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SATISFIED: SRC president Grant Heslop (foreground) and Dhashen Moodley, SRC media and publicity councillor, successfully closed down University of Natal's student newspaper.

## SRC shuts paper down

University of Natal SRC president says there is no need for media in society and that newspapers spread lies.

by Prativa Govender

The University of Natal SRC president Grant Heslop has closed down the *Dome* student newspaper allegedly saying, "There is no need for media in society. Newspapers spread lies. They create disillusionment amongst people. That is one of the reasons why I shut down the *Dome*."

Heslop said the newspaper, an SRC society, was inefficient and served no purpose on campus. He accused staff of being unethical when it made a deal with the Drakensburg Lodge to hold a training workshop in exchange for free advertising in the paper. The newspaper had also incurred an exorbitant telephone bill last year.

SRC vice president Thirosha Naidoo said the paper was riddled with mistakes and the quality of reporting was appalling. The staff has apologised for mistakes made and has since revised some of its policies. The paper's budget has been frozen, making it impossible

for journalists to print any more issues.

Staff members believe the closure is a personal vendetta by Heslop. On 18 June last year, Heslop had a verbal disagreement with layout editor Sholain Govender. After the argument, Heslop allegedly changed the locks of the office and fitted in a new yale. Heslop has denied the allegation.

Rumours are circulating on campus that the paper was shut down because the SRC treasurer had failed to adequately budget for the year and decided to tap into the newspaper's funds in order to balance their books. Many SRC members did not approve of the paper because it had exposed corruption within the SRC.

Dr Devi Rajab, Dean of Students, allegedly told the *Dome* editor that he was too busy to attend to the matter and would look into it later. Up until now, university officials have taken no clear action.

*Dome* newspaper, established in 1939, played a pivotal role during the Apartheid era. Its non-conformist and revolutionary ideas saw it

branded as controversial and part of the alternative press. After Apartheid, the newspaper was a platform for students to voice their opinions and stay informed about university-related issues. Up until its closure, the *Dome* had been the single mass medium of communication between students.

• Prativa Govender is the editor of the *Dome* newspaper.

• At the time of going to print, the official University of Natal (Durban) website states: Two periodicals are published by students themselves. These are *Dome at Durban* and *Nux at Pietermaritzburg*. The offices of the newspapers are based in the Student Union buildings.

• The SRC website states that the *Dome* is the official, independent, student-run newspaper of UND. It teaches students skills as diverse as writing, subbing, advertising, marketing and public relations. A must for any prospective journalist or anyone interested in media.

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**A**ctivate had only just begun to recover from last year when we found new cause to celebrate. We will now be working together with *The Interpellator*, the student newspaper from Charles Stuart University in Bathurst, Australia. This year's editor Angus George was an exchange student at Rhodes some time ago. Students from the University of Natal will also play an active role in the paper. With their newspaper in trouble (pg 1), they will be working closely with us until they are back on their feet. You can therefore expect more variety in content from us.

We will continue to address issues that need addressing (and there are a lot). 2003 will be a year of ups and downs for Activate. We will put our necks on the line many times. If we choose to hide behind the veil of conformity for the sake of keeping the peace, then we would not be doing our job.

The odds are against us. There are a lot of obstacles that will make this year a particularly difficult one. But we are fighters and will work hard to keep our heads afloat. Once term has officially started, expect fireworks. Like the old saying goes, 'if you can't take the heat then get out of the kitchen'.

Changes to leadership and content will gradually be phased in. We aim to increase our Grahamstown coverage in every edition. The beggars, criminals, prostitutes, the sick and the poor (all the people students generally do not want to know about) will be written about. It's about time we acknowledged the existence of others in the community.

A food drive will be set up, and we hope to donate non-perishable food and old clothes to a local charity organisation by winter. We will need your help in making other people's lives a little bit better.

To the first years, welcome to our wonderful campus. This issue is especially dedicated to you. Find out what 'old' students thought of their O-week (pg 4 & 5) and compare it to the one you are going to have. To give your rooms a more homely look, turn to our arts and culture section (pg 8) for ideas on how to give it that local Grahamstown feel. Your SRC has a lot to say to you too. Take heed of their wise words.

You will probably spend the best years of your lives at Rhodes — so use your time here wisely. Just remember looks can be deceiving. Not everything is as clear-cut as varsity officials, lecturers and other students make them out to be. Ask questions and do not be afraid to have your say. Your opinion matters, do not be afraid to express it.

After you have settled into the routine of life here at Rhodes, you will know what we mean. Rhodes students are usually all too willing to sit back and take whatever is thrown at them. Try not to fall into the same trap if you can help it. You are here to get a degree, but you are also here to grow as an individual.

The secret to making the most of your time at Rhodes is simple. Be fuelled by a desire to succeed at whatever you do. You should never fear the many challenges that will cross your path but instead regard them as opportunities to be taken.

To all our readers have a great year and all the best!

To all the new Rhodents have a great time and we hope that all your dreams for 2003 come true.

\* e-mail the editor with your opinion: g01m0259@campus.ru.ac.za; please include your contact details in your submissions.



**Editorial 03**  
Haru Mutasa - Editor

# No more car guards or parking meters

courtesy East Cape News

**C**ar guards and parking meters may soon be a thing of the past if negotiations between the Makana Municipality and Gauteng-based company Diversified Parking Systems (DPS) are successful.

Trained security guards armed with computerised handsets will replace the old parking meter system. The handsets will be linked to the company's own central control centre, the local traffic department and the South African Police Service (SAPS).

Every time a motorist parks his or her vehicle in a parking bay, the registration number is punched into the handheld set. When the motorist is ready to leave, the duration of time the vehicle was parked is

calculated, and the fee is handed over to the guard.

Because the set is linked to the traffic department and the SAPS, outstanding traffic fines and stolen vehicles will be registered on the spot.

The system is expected to provide work for 40 people. All guards must have a good command of English. They must not have a criminal record and will be trained as information officials.

The system is already in place in 18 towns and cities around the country. Grahamstown will be the second Eastern Cape town to implement the system. It is already up and running in Queenstown.

Danie van Rensburg, DPS regional manager, said that a five-year contract had already been drawn up, but negotiations were still taking place.



UNEMPLOYED: Many car guards may find themselves jobless if the Municipality's plans go ahead.

# Rhodes television students win award

courtesy Rhodes Communication department

Kai Lossgott, Ntebo Rajuli, Cat Pritchard and Darren-Jay Hart were the top entry in the student category of the annual South African Guild of Editors (SAGE) Awards last week.

Their music video 'What Went Wrong', from Queenstown-based rock duo 'Smile', showed the loss of childhood innocence through the game Hide and Seek. It showed how

adults tend to lose sight of the simple and important things once appreciated in childhood.

The multiple video layers and texturing of images were used to create an impression of movement and change.

"What is the myth of childhood, after all, without silence and secrets? If our work is all that remains of us, then film is the perfect medium for freezing our memories," said editor Kai Lossgott.

The video was produced under the guidance of visiting music video director Jonathan Timm of Logos Productions, a company that produces music videos for South African stars like Arthur, Abashante and Ishmael. The video was also broadcast on satellite channel KykNet's youth music programme 'Smelt'.

The award is particularly significant as membership of SAGE is by invitation only for those with more than five years editing experience.



SHOOTING: Cat Pritchard

## Letters

### DOCTOR POWELL PASSES AWAY

Dear Sir or Madam,

Doctor Powell, who was on the staff of the Physical Education Department (now known as the Department of Human Kinetics and Ergonomics) during the period from 1948 – Sept 1949 passed away in Guelph, Canada in early 2002.

In addition to his duties as head of the department, he wrote a book titled *Origins and Aspects of Olympism*. This book is primarily for those who study and take courses concerning the Olympic movement and are interested in the Olympic ideals and concepts.

He also served on the International Olympic Academy.

Yours faithfully,  
E.E. Locke (Port Alfred)

### LEARNING A LESSON

To the editor,

A short while ago, I was involved in an incident at a shop in Grahamstown that could easily have had far-reaching consequences for me. After over-indulging at a local night spot, my friend and I stopped at the shop in question on our way home.

In my incapacitated state, I thought it would be highly amusing to slip one of the items on offer into my pocket and walk out without paying. The security guard caught me, and the next thing I knew, I was being locked up in a police van and taken off to the police station.

After a harrowing night in the holding cell, I was taken to the courthouse facing charges of theft. During the course of that morning, both my parents and I made desperate pleas to the shop owner to withdraw the charges — not that he/she had any reason to. I was lucky, as we eventually reached an agreement that the inter-

ests of the greater Grahamstown business community would be better served by relating my story in a public forum.

The point of this letter is firstly, to apologise for my disgraceful behaviour and secondly to hopefully deter those that may find themselves in a similar situation. I could have had a criminal record.

The fact that I was 'only joking around' does not make a difference — I was still guilty of committing theft. Not only are the consequences serious for the perpetrator, but one should spare a thought for the establishments that are stolen from. They lose hundreds of hard-earned money on security systems. Theft affects each and every member of the staff as jobs are endangered when margins shrink.

I certainly have learned a lesson, and I would urge each and every one of your readers to take my advice.

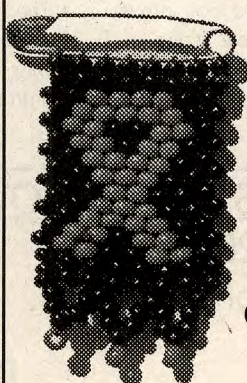
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# Rocking O-week

by Hilton Tarrant

Campus radio station Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) looks set to take students by surprise this orientation week. Their broadcasting schedule kicks off on 8 February, and RMR's main aim this year is to brand itself to its listeners.

"This is the first time that RMR is directly (and actively) targeting new students," says Steve Giles, one of the co-ordinators of their O-week campaign. "We want to reach out to our audience, and let them experience campus radio at its greatest".

RMR differs from other (commercial) stations (such as Highveld Stereo, and Metro FM), in that students produce all the on-air shows, and manage the station.

"It is this departure from conformity and run-of-the-mill expectations that allows RMR to be a valuable platform for expression," continues Giles.

He adds that RMR wants to change the perception students have of radio. "We're gonna break boarders, and you can expect to hear almost every genre of music on RMR. Rhodes Music Radio is a youth station hell-bent on delivering a different flavour to its audience".

"Plus, it's a lot easier to phone in to RMR," he jokes.

Humour aside, the station is also embarking on a series of outreach programmes throughout 2003.

Andrew D'Ercole, current Volunteer Co-ordinator at the station lists events such training workshops for local youth, the sourcing of new, raw talent, and a school radio drama competition. "With the radio dramas, we want to involve the local high schools. This means that they will have a chance to produce a short play in radio format," continues D'Ercole.

Aside from these initiatives throughout the year, RMR is also hosting a number of functions during this orientation week.

"Our big event is the 'Rebellion' bands evening," says Giles. "Basically, we have five acts (Nemesis, Cypher, TNG, Arcane, Eve'n Me) live in Grahamstown for one night."

The 'Rebellion' evening will be hosted in conjunction with the SRC on 13 February in the Great Hall (Rumour has it that part-time stand-up comic, Tash Joseph will be MC-ing the event.)

The other big event is the 'Splash-out' pool party planned for Saturday 15 February. The SRC and Rotaract are assisting RMR with this venture.

In addition to these plans, RMR will attempt to be "just about everywhere you go," says Mike Smurthwaite, current Station Manager. "RMR will be in your face, our team will essentially be one huge walking billboard".

• At the time of going to print, RMR has almost completed their first project of the year: a studio up-grade and revamp.



89.7 fm

## O-week line-up

### • 6-9am : AM Mayhem

DJ Spit will take the lead in this original, off-the-wall morning show. Designed to 'wake-up' students daily, roving reporters will be rather unconventional in their exploits. News, sport, weather and event coverage will also be included.

### • 9-12midday : Brunch with Lil' Jo

Join this distinctive, fun-filled mid-morning show where you get to send your dedications live on air.

### • 12-3pm : Live Kulcha

It's all about culture in the lunch show. Hayley and Linda will bring you an eclectic mix of hiphop, punk and fusion music.

### • 3-6pm : It's all about the music

Drive-time means fast-pace. Action, excitement and more will be on offer every single afternoon on RMR. The biggest hits and interviews with musicians will keep you entertained well into the evening.

### • 6-9pm : The Chill Zone with Drizzles & T-Boz

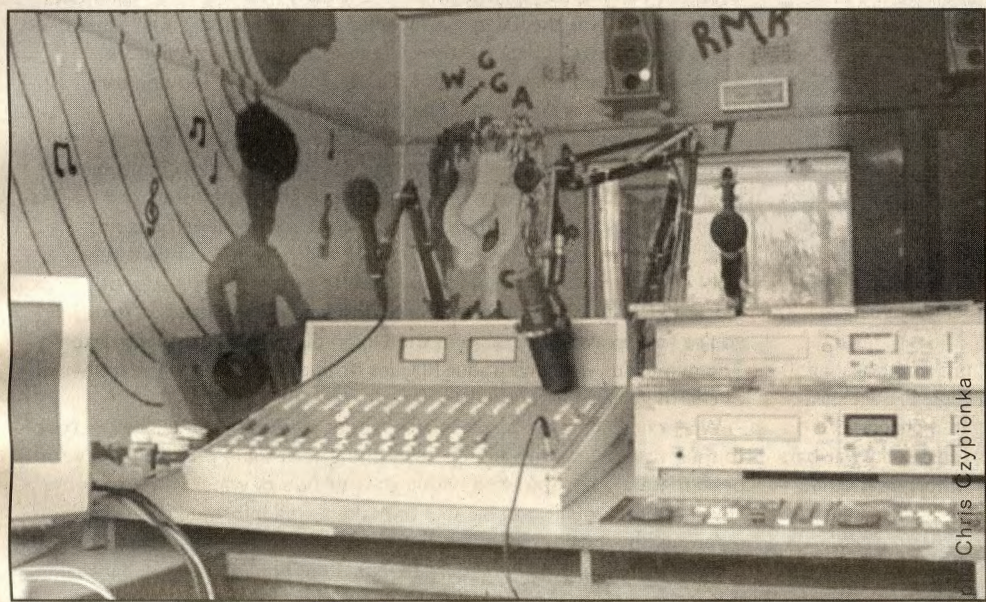
RMR's 'chill' show will guide you into your night out. Its focus will be on gigs, happenings, and reviews of places to go out to enjoy yourself.

### • 9-12midnight : Late-night Radio

It's all about the music on the late-night show. R&B, hiphop, kwaito, house and more...

### • 12-6am

Non-stop music



pic Chris Czipionka



pic Chris Czipionka



## Anti-Apathetica

Jane Crywagen's insightful fortnightly column can be found on pg 11 of this edition of Activate.

advertorial

It's a sociological, cricketing phenomenon ...

## Rhodes chills at the SuperSpar!

by Backyard

Politics, science, cricket, drama, business, music, media, issues, Aids, sex, environment, war, peace, poverty, power...

Hi'zit first years!

It's thrilling to start your campus life – but also strange and daunting.

There's culture shock aplenty here – thousands of high-powered people just like you, all with their own colourful styles, language, history, attitude and views on cricket.

One thing will remain constant on this buzzing intellectual frontier called Rhodes – the Pepper Grove SuperSpar.

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campus in African Street.

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You'll find a wide range of kettles, plugs, irons, toiletries, stationery, sweets, magazines, cricket balls – all the little start-up items and more that you will need to help you settle into your new res room or digs.

You have also arrived weeks after the store has been massively revamped, especially its hot food deli which provides a range of nosh students really love.

Backyard asked manager Douw Potgieter what students like; here is your list: fish and chips, whole-wheat health rolls, pies, pizza slices, fresh diced fruit and a stunning range of ready-to-eat salads (and cricket!)

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The nicest thing about the SuperSpar is the service – you will notice a lot of SuperSpar people in the shop.

They will smile and immediately help you. That's how the store has been created for you,

the valued customer.

Ag, but in a day or two, you won't have time to play this game – you will be too busy chatting to your friends.

That's because the SuperSpar is where everyone just goes to meet each other in a chill environment!

It's a standing joke, but in Grahamstown, people hang out at the SuperSpar.

In fact, one SuperSpar source, laughed and said one reason why all the Rhodes guys come to the shop is because it's where all the Rhodes women go to shop!

So welcome to the coolest shop around.

We look forward to being with you for the next exciting years ahead. Erm, and don't forget the cricket ...

Check ya!

– Backyard Media 082 569 1167 (backyard@ecn.co.za)

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- Work hard and have a total JOL!



Students snapped at SuperSpar



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# Dis-orientation week

A second year re-lives last year's O-week experience and realises that this year's won't be any different.



by Sarah Duffett

O-week? It's not that I was constantly wasted and everything's a blur (well, maybe some of it is), it's just so much happened that the events of that week seem to have been condensed into one vague memory. A year has gone by since I first stepped into my bare room, so it took much effort and loads of caffeine to come up with a sketchy outline of what 'O-week' entailed.

So you've been through that ghastly first day: standing in long queues feeling inadequate because everyone else seems to know their student numbers off-by-heart, while you have to scramble through the mountain of papers you've brought with you. There's that awful picture they take of your tired and puffy face (which is going to be on your student card for the rest of the year). Count yourself blessed if you didn't have the photographers I had, who made me laugh and look sideways whilst taking the picture. For the whole of first year I looked like some deranged Mongolian monster.

But that isn't the worst part is it? Welcome to res. Hopefully you are one of the special few who managed to get into a residence that didn't make you cry upon entry. It's not the fact that your new room symbolises a complete break from your parents (the only tears you cry here are tears of joy) it's the room itself. When I arrived, I was about as excited as a dog before a walk. When I stepped into the drab, hospital-like corridors of my res, I felt a little less light-hearted. When I was taken to my room and my door had to be forced open thanks to the mass of masking tape that seemed to act as a seal, I started to worry.

Then came the colour scheme. A brown cupboard, brown bookshelf, brown desk, brown side table, brown bed, brown curtains, brown skirting, brown dustbin, brown floor and much to my delight, a change of colour – a nauseating green mat. In short: Hell. The extensive burglar bars across my second floor windows (in case I decided to jump?) did nothing to help my mood.

By now, two or three days have gone past and you all will have tasted res food. All I can say is don't worry, your guts will soon get used to it. However, if mommy offers to buy you a great green box of Imodium "just in case", take it! Here's a little hint, butter is an excellent substitute for uninteresting dinnertime conversation. In fact, butter-moulding has become quite an art. I once watched a guy carve a chunk of butter into a Stegosaurus. Also beware of the peanut butter and syrup. It has a tendency to clog the arteries with its cement-like consistency.

Another memorable O-week moment was when the guys' residences performed hilarious serenades at the crack of dawn – how very unfortunate! The guys staggered over to the girls' residences looking like they had been dragged through the bush backwards and sounding like they'd recently undergone serious voice box surgery. They were seriously hung-over, but I admit, they provided excellent early morning entertainment!

Then there was the Talent Show, where each residence performed some bizarre sort of dance similar to the mating ritual of the South American spotted pond leech. But it's all a load of fun. No one cared who won, and by the end of it all, I had made more good friends.

The dry mouth, headache, blurred vision and serious case of the jitters were not great accompaniments to the fabulous tour of campus, or for the many introductions to the courses offered by the University. I have little memory (not surprisingly) of any of these, except there was not enough chairs – so an acquaintance and I innovatively fetched a bench from elsewhere in the building (upon which I promptly fell asleep).

For all the girls out there, you are considered 'fresh meat'. When you're told to avoid the jocks in the Union during the first week, listen. The numerous warnings about Rhodes boys putting on a full year's worth of charm in these first few days are no joke.

Worry not however, because after about a case of quarts, they're back to their usual slurring, burping, bush-diving selves and provided you've been metering out the wine with a glass or two of water (thanks for the advice mom), you'll soon be able to make a well informed decision regarding the local... um... talent.

And when you are given your "this is a condom and this is a banana" talk, pay attention! And as for the boys – sorry, young men – especially those of you with soft locks and innocent eyes: corruption is just around the corner and she's wearing a short skirt.



GIFTED?: Students strutting their stuff at last year's Talent Show



## Talking Heads 01

by Gary Howes and Sarah Duffett  
pics Toni Ackermann

Activate surveyed Rhodes students from all walks of life and found out what they had to say about past (infamous) orientation weeks, and indeed what they could remember (the interviews were conducted in 2002, and consequently, year information may appear wrong).

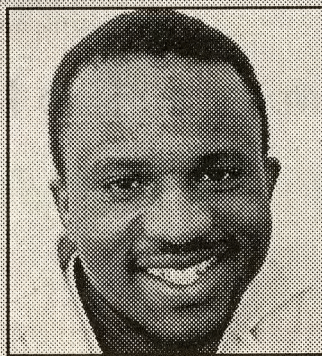
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"Actually, I spent most of O-week looking for a place to live. I was exhausted by the end of it!"

(Connie, 1st year B.A.)

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"I enjoyed going out drinking. There was no work and I liked meeting new girls and being able to trick them."

(Robert, 4th year Comp Sci)

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# Grahamstown is pretty damn good

So it feels like you've been dumped in a dead town — think again.

by Toni Ackermann

**G**rahamstown is a minuscule place barely big enough to be classed a village. Your parents sent you here to get an education of some sort. It is summer, hot and humid. As far as you can see, there's not a decent looking member of the opposite sex anywhere in sight. You sigh and think you're doomed. Dragging your feet and pouting your bottom lip like a two year old, you wonder how on earth you are going to make it through an entire year in this forgotten little town.

It is not as bad as you think. Grahamstown is definitely small — there's just no denying that — but it has a vibrant life all of its own as well as many interesting idiosyncrasies. It is an old town and many of its buildings have been declared national monuments. If you amble along High Street you will come to the Anglican Cathedral — well over a century old and one of Grahamstown's most beautiful treasures.

Grahamstown's 'wide and busy' streets are always lined with hawkers and vendors selling vegetables, handbags, hacky sacks and gold bracelets. One vendor in particular, the cigarette lighter salesman, strolls up and down High Street merrily singing his catchy tune. Oblivious to the frenzied shoppers who pass him by, he peddles his wares to anyone interested.

One thing you must have noticed by now is the astonishing number of donkey carts and goats that stroll along the streets. A word of advice: don't even bother trying to dodge them, they will only chase after you, especially the goats, bleating and baa-ing, looking for something tasty to munch. Jokes aside, donkeys are very important here. There's even a donkey carnival held each year, where donkey carts are decorated and paraded through town.

If it is not donkeys on the roads, it could quite possibly be a few oddly decorated cars. The most interesting probably being the small, bright red Golf, which sports a trendy pair of antlers strapped dead centre between the headlights. Or perhaps it is the small red Mini with the Union Jack proudly painted on its roof. Joburg has taxis, the desert has camels and Grahamstown has dinky, ingeniously adorned automobiles. If you're not careful, your snazzy new Corsa might just get a facelift, courtesy of a university residence that shall remain nameless!

So you've had your tour of campus and you've packed mom and dad off to that delightful little B&B. It is now time for a night out on the 'big' town. You've been introduced to Friar Tucks and the Rat and Parrot and have thoroughly enjoyed yourself. It is 2am and the party has died down. All that remains of the night's devilish debauchery are randomly strewn, lipstick-stained cigarette butts and tequila-drenched shot glasses. You stumble out the door, tripping over unconscious Smuts boys along the way. Your stomach is growling ferociously and you are in dire need of a drink that does not contain alcohol of any sort. There's only one solution, and your exhausted body is telling you to go to Mr Burger on New Street.

For a while, Mr Burger was a great place to pick up someone of the desired sex, mainly because almost everybody stopped here at some point or other during their unforgettable, albeit blurry night of corny pick-up lines and cheap booze. But now there are two burger hotspots for those Rhodents who like to stay out way past the bewitching hour. Legends, famous for their scrumptious Oreo whizzes, is next on the 'where to go to get food at ridiculous hours' list.

And let's not forget the marvellously convenient BP. This is one service station no Rhodent could live without. By this time of year, most of us are well aware that it is open all night and cherish every morsel we buy there. If you've been in the Jac labs for a good few hours; grafting, frantically typing out an essay (due in at 08:00 yesterday morning no doubt) and almost freezing to death, anything

bought at BP is like your grandmother's best cooking and is devoured with rabid enthusiasm.

Moving swiftly on, a totally boring and unexhilarating Sunday afternoon arises (and you will encounter many of these during your 'sentence' here). You are hanging like a dog from the debauchorous jol you subjected your pitiful body to the night before (these too, will be encountered in their dozens) and then realise exactly what it is you need — a large box of popcorn from the Roxbury Theatre. Now this

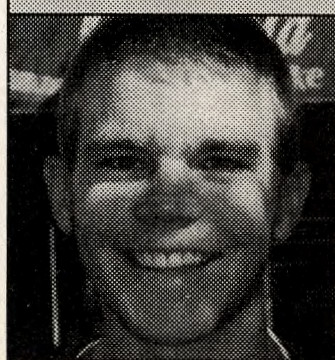
may sound bizarre, but it is indeed a very good cure! You may be frowned at by the guy at the tills, but that's a small price to pay for the relief those golden kernels will undoubtedly bring you.

So you may think you've been dumped in the middle of nowhere and left to rot, but Grahamstown has many eccentricities that one can and should proudly brag about. In any case, if all other positive thinking fails, ask yourself this and be grateful: what if Grahamstown was much smaller — then where would we be?



RESIDENT: Donkeys are often spotted ambling down High Street or munching 'left-overs' from dustbins downtown.

pic Toni Ackermann



"I thought Talent Show was terrible, a real blinder. I don't drink so it was quite a shock."

(Nick, 1st year B.A.)

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"Drinking sambuca shots out of girls' cleavage at the Rat was fun!"

(Carryn, 1st year Bjourm)

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"My favourite time was the lunch on the lawns, because everyone got together when they weren't drunk. You could meet new friends without forgetting them."

(Noluntu, 1st year B.A. Law)

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GRATEFUL: CIDA City Campus students have been given a chance to realise their dreams.

# Free university offers hope

by Tom Mapham

Three years ago, Lulama Ntozini faced unemployment despite being one of the top matriculants in the Eastern Cape. When Lulama was 'found' by CIDA (Community and Individual Development Association) selectors in his home village of Ugie, he was offered a chance to make use of his talent. He says, "I've been given the opportunity and the responsibility to develop to my full potential. CIDA has taught me to manage myself so that I will be able to, one day, manage others. I am proud to be part of a new generation of leaders that will build this nation."

CIDA provides a fully accredited Bachelor of Business Administration degree, grooming its students to become employers rather than employees. Plans are already underway to replicate CIDA around the country.

CIDA chief executive Taddy Blecher recently held a public meeting in Port Elizabeth to gather support for CIDA and to propose the development of a similar institution in the city.

Since then, MEC for education in the Eastern Cape

Stone Sizane has been working with Blecher on plans to incorporate CIDA's entrepreneurship courses into high school programs.

Sizane aims to promote self-employment by introducing students to entrepreneurship principles and equipping them with the necessary business skills to put their ideas into practice. Suitable courses will be taken from the University's accredited four-year Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

President Mbeki has taken an interest in CIDA, using its example in Parliament on numerous occasions. He referred to it in his budget speech as "an important innovation to help end the marginalisation of the majority of South Africans".

The very low cost of a degree at CIDA makes it unique. The real cost of tuition (R10 000 for the full four year degree) is 10% of that at any other tertiary institution in South Africa.

Students actually run the campus; taking care of everything from administrative work to computer maintenance; manning the switchboard and even cooking. Apart from cutting costs, this develops a sense of pride and apprecia-

tion in the students.

Research conducted by the Human Science Research Council found CIDA students to be significantly more positive about their own institution than students at many other universities in the country. While only 15% of students at tertiary institutions in South Africa last long enough to earn their degree or diploma, CIDA boasts a 75% success rate. A large part of CIDA's success so far has been due to the incredible support it has enjoyed from the private sector and educational institutions. Blecher has dedicated himself to encouraging these people to share their skills and resources with CIDA.

The World Economic Forum recently honoured him with a Global Leader for Tomorrow Award, awarded to only 100 people world-wide. President Mbeki has described him as one of "many individuals that are selflessly contributing to the development of their fellow South Africans, and (who) through their innovation and creative approaches give us much-desired leadership". Gugulethu Kubeka, a first year student at CIDA, said, "Taddy Blecher is incredible. When he talks, you think 'I want to be exactly like that guy.'"



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"O-week was my first experience of varsity and being out there and not caring about being away from home. I was tricked into drinking unfortunately, by 'strangers'!"

(Joe, 1st year B.Sc.)

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"O-week was boring. All my friends went to UCT and they had fun, but I was by myself."

(Nan, 4th year B.Acc.)

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"I liked all the afternoons practising for the Talent Show. It was fun and we got to get to know new friends. And we won."

(Tamara, 1st year B.Sc.)

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## EXPRESSIONS 01

The first single from the highly anticipated *Expressions - Words Unlimited* compilation CD is out. The single is called 'Wonderful' and is by a hip-hop outfit from Soweto called H2O. The track has ground-breaking potential: it samples old school jazz vocals, rides on a hip-hop beat and is delivered in isiZulu. Sounds outrageous? That's probably the point. H2O elevates mind states with this tune, which is as inspirational as it is infectious.

*Expressions* is a collection of MCs, singers, poets and producers who got together to simply 'express themselves through music and words'.

*Expressions* will hit the stores towards the end of March and is being released by Outrageous Records.

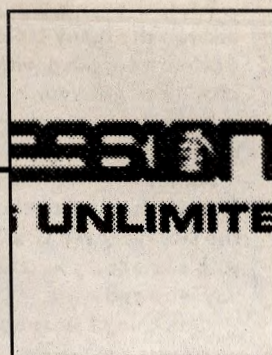
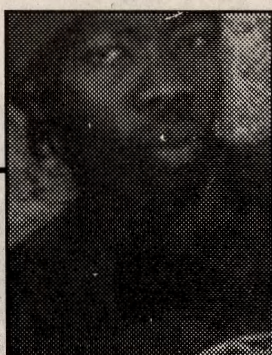
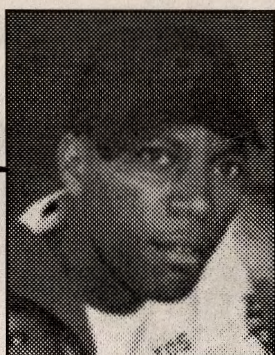
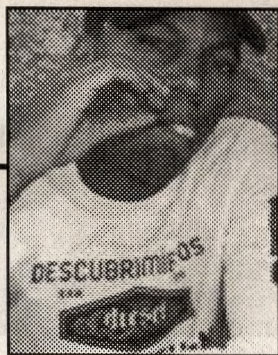
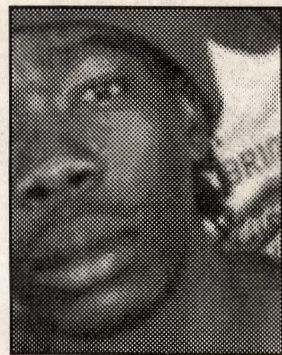
The CD features 16 tracks from the country's finest wordsmiths who have made an impact at various underground scenes. And yet, with such a far and wide-reaching base of talent, this album maintains uniform variation - its sole intention being the coming together of rappers, singers, poets.

Dzino, executive producer of this project, explains, "There are so many talented artists out there who just want to be heard, so we gave them a platform on *Expressions*. We provided the beats and studio time. All they had to do was come through and do their thing."

That 'thing' shaped mostly under the creative supervision of hot up-and-coming producer, Tongogara, is comprised partly of: 'Expressions' - a playful soul number from Pebbles; Selwyn's club banger 'Ejozi' (featuring Amu and Wikid); yet another lyrical onslaught of true mastery from Rhodes graduate Zubz in 'Multiple Choice'; and seductive poetry on 'I Like it Deep Sometimes' from new-comer Lebogang Mashile.

The CD also includes new music from Skwatta Kamp, Pro-verb, Tumi, Optical Illusion, The Originz, Spex and many others.

• Hear the first single, 'Its Wonderful' blazing up the charts on the RMR Top 30 - every Saturday between 16:00 and 19:00 on 89.7fm stereo.



## PEREZ SPLIT UP



Following four hits on Rhodes Music Radio and 5fm (as well as other radio stations); extensive sold out tours and a top selling album; Perez have indeed broken up.

The band's management and record label, Sovereign Entertainment, wishes each member all the success in the future and supports their decision. The band will be performing around the country during March 2003 for one last time.

Catch Perez in Durban, Sandton, Bloemfontein, Stellenbosch and Cape Town. The band will also be performing in Grahamstown on 13 March 2003 at De Tap Huijs.

## PROF. PICKLES RETURNS

Rhodes University's unofficial stand-up society, Prof. Pickles, returns in 2003. The 1st show will be on Monday 10 February at 19:45 in the Union (Student Union Building)

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It is here! It is here! It is here! First years, the time of your lives is here! I do not use this phrase hastily, as O-week can be considered a good part of our lives where lessons are learnt and new experiences are experienced, all in seven days. These seven days are where you, the first years, take your first baby steps to becoming an official Rhodent.

Rhodes University is truly unique and the stories you tell your friends this holiday will be far different to their experiences at other universities. This week you will meet many people from all walks of life – and not just South Africans (Zimbabweans inhabit a great deal of our campus).

You think you come from a small town... Wait, there is always someone from an even smaller town. You will soon notice the difference between Durban and Joburg boys and later, after much experience, the difference between Rhodes boys and those from back home. For boys know that Rhodes girls are definitely a different species.

This week is one of experimenting and discovering yourselves. You will learn that independence comes with a price – there are no more parents to pick up the pieces. It is a learning process that needs patience and friends to lean on when you are low. Friends can be found all over campus. They are your res buddies with whom you share bathrooms and common rooms. Those in digs will meet people in lecture theatres, the library, computer labs or on nightly trips into Grahamstown's local drinking holes.

Within the Rhodes culture there are distinct sub-cultures. Most sub-cultures evolve from the many societies found on campus. Societies are good to join, or to at least visit so as to find a nice niche to fit in.

Confusion will reign, whether it is through love, life or just what exactly you did last night. Ah, the age-old 'I was drunk last night' is a phrase that ensures total admittance to confusion over what really happened, and it should leave you in the clear until it happens again.

Popular events throughout the year include the many balls and hall dinners. Both are supplied with a sufficient amount of wine to get your evening 'started'. There are also inter-res sports activities and pool parties.

Something that must be on your to-do list is to venture up to the Monument to watch the sun rise over Grahamstown. Just do it with someone you trust and not some dodgy boy with red wine.

One thing I learned to deal with in O-week was how to communicate with the opposite sex. This of course was encouraged through early morning serenading. (WARNING! Do not dump cold water on guys in suits, they forgive but never forget!)

In this week of fun and recklessness, I also discovered a few personal O-week survival tips. One is that all the fun does not always happen amongst party goers. The quiet ones can prove to be life-long friends, with possibly more to add to the conversation – particularly in our many (hopefully) sober moments.

Another tip is not to crouch away from the big and scary seniors of the campus – they have lived through O-week and can probably enlighten you on many clouded aspects.

Have a brilliant O-week, and don't do anything I wouldn't do...



**Off  
Centre**

Natalie Oram – Arts & Culture Editor

# Art right on your doorstep

by Haru Mutasa

Ginning from ear to ear and giggling hysterically at a comment made by a customer, Sylvia Ndwayana (47), Julia Zweni (42) and Gladys Funza (56) sit under Drostdy Arch and sell their exquisite wares.

They belong to the Masithandene Women's Group which mobilizes women in the community to empower themselves financially using the skills they have.

"I started making beads and baskets when I was a little girl," says Sylvia from Joza township, "I used to sit down with my mother and grandmother and we would make things to sell."

Sylvia sells mainly bracelets, necklaces, pendants, woolen hats and handbags. Her prices are reasonable. A pendant costs R5 while the most expensive item on display, a blue-bead Xhosa necklace, costs R180.

Julia and Gladys sell the same items as Sylvia and they too picked up the skill from their mothers.

"The paper bins and plates are lovely," says Gladys, "I did the decorations by myself. It is just flour and glue and paint."

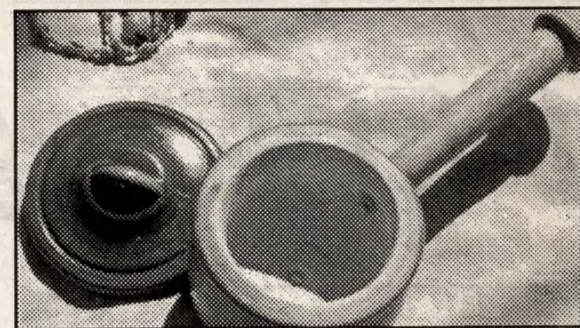
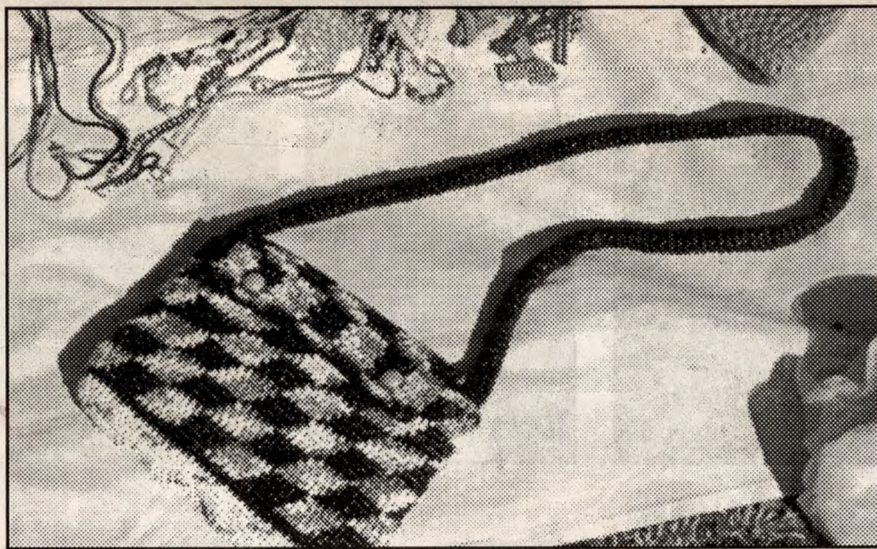
The women make most of their products whilst waiting for customers.

"It's the girls mainly who buy from us, but we do get some boys too," says Julia smiling, "There is lots to buy here. Even if you do not want to buy come and have a look anyway."



BUSY: Pictured from left are Sylvia Ndwayana, Julia Zweni and Gladys Funza, members of the Masithandene Women's Group. They start work every day at 09:00 and only leave after 18:00.

## Crafts on offer outside the Drostdy Arch



Traditional Xhosa crafts will brighten up your drab res room. Clockwise (from above): a colourful handbag made from recycled plastic; a painted paper mache dustbin; a hand-crafted wooden pot; a stylish plastic wide-brim hat (to protect you from the harsh Grahamstown sun).



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# Ivorian people under threat of famine

by Christopher Scott

**A** United Nations Humanitarian Envoy headed by Carolyn McAskie has urged the Ivorian government to provide relief for refugees in the country.

An estimated 1.1 million Ivorians have been displaced by violence and fighting that has continued after the September coup attempt by rebel oppositional forces. McAskie reminded the government of its responsibility to protect its civilians and said the UN had sufficient capabilities to cover only a small portion of the country.

Many refugees who fled their homes are suffering from malnutrition which may quickly turn, as it has in some cases, to famine.

The World Food Programme (WFP) in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organisation have embarked on a joint 'Food Security Assessment' to establish more long-term future needs within the country.

The WFP has also been carrying out small-scale feeding plans in the Bouake province where 25 000 malnourished children below the age of six will be given balanced diets while the 900 most vulnerable families will also be fed.

The current unstable conditions in the Ivory Coast coincide with massive famines in Ethiopia, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique.



STARVING: Displaced refugees await much needed food aid.

# Lives of disabled persons are improved in Zimbabwe

by Christopher Scott

The Zimbabwean government has passed a legislation aimed at "improving the social and economic status of disabled persons within the society".

The Disabled Persons Act will be implemented and overseen through a National Disability Board headed by the Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare.

Social implications of the act include the provision of education and employment to physically or mentally handicapped persons, to prevent discrimination against disabled persons, to develop money making schemes to benefit unemployed disabled persons and to secure the establishment of rehabilitation and employment centers in

an effort to benefit the welfare of disabled persons.

The act comes at a time when drastic economic conditions and severe drought have had adverse effects on the population.

The government is currently securing orthopedic equipment and dispatching staff to various existing rehabilitation centers.

In addition, no social amenities or premises – whether publicly or privately owned – shall under the provision of the act remain physically or structurally inaccessible to disabled persons.

Heavy fines or lengthy jail terms await members of the public who blatantly disregard the humane principles set out in the act.



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But I am not seduced. As an ultra-left right wing counter-revolutionary socialist, I have learnt that new beginnings are merely ends waiting to happen. Battling to struggle through the chaos of my own life and bedroom, nevermind the garbled, schizophrenic, wasteland that constitutes world events and the public consciousness, I now suddenly find myself once again thrown unwillingly into a new year. Like a weary old coelacanth, I await the flood of new faces, the slow leaking back of this amorphous conglomeration of life, more reminiscent of a diseased potato than a generation.

Over the last few years in Grahamstown it seems that I've seen the same film sequence played once too often. The actors may be different but the sense of *deja vu* is the same. Rhodes, it seems, has become a middle class summer camp where youth is meant to take place. Youth has become a product of sorts. In the back of our heads, like fading religious guilt, are those episodes of *Beverly Hills 90210* that we watched when we were 10, haunting us, compelling us to be free yet complex, liberated yet responsible and open-minded but straight (or maybe a bit homosexual, but not too much).

Rebellion has become contained, sanitised, categorised and ordered into set sequences – vomit stained and loud as they may be. The fundamental missing element of that ubiquitous 'O' is originality.

Students seem to have become parodies of themselves and not even good parodies. We have become inept at even filling our stereotypes adequately. Trapped in a bipolar power balance between jocks and bungees, students trudge through youth with the grace and panache of Siberian mine workers. There's a sense that Big Brother is watching us, that any genuine spontaneity or creativity might be noticed and get us voted off. We don't even take adequate pride in our own clichés. My hope is that we learn love and care for our own clichés. Water them like potplants. Feed and pamper them, as if they were little Tamagotchis that would die if we didn't give them enough care.

Yeah, but I'm probably bitter from not having ever scored in O-week.

Perhaps there's something to it that I'm missing. 'O' for orientation. Some claim in a world where disorientation has become a cultural commodity. Perhaps there's a point there. Perhaps tepid conformism is a dual reaction against madness and disintegration on the one hand and virulent passionate totalitarianism on the other. Perhaps dumbing down is a form of resistance, a way of refusing manipulation by reducing oneself to the appearance of it. Like an animal playing dead.

But never mind this garbage. I'm sure there's going to be plenty of fun and drinking and friendship and groping and masturbating and tormenting of sedate grandmothers taking place, which will make it all worthwhile.

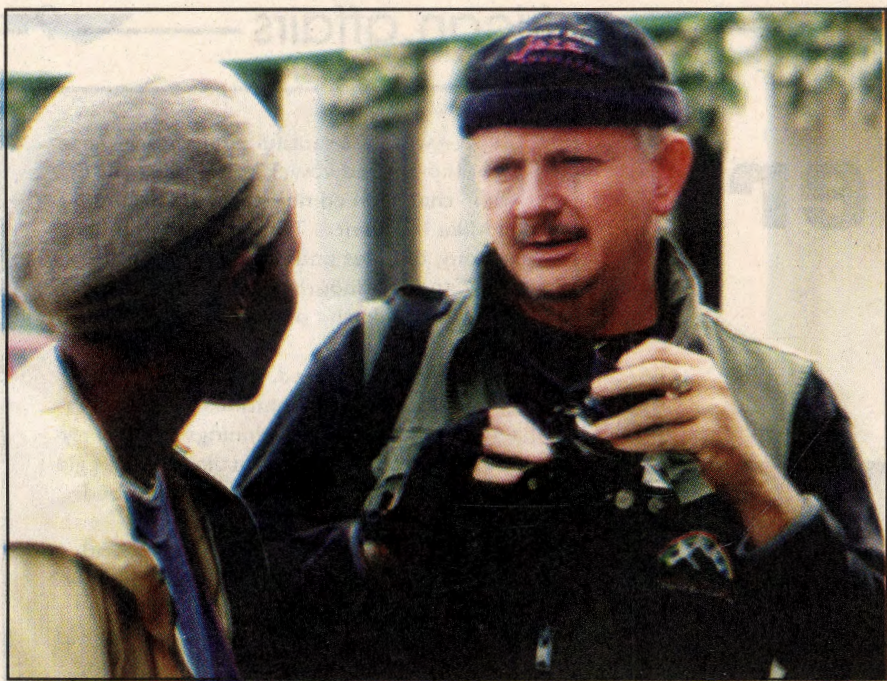
And in the meanwhile, us pseudo intellectual terrorists will linger malignantly in the viscous night, belching bitterly as beautiful people pass by...



**Dystopian  
Diaries**

Matt Wilhelm-Solomon





## Farewell to a legend

Montgomery Cooper  
Obituary

**M**onty Cooper will always be remembered with a camera over his shoulder, a naughty grin on his face, his black attire and a thirst for the perfect frame captured by a click.

Cooper passed away on 4 January 2003 after contracting cerebral malaria in Mozambique.

Students and staff are shocked by the suddenness of his death condolences have been pouring into the Journalism Department from students, colleagues, peers and friends from all over the world.

He trained at Rhodes University and began his professional career in the mid 70's as press photographer for *The Cape Times*, simultaneously running a professional photographic studio in Cape Town. He moved to Zimbabwe where he taught at the Commercial College and later the Phoenix College from 1983 and subedited the *Harare Herald*. His children Jade, Ashley, Tammy and Timothy were born and 'Dad' was always the title he was the most proud of.

In 1993 he joined Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University, establishing the leading photojournalism training facility in South Africa. His charismatic personality allowed him to make many friends in his travels across the globe – always taking pictures along the way.

His toughest assignment was probably the 1996 South African Expedition to Mount Everest.

Monty trained countless students and working journalists in ethics, photojournalism, digital photography and web page development. He has published six photographic books, two novellas, four children's books and mounted seven photographic exhibitions.

Monty would have been delighted to see how many people cared, and the Department of Journalism and Media Studies hopes to continue the work he did, as well as giving opportunities for learning to others through the bursary fund which has been started in his name.

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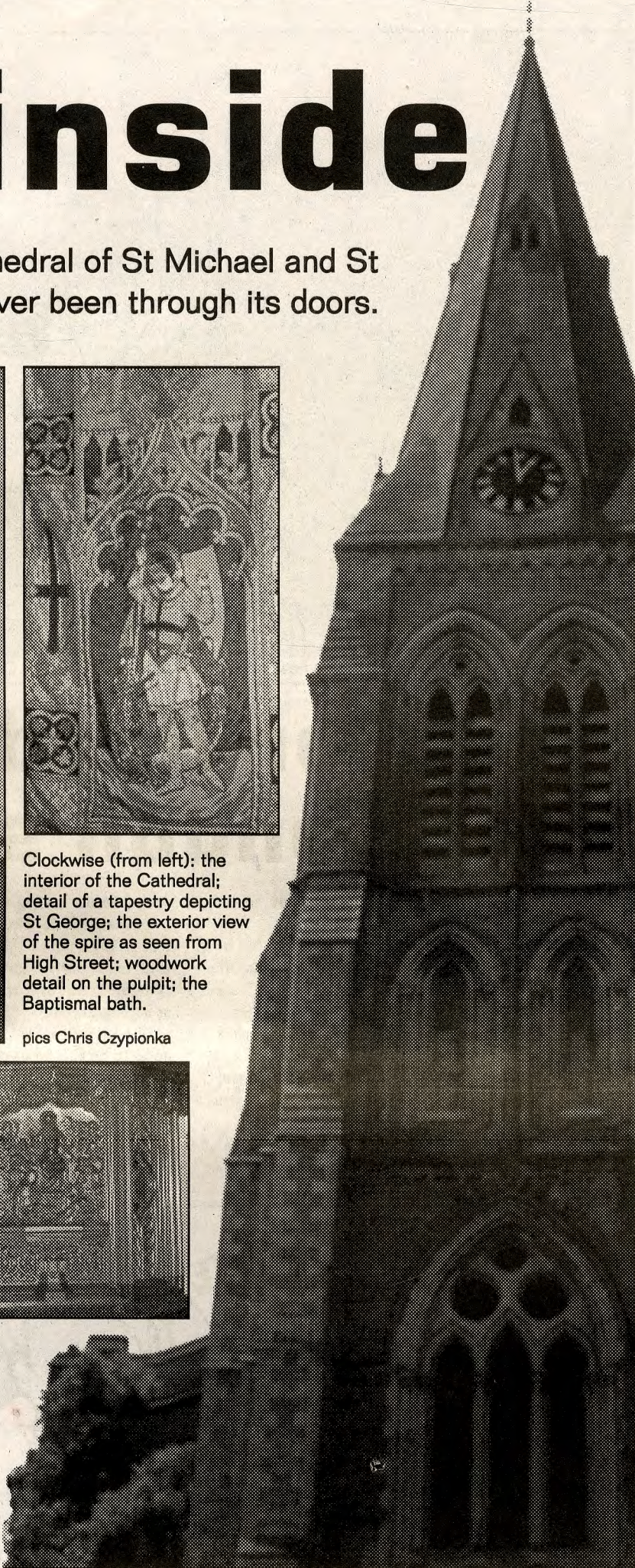
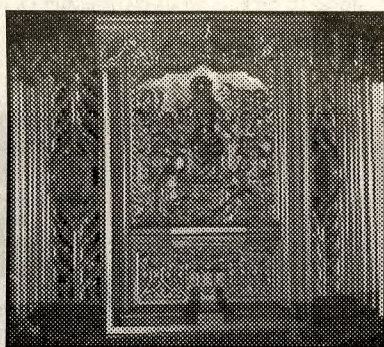
# Step inside

Many students walk past the Cathedral of St Michael and St George every day, but few have ever been through its doors.



Clockwise (from left): the interior of the Cathedral; detail of a tapestry depicting St George; the exterior view of the spire as seen from High Street; woodwork detail on the pulpit; the Baptismal bath.

pics Chris Czipionka



**B**e prepared to have everything you believe turned upside down – these are the words my cousin Warren, an ex-Rhodent, provided as an introduction to Rhodes University (RU) three years ago.

And how? This is not even an allusion to the swift displacement of matters nearest to the heart that one experiences when settling in here – such as empathy for the plight of starving refugees that is soon clouded over by the daily struggle for decent nutrition by students in res.

This is also not an allusion to the sudden inexplicable attraction to New Street, leaving behind the cares of the world and Wall Street, Downing Street, Fleet Street...

Nah, that's minor – a given.

It's more along the lines of: you were born and raised as part of the brand-worshipper's Church of South Africa. Also, your folks have shown you the way with their staunch support of the Soccer Party. After matriculating, you arrive at Rhodes.

You soon find you've developed a taste for your neighbour in Smuts's backtracked Mr Price music, interspersed with mainstream Nordic house/hiccup-garage tunes. Then a chick/oke (you're not quite sure what he/she is) in your Philosophy tut group manages to convince the entire lot of you that 'God' is 'dog' spelt backwards. This doesn't even touch upon the de-evolutionary processes that the Union and Rat have kickstarted in the recesses of your brain. You even join DemSoc, as RU has no Soccer Party Soc (but that's RU – "quality, NOT quantity"), in a last desperate attempt to please your parents but you soon discover it's all about freebie wine. And the folks aren't too happy with the 15 other societies you joined.

Instead of being disillusioned about the virtues instilled by tertiary education, you soon mesh with this scene.

There's one slight problem though. Before you know it, you're home for the April vac and your mother's on the phone with the Vice-Chancellor demanding: "What have you purple-robed dope smokers done to my blessed child?" All they really wanted was for you to get married and raise good brand-worshipping children.

Who could possibly blame us for losing touch with the 'outside' the moment we jump off the bus and find ourselves back in the G-spot? Considering the above, it's natural that it would be slightly challenging to keep in line with what matters in the real world.

Like the fact that World Cup cricket matches will be played in Zim, with international journalists possibly being restricted from covering anything but cricket? Be outraged, dammit! And an actual war (that's right, those things involving guns and bombs) might be happening rather soon. A number of people from the US and UK have flown to Baghdad to create a human barrier in an attempt to prevent soldiers from killing their own.

Get up, stand up! What's happened to us fuddy duddy youngsters? Perhaps it is easier to stick to that which is certain, such as the fact that between 1 and 99 percent of South Africans are HIV positive.

A welcome to all the new first years. Ye are as beautiful little snowflakes as no two snowflakes are the same!

Warren forgot to add: "inside out, blurry and in duplicate."



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**W**hat better way to usher in a new sporting year at Rhodes than with the cricket World Cup – an excuse (if one is needed) to spend whole days on end propping up the bar in the Rat – all in the name of sport. After the Soccer World Cup wreaked havoc on exam timetables last June, sports fans all over Grahamstown will be rubbing hands together in anticipation of another chance to escape from their academic duties.

In the midst of all the excitement and controversy surrounding this World Cup, one could forget how to actually play any sport. The mad antics of any O-week at Rhodes allows people to settle into university life, and it is no different with sport. A big problem for many people is deciding which of the multitude of clubs and societies to join. The advice that I would give to the new first years this year is to be choosy. In my first year I got carried away in a sudden rush of inspiration and decided I was going to learn to surf. One year and no surfing trips later, I came to the conclusion that it might have been a mistake...

I'm not saying that you must restrict yourself to one club, but do be selective in your choices. For anyone who is looking for a new avenue to display their sporting wares, Rhodes boasts a wide variety of kung-fu style disciplines as well as sports as diverse as underwater hockey and fly-fishing.

Rhodes has come on in leaps and bounds in the more recognised sporting codes, and the top achievement in recent years has to be the rugby side's unexpected victory over UPE at the intervarsity sports tournament in Port Elizabeth last year. The match epitomised the progress the rugby side had made, especially since the match was the only 'open' age group match during the whole season. The rowing crews are always excellent, and the effort they put into their sport is unmatched. The cricket side invariably excels in the Border league, and there are some promising young players coming through the ranks to challenge for first team places. The hockey boys return with fond memories of last season, which included a 7-1 drubbing of the touring Oxford Blues.

To end off, I'll leave you with fingers crossed for the Proteas in the World Cup and eyes crossed from excessive alcohol consumption. Have a brilliant O-week, and any prospective sports writers and photographers have a think about joining Activate (and you don't have to be a journalism student!).

My final piece of advice to everyone who will be playing sport this year is this: party as hard as you can, and set aside a couple of weeks to work off that budding Rhodent beer belly. Let's hope that this year, Rhodes sport can build on last year and take our achievements to the next level. If anyone has any queries, sports administration – situated at the Astroturf – are always happy to give advice or information.

Enjoy Rhodes!

• The 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup kicks off on 8 February with an opening extravaganza on SABC 3 at 20:00. The first match will see hosts South Africa facing the West Indies at Newlands in Cape Town. The semi-finals take place on 18 March in Port Elizabeth, and 20 March in Durban. The final will be played in Johannesburg on 23 March 2003. Most matches will be live on SABC3, with all matches being screened on SuperSport.



**Rowan's  
Rambles**

Rowan Watt-Pringle – Sports Editor



RIDING: A surfer concentrates during a heat at the Mexico National Surfing Contest held in 2002.

## First for Rhodes East London surfer

courtesy Rhodes Communication department

**S**teven Venter, Rhodes East London surfer, has been chosen for the South African Student Sports Union (SASSU) surfing team to compete in New Zealand in April.

"This is so exciting as it is the first time SASSU surfers have competed internationally," said Venter, "I really love surfing – it's a time to be by yourself. It's like a different place from Earth where there are no worries, and if you want to see friends they're also there," he said.

Venter started surfing in Std 5 and was captain of the surfing team at Stirling High School. He has also been part

of the Border surfing team for many years.

Venter does not like competitive surfing because he says that "it brings out a different side of you". He does, however, enjoy participating in a development surfing clinic at Nahoon Beach over the weekends and the Sun Surf Club at Stirling Baptist.

"Development clinics were how I started surfing, so it's good to be able to give something back," he said, "I also enjoy working with kids and one day would like to be a child psychologist, so I'm sure all this experience will help me."

• Anyone interested in participating in the development clinic or Sun Surf club can contact Steven on 083 447 0170.

## Briefs

### Williams unveil new contender

The BMW Williams F1 Team unveiled its new car – the Williams F1 BMW FW25 – at the Circuit de Catalunya in Spain. The new model, which is slightly shorter than the FW24, has an innovative chassis, a strong engine and raised expectations.

www.sportal.co.za

### No Bok RWC quota

Springbok coach Rudolf Straeuli says no race quota has been attached to the selection of the Springbok team to take part in this year's RWC tournament in Australia later this year.

www.superrugby.co.za

### Ford: Don't expect any surprises

Former South African cricket coach Graham Ford feels that the conditions in South Africa will largely rule out major upsets like those that have shocked fancied sides in past World Cups.

www.sportal.co.za

### Austrian challenges FIFA rules

A case is being prepared by Austrian soccer player Mario Sara's lawyers, arguing that he should be able to move from his Austrian side, SV Pasching, regardless of FIFA regulations.

www.supersoccer.co.za

### Only three candidates



All three candidate cities for the organisation of the XXI Olympic Winter Games in 2010: Vancouver, Salzburg and Pyeong Chang, have submitted their candidature files to the IOC.

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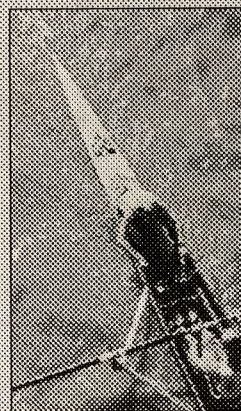
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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Rhodes University.

An internationally recognised institution, we at Rhodes pride ourselves in the standard of excellence that we have developed in all facets of our institution - from research and teaching through to house keeping.

Rhodes owes its unique character among South African universities to a combination of factors - some historical, some geographical, some cultural and some architectural.

But most of all it has to do with the people - the academics, administrative personnel and the students - their dedication and creative approach to life makes this university an exciting place to be at. The physical surroundings and smallness of the university create an environment which fosters fellowship and learning.

Student life at Rhodes, involving social, academic and emotional well-being is very important to us.

I hope that your time at Rhodes

University is an extensive and thought-provoking dive into what we like to call the "Rhodes

Family." I look forward to welcoming you in person as you start or continue your relationship with us.

*David Woods*

Dr David Woods  
Vice-Chancellor

## SRC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

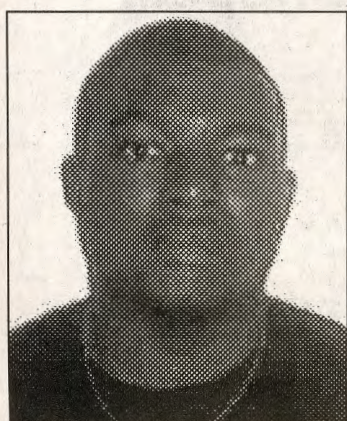
Welcome to the Rhodes student body. We are a small, close-knit residential University community, and I speak for the SRC, the entire student body and myself when I say welcome to Rhodes.

Rhodes has so much to offer by way of facilities, opportunities and academia, and I urge you to seize the moment, and immerse yourself in Rhodes life. Don't limit yourself by doing only what you've always done, be it sports or studies. Explore the possibilities open to you and allow yourself the widest range of experiences. This exploration will enrich your growth and arm you with a diversity of talent for the world we live in.

Welcome to the revolution!

*J.C.*

James Chipunza  
SRC President 2003





# Supplies & Inventory

KNOW YOUR TERRITORY. KNOW YOUR LIMITS. BREAK NEW BOUNDARIES

**Academic Departments:** From the Art Department to Zoology, you will be traipsing between the various departments to academically register on Friday 14th February. Be prepared for bureaucracy, and afterwards, have a coke and smile about the poor departmental secretaries who still have 1000 people to register.

**Bird's:** Very old school departmental store. So old they still have a dedicated haberdashery section. Pop in to see the pulley system whizzing change across the store. Church Square.

**Career and Counselling Centre:** Uh... There to help you and guide you... Book well in advance, as the daily time slots are limited.

**Cathedral:** The building at the end of High Street. Cathedral of St Michael and St George.

**Champ's:** If you enjoy playing pool, Champ's is for you. If you enjoy hanging with the locals, Champ's is for you. Scott Street, off New Street.

**Ch's:** Local club/pub (aren't they all?) on the New Street Strip. Has undergone a number of facelifts and identity changes. Pop in to see what the flavour of the moment is.

**Campus Security:** Look out for the men in blue, peering furiously on their vintage 1920's bicycles. They partner with Hi-Tech Security to ensure our safety on and around campus. Handy hint: safety comes with numbers, and please do not bark on Rhodes being completely risk free.

**Checker's:** A cheaper Spar-type "you find it all here" place. High Street.

**Computer Labs:** Scattered around campus. Can get rather congested the night before a major deadline, so get in early and plan in advance... We know, we know... Try the Jac Labs, Eden Grove Labs, Fountain Quad Labs and the Library Labs.

**Debonair's:** The South African pizza empire, started by students. New Street.

**Duke's:** Coffee shop. High Street.

**Eden Grove:** The big, shiny, state-of-the-art building where you registered. The Student Bureau is here, as well as the Gary Library. The Registrar is also rumored to be found somewhere on the Concourses of Eden Grove.

**AIM's:** Student Union, Peppergrove, High Street.

**BP:** If you think a BP garage only sells petrol, you need to visit BP in African Street. An entire support system for Opplies, BP has everything from a Laundromat to emergency pharmaceutical supplies. If you are on your way home from an evening of late night revelry, the chances are you will land up at BP. It's 24 hour, so any time, any day, BP will be open.

**Bottle Stores:** These sellers of sin dot the Grahamstown landscape and are open to 6pm in the evening on week-days. Spar is open until nine, if wine floats your boat. NB: Shop around for the lowest prices...

**CBC:** Continuing Education Centre. A venue on the Hill for conferences, meetings and the occasional cheese and wine function.

**Bolution:** Trendy, well-designed health-food restaurant. Peppergrove Mall.

**Finance Department:** Be nice to these people. They're in charge of your money. You pay your fees here- located in the bowels of Admin- follow the gold-embossed signs that read 'Finance Department'.

**Bibles:** Quaint bookshop, stocking both University textbooks and rare out-of-print books. Pop in to see if you can find a bargain or two... High Street.

**Fountain Quad:** The Quad with the fountain in. Behind the Clock Tower. Please leave the Kai to swim in peace...

**Prior Tuck's:** The pretender to the throne of King of Grahamstown entertainment. The newest member of the pub/clubs in Grahamstown, Prior's has been packed since it opened, and promises an excellent schedule of events for 2003. Make sure you give it a visit...

**Gino's:** Next to Fruit & Veg. City. Italian-type restaurant, nice place, nice food. Legendary pizzas.

**Groot's Mail:** South Africa's oldest newspaper. Comes out once a week, with a large Rhodes content. Read it to keep abreast of local news.

**Guido's:** A franchised Italian-style restaurant. Nice place, nice food. Legendary pizzas. Peppergrove Mall.

**Great Field and Hall:** What makes these two great is perhaps questionable, but both are central venues for academic and sporting affairs.

**Grounds and Gardens:** The people responsible for the immaculate presentation of the Rhodes campus. Offices corner South and Prince Alfred.

**Gym:** Interestingly enough, the gym and the library were upgraded last year. It's a gym. Watch out for the details regarding membership... The gym also offers spinning, aerobics and personal trainers as part of your membership.

**Jamaat Khana:** Prayer room for our Muslim students. Brand new, completed in 2002. Half way up the Hill.

**Henry Abe:** Reasonably expensive steak house. If 2.5 kg steaks are for you and your budget, then Henry Abe is the place for you. Don't let the Gothic style interior put you off; the food is excellent, and the bar is even better. Henry Abe is to be found in the Victoria Hotel complex, on New Street.

**Kaif, Day Kaif & Blockhouse:** Popcorn, chewing gum, peanuts and hubblygum... On campus, convenience doesn't get better than this. Wonderful places to procrastinate and to pretend that just being on campus constitutes cerebral activity.

**KFC:** The Colonel's finest. Bathurst Street.

**Law Library:** St. Peter's campus. As it stands, a library for law students.

**La Galleria:** Expensive Italian restaurant with arguably the finest menu in Grahamstown. Wonderful place for your parents to take you for dinner, wonderful place to impress someone. Make sure you take your Gold Card.

**Legend's:** 60's themed diner, open until ridiculous hours of the morning. After having a drink with the management of Legend's at the Bar, pop in for a student budget-friendly snack on the way home.

**Mr Price Home:** All your digs needs, under one roof. High Street.

**Oppidan Office:** For all your digs needs. Speak to Ms Joy Allcock on the ground floor of the Student Union building.

**Spar:** See BP. Similar sort of thing without the petrol, and with a deli. Only bigger and more modern. A student essential.

**Sports Admin:** The people responsible for the running of all NU clubs. Found in the Old Mutual Sports Pavilion, next to the AstroTurf.

**Spur:** A Spur, as found everywhere in South Africa. Ask for the special "Rhodes Student Menu". Otherwise, it's a Spur.

**Star's:** It's a Star's. High Street.

**SRC Offices:** Here the overworked and unpaid Student Leaders gather to meet and ensure that your lives work simpler, better, faster. Pop in for a cup of coffee (baring your own) or to ask a question. Top floor, Student Union.

**Student Bureau:** Described as a one-stop student shop. Deposit money on your printing balance, fax, get a new student card, change your degree... This all happens at the Bureau. Try to avoid the queues...

**StudentZone:** The homepage of all lab computers. Check it before you trundle off to Eden Grove; you can do most things online.

**Die Taphuis:** Venue favoured by older students, the Taphuis has two outstanding features: fishbods and quarts. Get there early to avoid the rush, and make sure you are not too warmly dressed. It gets hot in there... The Taphuis is to be found adjacent to the Grahamstown Bowling Club.

**Theatre:** The Drama Department regularly stages productions showcasing the finest talent Rhodes has to offer. Tickets are cheap, the quality is good, and shows happen regularly. Prince Alfred Street.

**Transport Office:** The place for booking transport, in any form, for any purpose. Up the Hill, left past New House, and you're there.

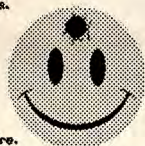
**Wispys:** See Star's. High Street.

**UEB:** University Publishers and Booksellers. The people you buy your textbooks and stationery from. On account. High Street.

**Union/Masakhane:** Two venues for the price of one membership... The Union/Masakhane complex requires membership for entrance, so sign up during Orientation. Both are exceptionally well attended, and both Grahamstown institutions in their own rights. Wednesdays and Fridays would not be the same without the Union and Masakhane... Student Union.

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**Library:** Recently been modernised. Apart from using the computers and sourcing material for work-related matters, or reading a newspaper, a good place to do some quiet studying away from res.

**Mr Burger:** Yes, Mr Burger sells burgers. Yes, Mr Burger is owned, managed and run by Mr Burger. Yes, you get more burger for your ZAR's here than anywhere else in the country. Yes, it's in between the Bar, GT's and Prior Tuck's.

**Mad Hatter's:** Nice sidewalk café/restaurant. Bully licensed, to be found on High Street. Nice place to spend a lazy afternoon, drinking coffee and seeing friends.

**Psychology Clinic:** An on-campus centre for you to see a Master's or Doctoral student, at the grand cost of R60 per session.

**Pool:** The place to be for socially mobile Rhodians. Summer days are spent by Rhodes' beautiful people lounging around the pool while the rest of the world works. Great for work avoidance, bad for maintaining GP's.

**Rostrum:** Mum sent you a parcel? Chances are its either at Rostrum or the Post Office. Rostrum also offers a wide range of student emergency services, like a photocopy, stationary and fading facilities. High Street.

**PopArt:** The most cosmopolitan nightspot in Grahamstown. Leave your "lame" at the door, and check out a slice of the real South Africa having a party. Anything comes, anything goes. The Unisex bathroom are not for the faint of heart... New Street.

**Port Elizabeth:** Named after Elizabeth. It's a Port. It's also the closest major urban centre to Grahamstown. This means that if you need to shop/club/surf/party in a place other than Grahamstown, PE's probably your best bet. An hour's drive. Get your body piercing done here...

**Red Café:** Café/coffee bar. Interesting coffees/milkshakes. Take a bunch of friends, and spend a rainy afternoon playing board games and drinking coffee.

**RET Butler's:** Pharmacy. High Street.

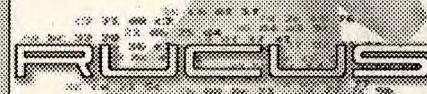
**Ret (The Ret and Parrot):** The Ret seems to be the parental centre of the Grahamstown social circuit. Bump into your lecturer in the bathroom and your tutor at the bar. Typical English-style pub, with a distinctly Rhodes flavour. You haven't been to Rhodes if you haven't been to the Ret. New Street.

**Sanatorium:** Feeling sickly? Head up to the San (behind Janssen House) and let the friendly sisters take care of you. The San also provides condoms, contraceptive pills and the morning after pill. Don't be a hero, ask.

**Saville's Motel:** Rust-Charlotte village, located next to the Monument.

**Roadbury:** Grahamstown's one and only cinema complex. Independent of the any cinema group, the Roadbury offers excellent value for money with infamous Budget Tuesdays. Good selection of movies, new movies on Fridays.

## Are your computer skills Pear-Shaped?



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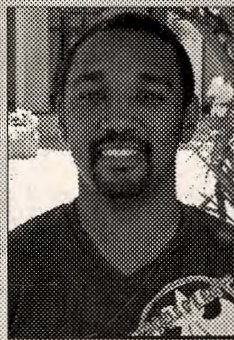
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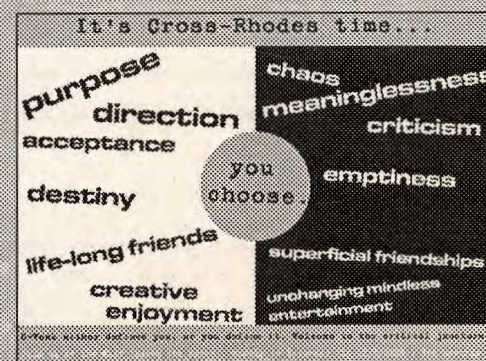
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# Can you talk the talk?

YOUR ORDERS: LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE LOCALS. FIT IN TO THE SOCIETY AND FIND OUT AS MUCH ABOUT THERE RITUALS AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE UP AGAINST. GOOD LUCK

## Activate:

Campus newspaper, here to all inspiring Journalism 1 students. Offices located on the top floor of the Student Union building. See Jova.

## Aggravate:

Make-up exams for the sick and unhappy.

## Admin:

Generic term for the administration of the University, given to describe either any non-student, or the people who work under the clock tower.

## Albany District:

The district in which Grahamstown falls, geographically speaking. Here to a particular English dialect; speak to any local, and you will understand.

## Arb:

Arbitrary Subject. A subject that you take with the specific purpose of gaining a credit. Preferably as easy as possible. Don't be fooled. See HAM.

## Beggar:

Beggar, street dweller. To be found asking for small change anywhere in Grahamstown.

## Bomb:

Infamous 1.5 litre bottle of wine, named so owing to the shape of the bottle, and the associated pain.. See also Bombs, Cracking.

## Bris:

Botanical Gardens.. Rather take a friend, and remember safety lies in numbers. This is not a joke.

## Bush:

Shrubbery, foliage. US President. See Osama Bin Laden.

## Canned Lion Hunting:

This cruel practice was exposed on Carte Blanche two years ago. The dating scene during Orientation Week.

## Ordi. John Rhodes:

He gave his name to our University. And enough money to start building the Admin Block. But not enough to complete it.

## Cheese and wine:

A Rhodes euphemism for incredible party. All clubs and societies have these wonderful functions, some more wonderful than others. The normal formula involves substantial amounts of wine, and very little by way of cheese. Denote are the c + w specialists.

## Critical:

Local Grahamstown bouncers, comprised of Rhodes students. To be found in the gym during daylight hours, normally in purple 'Instructor' shirts.

## Credits:

What you will need to accumulate to get a degree. A credit is a pass in a year course; a half-credit a pass in a semester course. Check your Calendar for details.

## Dallas Chip:

The funny little thing you attach to your key-ring, used to get food, register for lectures, and to get into res. See Wardell Scott.

## Denote:

Lecture starting at 7.45 a.m. Thursday morning denotes are traditionally fairly successfully avoided by all.

## Dean:

The person in charge of a faculty or a division; i.e. The Dean of Humanities.

## Digs:

Rented accommodation shared by students in town.

## Disciplinary Hearing:

A personalised procedure to correct the misdeeds of wayward students. Avoid at all costs. See also Exclusion.

## DP:

Duly Performed certificate, awarded to you by a department for successfully completing your course requirements. Try to hang on to yours- no DP, no exams. No exams, no results. No results, no degree.

## Drouty Arch:

a.k.a The Arch; funny enough, the arch at the top of High Street.

## Exclusion:

Loose your IP's or fail your exams, and you will be excluded. Do something stupid (and get caught), and you will be excluded. You can be excluded a) from res and b) from the University, depending on the severity of the offence. Rather avoid this traumatising experience.

## File:

Exclamation. Can be used when empathising with an exclusion candidate (see above). Can also be used during 1st-Varsity rugby games and June exams. A large bar bill or a full bucket of punch can also be explained with this phrase.

## First:

A mark of 75 % or above. A good thing.

## FN:

First National Bank. The people kind enough to sponsor Orientation 2003. They have ATM's at the Student Union, Peppergrove and High Street.

## Fraternities:

People in a group who do no work. A label traditionally awarded to the SRC.

## Crang Big:

An expression to describe a person having an excessive amount of the good times vibe, in town, at night.

## HAM:

History and Appreciation of Music. The quintessential B.A. arbitrary subject.

## Herbert Charles Baker:

The famous English architect commissioned to design the University buildings.

## Hill (the):

All the residences on the Hill (Walker, Pringle, De Beer's, Goldfields, Gillen Bowles, Relief); an expression for either the place ('I'm going to visit someone on the Hill') or the community ('Hill people are so strange').

## House Comm.:

House Committee; the people elected to run your residence, for you, by you, and with you.

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# Can you talk the talk? Cont.

## Threelisting:

The hours in which you are legally allowed to visit someone in a residence that is not your own. Traditionally enforced with either a fine or exclusion, traditionally enforced in ladies' residences, and traditionally non-existent in guy's residences.

## Town:

The township adjacent to Grahamstown. Here to shebeens, and interesting Journalism 1 news stories. See also Simunye.

## Kaif:

The official student cafeteria in the Student Union Building. Popcorn, chewing gum, peanuts and hub-blegum. Kaif's little brother, Day Kaif, is under the library quad, and little sister, Blackhouse, is next to Eden Grove.

## London:

Slang term for a township, and associated culture.

## Monument:

The 1920 Settler's Monument. Yes, the big building on the ridge overlooking Grahamstown.

## Mustard:

As keen as.. Expression. You are either mustard, or you're not.

## Napped:

Expression for sleeping over in someone's room. Say 'I had nappers with' or 'I napped over with mad'. See Interviewing.

## Orion:

Sentimental term for the Union (the on-campus club).

## Oppies:

Oppidians, people who live in digs. Students who aren't in res.

## Osama Bin Laden:

Nere for someone who sleeps under a bush.

## Repsus:

The e-mail software provided to you by the lovely people at the IT Department. Use it to let your parents know what a wonderful time you are having at Rhodes.

## Peppergrove:

Grahamstown's one and only shopping centre, here to spar, the unofficial student cafeteria. People from Jo'burg, Cape Town or Durban, or any urban centre bigger than Grahamstown, don't hold your breath.

## Rip:

The police. Mark it out.

## Broder:

The person charged with the responsibility of maintaining law and order on the Rhodes Campus.

## Prof:

Generic abbreviation for a professor. If in doubt as to the name of any particular academic, try 'Prof'. Generally tends to guarantee some form of response, usually in the form of grunts and whistles.

## 'Quiet Drink':

The biggest misnomer in Rhodes society. If anyone tells you that they are out for a 'quiet drink', disbelieve them instantly. Chances are they will still be out when you leave, and will require a lift home in the morning from the local jail, whilst recovering from the morning after the night before.

## Res:

Residence. A University building accommodating students. Scattered around campus. There are 52 or so of them, depending on whether or not Stanley Kidd spawns a few more residences in 2003. Grouped into nine-halls.

## Rhodes:

Rhodes Student. Welcome to Rhodes..

## ROSS:

Rhodes Online Student Service. <http://ross.ru.ac.za>. An online service, enabling you to check your marks, book your meals, change passwords etc. Try ROSS before you potter off to Eden Grove. Might save you a walk.

## RMR:

Rhodes Music Radio. 89.7 fm. Give it a listen, and support the journalism students who aren't frantically writing for Activate. Alternatively, join yourself. Make yourself heard. Listen in for CD giveaways and the life.

## Settler's:

Either the hospital (one ambulance, you do the maths) or the den. Make sure you know which one you want to go to.

## Simunye:

The most popular shebeen in Grahamstown, located at the end of Beaufort Street. Use it when bottle stores are closed.

## SRC:

Student's Representative Council. The people elected by the student body to represent you in all your affairs. Offices to be found on the top floor of the Student Union Building.

## Signs:

Supplementary examinations. Your second (and last) chance to pass an exam. Only applicable if you a) qualify and b) apply. See also DP and Exclusion.

## Thelma:

Cheap red wine. So cheap it doesn't have a cork. Instead a screw cap. Perfect for the student budget.

## Thelma's:

Ever wondered who those people in flowing white robes dancing under trees are?

## Tutor:

A student employed by a department to teach words of wisdom to his or her tutlings; people often question tutor/tutling relationships..

## Union file:

The Rhodes primordial soup. Every student has got drunk here at least once their varsity career. The place where things happen during O-week. A great place for CRL. See Canned Lion Hunting.

## VC:

Vice-Chancellor, Dr. David Woods. He runs the University. Rumoured to occasionally play squash.

## Warden:

If we were at Stellenbosch, these people would be called huisvader or huisvader. We're not.

## Wardell Scott:

The gatekeeper in charge of any activity pertaining to Dallas chips. If you want meal-bookings with a personal edge, give Mr. Scott a visit in the Dean of Students Division, in the Admin block.

## Zinbo:

Affectionate term for Rhodes students hailing from the mayhem north of the Limpopo.

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