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“NO” TO SUSPENDED STUDENT

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“Leader Reporter

Only two of the five students who were suspended by the authorities of the University College, Salisbury Island, last June have been re-admitted to the college this year. One student, Mr. K. Reddy, applied for re-admission and was refused. He was shocked a few weeks ago when he received a letter informing him that the College Council could not approve his request for re-admission as a student for the 1968 academic year. No reasons were given.

Mr. Reddy, who worked as a clerk in a computing firm in Johannesburg during the period of his suspension, now plans to work in Durban and to continue his degree through correspondence. The other two students have not, as yet, applied for re-admission, and also plan to continue their degrees through correspondence while working. One of them was a 2nd year B.Sc. student at college and will now have to start from scratch with an Arts degree.

Meanwhile, many parents are shocked at the “discrimination” used in re-admitting the five students, as all of them were suspended for the breach of the same regulation.

All five students were members of the cast of the controversial revue, “Black on White”, which drew capacity houses all over Natal during its successful run last year. The revue originally also starred a number of speech and drama students from the college. They subsequently withdrew from the cast because university regulations forbade them from taking any part in any “outside production”.

DRINKING INCIDENT

The suspension of the five students, which followed a drinking incident on the campus on June 12 last year, shocked many students and parents all over Durban. The five suspended students held top positions in most of the clubs and societies on the campus and were responsible for many of the activities on the “Island”.

Very little information of the suspension reached local papers last year as the five students were very clearly warned on suspension by the Rector of the College, Prof. S. P. Olivier, that any mention of the incident or suspension in local newspapers would only jeopardize their chances of being re-admitted the following year.

The suspension followed a party the five students were having on the campus, to celebrate the birthday of a friend. Liquor was being consumed at the party and one of the students became unruly. The police were called and the student was hustled off to the police station, where he was questioned and later released.

REGULATION

University regulation forbid the consumption of liquor on the campus. Rule c.12 of the college regulation for students reads: “No student may be under the influence of, in possession of, consume or supply alcoholic liquor in the precincts of the University College”.

Two of the five students appeared before the Senate of the university after the incident last year and were questioned. Two days later, they were told that they and three others were suspended for the rest of the year, from the college.

The six months suspension that was imposed on the students is the most severe so far for such an offence. Referring to the incident of June 12 last year, the Rector of the College, in his letter to the students after their suspension said that the ‘Council felt that such overt signs of its appearance on the campus must be nipped in the bud’.

Incidents of a similar nature have occurred on the campus in past and have resulted in fines being imposed on the guilty students.

The parents of the suspended students made representations to the Rector of the College after the decision of the Council, but were unsuccessful.

Syndicate behind racket in Cinema tickets

By "Leader" Reporter

"The black marketeering in tickets outside some of Durban's top non-White cinemas was being run by a large syndicate. Those who actually sold tickets outside the cinemas were only the employees of the head of the syndicate, and worked on a commission basis."

This was said in a Durban Magistrate's Court this week when D. Chetty, a young Indian male, was charged with robbery.

Mr. Chetty continued: "At some cinema houses, even the official ticket sellers in the ticket box-office were involved in the racket, which brought in huge profits for the syndicate. At times, tickets worth 20 cents were sold for as much as between 50 to 60 cents each.

Chetty was charged with stealing 50 cents each from two youngsters. He was found not guilty and discharged.

The boys alleged that as they were coming home from work on the afternoon of February 3 this year, Chetty caught hold of both of them from behind and demanded money of them. When they refused, he threatened to stab them. Fearing that he would carry out his threat,

they gave him 50 cents each, but ran off immediately to phone the police.

Chetty denied their story, which he said, the youngsters had made up to get him into trouble. He said that he had gone to the cinema that afternoon but all the tickets were in the hands of the racketeers. Both the complainants, he alleged, also worked as black marketers.

He approached the two lads who demanded too much for two 12 cents tickets. When he offered them 30 cents, one of them flung the money onto the pavement and walked off. He kept the tickets.

Later he saw the police arrive to arrest him. Regarding the knife that was found in his possession, Chetty claimed that he had used it earlier on to peel an orange.



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Soccer star dies from brain haemorrhage

“Leader” Reporter

The death occurred in Durban after a short illness of Mr. Sunny Blunden, a former player manager of the Southern Natal “Grand Challenge” side Young Aces. Blunden died of a brain haemorrhage at the King Edward Hospital early on Saturday morning.

He was admitted to hospital about four months ago after complaining of a continuous headache. He persuaded the hospital staff to allow him to return home two weeks ago so that he could join other members of the family in celebrating Bakri-Eid, the Muslim festival of sacrifice.

When he returned to hospital after the celebrations, his condition gradually deteriorated. He took a turn for the worse on Saturday morning and lapsed into unconsciousness. A day earlier he underwent a brain operation.

Blunden successfully managed the Aces side last season. The team had the unique distinction of winning nearly all the major competitions last year and the previous year.

Besides being a manager and vice-president of the club, Blunden was one of its early founders and also played soccer for the side. Two years ago he managed the senior Durban and District eleven in the inter-district competitions.



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NIGHT LIFE



Miss Ramola Naidoo receives a prize from Mr. R. K. Naidoo, the rep, of Henry Tayler and Ries, at the Mainstay Night held at the Royal, Umzinto



They're having themselves a ball at the Island every Saturday, especially the younger set.



Belly dancer, Shirley Carolissen, seen letting herself go at the Paradise last Saturday evening.



These two pretty teenagers, June January and Olga Peterson, will be making their singing debut at the Himalaya on March 23 at the Dominoes Club dance. So start queueing song bird lovers.



The new ballroom of the Royal Hotel, Umzinto, was opened last Saturday when the Mainstay Night was also held. And although the band (Latin Kings) was late patrons had an enjoyable time. Photographed on the occasion were Mr. R. K. Naidoo, Dr. K. Goonam, and Mr. and Mrs. Samson Chinna, directors of the hotel

NIGHT LIFE



The "Miss Mini" contest at the Bon Chance every Saturday has become quite a favourite with youngsters. Last week's winner was Miss Daphne Varda.



The Paradise was all a-go-go last week when popular Salisbury dancer Angela Bishop performed her Go Go dance before an enthusiastic crowd. Also on the same bill was sexy voodoo dancer, Riana.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Set in the 1910s, the story opens with a montage of European Grand Prix races in which during one, a particular car that appears to win every race, swerves to avoid a girl saving a dog, loses control, crashes, and catches fire, bringing its racing career to an end. The car ends up in an old garage in rural England, where two children, Jeremy and Jemima Potts, have grown fond of it, but are told by a frequent customer, a junkman, that he and his business intend to buy the car from the garage owner Mr. Coggins, for scrap; to crush it into one solid lump, then melt it down to a liquid and have the metal to sell. The two children, who live with their widowed father Caractacus Potts, an eccentric inventor, and his equally peculiar father, implore him to buy the car before the junkman does, but he is unable to, not having the money. While skipping school, they meet Truly Scrumptious, a beautiful upper-class woman with her own motorcar, who brings them home to report their truancy to their father. Truly shows interest in Caractacus' odd inventions, but he is affronted by her attempts to tell him that his children should be in school.

One day while going over his bizarre inventions, many of which seem to be similar in function and form to modern appliances, such as vacuum cleaners and televisions, Caractacus discovers that one of the sweets he has invented can be played like a flute. He tries to sell the "Toot Sweet" to Truly's father Lord Scrumptious, a major confectionery manufacturer, but when the factory is overrun by dogs responding to the whistle, he is thrown out. Then he takes his automatic hair-cutting machine to a carnival to raise money, but it goes haywire. He eludes the wrath from his first (and only) customer named Cyril by joining a song-and-dance act, stealing the show and earning enough tips to pay for the car. Potts rebuilds the car, which he nicknames Chitty Chitty Bang Bang for the noises its engine makes, and he and the children, accompanied by Truly, go for a picnic on the beach, where Truly becomes very fond of the Potts family and vice versa. Caractacus tells them a story about nasty Baron Bomburst, the tyrant ruler of fictional Vulgaria, who wants to steal Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and keep it all for himself:

In the story, the quartet and the car are stranded by high tide, but Chitty suddenly deploys huge flotation devices and they escape inland. The Baron sends two comical spies ashore to capture the car for him, but they briefly capture Lord Scrumptious by accident, and then kidnap Grandpa Potts, mistaking him for the inventor of Chitty. Caractacus, Truly, and the children see him being taken away by airship, and give chase. When they accidentally drive off a cliff, Chitty sprouts wings and propellers and begins to fly. They follow the airship to Vulgaria, where the Baroness Bomburst has ordered the imprisonment of all children, whom she abhors. Grandpa the "inventor" has been ordered by the baron to make another floating car, and is bluffing to avoid being tortured. The Potts party is hidden

by the local toymaker, who now works only for the baron. Chitty is discovered and taken to the castle. But while Caractacus and the toymaker go in search of Grandpa and Truly goes in search of food, the children are captured by the Baron's Child Catcher.

The toymaker takes Truly and Caractacus to a grotto far beneath the castle where the townspeople have been hiding their children, and they concoct a scheme to free the children and the village from the baron. The toymaker sneaks them into the castle disguised as life-size dolls, gifts for the baron's birthday. Caractacus snares the Baron and the town's children swarm into the banquet hall overcoming the baron's palace guards and guests. In the ensuing chaos, the baron, baroness, and Child Catcher are all captured. The family is freed and fly back with Truly to England. Jeremy and Jemima finish the story themselves: "And Daddy and Truly were married!" which Truly seems to find appealing, but Caractacus is evasive, believing that the class distance between them is too great. When they arrive home, Caractacus is surprised to find his father and Lord Scrumptious playing a lively game of soldiers. Scrumptious surprises him further with an offer to buy the Toot Sweet as a canine confection. Caratacus realises that when the sweets are marketed, he will be rich, and able to marry Truly. He immediately goes to tell her the news. They kiss, and Truly agrees to marry him. As they begin to drive home, the car takes to the air again, this time without wings.



SONG LYRIC'S

Hey Jude Beatles

Hey jude, don't make it bad.
Take a sad song and make it better.
Remember to let her into your heart,
Then you can start to make it better.

Hey jude, don't be afraid.
You were made to go out and get her.
The minute you let her under your skin,
Then you begin to make it better.

And anytime you feel the pain, hey jude, refrain,
Don't carry the world upon your shoulders.
For well you know that it's a fool who plays it cool
By making his world a little colder.

Hey jude, don't let me down.
You have found her, now go and get her.
Remember to let her into your heart,
Then you can start to make it better.

So let it out and let it in, hey jude, begin,
You're waiting for someone to perform with.
And don't you know that it's just you, hey jude, you'll do,
The movement you need is on your shoulder.

Hey jude, don't make it bad.
Take a sad song and make it better.
Remember to let her under your skin,
Then you'll begin to make it
Better better better better better better,
oh.

Na na na na na ,na na na, hey jude...



Recipe

Masala Fish Fry Recipe



Masala Fish Fry Recipe - Ingredients

Preparation Time : 40 mins | Cooking Time : 20 mins | Serves : 2

Recipe Category: Sidedish | Recipe Cuisine: South Indian

For the marinade:

Fish - 5 pieces (I used pomfret variety)

Curd - 1 tbsp

Turmeric powder - 1/4 tsp

Chilli powder - 1 tsp

Coriander powder - 1/2 tsp

Salt - to taste

To grind:

Coriander Seeds - 1 tsp

Fennel Seeds - 1/2 tsp

Pepper Corns - 1/4 tsp

Cinnamon - 1/8 inch piece

Cloves - 1

Small Onion - 4 to 5

Garlic - 2 pearls medium sized



Method:

Grind the ingredients listed under 'to grind' to a semi coarse paste without adding water (anyway onions will let out water by itself). Clean fish, rinse it well and set aside. In a mixing bowl add turmeric, chilli, coriander powders, curd and required salt along with fish.



Marinate for 30 mins. Set aside. Heat dosa pan and add the fish pieces, drizzle oil and toast it till golden brown. You can deep fry the fish pieces too. Preferable to use non stick pan as the masalas stick to the pan.



Serve with freshly sliced lemon wedges and onion rings. Tastes best with hot steamed rice.



Mr. and Mrs. Selvasagren Govender, of Parlock, who were photographed after their marriage at the Orient Hall, last Sunday evening. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Govender and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. M. Pillay of Parlock. Earlier the same afternoon, Mr. Govender's sister, Vimla, was engaged to Luckey, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Chetty of Chaisworth. Photo: RaviKumaran



Miss Hemma Singh gets a congratulatory kiss from her mother upon winning the "Sari Queen" contest organised by the Briardene Social Club at the Coronation Hall, Briardene, recently. She was presented with a gold watch as part of her prize. The proceeds were for the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society.



Buddy Govender's speech at the book launch at DUT on the 04 March 2014.....

Good evening everybody. Thank you to the ROC's Project team and DUT for asking me to speak tonight.

I would like you to come take a walk with me.....we strutting up Queens Street.....crossing over the intersection with Grey Street.....walking alongside the shops in front of the Grey Street Mosque, we walk with a Casbah swagger! Continuing behind the Cathedral Parish Centre, we take a smart left out of the hustle and bustle of the street into the majestic and tranquil Emmanuel Cathedral.....I need to light a candle and say a quick prayer for some much needed divine intervention for my upcoming school exams. When done, we step out into the sunshine and busy pavement.....crossing over Queen Street and walking alongside the grubby brown brick walls of the Indian Market, known locally known as the 'top market'.....we make a quick right into the market itself..... down the dirty and grimy passageway between stalls with mounds of curry powder that have been endorsed with the most amusing names for each...'mother-in-laws tongue', 'honeymoon barbecue' and 'mother-in-law exterminator'.....

Past the meat section, we exit the market between Seaman Chetty's fish stall and 'Big Daddy' Naidu's offal stall at the corner of Brook and Victoria Streets.....we are now directly across from the Victoria Street bridge. No time to waste, we continue walking onto the bridge and over the railway.....the bridge ends with a sea of buses on my right parked tightly next to each other on an incline. Between the buses, a busy trade of Simba chips, Wicks bubble-gum, Mentholiptis sweats, Goldtop Cooee cold-drinks and a range of boiled sweats from the Fudge Lady is in full swing by basket wielding entrepreneurs.....

Heading down towards Warwick Avenue with the Morning or 'bottom' Market on my left, I body swerve a few enthusiastic and whistling trolley pushing market workers, trying to anticipate buses giving the false appearance that they are about to leave with the hope of attracting patrons that are in a hurry. Into Warwick Ave I cross over and move towards the infamous Kit Kat Café corner.....turning right into Acorn Rd, walking past Attie's Boy's home which always oozes with the delectable aroma of the best koeksister south of the North Pole!

Up Acorn Rd past the peanut factory facing Douglas Lane...into Hampson Grove and onto the red sand mounds across from Manchester Court, we proceed to head down towards Etna Lane behind the 'Little People' Pre-School housed at the back of St Raphael's Church, passing Mt Etna and the famous Himalaya House and exiting onto Old Dutch Rd across from Aroon Court. Waiting for the two-way traffic to subside along Old Dutch Road, I run across the road with my back to the home of Auntie Doreen and Uncle Chota Essop's semi-detached double storey house. Walking down Strafford Rd, you cannot help but notice the bad condition of once proud homes as well as the untidy and unkept streets, almost as if the world forgets that these people, roads and homes exist!

I exit at Mansfield Rd with Scala Mansions on my right and Mansfield Boys High across the road. Heading down alongside Scala building....passing the entrance to Scala Cinema and stopping at the corner of Mansfield Rd and Winterton Walk to admire the range of cake available on display at Scala t-room on the corner. Crossing over towards Methodist School we turn left along the rear of the Fire Dept. and flush into the Sydenham, Asherville and Clare Estate bus rank.

The sound of the crowds now getting louder as we past Sastri College....my blood starting to race in anticipation of seeing my heroes in action....we are now at Curries Fountain or..... just 'Curries' as it was we all knew it. I stand in the long queue..... buy my ticket then hastily head towards the turnstile where Mr Ruthnam Moodley is leaning on it as if the metal structure was custom designed around his torso. He rips my ticket in half and I quicken my steps towards the athletics track....heading around it the 'Orient' bank where the Berea supporters who could not afford tickets to the main stands, normally gather.

Any moment now Martin, Speedy and company will start the 'proceedings' but being 'BREEEEZE' supporters, we are all safe! It's match day at Curries and the roar intensifies as 'Sir' Charles Carey leads out Berea against old rivals, Manning Rangers...led by the intelligent looking and tough Deena Naidu.....it's the 70's and I am still a boy.....I am so ecstatic, 'free' and enthusiastically caught up in this way of life that we created at Curries and in the Casbah..... amidst the injustice of the laws and ignorant intolerances of the day!

I would like to think that as we took that 'mind' trip through the Casbah into Warwick Avenue onto Curries Fountain, you could also hear the sounds, smell the 'smells' and feel that vibe walking through our childhood playground a few moments ago. Those were extraordinary times with extraordinary people that left behind extraordinary stories of survival, hope and in a strange way gratitude.

Having lived for most of my life thus far and, still playing in the Casbah, I often recall how we all had to walk across town to schools at the Centenary Rd educational precinct. The community spirit that existed back then was the perfect environment and nurturing ground for the development of tolerance and harmony.....we ALL lived together, we ALL played together, we ALL observed and respected each other's cultural customs and, in many cases we married into each other's family and created that bigger, extended version of the Casbah family that Uncle Aziz always spoke to me about and made us promise that we never will forget. Long before the current fashion of Ubuntu came into prominence it already thrived amongst us and was alive in the Casbah – we were ONE BIG, HAPPY & HARD-WORKING FAMILY!!

Remember when our schooling, working and family week culminated with our Sunday ritual of going to the game at Curries? Curries was our 'Mecca' and we all made sure that we were there to observe and be a part of what was on offer – be it football, cricket, karate, boxing, athletics, a political gathering or a musical event.....little did it occur to us at the time that we were actually witnessing and being a part of history in the making.....in some strange way we felt compelled to be there!

Coming from a football family, I was born into Aces Utd and would fondly listen to my family members talk about the various football greats and other teams with admiration and respect. This instilled in me a hunger to find out more and ensure that it is better documented.

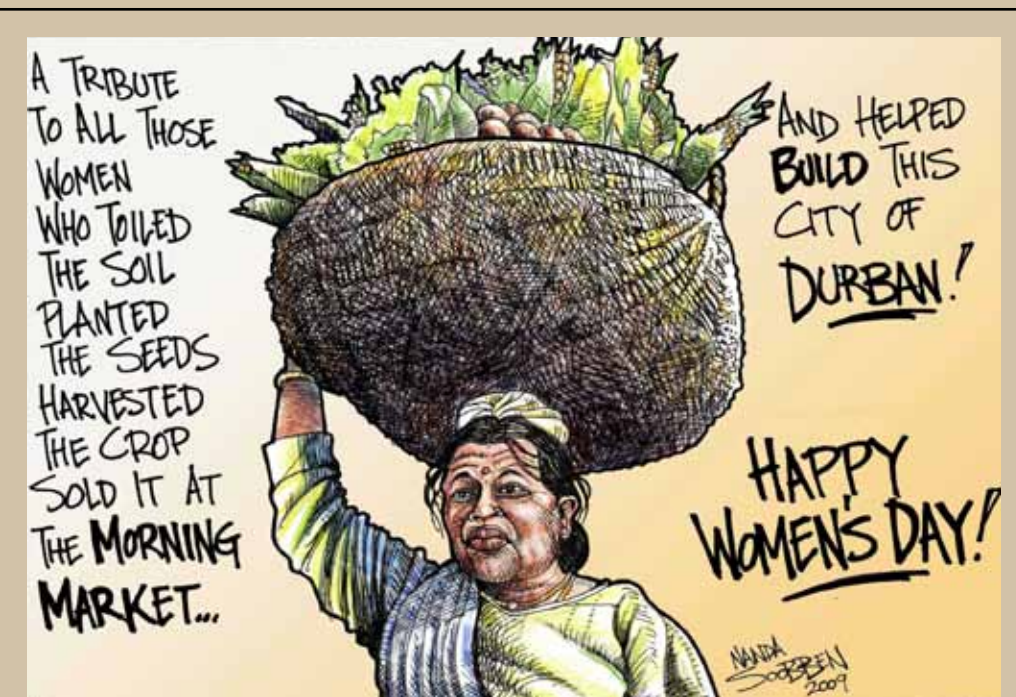
Having the great privilege of being held by and personally knowing men like Excellent Mthembu, Sagren Naidoo, Blondie Campbell, Big Daddy Naidu, Crash Morgan, Lionel Hamil, Sunny Morgan, Henry 'Black Cat' Cele, Derick Desplace and many others as 'Uncle', is something that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

The crowds that flocked to Curries still talk about those days as if it were something out of a dream.....Where Papoo Akbar played balls across field with amazing accuracy.....Where Dharam Mohan almost tore a hole through the net when he scored for Avalon Athletics.....Where Ismail Kolia and Reshaad Williams thrilled the athletics supporters and broke numerous international records albeit without recognition..... Where Tap Tap Makhathini became the world boxing champion in 1972.....Where Papwa Sewgolum greeted the droves of well-wishers after winning the Dutch Open in 1959.....Where Teddy Chetty led out the Natal cricket team against Transvaal in 1941.....Where Sonny Morgan headed the winner for Aces Utd against Cape Ramblers in the 60's.....Where the magnificent and talented non-racial Avalon Athletics tore apart Orlando Pirates....Where Yacoob Omar and Enver Mall opened the batting for the Kismet Cricket team in 1978.....Where the fabulous Berea side of 1974 came from 3 – 1 down to beat Cape Town Spurs 4 - 3 in the cup final and, forgive me as I indulge....Where Berea's Buddy Govender's last minute save against Cape Town Spurs ensured a replay of that sold-out cup tie – all at a packed Curries Fountain.

What Curries and the Casbah has given us in return can never be bought or downloaded! Books such as these two being launched this evening are a sum token of appreciation in many respects. Having had some involvement in the project, it made me realise my responsibility in ensuring that we contribute and document a period of time that will never return. The stories of happiness, sadness, triumph, family, tragedy, friendships and brotherhood make for this a legendary place and, are perfectly captured in these books. The conniving and calculated dismantling of what I described above was a major influence for the government of the day who decided upon themselves that this harmony between people should no longer continue to thrive and, people had to be brutally forced apart and moved out.

My childhood friend and partner 'in crime' Ishaan Blunden and I (with the spiritual guidance of Uncle Aziz Hassim) have developed a Face Book page, 'Grey Street Casbah & Surrounds' which documents and collects information on a daily basis, as well as producing an 'infectious' monthly enewspaper simply called, 'The Casbah' which currently has a readership of approx. 50 000 world-wide! It is all for free and we would encourage you to become a member and enjoy the amazing journey! Let us never stop talking about those beautiful days....about the legendary personalities and families that gave life to these areas. Both these fantastic books will long serve as a reminder and proof of a magical place and time. Thank you to the authors and all that contributed to this endeavour – I am so proud to have played a small part in this historic effort.

As Uncle Aziz Hassim said, 'they may have taken us out of the Casbah but they could never take the Casbah out of us!'Peace and God-bless you all.
04 March 2014 Durban University of Technology



COMMENTS FROM OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Neeta Amaidas:

Does anyone remember an event called the RAG day? Every few months. Or maybe once a year in West street. Organised by university students.

Neeta Amaidas: I was quite young and found it very entertaining wen they dressed up in funny clothes and paraded around West street

Kausalee Naidoo: yes i do,liv reading the rag book as well,,lots of jokes,

Sanjay Sash: funny co-incidence . I was just thinking about that yesterday . The rag magazine also . today's students have no sense of fun .

Sass Charmaine: The good old days:)

Larry Naidoo: Remember it well - NUC Rag day. They had a lot of fun, and did some outrageous things and got away with it. The magazine they printed for the occasion was always hilarious. (NUC = Natal University College).

Kausalee Naidoo: lots of van der merwe jokes.

Larry Naidoo: Yes!!! Enjoyed those van der Merwe jokes!

Larry Naidoo: And the magazine they publishes on RAG Day was called Nucleus!

Niresh Bhagwandin: Oh yes. Saw them building the Rags over-night when I was a student at Natal Univ, Ridge Rd. Good memories.

Asha Weir: Geez, I'd forgotten about rag day!

Diane Zelda Burns: The floats were quite spectacular and as they progressed down West St from Berea side, they would pause at major intersections and put on the most outrageous show whilst collecting money. The motorists were patient, and occupants enjoyed the show.

Keith Llewellyn Lachanna: I do

Mervyn Frederick Sookool: Sure do

Nadira Thiris: The colorful floats & the magazine!

Sharon Pillay: It was a once a year event were a whole lot of trucks decorated and da varsity students wore the varsity t- shirts and sang and had concerts on da trucks and it went thru town.The float procession went all da way to the South Beach were they continued with the fun.

Ravie Valaitham: wish they could bring this back .. was a lot of fun & excitement

Sharon Pillay: It was lots of fun,but It ended too soon.

Aragesan Pillay: so the RAG magazine

Linda Pillay: Loved Rag Day and the Rag Mag.

Mark Dasan Chetty Still happens in Cape Town with students from UCT

Aubrey Pillay: Yes students of that era were more Productive &

Industrious to organise the Rag Day that benefitted Charities ! Today`s students are only Eveready to "Toyi-Toyi " and do Protest Marches - and Want everything for NOTHING !

Conley Tissong: Yeah , i remember as a little boy my aunt took me to the RAG every year in the 80's. i wonder what ever happened that the event just dissapeared

Nirun Dowlath Shah This was a ukzn activity. Rag stood for receive and give. The floats were all built the night before. There must have been a dedicated building team, because the amount of drinking that went on that, it would have impossible to build anything. This activity came to halt around 1990, why I don't know, but I feel it had something to do with ukzn opening it's doors to all races. Remember bring thrown into a sack on west street and only released when my parents gave a donation .

Billy Moodley: "Rag magazines", absolutely hilarious, were sold as the float procession went by.

Leila Ally: Loved it!...

Vincent Pillay: Rag Magazine - I still have one somewhere. As the procession went down West Street, the bystanders would be 'hosed' with a water pistol. It was fun.

Shereen Bagwandin: Yes and I loved it. It was organised by the University of Natal students and they paraded down West street. It was an annual event.

Brian Edmond: Experienced in U,C.T. Lovely!! My daughter graduated there!! TOPS!!

Venesh Dookhie: Waah good old days...

Brenda Perumal: We would line the streets and wait for the float procession to passthrow coins on the floats. What beautiful and creative hand work of the creative students.....oooooh yes and what about the rag queen and her princesses, their float was always the best. memories!

Millie Haller: Oh yes! Rag Day was such a colourful event.... West Street came to a standstill.....people would line the street to watch the colourful floats go by. I worked in West Street, used to watch it all from my office balcony on the seventh floor....beautiful memories!!

Gerald Prestage: Yes the university students all let their hair down on that day. We all made our way into West Street to watch the floats. Great fun.Thanks Neeta for bringing that up. JEAN.

Henry James Smuts: HAD A VERY GOOD MAGAZINE THAT WAS SOLD ON THE DAY [ADULT]

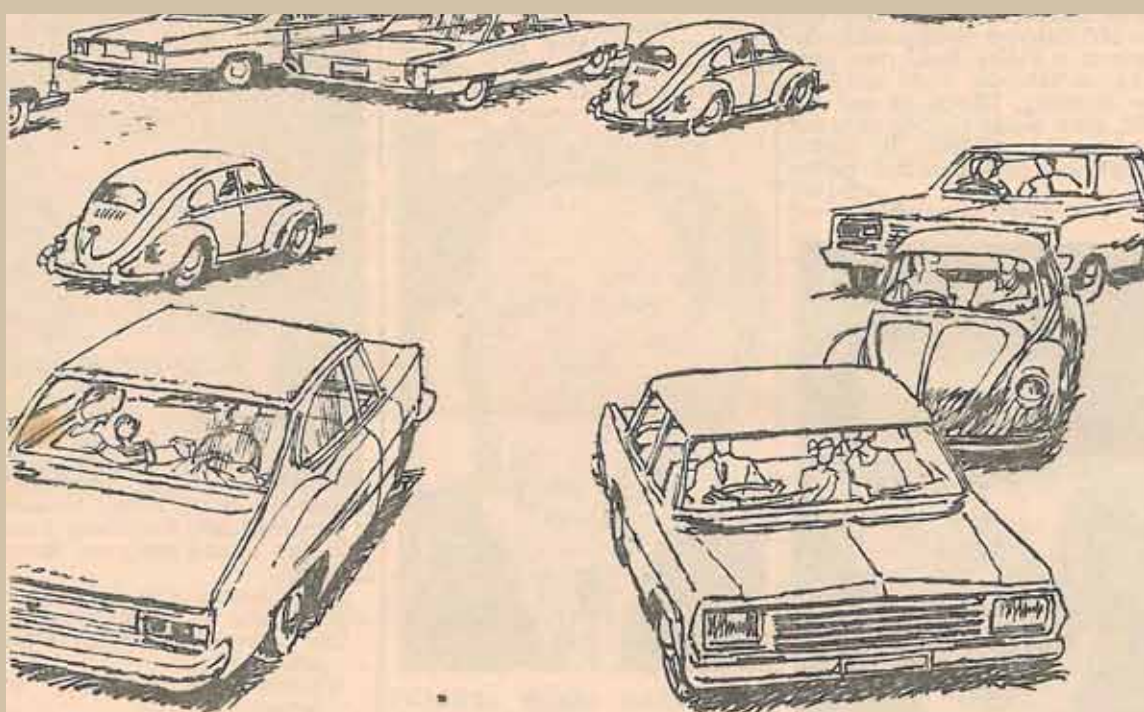
Neeta Amaidas: those were the great days,,and so much fun watching them

Dudley Bengtson: Well the good old days have gone for Rag Day ya the students of today have toiy toiy daysssss.

Vigie Carim YES remember RAG very well, enjoyed the floats and fun.



Officials of the Natal High Schools Athletic Association, (from left) Mr. N. K. Govind, secretary; Mr. J. Salig, treasurer; P. C. Samuels, president and D. Nair, vice-president photographed discussing report presented to the annual meeting of the association held at Sastri College last week.



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Des February signed by Werneth VAWDA'S HOPES SHATTERED

OMAR VAWDA, the Olympia and Natal all-rounder, is not expected to go to England after all. It is reported from Cape Town that only Desmond February has been signed to play in England during the next season. February is to join Werneth, in the Central Lancashire League.

Omar Vawda himself told "The Leader" this week that he did not think he would be going. False hopes were raised in this fine cricketer all-rounder and the promise of the trip overseas had upset his plans seriously.

Last year he had to give up his studies at the University College as he felt at the time that if he were invited he would have had to interrupt his studies.

Apart from Vawda, Gertjie Williams and Sedick Conrad — were also recommended. Desmond was preferred, being an all-rounder with a fine record.

At the age of 12 Desmond started his cricket career in the first team of the Somerset West club, All Saints. When he was 15 he already topped the club bowling averages.

Nowadays Desmond plays for Pirates, also in the Somerset Union. He has represented his union for many seasons, and is a regular choice for Western Province. He was vice-captain in the

recent Cape Town inter-provincial tournament.

TOP SCORE

His highest score in club cricket is 167 which he amassed for Pirates against Nelsons. Playing against Oaks, he bagged nine wickets for 27 runs. Versus Border in 1963, he scored 102, getting the same score in a Board match for Somerset against Maitland/Parow in 1968.

A teacher for the last six years, February qualified at He-wat. "I have always liked teaching, and it has given me the opportunity to coach youngsters at Gordon High School (in the Strand)," he said.

He added that the Department of Coloured Affairs raised no objection to his being released from duty to take up the English professional offer.

He leaves for England on March 27, together with veteran professionals Owen Williams and Goelie Abed.



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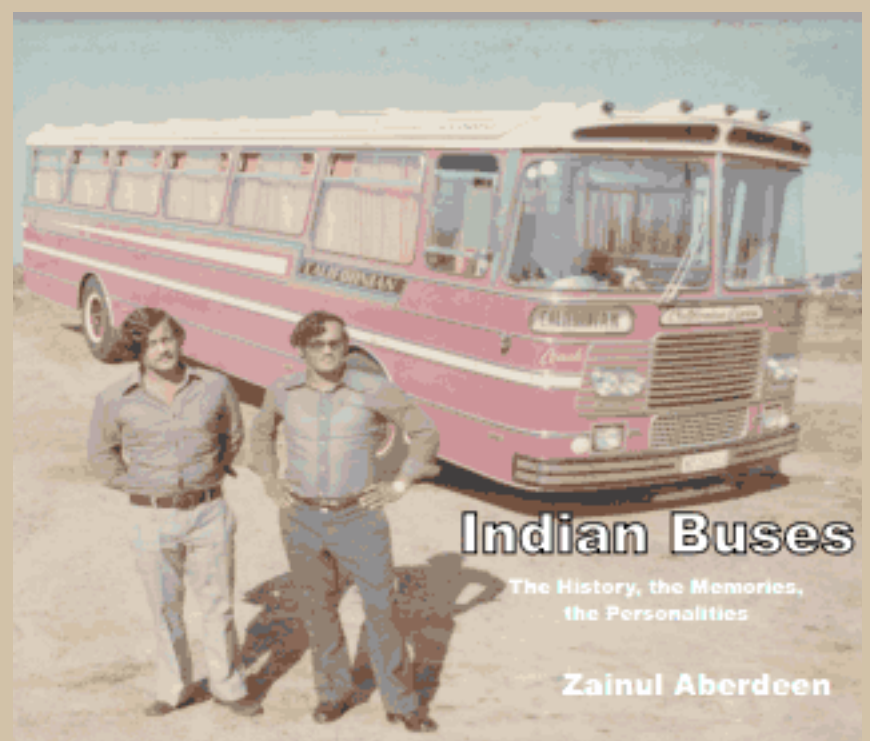
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