Militarisation

South Africa's state
Big bleed clots up

This year's 'Big Bleed' held on Tuesday last week received the least support ever in Rag history.

The final amount of blood donated was 608 pints from 246 old donors and 362 new donors. Comparing it with the figures of 1981 (887 pints) and 1980 (1,156 pints) indicates a notable downturn in support.

According to Hein Alkers, a Rag spokesperson, this year's lack of support could be attributed to incidents which occurred at last year's 'Big Bleed' in which inexperienced Medical students were brought in to help and people were put off. "A lot of people don't know what they're in for and other people tend to give them distorted views of what happened," he said.

"Rag in general has had considerably less support from students than in previous years," the spokesperson said.

More rooms at Jubilee

Ten more students have been accommodated at Jubilee as a result of a move by the Warden, Mrs Sheila Suttner.

Mrs Suttner, having been Wits accommodation officer has always been concerned about the lack of residences for students. When the last tenants moved out of one of the three flats in Jubilee Hall (usually accommodates Admin staff) Mrs Suttner proposed that she move out of her flat into the smaller one vacated. "I realised that at a very small cost, the university could convert my bigger flat into rooms and provide accommodation for more students," she said.

Mrs Suttner's flat has been converted into rooms and 10 new students have been admitted. Jubilee Hall now accommodates 364 students.

Workers victory

More than 7,000 workers have recently achieved a degree of success in negotiations with management.

The workers, all in the food manufacturing industry, have won wage increases between 19 and 22 percent in recent weeks. The increases have been hailed as a victory for the Food and Canning Workers Union, to which all the workers involved belong.

Negotiations with the workers involved several large food firms, among which were SA Milling, Epic Oil, Epol and Sasko Milling. The Food and Canning Workers Union has a long history of success in the labour field. In 1979 they co-ordinated the National Fattis and Monis boycott which resulted in a victory for the union.

The Union was also involved in the recent labour summit held in Port Elizabeth.

Dup urges hard graft

Students must not lose sight of the importance of the end of year examinations, according to the Vice-Chancellor.

Professor Du Plessis pointed out in the Vice-Chancellor's Newsletter recently that the second terms is an important time for students to make a concerted effort.

Whereas the mid-year examination lessens the importance of the final examination to some extent, the student must still realise that the outcome of a whole year of study is at stake, according to Prof Du Plessis.

The Prof urged members of staff to encourage students to work hard.

Union's four year struggle for recognition ends

A four year battle for recognition in industry, ended in an increase in wages of 26c an hour and a rise in the minimum wage.

The dispute, one of the longest battles over union recognition in SA labour history, ended in an increase in wages of 26c an hour and a rise in the minimum wage.

The CWIU had effective support from British unions at the central Revertex company since the beginning of the dispute in 1978. The union regarded the agreement, which gives them negotiating and other rights, as a significant victory. The CWIU has warned that a similar dispute may be brewing at Revertex's Johannesburg Plant.

Municipal by-law fences in pool

The Wits Amphitheatre may soon be ruined by a fence.

In terms of a municipal by-law passed in Johannesburg, all swimming pools will soon have to be enclosed by a fence. The Wits pool is no exception, and a fence will probably have to be erected.

This fence would cut the amphitheatre off from the pool, and, apart from being a nuisance, would ruin the appearance of the pool and amphitheatre area.
Campus conflict

Conflict erupted on campus last week when a scuffle broke out over an anti PLO poster.

The poster, believed to have been issued by the South African Union of Jewish Students (SAUIS) was put up outside Senate House.

A scuffle broke out while the poster was being put up but was soon broken up, and the students involved are believed to have made statements to Wits security.

This incident comes at a time of increasing tension on Wits campus over the current Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

At least six different posters have emerged over the last week, and both groups are preparing meetings and more media for the weeks ahead.

A meeting held in Lenasia last Thursday to express solidarity with the people of Palestine turned out the site of argument between Moslem fundamentalists, who slated Yasser Arafat for his conciliatory stance, and moderates, who emphasised the complicated nature of the situation.

A speaker from the floor emphasised that the Koran instructed Moslems to 'love Jews, even above other peoples, while another made references to an 'international Jewish conspiracy.'

A spokesperson for SAUIS said that the incidents of last week had been 'minor'.

We decided not to take action against a person we found pulling down our posters, the spokesperson said.

The Moslem student society could not be contacted for comment.

Honorary degree for Tutu

The withdrawal of Bishop Desmond Tutu's passport made it impossible for him to travel to America to receive an honorary degree.

Officials of Columbia University, New York, last night presented Bishop Tutu with an Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Theology. The president of the university, Dr Michael Sovern, and various senior officers travelled to South Africa to present the Degree to Bishop Tutu. In the normal course, Bishop Tutu would have travelled to New York to receive the award.

The South African authorities withdrew Bishop Tutu's passport in April 1981. Continued attempts were made in May of this year to get the Bishop's passport re-issued so that he could travel to America for the award. When all attempts failed, the Columbia officials decided to come to South Africa to award the degree.

Wits University agreed to provide a venue for the ceremony, which took place in the Great Hall.

A number of Wits academics were involved in an academic procession which took place as part of the ceremony.

Bishop Tutu

Visas for the American academics were granted on an academic process which took place in the Great Hall.

Neil Mitchell sentenced

A conscientious objector was sentenced to one year's detention by a military court two weeks ago.

Roman Catholic objector, Neil Mitchell, a Wits graduate, was sentenced after refusing to do military service on the grounds of objection to war and violence.

Mitchell, who is a qualified high school teacher, will still be liable for military service after his sentence. Before he was sentenced a Defence Force lawyer urged the court to fine Mitchell, so that he could continue teaching. The lawyer pointed out that legislation to allow for conscientious objectors is 'in the pipeline'.

The Roman Catholic church does not explicitly forbid its members to do military service, but encourages its members to obey their consciences, according to the Archbishop of Pretoria, the Right Reverend Monsignor George Daniel. He said that conscience was the ultimate norm of morality and individuals were exhorted to obey their consciences.

Mitchell told the court that by enlisting in the SADF he would be required to go along with the dehumanisation of the enemy into people to be hated, thereby denying their human dignity and their bearing of the image and likeness of God.

He stated that he was prepared to do a non-military form of service.

American professor lauds Freedom Charter

An American academic has described the Freedom Charter as a 'profoundly democratic statement' and has admitted he was shocked to learn the government had tried to use it in treason trials as proof of communist beliefs.

Delivering the T B Davie memorial lecture at the University of Cape Town, Professor Howard Zinn, professor of political science at Boston University, said he had been 'deeply moved' by the charter, which was adopted by more than 3,000 delegates at the Kliptown congress on June 26, 1955.

He had been shocked to learn that the government had later tried to use the Freedom Charter as proof of communism in treason trials.

'It seems to me unwise for the government to label as communist a statement so profoundly democratic, so concerned with freedom of expression, with sexual and racial equality, with the goal of plentiful food, land and medical care for everyone,' Prof Zinn said he had also read the speech made in court by ANC president Nelson Mandela shortly before he was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1963 for sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the government.

'Surely a person of such sensibility, idealism and courage should not be in prison, but in the leadership of a society reconstructing itself as a democracy,' he said.

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Carl Rogers —
One of the greats

World famous psychologist, Carl Rogers, will conduct a weekend workshop, open to all, from 6–8 August here on campus.

Dr Carl Rogers, an eminent and revolutionary social thinker, arrived in South Africa on Sunday 25 July.

The 80-year old doctor has been hailed by Professor Len Holdstock, an associate professor in the division of applied psychology at the University of the Witwatersrand, as being a person as great as Sigmund Freud or Carl Jung.

Dr Rogers has studied a wide range of subjects, including history, clinical and educational psychology and religion. He has contributed as vast amount of information to the fields of psychology and psychiatry in addition to extensively investigating psychotherapy as a major alternative to psychoanalytic therapy.

He has been a member of numerous societies and has held the post of President in many others, including the American Academy of Psychotherapy and the American Psychological Association.

In addition to receiving tribute and awards from universities and professional groups around the world, he is the only person to have received the top two honours of the American Psychological Association, these being the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award and the Distinguished Professional Contribution Award.

Dr Rogers has adapted various revolutionary approaches to the study of psychology.

Medics third best

The Wits Medical School has been found to be the third best out of 115 medical schools outside of the USA.

This finding is a result of an exam run by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates which was written in July 1981. The exam, which is open to all medical students or graduates outside of the United States or Canada, can be written twice-yearly. It is arranged by the Commission in order to evaluate the standards that foreign medical students have achieved.

Wits Medical School students attained an average of 78.8%. The overall average of the 115 schools which participated was 71.5%.

In July 1980, the Wits Medical School achieved 3rd place out of 97 participating schools. The Medical School has been among the top ten since 1974, which suggests that it has maintained a high standard and is constantly improving.

The exam is written in two parts, one consisting of an examination of medical knowledge and the second an examination of knowledge of the English language. Applicants are usually final year students, but any medical student may apply.

The Dean of each of the medical schools which the participating students represent is notified of their performance.

Prof P.V. Tobias, Dean of the Wits Medical Faculty said that when taking into account the thousands of students and hundreds of schools that write the exam, many of which are very distinguished, one can be 'justifiably proud of these results.' He described the findings as a 'fair independent and objective analysis of the quality of our students.'

No crowding for Morocko

Morocko and Sakhile failed to draw a crowd to a concert held in the Great Hall on Friday 23rd July. At the same time, the Asylum Kids packed the Selbourne Hall in town to capacity.

The Asylum Kids concert, at which they were backed by The Usuals and La Metro Trois, was the last one before the group left for London.

This fact, combined with extensive advertising ensured the success of the concert. Between 1,500 and 2,000 people turned up to watch the Kids play. The atmosphere created by the crowd added much to the success of the performance.

The Morocko and Sakhile Bill only attracted about 200 people. Reasons for this were that the Asylum Kids were the major drawcard of the evening, and that the concert was not advertised well enough in advance.

Sakhile played most of their better known music, while Morocko, who have been seen less frequently at Wits, provided a highly entertaining performance.

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In defence of the state

Things may never be the same again.

For a long time students have lived comfortably with the belief that they would be able to get a professional degree at university, serve a two year stint in the army and proceed to enjoy the lucrative fruits of civilian life in sunny South Africa.

That may no longer be so. The boundary line between military camps and the surrounding civilian world is becoming increasingly blurred.

After all, whites on both sides of high-security fencing around Voortrekkerhooste carry guns. Was it not a civilian woman who shot dead a black worker when Sigma motor plant came out on strike in 1980? And was it not white civilians who shot an ANC guerrilla during the recent spate of bombings in northern Natal?

Civilians are being drawn into the defence of the ‘fatherland’. Civil defence programmes are spreading from neighbourhood to neighbourhood.

At white schools, pupils are drilled in counter-insurgency tactics and in the use of a wide range of weaponry.

Quite apart from the growing militarisation of civilian life, the graduating white male student now faces the prospect not only of two years’ bondage to the army, but of serving in army camps well into his middle age. And who knows what awaits him during his period of service. An operation in southern Angola! A raid into Mozambique? Or perhaps a mission to put down civil unrest in the townships.

Nor are women and blacks immune from the prospect of military service. The local point of the woman’s back-up role is shifting from the kitchen to the parade-ground and to military desk-duty. And ‘Coloureds’ and Indians have been told that they might be called upon to ‘defend’ South Africa.

The process of militarisation is slow, sometimes imperceptible, but it is also steady and inexorable. Already the early symptoms of ‘war psychosis’ have begun to appear.


Stroll into a bookshop or news agency and you will see magazine articles and books about the experiences of Selous Scouts in Rhodesia, revelations of ‘terrorists’ atrocities replete with gruesome colour pictures, or articles on counter-insurgency tactics in white farming districts.

‘Border Boys’

The ‘heroic’ efforts of the boys on the border are romanticised in everything from building society advertisements to war crimes.

Military parades and ceremonies have invaded our television screens. Documentaries draw our attention to the long and bitter war in Namibia, where our forces are protecting ‘the people of the territory’ from ‘their’ enemy, Swapo.

The state has recognised that its needs to train increasing numbers of blacks for technical, professional and supervisory positions to meet the changed labour needs of highly mechanised monopoly concerns. It also perceives the need to expand the black consumer market.

Government solution: give a share of the black population a stake in the system of free enterprise by extending to them a limited range of privileges.

What is the bewildered student to make of all this? What lies behind the creeping militarisation of everyday life?

Turn on the TV during a news bulletin and you’ll find a clue to the answer. The conflict. Botha raging ‘it is between Christian civilization and the forces of chaos’.

‘Not between black and white, Christian civilisation? Forces of chaos!’ It all seems incomprehensible. But set out to decipher the Prime Minister’s mumbo jumbo and the sinister underlining tensions will become plain.

‘Not between black and white’, translated, reads as follows: the ruling groups in South Africa have realised that the lines of division in SA need to be redrawn if ‘free enterprise’ is to survive.

The South African system they realise, must be changed to meet the political and economic requirements of the monopoly capitalists who dominate our economy.

Political

Political requirements? Black dissent, so evident in the school communities and on the factories floor, is spreading. In 1976, 70,000 workers went on strike in Durban and initiated a period of growing industrial militancy. Work stoppages and strikes in key industries throughout the country have become a definite feature of the 1980’s.

In 1976 and again in 1980, black students launched nationwide revolts against the education system and the structures of exploitation which sustain it.

All this and growing black disenchantment with ‘free enterprise’ threatens the stability of the capitalist system.

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Economic

The state has recognised the need to train increasing numbers of blacks for technical, professional and supervisory positions to meet the changed labour needs of highly mechanised monopoly concerns. It also perceives the need to expand the black consumer market.

Solution: set up training programmes, increase the geographical and job mobility of black workers, and apply pressure on employers to raise their wages of their employees.

So the solutions to the political and economic problems...
Forces of compulsion are decodable in mumbled confusion. Have the plain people in black and white understood as follows in South Africa that the self-proclaimed need to be just and fair is to surrender?

For one, if you permit this system, it will be changed to one economic oligarchy. That means our black and white?

Converge. And it all sounds very nice.

But it isn't.

Firstly, the rights and privileges of those blacks targeted for uplifting remain severely curtailed. Urban blacks are still voiceless and voiceless; surging inflation and unemployment erode their real wages; backlogs in the sphere of education and housing are far greater than any government can cope with.

Secondly, and more importantly, the privileges extended to some blacks in the urban middle class and those workers with urban residential rights are being granted at the expense of the majority. For the rural unemployed and migrant workers, the urban economy is becoming more inaccessible. Ever.

The hungry millions are trapped on white farms and in impoverished bantustans, denied access to jobs in the cities. Their plight is desperate; thousands die of poor nutrition every month.

So when P W Botha talks of defending 'Christian civilisation' against chaos, he's talking about protecting capitalism from the demands and struggles of the majority.

So what has all this got to do with militarisation?

At present every white South African male must spend more than 4 years of his life in the army.

Aiming at a military future: More than half of South Africa's whites, held gun licences at the end of 1981.
Traffic cop is just not enough

I am writing in connection with the new Wits 'traffic cop'.

While the SRC is to be commended in this latest effort to ease the parking problem, we are once more presented with a solution for a symptom not the cause. The real problem is that Wits simply has not got enough parking space for its students. An international friend of mine says that the Wits parking problem is far worse than anything he has ever seen overseas. I would estimate that approximately 10,000 cars converge on Wits every day and there is just nowhere for them to park.

Wits administration must buy more ground for the exclusive use of parking.

No new expansion must be planned if there is not sufficient student parking.

We must avoid the situation when students have to pay more than R1,000 a year for parking as businesses now have to do in the CBA.

Communication lacking

I wish to complain about the prescribed textbook for the Communications Studies course for BComm students.

The textbook is a book giving examples which the students have to work on, however, the book is no use whatsoever as a reference work. Unlike textbooks for courses like Business Economics, where one can always refer to the textbook to solve a practical problem, the Communication Studies textbook could never be practically applied.

Students are told that marks will be deducted from them if they do not purchase this book. Is it not strange that the three persons to whom this book is accredited are Charles Stodel, Moira Katz, and Joy Rome, the three senior tutors for this course. Is Wits not paying them enough, that they have to resort to getting royalties for this poor excuse for a textbook? To avoid persecution I wish to remain anonymous.

A concerned BComm Student

The tutors concerned say in reply to this letter: the book is of immense practical use and it is used in nearly every tutorial. The textbook was not designed to be a 'reference book' but rather a practical workbook with examples for use in class.

Concerning the cost of the book, it was distributed free from 1977-1980 — and only over the last two years have students been asked to contribute towards the cost of producing it.

The tutors concerned also emphasised that after printing costs they received 'almost nothing' in royalties.

Wits going out of style

After receiving support and best wishes from leading figures in the National Party, the SMA now claim to have support from a wing of the PFP.

This emerged in a leading Johannesburg glossy magazine, Style. In its August edition, now on the shelves, it carries a special report on three Reel universities. They are Wits, RAU and University of Pretoria.

The report, which covers the area of student politics, uncovers some inconsistencies. According to Dr. Patric Ronan — an SMA office bearer — and the SRC vice-president, Sam Cohen, there appear to be 170 'missing' SMA members. Together they put the membership of the SMA at 200, whilst the real figure is exactly 30.

Looking further at campus life the report quotes Dr. Cohen of the Campus Health Clinic who suggests that 'Students have little time for activities like sport, sex, drugs or hobbies.'

Style also comments on the SRC's of RAU and Tuks for which the basic requirements are 'Nat. Kristelik en man' are posited by the 'Special Report' as being apolitical. It is no wonder that the report describes Lance Crystal, a former Wits student and SMA member, as 'the only moderate in some time to have sat on the SRC'.

Perturbed Observer

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Solidarity with Neil

Neil Mitchell, 22 years old, is a BA (Wits) graduate and a qualified high school teacher. Neil was sentenced to 12 months in Detention Barracks at a Military Court Martial in Pretoria on Tuesday 30th July 1982, for refusing to do his National Service in the South African Defence Force.

We as concerned Christians express our support for Neil and his stand on grounds of conscience. We note that he is being treated like a criminal for his Christian beliefs.

We believe that it is the responsibility of every Christian to consider the outworking of his faith in Society and to make a stand according to his or her conscience.

'It takes my faith seriously and I am trying to live in accordance with the Spirit of the life teachings of Jesus Christ, who pointed out to people a way of conducting human relationships which would bring about peace, love, justice and wholeness.'

(Statement by Neil Mitchell)

In particular, we feel that we as Christians cannot omit to educate ourselves about the role of the militancy in SA and to consider our stand on the matter of violence.

However, the problem of violence is not one to be viewed in isolation, but rather as something indicative of a broader structure. Therefore, we urge Christians to look at the broader society in terms of Christian beliefs and see how we as Christians in SA can live out the gospel values of love, John 13:34: 'And now I give you a new commandment: As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'

Christian Awareness Group, in conjunction with Cathsoc, Methsoc, SCA

SMA not ‘unwanted’

I would like to correct the mistaken impression created by your feature ‘The campus right wing – a history of obstruction’ in Wits Student Vol 34, no 16.

That article conveys the impression that the SMA was ‘banned’ because of its ‘intransigence’, because it has brought the university into disrepute, because of its ‘destructive tactics’, and so on. This is the language the state uses when attacking opponents simply for their ideas.

No reasonable person would defend the SMA. I think that the description given by an American anti-racist organisation of the Ku Klux Klan ‘the worst scourge ever thrown up by the dying system of capitalism’ could apply equally well to our moderates.

But they were not de-recognised because of their ideas. In contrast to the government, we do not fear the ideas of our opponents.

The SMA was banned because it violated a long list of constitutional provisions of the SRC in spite of having been warned to change its ways.

In addition the SMA and its members have been associated with a wide range of activities which fall outside the ambit of democratic practice: allegedly pulling guns on its opponents and assaulting those with whom it disagrees, chanting racist slogans, persecuting its own secretary for having a black friend, and allegedly co-operating with the security police, and so on.

It was not in fact for explicitly ‘political’ reasons that their recognition was withdrawn; that is why liberal, left and conservative members of the SRC alike supported the action taken against them.

Daryl Glaser
Further Deputy Vice-President SRC

‘No debate’, say Muslims

The Muslim Students Association of Wits would gladly accept the challenge by the South African Union of Jewish Students to debate the Palestinian issue.

However, the Palestinian issue is characterised by historical, emotional, religious and ideological dimensions. In view of this, the MSA of Wits considers it imperative to get a categorical acceptance of the following indisputable facts:

1. Recognition of the PLO as the sole, authentic and legitimate representative of the Palestinian People.
2. The Palestinians’ rights to self-determination.
3. Respect the territorial integrity of Lebanon.

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Muslim Students Association

Wits war

The middle east war has split over onto Wits campus as supporters of the PLO and pro-Zionist Jews gear up for imminent confrontation. The phantom typewriter is in possession of a challenge issued by the military wing of SAJUS calling for a duel on the library lawn involving Wits staff and students.

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Forked tongue

Wits administration has reportedly prevented BCom II student Cecil Feinstein from standing for the SRC. Feinstein submitted information about Namibian crisis and the disappearance of Prof. Steele. Feinstein told the PT that administration attempt to exclude him as a member of candidates he said, citing the present SRC promise to include parking facilities for Wits.

SAJUS have expressed the word in the blood of the Marxist students, who are Jewish?

Concerned Jewish Progressive

Why no Lebanon feature?

In recent months we have seen in your journal features on an assessment of the major news events: Poland, Central America, the Nat split, the Falklands. Your courageous left-wing re-interpretation of these historically significant developments has been very welcome.

Coverage of events in London has therefore been all the more conspicuous in its absence.

Why is it that the Left always, or at least very often, get cold feet when it comes to exposing the horrors of Zionism? Why does oppression matter so much in Poland or El Salvador, but not in Israel?

Is it possibly because of the Zionist bullying which terrorise citizens of this country?

Or is it because Zionism has been anathema to the blood of the Marxist students, who are Jewish?

Letters

New Disco

The Wits swimming pool is to be turned into a disco. Alert students will have noticed that the pool has already been drained and wild new colours have already been applied to the interior. The SRC, who have been pushing for a new disco since their 11th floor job but was converted into the Vice Chancellor’s office, are said to be elated. Judy ‘American Hustle’ Miller, delegate to the SRC, is reported
New dance moves

'Moving into Dance', Sylvia Glasser's Contemporary Dance Company will be presenting a new program at the Alexander Theatre, Braamfontein, in August.

The Company has several new dancers this season as well as three Guest Artists from PACT Ballet — Bronwyn Auret, Roeleen Menachemson and Jennifer Marrs.

The new works that will be shown include 'Black Orpheus' which is based on the Orpheus legend, but set in South Africa. Lauren Tanchum will dance the role of Eurydice and Andrew Mnguni will be Orpheus.

The three PACT artists will dance in 'Rebecca' which Sylvia Glasser has choreographed for them based on Daphne du Maurier's story. The music for 'Rebecca' is by Villa Lobos, whereas Dave Brubeck is the inspiration for a dance to 'Take 5'. 'Not for Squares' is a lighthearted collage using balls, hoops, tubes, skates — and dancers!

Politico's film to be shown at Wits

Konstantin Costa-Gavras is one of the few directors who has devoted all his energies to making political films.

His latest movie, 'Missing', which won the Palme D'Or for Best Picture at the 1982 Cannes Film Festival, is currently showing on South African screens. The film stars Sissy Spacek and Jack Lemmon, who carried off the Best Actor award at Cannes.

'Missing' highlights, in graphic and appalling detail, the horrors of the 1973 CIA-inspired coup d'état in Chile, which resulted in the overthrow of the democratically elected President, Salvador Allende.

Costa-Gavras's first film, 'The Sleeping Car Murders', was made in 1965. Perhaps his greatest success came three years later, with 'Z', which was based upon an actual incident — the assassination of a left-wing Greek deputy in 1963.

'Z', which had Costa-Gavras's favourite actor, Yves Montand in the leading role, was voted Best Foreign Language Film at the 1969 Academy Award. In 1970, Montand was again working for Costa-Gavras, this time starring opposite his off-screen wife, Simone Signoret, in 'The Confession'.

Set in Czechoslovakia, 'The Confession' exhibits all the trademarks of its celebrated director. Costa-Gavras creates an unbearable emotional intensity, an overwhelming sense of dark, nameless forces at work, and a documentary realism which gains its power from his reliance upon true events as the substance of his film-making.

In 'The Confession', Costa-Gavras drew on the horrifying experiences of Artur London, a high-ranking Communist bureaucrat and one of the defendants in the 1951 Spy-rack trial. The film highlights the events leading up to London's false confession to a series of crimes perpetrated against the state.

'The Confession' will be screened on Wednesday, 4 August at 7.30 pm in SHB8.
A Musician's Mission

While record companies and promoters make big noises about what they're doing for music in this country, a quiet revolution continues in an inconspicuous house in Kensington, Johannesburg.

Three well-known figures in local music have converted a double garage into a soundproof, 8 track studio capable of producing a final product for disc. Every instrument that is necessary can be provided.

The studio is called Midnite Flyer, a name more familiar as a concert promotion team and even as a band. It is this and more. Midnite Flyer is a valuable musical mission station.

The technical boss is Des Woolridge, whose track record includes the sound engineering for live acts as diverse as Doby Gray, Ray Charles, Supermax and Sonja Herold.

We spend some time in the studio listening to demos. There is some amazingly good, original material, but the bands and artists are mostly unknown. It will be grim irony if record companies shrink away from claiming a stake in this goldmine.

A lot of overseas bands have been through the studio, including members of Tavares, America and Curtis Mayfield's band. They've all found the informal atmosphere conducive to uninhibited jamming.

'Unfortunately, studios like ours are put down by others because it's so revolutionary,' Des laments.

Musical director Larry Friedberg has studied under John McLaughlin's drummer, giggled in San Francisco for 2 years and played with Julian Laxton. He was also a member of Shag before Dino and Robbi split to form Asylum Kids, of Afrozona and, more recently, Docto C. and its successor, the Tim Parr Band. Derek Woolridge handles drums and keyboards in the trio's home and it is not unusual for them to provide for up to a dozen muzos working late.

Larry was also the man behind the series of successful Piesdelly Theatre rock concerts a few years ago.

'Joburg had quite a few more together bands then,' he recalls. 'We keep putting new bands together, but there are no real venues.'

'The business is coming from musicians, but musicians don't have any money so we always hope that some of the bands using our facilities go down well commercially.'

Des elaborates: 'We have contact with music at street level. We don't wait for a type to land on our desks. Recording companies in this country don't outlay money on supporting a band. If a band must play a live venue and they don't have equipment, we can supply everything.'

This includes more than instruments and practice facilities. In the communal atmosphere of the trio's home it is not unusual for them to provide for up to a dozen muzos working late.

'We're trying to expand. But at the moment we're providing make is going back into the studio; so we need more money to expand.

'If a band can't afford studio time, we give it to them free. But we want capital to support these bands in other ways as well.'

'The idea is to create an environment where there are no excuses. We're a 24 hour studio and there's no pressure on bands to play at a certain rate or in a certain way. We don't restrict the bands or musicians at all.'

Larry sums up the concept they've evolved over the years: 'It's a spot where ideas and identities can be merged peacefully. We feel that we can open a path for South African music if we can support it by providing funds. Eventually this music will get out to the people.'

Des opens a storeroom and points proudly at the drum sets, horns and various instruments covering the floor and wall racks.

'We've got the biggest range of drums and keyboards in the country,' he says.

'But now we can record a band and offer them the same facilities on the road as they used in the studio, so they can produce the same sound recorded or live.

Des was DJ at the Chelsea, where Midnite Flyer collaborated on the sound, as they did at Midnite Express in Rockey Street. He points out that Afrozona was the first multi-racial band to play in restaurants clubs like Tortue and Le Cham. Flyer's recent project, Metro, was in fact the first band to play at the latest addition to Yeoville's nightlife, Rockey 24.

During a visit to the studio, they explained the concept. Larry speaks earnestly and with conviction: 'Because it's at home and we entertain people at the same time, ideas and vibrations happen here which don't happen anywhere else,' he says.

Or, to quote Carlos Djeide leader of Roots, a band in the Midnite Flyer stable, 'Music is the healing of the nation.'

Footnote: Roots have released their first single on Midnite Music label, a 'Ballad (B side 'Softer').
The fiasco of the soccer tour stands as a lesson for anyone seriously concerned about the normalisation of sport in South Africa.

Many community and sport organisations joined forces — in the space of one week — to oppose the tour. The message that sent out is still ringing the ear of George Thabe and South African Breweries: ‘no normal sport in an ‘abnormal’ society.’

This point has been made often enough. But sport organisers like George Thabe and opportunist sponsors like SAB chose to ignore the window dressing of ‘multi-racial’ sport behind which lurks the Group Areas Act, the Separate Amenities Act, the Liquor Act and many more facets of our ‘abnormal’ societies.

And apologists for this government’s policies seem simply unable to grasp this point. ‘But we have done all you’ve asked of us’ they complain to international controlling bodies, ignoring the fact that they haven’t made even one positive contribution towards removing the fundamental injustices in our society.

Until sports organisations can show that they are working for a democratic non-racial society. South Africa’s sporting isolation is the only response we can expect from the world.

Lessons of a soccer disaster

The recent soccer tour by 17 international soccer stars was a monumental victory for progressive forces in South Africa. Here Wits Student looks at the events of the last two weeks and their possible significance for the future of South African soccer.

The ‘marauding mercenaries’ as the SAB International XI was dubbed by FIFA, the world soccer body, were acting against the decisions to boycott South African sport. Believing that the rebels would be received with open arms by the international sport-starved South Africans, SAB organised a team including Ossie Ardilles an Argentinian World Cup player.

However SAB had not re-read information on the black Seals of the new team, and has been pointed out that SAB would have to put up R73 thousand. The publicity and free advertising that could have been gained and that was gained by SAB was worth far more than a mere R73 thousand.

In the eyes of many, SAB is exploiting South Africa’s sporting position for its own gain. The money given to the rebels varied. Justin Fashanu, of the British Nottingham Forest team, being offered R100,000.

The tour turned sour following the withdrawal of the proposed captain Ossie Ardilles. But the decision taken by three black National Professional Soccer Leagues (NPL) clubs dealt the final blow. The Soviet teams of Orlando Pirates, Moroka Swallows and Kaizer Chiefs decided to boycott the tour in support of the sponsors of the Soviet Committee of 10, trade unions, the Azanian People’s Organisation and the Azanian Student Organisation.

These organisations unanimously rejected the tour on the grounds of it not observing the sport boycott, the obvious exploitation of black soccer clubs as regards their popular following and protected SAB profits.

With the news that the three most supported SA clubs had withdrawn and faced heavy loss the organisers called the tour off. In a joint statement issued by SAB and the South African Football Council the tour was called off due to ‘a lack of support’.

The tour has left several lessons in its wake. Firstly, it clarified one real motive behind SA Breweries sponsorship of rebel tours to South Africa. They are not so much for the improvement of sport as for profit and advertising concerns.

Secondly, it demonstrated that so-called multi-racial sport in South Africa is still incompatible with political feeling.

Thirdly, it demonstrated the degree to which SAB, the white press and the white community are hopelessly out of touch with black opinion.

The tour has also left a great degree of upheaval in soccer circles. The Football Council of South Africa has come under fire from several clubs, notably Kaizer Chiefs. Kaizer Chiefs managing director, Kaizer Motaung, believes that the Football Council of SA must be scrapped if SA is to move closer to reinstatement with FIFA.

Kaizer Motaung goes on to say that the Football Council and other racial other racial organisations must be disbanded and the National Football Association accepted as controlling body. He believes that the National Football Association (SANFA) is most likely to be accepted by FIFA due to its strong non-racial policies.

Motaung said that the three team boycott of the tour is likely to result in a less hostile stance by FIFA. He also said that the tour did not and was unlikely to have benefited SA soccer.
Garth Klein
Unopposed

The Council of Architectural Students (CAS) needs to be strengthened in order to become representative of the students of our faculty. In this regard it is important to stimulate inter-departmental relations.

Council of Architectural Students (CAS) will become far more active and dynamic once class representatives are included in meetings: the first step in inter-departmental relations.

Once CAS is strengthened, its scope will be unlimited and we can:

- Have faculty publicity for visiting lecturers: speakers.
- Produce a faculty newspaper informing us of all faculty events.
- Form an inter-departmental 'action-group' which can have practical exposure to the built environment and problems related to it. The built environment is becoming increasingly significant and it is high time that the faculty which is directly involved in this issue to participate in matters which affect our society.

As faculty representative to the SRC I aim to act as the liaison between the SRC and CAS. In addition to acting as the students representative in matter such as:

- Course structure: educational awareness in the spheres of the built environment;
- Social liaison between the different departments.

I NEED YOUR VOTE TO DO THIS FOR YOU!

Record
1980 First year Town and Regional Planning class representative
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1982 TPSA Chairperson
Crescent Residents Association Chairperson
Member of Council of Architectural Students (CAS)

Bruce Rubinstein

Competence, efficiency and consideration of student interests have been sorely lacking in the Arts Faculty over the past year; for this reason, Arts students have been apathetic and reluctant to become involved in issues that affect them as students.

If elected to the SRC, I intend to the best of my ability to increase student representation and participation on faculty committees that influence their studies and lives on campus. Furthermore, I see it as a priority to improve the class representative system so that elected representatives fulfill their mandates and remain accountable to Art Students.

I undertake to investigate other initiatives encouraging greater student involvement and awareness; a possibility in this regard is the decentralisation of SAC (Students Arts Council) structures so that class representatives assume greater responsibilities with respect to academic matters, for example restructuring courses more in tune with students' needs.

I have had extensive experience in student issues and therefore I am equipped to represent art students on the Students Arts Council, the SRC and the faculty board. I ask for your support in implementing these objectives.

Record
1979 Matriculated King David School Victory Park
1980 BSC I
1981 BSE I
1982 Business Manager Wits Student Editorial Board Wits Student
1982 BA II
1982 Orientation Committee
1982 Executive Academic Freedom

Mirryena Karam

Hi,

I am Mirryena Karam, and president of your Student Arts Council (SAC). During my short term of office, I have seen how poorly represented arts students are because:

- The Student Arts Council and the SRC arts rep have been estranged from the needs of students.

I perceive these needs to be:

- Greater and effective student representation on academic council
- The fostering of an arts identity.

The SAC has already planned an Arts Razzle Sat 10 August an Arts T-shirt
- Clean and competent administration of SRC funds (which has not been the case in the past)
- A louder voice for Arts Students on SRC this I believe I am best able to provide, especially noting my progress as President of the SAC.

In short Arts Students deserve a New Deal!

Help me to achieve this New Deal by supporting me further as your Arts Rep to the SRC

Class Rep I International relations II 1981
Wits Student advertising 1981
International Relations guest speaker week 1981
Progressive Students Association committee member 1981 82
President Student Arts Council 1982
Political Studies class departmental rep 1982
Student representative on Arts Faculty Board 1982
Student representative on Rules and Regulations 1982

Darryl Abramson
Unopposed

I stand for nomination simply on the following bases of interests:

- To engender a better liaison between the SRC and the SDC
- To promote the Dental Schools contact with the rest of the student body on all levels to ensure that dental students play an integral part of the student community.
- To make the debate with the faculty Dean as a regular institution as this would promote increased awareness amongst dentistry students.
- To thoroughly examine, and, if warranted, improve the situation vis-à-vis dental students' needs and requirements.
- To investigate all suggestions and ideas put forward by fellow dental students.
- To make available better facilities for foreign students on elective programmes.
- My own interests ex-curricular, at present, are sports orientated. The record of university achievement to date is BDS I Dental Soccer, Wits underwear club
1980 BDS I Dental Soccer
1981 BDS III
1982 BDS IV Dental Soccer, Member of student foreign exchange committee.
greater awareness amongst Business School and students that courses need not necessarily be sterile and predetermined by the department. Students should be encouraged to involve themselves in debate concerning the validity of present courses.

I feel that I am competent of assuming the responsibilities of this position and will aim to represent the best interest of Business School students in liaison and administrative matters.

Record
Commerce Class Rep 1980
BCom -- Wits 1981
Production Court Rep 1982
Marketing Course Rep 1982
Training Course Rep
HDPN Student

Education
Registered Voters 763

John Livanas
Fellow students, friends.
The business school has for too long been detached from the main campus student activities. I will strive to promote greater interaction with the main student body while making great effort in representing your views accurately. I do believe that by effort and perseverance, much can be done to provide student representation.

Record
BSc (Elec Eng) 1981
SRC (Executive) 1981
SHA (Rag Chairman) 1979, 1980

I will conduct the activities required of my office in an efficient and professional manner.

Noleen Seris
Education plays a crucial role in shaping our society. It is therefore important that we as teachers are aware of the nature of problems and issues which we will face in the South African context.

- As Education Faculty representative I will work in close cooperation with the Education Students Council to raise debate around such problems and issues through a seminar programme.
- I will work towards the establishment of an Education Newsletter to provide a forum of issues of importance for education students.
- I will work closely with the Education Students Council to ensure real representation of students' interests on that body, on the SRC and on the Faculty Board.
- I will organise regular report-back sessions on my SRC activities.
- I would like to see Education students taking a far more active role in determining the content and structure of their courses and will work hard in this direction with the ESC.
- I will try to establish regular meeting of the Faculty staff and the student body where questions, grievances and suggestions can be put directly to staff members concerned.
- I will be readily approachable to students on raising both their grievances and interests on the faculty or on the SRC.

Alison Giddy
The faculty of education is divided into two groups — those on the Wits campus and those on the JCE campus. I am on the JCE campus and it is obvious that a rift exists between the two elements of the faculty. My major concern is the inflexibility of the present academic system; it does not allow all students a free subject choice, simply because those subjects are only offered at one of the geographical locations.

My contact with both Wits and JCE enables me to promote closer liaison between the two campuses at academic, social and sporting levels. Being on the SRC would equip me more effectively to campaign on behalf of my faculty.

Politically I remain uncommitted. I would like to see an SRC which is less oriented towards solving the world's problems before dealing with the obvious inconsistencies of the present university system.

The only promise that I make to my supporters is that at all times my commitment will be to serve the student body as a whole.

Tina Sprintz
I am standing for election to the SRC as the rep for the Graduate School of Business Administration.

I believe that the real issues confronting students at Business School should be no different from those confronting students on campus.

I will try to overcome physical and attitudinal support barriers that exist between the two campuses, and to improve relations between the two, so that a more constructive approach can be followed in which Graduate School students play a more active role.
David Grolman

I am standing for re-election to the position of SRC medical representative because I believe that I have shown the ability and dedication to do the job well. My enthusiasm is as great as it was when I first stood and as such I believe that I will remain as dedicated for the next year.

I have been an integral part of the 1982 MSC Executive and played an effective role in its success. This is demonstrated by the continued support given to me by the MSC Executive in endorsing my nomination.

My main role so far has been the furthering of student services. My prolonged alterations with the Traffic Department shows that I am prepared to persevere in whatever I undertake, even in impossible tasks. I promised in my last campaign to investigate soaring canten and medical book prices and am doing so at present. I am also in charge of organising and equipping the MSC bookshop at the Parktown medical school and will endeavour to provide a cheap, yet comprehensive book shop service.

I undertake to continue working to the best of my ability on the MSC, to bridge the campus-medical school gap and to represent the viewpoint of the medical student to the SRC.

Record
SRC Medical Representative President MSC Executive Convenor MSC Constitutions Committee Student Rep on Third Year Curriculum Working Party Wits Wits Distribution Convenor, Rag Committee Executive Treasurer, Progressive Students Association, Member SAUJS

Endorsements
Jonathan Much MSC presidet', Mark Friedman MSC postgraduate; Bish Abrams, would appreciate your support.

Robin Smith

Fellow medical and paramedical students —

The purpose of this manifesto is not to make promises which cannot or will not be fulfilled. I will do as much as possible to aid and represent you as students.

Despite the fact that many previous SRC faculty election campaigns have been fought on the basis of increased links between Campus and Medical School, we as medical students, have become increasingly isolated from activities on main campus. With the aggravating circumstances of the move to Parktown next year, I see liaison as a primary and vital function of this position.

I stand for the formation of a democratic and just society which allows for the preservation of human rights and dignity and furthermore as a future healthworker, for a South Africa which is compatible with good health for all its people.

My belief in these ideas is illustrated by my involvement in the Riverlea clinic and in the establishment of the Health Action Group. I also commit myself to the investigation of the Muldersdrift.

Finally and most importantly I intend to serve students in every respect. Namely: use of sports facilities at the new Johannesburg Hospital, curriculum problems, lunch hours meetings and any other grievances or suggestions you might have. This is because I believe that the SRC and the MSC will be failing to fulfil its function if it does not attempt to succeed in providing the relevant and necessary services for medical students.

My interests are sincere and I have shown the ability and commitment to serve you, the engineering student. However, in order to represent you, I need your vote.

Record
Wits Wits Distribution regional manager (1982)
PRO Wits SEC (1982)

My campaign has the personal endorsement of the following:
Mike Beard, SEC President, Brian Caanwood, Vice-President, SEC; Steve Duvene Outgoing Engineering Rep of SRC; Harvey Fram Education Director, Sefues; Ross Veitch 1st year rep, SEC; Coen Wesseliirk 2nd year rep, SEC; Charles Barnard 3rd year rep, SEC.

Adam Shepherd

Unopposed

In standing as the Engineering rep on the SRC, I hope to continue serving engineers as I have done this year on the Student Engineers Council.

My experience on the SEC has been invaluable, enabling me to work effectively with groups of engineering students. The SEC has proved to be a non-political body, and I shall endeavour to represent these views on the SRC. I do not believe the SRC's primary function to be a political one. My responsibility is thus to represent the SEC and furthermore, the engineering student of the SRC.

Presently, one of my responsibilities on the SEC is compiling a course evaluation questionnaire to provide feedback to lecturers and thus improve the quality of the courses.

It is ideas like this which would also like to share with other faculties and exchange views with the aim of further improving our faculty.

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Law
Registered Voters 729

Ruth Edmonds
Fellow Law Student.

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- The law faculty comprises a major part of the student body, thus it is vital that we maintain contact with student representatives on other fields of study. If elected I will attempt to increase liaison between the LSC (Law Faculty Council) and the SRC.

- It is inevitable that political issues will crop up on the SRC. Within this context I believe that law students must challenge all unjust legal structures in this country and work towards a future in which justice will prevail that is equally accessible to all citizens.

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problems encountered.
- Many students feel alienated in the Law faculty and a concerted effort should be made to bring about more solid identification amongst our fellow students in order to cope with the plodding towards our goals.

More social activities: the more we get to know each other, the more we can do.

- I oppose the extremist political climate existing on the student government at present. In conclusion, I have no record in student government, just a firm determination to give credence to what ever I have said in this manifesto.

REMEMBER! Voting takes place on Friday 20th August and you need a student card to vote.

Science
Registered Voters 1723

Kevin Stapley
My name is Kevin Stapley, a second year student in the science faculty studying computer science. At present there is little or no representation in the science faculty. Although the best vision is for a science faculty council this body has yet to seriously operate. The science faculty representative to the SRC performs constitutionally as the bridge between the SRC and the science students and vice-versa.

Provision is also made for individual representation between any student incurring any problem in the science faculty and their respective lecturers, one can therefore see that science students can be properly represented on two important levels, between the rep and the SRC and between the science rep and the science faculty per se.

By virtue of its composition it is difficult to have a say in the science faculty, namely so many people involved in so many different fields, but unity can be achieved through common denominators linking all science students, for example sport, culture, inviting speakers to speak on interesting topics, job opportunities (which are most certainly of interest to most science students).

I have no previous record in student government, just a sincere commitment to representing the science faculty to the best of my ability. I’ve always felt that there is a place for representation and that there is a place for politics in any student government, but at the moment with student representation lacking, the politics must play a minor part.

Our first priority must be proper representation.

Andrew Stoddart
Traditionally science students take a back seat in campus activities. We have the reputation of being uninterested (or uninterested). I intend to encourage students to be more aware and involved for their own benefit.

These are the issues that concern me:
- REPRESENTATION: I represent your interests on the SRC. Science students have their own hassles (Course structure, computer facilities, timetables, laboratories). Something can be done! Where you feel that you have legitimate grievances, I will take them up at an SRC or Faculty level.

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SANDY LIPSHITZ
Fellow Science Student.

My name is Sandy Lipshitz. I am a first year LLB student. The Law faculty is relatively small and this should facilitate cohesion and participatory representation within the faculty. I believe the LSC has achieved a large amount of success in attempting to narrow the gap between the students, lecturers and the legal profession as a whole. This must be continued and improved upon, and towards this end I will encourage:

- Speakers from the legal profession to enlighten the student on all subjects related to the field of law.
- Students to continually represent themselves, so that I may make representations to the lecturers, in order to try to solve any