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psychology rats starve to death

Two hungry rats being used by second year psychology students have died through poor feeding; one suffocating on a marble and the other starving to death.

The rats were being used in learning practicals in which they are 'conditioned' to press levers in order to get food pellets.

Students using the rats feed them enough to keep them alive. Marbles placed in their cages warn the staff not to feed them. Apparently then, these animals died through negligence.

This is the first time that this has happened in the department, but the question of whether the practicals are worth-while has been raised

Those in favour say that the students learn better through practical experience than is if they just learnt from books.

The opposing camp see the practicals as a waste of time and money. The apparatus, called Skinner boxes, have to be imported. Costs are pushed higher by the fact that the food-pellets also have to be imported - from the United States.

The practicals last about three weeks, whereas students could read about the experiments just as well in a couple of hours, claim the antagonists.

With the collective head firmly planted in the sand the proverbial white Rhodesian ostrich is taking up arms to fight for its 'survival'. Not, in this context, survival of white humans but rather survival of *wealthy* white humans with the emphasis placed firmly on the 'wealthy.'

For it is clear that the war is in defence of 'civilisation' and that it is an attempt to stop any 'lowering of standards', which when decoded out of the jargon of white settler power simply means the preservation of inflated white salaries and the furtherance of extreme privilege for five percent of the population.

With 50% of the land in possession of less than five percent of the population it would seem obvious that the white farmer dominated Rhodesian Front can not conceivably, even if it wanted to, come to any agreement with nationalist leaders. Neat formulas and constitutional niceties do not solve any problems for the ninety percent who must live mostly off the other fifty percent of the land and the nationalist leaders are unlikely to risk leaving their rural followers in the lurch. Mr Smith's Commission into racial discrimination is unlikely to do much about the discrimination in land distribution for as Smithy knows one can easily be put into the fields if one opposes the white farming community.

THE OSTRICH GOES TO WAR

Thus Smith finds it necessary to play over the true nature of the impasse and make liberal gestures towards 'racial discrimination'. He writes off the nationalists and 'the nuisance on the border' as merely being the lunatic extremes of black opinion which a sturdy effort by young white Rhodesians can stamp out without much trouble.

On the other hand the black population has been painted by the government controlled media as basically loyal and resistant to nationalist thinking. This picture of the feelings of the people is part of the sand which blinds the white ostrich to what can be the only outcome of their actions - SUICIDE.

Peter Richer

SRC FORMATION BID

A newly formed group, the Association for Student Representative Affairs (ASRA), led by a Rhodesian Fine Arts major Malcolm Babb, is to make a bid to form an SRC at Rhodes.

Mr. Babb told RHODEO that he was determined to form an SRC by "hook or by crook".

He said he wanted to form a group strong enough to take over the duties of an SRC without first holding an election.

"The whole idea is to get students uptight about it (no election)... we expect a backlash wanting an election", he said.

"It (the SRC) must be for the student only", said Mr. Babb who, personally, is against SRC affiliation to Nusas. He claimed, however that affiliation was an issue for the students to decide.

Financial difficulties are hindering the groups progress at present (according to Mr. Babb he has had to pay R10 out of his own pocket to meet costs so far) and students may be asked to help meet these costs at some time.

Nusas - new line up

Desiring to give greater effect to its present attempts to stimulate and provoke thought and discussion on campuses, and to involve students in a critical assessment of their education and their society, the National Union has adapted its structure to facilitate this effort. The size of the head office executive has been reduced, and full time organisers are to be employed on each campus. Thus, the focus of activity will shift to the campuses, with head office playing more a facilitating and co-ordinating role, rather than a leadership and directing role as it has done in the past. The new head office will consist of a president, a finance officer, a social action officer, a seminars officer and a cultural action/media officer.

As yet an organiser has not been appointed



Mike Stent
Nusas President Elect



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editorial women

It is important to the growth of the women's liberation movement in South Africa that they, now identify and define their aims and objectives.

Is the movement, as a number of its exponents are, intent on a broad 'peoples liberation' or does it aim itself, more specifically at lifting women out of the barbaric, pro-male socialisation that is rampant in South African society today?

The two ideals are radically different both in concept and in terms of required action. The first is, as has been the practice, elsewhere, socialist. It is idealistic and extremely thought provoking. But that is all for the time being. Even anticipating a 'peoples liberation', a la Fremelo, a sexually exclusive organisation could only be destructive to the cause. In fact any exclusive philosophy would be a destructive force in a peoples movement.

There exists every likelihood that the radical 'peoples liberationism' will fall into the well worn South African intellectual inertia of sitting on their asses, talking a lot, doing nothing and in the event of a possible 'revolution' - united one - experiencing the perverse satisfaction of reaping the reward of other peoples hard work. Few people can give of their best to two ideals at the same time.

But where the women's liberationists might partake in a constructive exercise is in a long awaited effort against sexually discriminative practices in South African society. This would be a fight waged against a horrifying reality of oppressive legislation, callous exploitation by commerce and even more ghastly, the subtle, hitherto unchallenged process of socialisation that we in this country experience from birth.

The movement should be careful about what it attacks however. The capitalist philosophy ought not to be the issue. The changes that determined action could bring about within a capitalist society are infinite. All that is required is that women's liberation be brought to the level of the mass of women and for intellectuals to stop treating the issue as their baby. They know all the questions and answers anyway.

Women are an oppressed people in this country and the responsibility of the women's liberation movement is awesome. There is no time like the present for action - let us hope they don't screw it up.

Rhodeo Editorial Board.

Peter Bruce
Bruce Cohen
Jack Lewis
Lauren Vlotman

around the varsities detente

Whilst the world, or perhaps it was just the South African press, was proclaiming the wisdom and statesmanship of Vorster and Muller in ensuring the release from detention of Black political leaders in Zimbabwe, about 50 people were detained under the infamous Terrorism Act. Nelson Mandela is still on the Island, Sobukwe is still banned. Other leaders are in jail, banned or in exile. The leaders of the people in Namibia are flogged, jailed, banned or in exile.

Even NUSAS was noticed and the C.I. was noticed. The churches were noticed and the press got a gentle nudge which they seem to have submitted to.

We see a society in which the interests of a minority depend for their attainment upon the oppression of the majority. We see this continue as it has continued for all of South Africa's history - and no fancy talk of detente can hide it for long.

This talk of detente, I would argue, seeks to mask reality. It seeks to hide the fact that the South African power structure is under attack, and most importantly, it seeks to hide the fact that South African society as it is now organised is exploitative, unjust and violent.

Detente is the response to a threat to an unjust society, a threat to minority interests. It is the threat posed by people who at the very least, claim to be working towards an alternative and free society. - Mike Stent NUSAS President elect UCT July 1975.



What a bloody cheek! Men, like the editor of this newspaper criticise the women's movement, but seem to be unaware of their own role in society.

What the hell does the editor of this newspaper think he is doing? He is the biggest male chauvinist pig I've ever known, who apart from editing Rhodeo sits on his cretinish arse for the rest of his time and then he has the audacity to tell us women to get of our intellectual arses to do something.

Men are also oppressed, just as women are in our society. They too are forced into roles. They are expected to be brawny, "he-men" who must open car doors, protect women against burglars, and are never allowed to cry. He is the one who is pressurised into getting a qualification so that he can make money to keep his feather-brain wife.

apathy chancellor?

But why is the student so apathetic? If he feels so strongly, why does he not stand up and demand to be treated as an adult? If he feels so strongly, why does he not stand up and demand to be treated as an adult? Fear! The student is scared, he has resigned himself to his lot, and considers complaints impossible, since he, as a student, is not essential for the continuation of the university. In fact he is expendable.

Complain...and he is no longer a student at UPE. UPEN. UPE student Newspaper.

u.c.t.

Varsity believes that the aim of NUSAS are good ones and that the means to achieving these aims can be extremely beneficial, from an educative point of view, to students who involve themselves in NUSAS projects. With the advent of campus organisers, next year, it will be easier for students to become involved and thereby to discover more about NUSAS. They will find that NUSAS is far from the description found in the reports of various government commissions.

Furthermore, Varsity believes that NUSAS will be severely hampered were it to suffer any financial loss, say, in the form of UCT affiliation fees. It would be lamentable if UCT were to be party to the decline and fall of NUSAS, which has consistently been one of the most effective opponents of the government. If NUSAS is to be destroyed let the government do the dirty work. - Varsity, UCT.

Controversy surrounds the appointment of Dr B.L. Bernstein, retired chairman of Anglo Vaal, as Chancellor of Wits.

Enquiries into the running of the recent elections have been made in a letter signed by two senior staff members. It is on the cards that the election may be invalidated.

Grounds for the invalidation appear to be the vague and imprecise election procedure set down in the statute books.

Dr Alan Paton and Mrs Helen Suzman M.P. were also candidates for the prestigious office.

dissent

The latest issue of DISSENT, a NUSAS publication has been banned by the censors. The issue was concentrated on Education.

This is the second banning of Dissent this year, the other was on dealing with feminism

next issue

Rhedeo intends taking a good look at this University. What it is like to be a student here, what residence life is like, how outsiders see us etc. We invite contributions from any student. These may be in the form of articles or letters. The Rhedeo office is on the first floor of the Union. This is our university and we need to have a say in what is happening to it.

Ed.

THE EDITOR IS A PIG

Now, Mr Bruce, our heroic editor aspires to all these traditional male values. And I don't see him fighting them.

He sits in his male dominated world and shouts from his editorial columns, instructing us women what to do.

If you Mr Editor, are so keen for women to "DO" something, to fight for equal rights; why don't you gracefully vacate your position as editor of this newspaper for one of your able bodied female assistants.



letter

It is incongruous for a newspaper which protests the poor meals of the Rhodes Black workers, to complain about the tea-time rusks with which we poor little students have to contend.

Could I ask you what you have in mind by 'something slightly more NUTRITIOUS' than 'beskuitbolletjies'? Do you mean carrot salad and whole-wheat bread? Or is it cake perhaps; scones, strawberry jam and the whole trip (complete with cake forks, frocked maid and delicate China)?

Your priorities appear to be uncertain if not confused. Related to three adequate meals a day, rusks are in truth superfluous any way. Better to compare this provision to the poverty of Grahamstown's Black people and appreciate it, rather than make it an editorial issue.

Your policy at present resembles that of the UP. Trying to please both self-concerned students, and those who care elsewhere, obviously results in inconsistency.

Moreover, Mr Editor, if your delicate teeth can't stand up to rusks, then I suggest taking a specimen between your forefinger and thumb and dumping it into your tea. You might get a pleasant surprise.

Guy Berger.

Women's liberation is people's liberation. Members of the women's movement are not anti-male. They do not want women to throw off their 'female' roles and adopt 'male' roles. But they challenge the belief that roles should be defined by sex.

The women's movement does not despise the so-called 'women's work' - child-care and home-making. But it urges that this crucial work should be shared by male and female parents. The movement denies that there is any intrinsic difference in ability between men and women. It is concerned that most working women do lower-paid, lower-status and lower-skilled work than most men, and that work opportunities for women are limited by employment, pay and tax discrimination.



WHAT IS IT?

Feminists believe that the limiting of women to inferior work status prevents them from developing their potential skill. As a result they begin to believe that their ability is innately limited, and that they are incapable of sharing the responsibility of organising and running their society. And to argue that since women have always been subordinate to men, there must be a good reason for it, is like suggesting that since murder has always existed, it is a good thing.

Women who believe that because they are women they are capable of doing only low-paid, low-skilled jobs look to men for financial security. So they turn marriage into their career. The most important thing in their lives becomes to please men, and they consequently see each other as enemies on the marriage market.

Advertisements and the mass media present the marriageable woman as cover-girl beautiful, stupid and passive. The women's movement is not anti-beauty. But objects to woman's worth being measured by her fashion-defined beauty.

WOMEN...

A great problem facing women is that subordination can be very comfortable. It allows women to escape the responsibility of making decisions. The pampered 'helpless' woman is seductively induced to enjoy her subordinate role.

The women's movement brings women together in small discussion groups. In this way they learn that their problems they thought were personal are shared by most other women. They analyse their situation, and reach their own conclusions.

This is why it has to be a women's movement, although its aims are to improve human relations in general. Women have to regain faith in their capacities by defining their goals and organising their movement themselves.

The contempt expressed towards the women's movement by men or women is generally the product of fear and misunderstanding. Many men who hold power are typically reluctant to share it.

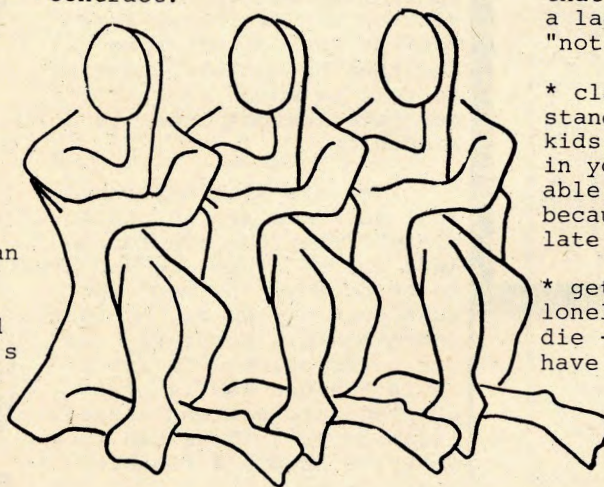
But there are many men who also dislike being expected to fill roles defined for them by their sex. And just as women's groups are forming all over the world, so men's groups of the same type are starting up. Their common goal is that ultimately women and men will be able to relate on a healthier plane of equality.

The women's movement does not desire the differences between the sexes to disappear. But it denies that these physiological differences ought to define people's roles. In particular, members of the movement want women to overcome their belief that their ability is innately limited by their sex, and to face the responsibility implied by equality.

Lynn Danzig.

Do you find yourself...

- * kicking strongly in your mother's womb, upon which she is told, "It must be a boy, if it's so active."
- * wanting to wear overalls instead of frocks.
- * seeing grownups chuckle when you say you want to be an engineer when you grow up.
- * dying of shame because your mother makes you wear a training bra, but there's nothing to train.
- * feeling basically comfortable in your own body, but gradually learning to hate it because you are: too short or tall. too fat or thin, thick-thighed or big-wristed, large-eared, knock-kneed - something that might make boys not like you.
- * having an intense crush on another girl or on a woman teacher and learning that that's unspeakable
- * brooding about 'how far' you should go with the guy you really like. Will he no longer respect you? Will you get - Oh God - a reputation? Or, if not, are you being a square? Being mad because you can't just do what you feel like doing.
- * discovering you need an abortion, and really learning for the first time what your man, your parents, and your society think of you. Frequently paying for that knowledge with your death.
- * finding that almost all jobs open to you pay less for harder work than to men.
- * having your first real human talk with your mother and being told about all her old hopes and lost ambitions, and how you can't fight it, that's just the way it is - life, men, sex, the works - and loving her and hating her for having been so beaten down.
- * having your first real human talk with your father and being told about all his old hopes and lost dreams, and how women really have it easier, and "what a man really wants in a woman" - and loving him and hating him for having been beaten down - and for beating you mother down in turn.
- * quarrelling with your fiancé over whether 'and obey' should be in the marriage contract.
- * wanting to be the power behind the throne and finding out either that he's not a great man after all, or that he does not need your support.
- * wanting to study again, join something, do something. Why isn't home enough for you? What's wrong with you?
- * trying desperately not to repeat the pattern, and catching yourself telling your daughter one day that she "isn't acting like a lady" or warning your son "not to be a sissy."
- * claiming not to understand the "revolt" of your kids, but understanding it in your gut and not being able to help being bitter because you think it is too late for you.
- * getting older getting lonelier, getting ready to die - and knowing it wouldn't have had to be this way.



Sexist Quotes

and LIBERATION

Friedan — de Beauvoir

Friedan: I thought it might be important for us to have a dialogue now, because the Women's Movement, has reached in America, and perhaps in the world, a kind of crest and it is floundering a little on a plateau.

de Beauvoir: Yes, I think that is true here in France

Friedan: I am very glad to see that you now call yourself a feminist. I know you now think that a change in the economic system, such as communism, does not automatically being about the liberation of women. How do you relate the women's struggle to the larger economic and political struggle?

de Beauvoir: I don't think that the Communist or Socialist systems as they are practiced answer this need. But I think there is a very strong relationship between the economic struggle and the feminist movement.

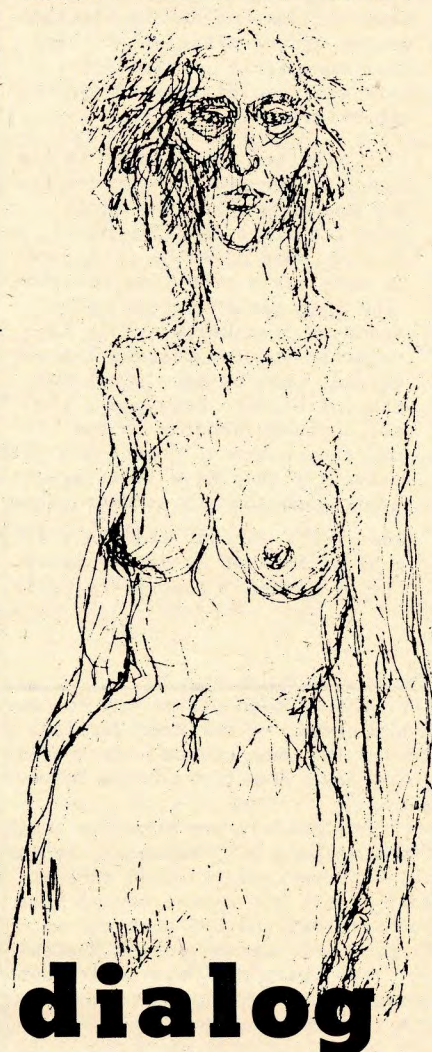
Friedan: Is the French Women's Movement moving in a more economic direction?

de Beauvoir: It is very much divided. There are feminists who are concerned only with the revolt against men, lesbianism, and so on. But there are many others involved with the Socialist movements, who try to connect the sex struggle with the economic class struggle.

Friedan: Well in my country the breakthrough in consciousness has big, but we are facing a situation of economic turmoil in which women are being fired. It is being asked, "How can we enforce the rules to hire more women when there is unemployment?"

de Beauvoir: It is not quite the same here. On the contrary the government tries to give the impression that the women are being integrated. One woman resigned from a high post because she didn't want to be a token.

Back in the old days, when a certain amount of honesty prevailed in society, marriage was seen for what it was: a property relationship of master to his slave, an exploitative relationship. A man married to have someone to serve him, bear and rear his children, manage his household, perpetuate his name and his property. A woman was married because she was forced to, because economic security demanded it, because it was the only upright, honorable thing to do. Conjugal love was a very secondary matter, so secondary that marriages were often arranged by parents, without husband and wife even knowing each other until the wedding day. Romantic love, sexual love, these had nothing to do with marriage.



Friedan: We feel that women should take all the jobs they can get as long as they keep fighting to open the door wider for women and have no illusion that the tokenism takes the place of a real breakthrough.

de Beauvoir: In France this attitude is very much questioned. Women who accept are accused of being career women and elitist.

Friedan: Would you agree that it is not just a question of breaking through the overt sex discrimination, but that it will be necessary to change the rules of the game - the very structure of work.

de Beauvoir: Yes. That is why women don't have to have leading jobs. They don't have to be presidents of universities; they can be simple schoolteachers.

back in the old days

Nowadays, women are taught that the ultimate love, romantic and sexual, is found only in marriage. Yet, marriage is still the same old property relationship. A woman is still her husband's servant. She cooks his meals, cleans his house, raises his kids in his name, and gains her identity through him. She usually has little or no contact with the outside world; her life is circumscribed.

Friedan: If women are to be in a position to change society, they have to have the confidence and the skills to move in an advanced technological society.

de Beauvoir: Many of us think, and I agree, that if society is to be changed, it must be done not from the top, but from the bottom.

Friedan: I have been putting together an Economic Think Tank for Women, and one of the questions is how to put a minimum wage value on housework. This could be recognized for pensions, and in the division of property if there is a divorce.

de Beauvoir: I don't agree at all. Why women? That's the question. Should one consider that the women are doomed to stay at home?

Friedan: I don't think they should have to. The children should be the equal responsibility of both parents.

de Beauvoir: No women should have to stay at home to raise her children. Society should be totally different. Every individual, women as well as man, should work outside and have the possibility, either by communal living, or another way of organizing the family, of solving the problem of child care. In my opinion, as long as the family and the myth of the family and the myth of maternity and the maternal instinct are not destroyed, women will still be oppressed.

Friedan: I disagree. I think that maternity is more than a myth, although there has been a kind of false sanctity attached to it.

de Beauvoir: As soon as a girl is born, she is given the vocation of motherhood because society really wants her washing dishes, which is not really a vocation. The maternal instinct is built up in a little girl by the way she is made to play and so on. As long as this is not destroyed, she will have won nothing. In my opinion, the abortion campaigns as such are nothing except that they are useful in destroying the idea of woman as a reproduction machine.

Even if she has her own career or interest, the home is considered her 'proper primary sphere.' Her husband may encourage her outside interests and even 'help' her around the house. The essential relationship hasn't changed; he is merely a benevolent master. When his career is at stake, she is expected to drop all of her interests in deference to his future. Most important, she has been trained to feel guilty or that she is being selfish if she resents any part of married life. Love is the name given to her isolation, sacrifice, dependence, boredom loneliness and emptiness..



- Whenever a woman dies there is one quarrel less on earth. (German proverb.)
- Never trust a woman although she has given you ten sons. (Chinese proverb.)
- When a woman thinks - she thinks evil. (Seneca.)
- Most women have no characters at all. (Alexander Pope.)
- Regard the society of women as a necessary unpleasantness of social life, and avoid it as much as possible. (Count Leo Tolstoy.)
- My secretary is a loveable slave.
- The only alliance I would make with the Women's Liberation Movement is in bed. (Abbie Hoffman.)
- If you're so smart, why aren't you married?
- Woman's place is in the home.
- A woman's work is never done.
- Women should be struck regularly, like gongs.
- Intelligent women are emasculated.
- Women like to be raped.
- Women executives are castrated bitches
- Don't worry your pretty little head about it.
- Women are only interested in trapping some man.
- Some of my best friends are women...



There is a Movement

There is a movement for female liberation; it is still small but it is growing rapidly, gaining momentum....It is exciting to know that together we can confront this society, that we can struggle together, support each other, sustain each other. Together we can study the history of our sex: the history of Amazons, witches, suffragists, female revolutionaries, all women. We can rescue that history from oblivion and consciously use it to help us make history....

Stoops Talk



Two weeks before the end of last term I was invited to manage RHodes Badminton team when I finally accepted (only in it for the money) I was told that they couldn't raise a team. I was bitterly and financially disappointed. The various intervarsity sports tournaments offer first class competition especially to smaller varsities like Rhodes. It gives them a chance to do some giant-killing and self-improvement. Just look at our fine women's hockey side's performance to come second. On the last day they beat Wits and Natal - not bad at all.

However the mid-year vacation and the end of the year one also provide the opportunity for a vast number of interprovincial age-group competitions - also supposedly out to improve the standard of schoolboy sport. They may improve the play of some but all weaker provinces get are a host of inferiority complexes. The teams come back and the inevitable comment comes: "Didn't do very well, did you?" Back comes the pre-planned, expertly

choreographed and laboriously-rehearsed retort, "Look how many people we've got to choose from. You can't expect us to do well, can you?" The answer "no" from all and sundry closes the discussion which then moves onto more cheerful things. This is a fair condemnation of these competitions by itself. You can't have these competitions and not invite the weaker crowds along, that's not fair even if it is realistic. Lets see some of these competitions scrapped.

Further proof comes in the under 13 age-group restrictions. For Heaven's sake, why can't they let all under 13's play? No they must have the petty, and in some cases crippling restriction that the boys must be in standard 5 or below. This is pathetic for two reasons I shall unfold. Let us take first the case of Western Province. The two dominant schools in the major prep school sports are both private - they have lower-age admittance than government schools. The result is that std 6's fill most of the 1st XI or XV places on the bases of experience, skill

and responsibility. If the Std 5's play 2nd team they won't be invited to trials, if they are lucky enough to play 1st team they will be overlooked because selectors realize there are few of them there. The result is that definite skill is lost because the boys are intelligent enough to be out of std 5 by 13.

The opposite applies to, say, Griquas. Four of their under 13 soccer side were told 12 days before they were in std 6. They were desperately needed not to raise the standard but to provide it. That side's results were love-ly, three or four. You can't waive the rules for certain people and not others - solution drop these stupid tournaments. Its typical South African over-elaboration. I'm damned glad they didn't hold the Interprovincial Angling Competition for Left-Footed Cyclopes between 5ft and 5ft 6 inches under the age of nine where I spent my holiday. All those competitors, commentators, overseas reporters and spectators would have over-filled the place.

AH Stoops.

under 20's run over R.A.U.

The Rhodes U20 A rugby team opened the annual intervarsity with a convincing 29-13 win over Rand Afrikaanse University at the RAU Stadium in Johannesburg.

From the start the forwards got stuck in, giving the backline plenty of ball. The three quarters, following suit, put in a fine display of positive hard running, resulting in four tries. Two tries being scored by fullback Rich Burmeister and the other two by wing Allan 'Dopey' Thurley.

Dopey added three conversions and a penalty to score a total of 17 points. However Rhodes came up against far tougher opposition in the following three games which were played against OFS, UCT and Pretoria University.

Undaunted by defeat, the team retired to the murky depths of the Devonshire. Assisted by ex-Rhodian Jumpy Wilmot the team proceeded with a little singing.

Guy Pearson in a spot of trouble against Free State - "much better idea to give them the ball rather than have a fight



Rhodes then played UCT but were overwhelmed by the Cape Townians 28-9. The week closed with Rhodes going down 34-6 to Pretoria University.

Our gallant men put up a tough fight against OFS managing, against all expectations, to lead 12-3 at half time. But in the second half luck ran out and OFS took the match 21-12. Guy Pearson scored Rhodes' only try which Marc Kleinberg converted.



Lawrence "Vegas" Crafford reaching for the sky, making those Free Staters look pretty small.

Dombolosie went to Pretoria, his mouth foaming, his heart full of revenge. His broken teeth still hurt from an unfortunate incident incurred at last year's tournament, when he was caught napping in the goal mouth. Dombolosie got his revenge and he had a damn good time in the process. As we all did.

Dombolosie is the men's team Monkey-Skull Mascot, an inspiration to all Rhodes Hockey players in their devious pursuits.

Dombie having taken full advantage of Heidelberg Lager's sponsorship, Rhodes was drawn against Natal on the first day. The strong Natal combination were hard pressed to score goals but in the second half they got the upper edge and won 3-0.

hockey

Rhodes struggled initially against OFS (possible from impaired eyesight and lumbar lethargy) but soon showed their superiority and won 5-0.

The crucial match between Rhodes and UPE took place the next day. Rhodes took an early lead and took over to lead 3-0 at half time. UPE never got into the game. The score remained 3-0 to the end. In the afternoon Rhodes coasted to an easy win over plucky RAU. One umpire (from Natal) saw fit to watch this match from ground level, much to the players and spectators amusement, due to the sponsor's sponsorship.

Having eased to the last four Rhodes met the might of the South. Despite Rhodes coring first Stellenbosch won 4-1, thanks to superior stick work and tactics. Champions UCT playing a high standard of hockey consistently pressurised Rhodes defence and were rewarded with three goals. Even so they had to work hard and were never assured of an easy win.

Veterans Clive Connellan and John Donald gave the Rhodes team much inspiration, eternally tirelessly, and it was their "ever-say-die" attitude which helped Rhodes to fourth position, a place not reached for several years.

The whole team played hard, tireless hockey, but it was evident that match practice and educated practice leads to top-class hockey.

The fine spirit of both Rhodes' team is the cause of Dombolosie's eagerness to get to next years intervarsity.



Gymnasts have good year

So far 1975 can be seen to have been one of the better years for the Rhodes Gymnastics Club.

In preparation for the 1975 S.A. Universities event, two competitions were held. The first, the R.U. Open Championships, was to decide the team for S.A.U., the second involved the men's team against a St. Andrew's College team just prior to the S.A.U. Champs.

In the former competition, Ingrid Phillips took the honours in the women's section. Patsy Rose was a close second and Wendy Card third. In the men's section Rob McLean narrowly defeated Dave Erasmus with Lance Goodall taking third place overall.

In the competition against St. Andrews, the Rhodes team (Rob, Dave, Lance and John Elderbeck) beat the schoolboys 146 - 130. St. Andrews deserve praise for providing such strong opposition and thanks for giving our team 'match-practice.'

At S.A.U. Champs. Rhodes came second to Pretoria in the overall points competition. (Six universities took part.) The woman's team secured a clean sweep. Carol Belfort and Patsy Rose came first and second respectively in Grade 1, Ingrid Phillips first in Grade 2, and Wendy Card second in Grade 3. The other 2 members Helen Menston and Linda Vos helped the team through to win the woman's section. This effort was fully rewarded when Carol, Patsy (re-award) and Ingrid were awarded Protea colours.

The men's team came third. Rob and Dave competed in Grade 2 and Lance and John in Grade 3. John won three individual "golds" and was placed third overall in the third grade men's competition.

With Eastern Province and S.A. Open Grades competition to be held in August we wish all members of the team the best of luck and heartiest congratulations for their achievements thus far.

PS - The Gym Club practices Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5.00 - 6.15 pm in the Alec Mullins Hall so if you're interested go along and have a swinging time. Refreshments provided at the parallel bars.



Back: Patsy Rose, Helen Marsten, Wendy Carol, Toni D' Almeida, Ingrid Phillips, Linda Vos, Carol Belfort.

Front: Rob Maclean, Sporty Goodale, John Ellerbeck, Dave Erasmus.

INTERVARSITY FARCE

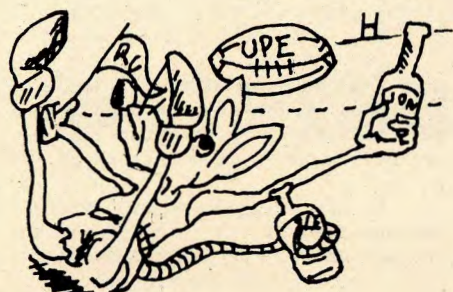
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Rhodes lost intervarsity by a grand margin of 28 points, I make it. 16½ ; 34½. Well done, UPE.

I would also like to congratulate the UPE supporters for behaving themselves like human beings at all the events even if a few of their U 20A rugby players didn't. A fair size band of Rhodes supporters decided to drown their sorrows before and during the big matches in the afternoon and then proceeded to drown the hopes of a happy overall picture of the day. Even the UPE cheerleader coming over to lead a Rhodes war-cry wouldn't raise their spirits and so we went home disgraced. The 4 letter words were unnecessary. Poor Taki Kyriacos tried to stop them but failed. Several bottles landed on the tartan track - one shattered.

If I was the Uppies sports chairman I would politely refuse to participate in intervarsity next year. If it was like that there can you imagine what it will be like here. Enough said.

Sports Editor



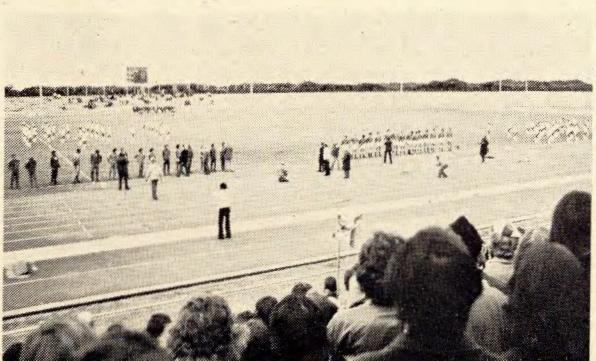
"Yours Barry", Doug Scott seems to be saying to Barry Munnick in the second XV.



Anita Mamers shoots for goal in the netball match.



Dave Musto chides an Uppies in the first XI hockey match.



The teams line up to meet the Universities' principals.

INTERVARSITY

second xv

U 20

12 minutes after start Alan Lones put over a drop from 35yds to put Rhodes 3 - 0 up. Rhodes were under pressure from the kickoff and when two Rhodes players went off-side, UPE goaled the penalty 3 - 3 after 16 min. In the 20th minute Rhodes flyhalf Alan Lones had to leave the field after being kicked in the face.

UPE applied more pressure. A try had to, and did come on the half hour. The conversion made it UPE 9 RU 3. UPE decided dirty play was as good as clean and the referee evidently handling his first ever game allowed them free reign. When Rhodes tried to put an end to it they had penalties given against them.

Rhodes were under pressure for the first 8 minutes of the second half. Rhodes were penalised for holding the ball on the ground in the 9th minuted but UPE sluffed the easy chance. Nothing lost however and Uppies pressed forward to score. The conversion made it 15 - 3. The game was reduced to a farce soon after as UPE continually infringed the general rules of gentlemanly play.

The referee, as inclined as the leaning tower of Pisa, refused to send off a UPE tight forward who was continually stirring up trouble.

Ten minutes from the end UPE scored a pretty neat try, pretty neat when you consider there was a blatant forward pass in the middle of it. The flyhalf converted from touch 21 - 3. Another try from rampant Uppies 25 - 3.

When Rhodes crossed for a try the referee "spotted" an infringement then awarded a penlaty whn frustrated Rhodes players questioned him.

When Rhodes did score it was after a blatant forward pass under the referees closed eyes and nose the conversion succeeded and it was 25 - 9.

At the end of the game the puppet in charge sprinted for the subway - get the hint?

In the dying minutes, very appropriately named, Rhodes scrumhalf Theo Swanepoel was carried off on a stretcher. That wasn't the only stretching done. Yours truly had to stretch his imagination to believe some of the thing that went on in this fiasco.

scores

Scores	RU	UPE
Karate	6	24
Rugby 4ths	4	15
Rugby 3rds	9	8
Men's Hoc-key 2nds	0	2
Men's Hoc-key 1st	0	0
Woman's Hoc-key 2nd	8	0
Woman's Hoc-key 1st	2	5
Tennis	RU	UPE
Men 1st	3	6
2nd	5	4
Women 1st	7	2
2nd	9	0
Golf	RU	UPE
Singles	5	3
Foursomes	2	2
Ru won 7 - 5.		
Squash	RU	UPE
Basketball	4	0
Road relay	58	16
Table tennis	0	6
Underwater	0	2
Soccer 2	2	1
Soccer 1	2	1

The second XI started off with Rhodes on attack. An early peanly missed but the infighting was on already with several small incidents. Uppies went on attack relatively early but RU withstood the pressure until Uppies flyhalf sent over a drop 0 - 3 after 20 minutes.

Rhodes came back with Jeronimo Catto doing good work on attack. Poor handling at centre saw the breakdown of a promising thrust and a penalty. This was the half time score.

We were bombed by helicopters at half time. The wind played a big part in UPE's drive forward, at the start of the second half. Eventually Uppies got over next to the posts following a tight hand to hand movement. The conversion made it 9 - 3.

Things suddenly warmed up in the cold weather when an old face made a welcome appearance, Jumpy Wilmot hit the stage. Play became very dull with Rhodes throwing themselves at the UPE wall of defence. Good thing follow each other and at last Rhodes penetrated the UPE defence for man of the match Catto to score near the posts. Guiney missed the conversion 7 - 9.

Rhodes took heart and pressed hard without respite. They seemed set to take the lead but an easy penalty was fluffed. UPE counter-attacked strongly but there was no addition to the score in this exciting match leaving UPE up 9 - 7 at the end.

FIRST XV LOSE

Play in the early stages fluctuated between the 25s with both sides making use of long daring kicks. Rhodes and UPE both attempted long penalties. UPE's kick served as a landing pad for a forward thrust. Following a quick change of direction Gerrie Gerber cut the Rhodes' line for an excellent try which Gav Cowley converted 6 - 0

Rhodes attacked from the kick-off and were awarded a penalty five yards out for obstruction. Electing to go for poles Kernick inexplicably missed the relatively easy kick.

Then after 12 minutes Uppies broke from a tap penalty, catching Rhodes napping, Serfontein broke and creating the overlap sent John Mellitchey in on the corner flag. Cowley's kick hit the upright and bounced back 10 - 0.

Virtually straight after the kick-off UPE were penalised and Mark Kleinenberg sent over a huge penalty (3 - 10) to Rhodes hysterical joy.

Once again Rhodes backline was shown up for a bunch of non-descripts and Cowley playing superbly cur through and sent John Mellitchey clear to beat the cover defence for his second try in the corner. This time Cowley converted from touch 16 - 3.

Rhodes would not tackle and Uppies back went on many raids

into the Rhodes 25. Support from the forwards entrenched them there.

Kernick brought relief with a long kick. A penalty was awarded from the lineout but Kleinenberg was wide with another big kick.

UPE were full of ideas but Rhodes held them in their half and on one occasion came close to scoring.

UPE went on to attack via the back line and from the tight loose scrumhalf Theron went blind and lobbed a pass, which should have been intercepted, out to John Mellitchey who walked his through three effeminate tackles for a gift try which Cowley failed to convert 20 - 3 after 34 minutes.

Whenever Rhodes looked threatening there was ample cover defence and the inevitable clearance.

Halftime came with play in the middle of the field UPE 20 Rhodes 3.

Rhodes moved onto attack early in the second half but UPE countered strongly. Hooliganism reared its head with a bottle shattering on the tartan track and more threats rumbling.

Try as the forwards did the backs were ineffective, losing ground in opening attacks

Mellitchey broke through from a nice pass but his pass out went behind Wilken.



Pete Wilson heads for the line via John Mellitchey as Eben Olivier comes across to cover.

In the 10th minute Kleinenberg was injured and had to receive attention. For a lengthy period play became dull and boring.

A long forward rush with players dribbling the ball took Rhodes to within 20 yds of the UPE line but the crowd seemed more interested in a couple of drunken fools performing in front of the stand.

UPE's constant pressure had to pay off however and from a 5yd scrum no. 8 Serfontein went over in the corner after about 30 minutes in the second half, 24 - 3.

UPE attacked relentlessly and were awarded a penalty in front of the posts, Cowley converted 27 - 3.

And then, and then....it happened. A forward and back movement saw Derek Barter crash his way over minutes from the end 27 - 7.

In the dying movements of the match scrumhalf Theron of UPE broke through Rhodes' backline and as they chased him he kicked over full back Burmeister gathered the ball and dived over 31 - 7.