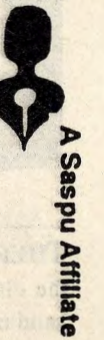


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Adjust your mind

Local Government

Maria McCloy

THERE are registration depots across the city where one can collect and hand in voter registration forms, thus becoming eligible to vote in the October local government elections, says Rhini/Grahamstown city secretary and voters' roll officer, Charl Malan. Malan believes it may be possible to supply Rhodes students with registration forms at the SRC offices. He said these could then be taken to or posted to the city hall which is the nearest depot. Unlike in the general elections last April, one may only use a proof of application card to register, but must have an ID book to vote. Registration takes place at depots and the "municipal area will be demarcated into wards with voting stations," Malan said.

"You're either entitled to vote because you live in the TLC area or because you pay rates or services charges...you have to make a choice when you register as to which of those classes you belong. "Students that stay in residence can only make one claim based on their address, students in digs have two choices; they can either claim as paying rent or as per their address." Malan said that their full recruitment drive had not yet started but the Rhini/Grahamstown voter registration drive was going quite well with around 1 500 people already having registered since January 27. Malan said the fact that so many people do not have ID's was likely to hinder the registration process. He assured potential voters who did not have ID books that Home Affairs would set up a special team to speed

up the ID drive. There is also the problem that there are many informal dwellings that do not have addresses in Rhini/Grahamstown and it is not possible to register without one. Malan said: "We'll be mounting a campaign to give them addresses in consultation with community based organisations (CBO'S)." A committee consisting of all political parties in the TLC and the CBO's has been set up to consult with Malan on various aspects of the making of the roll. He stressed that voters rolls compiled during the Apartheid era would not be used. The actual date of the elections has not been announced. With the national government launching its voter education drive last week, Malan said: "We're hoping to implement our own soon."

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In self defence

Karuna Gopal

GENDER Forum are launching a campaign to combat violent attacks on Rhodes campus. The plan involves the selling of mace and self defence classes to Rhodes students. It will begin during orientation week with Gender Forum members visiting residences to educate first years about the danger zones and where they can get protection on campus.

"We'd like the first years to be aware, watch where you walk and contact campus security for protection," said Gender Forum executive member, Emma Rice. Mace guns will be available during orientation week and at registration tables at R35 each. So far, only a 120 mace guns have been ordered but the supply will increase on demand. The self defence classes will be open to members but non-members may participate at a minimum fee.

"We urge men to buy mace as well and to join the self defence classes, it won't do them any harm," said Emma. This is the first time such a campaign has been launched on campus. It has the support of both Rhodes Administration and the SRC. "The SRC is backing this all the way because the campaign is aimed at the empowerment of people to protect themselves," said Gender Councillor, Bridget Lydall.

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Welcome to Grahamstown

VC selection chaos

Hannah Kaye and
Lukanyo Mnyanda

THE democratic and transparent appointment of Rhodes' new Vice-Chancellor has been marred by accusations that the University Council is trying to manipulate the process by loading the selection committee with its own people.

The problem started when Council questioned the "democratic credentials" of the Forum for the Democratic Transformation of Rhodes (FDTR) with Registrar, Keith Hunt saying Council "do not know who FDTR are and how they were co-opted into the selection committee".

Council has decided to remove FDTR's voting rights

When asked why they were raising the question now after FDTR had been involved in the process for months, Hunt said: "The problem is that council members are scattered all over the country, our last meeting last year was on September 12 and we gave the selection committee power to co-opt new members."

The Council has decided to remove and ridiculous."

FDTR's voting rights and wants to add three more people to the selection committee even though the last interviews are scheduled for February 24 and 25.

FDTR steering committee chairperson, Lali Naidoo labled Council's position as "problematic" and said: "It is strange and suspicious that they are raising such issues now when the process is almost complete."

"We have met Council on numerous occasions and we find it problematic that they have taken away our voting rights after we have been involved in the process the whole time."

SRC president, Kim Jurgenson agreed and said it was unacceptable that Council had decided to add more people to the selection committee when there are only two more sessions to go.

"In principle, we are not opposed to adding more people as everybody has a right to apply for representation like the FDTR did, but to do it at such a late stage is unacceptable and unfair on the candidates," she said.

Naidoo believes that Council is trying "to load the committee in their favour" and added "their behaviour is making the whole process undignified

Kim described the Council's questioning of FDTR's democratic credentials as an "embarrassment" for Rhodes.

"Council was represented in the selection committee and if those people had had any integrity, they would have stopped the process months ago if they believed there were problems with the credibility of people in the selection committee."

"Council's behaviour is making the whole process undignified and ridiculous"

"We are totally opposed to Council's intervention which has wrecked the whole process. The selection committee was working well and if it was not for their (Council's) intervention we would have a capable VC by now," she said.

FDTR was formed last year and was the driving force behind the march which took place during the University 90th anniversary celebrations last year. They presented a university official with a petition containing more than two thousand signatures demanding that Rhodes discard its colonial image.

According to Naidoo, it is made up of community organisations including

the ANC, Cosatu, SACP, Cosas, Sasco, NGOs, Sanco and concerned academics, and this makes the Council's demand that they prove their democratic credentials seem even more "ridiculous".

Speaking from his Johannesburg office, Rhodes Council acting chairperson, Brian La Trobe said: "If the Forum answers questions pertaining to their constitution and who they are, then they will be taken in a serious light."

"Provided the answers are satisfactory, they will be provided with voting rights but until then, they will only have observer status."

When asked if the problems were caused by a progressive - conservative split within the selection committee, La Trobe said: "Of course there have been differences of opinion but, unlike the Forum who ran to the press with all sorts of things, I won't breach the confidentiality of the selection committee."

The selection process was thrown into further controversy with rumours that another candidate, Edward Webster had withdrawn from the race. David Woods withdrew earlier and if true, Webster's withdrawal will leave current Deputy Vice-Chancellor Michael Smout as the sole candidate.

UPDATE

Shortly before going to press *ACTIVATE* received confirmation from Rhodes University Administration that Edward Webster has withdrawn his application for the position of Vice Chancellor at this university. Brian Smith, Director of personal for Rhodes, confirmed Webster's withdrawal, and said: "as far as I am concerned the process is going on as planned".

When approached for comment, SRC president Kim Jurgenson, said "I'm assuming the process will start again ... I'm sure the remaining candidate would not want to get in by default".

Kim said she hoped the problems between the council and the Forum for the Democratic Transformation of Rhodes (FDTR) could be sorted out before the process of selection began again. She said "council intervention is wrong ... they can't at the eleventh hour undermine a committee that has been set up and involved from the beginning."

"Looking at what happened with council I'm worried that candidates will be hesitant to apply now they have seen the way they (council) deal with problems", she said.

Mbeki speaks of freedom

Lukanyo Mnyanda



Pic: Dror Eyal

THERE is something inherently evil about all governments and a Freedom of Information Act is crucial to empower and protect citizens from the abuse of power', says Deputy President Thabo Mbeki.

Delivering the opening address at the Freedom of Information Conference at Rhodes University last week Mbeki said: "Governments should be seen to be guilty till proven innocent as they are easily tempted to repression and a Freedom of Information Act is crucial to prise out of government those secrets about ourselves, to protect ourselves from violations of our rights and to deal with corruption." Quoting the Freedom Charter which states "The People Shall Govern", Mbeki said it was crucial for South Africa to develop a system which "ensures the greatest possible participation by ordinary people in

changing their lives... Accessibility of information should be used to empower people to participate in changing their society'.

It is not enough for the government to make information available to the public, he said, adding that "Government should become proactive in informing people and take the necessary steps to make government available to the people." He said the media had a crucial role to play in ensuring that people were informed about the act. "Once the legislation is passed it is going to be important for the media to educate the public about the act and ensure that ordinary people are able to use the legislation."

However, Mbeki acknowledged that restrictions on freedom of Information might be necessary to ensure good governance, and said it was the government's duty to strike the correct balance between the need for freedom and for good governance.

He expressed a greater commitment to openness and said the balance had to be tilted towards less secrecy and more freedom.

"We must engage people in the process of change because if we don't and we fail to deliver on their legitimate expectations, they will rebel against the government."

"They must participate in the process and see the problems we face as government. Hiding of information was the work of an oppressive government and a democratic one must be open," he concluded.

Described by Sunday Times editor, Ken Owen as "well judged and unexceptional", the speech was generally well received although a few students felt it was 'arb'.

"He's a politician, he knows how to say the right things to the right audience and he didn't actually say anything we didn't already know," said one student.

Another student said she was disappointed that Mbeki's speech said nothing about the concentration of media ownership in white male hands and asked: "How does he expect a South African media run by white males to empower people in the poorest townships and rural areas of the country?"



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Revising racist history

Matthew Buckland

IN a small university town in the Eastern Cape, history is being rewritten.

South African history is presently in disarray. It exists in contradiction to its new South African context by fueling racist mentality, whilst it should be nation building.

Julian Cobbing, senior lecturer at Rhodes University's History Department, is pioneering work by reinvestigating the country's misrepresented past.

His work could mark the beginning of a metamorphosis of a stale and slanted history.

"Historians have worked to bring about a semi-amnesia. The true past has been distorted or obliterated. There are omissions of absolutely basic facts" said Cobbing.

"In general, whites are not informed of the history of Black people. Blacks were put out of sight to ease many white consciences, which absolved whites' inner guilt, preventing calls to reform."

"If you can define blacks as alien and reduce them to the enemy, you can have less empathy with them. This has made it easier to hate blacks, to fight and war against them because they seem less human. Whites are brought up to be in fear of Blacks, a fear that works in ratio to what is unknown", he said.

To Cobbing, "repressed" African history needs to be remembered through the restudying and rewriting of "unhealthy" history texts.

"We cannot forgive and then forget without going

back into history", he emphasised.

Undoubtedly Dr Cobbing's greatest achievement and contribution to the rewriting of old history texts has been exposing the "Mfecane Myth" - a historical theory that has served to bolster one of the greatest crimes: Grand Apartheid.

It is a theory about 19th century South Africa describing violent migration patterns of African societies sparked off by a militaristic Zulu nation. Most striking about the historical theory is the way it has been used as a justification for modern day Apartheid.

The 'Mfecane' can be found illustrated in university and school textbooks by a sprawl of arrows on a map supposedly indicating these 19th century mass migrations.

The arrows end rather co-incidentally in the former bantustans. This implies that bantustans were rather a natural consequence of these migrations, and not a product of the old South African government. In short, suggests Cobbing, it implies that "Africans created their own bantustans."

Nobody has as yet convincingly defended the 'Mfecane' theory against the Cobbing critique. He predicts this theory will set the trend to eventually erode away with other implicitly racist historical theories.

What Cobbing and his students have achieved could form the core of a future history syllabus. But it is just the tip of the historical iceberg. "We're the absolute beginners to what is going to become a new history. My ideas are primitive to what will be discussed in the future", admits Cobbing.

10 years ago

Imagine this. *Rhodeo*, August 1985. The mood of the editorial room reflects the tense political atmosphere. It is a year of State of Emergency, unfair censorship and campus epidemics.

Matthew Buckland dusts a couple of old covers down to bring you a glimpse of campus life and *Rhodeo* 10 years ago.

ECC wages war on war

It was in 1985 that the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) was first established on Rhodes campus. The organisation's aims were reported to include "drawing together interested individuals and societies who, for moral, political or ethical reasons, resent compulsory conscription".

The Curse of Thomas Pringle

In an article headed "The threat is over" it is reported that a "rare and lethal" strain of a meningitis bacteria, 'meningococcus' claimed the life of a Thomas Pringle resident. Rhodes Sanatorium's Sister Scott urged that there be no cause for panic, since the disease had been contained. The disease victim, Phillipa Wheeler, had apparently contracted the fatal disease at a local army camp braai.

RMR rocks on

Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) are to begin their "first ever" 125 hour broadcast, reports *Rhodeo*. According to RMR Manager, Jeremy 'Savage' Mansfield, this was "the first time that such an event has been attempted by any campus radio station..." The popular Television Magazine programme of yesteryear, 'Video 2' was expected in Rhini/Grahamstown to film the event. RMR also anticipated links with other radio stations, including Radio 5 and Radio Ciskei.

Censorship of an era

In the 'State of Emergency' during the heyday of Apartheid, South African

newspapers were restricted by tightening censorship regulations. *Rhodeo* was a fellow victim of this clamp on freedom of speech.

On page five, in a rather conspicuously gaping blank space where an article should have been, there reads a message: "This article was to deal with eye-witness accounts of events connected with the unrest situation in the E.Cape and Transvaal. In terms of the Emergency Regulations concerning the dissemination of information, the story has been withdrawn."

Often, if the entire article was lucky enough to escape the ruthless cut, then parts of sentences or paragraphs were blackened out. Another article, titled "Durban Burns" about Durban township 'unrest', is so often interrupted by the stain of the censor's pen that its story is barely understandable.

Some things just never change

It seems that '85 was sadly a disappointing year for Rhodes Rugby, reports *Rhodeo*. The Rhodes first XV suffered a heavy thumping by UPE in an Intervarsity match and failed to win a single match in a competition then-known as the 'Dewar Shield'.

However, it was the first year that Rhodes were competing in the "tougher and more demanding" E.P. League. Club captain, Steve Olivier, blamed administration for its lack of involvement. "The university administration should step into line with other varsities and assist the Rugby club in attracting players with academic potential..." he said.

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harassment education and information campaign

Is culture a viable "excuse" for behaviours that could be construed as sexual harassment? Is this fuss about sexual harassment taking all the fun out of relationships? Is sexual harassment interfering with the "courtship rules in various cultures? Why are the majority of the individuals so indifferent about sexism and sexual harassment? These were some of the issues raised in conference by members of harassment panels countrywide met to discuss sexual harassment within tertiary institutions. Sarah Fischer, a member of Rhodes Anti-harassment panel was there.

Besides addressing the issues of policy development and implementation, and the educating a n d conscientising of campuses, the most valuable part of the conference was to learn more about the initiatives and the problems encountered by other tertiary institutions. What was revealed was disconcerting. Despite many reported cases,

most tertiary institutions have no formal policy on sexual harassment or programmes to educate and conscientise students and staff. The Universities of Cape Town, Western Cape and Durban Westville have established policies and are actively involved in implementing these. In August 1993, a committee was established at Rhodes to develop a policy on harassment and ensure its implementation. The committee is called the Anti-Harassment Panel and its objective is to deal with all behaviours that constitute harassment. These include racial and sexual harassment, and harassment on the grounds of an individuals sexual orientation or religious beliefs. The Panel has four key aims; to prevent harassment through educating and informing

students and staff, to establish procedures for dealing with harassment, and actually dealing with cases of harassment by supporting the complainant and outlining what action they can take against the harasser as well as keeping a database of incidents of harassment on campus.

An extensive education and information campaign is held annually and this year will include workshops in residences, talking to first years during Orientation Week and to new lecturers during their induction programme and the distribution of pamphlets and posters. Harassment can be defined as unwanted

behaviour that is intimidating and demeaning. It can take various forms, such as offensive comments and unwanted sexual propositions; lecherous staring or distasteful gesturing or unwanted and intimate touching. While most people agree that the extreme forms of harassment (such as rape) are unacceptable, a considerable amount of controversy surrounds whether the milder forms

can actually be called harassment.

However, when offensive communications and gestures are repeated after the victim has made it clear they find such behaviour disgusting and unacceptable, the harasser has clearly no regard for the other individual's rights of dignity.

Such repeated behaviour, irrespective of how "mild" it may be at first, soon becomes harassment.

Harassment is about not respecting other people, their sexuality, their culture or their religious beliefs.

If you are being harassed, you can speak to members of the anti-harassment panel, the student advisor, student councillor or the sisters at the Sanatorium. Your complaint will be taken seriously and dealt with confidentially.

What to do when being harassed

Remove yourself from the situation
Talk to a friend
Talk to the Anti-harassment panel,
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or the Sisters at the Sanatorium

What is harassment?

Unwanted behaviour that is intimidating
and demeaning
Harassment can vary from rape and
assault to distasteful gesturing and
intimate touching.

Rape Alert

Lukanyo Mnyanda

Sexual harassment and rape are everyday occurrences on campus, with more than five rape cases reported at the Botanical Gardens alone last year.

Two cases of rape and one of attempted rape were reported in Rhini/Grahamstown by Police media spokesperson, Warrant officer George Green last week.

Green warned students, especially women, not to walk alone at night, and said the Monument and Bots were a definite "No No" for lone women.

This was echoed by Campus Security senior guard James Kulati who said: "Students have a tendency to go to Bots and that place is very dangerous, even during the day."

"A number of cases were reported there last year but the problem could be much bigger as some women are too shy to say they have been raped."

Green called on students to avoid dark alleys and taking lifts in strange cars. "They must always make sure they tell someone when they go out at night and must also take care against date rape," he said.

The area around St Peters Lawns and the Law Department which is "isolated with bushes everywhere" is a haven for prowlers and rapists, Kulati warned.

Students must also avoid the back of the Great Hall at night because "it is dark and isolated with no residences around. That place is quiet and even if a woman screams, nobody is likely to hear her."

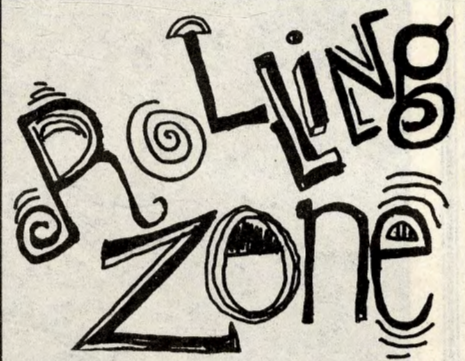
He also warned students who live in the vicinity of Worcester and African streets not to use the rugby fields as a short cut at night. Although there is sufficient light, the place is usually isolated and there have been frequent power failures in the past.

Campus Security has divided campus into seven beats and has placed guards in the worst lit and dangerous places.

Kulati said they were working hard at providing more lighting around campus and he called on students to take advantage of their offer to escort students at night.

"My message to students is that they must not ignore this offer. Our office is open 24 hours a day... We are here to provide a service and students must just use it."

***Students needing escorts at night can contact campus security at Tel.318 147\ 318 146.**



Welcome to Rhodes campus, a true modern-day wonder where everything seems to happen but nothing actually does. For those of you returning, look forward to another year of debauchery, student controversies, and Dallas chip confusion. First timers can look forward to some culture-shock, some severe lessons in the art of drinking and cauliflower butts from seeing movies at the Odeon.

Things to watch out for this year are Union "Fireside Jams", an innovative step in introducing student bands and muso's to those who have some taste in music. Watch out for Loomer, Underwater Duvet, What Joy Says and Justincasement who have just been on a tour around the country.

The Vic will always be the Vic, home of fond memories (if you still have a mind to remember them.) St Aidans should be happening, and happy-hour at the Mot is a tragedy if you don't take advantage of it. First years should acquaint themselves with the typical evening out, which has strikingly similar features to that of a boardgame.

STEP ONE: Get a bit hammered at res or digs (because the bottle store is still the cheapest.) STEP TWO: Depending on what day it is, the Union is usually the first stop. Cheap(ish) ale + good music + lots of people = a good start to an ugly evening.

STEP THREE: Depending on your particular tastes, the Rat or Boaters would be the next watering-hole. Remember, as the evening progresses so does your thirst and the price of the quencher.

STEP FOUR: Finally, after you're so potted, sozzled, broken, torn, ripped, baboon-whipped, Douglas Bader (legless) and motherless Mary, head on to the Vic because there's positively no place else to go (unless you get lucky!)

Follow this Four Step Plan and you cannot go wrong. Remember to take into account digs parties, Beer specials at the Graham, St Aidans rages and you will have no problem whatsoever slotting into the G-spot rhythm.

Be prepared to encounter strange groups of people, as Grahamstown's the rock they usually crawl out from under. Also, new vocab such as Bots, Dawnie (not that anyone goes), arb, goth, bungiepseudobungie (rich Sandtonites trying to be different), dube, catch-creek and the like. Statements like "I'm third year socially but first year academically" are quite common as the varsity life seems to agree with these people.

The only things to lookout for are roving sub-wardens, narcs, locals, and other disgusting creatures.

Rhodes is first and foremost an educational institution, but the details of what you'll actually learn are about as fuzzy as Saturday morning hangovers. Everyone has a certain pride about being here and not at (t)WITS or UCT or anywhere else, and you'll soon find yourself recognising familiar faces wherever you go. It's an eerie place with eerie people and whether it's your first or twenty-first year, enjoy it.

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Kolor me bad

Er...there is something funny going on at Boaters. I keep on seeing these hectic kolors every time I blink. It is almost like a rainbow. What is happening to me?
Lounge Lizard

Dear Lounge Lizzie

Of course you're seeing different kolors! We are a rainbow nation - are you an idiot or what? And if you're looking for gold, all you'll find around here is Hunter's.

Lost is the Woods

What's happening with the new VC? I have been hearing words like Liberals and Conservatives. This is not turning into a Tory invasion is it? And what about the track records? Does anyone know the whole truth
Smoutara

Dear Smouty

Well, life is tough in the rat race and conserving a species is difficult - especially when you're dealing with a dying breed. As for track records, the Rhode is narrow so you should try to keep left and pass right!

Blowing your chances

I used to work at a the Pentagon as the night sergeant in charge of the latest war-heads. There was a message from Rhodeo so I called the SRC and someone said **ACTIVATE!** So I did! Now I have to pay damages and I'm out of a job. I don't think this is very fair.
No-clear command

Dear No-clear

They said **ACTIVATE**, not **DETONATE**, you blithering fool. How could you not know about the new name. Everyone knows and they're all act-static.

Gift of the Gab

I was invited to deliver a speech at the Freedom of Information Conference at Rhodes' Journ Department and all some Guy gave me was some booklet called Review? What kind of gift is that for a First Deputy President? Surely they could have given me a copy of that wonderful magazine called JD!
Tub O'Mbeki

Dear Tub 'O

Hmm...You must never look a gift horse in the mouth, sweetie, it might have teeth! And you should have learnt ages ago that when opportunity Knox, magazines come in handy. It may also be easier to accept your gift if you ask yourself: "Who was that Guy?"

Point and Shoot

I was at the Conference the other day and this obnoxious women stuck a lens in my face when I was talking to these two charming young ladies. I know I'm getting old but I'm not JD-ed yet!
Free n' Gin Voila

Dear Free n'

There's a lot you don't know about the Journalism Department. Well, I guess the Cath is out of the bag now. And as my gogo used to hear her old baas say "Free dem and weep".

Stop press

I went to have supper at St Aidans the other night and they wouldn't let me in. I saw all these journalists hanging about the bar and some body guards. They were whispering something about dignity. Is there going to be war?
Freedom, Oh, Expression

Dear Foe

Listen love, they were talking about dignitaries. It was the first Deputy President waging a war of words. And there is no need to panic about the press - and if you're wondering, old journalists don't die, they move to Grahamstown and lecture.

No man is an island

I've been hearing a lot about this thing called "Rob an Island". Is it another get rich scheme? How does one go about it? Where can I find a rich island and will I get caught?
Isle Of Unity.

Dear IOU

Have you never hear of the apartheid struggle and political prisoners? They're talking about Robbin Island, stupid. As for getting rich quickly, call the Swedish embassy and if they're no help there's always Alan Boesak. He knows all about investments and other people's money.

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ORIENTATION WEEK 95

EVENTS

Wednesday 15 February

Night tour
of Grahamstown

Thursday 16 February

Union Party

Friday 17 February

Rag Buddies Party
at the Union

Saturday 18 February

SRC Fun Run
8:30am

Craft Market

Lunch on
Kaif Lawns

Fun Races

Great Hall Party

Sunday 19 February

Beach Trip

Issued by SRC - expires 20 February 1995

Priscilla

Editorial

"Death to student apathy"

Activate - the independent newspaper of Rhodes University

WELCOME to Rhodes University! For all the First Years - welcome to tertiary education. You will no doubt be confronted with many challenges in your years here and continually tested on your principles and beliefs. However, tertiary studies can also be some of the most exciting and knowledgeable times as you exchange ideas and concepts with both colleagues and academics.

Following the euphoria of the elections, South Africa is faced with testing times ahead as the writing of the constitution gets under way. Abortion, capital punishment and gay rights are highly contentious issues with most people voicing strong opinions. If provisions for gay rights are made in the final draft it would make our constitution the most progressive in the world. It would be interesting to note the developments in the new constitution and to see if election promises are delivered. We are probably one of the few fortunate people in the world to witness the historic writing of our constitution.

Rhodes is also at a crossroads in its 90 year history. As the Administration grapples with the proud colonialist traditions of the past and struggles to adapt to the changing needs of this country, there is an increasing call from students, staff and the greater Grahamstown/Rhini community for Rhodes to transform to a truly democratic and representative institution.

As the recent Freedom of Information Conference in the Journalism Department called for increased transparency in all spheres in this country, we find it highly ironic that transparency in admin's closed door policy is hardly ever contested.

1995 promises to be an interesting year with Vice Chancellor, Derek Henderson retiring after 20 years at the helm. However, the new vice chancellor may just inherit a sinking ship. Rhodes' transparency policy is questioned once again as the selection of the new Vice-Chancellor is shrouded in secrecy and controversy with most students unaware of our future.

The march at the 90th birthday celebrations last year was testimony that the university has to change to meet the demands of the Rhini/Grahamstown area and a changing South Africa.

The call for Rhodes University to change its name by both academics and students alike is growing louder and the issue as it stands is a time bomb waiting to explode.

Rhodes, however, has always spearheaded change. After widespread research, it was found that the interim name Masikhule was not suitable and we have finally decided on our name for the future - Activate.

This newspaper has always been proactive and progressive and the new name, Activate, embodies our principles of democracy, non-racism, non-sexism and non-homophobia.

Good luck for 1995 and we hope to see you at future paste-ups.

SIYANAMKELA nonke e Rhodes, ngakumbi abafundi abafikayo kulo nyaka. Siuyathemba ukuba nizakonwaba nathi kule minyaka izayo. Siyayazi ukuba akuzobalula ukuyiqhela lendawo kodwa eli lithuba lokuba ukhulise ingqondo yakho ngokuthi uyivulele imbono ezintsha oza kuzifumana kootithsala nabanye abafundi.

Imibhiyozo yonyulo lonyaka odlulileyo iyaphela, ngoku kufuneka sijonge umsebenzi omkhulu wokubhalwa komgaqo siseko omstha. Kuzabanzima ukufumana imvisiswano malunga ne ntambo, uqhamfa, namalungelo abantu aba "gay" kuba ezi zizinto abantu beli abangavumelaniyo ngazo. Siza kuwujonga ngomdla umsebenzi we "constitutional assembly" kuba nguwo oyakubonisa ukuba izithembiso eza zenziwe phambi konyolo ziyakufezekiswa na.

Ingathi lo, izakuba ngunyaka onomdla apha e Rhodes. Sisajongile ukuba abaphathi balapha bazakuzimamela na izikhalo zabantu abafuna i Rhodes ibe yi yunivesithi yabantu.

Kwiveki edlulileyo, i Rhodes ibibambe inkongolo abho bekuxoxwa malunga namalungelo abantu okuba baziswe ngokuqhubeka ezweni lethu. Iyothusa into yokuba khangela kuthethwe nto malunga nabaphathi balapha abangalihloniphiyo ilungelo lokuba umfundi ngamnye ayazi ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni e yunivesithi. Lento iboniswa lunyulo le Vice-Chancellor entsha.

Kudala abafundi nabasebenzi balapha besilwa kuba befuna i yunivesithi ithsintse igama layo. I Rhodes ikubone kunyanzelekile ukuba ingalindeli



CREDITORIAL

Roy (they do it in our family), Karuna (It could be a female virus. Everything bad is not always male), Tess (the computer wizzard), Hannah (silently hoping that her body would be invaded by a male virus), Matthew (I didn't need diapers. I always wore pants), Taryn (spell-check expert), Lukanyo (Do you want to get me thrown out of varsity), Kammy (I think I do know how to do it), Michelle (It can't be very big), Dani (the thought was there, we missed you babe), Katherine (Hope your trip was good), Maria (I can do it), Colette, Amy, Ross, Sanja (always in spirit), Dror, Rycherde, 45 New Street, 8 Bartholomew Street, 702 (don't think we can stand the competition), Ginos, RVR724T(RIP), Venture(RIP), Frisco and last but not least - Ricoffee, Henderson, Webster and Woods - Rest In Peace.

activate

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Grahamstown

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Activate is a volunteer student organisation operating on the principles of non-racism, non-homophobia, non-sexism and democracy.

All members of the university community are welcome to join the organisation and submit contributions.

Activate reserves the right to edit all material and will not publish anything the staff considers a breach of the organisation's principles.

The **Activate** Collective is:

Roy McKenzie, Karuna Gopal, Hannah Kaye, Tess Naidoo, Matthew Buckland, Lukanyo Mnyanda, Kay Stead.

Other contributing members are:

Katherine Murphy, Michelle Willmers, Kammy Naidoo, Rycherde Walters, Claire Smith, Maria McCloy, Dror Eyal, Amy Brooke, Colette Ambler, Dani Bergman, Ross Scheepers, Robin Kalmeck, Iain Casey, Luke Buckland, Daniel Buckland, Eugene de Klerk, Larissa Klazinga.

Thanks to all others not mentioned.

utshinthso oluvela kuba phathi kodwa ikhokele kulomcimbi ngokuthi itshintshe igama layo. Sikholelwa ukuba igama lethu elithsa elingu Activate liyavumelana nenkolelo zethu. Yaye singavuya ukubona imizabalozo ngabafundi abakholelwa ekuphelisweni kwazo zonke iintlobo zocalu-calulo nengcinezelo iyakukhula kulonyaka. Siniqwenelela u 1995 onempumelelo yaye siyathemba ukuba nizokusebenza kwi Activate.



Go ahead - make our day

We want to hear from you. Complain, exclaim, applaud and deliberate out loud - just vent your spleen and tell us how you feel.

All correspondence can be placed in the locked box outside the *Activate* office, upstairs from Kaif.

"old white male ideas"

Dear *Activate*

Comrade Joe Slovo is dead, buried and resting, it is possible to talk about Rhodes as governed by white old men without worrying about offending a Senior Minister. I say this only in response to Professor Berger's point in *Rhodos*, October '94, that we have an old white man as an ANC Minister. I do not take him seriously. I think the statement is absurd and an unfitting epitaph especially with regards to a man

who dedicated his life working towards a non-racial South Africa.

I never would have called him a white old man. When we say Rhodes is led by white old men we are not simply referring to skin colour, but rather the ideas embodied by those men. Anyone who supposes otherwise is naive.

Rhodes is led by "white old men" who have old white male ideas. If a white man with progressive ideals becomes the new vice-chancellor, we in the progressive camp will be very happy and colour will simply have been an accident of birth. This person would have transcended the barrier of colour.

Do you get it now Prof Berger?

Msizi Kuhlana

In memory of a friend lost

Dear Dr Motara

Mr Leahy and I wish to thank you most sincerely for the kindness extended to us at the time of our son, John's tragic death last year

We would be especially pleased if you could in some way make it known to all those

numerous friends of John and fellow students who attended the Memorial Service held in the Rhodes Chapel, that we were very grateful for their presence and were totally overwhelmed by such a large attendance.

We valued the time spent after the service becoming acquainted with so many people who had known John at Rhodes, and their messages of sympathy were greatly appreciated. John was indeed a very privileged person to have known and interacted with so many nice young people. Again, on behalf of the family, thank all so very much.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Leahy

Your A-Z of Campus Life

A

Activate: mass mobilisation media
Admin: a hate-hate relationship
Alcoholic: no qualification necessary
Apathy: still alive

B

Black Label: the first quencher
Boaters: reaching new highs
Botha House: see Caveman
Bots: danger zone, beware
Bridges: bridging the gap between nowhere and the Vic
Buddies: Rocky's Horror Show

C

Camel: mucho macho
Campus security: unseen, unheard
Cell phone: comes with free luxury sedan
Condom: Happy Valentine's Day
Cotch creek: puke palace
Caveman: see Neanderthal

D

Dawnie: hell no, you won't go
Degree: take as many years to complete as you desire, cash welcome!
Deputy Vice-president: Been there, done that, got the review
Digs: a hole in the wall; off limits to BFArts
DJs: they do it on request
Drunk: if you need a definition you're on the wrong campus

E

Ella's: mucho nice-o coffee, pronto
E-mail: electronic male finder
Essays: secretaries' weekly kick at 9.00am
Exams: not yet
Exercise: 100m sprint to the closest bottle store

F

Family planning: not at the SAN
Festival: annual traffic jam
Fuck: see Pick Up Lines

G

Gay: smiley, happy people
Goths: out with the eighties, get a life
Government: the groovy train
G-spot: can be stimulating if you can find it
Gunja: user-friendly foliage

H

Hang-overs: bloody Mary!
Harassment: which part of "no" didn't you understand?
High Street: for one-shop stopping

I

Intervarsity: the arrival of the stUPEd clan
Interview: with the vampire...sorry, vice-chancellor
Inter-visiting: time to reach out and touch someone

J

JD: what journ lecturers do in our spare time
Journalism: wherr stewdints lern to rite storees

K

Kaif: still better than res food
Kenton: the ultimate getaway
Kiff: remove it from your varsity vocab
Kolors: a kaleidoscope taking you to new highs

L

Law: if you can't get Articles you can write some for us
Lectures: interim sleeping periods until you get to bed
Library: best reading material available in toilet
Local Government: happening in October
Loomer: lighting up the Fireside Jam
Love: yeah, and they'll respect you in the morning, too

M

Money: just never enough
Monument: hottest property in Grahamstown
Motara: best left unsaid
Motherless: what most students are
Mountain Drive: do no evil

N

Neanderthal: See Botha House
Neuter: recommended procedure for those who don't understand the meaning of "no"
Nose ring: some people have rings in far more interesting places

O

Odeon: genuine fifties cinema as it was
Off-the-record: anything about Admin
OK: one stop shopping in G'Town's own Carlton Centre
Oppie: really dig living out of res

P

Paste-up: come along and get active
Peace Off: this is a new SA
Perv: look but don't touch
Pick Up Line: fuck me if I'm wrong but don't I know you from somewhere?
Port Alfred: where the rest of campus hangs out during lectures

Q

Queen: another woman calling the shots
Quote: you won't get it from Admin

R

Rat and Parrot: place to eat, drink, be merry and meet yuppies.
Rape: it does happen here
Rasta: rebels with a cause
Rag: very tattered organisation
RDP: Revenge of the Dark People
Rhodo: R.I.P.

S

Safe Sex: see condom, then use it
Salsa: the forbidden society
SANDF: sit and now do fuck-all
Secretary: undercover heads of department
Spade: ideal opportunity to use Pick Up Line

T

Telkom: don't cell out
Toxic sludge: see cotch creek
Transparency: no sight of it yet
Tuts: ask a friend to sign for you

U

Undergrad: the party starts now
Union: get your member-chip now
Unity: let's all get pissed together

V

varsity: besht yearsh of your life...
VC: now known as "AdministratorX!"
Vic: everybody's favourite nightclub

W

Warden: prison warden
Weekend: your seven-day weekend campus

X

Xenophobia: somebody send these Zimbos home

Y

Y did you come here if all you want to do is study

Z

Zicusa: culture soc
Zimbabwean: see SPCA
Zimsoc: culture shock
Zippo: yuppie investment - for the hand that's not holding the cell, doll

1994 will always remain a watershed year in the lives of all South Africans. *Activate* takes a look at some of the highlights and lowlights of the year through the lens of Rycherde Walters.

The year that

All other events paled into insignificance after the historic non-racial elections on April 27 which saw South Africans celebrating the inauguration of our first democratically elected government.

As President Nelson Mandela said at his inauguration ceremony, "Never, never and never again will this beautiful country of ours experience the oppression of one by another."

The rainbow nation had suddenly moved from pariah status to the envy of the entire world.

However the fight for freedom and democracy did not end on April 27 as we still struggle to move away from apartheid structures and more importantly the apartheid ideology which is still largely prevalent, even on our very own campus.

Some Rhodes' students realised this and the struggle to democratise all spheres of our lives continued...

Gender Forum kept the flame for gender equality burning when they continued the call for safer measures for women students on campus by



Rhodes struggle to retain their Intervarsity rugby title, in vain.

Johnny Clegg rocks Rhodes fans in the Great Hall.

staging the "Women Take Back the Night" march in October.

Rhodes' 90th anniversary celebrations which were meant to uphold the university's proud traditions revealed that pride in our past was not shared by the greater Rhini/Grahamstown community.

There was much consternation and embarrassment in the upper echelons of the university when the Forum for the Democratic Transformation of Rhodes (FDTR) protested on St. Peter's Lawns demanding equal access for township students.

The greatest shock waves reverberated throughout the campus when both the Vice Chancellor, Derek Henderson and Registrar, Keith Hunt announced their resignations.

Things really heated up here and Rhini/Grahamstown hit the national news for the first time, after the Arts Festival, when the Monument was gutted causing at least R20 million in damages. Dire predictions of not being able to use the Monument for the Festival caused concern among the arts community. The Phoenix Fund was soon established to help restore and renovate the building. Hopefully this fund would continue to be used for the advancement of arts for the Rhini/Grahamstown community.

Amidst all of these events, social life at Rhodes thrived. The privatisation of the Union and Kaif saw much needed

Govan Mbeki receives his honorar



was: 1994

improvement in the food and the general appearance of the place. The Union also introduced new events for the year with the Fireside Jams and the battle of the bands emerging as the students favourite.

The introduction of raves proved very popular with the last one at the Chapel being the ultimate experience.

Intervarsity was not as successful as 1993 with Rhodes failing to retain their rugby title after the previous years historic defeat, though they were triumphant at the wine tasting event at intervarsity.

Rhodes rowing teams were once again victorious trouncing their opponents and winning both the men's and women's section at the Intervarsity Rowing. Seven members of the Rhodes rowing team also represented South Africa internationally with Andy Maclachlan appointed as national captain.

1994 also set the precedent for milestones for Rhodes University with the Sexual Tolerance Education Programme (Step) organising the first gay and lesbian Campus ball in the

honorary doctorate at the graduation ceremony.

End of an Era



Vice-Chancellor Derek Henderson announces his shock retirement.

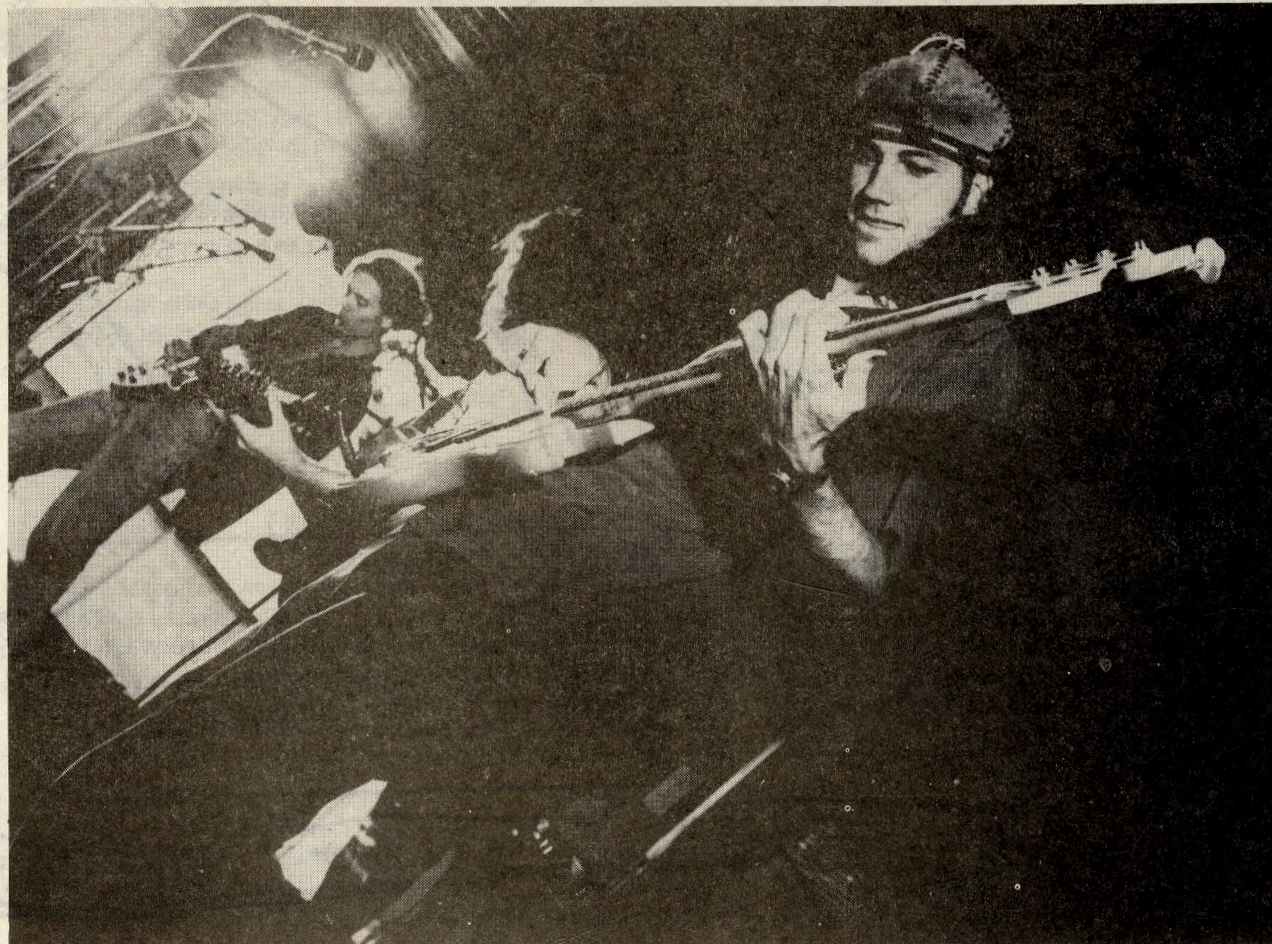
country. The function was a great success although straight people walked off with all the prizes. The first ever campus disciplinary hearing for a homophobic remark saw the plaintiff win the case. Although the defendant got off lightly, full marks to the committee as Rhodes slowly moves towards a non-homophobic campus.

Rhodes University's name change debate still rages on but Rhodeo took the bold step forward and set the precedent by changing its name to the interim name, - Masikhule. After much debate and research, Rhodes' independent student newspaper is now called Activate.

Hopefully, this example will be followed in all spheres of the university as we move forward to a progressive and democratic institution!



Student band, Long Haired Freaky People at the fireside jam.



THE STREETS of GRAHAMSTOWN

Being a concise and possibly even accurate map of the Great Settler City - origin and abode of the hole of Rat.

Also finest assortment of monuments, markets and taverns for your enjoyment... warned to use sparingly if on prolonged visit.

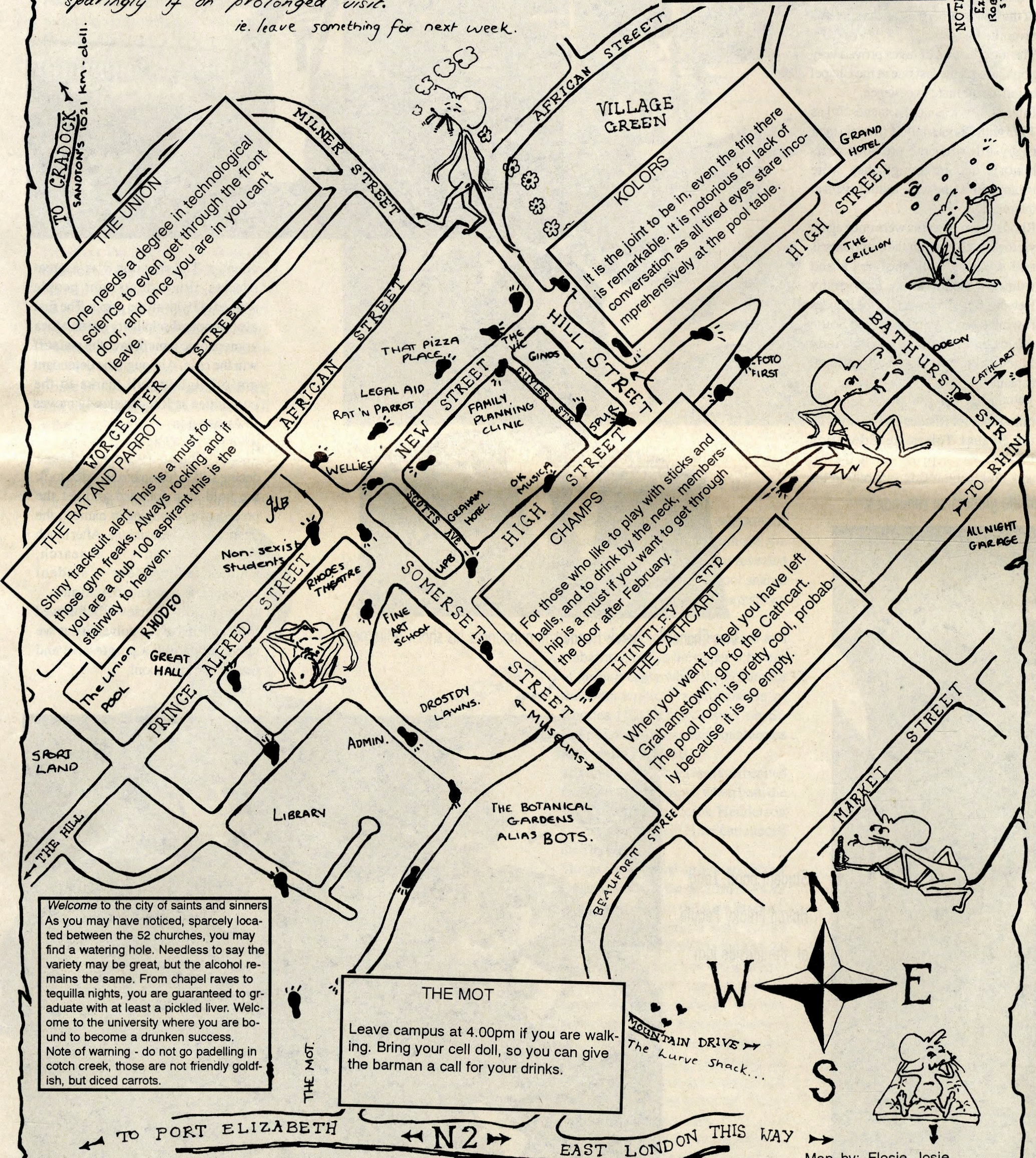
ie. leave something for next week.

THE VIC

Being the only club in Grahamstown, the Vic is also the best club in Grahamstown. If you are trying to do the avoiding thing best you leave the Vic out.

NOTHING IMPORTANT
EXCEPT ROBERT STREET

TO CRADOCK
SANDTON'S 1021 km - doll.



Welcome to the city of saints and sinners
As you may have noticed, sparsely located between the 52 churches, you may find a watering hole. Needless to say the variety may be great, but the alcohol remains the same. From chapel raves to tequilla nights, you are guaranteed to graduate with at least a pickled liver. Welcome to the university where you are bound to become a drunken success.
Note of warning - do not go padelling in cotch creek, those are not friendly goldfish, but diced carrots.

THE MOT

Leave campus at 4.00pm if you are walking. Bring your cell doll, so you can give the barman a call for your drinks.

TO PORT ELIZABETH

N2

EAST LONDON THIS WAY

Map by: Flosie Josie

SRC MESSAGE

Welcome to Rhodes and your SRC! The SRC is the highest student decision making body on campus but please, don't put us on a pedestal - we are never more important than you. It is run by students, for students with student's interests at the heart of all our activities. We hold seats on the most influential University forums, including the University Council and the University Senate. We are also involved in mediation, resolution of conflicts that may arise between various parties and seeing that student rights are never infringed upon.

Your SRC consists of 16 student representatives, who are elected annually in a democratic vote. Portfolios are allocated amongst these representatives and range from a Gender portfolio to a Education Portfolio and a Entertainment portfolio. An allocated portfolio ensures that a particular representative deals with only certain issues and fields of interest thus becoming an expert of sorts in dealing with these issues and eventually making the best decision that will make everyone happy. Further, this facilitates student-SRC relations as well as the raising of issues and stating of students opinions on a variety of matters ranging from senate transformation to the amount of functional street lights we have on campus. The way the SRC is able to do this is with the help of you, the student body, so we need to hear what you have to say about how the campus is run, what you like and the changes you would like to see. There are always people readily available to answer your questions and listen to your suggestions. All you have to do is drop by

the SRC offices - we have an open-door policy or, you can leave a message with Faith, our friendly and efficient SRC secretary and we will try to get back to you as soon as we can.

The SRC does not just provide representation and support. We have principles and a code of honour that we try to adhere to even in times of difficulty. It is this that holds us together as a united body. It is often said that unity is strength and we firmly believe in this. A united campus can achieve much more than a divided one. We thus urge you to always try to aim for unity by sharing with us your hopes and disappointments alike so that we may keep sight of our goals and make life easier for all at hand. Your happiness and comfort is important to our well being as much as it is to yours.

In the past few weeks your SRC has been actively involved in preparing an Orientation Week programme, to introduce you to your new home away from home. We want you to get the feel of varsity and campus life as well as life in Grahamstown. There are many members of the Orientation Week Committee who will be there to help you, show you around and answer your questions to the best of their ability. We have many exciting things planned for you, so don't hesitate to get involved in the action. This will help you meet lots of new people and get better acquainted with the other students living in the same halls as you. Orientation Week can be unforgettable. One might even say that it lays the initial foundation for your stay at Rhodes so enjoy it for, it is the beginning of one of the best years of your life.

SRC Media Office

If you're going to have sex, think before you do it and do it right.

***** Condoms donated by the Family Planning Clinic in Anglo-African Street.**

These are some of the societies that you can join on campus. They have submitted brief summaries of what they are all about. You can find out more about them and other societies on Societies Evening held in the Great Hall on March 2.

Rusco

Rhodes University Student Community Organisation (Rusco) is aimed at assisting the greater Grahamstown community.

Some of the projects that Rusco has undertaken include the Children's literacy project, Settler's Hospital for sick people, Geriatrics and Antics for the aged. This year Rusco aims to increase the number of projects and members participating in them and thus requires students to volunteer for the various projects for an hour a week.

Rusco provides workshops for social work skills, arts and craft and elementary Xhosa for interested members.

Join this dynamic team at societies evening and see your effort bring hope to the underprivileged for a better future.

Step

The Sexuality Tolerance Education Programme (STEP) is aimed at ending prejudice against homosexuals by informing campus about these issues.

Step is currently drafting a petition supporting the inclusion of the sexual orientation clause in the Bill of Rights which will be submitted to the Constitutional Assembly for consideration. If this clause is included it will make our constitution the most progressive in the world.

There will be a Step table at societies evening and contact numbers will be available as soon as Telkom reaches out and touches us.

So please join us and we will razzle alllllll year!

Tidal Wave

SINCE this is the Orientation issue of *ACTIVE* this is the perfect opportunity to warn new students about some of the realities of campus life. Warning: Rape is a reality and it does happen on Rhodes Campus!!! Warning: Just because people look healthy it does not mean they are not HIV positive. AIDS is on the increase among students because of the belief that it can only happen to other people. Warning: Sexual Harassment does happen on campus and there is something you can do about it. The harassment panel has been set up to deal with harassment on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, etc.

These warnings are not to inspire fear or paranoia, they are intended to inspire action through empowerment. The Gender Forum will be addressing these and other issues so that the only warnings will be to those who rape, harass and practice unsafe sex. Watch this space for further details...

Genderforum

Gender forum is a society aimed at non-discrimination and empowerment of the sexes, especially women through education. Last year, Gender forum assisted in changing interviewing rules in residences, arranging workshops on eating disorders and liaising with admin to improve the lighting. The "Women Take Back The Night March" was staged as a protest at the number of rapes and harassment on campus.

This year the society plans to organise workshops and participating in women's reading groups.

Gender Forum has organised for mace to be sold during orientation week and can be charged to student accounts.

Join us and together we will conquer Campus Sexism!

IN

Strops
Activate
Another old fart
Kolors
Sting
Ella's
Walking shoes
the blackened look
side partings
shouting long distances
pepsi
World cup Rugby
Affirmative action
Chapel raves

OUT

Cat boots
Rhodeo
Henderson
Boaters
Oakleys
Spur
BMW's
Monument
Shaved heads
Cell phones
Bioplus
Davis cup tennis
White males
Great Hall parties

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DETAILS

NAME: RHODES MUSIC RADIO
ALIAS: RMR
DESCRIPTION: STUDENT RADIO STATION
LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR, STUDENT UNION BUILDING
TURF: GRAHAMSTOWN
FREQUENCY: CAMPUS NARROWCASTING
MISSION: MUSICAL STIMULUS & INFOTAINMENT
AFFILIATION: BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT STATIONS
PERSONNEL: 10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
 50 ON-AIR STAFF & PRODUCERS
CONTACT: EMAIL: RMR@RUCUS.RU.AC.ZA
: PHONE: (0461) 27182
: FAX: (0461) 27553

HISTORY

INCEPTION: 1981
FM RECORD: 1991
 NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL - 87.6FM STEREO
 1992
 NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL - 87.6FM STEREO
 1993
 M-NET RED NOSE DJ MARATHON - 88FM STEREO
 NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL - 88FM STEREO
 1994
 IBA TEMPORARY LICENCE - 88FM STEREO
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 IN MY AFRICAN DREAM TOUR
 MOBILE DISCO EVENTS

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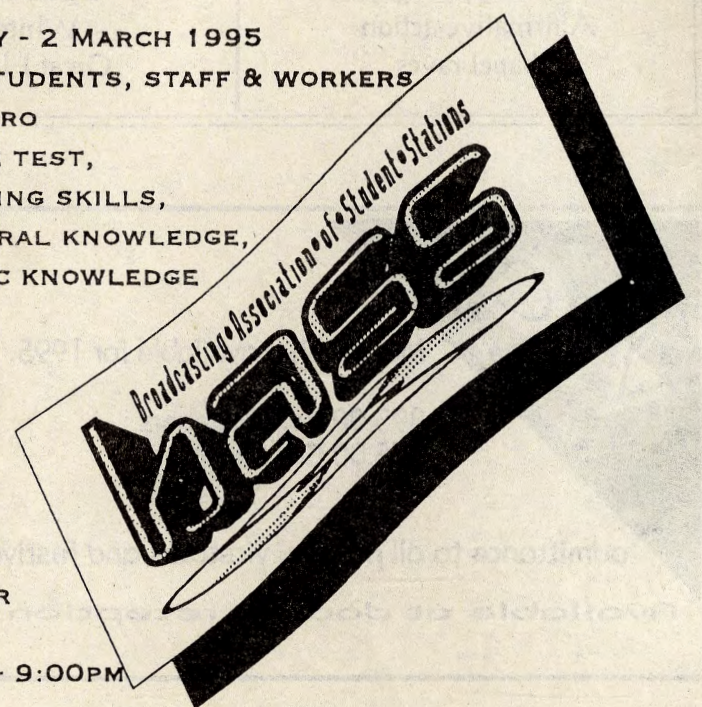
RADIUS: 15KM
FREQUENCY: 88FM STEREO
HOURS: 24/24 - 7 DAYS/WEEK
PROGRAMMING: MUSIC, NEWS & TALK
TARGET: RHODES STUDENTS, STAFF & WORKERS
IBA HEARING DATE: 15 MARCH 1994

AUDITIONS

DURATION: 27 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 1995
APPLICANTS: RHODES STUDENTS, STAFF & WORKERS
EXPERIENCE NEEDED: ZERO
NATURE: VOICE TEST,
 READING SKILLS,
 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE,
 MUSIC KNOWLEDGE
STRESS LEVEL: ZERO

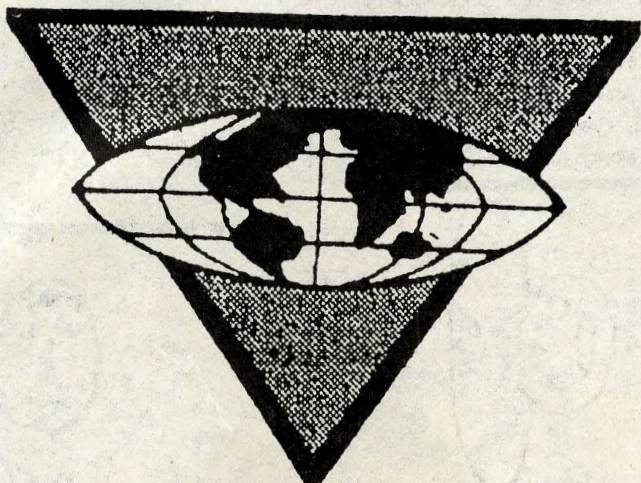
GENERAL INFO

VISITORS WELCOME OVER
ORIENTATION WEEK
STUDIO TIMES: 9:00AM - 9:00PM



outward bound

It's a World Gone Queer



"TO BE or not to be," I wonder if Shakespeare knew how cliched these words would become when he penned them.

To be or not to be - gay rights in the final draft of South Africa's Constitution.

1995 is going to be the definitive year for the South African Constitution.

The constitution ensures that discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation is unlawful. This is however only an interim constitution.

The Government of National Unity (GNU) has called on all citizens and interest groups in the country to submit proposals on what should be included and what should be excluded from the constitution.

This means that gay rights are going to have to put together a strong lobby group to ensure that this clause is entrenched.

As one of the few gay organisations in the Eastern Cape, STEP must seriously consider a campus action group or a petition to run concurrently with the campaign launched by the National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality.

South Africa has the chance of becoming the most insightful country in the world on the gay rights legislation.

At the opening session of parliament this year, the spokesperson for the religious fundamentalist faction in parliament, the leader of the ACDP, declared homosexuality undesirable.

He said: "Not I or any of you in this room is a product of homosexuality, how therefore can it be right."

Gee this guy should be awarded the Nobel Prize for intelligence and logical reasoning powers. Move over Stephan Hawkins. This issue is not cut and dry. The ANC leadership has come out in support of gay rights as has the DP and IFP.

The NP and the FF are notoriously homophobic and the PAC's !Khoisan has declared homosexuality "unafrican".

The ANC has to contend with the views of its electorate. It is unclear whether the ANC caucus will come out in support of abortion rights and in the same way unclear about whether it will support the sexual orientation clause.

They may have to balance the interests of the people who elected them against what they feel and know to be just. It is however disturbing that the GNU continues to trade and interact so closely with countries like Zimbabwe and Botswana.

Recently a Zimbabwean cabinet minister chided the churches of Zimbabwe for keeping so quiet about the evils of homosexuality.

In Botswana two men were charged with sodomy after they were discovered in the throws of passion, heaven forbid.

The GNU seems blissfully unaware that acts like this still occur and that homosexual sex is still considered a crime in these two and many other African countries that it has close relationships with.

To all those homophobes out there you can't get away with it anymore, homophobia runs foul of the university's constitution.

And to all gay first years, for most of you this year will be a major challenge in questioning your sexual identity.

There are segments of this campus that will support you and help you to deal with the

decisions you make.

This is probably my last column, so to all my fans out there keep the rainbow flag flying and to all of you that have grown to hate me and stare in amazement at my views, don't fret.

Ross Scheepers

Needful Things

Claire Smith

So you've moved into digs! Bare walls, rising damp, broken windows, spider colonies inhabiting every curtain rail, and of course no furniture to call your own. Enough complaining might result in the landlord installing a security gate in front of that door hanging off its hinges but the furnishing of your hovel is solely your responsibility. From New Street to Bathurst Street, second hand shops with a distinctly unenticing smell are hocking their wares at reasonable and outrageous prices.

My wanderings first led me to the Knock Shop in New Street. The most expensive items were the wardrobes and fridges. Two prices I picked up were R450 and R625 respectively. The traditional res. desks were in the R100's, but anything with two drawers or more escalated to R285 and above. Single base and mattress sets go for R345 while double is R460. Another student necessity, bookshelves, ranged from R65 to R275. Deliveries are possible at a fee of R5. My next stop, the Bargain Centre is directly across from the Grand Hotel (need I say more) For R100 six pieces of firewood bound together with approximately seven nails was posing as a bookshelf. Someone should inform them that sandpaper and varnish are standard carpentry tools. Another of their offerings was a moth-eaten - god-only-

knows-what-happened-on-that mattress complete with base for R325. Err, no thanks! Again wardrobes were in a high price range with the most expensive being R795 and the others loitering around that same money bracket.

Right next door is the Television and Radio Centre which incidentally has extended its wares to include beds, stoves and anything else they manage to pick-up. For R115 you can get a single foam mattress in various florals, Deevine! However, the trick is to act disinterested and leave the shop. The salesman runs eagerly after you and a floral foam can be purchased for a very reasonable R80. (Maybe he knew I was from ACTIVATE Pine City and Joshua Doore embarrassed themselves by selling the same 6 inch foams for R169.

Smiles and balloons welcome you at Grahamstown Buyers and Sellers, not! Mattresses are not sold separately so for those bungis who prefer being close to the earth, give this place a skip.

Here there was a wardrobe for R425, a desk for R225 and a chest of drawers for R385.

That concludes my tour of Grahamstown's furniture dealers. I've heard of a few more places that I never made it to, perhaps with more reasonable prices. And please if you got some better deals, let the world know. Some of us will be socialising with our spider colonies for the next month due to lack of funds.

The Muslim Students Association

wish to welcome all first year Muslim students to Rhodes University.

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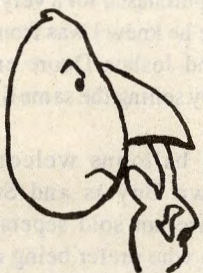
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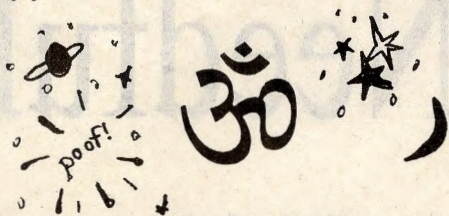
Aquarius

You have an inventive mind and are sometimes hard to follow. You make the same mistakes repeatedly and are known by everyone as a whiner. You can be very stubborn and quirky. Everyone thinks you're a stupid jerk and a clumsy oaf. Dogs often mistake you for a tree.



Pisces

You have a vivid imagination and sometimes think that you are being followed by the special branch. You're sensitive and sympathetic and people think you're a sucker. You find it hard to live in reality and often have fantasies galore. Pisceans kick small animals and pick their noses.



Aries

You are a pioneer type and hold most people in contempt. You are quick-tempered, impatient and scornful of advice. You are very self-centred and can be a royal pain in the ass. Arians are tactless and overestimate their importance. They suffer from megalomania. You are hard to please and are a dork!



Taurus

You are practical and persistent. You have dogged determination and work like hell. Most people think you are stubborn and bull-headed. People think you are a Communist spy. You should try losing some weight and learning social grace if you want to be a social butterfly. Your taste sucks.



Cancer

You are sympathetic and understanding of other people's problems. You have a memory like an elephant and should learn to accept defeat. You are always procrastinating. That way, you will always be out of work and will never really be worth anything.



Leo

You think you're a born leader. Others think you are pushy. Most Leos are bullies. You are vain, dramatic and constantly seek attention. You hate honest criticism because it makes you feel inferior. Your arrogance is disgusting. Leo people are thieves and kiss mirrors a lot.



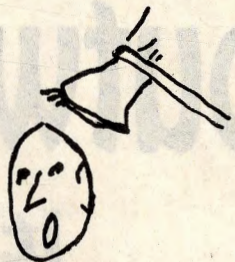
Virgo

You are fussy, finicky and prone to panic and throw up on your friends. You are sometimes logical and hate disorder. Your nit-picking is sickening to your friends. You are cold and unemotional and fall asleep when making love. Virgoans make good bus drivers and pimps.



Libra

You are the artistic type and have trouble dealing with reality. If you are male you are probably queer. You are indecisive and changeable. You rely heavily on others and are a lazy pig. Most Libra women are whores. All Libras die of venereal diseases.



Scorpio

You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You are afraid of failure and embarrassment. You shall achieve the heights of success because you have no ethics. You are a perfect SOB. You are very jealous. Most scorpio people are murdered.



Sagittarius

You are optimistic and enthusiastic. You have a reckless tendency to rely on luck because you have no talent. Most Sagittarians are drunks and pot-heads. You often exaggerate and jump to conclusions in a hurry. People laugh at you a lot because you are always zonked out.



Gemini

You are quick, intelligent and a thinker. People like you because you are bisexual. However, you are inclined to expect too much for too little. This means you are cheap bastard. You are very nervous and sweat a lot. You are inconsistent and thrive on incest.

Capricorn

You are conservative and are afraid of taking risks. You are basically chicken. You expect everyone to do things for you and like to have the last say. There are never any Capricorns of importance.

sensitive readers may be offended by these starscopes but Indy the Great doesn't really care. She says that is you can't handle reality - go see a therapist or write to Bhabha Madge.

A selection of black and white jazz photographs will be on display at Ella's Coffee Bar from this week.

The photographs, by photojournalism student Dror Eyal, feature images of musicians like Jimmy Dladlu, Johannes Kerkorrel and Morris Goldberg. They were taken at the Smirnoff Jazz Festival in July and the December One World Concert in Cape Town.

Ella's jazz theme makes it the perfect venue for the exhibition.

The photograph here shows Jimmy Dladlu in action.



a psychedelic cornucopia

Luke Buckland

The orientation programme presented by the Rhodes Drama Department and planned for February 13, is a remarkable and multi-faceted look at the different aspects of drama offered at Rhodes.

There are four separate presentations and each offers a dynamic experience in the combined disciplines of mime, poetry, dance and drama.

"Travellers" provides the programme with a breathtaking piece of physical theatre which has virtually become the Rhodes

Drama Department trademark. It is an adaptation of an original work choreographed by Professor Gordon and previously performed throughout the country.

Through dance and text by Samuel Becket, images of journeying and change are created and metaphors for physical transitions and rites of passage are explored.

In the second piece: Hamletmachine, director Stacy Hardy has combined the traditional Shakespearean genre with innovative theatre elements to create an intense and gothically psychedelic play. The

combination of eclectic dress from all ages and eras, different stage levels, cages, pits, ages and eras, different stage levels, cages, pits, ropes, and the use of brightly coloured lights serve to create a complex and gripping piece of theatre.

Through these works Rhodes Drama Department displays its progressive attitude to the teaching of theatre studies using current issues, for example, gender, suicide and the transience of living things as a medium for developing performance skills. A poetry presentation makes up the third component of the programme. Rhythm,

sound and images are explored and the poems thus become "living" creations that leap off the page and grab you by the balls. Senior lecturer Andrew Buckland's play "Feedback" ends the programme. This one-man mime, performed without use of props or set, with its hilarious look at food distribution, is the perfect counterpoint to the psychedelic cornucopia of imagery presented in the previous works.

This presentation is designed to dazzle and entice all prospective drama students and it is a must-see for all those even remotely interested in the dramatic arts.

Fireside Jam Set to Rock Campus

Michelle Willmers & Katherine Murphy

Union Fireside Jams are set to become bigger and better this year.

"I want to create a music society, a place where musicians can meet each other and share equipment," says Union PRO Nick Grubb.

Nick organised the first Fireside Jam at the start of the third term in 1994, and the

Monday night jam sessions had a large following by the end of the year.

The first jam was largely informal with musicians like Chris Liebenberg, Jonathan Edwards, Evan Lazarus and indie band Loomer. Musicians from first years to lecturers combined their talents.

A unique feature of the jams was the laid-back atmosphere and tolerance of musicians experimenting and feeling their way around. It became platform for musicians to

collaborate with others and six bands were forged by the end of the year.

"The original idea was to create a casual jol on Monday nights," says Nick who is now approaching sponsors to expand the event. Nick thinks the success and frequency of this year's Fireside Jams will depend on how much new talent comes onto campus with the first-year intake. "Getting another Loomer would be amazing."

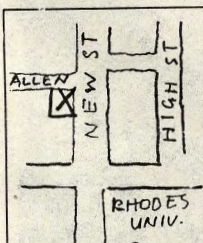
The fireside Jam spawned Justincasement

who went on to play in Cape Town and Johannesburg over the December vacation, and other bands became increasingly professional by the end of the year.

"It's technically still a jam though," says Nick. "It's an opportunity for musicians to test themselves out."

Nick is adamant that the Union will be strict about admitting only members this year and hitches experienced with the Dallas chip system should be ironed out.

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ON behalf of the Sports Council I would like to welcome all first-years to the campus and invite you to become involved in our varied programme of sport and recreation during your time here.

Sport at Rhodes is administered almost entirely by the students. Club committees are student based and take care of the daily running of the clubs. The clubs, themselves, form the Sports Council. This is the body that formulates necessary policies, as well as attending to matters of general concern. The Council is steered by an Executive Committee which oversees

matters relating to the everyday management of sport at Rhodes.

The entire structure of sport is supported by Rhodes' Sports Administration. Sports Admin, as it is commonly known, is comprised of three professional sports officers and an efficient band of support staff who, together, provide the encouragement, advice and assistance that is necessary for the effective administration of sport and recreation.

Situated, as we are, in a small city, with most of the students in residence or digs, means that a high percentage of the student body are active partici-

pants in competitive and recreational sport. Therefore, access to the numerous sports facilities is free. These are facilities of good quality. They have been designed to meet the increasing demands for excellence in sport, and are within the proximity of the rest of the campus - and even the furthest digs.

There are some 26 clubs available, which covers a wide range of interest areas from cricket to aquatics. Students are encouraged to participate on the social, recreational or competitive level.

The strong communication links be-

tween the clubs and the students, via the notice boards outside the Union, ensures that no-one misses out on the ongoing activities, so keep an eye out!

SOCIETIES EVENING

Sports Clubs Evening will be held in the Great Hall on Tuesday, February 28, from 7.00pm-9.00pm. All the sports clubs will be represented so grab the opportunity to sign up and become part of the action. Club memorabilia will be on sale. Club subscriptions may be debited to your student accounts but any club clothing will have to be

bought for cash.

The staff at Sports Administration, situated at the Prospect Fields, are always willing to assist wherever possible. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you require information, assistance or advice.

I wish you all a happy and rewarding year and hope that your needs and aspirations in sport and recreation are met. Lets make 1995 a memorable year for Rhodes sport.

Pete Andrew
HEAD: SPORTS ADMIN

Sports Editorial

WELCOME back to another sporting year at Rhodes, one that seems to have begun on a mixed note. The return of inspirational rugby coach, Lipi Sinnot, for another season is certainly good news. With Sinnot back, this season may promise to be a more successful one. We anticipate another Intervarsity triumph on our home turf.

Rigorous training during the vac is sure to have the Rhodes rowing team mirror their past performances which have earned them national acclaim as the best university rowing side. However, the departure of Jeremy Ashton and Grant Hartley from the squad is bound to be telling in the early season. It would be foolhardy of the team to assume they will not suffer from the loss of these international rowers. Nevertheless, we hope the coxless four squad that Ashton and Hartley helped make up will quickly and successfully reconstruct to maintain their unbeaten Boatrace record. Moving further afield, South Africa seems to be coping well with its re-admission into the demanding arena of international sport. Cricket, particularly, is on an all time high. After a disastrous tour of Pakistan in October last year, South Africa staged a fantastic home comeback by crushing the world champions in

December's Mandela Cup quadrangular series. final. Significantly, the delight of victory wasn't shared by all South Africans, many of whom feel the cricket side isn't a truly representative one. Sadly our national teams remain the products of apartheid - a fact that cannot be denied. Therefore, **ACTIVATE** encourages and supports sports development programmes, and urges the involvement of schools and tertiary institutions. Development in sport at grass root level is the only way of breaking the race barriers in sport to produce teams that will do justice to our new spirit of democracy

1995 promises to be a humdinger of a sporting year. On the national scene, let's hope all goes well with South Africa's preparations for the Rugby World Cup, so that it may overcome the shame brought on by the Davis Cup disaster. At Rhodes, first year students will experience the thrills, spills and campus patriotism that is unique to Intervarsity. At the same time, though, perhaps this year's event will be devoid of the alcoholism and harassment that is often part of the Intervarsity festivities.

ACTIVATE looks forward to a year of good, clean sporting fun.

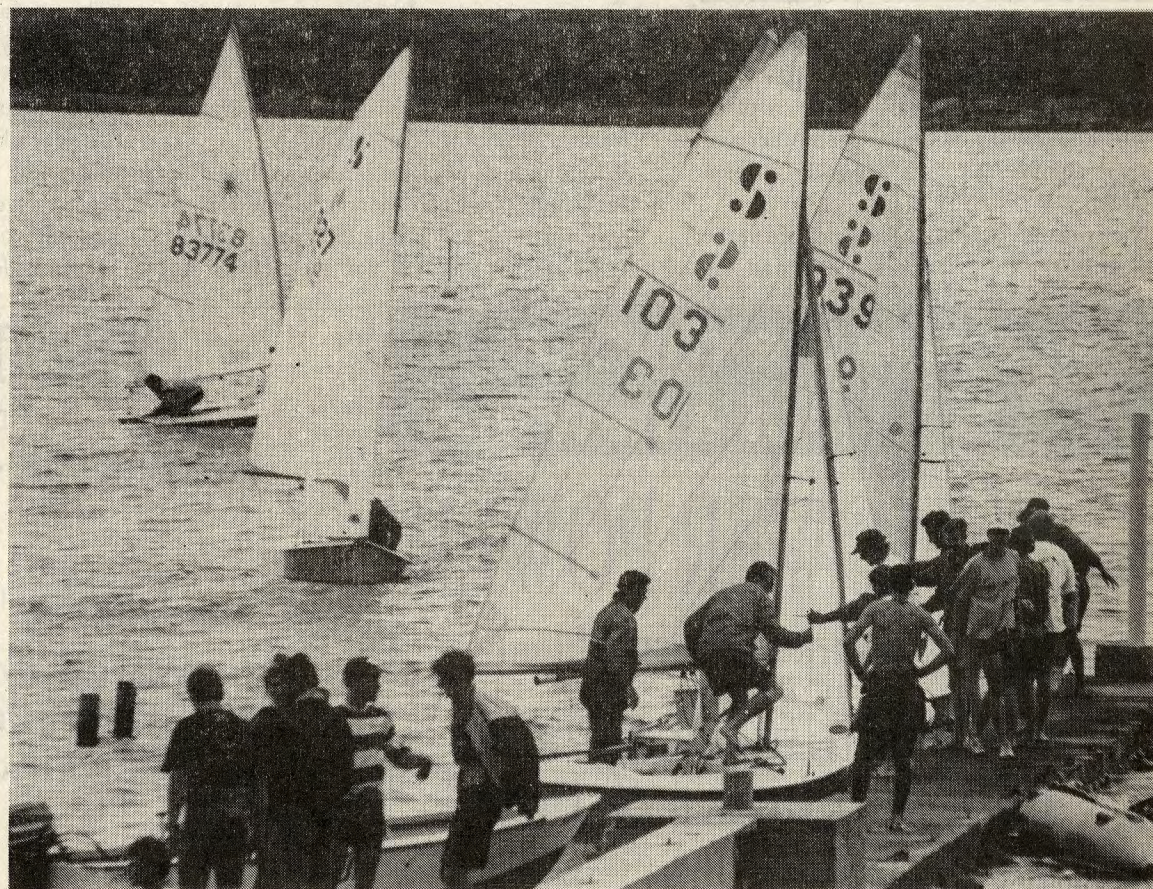
Full Sail Ahead



1994 SASSU Rhodes Sailing

Team: Back Left - Steve Esselar, Paul Esselar, David Hood, Rycherde Walters
Front Left - Adrian Ball, Chris Fleu, Russel Humpries, Candice (Team Manager), Pete Cross

Rhodes University B Team take on Wits B in the SASSU Intervarsity at Hermanus in December.



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Sports Profile: Greg Ferrans

Karuna Gopal

GREG Ferrans reads poetry and wants to travel back in time to play soccer - a surprising description for the man who has been Rhodes' hottest property on the hockey field since his arrival here in 1991.

When I spoke to Greg at the end of last year he was preparing for the final exams of his LLB degree and was excited at the prospect of leaving Rhodes to work at a law firm. His hockey team mates, though, were probably treating his departure with a little less enthusiasm...

Greg, 26, has quite an illustrious sports record to his credit. Not only did the centre-striker captain the Eastern Province hockey side from 1991 to 1994, but he also formed part of the South African Men's hockey team that competed in the Africa Cup in Nairobi in 1993.

He was back in the squad last year and helped South Africa to finish as gold medallists in the Indira Gandhi Cup in India. It's all quite impressive for someone who only opted to play hockey in Std 8. "I started off as a goal-keeper but quickly decided I'd rather be on the giving end," he laughs.

His experience at international level

has benefitted not only him but also the Rhodes team. The exposure to tactics, training and coaching that he gained from the South African team was imparted to the Rhodes squad. Rhodes were EP champions in 1993 and finished second last year "because of silly errors."

Greg concedes that the EP League is not the strongest in relation to the rest of the country, but he is quick to point out that this does not detract from the talent and skills of the Rhodes side. "The standard of Rhodes' hockey is very good," he says, and attributes much of this to the skill of the team's coaches. He mentions the commitment of the team to the Rhodes hockey development programme in which the players coach weekly at schools in Grahamstown. "There has been a big swing away from rugby to hockey in schools. If SA hockey is going to improve there has to be an emphasis on young players."

However, the national hockey side lacks the financial status that will attract a large number of players. It is a factor that features in Greg's move away from hockey and towards concentrating on his career. "I take the sport very seriously but it is not a career option, unfortunately, because of its poor financial status."

He realises that accepting offers to do Articles in either Cape Town or Johannesburg will mean resigning from the EP squad, but insists it is not the end of his hockey career. "It has always been my ultimate ambition to achieve an Olympic Gold medal. Hopefully, I'll accomplish it in 1996," he smiles.

Greg's sporting interests don't end on the hockey field, though. He plays golf, squash, indulges in watersports and often dons his 'whites' to turn out for the Rhodes cricket team and county side, Sidbury. He also confesses to being a soccer fan and says if he could go back in time he would "definitely play soccer. It's an incredible game. I think the South African team has much to learn but we have the ability to be number one in Africa," he enthuses.

He raises his eyebrows in amazement when I ask what he does in his spare time. "What spare time? Sport takes up most of my time." He hesitates... "I read poetry..." then brightens... "and I spend time with my dog, Oscar."

It turns out that he is interested in the concepts behind different religions and has a leaning towards advertising as a second career choice. "I like to think of myself as a creative thinker," he chuckles.



Pic: Indressa Naidoo

Not your average sportsman...Former Rhodes and EP hockey captain, Greg Ferrans, with Oscar

Rhodes Cricket in Full Swing

Rob Bessinger

THE Rhodes First X1 team enjoyed moderate success at the South African Universities Cricket Week, held at the University of Potchefstroom from December 5-9 last year.

Having been promoted to Section A at the end of the 1993 tournament, Rhodes found the going a bit tougher in 1994 despite the strengthening of their ranks by the inclusion of Quenton Still and Andrew Dewar - two Border Provincial cricketers from Rhodes' East London campus.

However, Rhodes managed to attain an admirable fourth place overall. The highlight of the tournament was the selection of their legspinner, Adam Huckle for the South African Universities team. (see SPORTS RESULTS for SAU results)

The side is now back on campus and Rhodes cricket is already in full swing. The First X1 resumed their quest for

League honours on Saturday, February 11, against Port Elizabeth's Gelvandale. The Second X1 and Third X1 can look forward to taking up their respective challenges on Saturday, February 18. The First team's fixtures for the remainder of the season seem certain to be taxing, with most of the matches being played away. Home matches will continue to be played on the Great Fields and the team look forward to greater crowd support.

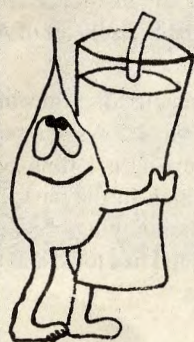
FIRST X1 FIXTURES

Feb 11 vs Gelvandale (away)
12 vs Union (home)
18 vs VPCC (away)
19 vs Old Grey six-a-side (away)
25 vs Old Grey Tech (away)
26 vs Uitenhage (away)
Mar 4 vs PECC (home)
5 vs Walmer (home)
11 vs Good Hope (home)
12 vs Pollocks (away)
18 vs United Kemsley (away)
19 vs Gelvandale (home)
25 vs VPCC (home)
26 vs Union (away)



The Rhodes first XI that competed in SAU Cricket Week: Back from Left - Denham Fish, Rob Walker, Adrian Ristow, Quenton Still, Brendon Horan, Andrew Dewar, Adam Huckle, Greg King, Bernie Pswarayi. Seated from left - Graeme Orlieb, Rob Bessinger (vice captain), Pete Andrew (manager), John Heath (captain), Joe Hobson, Grant Rothman.

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Continuity At Last!!



He's Back!! RURFC coach, Lipi Sinnot will return for another season.

pic: Rycherde Walters

Iain Casey

At the close of last year's rugby season, Rhodes Rugby was once again faced with the dilemma of finding a new coach.

Good news for rugby enthusiasts is that the problem has been solved. First team coach, Lipi Sinnot, has decided to return for another season.

When he first joined Rhodes in April 1994, after two years with London-Irish RFC, Sinnot had the daunting task of getting Rhodes

rugby in order - even though the season had already begun.

Implementing new training techniques and a style of rugby suited to our size, Rhodes had a reasonably successful season, but did not finish satisfactorily. This was to be typified by the "we was robbed" loss to UPE in last year's Intervarsity match.

Under Sinnot, some signs of good things to come were certainly evident.

But towards the end of last season it appeared that time had run out and for the fourth consecutive year,

Rhodes was going to have to find a new coach and start afresh.

Whether it was the numerous beers at a local pub, the Rugby Club's steak evenings, or simply Rhini/Grahamstown's magnetic pull, fortunately something has brought Lipi back for at least this forthcoming season.

Now maybe Rhodes Rugby can make its presence felt in the Super League once again.

Light training (touch rugby) starts on February 13 on the Great Field at 5pm. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ashton Quits Rowing Team



Jeremy's hitting the books

pic: Rycherde Walters

Karuna Gopal

THE Rhodes rowing team will miss the skills of international rower, Jeremy Ashton, this year, following his decision to quit the sport.

Jeremy, who also forms part of the South African Coxless Four rowing squad, together with Rhodes colleagues Andrew Machlachlan, Luke Hartley and Grant Hartley, gave a number of reasons for his decision.

"My original plan was to row at international level and I have been very involved at this level since 1990," he says.

"I've decided that, after 10 years, I've had enough of rowing."

Another reason for his departure is his need to finish his Bachelor of Arts degree this year.

"I'm doing four credits this year which requires a lot of work," Ashton says. He added that rowing is a time-consuming sport which in the past, left him little time for studying "because of all the travelling I had to do and the training sessions."

He doesn't view his exit from the team as a great blow to Rhodes. "They have a core of very talented rowers, like Mac, to work with the young guys." Jeremy admits that dropping out of the South African team means giving up a chance to make next year's Olympic squad - a decision he might regret later. However, his outlook is realistic. "There may be some regret but I missed the 1992 Olympics because of political and financial factors. Seven team members and the coach were axed despite having trained for the Games.

"Most people are awed by the Olympics but when you get there you realise that the competitors are actually just doing a job - that's their profession."

Ashton's team mate, Grant Hartley, has also quit the Rhodes side, and headed for the United Kingdom. He says he can understand Hartley's choice.

"At one stage rowing was the ultimate goal, but priorities have changed. It's no longer an obsession."

Sports Results

CRICKET

SAU Cricket Week

RHODES vs UPE
UPE 196 all out (Still 4/69), Rhodes 134 all out (Still 36; Dewar 34).
Rhodes lost the match

RHODES vs RAU
Rhodes 175/7 (Ortlieb 41; Walter 37), RAU 171/5 (Hobson 2/48).
Rhodes won the match

RHODES vs OFS
Rhodes 197 all out (Dewar 42; Huckle 42), OFS (dnb).
Match drawn (rained out)

RHODES vs WITS
WITS 214 all out (Huckle 7/67), Rhodes 183/7 (Ortlieb 59; King 48).
Match drawn

PMB 265/5 (Still 2/92), Rhodes 224 all out (Dewar 51; Ortlieb 52; Bessinger 43).
Rhodes lost the Match

League

RHODES vs GELVANDALE
Rhodes 228/8 (Ortlieb 102; Bessinger 42), Gelvandale 112 (Roger 3/8; Ristow 3/40).

Howzat!

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