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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, DR D S HENDERSON

Rhodes Rag, with the ever-present Rhodent emblem, has been a part of the life of the University and of the City of Grahamstown for many years and Rag activities have raised many thousands of Rands for the needy in Grahamstown and surrounding areas over the decades since Rag began.

Many long-held ideas and assumptions are having to be re-thought in the light of events in southern Africa, and it is significant that the 1987 Rhodes Rag Committee have decided to replace the float procession with a carnival. Although many Old Rhodians have fond memories of float-building night and the procession on the following day, the Rag Committee have taken a courageous decision and deserve the support of both students and townspeople for the activities they plan.

Rag has a very serious goal, although the means by which that goal is reached is the provision of frivolity. I hope that you will enjoy Rag to the full this year, with the assurance that the money you give to Rag funds will be used to good purpose by the organizations to which it will be channelled.

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