Tomorrow begins at Wits today
Something rotten in SRC shop

by Toiletries Correspondent

If you're planning to go shopping at the SRC bookshop you had better take you piggy bank with you.

Although rumour has it that reporters don't use deodorants I went the other day to buy some 'Mum for Men (no sexist intention meant). It was twice the price of normal shops! Something really stank!

I decided to dig a little deeper and no less than 15 toiletries were exhorbitantly priced. It was enough to make you get into body odour!

Mrs Pike, manageress of SRC bookshop, tried to soft-sell the whole affair. She said that they couldn't buy toiletries in bulk and washed her hands of the affair. Toiletries remain out of reach for most students and things don't smell any sweeter.

Extended call ups coming soon

If the Presidents Council's proposals are implemented the call up could be extended.

According to a report in the Rand Daily Mail so called coloured and Indian youths will be conscripted. An expected 21,000 youths could be expected to serve with the South African Defence Force.

The council, it is reported, see the call up of disenfranchised people as problematic as the possibility exists it 'would result in more trouble that it was worth'.

The report goes on to say that a selective conscription might be applied in the early stages of reform. This would apply to those willing to work within the system.

Wip ban suspended

The ban on all future editions of the publication, Work in Progress (WIP), has been suspended by the Publications Appeal Board.

Appealing against the ban on behalf of the editorial staff of WIP, Mr Paul Benjamin of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits, said that WIP was a political publication intended for a small audience. 'Much of the information in WIP concerned strikes and political trials and was taken from published newspaper reports and court records.

In a separate hearing on May 10, the Appeal Board upheld a decision by the Publications Committee to make it an offence to possess numbers 18 and 19 of the publication.

Mr J Wagener of the Deputy State Attorney's office, appearing for the Publications Committee, said: 'although the publication was intended for a small audience, information it carried could be used for incitement against State activities.'

Have a Coke and a strike

A cold 'Coke' could soon be a hot issue.

A major boycott of Coca Cola products has been launched in the eastern Cape. Indications are that it may spread to other centres.

This follows a dispute in Port Elizabeth last October. 250 workers were fired in the dispute. The General Workers Union of SA (GWUSA) accused the Coca Cola bottling company of refusing to negotiate with it.

The boycott was launched on Labour Day. 'We have had every indication that support is picking up for the boycott', a GWUSA spokesman said. Mr Zini, GWUSA organizing secretary, said that rallies had been called at schools and that the union hoped to 'persuade employers of the need to disperse their workers' movement to the strike.'

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The boycott committee has been supported by the township traders. They are also plans to distribute handbills and stickers and hold rallies.

The boycott has been supported by the International Union of Food Workers (IUF) in Geneva.

In Durban the strike by the workers of the Consolidated Textile Mills began initially with 15 workers demanding wage adjustments and a new shift system. They were joined later by about 1,000 other workers supporting their demands.

Management claims that the strikers prevented many workers from returning to work.

The police were also present to disperse workers but no incidents have been reported.

Paying through the nose for campus toiletries
Stories of police brutality and university blackmail are beginning to emerge from Fort Hare as students return to classes.

Many students are still suffering from injuries sustained following the breaking up of a mass meeting two weeks ago by the Ciskeian Police. The mass meeting, held on the university playing fields, was called to formulate a response to the detention of 22 Fort Hare students by Ciskeian Police.

Soon after the meeting was convened, van loads of Ciskeian police arrived. The approximately 1,500 students who had gathered were trimmed to 600 by police in armed riot gear. 22 students were arrested and transported to the police station where they were charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

They were told that they would have to pay R250 admission of guilt fines—or appear in court. Professor Lambrecht, Vice Chancellor of Fort Hare, offered to pay the students' fines so that their studies would not be disrupted. By last week, Fort Hare had paid R66,000 in fines to the Ciskeian Police.

Meanwhile, a controversy over who may intervene at Fort Hare has broken out between South African and Ciskeian authorities. A senior Cape Town official said last week that South Africa controlled Fort Hare, although it is officially in the Ciskei.

'Only Mr Dawie de Villiers, Acting Minister of Education, can give permission for Ciskeian police intervention,' the official said.

It has been established that no permission was ever obtained. A few days were declared 2 weeks ago. No student was allowed out between 8pm and 6am. This has now been relaxed to 11pm to 6am. Some students are adamant that they were told that any student found on campus after these times 'would be shot if he did not halt when ordered to.'

A student observer claimed 100% effectiveness of the boycott and accused the university of 'blackmail' techniques in getting students back to classes.

There has been no further news on the 22 detained students.

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Call for solidarity with Fort Hare

"We call upon all students for solidarity against police harassment," Ivan Pafage of Cosas said in a protest meeting last Thursday.

"An injury of one is an injury to all."

Briefly outlining student protests and resistance in education over the years, he emphasised that "brutal police action" never serves as a deterrent.

Gianne Mdhuli, vice president of Azaso, exhorted on this theme. He said life in the "Bush Colleges" was characterised by sit-ins, dismissals of anti-apartheid-oriented staff, bannings, detentions and general harassment of students by the authorities.

Representatives of the Black Students' Society and of the SRC read statements to express their solidarity with the students at Fort Hare, where two students were shot, 25 detained and over 1,500 charged by the police recently.

Bruce Irvine, Projects Officer of Nusas said that students and intellectuals should follow the leadership of the working class.

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Cash needed for Showground move

Wits is on the brink of clinching a deal for the Showgrounds. Prof D J du Plessis says that more money is needed to complete the deal and has appealed for financial support.

When asked what he intended doing if the deal should fall through, Prof Du Plessis said they would then have to begin building on the playing fields. He said that sports clubs hadn't been consulted but would be taken into account before building begins. 'One must understand that this is only the absolute last resort,' Prof Du Plessis said. Should this happen, additional playing fields would have to be build at Frankenwald, 25km away.

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Vic's your man for problems

Victor Gordon has been appointed full-time Student Affairs Co-ordinator.

He is available to all students in an advisory capacity, concerning extramural non-academic activities on campus. He has direct contact with the SRC and all clubs and societies.

Rowntree's trust in conflict with company

Rowntree MacKintosh's largest shareholders may join the protest against the South African subsidiary company.

South African Wilson-Rowntree has refused to recognise the black trade union, SAAWU, and reinstate workers sacked without cause nearly 18 months ago.

The two shareholders, the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust and the

More heat on the Namibian front

The war in Namibia has hotted up. Soldiers of Swapo's military wing PLAN last week killed 2 more members of the Security Forces.

In the last month, the deaths of 10 members of the Security Forces and 30 PLAN members have been announced.

While PLAN activity continues in the Tsumeb Otavi, Grootfontein area it has intensified activity in the Kavango Region.

Projects on President

The SRC projects committee is to focus on the President's Council recommendations. They have planned a debate between a member of the Council and the Anti-SAIC committee.

Next week they have planned a focus on the Defence Campaign. The focus will include tape and slide shows and meetings.

Last week a temporary SADF camp was attacked with mortars and small arms.

Swapo's UN representative said that the events of recent weeks had indicated the shape of things to come.

The step up in PLAN activity follows a warning by Magnus Malan that South Africa might strike even deeper into Angola. 'We will have to take a fresh look at the situation and perhaps launch operations deeper into Angolan territory', he said.

At the same time The Star has reported that Kenneth Kaunda has requested the release of Swapo's founder. The request was apparently made at his meeting with P W Botha.

Herman Toivo ja Toivo was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in 1968. Several of Namibians 'internal parties' have suggested his release would lead to a power struggle in Swapo. This has been rejected by a Swapo spokesperson. 'He is still the man he was, fully backing the liberation struggle.'

Turfloop to boil over?

The outbreak of violence on the campus of the University of the North seems likely.

Students decided last Tuesday to boycott the graduation ceremonies. They had been told they would be held under heavy police guard.

This follows the graduation boycott at the Fort Hare University and the boycotts at Rhodes and Cape Town. Two students were shot at Fort Hare.

Students have told their parents to stay away. 'We do not want our parents injured' said a spokesperson.

The rector has said that it was too late to cancel ceremonies already planned.

The students are objecting to the presence of Bantustan leaders at the graduation ceremonies.

Study program for unionists

A research and development Labour Studies Programme has been set up to provide trade unionists with opportunities for non-formal study and self-development.

A temporary part-time co-ordinator is required to co-ordinate and administer an on-going programme of courses, to assist in teaching the courses, and to develop

1,000 UCT students boycott

1,600 students attended a mass meeting at UCT last Monday to show their solidarity with the students of Fort Hare University.

A motion was passed in which it was decided to boycott the following day's lectures.

The boycott was carried out successfully and when over 1,000 students took part. A series of meetings were held in the Library, the SRC building and the Students Union Building.

An important outcome of the activities was the decision to form a Black Students Society by 300 black students.

The new organization will be along the lines of the BSS's of Witwatersrand, Rhodes and Durban universities.

Greyling cracks BA

Ben Greyling, a Witwatersrand student, who was held in detention for six months last year, was awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree recently.

Ben was detained on 3 July, under Section 22 of the Terrorism Act before being permitted to continue his studies in December.

At the end of January he wrote his exams in the Johannesburg prison. He managed to pass both major subjects, Political Science and Sociology, and is presently doing honours in social theory.

On 10 March he and three other Wits students were found guilty under the Internal Security Act of making and displaying posters commemorating the inception of the South African Communist Party sixty years ago.

They were each sentenced to three months.
Detainees' parents slam ambassador's letter

The Detainees' Parents Support Committee would welcome prosecution over allegations of mistreatment of detainees.

This view emerged after Security Police threatened that members of the DPS could be taken to court over allegations that detainees are abused by Security Police.

A spokesperson for the committee said that such prosecution "would open up a can of worms" as there was sufficient evidence to back up the committee's claims. This evidence, he said, had frequently been revealed but ignored in court cases.

In reply to claims that detainees who had been admitted to hospital were faking illness, the DPS denied these claims and said that they could prove otherwise.

The claims were made by Mr David Sole, the South African Ambassador in Washington. Mr Sole wrote a letter to American political leaders in which he stated that all but two of the detainees admitted to hospital had been faking illness. He said that the two genuine cases were Dr Liz Floyd who was admitted after collapsing when hearing of the death in detention of Dr Neil Aggett, and Ms Rene Roux who was treated for Anorexia nervosa.

Mr Sole said that doctors and psychiatrists had found nothing wrong with other detainees who had been admitted to hospital. He described the case of Thozamile Gqweta, who had shown no signs of mental or physical illness when released from detention.

In reply to this, the DPS said that Mr Gqweta was in a state of mental disorder on his release and had not recognised his own brother. Ms Esther Sevitan was also found to be disturbed after her release, the DPS said.

A spokesperson for the committee said that since Mr Sole's information could not have come from doctors who attended to the detainees, it must have come via the Department of Foreign Affairs, from the Security Police.

The spokesperson said that parents who had visited their children after the death in detention of Dr Aggett, had found them to be deeply depressed, and had noted rapid weight loss in many cases.

The Detainees' Parents Support Committee was formed by relatives and friends of detainees after the wave of detentions in September 1982.

Dup slams detentions

Top groups to play against detentions

Three top South African groups will be appearing at a concert at Wits.

The concert, this Friday, will be in aid of political detainees.

The Malopoets, Juluka and Sakhile will play at University Great Hall, together with folk singer Stanley James. The artists have donated their services free of charge.

The proceeds will fund clothing, food and other amenities for detainees. They will also pay for families to visit relatives in detention far from their homes.

The last best concert held at Wits — in October last year — attracted a sell-out crowd. The organisers advise early booking. Tickets are available at R3.00 and R4.00.

The compere for the evening is disc-jockey Mesh Mapetala. The concert begins at 8.00pm. Juluka are one of South Africa's top acts, Johnny Clegg, who lectures in Social Anthropology at Wits, and Sipho Mchunu started playing together 11 years ago.

Sakhile are six musicians who play a fusion of African music and American Jazz. A strong feature of the group is drummer Mahi Gabriel Thobelane, an accomplished percussionist. The group is led by Khaya Mahlangu on saxophone and vocals, and Sipho Gumede on bass guitars.

The Malopoets have strong ethnic roots in bine electric and traditional instruments to produce music in which a strong John Coltrane influence can be heard.

Stanley James is a Johannesburg born folk singer. His songs are relevant and perceptive, with prominent elements of satire.

The concert will be the first time groups have performed in aid of detainees in South Africa. It underlines the bands' commitment to their society in which they live. All have some expression of social protest in their songs.

The concert has been organised by a group called the "Release All Detainees Support Group."
... and Argentinian

While the money supply expanded rapidly, output grew more slowly. High wages and increased taxes forced UK industrialists to price up their goods, and this reduced their international competitiveness.

This in turn demanded increased state spending to assist ailing companies and to maintain precisely the full employment which had previously kept money wages high.

UK capitalism was thus caught in a vicious circle.

Inflation

Inflation which occurs when the money supply grows faster than economic output hit Argentina even more severely and acted as a persistent drain on development from the 60's onwards.

The 70's saw the emergence both in Britain and Argentina of governments determined to reduce state intervention in the economy. This involved the adoption of highly unpopular policies.

In the UK this process has been taken furthest by Thatcher's Tories, who have cut back social welfare and state aid to industry, and reduced the growth of the money supply.

This has resulted in numerous bankruptcies and massive retrenchment of workers. By creating unemployment, attacking the power of the unions and intensifying the misery associated with joblessness, Thatcher has reduced the bargaining strength of workers and therefore also their wages.

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Runaway Inflation

In Argentina, various governments have, since 1966, sought to reduce runaway inflation by denationalising the economy, encouraging foreign investors, cutting back social welfare and savagely attacking the living standards of workers, raising unemployment and lowering real wages.

The Galtieri regime liked that of Thatcher in the UK, is the culmination of this trend.

In Argentina, although both the UK and Argentina to dismantle the welfare state caused considerable resistance in the 70's. In Britain, both Tory and Labour governments faced intense opposition from organised labour groupings, notably the unions.

In Argentina a left-wing element of the Peronist movement went underground to wage an urban guerilla war against the regimes of Isabel Peron and her successors.

The insurgency has been put down with massive violence by the country's post-1976 military rulers. Some 15,000 people simply disappeared from the streets during this period. With the advent of Thatcher and Galtieri regimes, matters simply grew worse. The British prime minister became intensely unpopular as she applied her 'bitter medicine' to the UK economy.

A radical element in Labour Party became more militant and visible when the nationwide riots rocked the British establishment in May 1981.

The Tories seemed to be headed for the political wilderness as its support crossed the floor to the new Social Democratic Party.

In Argentina unrest erupted in Buenos Aires and other cities on March 30th 1982.

The main demonstration called by the Peronist trade union groupings, the General Labour Confederation, was the biggest in a long time and symbolised growing opposition to the military regime on the part of a coalition of Peronist parties, which opposed the government policies.

Distraction

Both the British and Argentinian government desperately required distraction from domestic woes.

Only by stirring up fanatical patriotic sentiment and sending the sons of the working class off to war could they save their popularity.

Argentinia's invasion of the Falklands provoked the March 30th demonstrations by our three days.

War came as a gift from heaven both to the generals in Buenos Aires and to the 'Ladys' in London.
The President's Council has finally come up with its masterplan for a new constitution for South Africa. After long deliberation, the proposals made by Vorster five years ago have largely been left intact.

'Coloureds' and Indians will gain the franchise in an as yet unspecified legislature. The Prime Minister vigorously defends the granting of political rights to Indians and 'Coloureds' on the grounds that they can then be called up to the Defence Force.

The proposals are a glaring example of the State's attempt to divide and co-opt sectors of the people of South Africa. It is a cynical exercise to bolster the control of the ruling majority by augmenting its numbers.

The majority of the people are still to be barred from any meaningful political rights. 87% of this country's population will only be able to exercise their political rights in 13% of the country's land — in economically unviable and politically bankrupt bantustans.

The real solution to the problems of South Africa lies not in constitutional sleight of hand but in the granting of full political rights to all people.

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In this edition of Wits Student we satirize the concept of a military unit on this campus. However the issue is a very real one. Poet's Round has had a military unit for almost five years. RAU got one recently. Last year there were moves to set up units at Durban and UCT.

Students should fight this encroachment by the military at all costs. An academic institution cannot afford to have the military on the premises. It is fundamentally at odds with the role of the university — the acquisition of knowledge in an atmosphere of freedom of thought and expression.

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Letters of less than two hundred words are preferable. The editor reserves the right to shorten any letter longer than two hundred words.

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**No misuse—Maller**

This letter is written in answer to a pamphlet issued by the SMA last week. It is an attempt to clarify the Projects Committee stand in relation to specifically off-campus issues like the Wilson-Rowntree boycott.

Firstly, the facts:

- Projects Committee laid out no money on the latest campaign undertaken by the Johannesburg Wilson-Rowntree Support Committee.
- We did make available for use our (and not the SRC) Romeo machine, to the Wilson-Rowntree Committee.
- A number of 2,000 posters was mentioned in the pamphlet. Projects Comm definitely did not fund any poster making project, although again, our equipment was used for this purpose.
- Thus any allegation concerning contraventions of SRC By-laws are totally unfounded.
- Projects Comm does not hide its support for the Wilson-Rowntree boycott. We feel it is our duty as students to contribute to campaigns such as this. Although we spend most of our time on campus, we nevertheless cannot divorce ourselves from the society at large. We see our demands for a democratic education system, in terms of the national demand for a democratic society. And this includes as a priority, the recognition of Trade Unions and their right to organise; higher wages for workers; better working conditions and jobs for all. It is these demands that the Wilson-Rowntree boycott is highlighting, and we are proud to be associated with it.

Progressive students are an important part of the national democratic movement. Projects Comm is committed to ensuring that this continues not by breaking SRC by-laws, but by doing everything legally possible to help such campaigns. It is an important duty that we will never shirk.

Judy Maller
Projects Chairperson

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**SMA back on the smear trail**

The latest SMA smear entitled WITS-SAAWU CONNECTION is filled with vague, inaccurate and unsubstantiated statements.

Although we feel that this document should be treated with nothing but contempt, we would nevertheless like to make the following points:

The campaign to support the struggle of the Wilson-Rowntree workers has been supported by the SRC, student societies, individual students and members of the University since its inception last year.

In order to support this struggle more fully, a committee to organise activities around it was set up. This committee has been working on campus for many months, and is allied to broader Johannesburg support for the campaign. Its members are students who belong to student organisations. They work on this committee in a voluntary capacity. Projects Committee and the Wilson-Rowntree committee are not synonymous.

For our recent Wilson-Rowntree focus we did indeed print posters and pamphlets. We did use Projects Comm silk-screening equipment. However, none of the costs for this were borne by the Projects Committee or the SRC. We, as a committee, bought the materials we needed.

In no ways were the SRC financial by-laws transgressed. The pamphlets and posters were not printed for SAAWU. They were printed to support the struggle of the Wilson-Rowntree workers who are SAAWU members. This media was distributed widely on campus.

On a more general level we would like to say the following: We do not apologise for our support of the Wilson-Rowntree workers and we have nothing to hide. They were dismissed and have been out of work for more than a year. They are also being blacklisted which makes it impossible for them to find new jobs, we reject and condemn the insanities of the Wilson-Rowntree management. We also condemn the measures taken by both the Ciskei and South African governments to harass/intimidate/detain SAAWU members.

We believe in the democratic rights of all workers to join trade unions of their choice, and to negotiate freely with management.

As students and people committed to a democratic future for all South Africans we commit ourselves to complete support for the struggles of oppressed workers, students and members of communities.

Wilson-Rowntree Support Committee
Mass meetings a big yawn

On Thursday I attended the Mass Meeting entitled ‘Prepare for a Military Future’, and I would like to comment on something I found interesting about the proceedings.

Mr Hulley, MP, spoke first, and spouted forth all the traditional PFP comments on the South African situation and the military bill in particular. It was a well-scrutinised speech, there was something for the right-wingheist to shoot at, and the liberals and apathy felt rather uncomfortable in the midst of all the emotion — although they too enjoyed the speaker’s biting emotion.

Finally, Rev Bax (Congregational Church) addressed the meeting, and it was this speech which particularly interested me.

On the whole it seemed to be greeted with almost stunned silence. There were three rounds of applause, one at the beginning, one at the end and one in response to a pleasingly radical statement; he was hissed 3 times: once for his opening joke, the point of which most people seemed to miss, and twice in reply to other comments.

I must have been misunderstanding the intentions of the majorities, and a typical song from the SMA-types. His speech, which said nothing we have not heard in one form or another in the last twenty-four meetings, was cut off, and we were deprived of the delight of listening to another page or two of clichés. Needless to say, the right wing staked a walk-out, the left wing applauded frequently and fervently, and the liberals and apathy felt rather uncomfortable in the midst of all the emotion — although they too enjoyed the speaker’s biting emotion.

SMA-tvnes.

This statement I referred to was one of the very few statements Rev Bax made; otherwise he simply asked questions. For once, instead of being presented with everything on a platter, Wits students were required to think. He expected his listeners to ask themselves the questions he posed, and gave no answers, hoping they would come to their own conclusions.

If this is an academic institution, we need constantly to be questioning everything we see and hear. What are we studying for? Are we here only to get a piece of paper? Or are we seeking truth, in all dimensions of our lives? In our search for the truth, will it not be those who challenge us, who are likely, if we are prepared to consider them, to help us the most? Or must we, like robots, live our lives without a thought?

Ian Cooper

Give Piet a doctorate while you’re at it

I would like to object to the honouring of Mr Louis Rive by this university. Whilst Mr Rive may have received praise for his work on the Urban Foundation, Mr Rube at least has missed the point.

The establishment of elite Soweto suburbs and facilities for a black elite is as much a part of the state’s ‘total strategy’ as acts like forced removals, the banning and detention of truly democratic movements and leaders etc. The state on the one hand is using projects like the Urban Foundation for their so-called reform initiatives. We must not be fooled by not linking the reform side of total strategy with the repressive side. It is the same strategy.

For this university to honour someone who has played an important role in a strategy which has amongst other things lead to the detention and banning of several members of this university is a disgrace.

I suppose Koornhof next!’

Mandela wasting his time

So Nelson Mandela is to stand against big business and liberal politics for the Chancellorship at Wits University. I find this a little ironic as Mandela has been standing against exploitation, and as far as I know, he has never stood for a white name, all his life. That is why he was jailed and that is why he won’t be made Chancellor of this University.

Mike Rosholt is the MD of Barlow Rand, one of South Africa’s biggest manufacturing concerns. A more subtle capitalist you cannot find; Rosholt talks to black unions, encourages other multinationals to do the same and has tried to be the ‘Mr nice guy’ of South African business.

Mr Helen Suzman, widely regarded as a crusader for human rights, has ably represented Houton in Parliament in turn, has ably represented the appropriate wealth of South Africa, which gives our white class one of the highest standards of living in the world.

And Nelson? Eighteen years in jail for committing the solitary crime of seeking justice in an unjust land. As very few of Wits’ graduates are in favour of things like ‘just distribution of wealth’, ‘returning the land to the people who work it’ etc, it is unlikely that they will vote for Mandela.

No, Mandela will lose like he did last year at the University of London where he was thrashed by Princess Anne, a millionaire who has never worked a day in her life. Forget it Nelson — try again — when we have won greater things than Chancellorships.

— RW

Ovenden Lambert make up

This letter is an attempt to clarify and hopefully stop a damaging situation of confusion. Various parties are under the impression that a ‘feud’ of some sort exists between myself and Glen.

This is not so. For whatever motives, various people are attempting to exploit the situation.

It was felt that David Ovenden’s ruling of the CSC elections as null and void was a personal attack on Glen Lambert. The ruling was made by David in his capacity as constitutions chair, and was a standard and presented action. A letter in the same issue launched a bitter attack on Glen. It was wrongly assumed that David had written this and a reply was made and published (last week).

While this was an error it was an understandable mistake.

Both of us feel that not only a bad but more serious wrong has been done. We feel that a serious misunderstanding has been created over our relationship.

We therefore ask any ‘interested’ parties to desist from further attempts to exploit a non-existent feud! Above all we feel that this is damaging the credibility, effectiveness and image of the Commerce Faculty and student leaders.

— RW

SMA plays campus policeman

Members of the SMA have now extended their implementation of SRC rules to include (the removal of) posters. Wednesday 12th 4:30pm: three SMA members mount the stairs of the Old Students Union Building, pulling posters off the boards and calling: ‘These are all coming down, they haven’t been stamped’.

The posters in question were advertising a screening of Lindsay Anderson’s film ‘If by Projects Comm. Presumably shocked to the core by seeing such a controversial film advertised without use of the SRC stamp, they manage a big brave grin and — I wonder what happened to those posters.

Consistency might not be expected from the SMA (at least 3 other sets of posters, also un stamped, were left untouched) but they might at least have put the stamp to their own colours (little exclusive revelations on the same boards — "Wits — SAAWU Connection" notices concerning Projects Comm do not bear an SRC stamp.

• Are they biased?
• Are they destroying other peoples property?
• Is the government aware of this?

Glen is good for us

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A festival of arts — the biggest to be held in Southern Africa, is being planned for early July in Gaborone, Botswana.

The festival, which is based on the theme ‘Art Towards Social Development and Change in South Africa’, has been formulated specifically to promote Southern African arts. As such, the organisers are hoping to attract as many entries from serious artists in South Africa as possible.

The festival, which is being organised under the auspices of the Botswana National Museum, will include an exhibition of paintings and photographs, the staging of plays and musical concerts (for example the Fulani poets who have been playing at the Nunnyrea Theatre on Campus), and the screening of films.

The planning for the festival began about two years ago. One of the organisers, a former student at the Michaelis School of Fine Art in Cape Town, Gordon Metz, said, 'There had been an exhibition of South African art in 1979 which was subsequently taken on tour to Sweden, but as it included only artists from the Pretoria area, the festival was comprised of artists from the area, it was heavily criticised at the time for not being representative enough.

'It was then decided to have an exhibition which drew on the resources of artists from all over South Africa, and the idea grew to include not just paintings but all forms of the arts.'

A prominent South African poet, Mangone Serete, who lives in Gaborone, spoke of the need to draw South African artists together into a single forum and expose them to one another.

'Especially those involved in community projects', he explained, 'Community-oriented institutions often work at cross purposes to each other. They need to discuss their differences to be able to work more effectively towards a common goal, and we’re hoping this festival will provide the right impetus.'

Serete called for a new vitality in South African art where artists did not dwell on the past but rather forged new directions based on understanding the political environment and traditional cultures.

This festival is particularly exciting in that it offers without qualification or condition to South African art for political reasons, will be given an opportunity to express themselves in a climate of mutual learning and discovery.

More information may be obtained by speaking to Fiona Winer, in the Wits Student Office or by writing to the Botswana National Museum.

-- ART TOWARDS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT --

an exhibition of South African Art

June 10 — August 1982

Queuing for Cue

What do a PhD student, a librarian, a teacher, a psychologist and a lay artist have in common?

All are feminists, and all work on the editorial collective of an exciting news magazine called ‘Cue’. 'Cue provides a forum for Johannesburg women to share ideas, advertise events, and learn skills from one another.

Above all it gives women a space to communicate with other women.

The content of each edition range from film reviews to readers’ letters to political comment.

A column called ‘Blink’ comments on the media; there’s a ‘smalls’ page in which readers can advertise anything from courses in photography to ‘reasonably priced fridges wanted’; and short articles dealing with events in Jo’burg (puppet shows, defence classes, movement classes) are interspersed with examinations of, for example, genital mutilation and women’s detennines.

'The reason we called it 'Cue', one woman explained, 'is that we feel its time that women took their cue in participating in events with other women'. This participation could involve joining one of the classes advertised, submitting an article, or simply writing a letter to the magazine.

There is space for a variety of viewpoints, for while the editorial collective produces the magazine, their views do not necessarily dominate the tone of what is published.

Only two editions have been produced thus far, but more on the way! These will be obtainable from ‘Grace’ (Hunter Street, Yeoville), ‘Bookwise’ (Braamfontein) or through the Wits Women’s Movement (2nd floor. Students Union Building).

South African art, from under cover

Nine days of top films

A nine-day film festival, incorporating eleven major films, is to take place at Milner Park Showgrounds from Friday 21 to Saturday 29 May in the General Motors Pavilion.

Jointly arranged by the Performing Arts Centre Film Society of WITS University and the Johannesburg Film Society, the festival will fall within the Mother Earth Fair which takes place in the Showgrounds at the same time.

The combined executive of both groups has carefully chosen a roster of rare, older films as well as a number of brand new and exciting movies. The Director of Publications has waived the registration fee imposed for other recent festivals, including the important Cape Town International Film Festival.

Members of the Johannesburg and WITS’ PAC Film Societies* have preferential booking on Saturday 17 and Monday 19 May. They need to present current membership cards (full or temporary) to Computicket operators there.

Ticket sales open to the public. Admission is R3.00 per ticket, or R2.50 if 4 or more tickets are purchased simultaneously.

*Film and Drama students.

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Back up film: Miracle in Milan (de Sica)

Programmes are subject to alteration without notice.
Under the Military Bill the RAU campus recently got their own Military Unit. Knowing the way our beloved government's alleged brain works, we can be sure that the Wits version can't be far off.

But what would it be like, having the Czarist troops right here under our noses? Wits Student spent a few sleepless nights, gawed some fingernails, consulted a computer, counted on their fingers and drew on the walls, and this is what they came up with .

I pulled my scarf closer around my ears and stared around me furiously. Then, gathering all my courage in my shoes and my heart in my throat, I raced up the steps into Central Block.

A green-clad MP intercepted me deftly and escorted me down an endless corridor, occasionally jabbing his sub-machine gun into my spine in a comradely fashion. After a century or two we came to a steel armoured door labelled 'Campus Military Unit - Gen. HQ - Salute when you enter'.

I did so, resisting the impulse to shout 'Heil Hitler'. It was immediately obvious to my experienced eyes that this was not your run-of-the-mill office. The subtle difference was emphasized by the sandbags in front of the window and around the walls, the Spandau machine gun mounted on the window sill among the geraniums, the neat pile of banana grenades in the corner and the two-metre-thick concrete walls.

Filling most of the office was Brigadier Gabriel Gerhardus van der Merwe-Botha. Eager to please, I flashed him my most charming smile.

'Don't sneer at me like a half-witted ape,' he snapped irritably. I removed the smile.

'Good day, sir, I'm from Wits Student and . . .'

'Wits Student?' he gargled, eyes rolling in their sockets.

We are confident in the knowledge that they will be only too glad to serve their country during their holidays, their free time and between lectures. Yes, we have only the good of students at heart.

He sat back in his chair, doffing his irreplaceable damage to the back of it, and smiled like a cat who had discovered a badly compos ed rat under the settee, rummaging something about 'serve them right, militant communist . . . gobbles gobble . . .'

He folded his hands over his stomach, a remarkable feat.

'Have the students been consulted on this matter?' I asked innocently, not well versed in the various ways of the Powers that Be.

He seemed to get a faraway look in his eyes as he pondered the question, idly taking a few potshots at a student walking outside his window. When he finally crumpled into a shapeless heap, he lost interest and started looking around for a more interesting target.

Finding none, he slowly turned in my direction, a business-like gleam in his bloodshot eyes.

A sudden flash of deep insight informed me that it might be a good time to evacuate the area. I rose hurriedly, thanked him warmly and ran for the door.

As I went so said exit I blundered into an elongated green cylinder with a mouth reading 'Nuclear Warhead. Handle Carefully. Any old way up.'

The heavy metal door clanged shut behind me and I could hear the frustrated whine of the air-cooler whirring around the office. I coughed and the man looking apologetically at the hopefuI medical student with his stretcher standing next to him. Folding my arms over my heart I turned and sprinted for the main entrance.

A single thought kept turning in my head. Maybe if I hurry I can still make it to the train bureau and book a one-way ticket to Outer-Mongolia . . .

The Phantom
Typewriter

The true Messiah

Jesus is coming. According to advertisements placed in twelve national newspapers by the Commerce Student's Council, Christ will appear to the world at the next Aseec meeting. Promising better time-tables, a free exam paper service and world peace, Christ is said to be standing for 1983 Wits SRC presidency.

The Cargo Motors account

Mr. David Overdone became SRC treasurer on Monday 14 April. On Wednesday 16 April he was spotted in a metallic gold Mercedes Benz 350 SLC with automatic sunroof. (Just thought we'd let you know before they did).

Requisition chips

The SRC is to launch a national poker tournament. Following the successful holding of two meetings (£10.00 in, 5 cent chips, no requisition forms please) a Wits First side was chosen.

Other teams for the new league are now being sought and anyone wishing to join the competition can contact the Wits captains, John, "Aces Wild" Abramson and David "Royal Flash" Ferreira.

A bit of Muscle

The Phantom typewriter desperately trying to confute the rumors that Muscle Kristal featured in a meeting Mike Weaver for world title bout in September. Mr. Bomb Arum said at a national press conference last week that if South Africa provides him with "another white palooka -- the Fighter on".

Mr. Kristal could not be contacted for comment. He believed to be in Argentina visiting some friends.
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