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## Letter to the Editor

Mr. K. Swift,  
The Editor,  
Rhodeo.

Dear Sir,

In the last edition of "Rhodeo" there appeared "an open letter to Dr. Hyslop". This letter contained several inaccuracies and innuendos of a highly objectionable nature. It is not, and never has been, the responsibility of "the administration" to subsidise student activities. During 1972 the S.R.C. received a grant from the University Council of approximately R12000 which, as in the past, was to be allocated at the discretion of the S.R.C. It appears that the S.R.C. made available to the editorial staff of "Rhodeo" rather less than R2000, which enabled the editor to publish four or five issues in quick succession.

No additional funds appear to have been made available by the S.R.C. for further issues. The responsibility for subsidising "Rhodeo" adequately therefore is that of the S.R.C. and of no one else. If the total grant to the S.R.C. was inadequate, representation could have been made to Council to have it increased. Representations to have a special grant for "Rhodeo" were in fact turned down by Council, on the grounds that such a grant would have violated the principle that students were free to manage their own financial affairs within the global allocation. This is a principle which neither Council members nor students have indicated a wish to abandon.

In the published letter, therefore, implications that the administration controls or directs student funds are not true. This being the case, a statement such as "The administration's attitude has been one of blatant neglect regarding 'Rhodeo', is highly offensive. Just as offensive, but for a different reason, is the statement, "Students needs a newspaper as much as they need a professor or a Vice-Chancellor for that matter."

Finally, to suggest that the needs of students at the University are neglected is a travesty of the truth. The letter read as a whole is highly misleading and is calculated to promote ill-will. This applies also to the contents of other items in "Rhodeo", such as the sub-title, "Say a few words", the portion with the caption "Long Service Awards" and the "Open letter from Rhodian".

I have been instructed by the Executive Committee of Council to call upon you to correct the false impressions created by these articles in "Rhodeo" by publishing this letter in a further edition of "Rhodeo" not later than 23rd October, 1972.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. ASKEW,  
Registrar.

### An Apology

As has been pointed out in the above letter from the executive of the University Council, certain editorial matter in the last issue of RHODEO offended some people.

We apologise for the publication of this, and wish unreservedly to withdraw any imputation of improper or unseemly motives to any officers of the university.

THE EDITOR.

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