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PORT ELIZABETH

Springbok Stampede sparkles

**SPRINGBOK STAMPEDE, at
the Crispin Hall.**

MANY an overseas artist would give his back teeth to get the spontaneous audience reaction which greeted a group of young South African patriotic zealots who gave a sparkling performance of song and philosophy at the Crispin Hall last night.

Consisting of young South Africans from every walk of life, the Stampedeers bounced their way through a medley of songs with a message. Their fresh enthusiasm overcame what might have been rather cloying sentimentalism.

The aim of the group is roundly, to foster patriotism in South Africa, and all the songs featured in last night's performance did just that.

Once the audience overcame the feeling that they were being brainwashed, most joined in with the spirit of the show and, unbidden clapped in time to the rousing beat music which backed most of the songs.

The standard of singing was high and the harmonising between the equal numbers of boys and girls was masterly. The soloists, too, rate a special mention. This group deserves better support from Port Elizabeth than the rather small audience at last night's performance.—N.H.