

Springbok Stampede comes to Welkom

WELKOM

A BAND of about 40 young people, many of whom have postponed university careers to "make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of the country", will gather in Welkom today to prepare for their show "Springbok Stampede".

This two-hour non-stop musical revue, which gathers funds for the South African Air Force Association Bursary Fund, is organised entirely by young people. The producer is Mr Grey Hofmeyer (21), of Johannesburg.

The show has been to all the major centres of the Republic, Rhodesia and Swaziland. The group gave two three-quarter-hour shows on television in Rhodesia, and have been invited to do another show in September. In Swaziland they received a personal invitation from the King to return.

The group has also cut two long-playing records.

TOP SINGER

The lead female vocalist is Christine du Plooy, of Rhodesia, and another top singer is Desiree Burton, of Cape Town. The lead male vocalist and bass guitarist is Hamish Scott, of Durban.

"Springbok Stampede" was started in Pretoria a few years ago, when 15 young people decided to try and "make the world a better place" through their music.

Many of them regard the show as pre-career training, giving them the opportunity to decide on a career, while at the same time teaching responsibility, in that they have no one to turn to if they run out of money. About 20 of them study by correspondence.

The sale of tickets covers only 40 per cent. of the costs. The rest of the money comes from donations. Service clubs often help them with campaigns in the different centres.

The show will be presented at the Ernest Oppenheimer Theatre, Welkom, on Friday and Saturday.