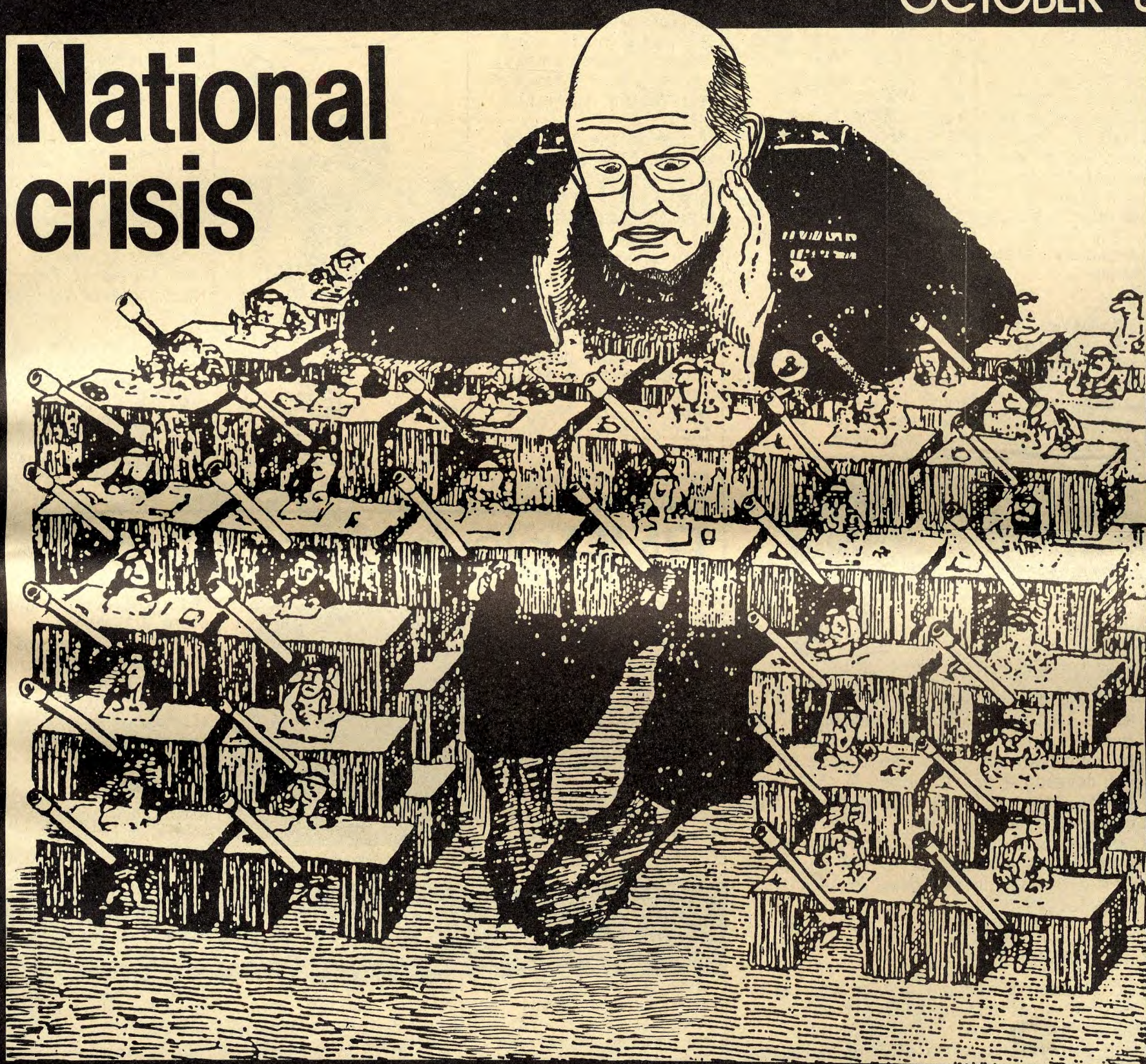


# RHODEO

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## National crisis



Inside: Gush, Student protests, Print Unit, Comics



## Atherstone short-fused

Students of Atherstone House have been successful in having rules regarding dress, changed, through protest and positive action.

Over 65 percent of Smuts students signed a petition objecting to "discriminatory" dress regulations. This followed the decision by Hall Warden, Barbara Cobban, to punish a woman student for not being "adequately" dressed for dinner.

At a house-meeting she asked students to follow "proper channels" to get the rules changed. When Smuts Hall SRC rep, Jenie Masey, took up the issue. The

warden accused her of over-reacting and using "inflammatory" language in the petition.

The student involved felt she had been badly treated. "Most of the girls wear shorts and have done so for years, and male residents wear vests and towels to meals with no repercussions," she said.

(Incidentally, the sub-warden who reported her, wore shorts to the dining-hall the next day).

It is rumoured that the warden of Atherstone House will not be re-applying for her position next year.



### THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES

RCC with its latest publication, the "Sword", is putting us in the satire business out of work. Here follows an extract: "When you masturbate, you defile your body which is the temple of God ...you will develop a habit.(James I:15)". So we checked the original, and according to James: "Temptation is the pull of man's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to the death penalty from God." Which all goes to show that meaning is relative.

### SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

A large, home-made strelitzia wreath was laid outside the cathedral during the last vac, bearing the words "In memory of Steve Biko". We take back everything we said about religion and opium.

### BULL ON CAMPUS

No, this isn't the last in a series of digs at RCC, a quick switch from the figurative to the literal. A bull was recently spotted wandering past Kaif.

## Tony Gushed

FOR a change, the Warrant Officer who never refers to himself as a "Dutchman" found himself being questioned. Tony Gush, a man who combines his religious beliefs with his work, a man who reads, gardens and fishes in his spare time. A man for all "heads" to reckon with.

Far from the imagined thick, "I'm doing my job" type, RHODEO found a man willing to talk at length about narcotics.

He claimed that the tragedy with rural producers was that, while complaining about starvation their mealie-fields concealed dagga plantations. Asked whether people turned to dagga-peddling out of financial need, he said: "People that sell it are always rich."

As regards students, it would appear that dope



is spreading its tentacles. Whereas previously sportsmen and people doing "responsible" degrees didn't indulge, they appear to have discovered the effects of Tetra Hydra Cannibanol. An excellent host, Tony rolled and lit a "joint" with remarkable dexterity, saying, "I hate the stuff." (He also hates abstract art being unable to "make head or tail of it.")

Informers? Obviously! They're not "spies", they're "concerned" citizens trying to stop the world from going to pieces as fast as it is.

And in the townships police violence continues...

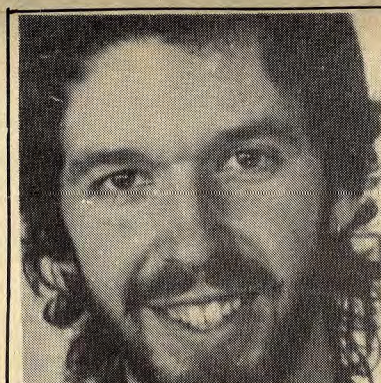
P.S. Our notes were quite bad, but we're sure Lieut. Nel's tapes will reveal the full evidence.

## RMR plays musical chairs

RMR Chairperson, Greg Westley, resigned last week under mysterious circumstances.

According to Vice Chair Duncan Blom, Westley resigned for personal reasons, although he refused to elaborate.

An RMR DJ who doesn't want to be named, said there was more to the resignation than personal reasons.



Westley- resigned. Why?

Westley could not get along with the rest of his committee and the DJ Body. "This created a tension that could only be alleviated by his resignation", the DJ said.

Ex-Chairperson, Jon Ashworth will be stepping in as acting chairperson until a new chair is elected.

## Case Dismissed

CHARGES against 18 students arrested under the Internal Security Act for holding a vigil on Campus, have been dropped from court by a local magistrate.

The Students, including past SRC President Alan Williams and other members of the SRC who were protesting the im-

plementation of the new constitution, were detained for allegedly holding an illegal gathering.

The students are to pay and admission of guilt fine of R50 each.

In a statement to the press, the 18 said they reaffirmed their right to protest and condemned "the random detention

of UDF leaders and others opposed to the 'New Deal'".

"Our protest was a very small part of the national outcry against the tri-cameral elections, which was both legitimate and successful, as evidenced by the extremely low polls" they said.



# Education reviewed

More than 1500 students from the Eastern Cape gathered at Rhodes recently to evaluate their education and to launch a positive alternative the Education Charter Campaign.

The weekend meeting was attended by delegates from Nusas, the Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso), and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

The Education Charter Campaign has been on Azaso's agenda for a year. It was launched to formulate student's impressions of a future, democratic and more relevant system of education for all South Africans and to actively involve parents, workers and



Students unite to support the education charter launch.

the community in the education of its youth.

Nusas president, Kate Phillip appealed to

students to support the Education Charter Campaign, saying:

"The backlog in our education is too great and the current

crisis far too large, for students to be co-opted into the system".

Cosas East Cape Regional Organiser, Mzukisi Meyane said:

"This meeting is a clear indication that on the education front students are meeting the challenge of change. The Education Charter has brought us to a level where we can overcome racial lines to work towards spelling out a demand of the historic Freedom Charter, that the Doors of Learning and Culture Shall Be Opened to all".

Azaso National President, Simpiwo Mqoduso told the crowd "We shall try to reach the campuses, schools, and the communities. We can't have a free education system in an oppressive South Africa".

# Crisis in Grahamstown

Over 400 students attended an emergency student body meeting, called by the SRC, to discuss the present school boycotts in the Grahamstown african schools.

Speakers included a member of NUSAS Local Committee, the Black Student's Movement, which is affiliated to AZASO (Azanian Student's Organization), and the Congress of South African Students (COSAS).

"The events of the last few days must be seen in the context of the tremendous lack of educational facilities at black schools and the absence of real student representation," said Luntu Mdana, of the Grahamstown branch of COSAS.

Secondary schools here have joined a nationwide boycott, demanding democratically-elected Student Representative Councils.

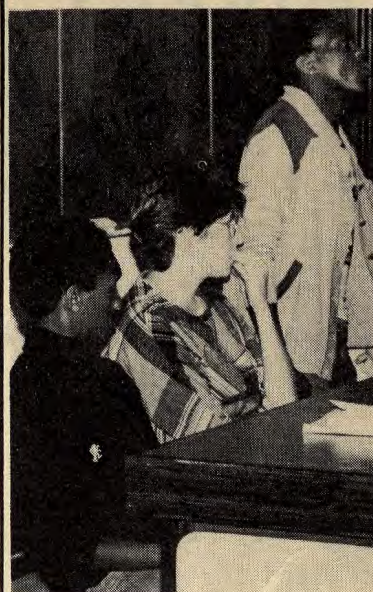
Police violence and SADF presence have both featured in the events of the last week. Last Wednesday a peaceful meeting of students at a high school was met with violence when police fired teargas and rubber-bullets into the crowd. When the students dispersed they were baton-charged.

A SADF searchlight, positioned on the hill at the Monument, has been used to guide Security Branch cars and riot vans through the streets of the township

Several SADF army vehicles have also been called to patrol the

streets.

Co-Chairperson of the Conscription Review Action Committee, Maura Talbot, said the situation could not be ignored.



L.to R. Luntu Mdana, Tammin Barker, Thabiso Ratsomo.

"However much the government may deny it, when it starts drawing on its defence force to defeat those who oppose apartheid, South Africa is fast moving into a state of civil war," she said.

Mdana said COSAS distanced itself from the stoning which occurred on Raglan Road two weeks ago.

Tammin Barker, SRC member and Nusas speaker, said: "We must distinguish between the haphazard shows of anger and frustration, like the stonings on Raglan Road, and the peaceful protest action around legitimate student demands, organised by COSAS."

Thabiso Ratsomo, president of BSM, said the

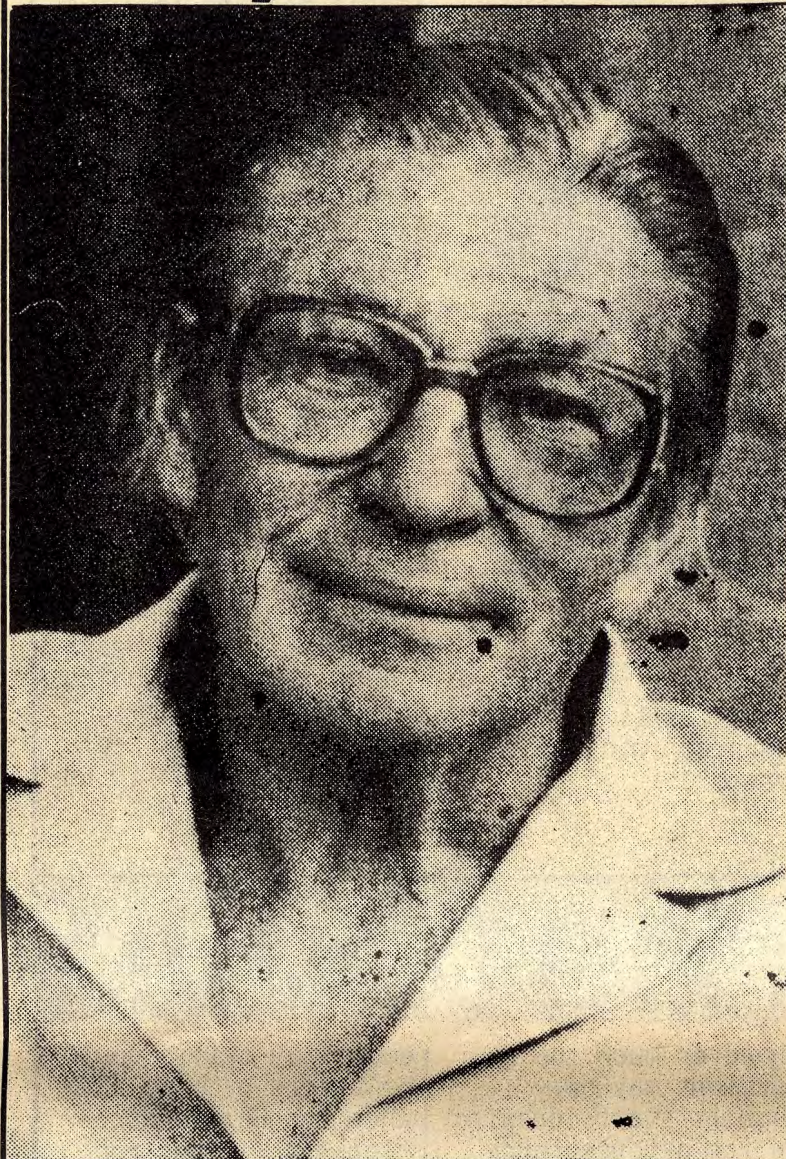
education crisis could be traced back to 1953 when the Bantu Education Act was passed. He said the education system was designed to uphold apartheid and to produce narrow-minded people who would not be able to question the inequalities in this country.

"It is important that we should start to participate in the legitimate struggles of those who are denied what we, as university students, take for granted," he said.

A motion condemning the violent police action and supporting COSAS in its demands for SRC's and an equal education system was passed at the meeting. The motion was not opposed, and 8 abstentions were recorded.



# Beyers' ban is broken!



Naudé: "But if it could happen to me, what about the other people who are still banned?"

After seven long years of enforced silence, Dr Beyers Naudé, 69, has been unbanned.

Dr Naudé a veteran anti-Apartheid campaigner was banned in 1977. The son of a founder of the Broederbond and an ex-member himself, Naudé began questioning apartheid during the 60s and began to work actively for a new non-racial South Africa.

Rhodes Nusas Local Committee expressed its solidarity with Beyers Naudé in his unbanning and saluted his unfailing commitment to the struggle for freedom.

"Beyers has long been hailed as the embodiment of both South African conflict and South African hope for the future."

Naudé's unbanning means that he can now accept his nomination as Nusas honorary

president.

Rhodeso phoned Naudé and asked him to comment on his unbanning.

"It is a tremendous relief to me, my wife and my children. But, if it could happen to me, what about the other eleven people who are still banned?"

Naudé felt that his unbanning was to counteract "a whole situation of people under detention - for instance the six men in the consulate".

Asked about the six men sheltering in the Durban British Consulate, Naudé said he had visited them to express his sympathy and solidarity and to assist in any way he could.

Commenting on the present countrywide disturbance Naudé said he was deeply concerned and felt that people should

attempt to try "to understand the real message they're trying to convey. Namely, a valid demand for change."

"We should take note of the dissatisfaction of the Black community and understand the message that is being conveyed by the present unrest", he said.

As regards the Cosas-Azaso-Nusas alliance and the launch of the Education Charter, Naudé had the following to say: "I feel that there is a desperate need for the charter.

"The Education Charter will provide the basis for a future education system in South Africa", he said.

And the future? "One has to reconsider one's life in a new light. I intend to continue in the ministry, in the Christian Faith".

## Government goof

A Stellenbosch student has been reprimanded by his SRC for illegally distributing a government-funded anti-UDF smear pamphlet.

The pamphlet was distributed without the SRC's permission.

At a recent disciplinary hearing, the student, a Mr Mybergh, admitted that a pamphlet entitled "UDF: wairstaan U", was funded by the National

Party. He disclosed that they saw the pamphlet as necessary to "counter UDF's anti-election propaganda".

The Stellenbosch student newspaper "Die Matie" reported that the pamphlet was a direct translation of one distributed at Wits and UCT by the National Students Federation (NSF), an extreme right-wing student organisation.

## Simba's chips are down

A consumer boycott of all Simba products has been called after 464 workers were fired at Simba Quix in Isando, Transvaal.

The entire black workforce was dismissed after a strike to protest the firing of three workers- two for refusing to do a double job, the third for throwing a potato into a container.

Simba fired them for "Refusing to take lawful instructions" and for "damaging company property".

Management told the workers' union they could not communicate with the present black workforce.



They said they would employ coloureds, with whom they could communicate "better".

The fired workers claim Simba did not negotiate "in good faith" with their unions and that they were forced to strike to get management to listen to them.

More than 30 trade unions and many community, sport, student and church organisations have pledged active support for the boycott.



# Please sir, can I have a venue?

Uncertainty exists on the Administration's policy of providing venues for student meetings.

During the September vac, an organisational workshop held by Grahamstown members of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) in the RHODEO office, was cut short when Rhodes security guards received instructions to keep a close check on the starting and finishing times of the meeting.

"When we arrived at noon on Saturday, we were told by a security guard we could only enter at 2 0' clock. We were then ordered to leave at 6 0'clock sharp, although we were not through with our programme," said the re-



"The SRC has no prior claim to decide who uses the rooms."  
-Dr Henderson.

gional organiser of COSAS.

SRC member, Olivia Forsyth, said a Rhodes student asked permission to use the venue.

"It would be most un-

fair for the university to deny access to these facilities, as so few are available in Grahamstown", she said.

## ■ Objection

Dr. Henderson said he objected to the group using the venue, because the correct booking procedures were not followed, and there was no person related to the university who could accept responsibility.

"The offices in the Student's Union are under the jurisdiction of the S.R.C., and it should be up to their discretion to decide who can use the venues," said S.R.C. President, Jennie Bowen.



"The SRC has jurisdiction over the offices."

-Jennie Bowen.

When the Grahamstown Committee of Democrats (GCD) formerly known as WINSOG, applied for a venue, they were refused such a facility. The GCD was to invite Black Sash President, Sheena Duncan, to address a campus

meeting.

Admin. refused access to the venue, claiming that GCD was not a registered society, nor a department. This seems to contradict the regulations, of the Administration, as many of GCD members are university academics.

## ■ Surprising

According to SRC President, Jennie Bowen, in the past other political party bodies who are not registered societies were allowed access to university venues. "The university's stance is quite surprising. It seems as if the university authorities are objecting to certain political groupings voicing their opinions," she said.

## Clampdown victory

BSM students have challenged and won an attempt by the Administration to curtail their freedom of expression, says Chair, Thabiso Ratsomo.

The society received a letter from Registrar, Mr J.O.M. Wilkinson stating that permission to use the GLT for a two-day rally (see report, pg 3) was subject to certain conditions. These included a demand that the meeting would not be of "an overtly political nature", that there should be no production of media to advertise it on campus and that the food consumed by delegates should only be bought

and eaten in Kaif.

"When we met with the Vice-principal, Professor Brommert, he



couldn't define the meaning of "overtly political" although he looked it up in the

dictionary," Ratsomo said.

When SRC members raised the issue with senate members, moreover, Brommert claimed "over-tly political" meant a majority of outsiders at a student meeting.

"They were taking a chance. We have a right to express our beliefs freely, to put up posters and advertise our activities openly. Attempts to restrict these rights are nothing but veiled repression," said Ratsomo.

Ultimately, Professor Brommert backed down and allowed the meeting to go ahead.

## Admin's at it again!

The University Administration may arbitrarily censor material of political nature submitted to the Print Unit for printing.

So says head of the Unit, Mrs Ferguson.

A standing letter "from the office of the Vice-Chancellor" compels the unit to submit "items of a political nature" for scrutiny, she said.

"Reasons do not have to be provided for items that are rejected. The answer is either yes or

no".

Mrs Ferguson refused RHODEO access to the letter.

Vice-Principal, Professor Brommert, however claimed he was unaware of any such letter.

"There is a standing verbal instruction," he said.

Professor Brommert claimed he didn't "care a hoot" about the content of material for printing. "It so happens that things which have political implications are more liable to legal action".



The new parliaments opened at the beginning of September with as much ceremony and enthusiasm as the government could whip up.

But pomp and ceremony could not hide the dismal failure of the elections which put Hendrikse, Rajbansi and 118 others into the new parliament.

Figures released by the UDF, which spearheaded the election boycott campaign, show that over 1,5 million coloured were

fusing to vote.

And Africans, by far the majority of the South African population, were not allowed to vote.

The new tri-cameral parliament was implemented against a backdrop of detentions widespread repression and violence. As the UDF pointed out, these were in fact conducted in the context of an undeclared State of Emergency.

The UDF based its statement on the huge pol-

met with teargas, bullets, batons, and sjambok charges.

A further indication of this mockery of "free and fair elections" was a statement made by the minister of Constitutional development, Chris Heunis, on the day before the coloured elections. He claimed that it did not matter if there was a low poll; that the new constitution would be implemented regardless. Despite the total rejection of the constitution by those who could vote and many who could not, the constitution is going ahead.

## NIGHTMARE

The government's reform dream is being fulfilled. But for them it has turned into a nightmare. The death toll from clashes between police and anti-government protesters in the Transvaal has, in the last month, risen to more than 56, according to official sources. Unofficial reports estimate the figure to be more like 150. Despite the recession, there have been more strikes and disputes in 1984 than ever before. Across the country nearly a million students in schools, universities and technikons have boycotted in protest against the education system and an undemocratic constitution.

And the conflicts seem set to continue. The

While the government swore in its new ministers, anger at the 'new deal' ran commercial press and SABC propaganda, polls for the so-called Coloured and I were recorded. And when the teargas s clears, the call for a society free of where there shall be peace and friends remain.

government has consistently said the unrest is simply caused by 'agitators', but in the final analysis blame for the loss of life lies with a government which chooses to ignore people's dissatisfaction. It lies with a system where people are not paid living wages and have no real political representation.

The Black Local Authorities Act is a major part of Botha's 'reform' strategy. It is designed to give the appearance of government representation for Africans by handing over responsibilities for housing and services in African

townships to a town council system. However, this system was overwhelmingly rejected last year with less than 10% of townships going to the polls in the Black Local Authorities elections.

These town councils have also inherited all the debts and problems of the old Administration boards. The Vaal/Orange Board, for instance, handed over debts of R3,5 million to the new councils. While the Soweto council is now R4 million in debt.

In the face of these problems, the councils have turned on resid-



Repression of students went beyond school gates and into townships.

eligible to vote, but only 250 000 did so. Which means that the Labour Party - under the leadership of the Rev. Allan Hendrikse - has a mandate of less than 18%.

The House of Delegates has even less credibility. Of more than 500 000 Indians eligible to vote, only 83 000 did so. 85% of the Indian population rejected the new Constitution, re-

ice presence at the polls. Uniformed police, members of the Reaction Unit and security police crowded the polls, often outnumbering the candidates, helpers, and voters.

There were also widespread arrests at the polls on election day. As many as 200 anti-election campaigners were arrested or held by the police. Peaceful demonstrators were



A crowd disperses after being teargassed in the Transvaal



# Protests

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ents to get them out of trouble. For example, in July the Davyton council, faced with a deficit of R3,8 million tried to push rent up by R14, sub-tenants' fees up by R7,50, burial fees by R5, and water and electricity deposits to R75.

## RECESSION

There is also little hope that these councils or the government will build houses to overcome the housing shortage estimated to be nearly 400 000 for Africans, 80 000 for Indians, and 180 000 for Coloureds.



On top of this, recession takes its toll. This year South Africans have been hit by an endless stream of price increases - meat, eggs, and dairy products in January, maize and train fares in March, petrol, electricity, water and coal in April. Add to that increases in GST, in the price of sugar, tea, rents, hospital and clinic fees, and bread, - it is not surprising people feel under attack.

People cannot survive without food, but price rises are forcing many to eat less and less. If rent and service charges go up, and wages, pensions, and unemployment insurance stay the same, people are forced to meet these expenses out of food money. If they do not pay their rent they are evicted. Without money for transport they lose their jobs.

And even if wages have increased in some cases, this gain has been cut away by the high and growing number of unemployed in Southern Africa. Some estimate South Africa has nearly 3 million unemployed people, nearly all of them black.

Small wonder, then, that news of September rent increases in the Transvaal townships of Sharpeville, Sebasteng and Evaton were met with protest. Residents held large meetings and took a decision to stay away from work in protest. The Vaal Civic Association warned the councillors that people

could not afford the increase. But this fell on deaf ears. And so anger grew and spilled over.

Thousands took to the streets. In the conflict that followed, frustration and anger were directed at targets that have always been hit first - councillors and their bus-

ing the resignation of community councillors. In one case, Sharpeville residents gathered and marched to the council offices. On the way they passed the offices of councillor Lebeu Diphoko. They asked him to accompany them. Instead he pulled out a gun and fired at the crowd, killing 2 people. In full view of riot

and sjamboks. One schoolchild was shot dead.

Government reaction to student protest has been equally harsh. In the Vaal, East Rand, Soweto and Mamelodi scores of Bantu Education schools have been closed by the Department of Education and Training to force students to drop boycotts. Violent confrontations between police and students have escalated - a recent victim, Congress of South African Students (COSAS) Soweto branch secretary, Bongani Khumalo, was allegedly repeatedly shot at and killed by police.

## SOLIDARITY

The message to the new parliament is clear. The warning signs were there when the Local Authorities were rejected. The Town Council system has been an utter failure; having ignored their community's feelings, the Vaal councillors felt the consequences and have fled for police protection. Bantu Education is crumbling while solidarity between the 200 000 boycotting students, parents and other residents grows. As the people in the Vaal, East Rand, Orange Free State, Natal and the Eastern Cape bury their dead, the message of Sharpeville 1960 still echoes in their minds: to have peace, the people must govern; to have prosperity the wealth of the country must be shared; there must be work and security; houses and comfort.



**Watville residents bury a student killed in clashes with police.**

inences, busses, government property, exploitative shopowners and police.

Most of the clashes were in the Transvaal, the worst in Lenasia, where police used tear-smoke and sjamboks on a number of occasions. Residents in the Vaal triangle townships staged a massive stay-at-home and held huge demonstrations demand-

police and police video cameras, the crowd turned on him and hacked him to pieces.

Township anger also boiled over in Imbali, Natal, when the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof visited the township. Residents marched on the hall in which Koornhof was due to speak. Police drove them away with teargas



# POINTS OF VIEW

## Ours

Exams are almost upon us: a time to display our knowledge of the university training which will equip us for our future careers.

Yet at the same time 200 000 students nationwide are calling for an assessment of the education system which denies them things we take for granted - SRC's, textbooks and adequate facilities, equal educational opportunities.

In every case the government's response to the boycotts has been a violent one. Here in Grahamstown, police, and more recently members of the SADF as well, have clashed with local students, using dogs, teargas, baton charges and sjamboks to crush their protest.

We are being trained for jobs in a society filled with conflict, where the majority of South Africans are denied the right to vote, the right to adequate housing, health care, education and wages which can support a family.

Three major student organisations - NUSAS, the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) and the Azanian Students Organisation (AZASO) have come together to take up these inequalities and work towards producing a blueprint setting out students' educational demands - the Education Charter.

RHODEO supports the efforts of students to face the challenge of changing their education and their society to a non-racial, democratic one.

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## Yours

### 'Literary Rape'

Dear Eds

Fortunately, many of your Readers will have been spared the horror to confront our local hall newsletter, "Smut Confessional". The fact that "Smut" means:- obscene discourse (Chambers 20th Century Dictionary)

is by no means a coincidence. Reading this publication is like ploughing through a blocked nostril (no first hand experience, you understand?).

The editor and his menagerie subject their somewhat easy-going, captive audience to nothing less than literary rape.

The provocation of this contribution lies in the fact that our sense of justice leads us to lend some credibility to the publication by testing five of the recipes which incorporated beer as their main ingredient in the last edition... We have just returned from intensive rehabilitation therapy. We can only recom-

mend that the editor consider similar treatment before attempting to compile the next instalment.

By the way, who is the editor anyway? After searching through last term's edition even resorting to dyslexic tendencies - we still have not solved the problem. Perhaps he/she cannot stand up long enough to be counted... (it may be the beer you know)??

Yours in teetotality  
UNCAPTIVATED

P.S. The reason we wrote to RHODEO is because we thought that nobody would read the next "SMUT CONFESSIOAL".

Dear UNCAPTIVATED

We have read it - puerile, isn't it? The editor is Mr Kevin "Freddie" Fredericks, doing English Honours (so much for the English Dept.).

Dear Eds

I was recently asked by two Journ students for my opinions on Rag. Why that question is so important is really beyond me - what is there to form an opinion of? Rag has a split personality with the wishy-washy "social function" ramblings of its admin on the one hand and the horrific student participants' interpretation on the other, forming such a disjointed mass that to pass judgement on it as a whole is ridiculous.

As I see it, Rag has two options: one, a revolutionary change in its admin to make it perform a true social function and to align its means with its ends, or two, to drop the whole pretence and allow it to slip into a nameless perennial debauchery. Until then nothing concrete can be said about it other than that it is confused. Let's hope that the leadership week end produces some results.

Yours  
Irritated

## RCC dispute

Dear Eds

In response to the RCC publication, the "Sword", we as Christians would like to put forward our views. We believe that no-one knows the absolute truth, no matter how religious they are.

Our opinion of this publication is that it tends to oversimplify and attempts to solve complex issues by means of clichéd rules. We do not feel that we are justified in passing judgement on complex issues.

Oversimplification of the scriptures may cause serious psychological problems, through forcing a person to depend on a rigid rule-system, avoiding inconsistencies in the Bible itself. When challenged, this system may collapse..

We feel that many Bible references are quoted out of context. Perhaps we should deal with the conflict between our sexuality and social mores by considering the situation and then judging whether our decision will fulfill or break ourselves and those around us.

Surely Jesus, whom we believe to be love incarnate, said that He has come to replace the restrictive rules, leaving us the challenge of deciding what it means to love in any situation. (Matt.22:34-40).

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.(Gal.5:1).

Yours  
Daniela and Peter Genrich-de Lisle.





# New Ideas

Sharing ideas with other people nationally is crucial for effective student government, even if Rhodes is not affiliated to the National Union of South African Students.

This is the opinion of the seven members of the new SRC - including president Jennie Bowen - who attended Nusas National Council in the September vac.

The idea of calling together campus leaders to discuss issues the SRC wants to take up came from Nusas, said Jennie Bowen. "We tried this by calling together senior students and society chairs to discuss the emergency student body meeting which the SRC called last Friday."

"Everyone agreed that such a meeting was important and senior students took notices to distribute in the halls."



Students vote on a motion at the SRC's lunchtime meeting held on Friday. The idea came from Wits and UCT.

"The 400 students at the emergency meeting were enthusiastic about the SRC calling lunch-time meetings. Other campuses like Wits and UCT have a tradition of lunch-time meetings, so we decided to try them", said Jennie.

"It's a bit unfair that we benefit from this

national contact without being affiliated, although Nusas people welcome an informal delegation from Rhodes," she added.

"Unfortunately, because Nusas is a confederation of SRC's we cannot vote and therefore cannot contribute to or influence Nusas policy."

## Objector Freed

Paul Dobson, the first conscientious objector to object from within the SADF, was recently released after a year in civilian prison.

Asked about his position Paul said, "I regard myself as extremely lucky, especially when I think of people facing the military now. I'm kind of the end of an old era, the last to come out under the old legislation."

Paul was in the SADF in a non-combatant position for fourteen months before he objected. "My biggest regret is that I didn't object in the first place. In the abstract I would say, yes, I would object, but I'm very conscious that I'm saying this from a secure position" (He was dishonourably discharged from the SADF).



An advice centre for counselling on national service was recently established in Grahamstown. The new group, GRACONS (Grahamstown Advice Centre on National Service) aims to provide information and counselling on any aspect of military service, defence legislation and conscientious objection.

According to GRACONS member and ex-army chaplain Gerry West, there is a definite

# Mindblast

Student journalists from five English-speaking universities gathered at UCT this vac for the annual SASPU Multi-Media Mindblast.

The opening speaker Johnathan De Vries of the Western Cape region of the United Democratic Front (UDF) said it was important that journalists align themselves with

the ideals of democracy and justice.

"SASPU provided us with input on how to write a story that campus will read. I think this is an area that student journalists should confront" said Rhodéo editor Roelien Theron.



SASPU smiles for Steven.

## Good News from GRACONS

need for such a centre in Grahamstown, and so far the response has been "fantastic", particularly with the confusion surrounding the issue of who is eligible for registration.

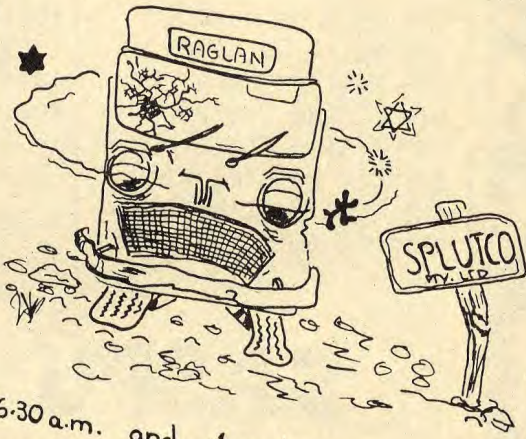
GRACONS hopes to set up an office in town where they can provide personal counselling and can make relevant literature available. They have so far been concentrating on raising their profile by

running adverts in the local paper and on campus, and have also been working within some of the Grahamstown churches. GRACONS hope to initiate an information programme in some high schools here, to inform pupils

about their options regarding registration and cadets. "We feel that if people decide to serve in the SADF the decision must be an informed and responsible one", said Gerry West.



*"That's it, no more North Sea oil."*



"6:30 a.m. and stoned again!!"



"I've got those 'fed up standing here all day singing my guts out for nothing and if this little blake in a bowler doesn't give me a fiver I'm going to duff him up because there's nobody about and I'm a lot bloody bigger than he is blues!"

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"Are you sure he's drowning?"



"Roll up! Knock me in the water and win a lantern."



"Then again, I think everyone gets depressed at this time of year."

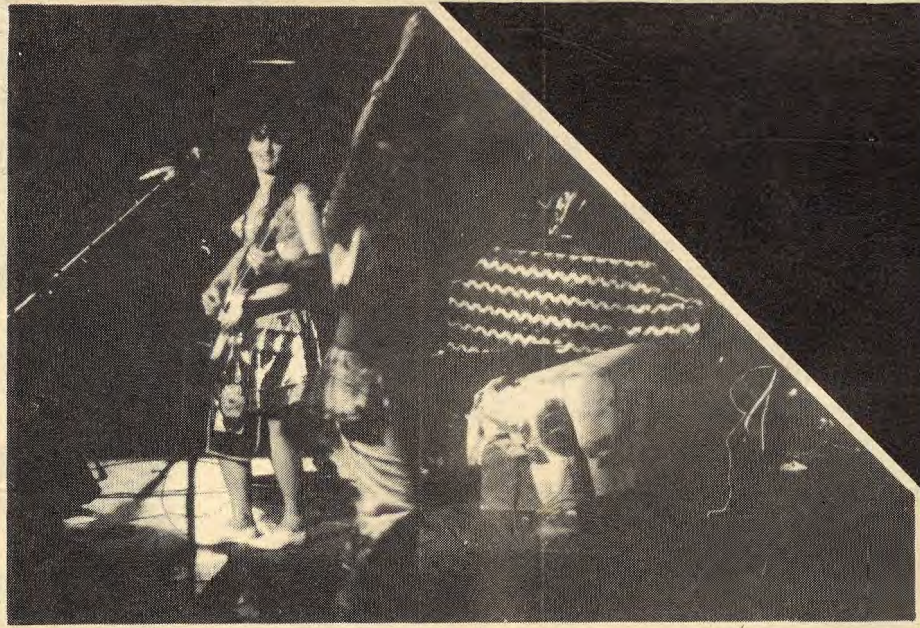
One Stormy Day Above Cape Town...

I AM A MESSENGER FROM DEEP SPACE



"You mustn't miss this! The last lot walked 400 miles, struck a pole in the ground and then went back again."





"Jive Jive" ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

▶ **via afrika**

Pseudo-ethnic, e'Void-like Askari had a hell of a lot of audacity for a back-up band, initially refusing to play to such a small audience. But once their aloofness and pumped up egos had deflated they lowered themselves to Rhodes' standards, and played a set that was more visual than musical. Much as I tried, my body could not merge or move to their music. Not impressed! RMR PRO, Russell Skae, said that the show had been a financial failure, but that from what he had heard, most of the audience had enjoyed themselves. This was the main thing he added.

HEAR! HEAR!



Rock up to VIA AFRIKA! Have a rave and pep up those ethnic roots! Walk in late, though, to locked doors. Argue your way in, anyway, and decide whether to join the block of rigid soldiers at the back or the screaming uniformed school children everywhere else. Cock an ear, at least, to the Western drum machine, and its electronic interpretation of our beat. Sit down now, lads, this one's dedicated to the army boys. Go out for a smoke? With our guest star reading the words, the intricacies of make-up pale in comparison. Roll a drum? "Not where we can smell it please!" (By the way, RHODEO was refused an interview!)

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"JULUKA is a band of hope,.....through our music, more and more white South Africans can become aware that they too are a part of Africa." Johnny Clegg said this in an interview between their two sell out shows on a recent Tuesday evening. Well, if nothing else, JULUKA's music had the crowd raving for the second time this year. What more can I say? See them again the next time they come around! ▼▼▼

...and makes The Shining look rusted? Scarface... chainsaws and a gang of co-... by Al

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# Tebbutt rules the waves

The Rhodes Closed Surfing Competition, aimed to stimulate participation in the surf club by Rhodians, was won by Len Tebbutt on a windy Kowie Sunday, last week

The waves were the struggling remnants of a juiced Friday and Saturday, when 6' - 8' foot swells on the tea-room side created the best lefts seen for a long time.

Unfortunately, an east wind began to blow, flattening the waves and chopping up the swell by Sunday morning.

Twenty-one entrants surfed off in four heats, the best three in each heat going through to the main event and the rest competing in a plate event.

Knysna local, Charles Smith, a laidback surfer with a fluid style, pulled it off to win the Gumf Trow Memorial Trophy and dinner for two.

The main event was held in ever deteriorating surf. The waves were mushy and the water cold.

The finalists worked feverishly to gain points, often failing to out ride many closing out sections.

Len Tebbutt was able to secure a formidable tarry of long rides, which gave him the edge over Mark Symmons (second) and Alan Carter (third)

Sponsored prizes, presented to the six finalists from each event, comprised of T-Shirts, tapes, books, mags, wine and gift vouchers.

Although the wind was cold and the surf not so good, there was a friendly atmosphere throughout the day.

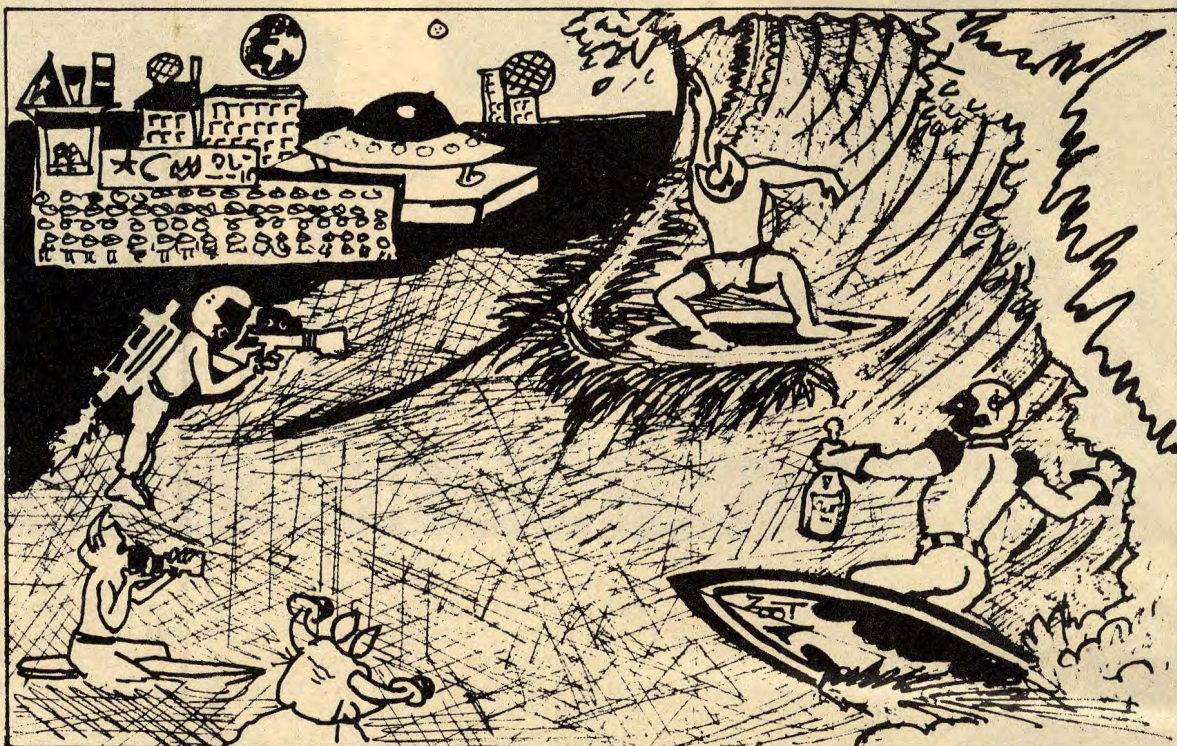
## RESULTS

### Plate event

Charles Smith  
Clyde Wynter  
Alex Jacovodes  
Dan de Villiers  
Dave Ries  
Steve Pike

### Main event

Len Tebbutt  
Mark Symmons  
Alan Carter  
Gary Rolfe  
Donovan Shaw  
Gareth Turner



## Polo win for UPE

The Rhodes firsts water polo team came 3rd in a tournament held at Rhodes last weekend.

Eight teams took part in the competition which was spoiled by the chilly weather.

Playing in Pool A, Rhodes got off to a

good start by beating Buffaloes 6-2 and Institute 7-6.

Their final match in the section was against UPE, with both teams needing to win to qualify for the final.

UPE won the match 6-2, but Rhodes

gained some consolation by beating Old Boys 6-3 in the play-off for 3rd and 4th place.

UPE beat Uitenhage 4-3 in a close final.

In Pool B Rhodes 11 failed to win a game, losing 1-9 to Old Boys, 5-6 to Crusaders and 1-8 to Uitenhage.

## Oppies walk it

ELEVEN teams took part in the inter-house Round-the-block relay held on Wednesday 19 September.

The teams had six runners who ran 1,9 kilometres each.

Hilton Harvey sent Stanley Kidd into an early lead but the relay soon developed into a duel between Oppies and Piet Retief.

As they went into the final lap Oppies had a 29 second lead over their rivals, but determined running by Dieter Wust ensured an exciting finish.

Wust managed to cut the deficit by 21 seconds, but Rod Brown held on to give the Oppies victory by a narrow 8 second margin.

Neil Malherbe finished strongly to gain the

top individual time of 5 minutes 41 secs and secure 3rd place for Walker.

### Final times:

Oppies	37,35
Piet Retief	37,43
Walker	38,34
College	39,39
Botha	40,25
Thomas Pringle	40,47
Cory/Mathews	40,48
Winchester	41,21
Stanley Kidd	41,57
Oakdene	42,00
Smuts	42,45



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