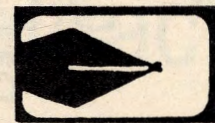


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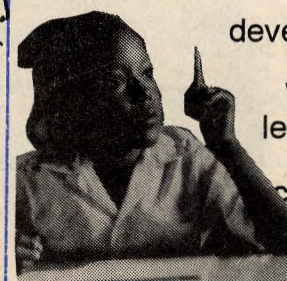


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# Welcome to Rhodes



# Still a long way to go

Who makes all of the decisions that affect your life at Rhodes? What say do you as a student have in your course curricula, in your res life, in what food you're given to eat, in the way you are allowed to dress? RHODEO sneaked into the corridors of power...

WHILE change is sweeping across campuses in South Africa, Rhodes still seems to be lagging behind.

For example, the University of the Orange Free State (UOFS) has recently nominated its first black and first woman members to its Board.

According to the university Rector, the nominations were in line with UOFS's commitment to the entire community in the Free State and the country as a whole.

Rhodes, one of the five liberal campuses, still only has two black male members and no women on Council. Council is the highest decision-making body in the university.

It elects the university's Chancellor, Gavin Relly, and Vice-Chancellor, Derek Henderson. It also elects its own chairperson.

The President of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) sits in on unrestricted sessions of Council, but has no voting rights. However, a bill is soon to be read in Parliament which would consider giving the SRC President full membership rights on Council.

One wonders whether our Council's present composition is also an accurate reflection of the university's attitude towards the community.

The SRC has been working towards greater representation for students on both the Council and the Senate, which is the second highest decision-making body in the university.

Senate controls discipline within the university. Three SRC representatives sit on this structure and the SRC President is allowed to sit in on restricted sessions.

Department heads in all eight faculties - Arts, Social Science, Science, Divinity, Pharmacy, Commerce, Law and Education - are members of Senate.

The SRC is elected by students every year in the third term; candidates may stand for a general constituency, as hall representatives and as oppidan reps.

The newly-elected SRC then elects people to all portfolios. This year, there are nine hall reps, two oppidan reps, an Education Councillor, a Gender Councillor, President and Vice-President.

There is also a Campus Leadership Forum comprising representatives from all societies, all Head Students from the reses and all SRC members.

This forum meets to discuss issues pertinent to students.

The SRC is considering the notion of a 'student parliament' which would be more representative of students on campus. This would mean changing its constitution such that the SRC becomes more democratic.

Application and Reply forms require students to specify race groups.

## Race-ing the issues

NO, you have not been transported back into the dark days of apartheid (who said we've ever left them?), although you cannot be blamed if you felt that way when you (still) had to specify your race in your application form to the university.

Mr Keith Hunt, the University's Registrar, promises that this is not politically motivated but that they "need this information for all sorts of things. We need it for our internal use, such as bursaries, as some bursaries are for certain

groups only".

He does, however, admit that the University, through the Council of University Principals, CUP, tried to have this part of the personal data removed from the returns that were sent to the government-run South African Post Secondary Education, (Sapse).

"But it is required by law to send the information to the government," Mr Hunt said.

Sapse uses information such as percentage of whites and blacks, number of first year passes and a breakdown of what

degrees students are reading for when calculating the government subsidies to the various universities.

Although it is understandable that while policies of affirmative action are increasingly being utilised, and bursars want to know the race of the students they are sponsoring, people will only really kiss apartheid goodbye when they don't have to fill in their race on forms anymore - because that implies affirmative action has served its purpose and is no longer needed.

## Kaif still to serve hot food

TO all loyal Kaif-goers who depend on the cafeteria to rescue their stomachs when Res food has failed yet again to fill the hole in the mid-region: Kaif will still be selling their famous toasted sandwiches as well as the usual drinks and sweets.

This comes after fears of Kaif closing down its warm food section because of the apparent losses it was incurring.

Kaif rationalisation came under scrutiny last year when it became apparent that Kaif and The Union (both self-supporting businesses which only received a small amenities grant from the university) were making very big losses, compared to previous years when it actually made a profit.

"Ten years ago, wages were lower and the trading volume was big enough to cover the costs and leave a small profit but now the salaries, especially those of the service staff, have rapidly increased so that Kaif and The Union actually made

very big losses last year," Mr Les Reynolds, Deputy Director of Finance and a member of the Club Committee said.

"Don't forget we are also dealing with a static number of students - other companies can advertise to draw more customers but we have 5000 students no matter what we do," Reynolds said.

The Club Committee consists of the manager of Kaif and The Union, Mr Terry Jackson, Mr Reynolds and SRC representatives, Ibrahim Seedat and Stephen Paterson to look into Kaif rationalisation.

After discussing various proposals to make Kaif more viable, a suggestion was made that Kaif should be closed from 5pm after which the SRC would cater with beverages like tea, coffee and cold drinks - the Committee decided to leave Kaif open until 10pm.

"There will be no serious changes. We will be serving both hot and cold food," Kaif manager, Terry Jackson, said.

The hot lunch-time specials have been taken off the menu though, so "you may not find the same variety as before and Kaif will be operating with a slightly smaller staff component as some staff have been transferred to other areas of the University," Mr Reynolds said.

Changes in The Union will only be possible patience testers when members have to wait for their drinks because of fewer staff serving behind the bar.

"But either the students are patient or they will have to pay more for their beers," Mr Reynolds was quick to point out.

Talking about price hikes, Mr Reynolds was adamant that if the students did not stop "buggering up" the students Union by putting out their cigarettes on the carpets or emptying their beers (or

themselves) out on the carpets, the costs of alcohol would have to rise to cover the cost of repairs.

"You can print THAT in your newspaper," Mr Reynolds was kind enough to advise me.

## E Cape speaks

THE SRC has invited two prominent speakers to campus this week, in the form of Transkei's Major-General Bantu Holomisa and the ANC's Albie Sachs.

Holomisa's talk, "Towards a unified South Africa: an Eastern Cape Perspective," will occur on Thursday, February 4.

Sachs, who spoke at Rhodes' Academic Freedom lecture in 1991, will be speaking on: "The fruits of the struggle - bitter or sweet" on Friday, February 5.

## Resources for you

THE SRC resource centre was opened last August in response to the need to provide students with information and facilities normally accessible to only a few people.

Information about educational, labour, cultural, welfare and health issues are available in the centre.

Journals and newspapers not usually available at the Rhodes library are also available.

There is a television set and a video recorder to which students can gain access. There are also plans to get a photostating machine.

Once the SRC secures the services of somebody to oversee the running of the centre, the resumption of day-to-day operations will be advertised appropriately.

## Food follies

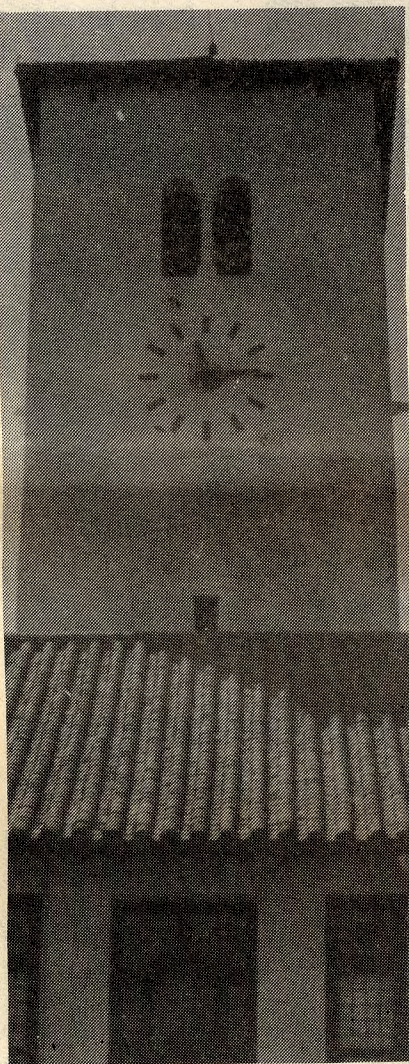
THE SRC is looking into food upgrading in all the catering residences at university.

Student canvassing is underway to ensure that flat meat, battered fish and boiled potatoes are no longer in abundance at mealtime.

It is hoped that catering for special diets will be improved as well.

However, the allocated budget to catering has to be taken into consideration when drawing up the menus, an SRC spokesperson said.

Problems will be addressed through food representatives in each of the residences in conjunction with the SRC.



## The plight of pets

PETS owned by oppidan students at Rhodes have been left to fend for themselves during their owners' vacations.

This is according to a veterinary clinic worker in Grahamstown who says it is normally neighbours or landlords who are "left to sort something out" in these situations.

Often these pets have been ill and the people who find them

are responsible for paying their veterinary bills, she said.

Grahamstown SPCA Kennel Manager and Inspector, Hughie van der Merwe, has encountered just a few of these instances in the past.

"However, last year we did not see any such cases," he said.

In some cases, finders of pets do not go through the SPCA, the veterinary clinic worker said.

She emphasised that Grahamstown residents, and not only students, left their animals behind when going on holiday.

The Grahamstown SPCA has facilities for about 70 dogs and 30 cats, said Mr Van der Merwe.

"We simply do not have the facilities to take in large numbers of animals," he said.

Students who are unable to afford spaying or neutering costs for their pets are able to qualify for the welfare rate through the SPCA.

Under this rate, spaying of dogs is R87,25 compared to the normal rate of R180 to R200, and neutering of dogs is R58 compared to about R120.

The welfare rate for spaying cats is R58 to an average rate of just under R100, and cat neutering is R33 compared to about R77.

Others who qualify for this rate are people who earn less than R800 a month.

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# New development programme launched

*The Academic Development Programme seems to have emerged as a force of change on campus. Its activities this year look set to help students from all backgrounds.*

**RHODES' Academic Support Programme (ASP)** has been transformed into the Academic Development Programme (ADP).

This change goes further than the name - it involves the restructuring of the ADP's sphere of operation and the nature of its work.

ASP was initially developed

in response to the crisis in black schooling - chronic overcrowding in classrooms, lack of facilities and textbooks and academic disruptions during the States of Emergency in the 1980s.

ASP tried to bridge the gap between the schools and university. Some students admitted to Rhodes to study BSc's saw test-tubes for the first time when entering Rhodes laboratories.

ASP aimed to prepare students from all backgrounds for university education as few students seemed prepared to handle the academic pressures of university. It also offered exam skills and anxiety man-

agement workshops to students.

ADP emerged from the amalgamation of several university committees and groupings. The Computer Based Education Unit also falls under the auspices of ADP.

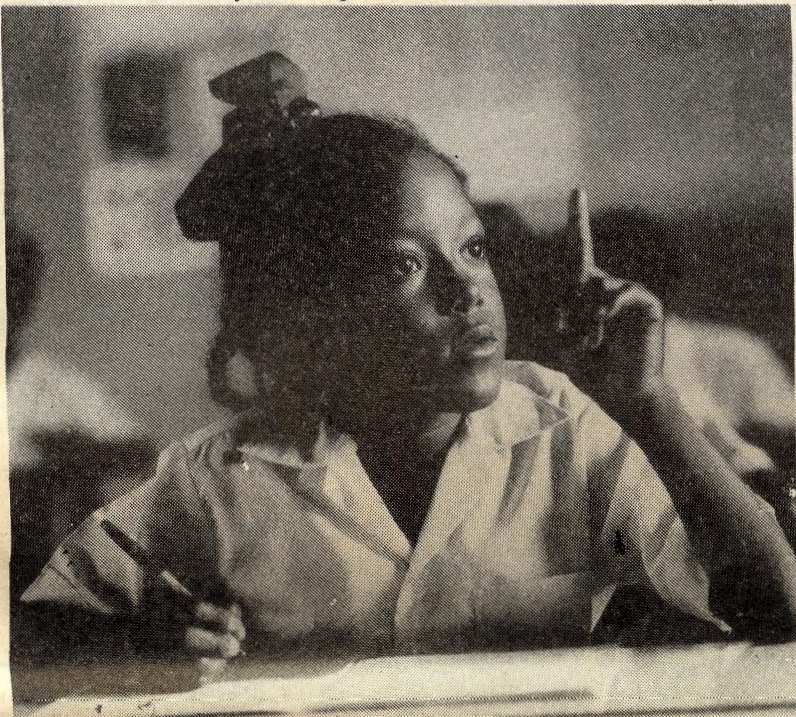
ADP has increased its number of permanent staff to ensure greater professionalism and efficiency in the department. It aims to have a more co-ordinated and integrated programme with all departmental tutors, who will still offer workshops during the year.

ADP's focus now includes both the provision of academic skills and academic development for students. ADP is not only aimed at those students who are battling to cope at university but those who wish to develop their abilities.

A very important role change of ADP is its involvement in staff development. The Teaching/Learning Support Committee now falls under the control of ADP; this was the body that previously co-ordinated all staff development courses including new lecturer training.

Community outreach programmes still form part of ADP's services, they will still be co-ordinating the Ikhnco (Chain) programme. Ikhnco is a schools outreach project that aims to provide academic enrichment for township school pupils and some preparation for tertiary education.

ADP will be moving to a more central and accessible location on the ground and first floors of the GLT building.



## The hazards of buying, buying books

**THIS** is just a friendly warning:

Do not grab your book list from your department and then rush to your nearest (only) bookstore to buy every single book that is printed on the booklist.

Besides giving the person receiving the bill a massive heart attack (this could be you), some

library has all network books

books might clutter up your room depriving you of valuable, valuable roomspace - because there will be some books that you will not open once during the whole year.

The booklists are there to guide you in your reading; sort of like stepping stones into an even deeper look into the given subject.

So instead of wasting money, either buy books second hand, or even better: grab second year students and ask them if they used the books at all - lecturers might also advise you if you approach them.

When deciding whether to buy a book or not, always bear

## Student mag on the cards

IF by some chance you happen to find your student newspaper just a bit boring, uninformative or uninspiring (I know this requires a long stretch of the imagination) - don't despair!

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They envisage the image, content and design of the magazine to be "hip, trendy and it should not shy away from controversy".

The magazine will cover topics like "The Third Degree" in which questions from students around the country are put to figures of authority or importance to see if they are doing what they should be.

It will include articles like "Speak Out" which would give students a chance to write about any difficulties they have encountered during their studies, and a "Let's talk about sex" insert.

The first edition is expected to appear by June/July and it will automatically be sent to all EduSub subscribers. It will thereafter appear as a bi-monthly magazine which in the long term should be available in leading bookstores.

Anybody can write for the magazine - you don't have to be interested in journalism to have an opinion about students!

You can obtain more information at the Saspu Head Office, telephone (011) 716-5039. Alternatively you can go to your nearest Saspu affiliate (for example, **RHODEO**).

If you have ever complained about student publications not delivering the goods, here is your opportunity to show them how it's done.

in mind that the library has a copy of all network books which are accessible most of the day (the library times: Weekdays: 8:30am - 5:30pm; 7:30am - 10:30pm / Saturdays:

some books are never opened

8:45am - 12:30pm; 2pm - 5:30pm; 7:30pm - 10pm).

So unless you think you really are going to need the whole book (eg English novels), take it easy on giving out your money

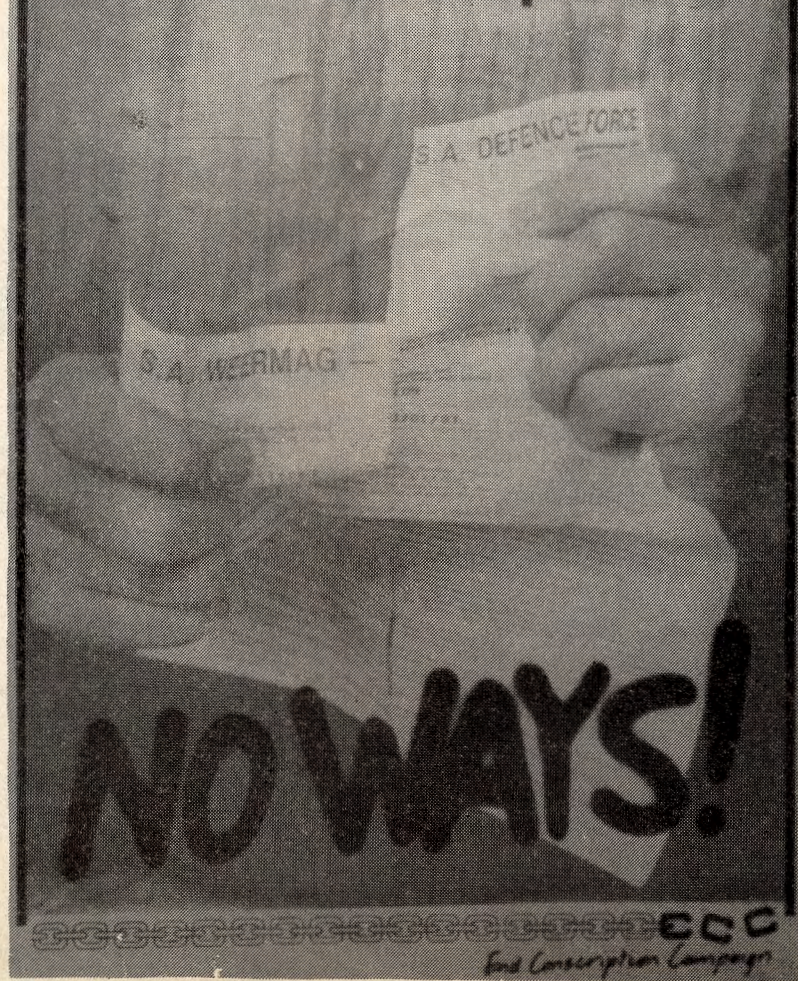
because "the booklist says I need this book."

Perhaps at the end of this year you will have developed strategies how to get through a whole academic year without buying one single book.

Perhaps cows will play ping-pong.

- The Rhodes second-hand bookshop can be found in Kaif in the Union buildings. It stocks some network books required for courses.

"Report for this call-up?"



The ECC calls on conscripts to say no.

## No more call-up?

**THE SADF** issued three veiled threats to the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) after the organisation embarked on its military non-cooperation campaign at the end of last year.

This was stated in press releases issued by the SADF's Chief of Staff, General Steyn, and the Minister of Defence, Gene Louw.

The non-cooperation campaign at Rhodes saw several students liable for conscription burning their call-up papers at the end of last year, in a symbolic call for the immediate disposal of conscription.

Rhodes ECC executive member and SRC Conscription Councillor, Nick Lydall, said the threats stated the ECC may be making themselves liable for prosecution.

"At present, however, the ECC knows of only one person who is being prosecuted for refusing to serve. His case has been postponed," Nick said.

This year the SADF claimed 16 percent more conscripts than was required had reported for the January military call-up.

The ECC, however, estimated that only 30 percent of

people due for call up had reported. Furthermore, the SADF's requirements "could be 1000 out of the 30 000 people that are called up annually," Nick said.

The ECC does not have reliable information on numbers because disclosure of any SADF information to anybody outside of the military on any military issue (including numbers) entails breaking the Internal Security Act.

The ECC figure is based on information obtained from various SADF camps around the country, Nick said.

"We will continue to exist as the ECC as long as there is conscription of white males only into the SADF," he said.

The ECC will continue its non-cooperation campaign this year and it will also debate its future as a military watchdog of a future defence force.

"The watchdog would be a body to keep tabs on the military so that, for instance, they would be less likely to stage a military coup. It is important that any defence force knows it is being watched," he said.

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**Z** Zebeginning.

**Y** ?, why. One of the questions you'll be expected to answer in Monday morning tutorials (see 'T') just when you've discovered that your brain has taken a stroll back to bed.

**X** X-aminations. Dreaded ritual during which hundreds of students congregate in large rooms, sit down at desks, twiddle thumbs, wipe sweat off foreheads, stare blankly and then write indecipherable text for the following three hours. The purpose of the ritual is to prove to your lecturers that you are qualified to come back the following year and do the same thing.

**W** World, the. Reputedly very big, bad and ugly. Known to be Out There ... somewhere.

**V** Vic, the. Short for 'Victoria Hotel'. Notorious den of late-night technotronic, alcoholic, pool-playing, "Omigod, what did I do last night and who the hell are you?", chain-smoking, broken-beer-bottle-floor revelry, situated at the bottom of New Street.

**U** Undergraduate, an. Member of the oppressed class of downtrodden masses who are forced to scribble out English essays, attend Chemistry pracs, hand in Accountancy tutorials, beg for DP certificates, oversleep lectures, park off in Kaif (see 'K'), attend digs parties, watch M-Net in residence common rooms and have a beer at the ...

**Union.** The most alcoholic airport lounge in the universe. The place to go for a sundowner or two. (Members only).

**T** Tuts. Short for tutorials. Useful phenomena during which life, the universe and everything else is painstakingly explained to you by your tutor. Alternatively the place where you fall asleep after spending the whole of the previous night worrying about whether or not you'll be able to finish the work that you're expected to do before you can participate properly in the tutorial. Miss them at peril.

**Tea.** For when you don't have coffee.

**S** Safe Sex. If you do it, have it.

**R** Revolution, the. Experience it live at a picket, march to the administration, SASCO meeting, or informal toyi-toyi

do with Rhodes University. Actually Quite a difficult letter, really.

**P** Postgraduate, a. Member of the other oppressed class of downtrodden students. Considered hierarchically superior to undergraduates. Usually very cool people.

much practical implementation in the hallowed halls of Rhodes University, or anywhere else for that matter.

**M** Mot, the. Short for 'Motel'. Pleasant environment for a sundowner but you'll need a car as it is situated on the other side of the ...

be seen playing pool and video games. Also useful for the purchase of cigarettes, cooldrink and even the odd meal. Many an hour has been wasted in this veritable temple to uncomfortable wooden benches.

**J** Jungle, the urban. Dangerous place (see 'W').

**I** Igloo's. There aren't any here. But we do have Ibs (see page seven).

**H** Henderson, Derek. Our own special vice.

**G** Graham Hotel and Grand Hotel. Situated at either end of High Street. Useful places to go to for a drink or ten.

**F** Festival, the. The annual metamorphosis of Grahamstown. During June and July every year we, with the help of a few billion tourists, transform ourselves from a backwater Eastern Cape dorp into the cultural capital of the country. Very cold and wet. Large sums of money can be either acquired or spent during this frantic search for enlightenment.

**E** Education. Get one while stocks last.

**D** Dope, dagga and drugs. Illegal substances preferred by some of the more relaxed Rhodes students. Just say maybe.

**C** Cathcart and Crillion. More places for you to spend your (or your parents') hard-earned cash.

**B** Boaters. (Also known as the 'Albert'). Grahamstown is full of these Boozy places. One of the nicer ones for an enjoyable evening. Can also play stuff like Backgammon. Situated behind the Vic (see 'V').

**Bioplus.** Besides alcohol, the second most wanted Beverage in G-town (see 'X' and 'T').

**Bold and the Beautiful, the.** Where you will find anyone you need between 5.30 and 6pm.

**A** All, th..th..th..that's all, folks!

# G'town: Z to A

*Ever felt like a penguin in the middle of the Sahara? Despite its obvious lack of metropolitan status, Grahamstown can be somewhat bewildering for new students. To counteract such disorientation, RHODEO has compiled the definitive guide to your new environment in an (almost) alphabetical order.*



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near you. Impress your parents, dazzle your lecturers and reassure your friends by learning how to sing *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*. The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for budding progressives.

**Q** Q. Where James Bond gets his gadgets from. Also Quebec, Quincy Jones, quagmires, W.V. Quine, quarks, quacks, Qatar and quantity surveyors; none of which have anything to

**O** Oppies. That intrepid bunch of students who have braved the badlands of the Grahamstown accommodation desert in search of the perfect digs. These frequently penniless nomads are not known for their inhibitions or aversion to cigarettes, music and cheap wine.

**N** New South Africa, the. An elusive concept, yet to gain

**Monument.** Big slab of concrete overlooking Grahamstown. Invaded by Capetonians and Sandton's elite during the Festival (see 'F').

**Manhood.** Take away the man and you should be left with the hood (see 'S').

**L** Lectures. The epitome of intellectual stimulation.

**K** Kaif. Student cafeteria in the Student Union. The place to

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# Peace, the blue planet and the SRC

*Students' Representative Council President Ibrahim Seedat takes the opportunity to welcome you and let you know what plans are afoot for this year's SRC.*

If you are new to Rhodes or even if you are a returning student, then you don't need to be told that 1993 will be an exciting and challenging year for you personally. Your year at Rhodes will definitely be full of new experiences as you begin to master a new environment and develop new relationships as well as learn new things.

However, 1993 will also see watershed events occurring nationally and maybe even internationally, that will in some small way affect our seemingly insular lives on campus.

This year will hopefully see the birth of democracy in our country as we all begin to scrap it out at the ballot box.

Yes, elections are bound to affect our lives in more ways than we presently understand. South Africa will be able to take its place in the community of nations and we will begin to address the mammoth problems that affect us.

This is where the SRC comes in. In line with the new participatory psyche that will develop in South Africans as they become empowered with meaningful votes, the SRC plans to actively represent students in the important facets of their campus lives be it residential, academic, administrative, entertainment or socio-political and environmental issues.

We plan to host several activities ranging from entertain-

ment to current affairs, all with the aim of bringing students together to relax and unwind in the cultural, social and intellectual plethora that a campus like Rhodes should be.

The SRC consists of 16 representatives who are elected annually in August. We also have numerous faculty committees, societies and sub-committees under our wing and all students are welcome to participate in these as members. If you are curious, concerned, outraged or just plain lost do not hesitate to contact us at our offices in the

Student Union, night or day.

Finally, this year's SRC also plans to promote a peace and human rights culture on campus. The Unesco constitution states that "since wars begin in the minds of humans, it is in the minds of humans that the defences of peace must be constructed."

So here's to making 1993 a year for Peace and Human Rights on campus and throughout the blue planet.

## Partying with a difference

*SRC Entertainment Rep Steve Paterson takes you through the paces of jorling in G-town*

United Campus Jorling? Of course yes. It has already happened. The first 'Rhythms of Rhodes' Party organised by the SRC at the Rhodes Union was an historic occasion which united all students on campus.

Those of you who are new and do not know what United Campus Jorling is will soon find out. It is the way of the future. It's progressive, exciting and new.

Most South Africans especially students all come from different backgrounds. There is, at Rhodes a large cultural diversity. Until recently bringing all people together for entertainment purposes has not happened. However, last year's Rhythms of Rhodes party showed us that united campus partying can hap-

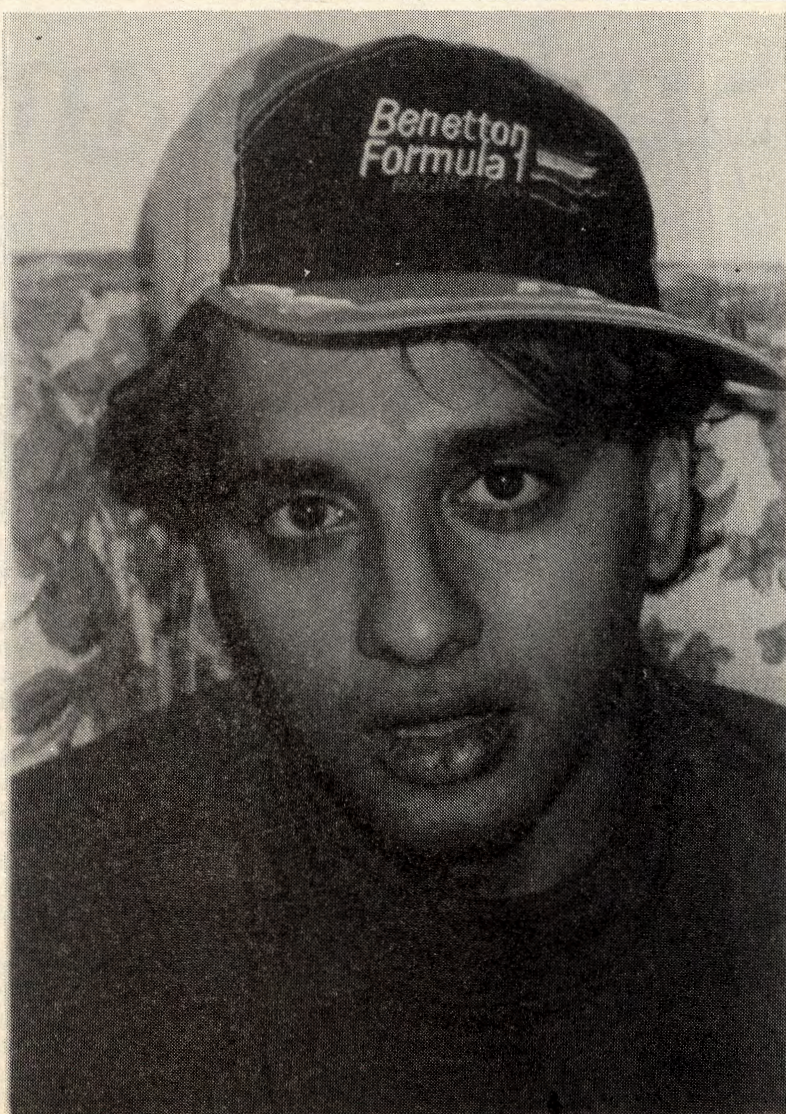
pen. All different folks having a good time under one roof.

The SRC intends to lay the platform for this type of entertainment and each individual must make the required effort, which is hardly anything. Basically just come to our parties and you are guaranteed a good time.

Watch out for our Union Party on Wednesday Feb 3, the Sound and Light Party on Saturday, Feb 6 and the Lion Lager Roadshow concert on Friday, Feb 19 which is co-hosted by the SRC, Rag and RMR.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas and suggestions on campus entertainment.

Remember: If you think there's only one way to party - then you're boring.



SRC President, Ibrahim Seedat. Raring to go.

## Diary of events - first term

### February

Wed 3 to Thur 11	Library Week
Wed 3	Orientation Week starts
	Walking tours
	17h00 Vice Chancellor and SRC President's addresses (Great Hall)
	18h30 Hall cheese and wines
Thurs 4	19h30 Major General Bantu Holomisa <b>Towards a Unified SA</b> (Arts Major lecture theatre)
Fri 5	19h30 Play (Drama Department)
	21 h00 Videos (Arts Major lecture theatre)
	Lunch
	13h45 Albie Sachs <b>Fruits of the Struggle: Bitter or Sweet</b> (Kaif Lawns)
Sat 6	09h00 <i>Tour of Campus</i> Fun Run. Starts on Kaif Lawns
	Craft Market (Kaif Lawns)
	Lunch on Kaif Lawns for first years
	19h00 <i>Sound and Light</i> party - free beer for first 100. R5 entry charge
Mon 8	Registration - first years
Tues 9	Registration - second years
Wed 10	Registration - third & fourth years, Honours, Masters, etc
Thurs 11	First lectures
Thur 18	19h00 Societies evening (Great Hall)
Fri 19	18h00 Concert (Kaif Lawns) - <b>Lion Lager Road Show</b> . Featuring <i>Dr Victor and the Rasta Rebels, Ella Mental, Lost Men and Tananas</i> . Hosted by SRC, Rag and RMR - R12 per ticket

### March

Fri 19 to Sun 21	Campus Leadership Weekend
	<i>Jail-House Jazz</i> Concert (Old Gaol) - Albany Museum fundraiser. Featuring <i>PE Jazz Pioneers</i>

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# Small change please

NO matter how tempted you are to ease your conscience when you hear the words "small change please", stop before giving money and think of the consequences.

"Giving to people is not good," said Rosemarie Smith of Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association's (Gadra's) Advice and Development department. "It is not good for the recipient, nor for the giver. The problem still does not go away," she said.

Nbongile Kumani, who runs a literacy project for the South African Council for Higher Education (Sached), also urges students not to give money directly to street children.

They should instead donate clothes or money to Sached or Gadra, who are trying to get the children off the streets and into schools.

"Once students start giving money to the children, they get the confidence that every day they can go to the same place and get money," Kumani said.

This interferes with Kumani's job in trying to convince the children to join their literacy project.

"Sometimes during a class, like between 8:30am and 9am the children will go rushing out because they have to go and meet a student who has promised clothing, shoes or money," she said.

Smith cites other examples where students have interfered with street children's lives. "Students are really bad at that - taking the kids in and then when they begin to steal, they throw them out again."

## unbearable home environment

The project also aims to help the neglected children by trying to get them back into their families, which they do with the help of a health inspector.

It is a myth that all street children are orphans; during Gadra's workings with the street children, they found that only one of the children was without any living relative.

But the home environment for most of these children is unbearable, with poverty, alcoholism or abusive parents indirectly forcing the children out of their "homes".

"Life on the streets becomes exciting compared to the home circumstances," Smith said.

It is not easy dealing with these children, who are streetwise, sniff glue and abuse alcohol. "They need special care and attention," she said.

"Some students use the children to get dagga for them in the townships. So the children learn about dagga," Kumani said.

Kumani and an assistant for Sached, Mncedisi Pepiwe, spent three months last year trying to research street children's lives and encourage them to attend the Sached Student Literacy Project.

"But it was very difficult. They did not want to learn, they were scared the teachers would beat them and they said they didn't even have uniforms," she said.

## students use the children to get dagga

"We said to them: 'You can have clean clothes and we'll keep you busy.'"

Some children did join the Project and by the end of last year Sached was able to place 20 children from Grahamstown in formal schooling.

All street children can join the classes that start around 8:30am and end at 5pm.

There are two classes and for both, children must be under 16 years of age. One class is for completely illiterate children who can hardly speak English, and the other is for children who can already read and write English.

Subjects include simple English (for complete illiterates), Geography for those who can read and write, Art, Xhosa, Poetry, History, Puppetry and Drumming.

## 'life on the streets becomes exciting'

This becomes evident as Kumani describes how she struggles along: "Some kids carry knives and come totally drunk to class."

A little money is not going to make the plight of the street children go away. That is why Kumani and Smith are adamant when they ask students not to give any money. They point out organisations like the Rhodes University Students Community Organisation (Rusco) which helps Sached teach and keep the children busy.

If people do want to help financially, donations to Gadra or Sached specifically for street children are most welcome and you can be assured the money will be put to good use.

If you want to contact either organisation, the numbers to call are Sached - Tel: 26415 or Gadra - Tel: 23044.

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# The year to be and...

**February** On Valentine's Day, Cupid announces that he's HIV positive - which just goes to show you can't shoot indiscriminately.

SRC President, Ibrahim Seedat, gets repatriated to his home country Little Rock, Arkansas, after pelting the Dean of Arts with rotten tomatoes. He becomes Chief Spy for the CIA in the Ku Klux Klan. After revealing a particularly nasty mission of the KKK, he is rewarded with a trip to the Swiss Alps.

**March** Students march for the return of popular ex-SRC President, Ibs Seedat. All three of them are arrested.

Prince Charles comes to town on a mission to convince RHODEO to print "the true story". RHODEO, which has been overthrown by radicals from a strange and mysterious religious sect, pays Charlie R1 million for the scoop. They have stolen the money from a secret fund set up by the University Council to build a Scandinavian Goose Sanctuary in Admin's quad.

SRC Conscription Councillor, Nick Lydall, becomes Chief of Military Operations of the newly-proclaimed People's Republic of Grahamstown and promptly invades the enemy-occupied Union buildings of Pretoria, after evacuating family and friends from the region.

**April** Students running to watch the Admin buildings burning down on April Fool's Day are met by a demented fiddle-playing Vice-Chancellor. The joke's on him as militia from the new People's Republic arrest him for impersonating an emperor.

**May** Rhodes receives a postcard from repatriated ex-SRC President, Ibs Seedat. He promises that his ten overdue essays will be done by the time he returns. Everyone has a good laugh.

Meanwhile, Dean of Students Dr Moosa Motara is missing the academic life after getting involved with "the wrong crowd". In true revolutionary style, he decides to return to the days of being a student, only to discover that being a student in the nineties is not quite the same as before. In a bid to turn back the clock, he becomes involved in student representation and



The emperor's new fiddle - see April

stands for the vacant post of Jan Smuts Hall Rep (where he is now residing).

**June** Missing US president, Bill Clinton, resurfaces as the new saxophone player in Grahamstown band "Pete's Dog Monday". When asked by RHODEO reporters why he left the White House Clinton replies, "Hey, like, totally uncool environment, man". Bill mentions his happiness at finally being able to inhale some of the forbidden green substance for which the Eastern Cape is famed.

**July** Students returning to Rhodes after a particularly exciting People's Republic High Street Carnival start campaigning for the election of Dr Moosa Motara for SRC President. He decides this is the perfect opportunity to gain the popularity he so desperately craves.

The Botanical Gardens become the site of intensive borehole drilling after Chief Water Diviner and former Demosoc Chairperson, Stuart Pringle, sniffs out the lucrative liquid. It turns out to be a false alarm. He is sent to jail where his cellmate turns out to be the Vice-Chancellor. They while away the time by doing synchronised silly walks.

**August** Moosa walks the SRC elections - with his dog Mitzi (reputedly a present from old Notre Dame colleague and friend, George Bush). His election posters save the day: "Vote for the presidential team". The landslide victory is celebrated by fireworks which leave the Vice-Chancellor drooling.

**September** Rhodes receives another postcard from ex-SRC President, Ibs Seedat. After serving a stint as Arkansas governor and matchmaker for Russian President, Boris Yeltsin and Princess Diana, he settles down to run a shebeen (*Die Eiskalten Tootsies*) in Sjørgen, Norway, with former SRC Entertainment Councillor, Stevie P.

Describing the venture as a dialectical synthesis of contradictory cultural ideological value-systems and hegemonic methodologico-normative assumptions, he impresses the authorities of Rhodes University with his ability to manipulate jargon, so much so that he is offered the vacant position of Dean of Students.

In the absence of his business partner, Stevie P. turns, once again, to alcohol, but is subsequently jailed for performing lewd impersonations of the Copenhagen mermaid in the mens toilet at Die Eiskalten Tootsies.

**October** REVOLUTION! Vice-Principal Smout, described by the South African Communist Party mouthpiece, Umsebenzi, as the "Lenin of Rini", leads the proletarian masses of Grahamstown, galvanised by the motto "Who Needs BA Students, Anyway?", in a revolution that overthrows the provisional government of the People's Republic. Smout promptly liberates "political prisoner", Henderson from detention and emigrates with him to Cuba. "To engage in scientific research about the molecular structure of the Havana cigar", he explains.

Devoid of direction, SRC President, Motara, and Dean of Students, Seedat, decide to hold a student referendum on the future of the university. Students vote to close down the university, give everybody degrees, confer a posthumous honorary doctorate upon Angolan revolutionary, Agostino Neto, and hold a huge farewell party. The rest of the Grahamstown community, shocked by the newly-established peace and quiet, decide to follow the students out of town.

**November** A very confused and hungover student arrives for the Accounts II exam.

And what, you may say, as the year draws to a close and the sun sets behind brickies and the tumbleweed skips and rolls down High Street and the only human-shape to be seen is the ghost of Old Chief Makana roaming in and out of the ruins of the derelict 1820 Settlers Monument and the embers from the celebratory bonfires slowly, silently die, and what, you may wonder, is to become of us all, of Ibs and Dr Henderson?

What about the workers? What of Winnie-the-Pooh and Little Nell? And what, you shudder to think, is to become of that mercurial journalistic association, RHODEO? Ah, but that, as many a grandparent has said, is another story. Find out in the next edition of RHODEO.

# ...the year that has been

If you thought Scandinavian Goose Sanctuaries were an issue, what will bomb blasts, peace marches, an anti-Chester-Crocker-Receiving-An-Honorary-Degree campaign, and students burning their call-up papers do to you? RHODEO takes a look at what happened in 1992.

## Term One

A mysterious bomb explodes outside the Student Union buildings. A letter is found which is claimed to have been written by an unknown grouping called Women Against Rag (War). It says the attack was a protest against Rag's Mr and Miss Fresher competitions which were described as sexist. The bomb, however, is planted outside the Rhodes Music Radio offices, and not the Rag offices.

Rhodes service workers strike due to dissatisfaction with the university's job evaluation policies. They demand that admin upgrade all workers, that the lowest paid job level be abolished and that the difference in wages between

residence and non-residence staff be equalised. Workers are frustrated by the lack of student support, whilst students complain about the lack of food and cleaning services during the strike.

## Term Two

About 150 students clad in white participate in a candle-lit march for peace. They called for the reinstitution of peace and an end to all forms of violence.

The Rhodes Council decision to confer an honorary doctorate to ex-USA Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Chester Crocker, is opposed by angry students who resent his involvement in South Africa's war against Namibia. This is followed by marches and a picket outside the Graduation Ceremony at the Rhodes East London division.

## Term Three

Graffiti attacking the university's stand on sexual harassment was found outside the Rhodes library. The graffiti depicted stick-figures of a man lying on top of a woman with the words "Rape Zone" above it and "Admin, wake up" below.

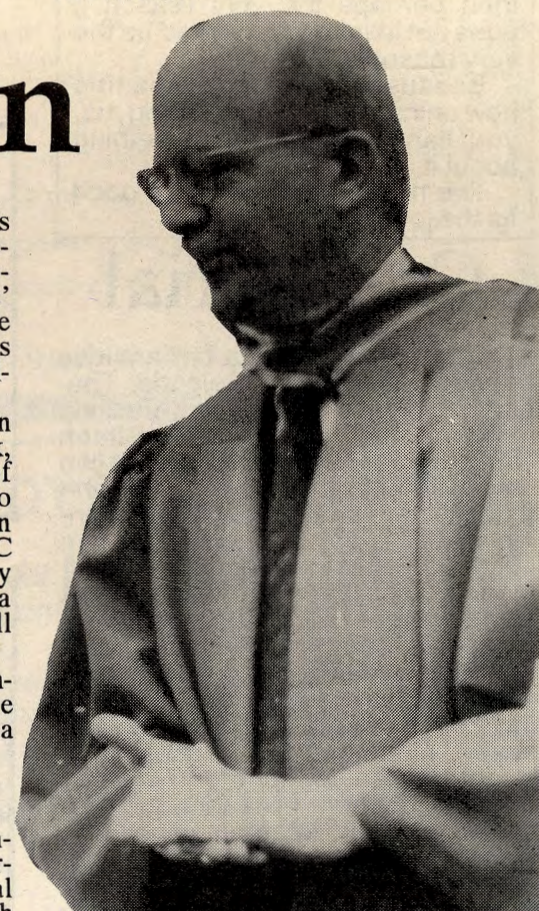
An Adult Education Programme gets off the ground and it is backed by Nehawu and the administration. The project, aimed at empowering Rhodes' service staff, marks a change from the conservative view that the university's function is only to serve selected individual students.

The SRC and Students For Human Rights host a Human Rights Week, bringing students from all spheres of the campus community together like no previous occasion has. Grahamstown sees the likes of Cheryl Carolus (ANC NEC), Jennifer Ferguson and Tony Cox. Gay rights are the subject of a heated debate after speakers from all over the country attend.

The South African Students' Congress (Sasco) symbolically renames the university after Ruth First during a week of mass action.

## Term Four

The Rhodes End Conscription Campaign (ECC) launched its non-cooperation campaign as part of a national declaration to deal a final blow to South Africa's conscription service. Students symbolised their sentiments towards the call-up by burning their call-up papers.



Chester Crocker receives an honorary doctorate from Rhodes despite protest from many sectors of the university.



# Editorial

We were going to welcome you to Rhodes, but you are probably sick of that one. So, "Hi" from the **RHODEO** clan. We hope you are going to enjoy your stay with us.

## About RHODEO

Now that we've got that out of the way, let's move on to more serious issues. (This issue is full of all sorts of issues. Get used to it.)

Let us introduce you to our principles, which are shared by most societies on campus, including the Students' Representative Council (SRC). **RHODEO** believes in non-racialism, democracy and non-sexism. This means that we do our best to encourage debate on these issues, as well as doing our damndest to combat sexism and racism when it occurs.

Like most progressive publications on SA campuses, we are affiliated to the South African Student Press Union (Saspu).

## Aid for students

In this issue you will find information about the Academic Development Programme, which is designed to help students deal with any problems they may have with their academics. While the existence of the programme is a welcome move, we feel that more needs to be done to combat the consequences of apartheid education in tertiary institutions.

We would welcome any ideas you may have about the issue, so that it does not remain as empty rhetoric. Practical ideas and implementation will go a long way towards achieving this goal.

## Fun, fun fun

We hope you enjoy our wacky and zany Z to A guide to Rhodes life, our invaluable tips on how not to be too conspicuously first year, what to do (or not...), and our guide to joining Rhodes' most welcomed (and understaffed) paper.

## Next on the agenda

In our next edition, we will follow up Rhodes' admission policies, and investigate what steps the university is taking to make itself more accessible to all students.

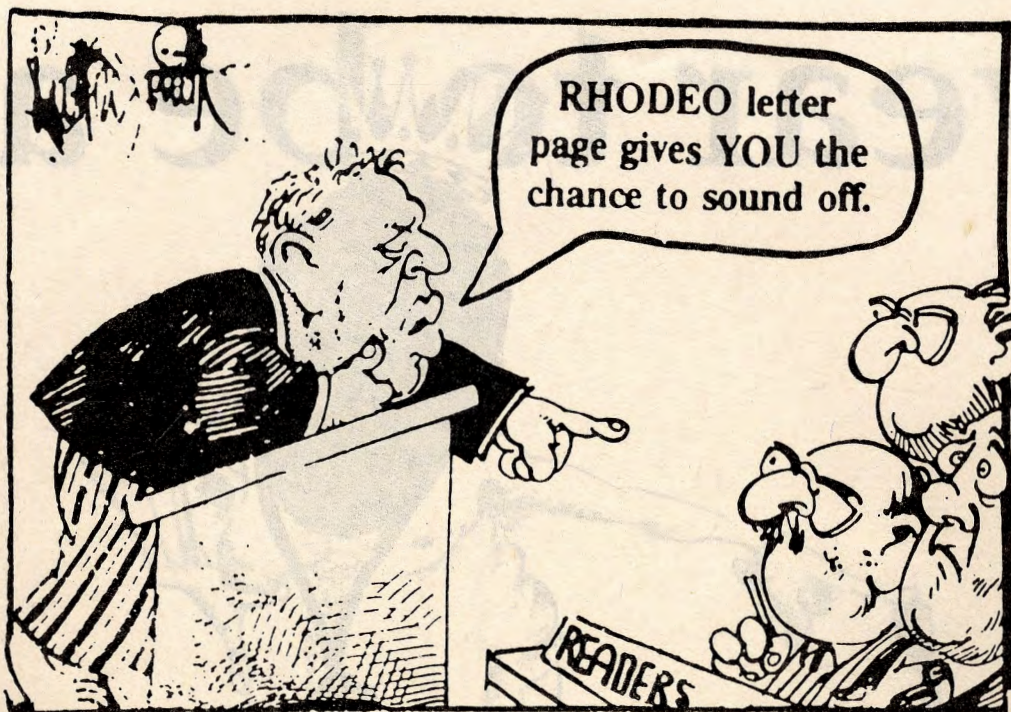
If this newspaper does not inspire you to join **RHODEO** immediately then perhaps the very reason it does not inspire you, should be the very reason you do join.

Because instead of moaning how uninspirational and boring it is, you can actually DO something about it.

The newspaper is only as good as the journalists on it.

# Creditorial

Ingrid (I've just had a brilliant idea but that's disgusting) Salgado, Thabang (Oh Shit! What's this Fucking thing doing?) Motsoasele, Simon (God, I actually start smelling after two days without a shower) May, Nerisha (I don't know what the fuck is happening in RHODEO) Baldevu, Josie (I'm only laughing at the things in my head) Menne, Ross (I'll do all the adverts but someone else will have to phone the cigarette companies) Butt-Hater Scheepers, Vusi (I'll have the story in in half an hour but we only got it 10 days later) Khoza, Mzi (our COSMO poser) Mgudlwa, Ibs (I really look brighter than my photo (Really?)) Seedat, Stephen (I like that one reggae tune, man) Paterson, Jenny (I'm going to sunbathe in my bikini while you slave away now) Roberts, Sanja (I'm glad I'm writing this creditorial so I cannot get nailed) Gohre. *That's what you think. Thanks to Sanja (This is going to be a brilliant creditorial) Gohre.*



## Voter education is vital

Dear RHODEO

1993 promises to be an exciting year with the possible first elections for an interim government of national unity. For the first time people will be going to the polls without any distinctions based on the colour of their skins.

The role that students and the student press should be playing in this exercise cannot be overemphasised. It is a painful reality that 80 percent of the South African population has never had the opportunity of casting ballots.

The enlightened peoples of South Africa should come up with comprehensive programmes of voter education. Publications such as RHODEO should play a decisive role in voter education.

Students should start debating their role in voter education. We should remember that in countries like Cuba students left schools to educate people about voting in the rural areas. Indeed, this exercise comes but once in a lifetime.

Different political parties will have their own election strategies aimed at winning votes but will, in the process, forget an overall education. We should guard against such mistakes as they have been costly in many countries.

It is zero hour for South African students!

This letter is not meant to be prescriptive or dictatorial but rather, is meant to spark off debates and discussions in our residences, bars etc.

A Voter.



To express your views, whether brickbat or bouquet's send your letters to The Editor, Rhodes, PO Box 94 or via Internal Mail, c/o SRC. Otherwise you can find our postbox upstairs in the Union Building opposite the SRC offices and if that's not easy enough, your veiws will never be heard. All letters will be printed if signed, pseudonyms accepted. We reserve the right to edit letters.

Rhodeo will not be held liable for any of the views expressed here, since they are not necessarily those of the Rhodeo staff members.

## Initiation blues

Dear RHODEO

AS another Orientation Week is now upon us the ugly spectre of initiation will be sure to emerge from its year in the closet. Many will no doubt be coerced into behaving in ways which might make them uncomfortable.

Initiation is repugnant in all aspects and it serves to alienate first years from other students as well as from each other. It also serves to illustrate differences between white and black students and entrenches separate ways of life at the beginning of a new period in their lives.

Apart from these reasons it treats people who should be treated as mature adults as children, it assumes that everyone is cloned to behave in the same way and it can also be personally degrading.

I'll try to avoid going into the gruesome details of previous orientation weeks except to say that women's reses are notoriously worse when it comes to initiation than men's reses. It is strange that this practice has been tacitly tolerated at a "liberal" institution like Rhodes for such a long time. This is reflected in admins' attitude of prohibiting it in writing but turning a blind eye to it when it happens.

Hopefully someone will take note of these grievances and put a stop to this degrading practice so that everyone at Rhodes can feel equally welcome.

A concerned student

## Separation not on

Dear RHODEO

ONE thing that has seemed strange to me during my entire stay at Rhodes University is the obvious racial divisions on our so-called liberal and forward-looking campus.

One only needs to look at couples and groups on campus and at tables in dining halls and Kaif to observe the barriers between different race groups.

One is sympathetic to the fact that years of forced divisions has entrenched differences but that does not mean that we should not put in an effort to forge closer relationships and work towards co-operation.

Perhaps the glimmer of hope comes in one on one relationships which seem to be more blind to the colour line. If people could try to build these relationships then we would all be the better for it.

Optimist

## About Camels, Bushes, Armpits and Husseins

Dear RHODEO

WARNING: To all first years and others who intend to light up and puff hazardous toxic waste in my face. I just might blow

something up yours (so to speak).

You are an absolute menace to people, plants, animals, insects, birds, reptiles (SAP and SADF included) and to the stability of paint compounds on the walls of your res room.

You will eventually fall ill with emphysema or some exciting form of cancer and overburden our already fragile healthcare budget. But hey who gives a shit about you? The effects for a passive smoker are even more dangerous and uncomfortable.

But trying to argue reasonably with YOU so-called educated enlightened future leaders of our country while my hair and clothes stink as badly as the old Markhams building in High street, is like trying to convince Saddam Hussein that George Bush does not have a personal vendetta against him.

May the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits!

Ross Scheepers

## Biased res rules must change

Dear RHODEO

RHODES has found its place in the annals of history as one of the five liberal campuses in South Africa. While this was something to be proud of in the past, the fact that a lot of universities in SA are now beginning to develop more inclusive, forward-looking admission policies means that our university has to do a lot more than pay lip service to the notion of non-discrimination.

A case in point is the lack of equality when it comes to residence rules. Male students in residence have bars and are allowed to have visitors just about anytime they wish. Generally women aren't even allowed alcohol in their rooms. This has led to some male students complaining that their residences are conducive to jorls and not much studying. Female residences, on the other hand, are kept quiet and "safe" for the women, and provide lots of opportunities for those wishing to study to do so. This implicitly means that women should be given time to pursue their academic careers, while men can just fuck around as much as they want. This is not fair to the men or women who inhabit this campus.

A common excuse for the skewed res rules is that women's reses should be kept safe, to reduce the incidences of rape on campus. If this were the case, both male and female residences would be made safer for women, since being in a guys' res does not preclude rape!

Another problem is that women in residence are expected to do all sorts of duties that the men are not expected to do. Signing in and out of the male visitors - which means a woman has to be there to oversee the process - is a prime example. Men in residence are never expected to sign anyone in or out.

During Orientation Week, women first years are expected to sign in and out of res and have a curfew imposed on them, normally before midnight. The excuse is that it is for the safety of new female students, who are straight out of school and shouldn't be allowed to run amok.

Rhodes has not given the student body adequate reason for the biased treatment of women. Saying that women who are unhappy with the rules should move into digs does not change the fact that women are treated like children who are unable to think for themselves. The excuse that most parents wish for their female children to be treated this way is just that - an excuse. When was the last time that a questionnaire was sent to students and parents to find out exactly what they thought about the above issues?

It is about time that the university lived up to its promise of non-discrimination. Discrimination, as many women know, does not stop at race or religious issues. Even on these issues the university still has problems living up to its promises.

One only hopes that our "Just do it" SRC will be making some serious inroads to address these and other important questions during their term of office.

Thabang Motsoasele



# And where to from here?

*A new year has dawned. As is typical of such times, expectations abound and there is a general feeling of optimism that at last South Africa will get it right. But is there a basis for such optimism? Mzi Mgudlwa takes a closer look.*



SOUTH Africa has been plagued by shockingly high levels of violence. If we are to eradicate it from our midst, the underlying causes need to be established. Mere academic sophistry is insufficient.

The primary question to ask is: Who benefits from the violence?

Quite clearly it is the government - opposition to the National Party, namely the liberation movement, finds itself unable to grow in real terms, vis-a-vis membership and so on. Because of the resultant destabilisation of the movement the NP is able to delay a transition to peaceful democracy and it effectively propounds its hold on power to the exclusion of the majority.

Having achieved its goals, the NP will then recall its hounds of carnage and relative peace will prevail.

All of this will be timed so as to coincide with the first election. The "peace-loving" NP will then sell its name to the South African electorate accordingly.

However, to simply lump the ongoing carnage on De Klerk would be both reductionist and counter-productive.

South Africa is in a grip of low-intensity conflict, which

means looking for tensions in the social fabric (tensions which arise due to the lack of material resources) and infesting violence into those points until such time that the violence becomes self-sustaining.

That kind of violence is characterised by decay in the social fabric, made manifest by the increasing rate of gangsterism, the taxi wars, the so-called marginalised youth, warlordism and last, but by no means least, the infiltration of ANC-inspired Self Defence Units by criminal elements.

In addition, the judicial system stands discredited, the police and

security forces enjoy neither credibility nor trust, not to mention the outright bias of certain traditional leaders towards certain warring factions.

Equally deplorable are the attacks on white South Africans by the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla). These kinds of racially-orientated attacks defy the very principles of Africanism which the PAC so proudly upholds. They accentuate racial polarisation and offer no solution to the problem. The PAC leadership's failure to come out with answers to questions often asked of its relationship to Apla is equally damaging.

The South African government's racist response to the attacks was just as deplorable. Black lives have been lost daily and the government has never been so quick to mobilise its security apparatus against the carnage. Or maybe white lives are better protected by a white minority government.

A solution needs to be found to address both political and socio-economic dimensions. But are the talks that are currently underway a step in the right direction to such an order?

Out of the constitutional negotiations that have taken place to date, the ANC and the NP have emerged as the chief actors in the main game.

Currently, bilateral discussions occupy the centre stage of the political arena. One of the dictates of democracy is that any political player should play according to mandate. Given the peculiarity of the South African game and that negotiations are not taking place in utopia, this dictate can be dispensed with for practical reasons.

The adage goes that one can

take the baboon out of the bush but not the bush out of the baboon. The dudes from Lusaka seem to be fighting a losing battle against this adage. The ANC's traditionally mass-driven approach seems to have taken some heavy stick from Nelson and Co, and the masses are now only used when a deadlock appears. Then mass action.

Bilateral discussion, however, does not intrinsically encroach on democracy. Each party has the right to talk to whomever it wishes. Only when such bilateral discussion seeks to pre-empt multilateral agreement does it become a nemesis in the otherwise smiling face of democracy.

One can only hope that a more representative multi-lateral forum is established sooner, rather than later, to effect a speedy transition to democracy. Only genuine participation by the people of South Africa can herald a new era in our country, not numerous bosberaads whose deliberations pale into insignificance at the whim of one of the actors.

For the ordinary person at Crossroads, however, the future does not augur well at all, thanks partly to the ANC's Strategic Perspectives (very perceptive indeed). The only imaginable change to that person's armoury will be an almost useless vote that will not result in a qualitative change of life. The ANC's pre-occupation, post settlement, would seem to be the maintenance of the status quo for the white red tape and the army generals.

In conclusion our best hopes for the future lie in a new order underpinned by a qualitative change. A climate conducive to free and fair elections ought to be created as a matter of urgency. The role of observer missions ought to be extended if their presence is to be of any benefit to South Africa.

The path to a constituent assembly should be paved by a quick resumption of multi-lateral talks, restructured or otherwise. Free political activity should become a reality, but not because of those tinpot dictators who form such unholy alliances with self-proclaimed racists!

This paper does not represent the views of the SRC, of which I am Vice-President.

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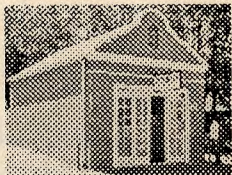
employ full-time Co-ordinators).

Rhodes University has offered Street Law courses since 1987 and in 1990 it appointed a full-time Co-ordinator to conduct the project.

This year the Co-ordinator is

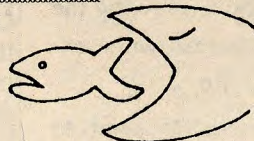
Chris Ndzengu. All students who would like to make a positive contribution to this legal educational outreach to the community should contact the Street Law Co-ordinator at 24369. The Street Law offices are situated at 41 New Street.

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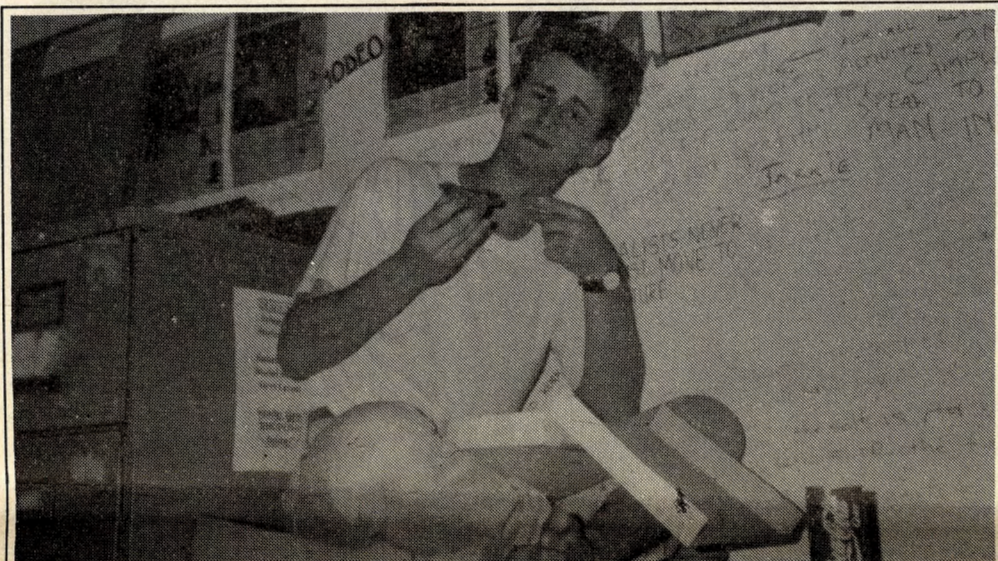
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# Hitchhikers' guide to joining RHODEO

with abject apology to Douglas Adams

- 1 Don't panic.
- 2 You are now reading **RHODEO**.
- 3 Take a deep breath. Step out to the Student Union buildings (see our beautiful rendition of campus on the back page for directions). Once there, sniff out the most progressive wing. For those with no sense of smell, go upstairs and turn right. Keep going until you hear the hum of brilliant student journalists' minds at work.  
*You will hear a tree crash to the ground outside. There is no causal relation between this incident and what is about to happen.*



"...you hear the hum of brilliant student journalists' minds at work."

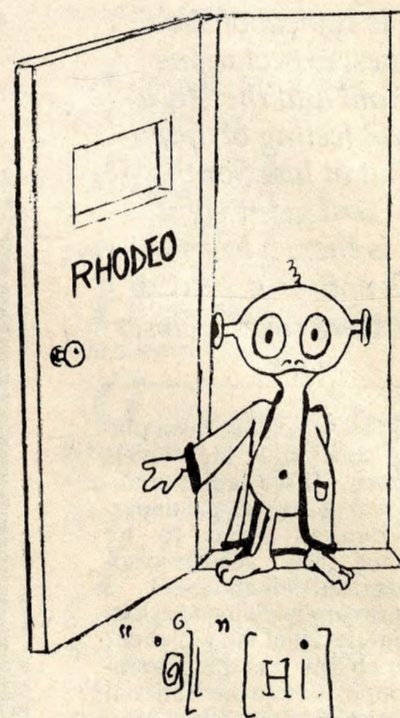
- 4 Feel in your dressing gown pocket for the fluff which you keep there for just such moments when you feel inadequate. After you've calmed down, say "Hi!" in a loud voice.
- 5 The masses inside will either jump to attention at this unwarranted interruption or, as is more likely, they will ignore you, assuming that you just came in to admire. (Another deep breath would be good, here.)  
*The room has four walls. The walls are full of unspeakable writings. There is a blackboard and a whiteboard. You rightly assume that this is a non-racial establishment.*
- 6 Someone screams, "Shit! Ventura has crashed again!" You look

around. Nobody seems to have crashed. You notice that the person in the furthest corner of the room is beginning to hyperventilate. Ignore her. This is the editor. This is perfectly normal behaviour. Restrain your impulse to call the Psychology Clinic. You will soon understand everything.  
In a corner, there is loud discussion about whether the word 'human' has sexist connotations, is a perpetuation of patriarchal society, or not. You again rightly assume that this a non-sexist joint.

- 7 Make eye contact with someone. Anyone. When you have succeeded (which might take a millenium), tell the person that you have come to join the paper.

*Absolute silence. Now you really have their attention. Someone faints. Don't panic.*

- 8 Once they get over the shock of someone actually being dumb enough to offer their lives up for this thankless task, a democratic debate will follow about what steps to take. Someone will suggest that a commission be set up. Seconded. Another will suggest buzz groups around the issue. Finally, someone is mandated to show you around. They do.



- 9 You are now a fully-fledged member of **RHODEO**. Take it in your stride. Kiss your leisure time goodbye.

- 10 Remember, your best tools are your towel, analgesic (Paino to the uninitiated - for those sleepless nights followed by dawnies and three tuts), your dressing gown (which should have become your security blanket by now - all that fluff!) and a fish in your ear. (The better to understand all that politically correct jargon, my dear.) Enjoy your trip.

## To do or not to do...

*This is your un-throw-awayable guide on how not to act like a first year. That is assuming, of course, that you do not wish to act like one.*

### Do's

- R**un to first year registration without being seen.
- D**iscard those shoes, bro!
- A**ct cool when you mistakenly enter an English Honours session.
- U**se words like "arb", "dube", etc.
- G**et used to late, late nights.
- U**se Nu-Hair to make that hair grow, dude.

- G**et used to that cheap, cheap alcohol if you drink
- M**emorise **RHODEO**'s map of Rhodes (or is that Ruth First? And if you don't know who she is you'd better find out - and quickly!).

Join **RHODEO**.

### Dont's

- A**sk every other person you meet what their matric results were.
- S**tand to attention when your lecturers walk by.
- P**ut up with ANY initiation you find degrading. Ever.

- W**alk ahead of your parents during Orientation Week - it's soooo obvious.

- H**ave a crisis about what subjects to take - and tell everybody about it.

- W**alk onto campus with ten OK packets in hand (especially if there's a boycott).

- F**ollow your res Senior Student into Boaters (see the Z to A guide) when s/he is showing the whole res Grahamstown's excuse for a night life.

- T**ake 100 photos to send to your buddies back home.

- R**ev your car (if you're lucky enough to have one) at the Stop street to show off to your new friends in the back.

**Step 1**  
Grahamstown is SMALL. So combat your homesickness for the Big City by taking very small steps - everything will then seem that much further away.

**Step 2**  
Don't go to every place in G-Town within your first week here. Ration out its sights. You see, once you've done G-Town, YOU'VE DONE IT.

**Step 3**  
Get used to the temperature extremes by buying a convertible umbrella that changes into a swimming costume. Boiling heat, freezing cold, drought and pouring rain are not rare - in the same day.

**Step 4**  
Get a therapist - anyone who's anyone has one. It will make

you feel like you're in Hollywood.

**Step 5**  
Join a society, eg **RHODEO**. This should make you so busy that you'll never have the time to worry about what you're

doing with your life, let alone your academics: "Hell what are my parents/bu

## Ten easy steps to survive Gtown

rsors/myselfs paying for"- syndrome...it will destroy your mind.

**Steps 6 - 10**  
The writers of this article realised that no one actually survives Grahamstown - it is a mind altering experience. But take heart - others have managed to live here for the duration of a B-degree, Honours, Masters, lectureship etc..

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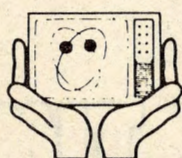
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## Jazz in the Gaol

THE Old Gaol will be transformed into a jazz fundi's haven on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 March when *The PE Jazz Pioneers* will be bringing you "Jail-House Jazz".

The band, which is currently bringing in the crowds at the T Swing Cafe in Port Elizabeth on Sundays, will be bringing jazz to Grahamstown, playing a large variety to satisfy all tastes.

### veteran jazz drummer

The six piece band boasts some of the most experienced jazz musicians in the Eastern Cape, whose members vary from Richard Hatana, a veteran jazz drummer involved in entertainment since 1953, and Pumzile Dyeyi, the bass guitarist who is a third year Bachelor of Commerce student at Vista. Dudley (tenor sax) and Patrick Tito (piano), Waytie Kuluman (alto sax), Luc Heynderickz (tenor sax), Christopher Hatana (alternating on drums) and impressive vocalist Shirley Lebakeng make up the rest of the band.

Lebakeng became involved in entertainment when she joined the *Black Slaves*, a well-known

pop group of the seventies, and has been with other bands until finding the *PE Jazz Pioneers*.

The Jazz Concert promises to be quite an experience as the Old Gaol has never been used as a

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music venue before. The authentic feel of the Gaol will give the music that extra touch when Lebakeng pelts out "Summertime - and the living ain't easy".

Beer, wine and cider will be selling for R2,50 and the band will play from "Eight 'till late" depending on the feel of the crowd.

### proceeds to Albany Museum

Proceeds will go to the Albany Museum who are trying to raise funds as they receive very little from the government.

For all those wishing to go, the Old Gaol is not the Old Provost, but is situated opposite the Albany Museum in Somerset Street.

## Campus sport ready to unite

NINETEEN ninety-three is set to end the formal separation of sport on campus. For several years, Rhodes has had two sporting bodies: South African Universities (SAU) and the South African Tertiary Institutes Sports Union (Satisu), which was organised along non-racial lines.

Unity between SAU and Satisu represents a commitment to non-racialism, non-sexism and democracy.

Satisu and SAU have had differing modes of operation in the past; the kinds of structures they were was largely informed by the objectives they sought to achieve.

SAU was a loose federation of clubs. Its preoccupation was playing sport, irrespective of social conditions imposed by apartheid.

Satisu was committed to sporting excellence but also sought to challenge the effects of apartheid on sport. It believed that sport could be a catalyst of social change. Its structure was therefore unitary as its objectives could not be achieved by fragmented entities.

These contrasting traditions had to be merged for a new body to be created at Rhodes. This was by no means an easy task.

Up until 1990, Satisu operated in a void, due to the banning of opposition organisations in South Africa. It took on an overtly political approach due to this void and became one of the few mouthpieces for social change.

The unbanning of political organisations in 1990 meant a change of approach by Satisu and a concentration on sporting matters.

SAU and Satisu united with a sizeable measure of autonomy being granted to them. This meant the clubs themselves had to take responsibility for furthering agreements reached at unity. Sports development programmes form a cardinal feature of such agreements - clubs should take sport to

underprivileged areas and develop the sporting potential of communities.

Each club will have two representatives to a supreme sports council which will then elect a ten person executive committee from amongst its members. The committee, together with the contribution of the sports admin team, would be responsible for the smooth running of Rhodes sport.

Six students must comprise the executive committee, in accordance with the notion of student control over student affairs.

Various sub-committees will be appointed and these include development, tournament, finance and disciplinary committees.

A period of normalisation has been agreed upon by the two bodies. For the first year of unity, there will be no formal elections for the six executive positions mandatorily held by students. SAU and Satisu will each submit three people to the committee.

These six members will not be representing sectoral interests - it is incumbent on both SAU and Satisu to take joint management of the unity process.

At a national level, an Interim Committee has been established consisting of Satisu, SAU, SA Technikons and SA Colleges, with a view to ultimate unification early this year. From this structure, regional structures will emerge.

Unity is a process and its success depends on the commitment and dedication of those involved, not on the paper on which it was written. The distinctions between former SAU and Satisu need to be overcome.

However, unity will be well served by the fact that even in times of adversity, the relationship between SAU and Satisu was never characterised by acrimony.

## Rhodes concert set to attract big-time musicians

SOME of the biggest names in South African music are set to rock Grahamstown when the Lion Lager Roadshow makes its first stop ever in the area on February 19.

The outdoor concert, the result of months of behind-the-scenes planning by the SRC, Rhodes Music Radio and Rag, will feature Dr Victor and the Rasta Rebels as the main act. It includes the acoustic guitar trio Tananas, the recently returned Ella Mental and local band, The Lost Men.

Radio 5's Barney Simon will be holding the show together as compere for the evening.

The Rasta Rebels have become famous for hits such as "Give Me Hope Joanna" and other Eddy Grant cover versions. They recently performed as the opening act for part of Paul Simon's South African tour.

Tananas have carved a niche for themselves in both local and international markets and have played to sell-out houses during the Standard Bank National Arts Festival. Their debut album was voted Album of the Year by Radio 5 in 1985.

Ella Mental, making a comeback on the music scene, promise to be a bigger and more powerful force in South African music after their sound and stage act



Tananas, which played to sell-out houses during the Festival, is returning to Grahamstown.

have been refined overseas.

Making their debut big-time performance will be Grahamstown band The Lost Men. The band have built up a following locally with their refreshing sound and quiet yet solid stage act. They also performed during the Festival to much acclaim and

good reviews. The organisers expect a good turnout for the show which starts at 6pm on Kaif Lawns. Tickets are available from Rhodes Rag, SRC and Rhodes Music Radio at R12 each. Limited tickets will be on sale at the gate. A beer tent will be offering drinks at low prices.

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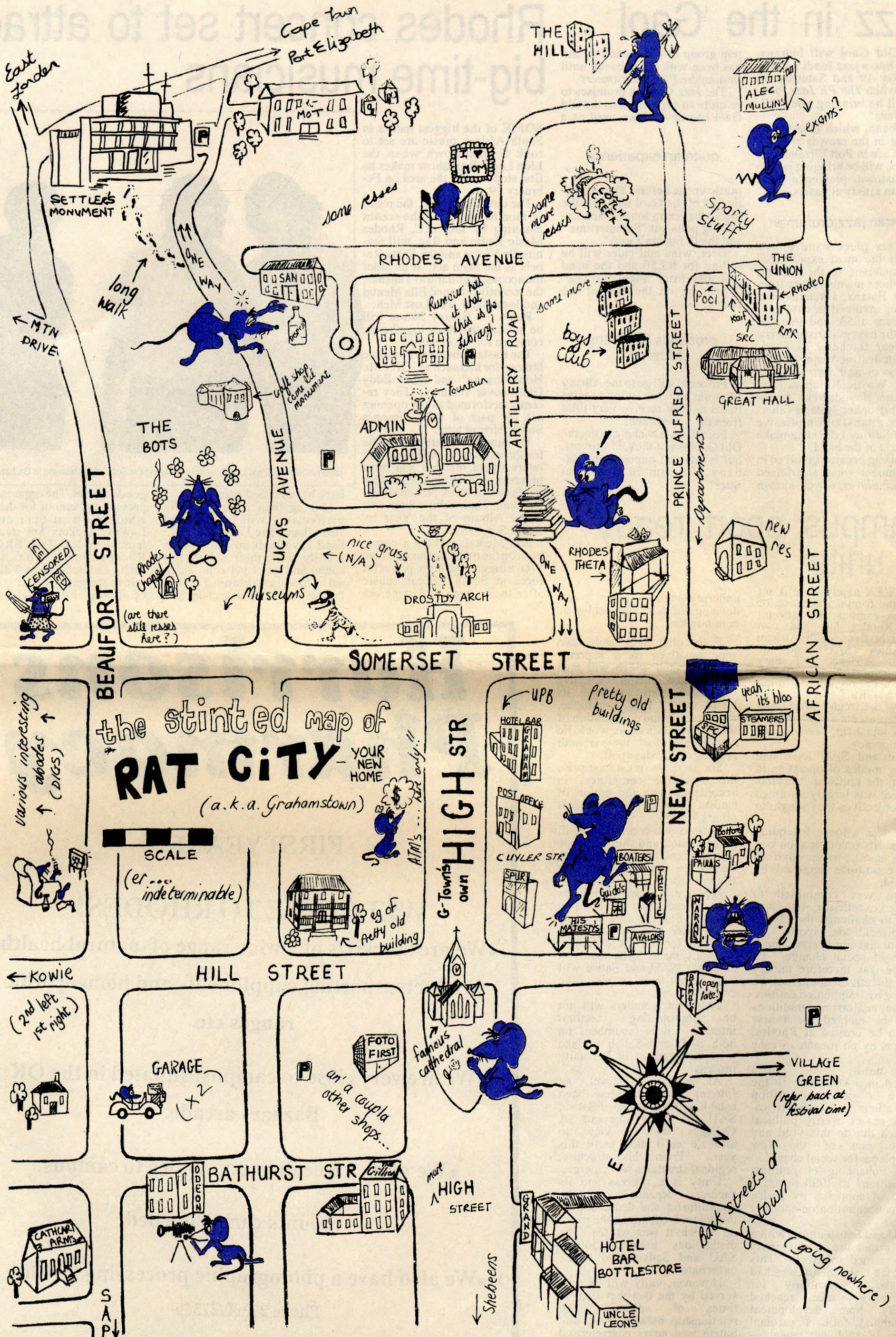
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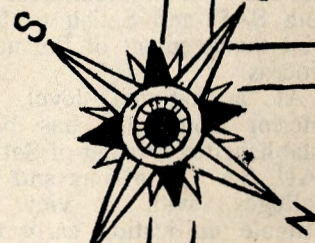
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(refer back at festival time)

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