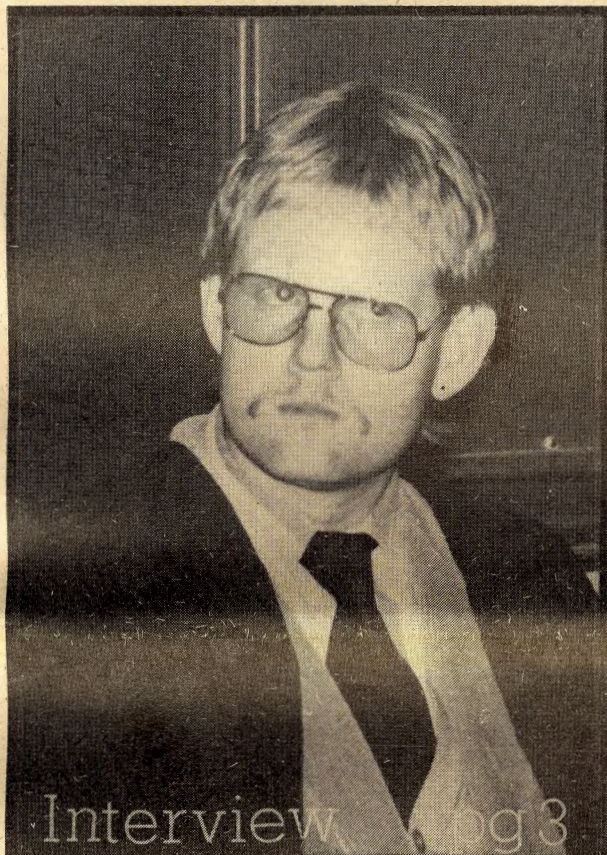
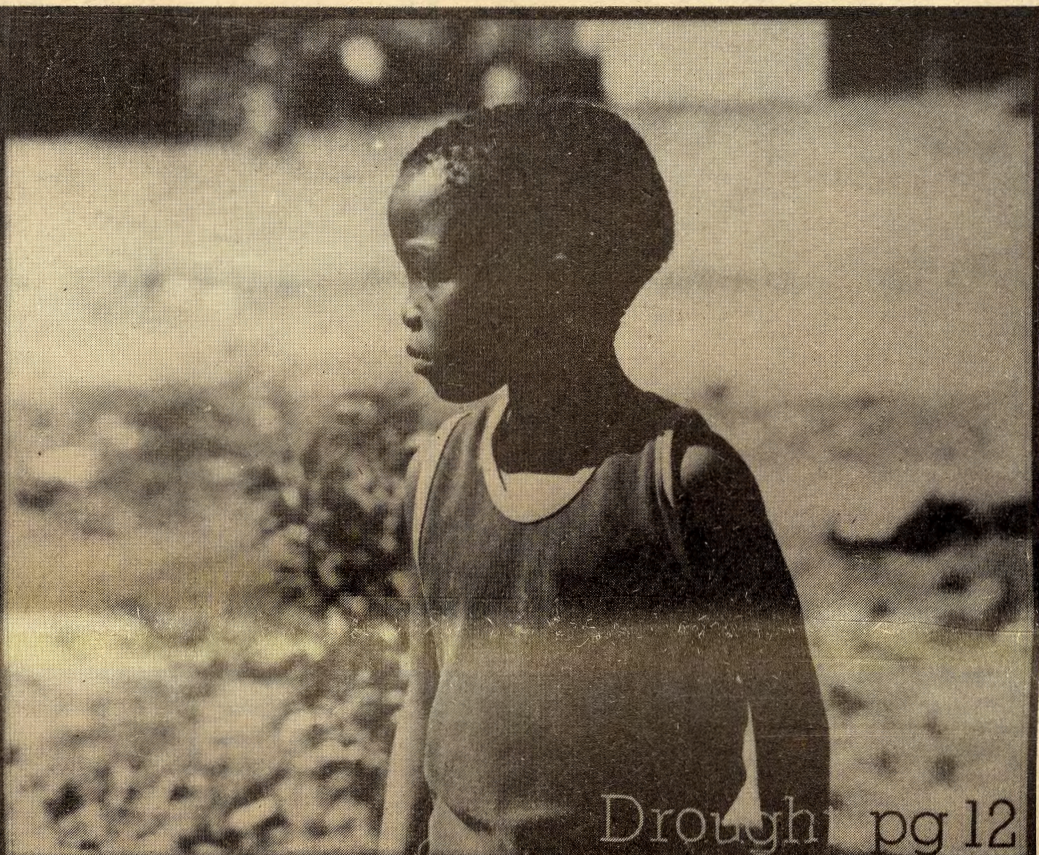


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LUNATICS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE ASYLUM



# EDITORIAL AND LETTERS

## Boring

NUSAS referenda are now an institution on Rhodes campus. Inevitably they bring up the same issues and this year looks no different. While boring and a waste of time and money, a student body meeting has voted unanimously in favour of testing opinion on NUSAS. With the democratic process over, campus can brace itself for a hard fight.

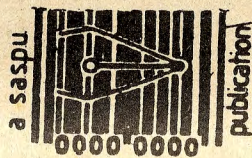
SRC member, Shane Hodgson, who proposed the motion at the meeting, called for fair play. So far, so good. Let's keep it that way.

## Mr Rankin....

It seems that student representatives no longer see themselves as being accountable to the body that elected them. Rhodéo's questions to Sean Rankin are legitimate and based on his past actions or on documented statements. These questions are being asked by students. It is in the public interest to know the answers.

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## WRONG AGAIN

Dear Eds.

I am prompted to write to you in response to your article "The Money Motive" of your April 13 issue. On that issue I was quoted as saying that the Vice-Chancellor's payback State subsidy was 'ridiculous'.

I wish to point out that at no stage was I interviewed by Rhodéo for comment on the proposed idea. Your reporter took a newspaper interview, in which I was incorrectly quoted, and directly transcribed that into his/her article.

Furthermore, I wish to explain that the comment I made, that the Vice-Chancellor's proposal was 'ridiculous' should in effect have been my original quote which the newspaper in the first instance misquoted, that being, "that with respect the idea is ridiculous". My quote had caused a certain amount of controversy so I duly apologised to the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of Council in writing.

Yours sincerely  
SEAN RANKIN

*Funny, the Vice Chancellor said he was unaware of your press statement. We really don't see why your apology to Council was necessary Eds.*

## DROP US A HINT

Dear campus,

In the past, as now RHODEO's function has been to serve students by airing controversial issues and investigating leads provided by students.

In this issue more than 50 percent of the content was written after students gave suggestions or provided tip-offs. This is particularly true of the bookshop, sport shop and food survey stories. This also applies to the interview with SRC president, Sean Rankin, after several students indicated they were confused about his seemingly contradictory actions over the last few months.

In this regard, RHODEO appeals to anyone who wishes to have any particular issue investigated, or might have information which could result in a

possible story, to approach the editors or drop a note in the RHODEO letter box. Anonymity will be ensured if so desired. Eds.



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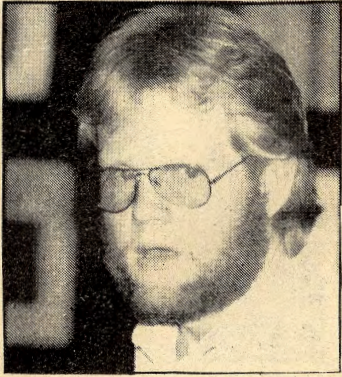
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# CAMPUS EXPOSE

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## Will the real Sean please stand up

It was a case of the interview that never was. Recently the RHODEO editors organised an interview with SRC president, Sean Rankin, in an attempt to clarify issues ranging from his recent attack on fellow SRC members to the pamphlet he distributed on campus calling upon students to disaffiliate from Nusas. Ten minutes into the interview, Mr Rankin accused RHODEO of being biased and said he would be willing to be interviewed at a later date if he was furnished with the questions beforehand. When the editors informed him that, should he refuse to answer, RHODEO would be obliged to print the questions. He replied, "that's tough."

The editors believe it is necessary to answer his allegations against RHODEO.

\* The question of bias is irrelevant. The intended questions concerned Mr Rankin's role as SRC president and whether this job was being properly fulfilled. How can he possibly refuse to answer legitimate questions on the basis of the alleged political views of the editors?

\* Mr Rankin's request for a draft of the questions before the

interview is absurd. It is a tactic employed by government Ministers when interviewed by the SABC and it is unheard of for investigative reporters to provide the interviewees with questions beforehand. It must, therefore, be asked whether Mr Rankin has something to hide.

\* Mr Rankin, as pres.,

questions. The issues are not clear and it was because of this that RHODEO sought the interview in the first place.

Q. Mr Rankin, at the 1982 Nusas Congress you claimed "the class contradictions in the university reflect the class contradictions in society". You also claimed that the university's "liberal

Q. Mr Rankin, at the 1982 Nusas Congress you seconded a motion that resolved to "re-affirm our (Nusas') dedication to work for a free and equal education system in a democratic South Africa." Do you believe that Nusas is a viable body to do such work?

heard about the issues the better. Do you not think that a well-informed vote is basic to the democratic process?

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Q. Mr Rankin, in the space of less than a month your position has changed from one of support for Nusas (or so you told Nusas president, Kate Philip) to one where you are now throwing your weight behind effort to disaffiliate from the National Union. How do you explain this? Has your position changed? Do you not hold by the ideals you espoused six months ago? What caused this sudden change of heart? Have you changed your basic ideals or is your present position due to the fact that you no longer "find it expedient" (notes from the SRC meeting 28/4/83) to mouth such high flown words?

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Q. At the SRC meeting held to discuss the date of the referendum some SRC members argued that the referendum should be held in the third term so as to ensure an informed vote. They felt that the more campus

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Q. On the 28 April you told the Nusas president you "still supported Nusas". Yet less than a week later you were seen at a closed meeting with an anti-affiliation group to discuss questions



Sean Rankin, NUSAS executive member for Rhodes at NUSAS congress 1982.

is answerable to the campus that elected him. As the official student newspaper, RHODEO believes it is its duty to keep students informed in this regard.

For the benefit of students, RHODEO is publishing the questions Mr Rankin refused to answer. We wish to stress that these are only

facade" should be used to organise students (p 13 Nusas Congress minutes). What did you mean by this? Do you still hold this position or have you changed?

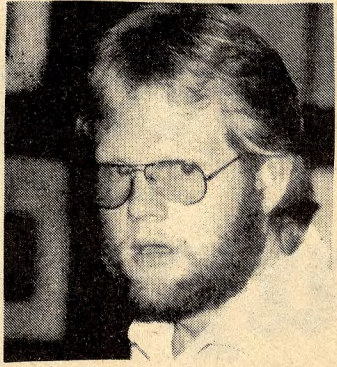
SEAN: "I still stand by this."

Mr Rankin then terminated the interview, leaving the following questions unanswered.



# EXPOSE CONT.

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of strategy. It is said you advised the anti-affiliationists when the student body meeting should be held and how it was to be run. Did you have a profound change of heart within the space of six days or were you just being two faced?

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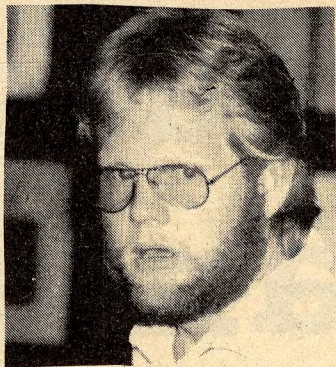
Q. You also alleged that Nusas had a "poor track record". As a Nusas exec. member are you not the person who should, more than anyone else, try to make Nusas work at Rhodes? Have you done anything to ensure or try to make Nusas work?

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Q. In your pamphlet circulated two weeks ago, you called Nusas a "political pressure group." What do you mean by this?

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Q. At the SRC meeting on 28/4/83 you told people it was, at one stage, "expedient" for you to belong to "the left" on campus. This could imply that you will do whatever is appropriate to promote



your political goals. Has this type of "expediency" guided your thinking and your career as a student representative at Rhodes? Can your move away from Nusas be regarded in the same light? Is what you are doing right now not activated by considerations of your own ambitions rather than any deeper commitments either to society or the student body? Is this not just blatant political opportunism?

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Q. Mr Rankin, throughout the RHODEO censor-



ship campaign you seemed keen to keep the SRC out of the whole affair. At a Senate/Student Liason meeting you even went so far as to disassociate yourself from the demands formulated at a mass meeting of over 300 students. Why was this? Do you think, as an elected SRC representative, you can afford to fly in the face of what is obviously an issue over which a large body of students feel strongly? What underlay your desire to maintain a distance from such student-based activity?

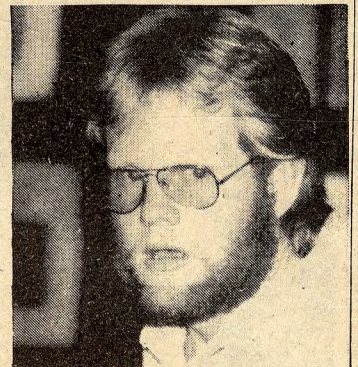
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Q. You are also quoted in the Daily Dispatch (25/2/83) as saying that "one of the main aims of the SRC in the coming year would be to end compulsory submission of RHODEO material to the Advisory Committee". Yet you absented yourself from almost every RHODEO campaign meeting. After the newspaper article, did you change your mind? Why were you not present at the meetings?

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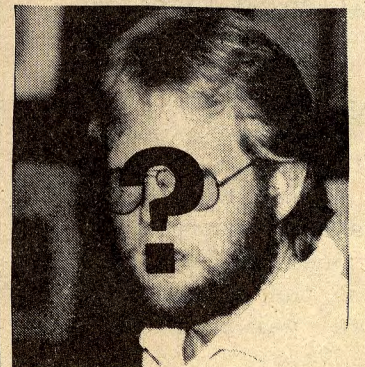
Q. Mr Rankin, in the SRC meeting of the 28 April, you supported a motion which



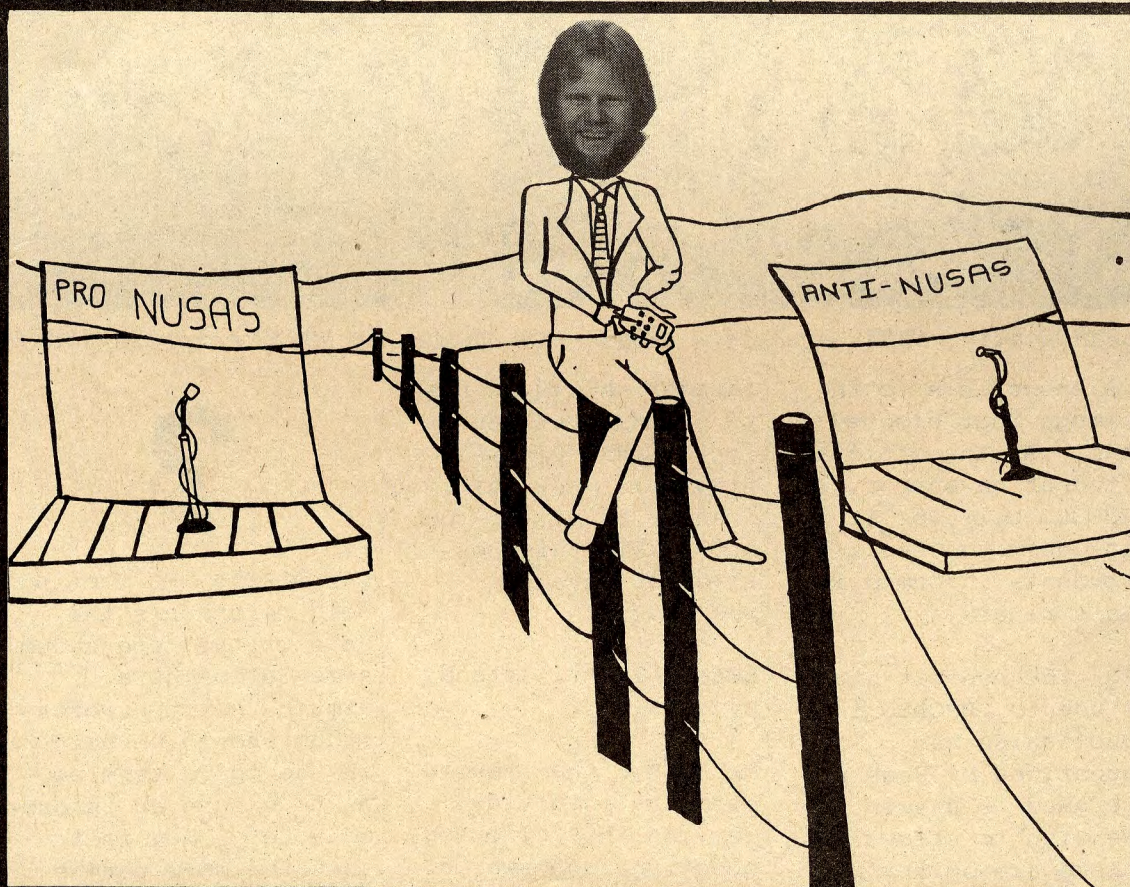
resolved, inter alia, to "call upon all students and staff at this university to join nation-wide opposition to the "Extension of Universities Amendment Bill". Yet at a protest march on Admin, organised by an ad hoc committee elected at a BSM meeting, to express objection to the Bill, you were conspicuous by your absence. Why was this?

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Q. When the nationally distributed smear pamphlet "Campus News" appeared at Rhodes you were asked to issue a statement condemning it. You refused, why? Do you think you can justify this refusal in the light of your position as Nusas executive member and bearing in mind that Nusas head office and figures such as Dr Henderson condemned the pamphlet.



Thank you for your time and patience, Mr Rankin.

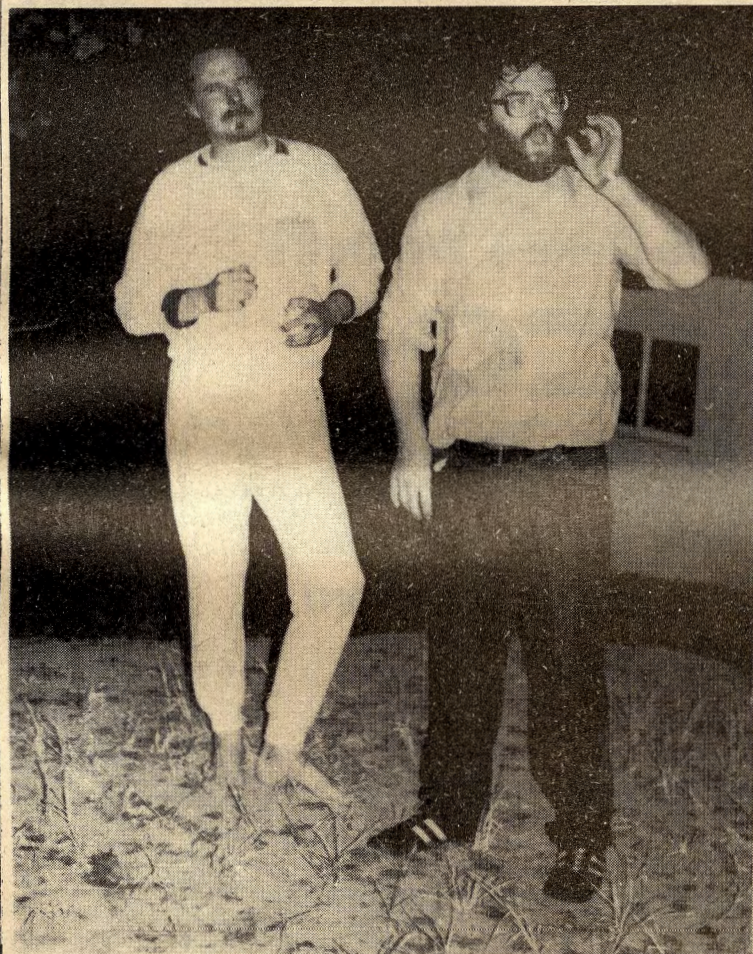




# CAMPUS

## Dramatic rescue as lecturer's home burns

*"Its all gone"—Dr Nic Visser*



*Dr Nick Visser (left) and a neighbour watch in stunned silence as the house blazes.*

English lecturer, Dr Nic Visser watched helplessly as his home, irreplaceable book collection and life-times research went up in flames recently.

Shortly after the fire broke out RHODEO arrived on the scene to find Dr Visser in pyjamas watching in disbelief as flames leapt 20 metres above his home. The entire house was ablaze and firemen were

struggling to get near. Windows had blown out and it was apparent that nothing would be saved.

The fire was either caused by an electrical fault or from a coal in the fireplace.

Dr Visser said he woke to hear his wife screaming. "She was in the kid's bedroom struggling to get them out through the window.

I opened the lounge door and was hit by a wall of flame and fell down disorientated. I thought it was the end for me."

With blackened face and singed hair, Dr Visser stumbled to the bathroom. Unable to get through the burglar bars, he switched on the shower and waited for the worst.

### Kids saved

Meanwhile, Dr Visser's wife was trapped in the children's room unable to get through the window herself. Dr Visser said at one stage someone appeared at the window to help Mrs Visser.

"When he ran away my wife lost all hope."

However, the neighbour returned minutes later with an axe and smashed through the bars.

At the front of the house a second neighbour wrenched the bathroom window open with a crowbar and freed Dr Visser.

When firemen left the following morning all that remained was a burnt-out shell. Dr Visser said the house would have to be



*The shell of the house remains. The window (right) is where Mrs Visser escaped.*

demolished and built from scratch.

### Dog lost

The family's dog is believed to have died in the blaze although Dr Visser is hoping she ran away in fright.

The fire destroyed a unique collection of books including first edition, signed copies of Yeates and Eliot. All Dr Visser's lecture notes and more than 10 years research work were also destroyed. He was planning to complete his research while on sabbatical in America later this year "What isn't in my head doesn't exist anymore," he said.

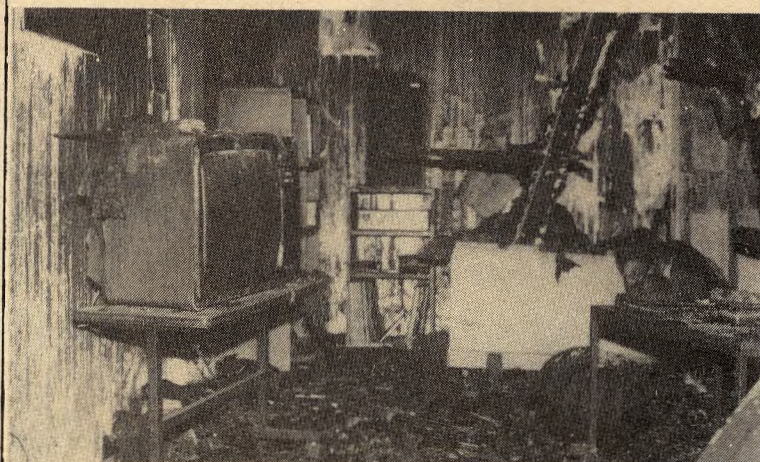
The only material

possessions that appear to have survived the blaze were two silver candlesticks and a brass doorbell.

Although none of the children were injured, Mrs. Visser was treated for shock and her hair was badly singed. Dr. Visser received minor lacerations while climbing through the window.

Despite his incredible loss; books, academic work, antiques and his wife's collection of modern African art, Dr Visser said he and his family were lucky to be alive.

"Thank God its only things, things only things ....."



*The Visser's TV room totally destroyed, waiting to be demolished.*



# CAMPUS

## Happy clappy christians



Students who regularly frequent Kaif during lunch have criticised the Crux Mission for invading their privacy after a group of Christians staged impromptu theatre in an effort to advertise the Mission's work. Several oppidan students said they were subjected to "forced entertainment".

"Kaif is a place where people come to eat. Had they advertised their intentions better people would have known to make other lunch arrangements", said one student.

Crux leader, Andy Sieberger, said Kaif was used primarily as a platform to advertise their evening meetings.

He admitted that the majority of those who attended the evening meetings were Christians and did not believe the Christian minority were "plugging at an antagonistic majority".

Asked if he had considered that some people might be offended by the Crux theatre, he said he didn't wish to offend anyone.

"I feel that Rhodes is a campus open to exchanging new ideas. It supports freedom of speech, doesn't it?" he said.

"No-one is forced to be in Kaif, they could have left if they had wanted to".

Another oppidan

student said the theatre was "embarrassing" and believed Crux was forcing their beliefs on their fellow students.

"The first time they staged the play, it was funny, after that

it was repetitive. Guerrilla theatre is meant to be spontaneous" said one student.

RMR chairperson, Vic Xypteras said he had agreed to switch off the music in Kaif

during the Crux performance. He said the arrangement was similar to the Folk Club evenings. "RMR is not in a position to discriminate against societies", he said.

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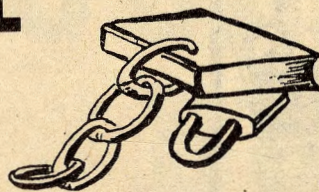


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## Unbelievable Prices for Books



The SRC campaign for lower priced books has been shelved, according to SRC president, Sean Rankin. "We have got to the point where we can go no further," he said.

Other SRC's appear to be less resigned. UCT owns and controls its own campus bookshop dealing in both new and secondhand books. Business is done on a strictly cash basis, and no accounts are maintained. As a result much bother and administrative expense is saved. The bookshop runs on a non-profit basis and all staff are employed by the university.

Wits University is currently negotiating with two booksellers to supply the needs of certain departments.

At UCT, books are supplied on a consignment and return basis, and old unsold stock is removed at the end of the year by the booksellers.

The manageress of UPB believes the student uproar over book prices is "ridiculous".

"We do not put up prices of books but stick to the prices recommended to us by the publishers. If we don't we are liable to fines of up to R500 imposed by the Booksellers Association.

However, the Booksellers Association has denied they have the power to fine any bookshop for price infringements.

Even though UPB gets a discount of between 25% and 33% on South African and overseas books, they do sometimes add on an extra 10% for postage.

A second year BA student claimed the prices of African History books were raised when the bookshop discovered they were prescribed. When challenged over the issue the manageress said she did not recall the incident.

In another incident UPB claims they were



"We have a staff of nine people. During the rush we take on another nine staff members. We pay them R10 a day. Apart from our usual expenses, we have to keep books for three years before we are allowed to sell them at lower prices on sales," she said.

Replying to student allegations that UPB adjust prices when books are in demand, the manageress said it was not worth it.

forced by the publishers Juta & Co to raise the price of old stock to correspond with the new stock prices. In one instance the price of Cowan's Negotiable Instruments, a prescribed maths book, was upped by R19. Juta's say it is not their policy to raise prices of old stock. They said the price adjustment was entirely up to individual bookshops

Other bookshops in Grahamstown claim

university textbooks are a financial risk. They said they would be prepared to order books for the university if Rhodes would stand security to cover the cost of books not sold.

The prospect of an on-campus bookshop appears bleak. The Director of Business Affairs,

would be 'no deal'. Those guys prepared to risk capital are not prepared to risk it to such an extent," he said.

Meanwhile several departments on campus are ordering books directly from overseas publishers. Prof. Gains of the

## Pucman beats bookshop by R3 000

Mr Bill Mills, said the only possible site for a bookshop would be at the entrance to Kaif, where the video games are currently housed.

"If commercial enterprise were to open there the university would be obliged by law to pay the government a major percentage of the rent. For this and various other reasons the undertaking would not be viable", said Mr Mills.

He said the Students Union would also lose the R3 000 it makes from the video games.

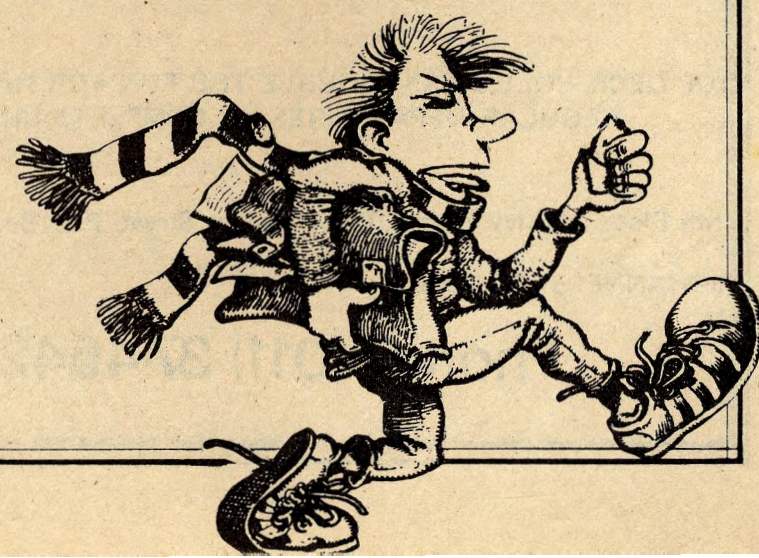
"People have come to look but never come back. I can only deduce that they have estimated the viability of the proposition and have decided it

Classical Civilisation department. said UPB did not provide satisfactory service.

"They always underorder so as to avoid a surplus and often students are unable to obtain books" he said. The department buys its books at cost price and on occasion receives a discount.

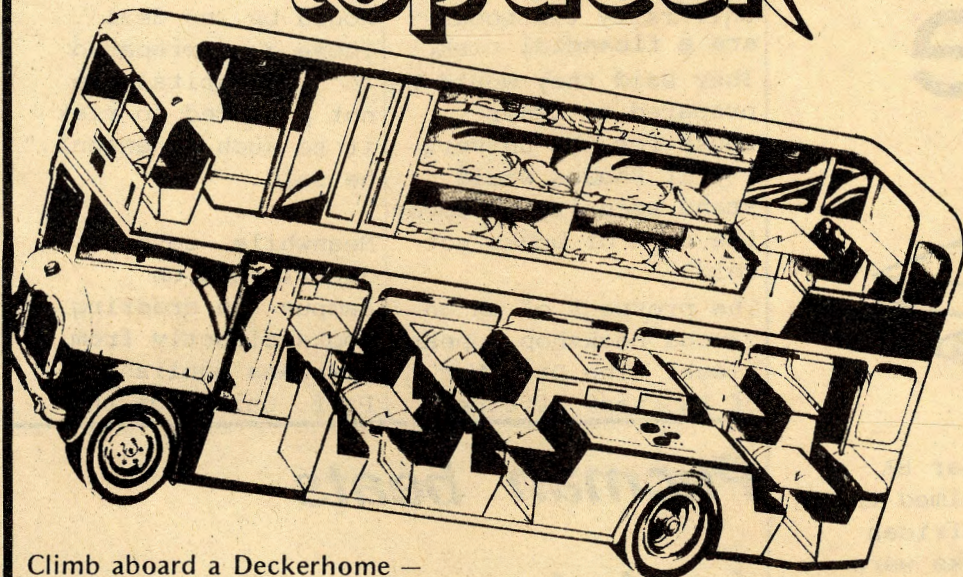
The Pharmacy Department is also providing this service to students on a limited scale.

Sean Rankin said the principle of a campus bookshop was welcomed "The bookshop issue is a perennial one. We have got to the point where we can do no more. No doubt the year after next, it'll become an issue again...."





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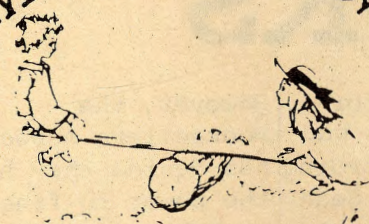
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## 400 Students march on V.C.

The proposed "Quota System", presently awaiting parliamentary debate has provoke high-profile protest in recent months on English-speaking campuses throughout the country.

Two mass meetings were held on this campus to protest against the bill: one, a symbolic gesture, the other, demanding that the University refuse to implement the "Quota System" if enacted.

The first meeting was similar to meetings being held at Wits, UCT, Durban, and Pietermaritzburg Universities. Calls were made for "open universities" where admissions could be made on "academic merit alone."

Another mass meeting was held by Black

Student Movement (BSM) and attended by over 400 people who called for more than symbolic protest. "We call on the University to defy the "Quota Bill" if enacted."

400 Students marched en masse to the V.C.'s office the following morning to present written demands that Rhodes refuse to implement the "Quota System", and that the University's present admissions policies become public knowledge.

The crowd of students marched past open-mouthed University administrators and packed into the foyer outside the V.C.'s office, singing and clapping.

The motion was received by the Registrar on behalf of the V.C., Dr Henderson

who was out of town. (The Vice Principal Prof Brommert was nowhere to be seen!)

At a report-back meeting held the following week, the Ad Hoc Committee conveyed to students the Vice Chancellors response to the demands.

The V.C. said it was up to the University Council to decide whether to defy the Bill. Regarding admissions policy, he said students were considered on "academic merit alone."

The V.C. has agreed to hold an open question and answer session on Rhodes' admissions policy.

The BSM Executive is to call a mass meeting shortly to discuss the proposition further.



The proposed Quota Bill lays down the amount of "black" students allowed to attend "white" Universities. These restrictions also apply to admissions into individual

faculties within the Universities. The proposed bill will stream black students into jobs which the state deems necessary to fill with more efficiency than has before been possible.

## Another referendum.....

Rhodes students go to the polls next term to decide whether or not to remain part of the National Union of South African Students. The near-unanimous decision to hold a referendum on the question of affiliation to NUSAS was taken at a meeting of about 500 students on 10 May.

Proposing the motion

for a referendum, SRC member Shane Hodgson said it was the democratic right of students to decide their future, and that his election manifesto had stated he would organise a referendum.

"I have done my part," he said "The rest is up to the student body."

In a reply, SRC Deputy President, Sue Lund, said NUSAS supporters were prepared to support the motion and to go to the polls to "record their vote of confidence" in the National Union.

"We do not in any way question this right. Democracy is the very basis on which

NUSAS works."

Ms Lund said NUSAS was concerned with building democratic structures in the University and although referenda hampered this process, NUSAS welcomed the opportunity "to show, once for all, Rhodes students' desire to be a strong and effective part

of the National Union

The SRC recently decided to hold the referendum in the third term. The date has been set for 11th August. Scrutineers from Pro and Anti Comms are to join the referendum officer in vetting all media during the campaign.



# FEATURES

The new constitutional proposals have implications for the future of every South African.

The Nationalist government has billed them as a major change a reform - or shift in political power. But how can we talk of power sharing when the African majority is excluded? What kind of power will Indians and coloureds be given in central government?

The PC and the govt. have stressed the "new dispensation" rests on two non-negotiable factors - the Group Areas Act will be retained and Africans will be left out.

WHITE VOTERS WHO SUPPORT OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL HAVE THEIR RIGHTS ERODED BY THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE SAY OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN DECISION MAKING WILL BE MINIMAL.

In the last few years there has been a lot of talk in government circles about an end to racism, about reform. But the South African reality does not change - living standards get worse, unemployment and high prices remain. We have seen the growth of right-wing opposition to the policies of the govt. The protests of the voteless majority get louder. Apartheid is not working. The government has been forced to rethink.

## White rule here to stay

### No change as government new dispensation further entrenches its power

The President's Council published its first report in May 1982, and some aspects were accepted by the National Party. It is seen as vital to maintain white ruling party control over central government. The PC report states, "this system cannot be seen as a threat to the cardinal interests of the currently dominant group whose leaders will have to carry all the constitutional changes into effect.

#### PARLIAMENTS

There will be three separate voters rolls for whites, Indians and coloureds over the age of 18. Three separate chambers of parliament will be elected on the ratio 4:2:1, that is for

every Indian elected, two coloureds and four whites will be elected.

Each chamber will sit separately on matters of 'segmental' concern such as religion, education, community planning or welfare.

Joint sessions of parliament will be called for matters of 'common' concern such as finance, defence, justice, foreign affairs and labour. The cabinet, however, will formulate policy and initiate laws.

Some features of this system are that any bill can be overruled by the executive

president. The Cabinet and the President's Council have the final say, only two of the three chambers have to agree on any bill, and the chambers can operate on a tiny, about 10%, quorum.

#### EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

The offices of State President and prime minister are to be combined in what is to be an executive president. He will be elected by a electoral college. The powers vested in him are awesome and could lead to outright dictatorship. He appoints and dismisses the cabinet, and chooses 25 of the 60-person President's Council. The president can declare war and has supreme authority over the SADF.

#### PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

The "new improved" PC will be more than an advisory body and have the power to make decisions in cases where conflict between chambers or even at the level of the Joint Standing Committees has not been resolved. The P.C. will consist of 60 members; 20 whites 10 coloureds and 5 Indians. Elected by the majority parties of the three chambers. The president will choose the remainder. Thus non-elected people can be placed in power positions and the ruling party can weigh the PC heavily in its favour.

IF THERE IS CONFLICT IN THE THREE CHAMBERS THE BILL WILL BE PASSED ONTO THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE, ELECTED BY THE MAJORITY PARTY REPRESENTATIVES ONLY, FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

#### COMMITTEES

The Joint Standing Committees are made up of representatives from the majority party in each chamber elected on a basis of 4:2:1.

#### CABINET

The Prime Minister and cabinet are appointed by the executive president. As before, the Cabinet will initiate laws which will pass to the chambers for discussion. A law has to be accepted by a majority in each parliament.





# FEATURES

"WHAT EMERGES IS BASICALLY A SCHEME FOR CO-OPTING SOME COLOURED AND INDIAN LEADERS AS JUNIOR PARTNERS IN A FRAMEWORK TAILOR MADE TO ENSURE NATIONAL PARTY DOMINANCE."

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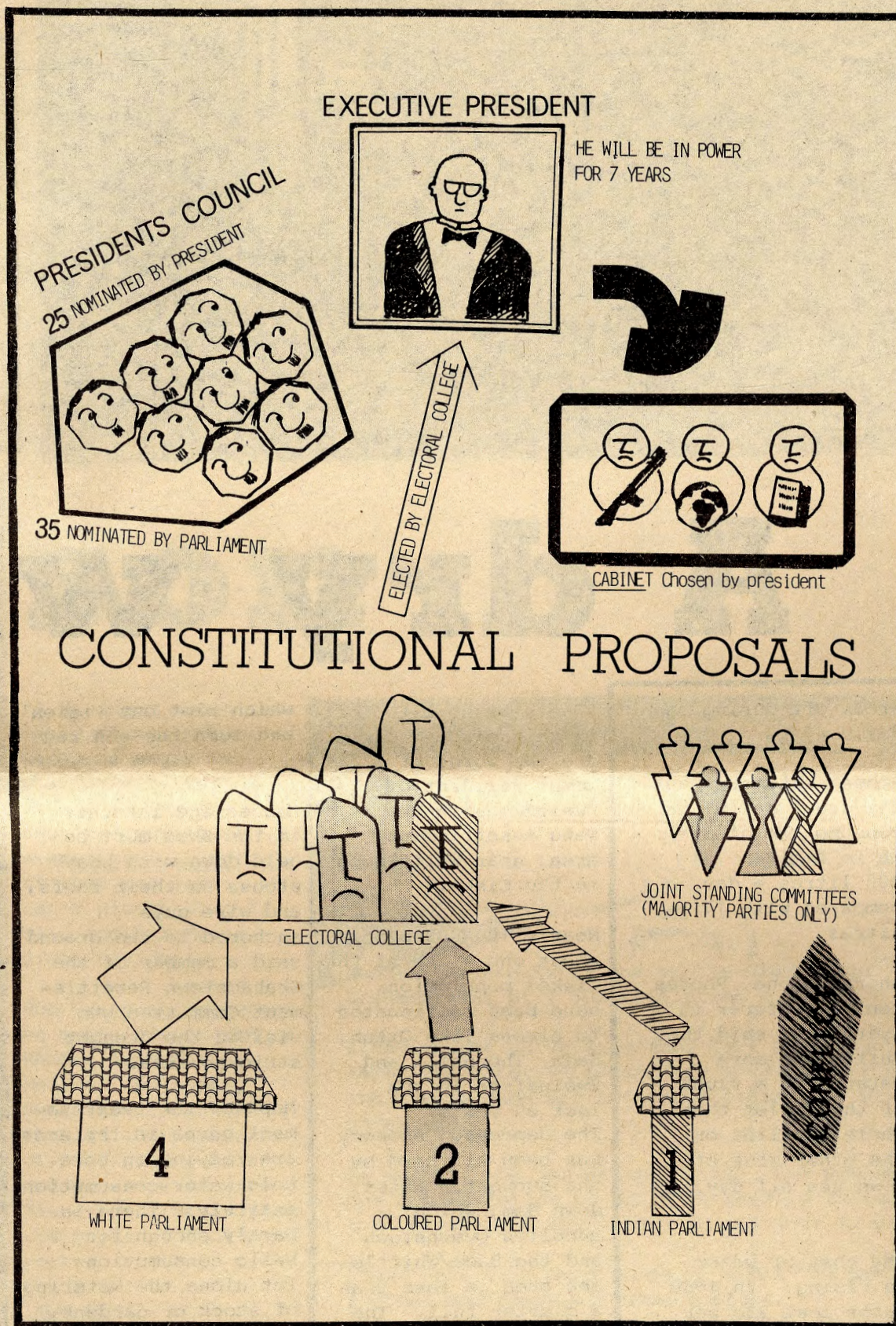
The key to this domination lies in the electoral college and permanent parliamentary committees. Firstly, there can be little doubt that the National Party will be the majority party in the white chamber and it is the majority party in each chamber which will elect the electoral college. This means that the National Party can elect 50 out of 88 members of this college.

This means that the State President, with all his powers, will never be other than a Nationalist, which also means that the cabinet will be dominated by either Nationalists or their close allies.

## NATIONAL PARTY

Furthermore 45 out of 60 Presidents Council members could also be National Party members.

Another crucial area of political decision making in the permanent parliamentary committees which deal with matters of 'common concern'. Here the President's Council report has made it clear that it will only be the majority



THERE HAVE BEEN TWO SIGNIFICANT RESPONSES TO THE P.C. PROPOSALS. FIRSTLY THE "COLOURED" LABOUR PARTY HAS DECIDED TO "GO INSIDE" AND RUN FOR ELECTION. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A DIVISION IN THE LABOUR PARTY. THE OTHER RESPONSE HAS BEEN THE FORMATION OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT (UDF), WHICH IS A BROAD ALLIANCE CONSISTING OF TRADE UNION, CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND STUDENT BODIES, UNITED AGAINST THE PROPOSALS.

NATIONAL PARTY POLITICIANS WILL BE ABLE TO DECIDE ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES RELATING TO THE BUDGET, AS WELL AS DEFENCE, SECURITY THE JUDICIARY AND OTHER MATTERS OF "COMMON CONCERN".

National Party politicians who will be able to decide on all the major issues relating to the budget, defence, the judiciary, etc. The role of the opposition parties in all matters of common concern will be restricted to debating legislative proposals at a stage when everything will already be cut and dried.

## OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

It may be argued that this is already happening in the present system of parliamentary politics. But this would be to ignore the important public role that the 'official opposition' plays in challenging the government on general policy as well as on specific issues. Opposition MP's also participate in what are often negotiations on parliamentary select committees. Under the new proposals the participation of the opposition will, however depend on the goodwill of the ruling party or the State President.



# FEATURE



*ABOVE: Zweledinga, a resettlement camp in the Ciskei. There is no employment in the area, and the residents subsist on remittances and old age pensions.*

## A dry white

Access to water is a basic human right. Yet in Grahamstown, and similarly in the rest of the country, blacks do not get a fair share of the natural resources of the nation.

To contrast the monthly water consumed by the so-called white and black populations of the town is a start towards becoming aware of differences in ways of living.

About 12 000 whites used 50 000 kilolitres during April. The 48 000 blacks use 25 000 kilolitres.

An average white home may have 6 taps, but in Joza or Tantiyi there are 4 taps used by about 10 families each on a street. The danger to health is obvious. People queue for hours and the water flow may

break off during the day.

Recent estimates set the usual daily consumption of a white resident at 400 litres a day compared with 17 litres.

Andrew Stone, Rhodes senior lecturer in hydrology, said that whites use more water with a flush of the toilet than whole families on the other side of town use all day.

The cost of water is rising. In 1980 water cost 23c per kilolitre and it was 48c at the start of 1983. On July 1 it will be 60c. Taking into account the proposed Grahamstown - Orange River link scheme it is thought by 1986 the price would be R1 a kilolitre.

"There is no life left in this place." These are the words of a woman resident of Zweledinga in the Hewu resettlement area, near Whittlesea in the Ciskei.

Nearly 100 000 people, about one sixth of the Ciskei population, have been reallocated to places like Oxton, Sada, Thornhill and Zweledinga in the last 20 years. The depressed economy has been hit hard by the drought. Water-down dam, which supplies Queenstown and the Sada/Whittlesea area is less than a quarter full. The main water source for Zweledinga, the Oukraal river, has dried up.

"Oxton is incredibly windy and dust-devils constantly chase across the area. Gusts of wind raise dense dust clouds

which blot out vision and turn the sun red.

Houses and latrines in the area must be held down with heavy stones on their roofs, and wire guys anchored to the ground." said a member of the Grahamstown Resettlement Committee who visited the drought stricken area.

Most of the resettlement camps in the area are relying on bore-hole water consumption entirely. There is barely enough for basic consumption, let alone the watering of stock or gardens.

Residents of Embekweni, near Oxton, said the communal taps run for the first few hours of the day and then they are empty. Queues are always long because the water always comes out at a trickle.

Basic resources shared by a worst drought fifty years



### Grahamstown

### Ciskei



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*ABOVE: Women queue at Oxton for water. Often the water runs out in the middle of the day. There is not enough water for giving to stock or watering gardens.*



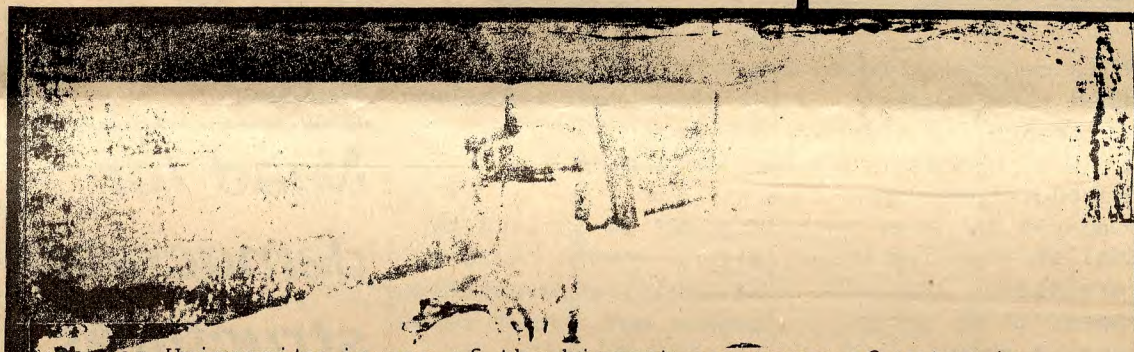
# season

"I am angry about the whole thing. What makes me angry is what we were told when we came here ... that we would have everything ... but all of that was lies. We can't plough here." said another Zwelezinga resident.

Rob Fincham, an expert on malnutrition and a Rhodes lecturer in Medical Geography, said the drought puts the limited resources of resettled people under severe strain. The drought means that the price of food will rocket.

MELANIE  
CULLUM

*LEFT: A scene that is familiar in townships and rural areas throughout South Africa.*



Rhodes University is one of the biggest consumers of water in Grahamstown, at 1 500 kilolitres a month.

Although the university does have their own boreholes, they lower the water table and the Town Council has stated that if the supply dams are not replenished they will take over private boreholes.

So what is the univeristy doing? The Business Affairs department has sent a letter to all hall wardens asking them to investigate the necessary steps needed to cut down on water usage.

There have also been moves to limit the sprinkling of sports fields, and close off some outlets.

But nothing is official or standardized yet. Individual residences are applying different methods, including no baths, time limits on showers and restricted use of washing machines.

Several students and wardens RHODEO spoke to said they feel the university restrictions are a good thing.

So perhaps now the university could do something about the water pipe on the Sociology side of the Great Hall that flows continually into a drain - and has done so for years.

## Rhodes University





**Deceiving you  
loud and clear**

## **Admin confidence rule stops SRC feedback**

It is generally recognised that student representative structures at Rhodes are underdeveloped when compared to other English-speaking Universities. Students appear to be apprehensive about standing up for their democratic rights. It is therefore understandable that Rhodes students lack confidence in their representatives. It is important that we understand the dynamics of this situation and explore possible solutions.

Three SRC representatives are invited to sit on senate to air student views. While in senate they must conform to the senate rules. One such ruling is that of Confidentiality, part of which of which states, "they (the students) should not consider themselves as representing any student body nor to

having a mandate from, or prior responsibility to report back to a student body."

The SRC is invited to sit on senate because of their representative status but cannot serve in that capacity.

SRC president, Sean Rankin, agrees there are inherent contradictions between the role of the SRC as a representative body and senate observers.

One senate member expressed the general view of senate members by saying that 90 per cent of senate business did not concern students.

Apparently this is the justification for lack of proportional representation. At present three students voice the interests of more than 3000 students. The balance of senate, almost 70 members, is

drawn from the academic and administrative staff.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Henderson, has said the Confidentiality ruling exists in order to encourage free and open debate by members of senate. However, as one SRC member said, "this assumes that things said are incompatible with that said in public."

Sean believes "in principle", that students should be represented on all the University's decision-making bodies

Last year's SRC president, Mike Kenyon, shares this view. Both believe there is a direct need for more democratic structures in the University.

## ***Need for democratic structures in the university***

UCT president, Anton Richman, said students should be represented on all important committees. "This is particularly true of the senate Staff Selection Committee," he said.

The faculty councils currently being set up by the SRC is the initial step towards direct student representation. The long-term aim, however, is representation in all decision-making processes whether affecting students directly or indirectly.

# **Oppidan ---- ---- Outlook**

A hilarious street party, amusingly, if inaccurately, reported by Grocott's Mail, has raised the question of the Oppidan Disciplinary code once again.

The V.C., Dr. Henderson, obviously disturbed by the reports of the party in Macdonald Street some weeks ago, approached the Oppidan Board, indicating that it was the Board's responsibility to act on such matters.

Under terms of the disciplinary code, the Board is empowered to act "as it sees fit" in matters concerning Oppidans. At a board meeting on April 26, the Board's stand was reiterated: students living in the community, should be subject to the laws of the community.

Dr. Henderson said intervention by the University was preferred as it would prevent the likelihood of "criminal records" and protect the University's "good name".

The Board accordingly sent letters to the students involved to

promote community awareness, but further action in any such situation is felt by Board members to be an infringement of personal freedom. Oppidans should nevertheless be aware and considerate of the needs of the community they live in.

■ The washing machine scheme has been shelved due to costs. At the moment the Board is negotiating an Oppidan discount at a laundromat opening near Paula's by June 16 at the latest. It is not yet known how much the discount will be.

■ The bus scheme to the township is already operating. The bus stops at two places in the township at night. Further details are available from the Oppie Secretary.

■ The go-ahead for Oppidan lockers on campus depends on student response as costs will be high, possibly preventing the institution of other projects. Manufacturers put the earliest date for completion of the lockers in August.





# CAMPUS



Repression of the student press has reared its ugly head again, this time at UCT, where 18 staff members of UCT's newspaper, VARSITY, have been called before the Student Disciplinary Court after defying a university ruling not to publish details of Dr Koornhof's visit to the campus in April this year.

The next day, VARSITY went ahead and distributed 6000 copies of a special "Koornhof" edition.

The University reacted by withdrawing VARSITY from circulation and informing the staff they would be charged in the Student Court in June.

In a letter to the SRC President, the

Every day newspapers report on trials taking place or about to take place. The University's instructions have no legal basis. They can only be seen as another attempt to silence legitimate student reporting

The University has always justified Cabinet Ministers being on campus by

## Golden opportunists

# Goldfields stake their claim

Although things are still in the air and pending government approval, the new res, Goldfields House, should be under construction by June. This has been made possible through a donation of R500 000 by Goldfields South Africa Limited and the building site is to be below Cullen Bowles, straight across the circle from Piet Retief. It is the first residence to be named after a company rather than a historical South African figure, or a former Rhodian.

The building tenders have gone out but there will be no need to don earmuffs before exams as blasting operations have been scheduled for the June vac.

hill towards this plan is favourable and many feel the move will reduce the isolation of Kimberly Hall from the rest of campus.

The actual Goldfields building will be designed on the same principles as Walker, Retief and Pringle. Although the architects have taken student views into consideration with regard to improvements, these will depend on costs. The improvements include high level lockable cupboards for storage during vacs, wall-to-wall carpeting and a new type of central heating. "Women's toilets" will be added as a "convenience".

Students rooms above the common room have been done away with.

## Koornhof speaks at UCT ..... VARSITY staff silenced

Head of the Political Studies Department, Dr Robert Schrire, extended the invitation to Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to deliver a "lecture" to the Political Studies I students.

VARSITY reporters took notes at the lecture, and later tried to interview Dr Koornhof as he left. In an effort to prevent VARSITY from publishing details of his lecture, Koornhof telephoned the University, which complied with his wishes by forbidding VARSITY to publish anything relating to Koornhof's visit.

Vice-Chancellor, Dr Saunders, issued an instruction effectively silencing student comment on the visit.

Following this, the editors of all other UCT student newspapers were called in and informed that nothing concerning the matter could be published at all.

Saunders added that these restrictions would remain in force until he issued orders to the contrary.

The student press is allowed to publish details of the nature of the Court, as long as it does not refer specifically to the VARSITY case. The issues before the court may not be published as this "could prejudice the outcome".

saying that "all sides of the story must be heard". This claim is being cynically disregarded as the VARSITY repression contradicts this completely.

Although the Court hearings are always "in camera" to "protect" students on trial, VARSITY staff wish to waive this "protection" and seek an open hearing. There is no good reason to refuse this demand unless the Court has something to hide.

RHODEO pledges support for VARSITY and encourages them to take a leaf out of our book.

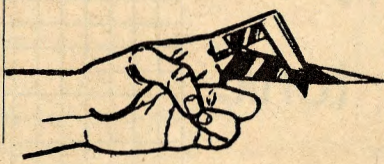
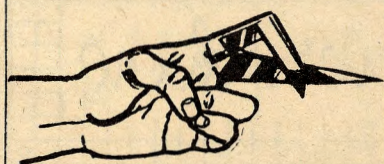
## Pringle for women

According to Kimberly Hall Warden, Mr Mike Oelshig, the University is planning to move Pringle students into the new res and women students will be housed in Pringle. The plan was considered some years ago, but was shelved after Pringle students objected to moving down the hill.

Generally the attitude of students on the

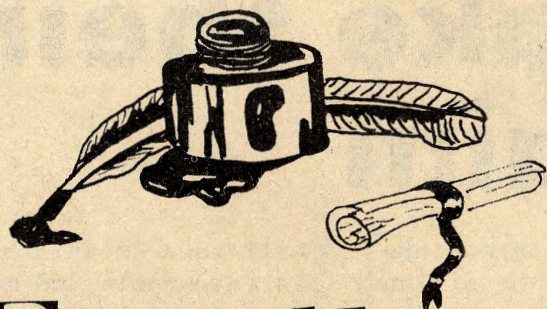
Instead toilets, bathrooms, showers, common rooms and telephones will all be included in one wing so as to reduce the noise filtering into rooms.

Although construction will only be completed in 1984, RHODEO will be keeping an eye on building progress.





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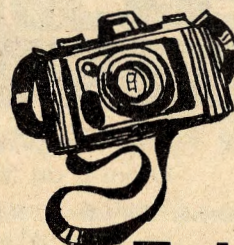
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# ISSUES



## Black and female

# A DOUBLE BURDEN

Many women take their roles for granted, and may suffer frustrations through not being "allowed" to do certain things which are not "feminine". In the same way, people of all groups in society may take their position for granted and accept them whether they are happy there or not.

When we look at society we see that certain groups oppress other groups, or dominate them unfairly and often cruelly. Men keep women in their place, the rich and powerful (for riches and power tend to go together) keep the poor and voiceless in their place, so that they can hold on to and extend their power. The point is that winners and losers are not an unchangeable "fact of life". One group is only powerful because it has taken power from the other, because it has accumulated strength and entrenched its position by continually exploiting the underdogs.

But the position of the black woman worker is far worse. A legal minor, she is "inferior" to her menfolk in every way. If she lives in a rural area,



she ekes out a meagre existence on the land, often **separated** from her migrant husband for months at a time. If she lives, or squats illegally, in an urban area, she

probably works in a white woman's home, with very low pay and no legal rights. Very often a white career woman is only "liberated" because she keeps a

maid at home to run the house. The level of the servants' oppression is far greater.

It is important to realise that class and group differences -

differences that allow some groups advantages at the expense of others - are not natural and fixed.

As privileged women, we still suffer indignities and domination from men. It is right to fight against these. But our struggle should not be geared only towards gaining more privileges for ourselves; it must be a struggle for true equality for all oppressed people,

Women are oppressed - and in South Africa black women are doubly oppressed. But it is not enough merely to say so. By becoming involved in

your campus women's groups, going to debates and slide/tape shows, reading about and discussing issues concerning women and our society in general, you can learn more about the problems in this country. For example a black woman lacks these fundamental rights:

- \* to live with her husband throughout married life
- \* to live with her children and to protect and care for them
- \* to free education for her children
- \* to own or rent property in her own name



## Homosexuality

Society is prejudiced against those members whose activities and life styles do not fit the norms.

Homosexuality - an attraction between two people of similar sex, is characterised by an emotional and

spiritual bonding, a sexual and physical attraction, romantic and nurturing qualities that accompany a relationship, erotic and symbolic components which are in no way different to those inherent in heterosexual relationships.

Everybody faces problems and possible crises in the normal course of life but it is clear that the gay person confronts particular difficulties. Difficulties faced by gay people derive or are made worse by factors such as:

**Societal attitudes:** Society as a whole still condemns homosexual activity and gay men and lesbians are seen as morally reprehensible.

**Previous life:** The developing individual is exposed only to a heterosexual lifestyle which makes self-identification and expression **extreme**.

**Lack of facilities:** Social deprivation can lead to an overwhelming sense of isolation for some gay people.

**Legal aspects:** Legislation against practising homosexuals adds to the hostility already faced by the gay person, and compounds other social and personal fears.



# RHODEO raps to Paul Slabolepszy



RHODEO: HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE IDEA OF SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE PALACE?

PAUL: When I was still young I used to hang around with the oaks from Van der Byl Park and I saw similar incidents to what happens in the show. I have always wanted to write about these kind of characters.

RHODEO: A RECURRENT THEME IN YOUR WORK SEEMS TO BE THE 'SKATE' CULTURE. DID YOUR YOUTH IN VAN DER BYL PARK INSPIRE YOU A LOT?

PAUL: Not really! I have done about ninety stage productions and I have played a ducktail about five times. I tend to do this kind of thing the best. I know I have a hankering back round to that time. I grew up in a small town and most small towns especially in the Tv1 are throwbacks to the fifties. Even now you still see those guys burning around on Saturday afternoons. People say this happened in the fifties and that the play is dated. This is Mayfair or Graymont in Johannesburg now. However, everything I

write is an a sense slightly autobiographical

RHODEO DO YOU SEE SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE PALACE AS A POLITICAL STATEMENT?

PAUL No It just happens in the situation that it is political it becomes political because from birth one is socialised. When I first went to JHB I saw Black Sash ladies holding placards protesting and I threw oranges at them. I called them communists because I was brought up to behave like that you dont demonstrate for the kaffirs. You dont stand up for them because they're bloody kaffirs. In the platteland this

is still today in grained and this is the whole problem with the NP.CP.HNP. this is what they are building into the people. This Vince character, this is what he hangs onto. Everywhere you go the 'kaffirs' are taking over our jobs you walk down Eloff street and you see black faces; busdrivers bank-tellers and he can't handle this. He doesn't see them as people. It's his whole socialization.

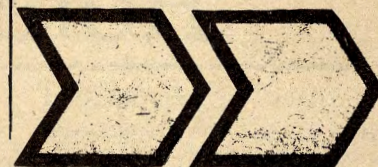
But I do it innocently. I don't try and do it overtly-big political statement:- because everything you do in this country, whether you like it or not is a political thing. Fats the other guy is trying to say you can get on with these people. I work with them and they're this and that and this. But

when the chips are down in the end and he's in the soup he saves his own skin and says Ja: Its your fault so when the cops come around they not gonna blame him they gonna blame the black guy.

RHODEO HOW DO YOU SEE S.A. THEATRE AS IT IS AT THE MOMENT?

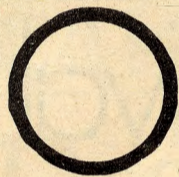
PAUL Well there are a lot of guys writing and works happening, especially in JHB. A couple of guys from Rhodes; John Mathee and Neil McCarthy and James Willey from C.T. There is a kind of an upsurge exploring themes in S.A. theatre. Up until now its been shit, because people tend to do conventional shit. American plays and stuff like that. Its facinating, we've just been to Bloemfontein with this

play and the Professor of the Drama Dept. wanted to have us banned on the first night of the play. He said it wasn't a play. Where was the culture? These characters don't exist. He was completely out of his mind. But fortunately all the crits were raves and we got a lot of people. But he's still having this meeting now and he says it's the last play that comes to Bloemfontein from outside.



# THE THEATRE THE





# "Exploration is essential. That is the problem with PACT and CAPAB".

**RHODEO** THE WHOLE STANCE ABOUT SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE PALACE IS ANTI APARTHEID DO YOU SEE THE ISSUES IN SA BEING APARTHEID OR SOMETHING MORE THAN APARTHEID?

**PAUL** It boils down to people ultimately. I don't see this play dealing with apartheid in a sense at all. It just happens to deal with apartheid because that's the situation we see, it just raises its head

**RHODEO** IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE PEOPLE THEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PEOPLE.

**PAUL** Ja! that's right like this black he just explains very innocently the situation had a hard day hasn't seen his wife for 2 years and the audience laughs HA HA, but in that laugh it's actually saying shit this guy hasn't seen his wife for 2 years and then they might just think about why he hasn't done that, y'know. And then why do I take such advantage of it? because I know I'm not going to get into shit y'know so it's little things like that but at the same time I'm looking at in a sense that what he does is justifiable when you look at it because you blame him "you mustn't have a black man take over you" you see.

It all boils down to keeping this myth of separation going you keep this myth going it's like Northern Ireland when you say those Catholics are bastards you don't mix with them they're going to kill each other for the rest of their lives and that happens every time you say "don't go and mix with these guys" you see these lunatics don't realise that they're creating hate, and you can prove it time and time again.

**RHODEO** WHY DO YOU THINK THESE STRUCTURES EXIST IN SOCIETY?

**PAUL** Well it's fear mainly because people want to hang on to what they've got These guys are totally neurotic about their power they think "shit if they give an inch they're going to lose everything so they say the other guy is stupid and evolution and all that kak, all those ideas start creeping in basically fear really too afraid to open themselves up to let it happen no one is going to say it will be roses, but so what.

**RHODEO** WHAT DO YOU THINK OF REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WEALTH?

**PAUL** Uhm.... I don't have any ideas on that. I think everyone should just be allowed to explore his main pot-

ential, he should be able to go as far as he wants to and every person should have the opportunity

**RHODEO** BUT DON'T YOU THINK PEOPLE'S POTENTIALS ARE CURTAILED BY THIER POSITION IN SOCIETY?

**PAUL** Ja' but then you sort of work out of it I mean we have long chats with Fats about it on this whole thing about him being a black actor exactly in the same position as we are how he copes? In a sense he has like made his world for himself.

**RHODEO** BUT DON'T YOU THINK HE'S AN EXCEPTION?

**PAUL** Ja, maybe. but I think if you've got the incentive to do it you can do it you know. I don't believe in just kind of saying you guys, well, splitting it all you know. But everyone should be allowed to do what he wants. I believe in freedom and that sort of thing.

**RHODEO** WHAT DO YOU THINK OF VIOLENCE?

**PAUL** No I shy away from violence. Saturday Night at the Palace in a sense is a release cause all these things I used to see hapening in road houses. I used to be huddled up in a car watching this and in a funny way I find it easier to write about, I've witnessed it without being involved in it.

Words just ring in my ears and the characters what they do.....

**RHODEO** WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE RECENT BOMB BLAST IN PRETORIA AND THE RETALIATORY SADF RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE?

**PAUL** The bombing thing you could see coming for years its a natural escalation. its war. But on the other hand these guys are not just gonna sit back and wait.

**RHODEO** DO YOU SEE SOUTH AFRICA HEADING INTO A HIGH INTENSITY WAR?

**PAUL** No Ive always been very optimistic and thats my life. Im just optomistic about the human spirit really. The triumph over everything I mean God, the amount of times Ive been to Soweto and their lives are so joyful. I got a neurosis because Im a white South African. the neurosis kills me more than it kills the guy who actually has these heavy things on his head..... When humans get trampled on they get a very powerful thing inside, and if youre part of the oppressor you live with fear and a neurosis -a guilt complex that riddles you like shit. You go overseas, you don't want to say youre from South Africa because you know....

and then you find yourself defending the country, and you don't know where you are its a much worse situation in a sense.

Cycles man, everything in cycles everything oes round you know. Ironic this Jaapie Marais movie that just showed last year on television A guy started a rebellion in 1914 against the British and he wasn't going to fight in the First World War. They threw him in prison because he wasn't going to fight. This was a big hero man. and the night they showed in on television that Yates guy who refused to go to the defence force, that some day he'd been thrown into chookie and they didn't see the significance. In a hundred years time they'll be making movies about this Yates guy who refused to go to the defence force. That's typical kind of myopic society that doesn't actually realise. These same Afrikaners know we re throwing bombs in the Twenties. Of course naturally they gonna say that was a dispicable deed and all that kind of shit in the papers. It's laughable, actually, in a sense. You've just gotta roll with society.....

# RETHEATRETHEA







# NIGHTLIFE

The restoration of the tunnel at Brikkies is innovative. The place itself is strangely surreal and lends itself to being far more than a night-club. (art gallery, Sunday Movie Club, terminal nuclear bunker, etc.)

Despite the club's promise, many people have doubts as to it's economic, hence temporal, vivacity. Surely with all the super-cool pseudos like myself walking around, the club has all the trappings of delight, memorability and style. But not! Why?

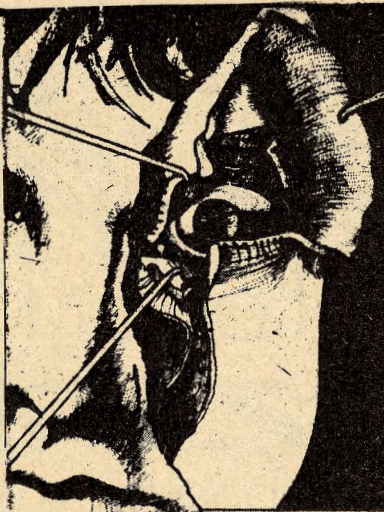
The obvious cynical reason springs to mind. As always, the music; "Sandinista" is simply not danceable. The Sex Pistols, The Ramones, X-ray Specs were fine when we was all PUNKS, but we ain't PUNK no more.

All we left/right/wrong thinking people know that PUNK is terribly passé. If Mr Murray (DJ) thinks we all sympathise because SID is DEAD he's got his bandage trousers on too tight. WAKE UP! What about Grace Jones, A Certain Ratio, David Byrne, New Order, Tom-Tom Club etc. Even the Vic occasionally plays The Cure's "17 seconds".

A band playing? New Releases from the asylum, kids? there-for it's time to get stupid comrades. In this, our 100th year of the very Rev Karl Marx, my super-structure has slipped somewhat. Left-wing politics depresses me for constantly showing us how shit the world is; I detest reactionary right-wing politics for letting it get that way.

With sheer ignorance New Releases cuts through all this. Four BA students with the money, equipment and leisure time (so graciously sponsored by monetarism) give us songs about uncertain love, certain paranoia and soggy chips in Kaif: all hidden behind an admixture of electronic synth-pop Bunnymen/Gang of Four guitarheroics and patched up with some rather bland vocals..

What, easily for them, could turn so sour, succeeds through naivety. They are simple, well conceived, and above all, constructive. The sort of thing Brechtian café-props could stand around to and espouse on how passé punk is.



## Alternative Media Society

An alternative media society has been formed on campus. It's aim is to focus on cultural issues, particularly music.

The society, who's editorial policy rejects discrimination of any kind, is an off-shoot from "Spoc", Rhodes' own "fanzine". This was formed last year by Andrew Kay, the "New Releases" bass guitarist, who will be joined by Phillippe Millan, ex RHODEO arts editor, to jointly take charge of the publications.

Any contributions, such as poetry, literature, photography, art, etc., will be welcome, c/o Andrew Kay, 59 New Street.

# HOT GOSSIP

## HODGSON HAS NO SHANE

The controller pressed the button, the U.F.O. exploded in a thousand pieces, the "cowardly murderer masquerading as a political activist" within the ship was no more. Right wing SRC sports councillor Shane Hodgson scratched his ear, lost control and another 20c bites the dust. But wait, what is a student representative doing playing asteroids having temporarily excused himself from as SRC meeting? Student representation for ya!

## THE WHOLE WORLD RUNS ON TRUST

That's what the VC said anyway, so dispell any misconception you may previously have had, like "the world runs on money", it's just a lie spread by some other worldly being (not the one that says "craphead" mind - did that slip out I think it did). But what does "trust" mean; 'firm beleif that a person may be relied upon' (Like rely on Rhodeo not to quote out of context?). 'reveal ones secrets to, charge to person' (Like entrust secrets to local police who then charge the students concerned?), or 'combination of producing firms designed to prevent outside competition by united action'. Must be what the VC meant - but then again don't just take my word for it. Wonder if the security gaurds still frisk the sissies when they leave the kitchens...



## BROMITTING

10:55 Brommert seen around - 11:00 four-hundred students march on Admin. - 11:01 VC leaves for Cape Town - 11:05 students arrive at Admin. VC "unavailable", Brommert "not still around". A new evasion technique (bromitting) is born. Most administrators just before a brommit attack go weak at the knees, start shaking and run for the toilet. But why brommit in the toilet when you can brommit in the rubbish bin (squash up very small and stop shaking), under the desk (mind your head when you get up - same goes for bromitting in the toilet) or beneath the carpet in your very own secret hideout (bromitorium), but if I were you I'd take a lesson from the expert and bromit in faraway Cape Town (NB go by plane they give you special bromit bags)

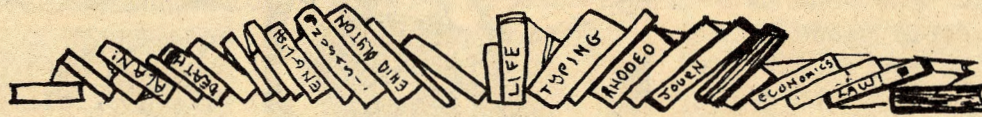
# FUN BOY 3.....New L.P

Fun Boy Three have emerged over the past year as the avant-garde of responsible pop. Pert political comment (The lunatics have tacken over the Asylum) and heavy handed social irony (The more I see the less I believe). FB3 slogans are a good reflection of British youths feelings about Thatcher/SDP policy. Racial tension, police bribery, and corruption, teenage pregnancy, and ganga are all issues exploited in the WAITING: Although at times WAITING swings from the deadly serious to the deliberatley silly and innocuous, the album remains musically superior. (due mainly to David Byrne's fine production.)

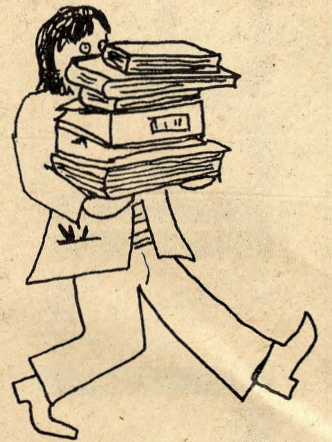
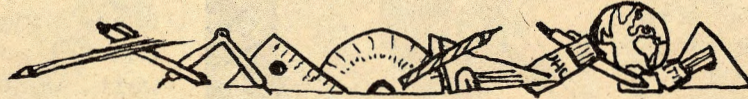


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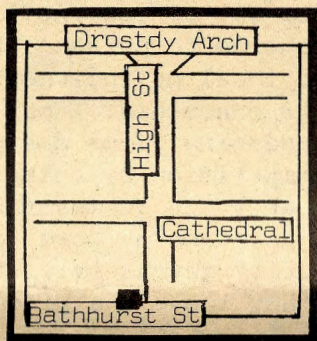
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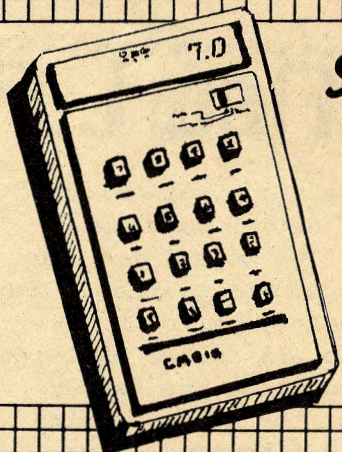
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# CAMPUS



## Junk food review

Recently RHODEO conducted a survey of Cafés and restaurants popular amongst students. Criteria for the survey were: value for money, taste efficiency, service and general atmosphere.

Ramona's Café - corner of Bathurst and Beaufort streets. A family-owned business.

Ramona's serve a variety of snacks to take away. Prices for hamburgers range from 90c - R1,10 and toasted sandwiches from 55c - 85c. They also sell home-made pies.

The RHODEO panel selected hamburgers for their first "tastemonial".

The burgers were prepared in 3 1/2 minutes.

"At 90c a time we didn't expect much, and were pleasantly surprised", they said. The hamburger was fresh and was appetising overall. However, the

"extras" such as onions, tomatoes, and cheese were sparse.

Ramona's is a good stop-off for an economical late-night snack - staying open until 1 am on Friday and 12 pm over the weekend.

Bambi's - 6 Hill street. Owned by Mr. "Tiny" Lewis.

Bambi's offers a range of burgers, pies, toasted sandwiches and the infamous "Dagwood Sandwich". The burgers range in price from R1,45 - R1,75. Toasted sandwiches from 75c - R1,25.

The panel chose burgers and a chicken mayonnaise sandwich. Preparation time was approximately 7 minutes.

The panel's initial response ranged from "Geez" to "Amazing!".

The toasted sandwich was average. The service was

friendly and with a constant stream of "Vic" patrons provides a somewhat interesting pit-stop.

Bambi's is open until 12 pm every night.

Tiny's has a snack menu with a variety of dishes.

Burgers range from R1,85 upwards, and toasted sandwiches range from R1,15 - R1,65.

The panel selected a cheeseburger, a hotdog, and a savoury omelette (By now their stomachs were taking the strain). Preparation time was approximately 15 minutes. Service was polite and friendly. The hotdog and cheeseburger were served with chips.

The panel were all disappointed with the lack of "zip" to the food. The omelette tasted bland and the cheeseburger was average. The hotdog went down well however. The panel's suggestions :-

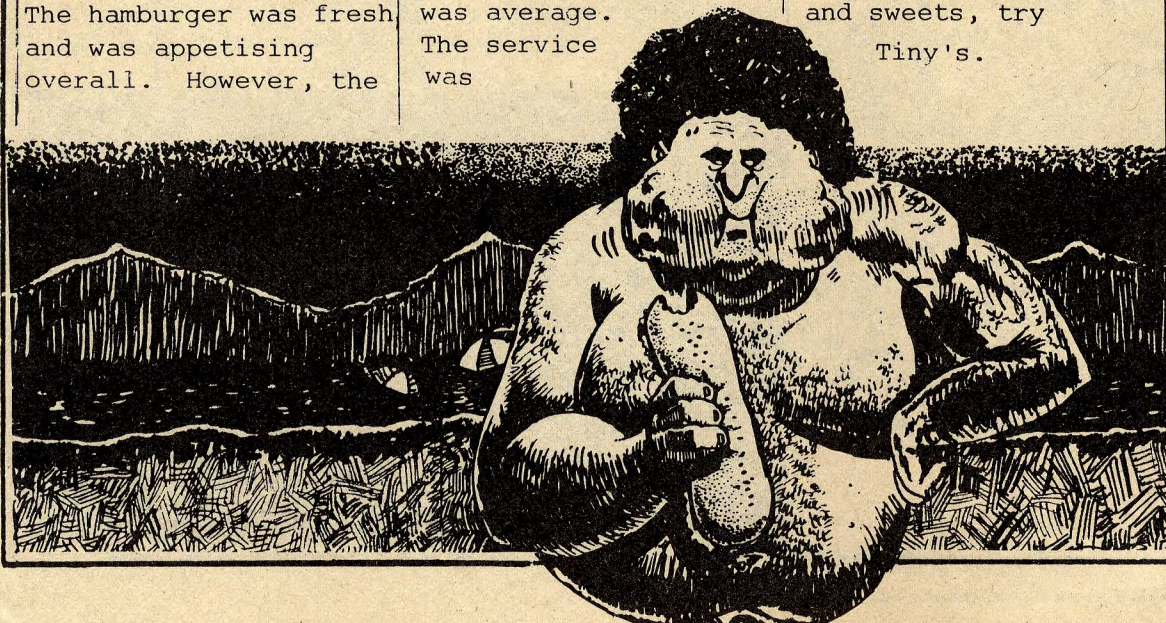
If in a hurry, try Ramona's for taste, definitely Bambi's. For pleasant surroundings, good service and sweets, try Tiny's.

### PRICE

### WATCH

THE NAME OF THE BRAND	KAIF	CHECKERS	OK
Ricoffy (750g)		1,69	1,79
Carnation powdered milk (500g)		1,89	1,69
Protea powdered milk (250g)		1,50	1,42
Protea (500g)		1,63	1,89
Pronutro (1kg)	1,80	1,52	1,65
Kellogs cornflakes (250g)		3,35	2,89
Kellogs cornflakes (500g)		2,83	3,09
Impulse deodorant (33g)		2,84	3,09
Ego (37g)		5,55	5,25
Lux soap		2,09	2,29
Mentadent-P (100ml)	1,25		
Colgate (100ml)		2,54	2,49
Ouma buttermilk rusks (500g)		2,19	2,25
Surf washing powder (1kg)	0,69		
Omo (1kg)		0,95	0,95
Brand name washing powder (1kg)		2,09	1,99
Skip (1kg)		1,89	1,95
Milo (250g)	0,47	0,36	0,38
Cremora (1kg)		0,99	1,19
Coffee Mate (1kg)		0,99	1,05
Brand name coffee (750g)		1,44	1,15

The following prices were obtained on the 14th May. Prices exclude GST.





## SPORT

It's just  
: not  
viable

If it undercuts Grahamstown prices and then folds, then what happens? The decision to shelve the plan is more to protect our own interests than the interests of commerce in the town."

In a snap survey conducted in Kaif, all students agreed the sports shop would be a "great idea."

In Joburg recently Select Sports won a court battle against its competitors in a sporting equipment price war.

Varsity Sports lodged an appeal with the Licensing Board in an attempt to prevent Wits Student Sports from trading on campus. However, the Town Planning Board came out in favour of the scheme.

According to Mr Greg Williams, the managing director of Select Sports, the shop would function on a rent-free basis but would give a monthly grant to the SRC for the use of their premises. An annual sports bursary would also be made available to students.

"Because of our low overheads, we will be able to keep the prices way down," he said.

Contrary to the Rhodes Admin's standpoint on the issue, it would appear the sports shop is not only viable but necessary.

Mr Bill Mills, Director of Business Affairs was unavailable for comment.

Select Sports, the wholesale sports shop in Joburg who are behind the scheme, recently opened a sports shop at Wits. The University SRC president, LLOYD Vogelmann, has described the prices as "incredible". "They offer by far, the best prices in the whole of the Witwatersrand."

'Best prices'  
at Wits

A recent Joburg survey found, for example:

\* the price of a popular make of soccer ball was R40.51 at Varsity Sports. The same make cost R31.15 at the Wits Student Sports shop.

\* a quality tennis racket cost R57.50 at Varsity Sports is R33.75 at the campus shop.

\* a pair of running shoes costing R31.50 at Varsity Sports were R22.95 on campus.

Sports Union Officer Bruce Smith, said the sports shop would not be feasible on Rhodes campus. "it would only operate for seven months of the year.

A scheme to introduce a cut-rate campus sports shop has been shelved because it's not "viable" and will run the six Grahams-town sporting outlets out of business. A national wholesale sporting company approached the SRC last year with a view to setting up a sports shop offering discounts of up to 40 percent on most sporting goods.

After unsuccessful negotiations with Admin the SRC has decided to shelve the scheme.

Grahamstown's sporting outlets expressed concern at the proposed plan believing it to be "unfair".

Students  
lose out

"If a discount sports shop opens on campus we might as well pack up and move out of town," said Mr Denis Wicks, manager and part-owner of Brian Bands Sports. "The University is the first to approach us for ads and sponsorship but now will not support us. If a sports shop opens they will have a small war on their hands."

## Candidly Carr

## TIME Will TELL

The 1983 soccer season sees Rhodes firmly stuck in the relegation battle with Kabega and to a lesser extent Walmer and Westview

In the first half of 1982 Rhodes managed to drag themselves clear after a very successful S A U tournament.

Despite the inexperience of this year's players, Rhodes defence has drawn praise from most opposition. Rolf Behrens, Paul Clarke, Rob Slotow and Deon Stevens have managed to frustrate most attacks. Rhodes are also fortunate in having the services of two good goalkeepers; André Steencamp and Stuart Allen. Thanks must be extended to Angelo Benieri for the time he has put in to train the team.

Although the focus is usually on the Rhodes half of the field for most of the game it is once again the old problem of scoring goals. This has led to a debate amongst the players as to whether it is worth staying in the E P. League.

Some players believe it would be better to enter the Border League and have a more favourable chance of learning to play better football. Rhode's inexperience has cost them at least four valuable points this season and it is essential that they start picking up the odd points if they do not want to have contact with Grahams town City in the promotion league next season, while UPE return to the Premier League.

Despite the settling gloom there are one or two players who can be pleased with their individual showings. Dieter Itzeck was drafted into the mid-field and has turned out consistent performances. Clyde Venter seems to have found his feet after a season's absence and soon should be at his best.

## RESULTS AND SCORES

Defence (a) 0-4  
Callies (h) 0-2  
P.E. City (a) 1-5  
M Howard  
Kabega (a) 1-1  
C Sawyer  
Walmer (a) 2-3s Carr  
M Howard

