992 with their grunge album "10", the best tracks undoubtedly being "Jeremy", "Alice" and

The band originated in Seattle with Eddie Vader as the lead singer.

In their first year they were a hit and Time listed them as one of the best bands of the 90s along with groups like NIRVANA and the SMASHING PUMPKINS.

Generally, the album "Pearl Jam" is more metal sounding than "10", but the more mellow sounding track "Daughter" reached higher levels of popularity on the commercial charts in South Africa.

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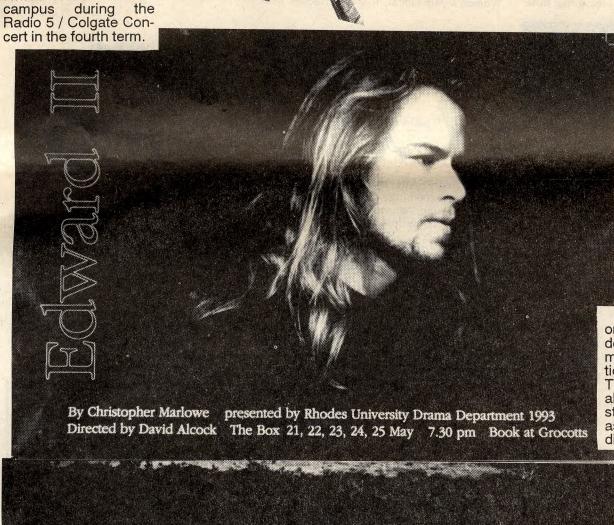
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# 1993 Ihrough



The workers strike in August (left) disrupted the whole campus as workers demonstrated to demand more pay. Students joined in the marching to demand that admin normalise the situation

The concerned students action group (below) disrupted lectures in sympathy for the workers. Several of Cosag's leaders had to face disciplinary action afterwards.



Edward II was one of the Drama department's major produc-tions in 1993. The play caused almost as much stir on campus as the posters did.

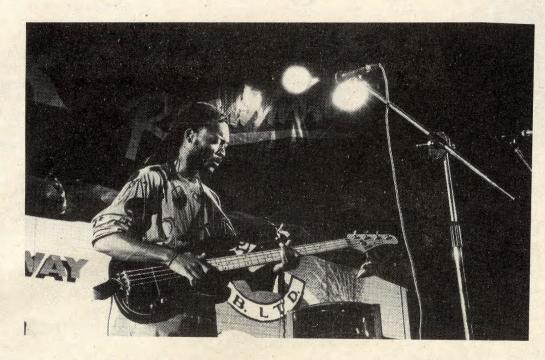
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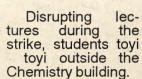
Rhodes rowers trounced the competition at intervarsity for the fourth time in as many years.



# RHODEO's Lens



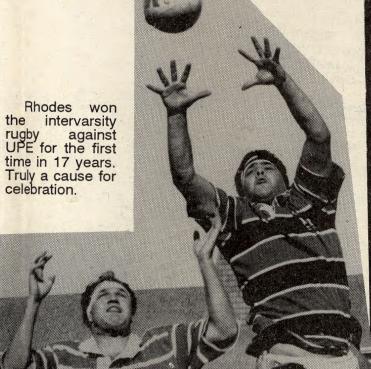
Gito Baloi of Tananas had feet tapping during the Lion Larger Road Show in the first term.





SASCO held a sit-in at admin in April; they demanded a summit for transfromation in the university. Admins response? Video tape. The summit finallytook place in September.







### **EDITORIAL**

WELCOME to Rhodes all first years. If you're a tad nervous, lost etc, just cast your mind back to your first day of Primary school where you probably vomited or urinated in your undies. Hey, you might do that

For those of you who are from DET schools, you may be taken aback by the "whiteness" of the university, but don't despair, with united student, lecturer and worker efforts Rhodes can be transformed to truly represent the population demographics of South Africa.

As RHODEO we'll be tackling a number of important issues in our country's history this year.

For the first time we'll all be able to cast our votes, black and white, women and men. And as a privileged educated elite it is our duty to assist with voter education programmes. However, this cannot be done if we don't know how to vote ourselves. So, how about pressurising our SRC or the university administration to embark on a widescale voter education programme.

You may have to clean your own rooms since the university administration retrenched at least 19 workers during the vac. In light of this, the administration should explain where the 15 percent fee increment is

Sexual harassment is very rife in our campus but has been swept under the carpet for too long .You don't have to tolerate it! It is vital to report cases or if all fails take a leaf from Ms Bobbit's book and fight back.

In the last few years student political activity at Rhodes has been dying slowly. You can and should do something about it. Don't let those old white men in the ivory tower run your life. Get involved in student activities and shape your own future.

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Ne RHODEO ayanlukanga yilonto kuba-lulekile ukuba nibe ngamalungu ayo.I Rhodeo yenye yezixhobo esinokuzisebenzisa ukufundisa abantu ukuvota. Enye yezinto eyingxaki kule university bubudlwengu. Akunyanzelekanga ukuba uyinyame zele lonto, ungayisa kwabaphetheyo. Ukuba abathathi manyathelo ungathatha isifundo ku Ms Bobbit uziphindezele.

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### CREDIT

Tess (the domesticated one - she's also good with her hands.), Hannah (High on bromiding chemicals), Katherine (nerd, ag ja-no, man), Michelle (Call me nothing), Dani (It extends and contracts at a touch), Rycherde (Wherefore art them) Sania (Use cost a cost (Wherefore art thou), Sanja (I've got a carrot stuck up my retainer), Karuna (the rain keeps hitting my scalp), Daya (Nomad), Lu-kanyo (soon you'll have your own bed), Angie (hope you're better), Josie (being a concise and possibly even plagiaristic mapper of the G-spot), Thabang (magic fingers), Wanda (hoekom?), Liz (I thought we were going to have an official coffee maker?) Elnette (best floor in town), Eugene (equipped with penntax 2000, you had us in stiches), Taryn, Sarita (Chief Proofreader), Buntu (love the hat, we will have to get you drunk more often), Kammy (bromides, bromides everywhere and all of them are pink) Ingrid, Simon, Taryn's cooking.



# Dear Gogo Madge Twice removed

and used to be perturbed. I am a first year up at my door last night and suy pitched last night and suy pitched like don't have a king. We don't have a king. But I only re
True Patriot

A Royal Pain

A Royal Pa

Cut and Dried

I found something strange the other strange in the alley outside my digs. It was an inght in the alley outside my digs. It was an inches in the alley outside my digs. It was not inches in the alley outside my digs. It was cylindrical, about four inches ter. It was cylindrical, Do you have any long and very wrinkled. Dear Deadmeat
Some stupid Dick must have left his food
North worry, just freeze
lying around again. Don't worry, just freeze
lying around again. at a later date when
it. It may prove handy at a later date when
things are looking up:

A bloke in my res says he enjoys playing with his mouse. He says he can erect 3D with his mouse. He says he can erect 3D form of Rhodentary perversion?

BM (I'll Be your Mouse) I suggest you start worrying about hic-

Chopped Liver
Chopped Liver
I heard that this year is the Chinese year
of the dog. Will it be safe to buy food from
the Dragon Pearl?
the Dragont eet Woof
Woont eet Woof

Dear Woont eet Woof

Last year was the year of rat but I'd

Last year was the year of Just a little

didn't hear any complainin'.

squeekin'.

Everyone's talking about having Doc lady or is he just a very good gynaecologist? Dear Eighteen Holes

Iongue. But since you're talking about 18

cal. Otherwise open a golf course because I

play putt-putt.

Bear True Patriot
Honey, he meant that he wanted to fuck
can say is 'You snooze, you lose it!'
All I Small Fry? I heard that Guy Burger is riding in soon. Is Burger-King trying to be sexist? I passionately object to this blatant display of discrimination.

Anyway, I hope the Guy Burger isn't chicken!

Southern Fried

Dear Southern Fried

By the sounds of the amount you eat, I'd stop worrying about the chicken and start worrying about the size of the breasts and People often stop me and say they're where

Anyway, this Berger is one of a kind.

A Cut Above

Dear vanjaius

Tell them to contact his sister Mary Jane silver magic ship. But if that fails, toss a mark to start outside Admin. I've slept with a hundred women, I think I deserve to be a member of the CLUB 100. But I only own an Uno. What do you think?

Clap for me

Dear Clap for me You really do believe in getting the most milage out of small things. No I don't think you can join the CLUB 100, only if you do it in or with a Porsche.

Out of Joint

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I recently went out to Supper ordered a a fired and her boyfriend.

I the was served was off the was a served was off the was was ripped you green salad but all he was was could you green personally, I think he Jones. Could you joint. hould talk to Isabelle Jones. and should talk to him please?

At the OK. A bit of advice, though, I'd de-Dear Fair Dealing
Tim glad that you brought this up. Green
Tim glad that you brought and will do
therbs are good for your disposition especially if
wonders for your
wonders double-jointed!
you're double-jointed! frost them first. talk to him please?

Floral Fantasy
Where in G'town can I find a man who
will wine and dine me and bring roses?

Bedlamb

Dear Bedlamb
You won't. But you must remember that love is not a bed of roses. At some stage you're bound to get pricked!

Dear Harlotta Bull

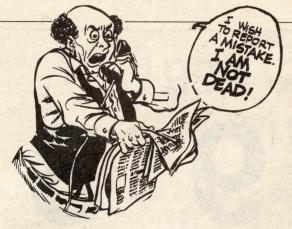
Dear Ganjalus

My beautiful bantwana, I am back to listen, to guide and to advise you in times of distress and during those special times of the month (ie When RHODEO comes out). I am like a swiss roll - Aunty, Uncle and Granny all in one. But do not be alarmed. I changed to a man once but, with Bobbits around these days, I hear it is not safe. So, I changed back to a woman, but a black one .. I

figured that with the new South Africa, you can't be too white!

Smooth And Creamy I hear you meet lots of women at coffee evenings in res. Does caffeine have some been applying Koffiehuis to my armnits for strange power of attraction because I have been applying Koffiehuis to my armpits for awake all night. Should I try another brand? Dear Frisco

I think that your problem lies with getspreading it liberally or Ellis Brown should



# Letters

#### **Brainstorming Blondes**

Dear Rhodeo

A PERUSAL of your paper shows youthful hunger for "Reconstruction", change and

Your columns elucidate some of the reconstruction concerns of your society in a rare moment of extreme historical flux. Why then do you nullify directly the dis-

crimination value of "Battle of the Sexes' and, indirectly, every other article in the paper by running such banal, base and purile comic strips as the 'Barbie basher' on page 12 of your recent publication.

Are you trying to counteract the atmosphere of lethargy that we are all accustomed to by creating controversy? Humour in a paper of your callibre should contain a certain degree of wit relevant to the content of the articles written, at least be remotely

funny without fragrantly enforcing dscrimination, especially considering the emotive tone of the a picture in comparison to print

.I suggest the artist leave brainstorming to someone else.

Craig Wylie

We take your point and have discontinued "Brainstorm". Watch out for our next comic strip.



THE history of the struggle for womyn's rights is as old as the history of humankind

. This century we have seen the so-called First Wave (just after World War One) and Second Wave (during the 60s and 70s), and both attempts to establish real equality for womyn have been met with concerted efforts to push us out of the political and economic arenas and back into the kitchen.

It is time for us to evoke the Tidal Wave, to take a stand and refuse to be pushed back into any place that we don't want to be.

The struggle for womyn's rights is more

than a fight for our rights for political and economic equality.

We need to look at issues such as womyn's health, the way womyn are treated by the medical and legal systems (as both professionals and patients), the way womyn are portrayed by the media; we need to take a closer look at the position of womyn in our society and at the forces at work that

hold womyn in these positions.

The old feminist adage that "the personal is political" holds true here: womyn who are beaten by their husbands/lovers, for instance, are often forced to stay and endure the brutality, for want of adequate legal pro-

Womyn are oppressed, and it should bother us.

tection and sources of income.

In order to do something about it, we need to adopt a critical perspective, we need to realise that we don't have to take second best - but most of all we need to realise that nobody's going to offer anything on a platter - we have to get out there and take it for ourselves.

What this column aspires to be, then, is a space for and about womyn. The Tidal Wave will offer a critical/theoretical perspective, will look at what womyn can do about womyn's oppression, will look at books, poetry, movies and songs; we will be vigilant of what's happening on campus, in Grahamstown, in the country and further

And with that, I leave you with these words of wisdom: A WOMYN'S PLACE IS WHERE SHE WANTS TO BE!

TO all PA women: welcome back - have a great year, live long and prosper. The fa-

mous RHODEO journalists.

TO all PA firstyears: Beware, Winifred is watching you!

IF there is a hunky male out there: RHO-DEO wants a Valentine

#### WANTED

A friend. Call Katherine.

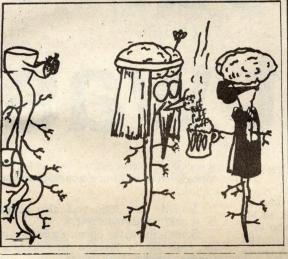
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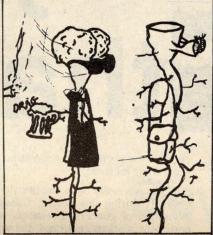
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### Women, take no shit!

Dear Rhodeo

I WONDERED if Sigmund Freud would have found a way to counsel Mrs Bobbit about her apparent 'phase of penis envy' before she took a knife to where no knife had

I bet that most men out there would cringe at the thought of having something as special as their..er..members torn away from them. But, I bet now they would think twice before being abusive to women.

Mrs Bobbit has shown us that she takes shit from no one. She has set a trend for women worldwide, giving them the courage to pounce on intruders of any kind.

Anyway, she went ahead and got her slice even if she was cutting it a bit close. What can the rest of the world say other than Mrs Bobbit has really got some balls!

It went bump in the night

Indressa

### **Book in Time**

Dear Rhodeo

I RECENTLY happened to read an article in your publication, written by one Virgil Slade, presumably a member of the Rhodes Volleyball Club.

In it, he complains that "Rhodes University was unable to provide them with any form of transport, etc" to the National Club Championships.

He also implies that it is the task of Sports Administration to organise transport, accommodation etc. for the tournaments that clubs participate in.

Perhaps he should read the Sports Coun-

cil booklet on the duties of a club secretary: in this it is clearly stated that it is the job of the club secretary (not Sports Administra-tion) to book transport timeously, through

the pool office.

Also, were he to investigate further, he would realise that matters such as accommodation, fundraising etc. for clubs are handled by the club committee, not the Sports Officer in charge of that sport.

Having been a student Sports Adminstra-tor at Rhodes since 1986, I speak from a bit of experience. Perhaps Mr Slade should look to his committee to make a bit more effort on their club's behalf, instead of criticising other clubs that do a bit of work.

Conan Oliver

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#### **MESSAGES**

TO my nerd friends, lets drink to many more illegal snores.

IS there anyboydy out there? From the RHODEO women.

PAM: where the hell were you when we needed you?

TO a certain Einstein; lets hope we live up to our names and not our reputations this

TO our drug buddies; Rupert, Ryan and Brad, there is a serious lack of giggle twig in this dive. But the parties good. See you in

TO all at Hobson; Welcome back and have a splendiferous term.

DANNI B; Hobson House. Let me suck your blood.

KOKOSI; Sorry I wasn't there when you needed me. I'll make it up to you, love

KATH: stop pretending you aren't stoned, man. Anyway, I'll be waiting behind the Berlin Wall in a black beetle dressed like a buddha.

DOM NATE: you're the coollest legend out. Love wieze.

MATTHEW: you still owe me twenty five cups of coffee.

EX-Milner Monsters: I guess we will just have to meet in the Vic from now on. You see - nothing has really changed.

# Rhodes' official student newspaper

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THIS is a brief review of '93 at Rhodes, or, as some call it, Ruth First

It should, along with RHODEO's very own astrologer's predictions, give you an idea of what '94 will bring, or just bring back memories to old Rhodians. See centrespread for '93 photos.

#### **First Term**

Last year got off to a slow start with jorls taking preference to more serious issues. The major events of this term, vaguely remembered, were Rag and the Lion Lager Roadshow.

The Roadshow was the first real campus happening of the year. Among the bands that rocked students through the night were Tananas, the Rasta Rebels and Ella Mental.

Rag as usual was a huge piss-up. Drunken bodies were sprawled all over campus and cheap alchohol was abundant. The float procession was a bit of a flop. It was banned from the municipal area of Grahamstown due to past unpleasant experiences, and so was confined to campus.

Most students, however, slept through the float procession in the morning as they recovered from the float-building parties the night before.

Posters caused quite a stir on campus during the first term, the most notable being the call for attention to the rapes on campus ending in 'dead men don't rape'.

A furore also resulted after slogans calling for Admin to take measures against rape were spraypainted on the library quad.

#### **Second Term**

Students returned to campus after the vac during which SACP leader Chris Hani was killed. The first day of varsity was cancelled due to protests by students.

Reses on the hill, Piet Retief, Thomas Pringle and Walker were 'renamed' Chris Hani, Oliver Tambo and Solomon Mahlangu respectively. The new names were spraypainted on the res walls, but quickly removed by Admin.

A candlelight vigil was held on Kaif lawns on the night of Hani's funeral. The atmosphere was one of reconcilliation.

Later in the term Sasco had a sit-in in the VC's office to demand a summit for transformation. The VC walked out of his office and the Rhodes head of security filmed the students participating in the sit-in. RHO-DEO was there and covered events in a centrespread.

There was a candlelight talk on Kaif Lawns informing students of the role they can play in voter education.

On the cultural side the Drama department put on a production of Edward II which is about the downfall of a homosexual king. It was one of the most talked about events on campus, not only was it an excellent production but it was sexually orientated and contained male nudity.

#### **Third Term**

This was definitely the most memorable term of the year. The workers went on strike and Rhodes won the intervarsity rugby for the first time in 17 years.

The Rhodes workers in association with

Nehawu went on an eight daystrikedemanding a wage increase.

The university was unable to function normally during this period. Cosag, an organisation of concerned students who supported the workers, marched and toyi-toyiid on campus and disrupted lectures. A strong police and army presence was visible on campus. Res kitchens had closed down and students living in res were given R20 a day with which to get their own food.

After many negotiations admin gave workers an increase of R126 across the board. Workers had initially asked for R400.

Tokyo Sexwale from the ANC gave two speeches in Grahamstown concerning mainly worker's issues at this period and Cosag students faced disciplinary action following the disruption of lectures.

Intervarsity, besides being an excuse for UPE and Rhodes to drink together, was one of the highlights of the sporting year.

It was a victorious day for Rhodes who won the rugby on home turf after so long. Apart from the rugby, UPE won most of the matches but this did not dull the festive spirit.

The new SRC was elected but it was rather disappointing that students were so unconcerned about the body that is meant to represent their rights. There were only just enough candidates standing to fill all the positions in the general SRC.

Two voting sessions had to be held to get the 40 percent student support for there to be an SRC at all.

The ECC, End Consciption Campaign, started winding up as the government announced that the last compulsory military intakes were to occur.

RHODEO had its changeover and the

new collective was elected to lead the newspaper forward and bring you this orientation edition.

Socially this term was also generally more exciting than the rest.

Students saw the opening and closing of the club Scotts Avenue and opening of Cuyler Street. There were Union parties nearly every Friday and the Vic and Boaters and the Graham were often full.

and the Graham were often full.

Reses had their parties and hordes of students stolled or stumbled from one to the other, filling up with free punch along the way.

way.

#### **Fourth Term**

Exam term, but surprisingly life still went on. Even better for some.

Women's intervisiting res rules were reformed. The women in res voted and intervisiting was extended from being 7pm-11pm to 9am-12pm, these hours differing slightly in each hall.

The Rhodes summit was held and the main issues discussed were transformation and the Rhodes Council's validity as a democratic and representative body.

On the social scene Radio Five and Colgate organised the campus carnival. There was a battle of the campus bands and Grahamstown's Lost Men played against PE's Long-Haired Freaky People. The other to bands were the Rasta Rebels and Walk this Way

Rhodes apparently drank about twice as much as Wits and is about a quarter of the size. That's Rhodes for you.

Exams loomed overhead constantly but people still went out, just slightly less than before

Throughout the thrills and spills of 1993, RHODEO was there all the way to bring students up to date with campus news. Stay tuned for another exciting year as we keep you informed as well as entertained along the ride.

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All South Africans seem unsure about whether the sun is actually going to rise in the troubled skies

of the new South Africa. But never fear, RHODEO's personal astrologer Zephyralia ben Mus-

tafa, is prepared to put your mind to rest by revealing what is in her predictions for 1994.



SOME points may seem unclear but then crystal balls need cleaning, don't they?

The new term commences with a seismic explosion of first years. They should be aware of the dangers that lurk in unexpected Victorian places and should be prepared for the sexual rampage which the intervisiting rules prevented last year.

February is the month of love as Cupid, wielding a traditional weapon, stabs loved ones in the back while retaining most of his passion which will be revealed in the

called the nutrient.

All freshers will join RHODEO, being compelled by an inner force. They flock to RHODEO for salvation after seeing the error of their ways.

March will see the ram in Aries appear-ing over the second crescent of Mars in all dining halls in the form of rare steak. Chole-

strol will be abolished as the traditional

staple diet of all students. Young pharmacy

students invent a new edible prototype

Rag becomes a national event with cele-

brities like Lorena Bobbit making a guest appearance at the hot-dog stand. The num-

ber of rape cases will drop to an all time low of 1000. Woody Allen and Michael Jackson

will team up to perform the classic, Little

Botha House being converted into a monas-

tery in an attempt to repent for a priest accidentally being killed by a falling bicycle in the vicinity of the residence balcony. They

will raise funds to open the first ever Teeto-

Alcohol sales drop drastically due to

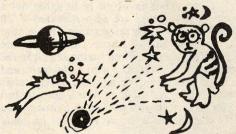
As Venus merges with Mercury over the fool moon on April 27, Terre'blanche will vote ANC and Chief Buthulezi will gather his flock and spearhead the claim for Atlantis as the IFP volkstaat.

Dame Edna, aka Evita Bezuidenhout, is likely to be sworn into office at the new South African Capital, Bapetikosweti.

Rhodes University will become an island when the Eastern Cape is hit by an earth-quake. The after-shock of this may affect the United States, and cause Camp David to slide into the sea. The Clintons will thus be forced to holiday abroad.

The merry month of May commences with Saturn making an appearance over the Settler's Monument. Sweet smelling fumes, accompanied by vicious giggles, will arise from Bots, but this may be due to the the many herbalists operating in the area. At this time AIDS will be seen as a communist plot as millions of people take to wearing red ribbons.

The eclipse of Jupiter by Neptune in early June will cause immense static as students will tune into G'town's community radio station rather than learn for their exams. Admin will then nullify exams and declare that a BA degree is adequate to qualify as a neuro-surgeon.



July spells doom for Africa as purple lights flash in the arctic region. The centrifugal force attracts the eastern coast of North America and California rises far above sealevel. There will be a poultry shortage in the

Grahamstown area and MacDonald's seizes this opportunity to take over the local chicken outlets. FW will be in exile in the Himalayas and Nelson will retire and move

In August Admin will go on strike. A mob led by Henderson will disrupt life in the Student Union demanding pay cuts. They will proceed to sit in at the SASCO offices, complaining bitterly about being forced to drive luxury cars. They may want to form an



alliance with NEHAWU and commit themselves to redistrubution.

The pole star alligns with Uranus in September bringing about greater cultural up-liftment at a national level. Renowned Hollywood director, Martin Scorcese, will jet into South Africa to begin work on a movie about the Muldergate Scandal. Clint Eastwood may be in line for the lead role if Jean-Claude Van Damme declines.

With much Hollywood aura in South Africa, the chances of Elvis sightings could be great, especially in the Potchefstroom and Pofadder areas.



November may pose much difficulty as intergalactical forces come into play. There will be a new outbreak of the plague in Grahamstown and the San will have to be burned to the ground.

It will be discovered that the Bermuda triangle was actually an alien recharging centre and a UFO colony will take up residence in the Kalahari desert. Dinosaur eggs may be found in Bloemfontein.

An unusually bright star dominates the night skies during the Christmas season bringing about an uncommon bout of local goodwill. State-paid intellectuals will be unexpectedly prone to this spell and may find themselves being uncharacteristically accomodating of others' ignorance.

Journalism students at Rhodes University will receive international acclaim with their research into cell biology and nuclear physics. Between safe sex and scavenging for food they will discover a cure for the Aids virus.

So, my children, this is all I have to say for now. My husband, Nostrahamed al Trakoolus, also had a lot to say but alas, he is dead now and I, alone, must forge ahead

with this cosmic gift.

Many salaams...and may the force be with you.



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.Taryn Grass

"LIFE is but a sitcom; with shitty ratings, a drunken director and the canned laughter turned down real low. Fortunately, some of us are only making guest appearances.

This is just an example of the wisdom to be found in RHODEO's sanctum, its holyof-holies, an unlikely gleam in the black hole that comprises the Rhodes Union

Buildings.
The RHODEO office, conveniently situated just a few meters away from sources of both solid and liquid refreshment (not to mention a steady supply of cigarettes), is a haven for refugees from boring Journ lectures, poor souls who can't afford to join Photosoc and various lost BS2 and commerce students.

Entering through the moving message board doubling as the office door, an unprepared student might recoil from the sight of boxes full of old newspapers, dirty light ta-bles and cluttered desks.

Add to this the graffiti-covered walls, old RHODEO covers and photographs dealing with just about everything imaginable, and you start to get some fairly strange ideas about the kind of person who might choose

to spend a great deal of his or her free time in this not-exactly-healthy environment. The variety of graffiti on the walls pro-

From the large banner proclaiming "death to student apathy" to the "they drive

Dani Bergchild, Hannah Not Darryl,

Kathy Irish

QUIVERING with nervousness, I snuck into the lecture half. I had forfeited all my

arty glory in an effort to conform, wanting

nor with first-year boys that had guided me into this preppy haven, but rather a mind-blowing obsession. Finally I had found THE

man. Perfection personified. An educated, distinguished man with an IQ in the triple

figure category, and a bank balance to

match. I had discovered the BComm lee-

amused by my plight. In fact, most of you can probably empathise with me. I'm sure you'll all agree that though Orientation Week prepares you for lectures, reserves

and G'Town, it does precious little to pre-

People come to Rhodes to perve, not to

study. Although you may not believe it now, be warned. Within three weeks the ugly become beautiful, and, either in an intoxi-

cated stupor or recovering from one, you,

the good life ends and Hell and heartbreak

You have then reached the point when

too, will have found yourself a Perve.

Let's get one thing straight at the outset.

pare you for the agony of perving.

I can tell that very few of you are

It was neither a fascination with numbers

to look like a BCommer.

RHODEO RHODEO

me up the walls" message on the ceiling, the overall impression of the RHODEO staff is one of a group of irreverent, dedicated and sometimes even witty people.

Feminist ("there are still people who feel that women are only spare ribs") and political ("If Gqozo gets up your nose, picket" and ("Israel should ignore the US president; the last time they listened to a bush they spent forty years in the wilderness") sayings abound, even in a little dated.

The realities involved in bringing out a student newspaper are also reflected - "so much to do, so little advertising" in response to the usual lack of finance, and the babble squeezed from overtired brains at four in the morning; "Forward with Madge" and "Madge is Queen" being good examples, as well as "Jesus had long hair", embellished with the retorts: "So did John Lennon" and "So does Adam Welz, do you think he could "So does Adam Welz, do you think he could be Jesus?".

Prehaps the most telling of all is the slightly blurred writing in a corner between the unused headlines and the photos of three successive editors with food in their mouths - "Drifting

between Sunday and Monday; Tess, Taryn, Karuna, Dani, Kammy, Pam, Rowan, Sanja, Wanda, Eric Clapton, Colette, Ingrid. 3:25 am, 4/10/93." Join us if you dare

Occasionally you may find yourself being accused of being a pervert, especially

if you frequent your Perve's hang-outs and find out such intimate details as his address,

phone number and underwear size. The lat-

ter is definitely perverted, even by my stand-

self to single males and females. Ever heard

the saying 'Not eating doesn't mean you

can't look at the menu'? Well, being attached doesn't mean you can't appreciate

Perve will be totally oblivious to your atten-

tions, and may even be unaware of your ex-

istence. This is probably due to the fact that they are: a) completely in love with their un-

deserving boy/girlfriends; b) perving some-

it's usually as some looney who happens to

always be around, blushing and stumbling at

every corner. They're not far from being

wrong. You're no looney, just crazy, delirious, wishful and damned in love!

either be the Perve or the perver so you had

Throughout your career at Rhodes you'll

Ahem...don't look now but there's some-

However, if your Perve does notice you

Sadly, though, more often than not your

The fine art of perving does not resign it-

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### Rhode rules

Dani Drakensberg

I AM a passenger. An observer.

This is simply because I do not feel qualified and have no idea how to or where to get the qualifications to drive in Graham-stown. My I.D. states that I am legally able to drive, yet to actually get behind the wheel in Grahamstown takes a lot more.

A certain combination of guts, determi-

nation and instinct... a death wish.

Over the last year, I have picked up a couple of changes made by the general student population to the general national road rules: Stop signs were treated as yields, yields as non-entities, and traffic lights-well there are only two sets so they're not really worth considering.

I also discovered that being stuck in a High Street traffic jam was not usual 5 o'clock city traffic rush, but more often the

result of a donkey cart being led astray by the whiff of a Spur burger.

Rhodeans also have their own driving lingo, not always shared by the other citizens. Students also seem to believe that one-ways are only for the qualified and over

30 (especially the one-way up to The Mot).

Here are some basic definitions (apologies to the abuse of German-English terms), as well as "Rhode" signs, to study and remember...Ignorance is not an excuse...
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kentocken
BONNET--Pullnob und Knucklechopper EXHAUST--Sitzenpoppenbangentuben SPEEDOMETER--Der Egobooster und Linenshooter

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PUNCTURE--Die phlatt mit Bludy-

LEARNER--Die Twatten mit Elplatz PARKING METRE--Der tennerpinscher und klokkenwerr WINDSCREEN WIPER--Der Flippen-

flappenmuckenschpredder FOOT BRAKE--Der Edbangeronvindsh-

reen Stopenquicken
GEAR LEVER--Biggen Sticken fur

Kangaroo choppen
BREATHALYSER--Die puffintem pur

Pisten arsen REAR VIEW MIRROR--Der Yokhunter

SEAT BELT--Der Klunkenklikken Frau-

leintrapper HEADLIGHTS--Das Dippendontdazzlelubbastad

EXHAUST FUMES--Der Koffenundschipittpoluter

HIGHWAY CODE--Der wipan fur arsen FOG WARNING--Die Pluttenlegdownen und fukkit

TRAFFIC JAM--Die Bluddifukkink Dammundblast

REAR SEAT--Der Schpringentester TYRES--Flattfahrts

BACKFIRE--Der lowdenbangen-

mekkenjupen ACCIDENT--Der Bledimess

NEAR ACCIDENT--Der Fukken near Schittenselfen

GARAGE--Der Heiway Robberung
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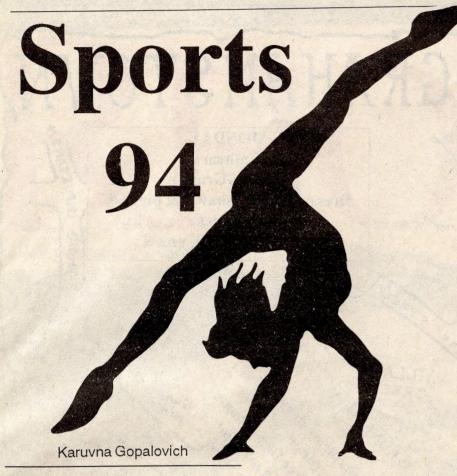
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energising stuff.

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tequila, but SPORT!

Not only does Rhodes offer a variety of sports, but excels at them as well. It's worthwhile to note that the most effective way to win the eternal friendship of a seasoned Rhodian is to mention last year's Intervarsity Rugby triumph.

No doubt, we virtually pulverized UPE after 17 years of pandering to their delusions

of greatness.

However, the list of sporting credits for 1993 does not end on the rugby field.

If you're planning on signing up for vol-

If you're planning on signing up for volleyball, hockey or rowing, you can be sure that you will be part of a team of super sportspeople.

Rhodes's rowing team boasts having clinched the Intervarsity Rowing champion-ships title for the fourth successive year, while the hockey and volleyball teams have each had at least one player selected to compete at national and international levels last year.

Those who prefer to flex their minds instead of their biceps will be glad to know that Chess is one of the sports available. Strange but true! And if you're planning on

learning a few Chinese words, well, how about aikido, karate and kung fu for starters?.

Of course, it is undeniable that one of the most popular clubs on campus is the aerobics club. All week long, from seven in the morning until six in the evening, groups of health-lovers can be seen jumping, pounding and stretching their bodies into perfection. This is dedication at its peak.

And though we are...um...land-locked we're by no means unfamiliar with aquatic excellence.

Not only do we swim and dive, we also scuba dive, go spearfishing and practice synchronised swimming, and whip our opponents' butts at waterpolo and underwater hockey - to put it modestly.

hockey - to put it modestly.

Moreover, all new 'dudes' and 'dudettes' will be relieved to discover that Rhodes has a remarkably talented and dedicated team of surfers.

Yes, yes, you've probably had enough by now so I won't tell you about the soccer, cricket, basketball, mountaineering, sailing, rifle-shooting....And the mere mention of our floodlit venues, nine squash courts and 10 tennis courts will surely impress any maestro, right?

Basically coming to Rhodes means that if you can't work the soles off your Nikes here, you definitely won't do it anywhere

else!
We may not have Jonty, but we do have a few stars nobody's heard of - yet.

# De Klerk speaks

FW Terreblanche

SOMEWHERE in the back streets of my mind are words and thoughts that slither into gutters when I know their destination. So shit flys out a skein, or is that a gaggle? Flock when geese are on land, gaggle in the water and skein in the air. So what are they when they're dead - a thanksgiving? Playing turkey not chicken.

I tell myself that life is a bit like overtaking: if you see a car on the horizon, you can't do anything about it until you're close enough to overtake. But, of course, those cars you've already passed - you can't do anything about them but speed up to get

Anyway, I wanted to say something - I know that much. It was something critical, something to warn you of the disillusionment that perpetually follows idealism; of men with their brains between their legs, of white-collar revolutionaries; of academic utopias; of people joining the system to fight it and becoming part of it along the way and

of becoming numb to what we read:

"Death to Student Apathy" is flat on a poster that squats on the wall. I squat next to it, leaving to sail on the gutters of my mind: at least there I am sincere. There the will to change my environment, to make the world see itself, even as Caliban, sails before me: my will and testament.

It's always good to prepare your's before you die.

"Alas our dried voices when we whisper together"

Back it goes into the "To Learn" file, and Eliot becomes truly poetic.

But to all these things, the passion to say them is departing. A numb person cannot fight, for they cannot feel their fists - or make fists. Did I read that or write it? Does it matter?

I'll try to rock the boat, but I'm only a tin soldier in a boat made of newspaper, standing on one leg.

Someone to say these things, to say something. Someone to comprehend - not praise or censure. Be that. But remember there's sin in sincerity.



I think maybe the 3rd year who told you that Sunday afternoon tea is a formal meal was having a little joke on you!

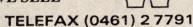
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