Sportsview

So called ‘integrated sport’ was dealt another blow recently when 3 Transvaal Indian clubs were forced to close down due to ‘mounting political pressures’. These clubs, based in Lenasia, played in the Transvaal Cricket Council Leagues (formerly exclusively white). Chummy Mayet, honorary vice-president of the TCC, said that in ‘normal conditions’ SA Indian cricketers would have made the grade in provincial and Springbok sides. The fact is that normal conditions do not exist in South Africa. How can a normal society exist within a racially segregated system? Since sport is a social activity it has, in this country, become one plagued with political clashes. In the face of this how can sporting bodies hope to normalise social activities without attempting to remove the fundamental injustices within our society? Until genuine steps towards a democratic, non-racial society are initiated the sporting scene will remain wrought with political tensions.

Sports shop to open on campus

Following minor amendments, the contract between the S.R.C. and an outside sports wholesaler was signed last week.

S.R.C. treasurer, David Ovenden, who initiated the project sees the shop as an enormous student benefit.

“Student Sports”, as the shop will be called, will guarantee to stock or supply every item of sports equipment sold in this country at prices at least as low and in many cases lower than other retail outlets.

The shop will take the old book shop premises on the 1st floor of the Students Union Building – opposite the Rag Office. The lease runs from the 1st September and the shop will open by mid September after the new terms starts.

Dave Ovenden said, “for too long students have paid through their noses for sports equipment and as a person involved in both sport and student government I saw the opportunity to give students a tangible benefit.”

The long term goals of the shop will include the centralisation of all university sports colours, a matter which has been a problem area for some time.

The prospect of this S.R.C. service in the light of the support of the Sports Council, bookshop and the S.R.C. is enormous and will be of direct benefit to all students.

Wits backs revolutionary scheme

A new scheme which could revolutionise soccer in this country was discussed at a recent NPSL meeting.

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Surprise win for Murray Winkler

Last week's South African Squash Open Tournament was the scene of a major upset when Murray Winkler of Wits toppled the No. 1 seed.

Egypt's Gamal Awad was a shock loser to Murray who came through the tournament to face the top seed in the third round. Murray, a twenty-one year-old B.Com student has made remarkable progress in the South African ratings this year.

In July Murray won the Men's Individual trophy at the Inter Varsity held at Stellenbosch. This achievement was rewarded when he was selected for the South African Universities team as well. At the present moment Murray is concentrating on his studies before he, as he puts it, will give squash a full go.

However, Winkler's career has not always been so rosy. Having been beaten by Britain's Phillip Kenyon in a recent Sunshine Circuit match where Murray could only claim three points. This transformation over a matter of months speaks of Murray's improvement.

Murray attributed his victory to the fact that the No. 2 seed, Dean Williams of Australia, helped him with his preparation for the match. "Dean told me how to beat Gamal," he said.

The defeated Amad vowed never to return to South Africa following his shock defeat. In three visits to South Africa, he has failed to get into top form. On his first visit to S.A. Amad lost to Roland Watson due to lack of fitness. The second time he lost to Phillip Kenyon due to a pulled muscle. However his latest defeat was a result of Murray's brilliant performance, fighting off four match points to win.
What price productivity?
Vice-Chancellor slated for not taking a stand on the Fort Hare issue

A motion was passed at the SRC meeting last week, criticising Vice-Chancellor Prof DJ Du Plessis for avoiding the Fort Hare issue.

The SRC has taken special note of the fact that the Vice-Chancellor has so far made no statement on the suspension of 2,000 students from Fort Hare. The SRC wants the Vice-Chancellor to clarify his stand on Academic Freedom with regard to this issue.

Other motions passed included a motion condemning detention without trial and which called for an enquiry into the whereabouts and well-being of J Ngwya of COSAS who has been in detention since October last year.

The SRC elected Harry Dugmore as the new editor of Wits Student to replace outgoing Ross Hutton. Several people were elected to various other portfolios: Ruth Becker was elected to the newly-created Women's portfolio while Lance

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Rothschild was elected director of the Voice of Wits.

In concluding the meeting, the SRC passed a motion to wish Lloyd Vogelman a happy, happy birthday.

Prof Charlton appointed Vice-Principal

At the University Council meeting on Friday 10 September, 1982, Professor RW Charlton was appointed Vice-principal.

Professor Charlton is currently a deputy vice-chancellor, and immediately prior to that he was dean of the Faculty of Medicine. In 1978 he was appointed by the Committee of University Principals to the South African Medical and Dental Council, while from 1970 to 1976 he was assistant dean of the Medical School. In 1968 he was elected to fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

The appointment of a vice-principal is an unusual step, as this position was discontinued many years ago when deputy vice-chancellors were appointed.

The post of vice-principal was re-instituted because of the increasing burden and complexity of the university’s administration.

Professor Charlton’s appointment as vice-principal commences on 1 January 1983.

Another photographic service

The SRC Kiosk in Senate House has recently started a new photographic development service.

In addition to developing films and printing copies, unexposed films discount rate for students and staff.

According to a snap survey conducted by the Tukkie Campus Radio Station students are still opposed to the idea of admitting blacks to postgraduate courses.

Out of 16,500 students, 308 were interviewed, of which 55% were against the admission of black students.

At present the SRC is also in deadlock over the conditions under which black students may be admitted to the university. Unless a decision is reached, the SRC will be forced to resign.

A motion was proposed at a mass meeting by Roelf Odendaal, the campus Conservative Party chairman. The motion demanded that Tuks be opened to black students only on an interim basis.

An 'open Tuks' proviso would only be valid until courses exclusive to the university were available elsewhere. The motion upheld the belief in the maintenance of separation with regard to social and cultural life.'

Before the protest meeting which was called in reaction to the opening of the university, rightwing pamphlets with the HNP slogan, 'Bly blank my volk', were distributed.

Polstu, the Political Students Organisation, demanded that academic merit be the only criteria for admission. Polstu claimed that 'Racial segregation at a university level is not in the national interest'.

Tukkies still divided over the 'Big Question'
**Yankees go home**

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**Tutu returns to SA**

Bishop Desmond Tutu returned recently from a church conference in America.

The Bishop, whose passport was withdrawn by the authorities in 1981, managed to obtain a temporary travel permit for the visit.

Bishop Tutu has applied frequently but unsuccessfully for the reinstatement of his passport. A request by him for a travel permit earlier this year was also turned down. This prevented him from travelling to America to receive an honorary degree from an American University.

**Barclays Bank**

Barclays Bank have reversed their policy preventing employees from becoming politically active.

The bank's policy came under severe criticism recently when an employee was fired for being politically active. Criticism has come from the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) whose secretary, Mr Sam Kikane, said that the union would call a boycott if the policy is not reversed.

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- Financial need
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- The student must be involved in the affairs of student government to the extent that he/she will be unable to continue with part-time work.

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Application forms are available from Mrs Beloff in the Bursaries and Scholarships Office. The deadline for application for 1983 is 31 October 1982.

**Twelve die in Genkor mine**

12 miners died and 163 were hospitalized when a fire broke out at Buffelsfontein gold mine in Klerksdorp last week.

The 12 miners, all of them black miners, died from asphyxiation when toxic smoke filtered onto their level from a fire in a disused section of the mine.

A Genkor spokesman said it is 'very difficult when a fire breaks out during a work shift, because there are 5,000 people who could be affected by the smoke'.

Reports that 4,800 workers were in very serious danger at the time were not qualified by the spokesman's remarks that it could have been 'much, much worse'.

The spokesman added that 'only an act of God kept the deaths so low'.

**NEWS SHORTS**

- The Night of January 16' will run at the BOX THEATRE from 27 September to 2 October at 8pm. The play is directed by E Leonardili and the leading roles are played by Claire Basel, James Lorimer and Carla Rech.
- It will be UNIVERSITY PLAYERS' last play this year.
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University players’ last

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Lloyd Vogelman, the new SRC president, turned twenty-two last week. To celebrate, he spoke to Wits Student about proposed SRC policy for 1982/83.

Wits Student: What do you feel should be the priorities of an SRC?

Lloyd: Its first priority should be a reflection of student interests and needs. The SRC should commit itself to providing student services and benefits but this is by no means all. Because we are South African students we must at all times be aware of the crucial issues confronting us. We have an obligation to educate campus about the current situation.

In view of this, what do you see as the major weaknesses of past SRCs?

I feel that there has been a lack of contact with campus. There have also been insufficient report backs and too little pressure on SRC members to fulfill their election promises. As a result of this, SRC members have been able to do very little during their terms. This will not be tolerated on this SRC.

In what way do you think the SRC can get close to the students?

First and foremost through constant SRC report backs. Secondly, we would like to develop a form of opinion poll which could perhaps be conducted by the Secretary for Student Services. We also need more student feedback to SRC members.

How do you think the SRC should prevent intense emotional conflict between groups on campus?

The SRC should act as mediator in these matters and should promote rational discussion and negotiation between the groups. Previous SRCs have failed to recognize potential emotional issues and have therefore failed to take action.

The SMA has tried to be a disruptive force in student government in the past. What do you feel should be done about this?

I stand by the motion of the last SRC which withdrew recognition of the SMA. I feel that the conservative students should form a more constructive organization. None of the actions taken by the SMA have been in any way constructive.

You were involved in political controversy on campus earlier this year, yet you went on to become SRC president. Do you have any comment on this?

The controversy concerned a political group on campus, not the SRC as a whole. I don’t think that it affects my qualifications for president.

Despite a strong liberal presence on the SRC your election as president was unopposed. How do you explain this?

The low poll indicated a high degree of student apathy on campus. How do you feel the SRC should counter this?

I don’t really see this as apathy, more as a reflection of dissatisfaction with the past SRC.

How important do you think politics has been on campus during the last year and what role do you think it will play in the future?

Political action during the year has had a much lower profile than in previous years. Whereas mass meetings are useful, they must not be seen as an end in themselves and should in future be used in conjunction with seminars and broader discussion groups.

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The SRC has created a Woman’s Portfolio which will concern itself with women’s position on campus and regenerate issues such as sexual harassment. Ruth Becker has been elected to the portfolio. There is also an ad hoc committee which has representatives from Rag and the Women’s Movement.
Poor health, rich p

The world is under mismanagement.

In Asian, African and Latin American countries, well over 500 million people are living in what the World Bank has called 'absolute poverty'.

Contrary to what is commonly believed, this is not the fault of 'the climate', 'acts of God' or 'shiftless, lazy peasants'. The reasons for the current world crisis and the growing imbalance of the ecosystem are far more premeditated than can be morally justifiable: it is the result of economic systems geared to profit and not the benefit of humanity.

Ecology

Ecology is not the concern of long-haired counter-culturals raving 'Save the Whales', or 'bomb the nukes' but the duty of socially responsible people. Ecology should be seen as the proper management of our earth, and not the mere symptomatic treatment of a devastating, exploitative mass genocide.

Ancient Rome

In ancient Rome, masterpieces of engineering carried human waste out of sight...but then dumped it in the waterways on the outskirts. Burial rites consisted of casually tossing the late lamented into open pits surrounding the city. As a result, the mighty metropolis became a stinking, plague-ridden parody of civilization.

The age of Exploration carried the double virtue of Imperialism to the New World.

The Spanish colonists who went to 'civilize' South America were generally filthy, illiterate and unhygienic. The people whom they 'discovered' were described by Michael de Montaigne as people who had 'no respect for kinship...no clothes, no agriculture, no metals...'. The very words denoting lying, treason, deceit, greed, envy, slander and forgiveness had never been heard...

In contrast to this, the 'savage' Incas had a surprisingly modern system of agriculture, using terraced fields, anti-erosion tactics and irrigation. The Conquistadores swiftly and efficiently wrecked it and, having ruined most of their own land by deforestation and overgrazing, unleashed both on the New World.

And it was not only the Spanish who were to blame.

History speaks for itself:

In 1660, a French traveller wrote of Bengal (then part of India): 'It exports in abundance cottons and silks, rice, sugar and butter. It produces amply for its own consumption of wheats, vegetables, grains, fowls, ducks and flocks of sheep and goats. It has immense herds of pigs and flocks of sheep and goats.'

In 1757 the British soldier Clive described Murshidabad, capital of Bengal, as being 'as extensive, populous and rich as the City of London.'

Then imperialism pounced.

After just 30 years of colonial rule, a British MP wrote: 'Many parts of these countries have been reduced to the appearance of a desert. The fields are no longer cultivated; extensive tracts are already overgrown with thicket; the bushman is plundered; famine has been repeatedly endured, and depopulation has ensued.'

Self-sufficiency was destroyed, leaving the colonies at the mercy of the world capitalist market. Rapid industrialization was wreaking havoc with the health of urban dwellers.

Fumes and factory waste poisoned the air and water and soil. Characteristically, this hit the hardest at the working classes who were forced to live nearby in overcrowded, disease-ridden slums. The wealthy larcenous classes could afford to live away from these ghastly smells.

To quote a contemporary account: 'The fowl gases which belch forth daily and night in the factories, rot 1 cloth, the teeth and in the e
carcass of the workers, an obstacle to every provision and every blade of grass for miles around.

Up to this time, man had merely squandered his store of renewable resources like inanimate sunlight and windpower, but from the Industrial Revolution onwards he really put his foot in it. The emphasis shifted onto the use of non-renewable stores like fossil fuels and mineral ores. The irreversible damage of the industrial storehouse of Nature had begun.

Multinationals

Today, multinationals control the world grain trade; only seven private companies control the petroleum industry (Exxon Mobil, Shell, Texaco, Standard and BP).

Worldwide, only 30% of landowners own 80% of the land. The largest landowners are the least productive. For example, in Colombia, small farmers produce four times more than multinationals.

Confined to the least productive 25% of the land and one fifth of all the food or land, or raw materials or energy - just that much.

According to the many United Nations reports, there is no lack of food or land, or raw materials or energy, just that most of the world's people do not have access to these. It seems to be down to a question of who owns what. The capitalists system riding the ecosystem for its own profit: the backlash is that the Third World suffers from hunger and malnutrition-related diseases. One fifth of all the children in the world are malnourished.

Multinationals, then, are no different to Western capitalism in its development view: its belief that nature is simply an obstacle to profit.
Soils are so diseased that the rhino is driven away by poisoned ditches and driven to extinction.

Temporary solutions which do not the outcome are not the end of the story. The tigers, and the rhinos, and every creature and every plant around." The man had devoted his store of better woods. The night and day burnt the winds towards, and cleared it. The result was the use of the coal instead of the fossil fuels. The man had been made to suffer.

South Africa

In South Africa, the situation is as bad, if not worse. Even Japan has set aside at least 8% more of its land for preservation. In South Africa 101 bird, 71 mammal, 28 freshwater fish and 37 reptile species are on the endangered lists. Plants are equally threatened — 1,945 species are on their way out. Top soil is washed into the sea at a rate of 100 to 150 million tons a year.

Ecological disasters like this can be positively linked to the South African government policy of racial capitalism. Under apartheid 85% of South Africans are allocated 13% of the land, and it is little wonder that most homelands have become arid wastelands.

The government’s ‘free enterprise’ system places almost no control on South African companies — our air pollution and land use legislation compare poorly to the rest of the world.

In South Africa the ecological problems which led to malnutrition, must, like in the rest of Africa be linked to the use of the land for profit. Growing sugar in Natal, while not only being the most devastating crop in terms of land fertility, does not provide a food source of the people of Natal. Acres and acres of land, used in the production of staples, has been converted to sugar production, and the peasant farmers have been forced, through lack of land, into becoming workers.

This system, the use of our resources for the profit of few, is the foremost problem facing ecologists.

The time for action is now. Ultimately it must be realised that the world is in a state of crisis. According to the UN, half the world is starving. The problem is rooted in ecological mismanagement by economically disastrous systems.

Books to read:

- ‘How the other half dies’: Susan George
- ‘Ecology for beginners’: Stephen Croall and William Rankin
- ‘Ecology as politics’: André Gorz
The decision as to whether the SMA stays or goes is eagerly awaited by concerned students on this campus. The SRC has already withdrawn recognition from the SMA and now all that is needed is an affirmative decision by the University council.

The Council which met last week has not, as yet, publicised any decision.

The SRC has repeatedly emphasised that it is not what the SMA stands for but rather its arrogant violations of countless bylaws, which is the sole reason for their withdrawal of recognition.

Every other organisation on Campus have to abide by University and SRC by-laws.

The SMA only last week passed up posters all over campus inviting students to join their organisation. Petty as it might seem, pasting up posters on walls and windows is an infringement of a university directive, simply because it makes the posters impossible to remove when the events advertised are over.

But the SMA don't give a damn; Russel Crystal for one. Crystal gets away with anything anywhere; bringing a court interdict against the SRC, and the Vice-Chancellor, violating more than twenty University and SRC by-laws.

Council must act now. It must show that it is not subject to pressure from the Nationalist Party on behalf of its youth movement. It must ban the SMA for the most flagrant violation of University and SRC by-laws in the history of the University.

Admin needs to reconsider decision

Earlier this year Administration unreasonably and short-sightedly decided that the Counselling and Careers Unit (CCU) was to assume a predominantly vocational orientation. Consequently, thereby students requiring longer term psychotherapy for problems not of an exclusively vocational or academic nature would have to seek assistance from outside institutions and private practitioners. The decision was taken without consulting those most affected by it: the CCU and student body.

The administration's new action necessitates further consideration — we call for the reassessment of a decision which seriously

Immune to army service?

Russel Crystal is on campus again it seems — but isn't he in the army? Rumour has it that he has been dishonorably discharged; this however, cannot be true — someone so ardently committed to the South African State could never be discharged from the SADF. So it would then seem as if the the SMA is dismissing the SADF: while thousands of young men have to stay in camp — sometimes unable to get leave even for family funerals — the spokesman for the SMA is allowed to move freely on

Dup’s action not scholarly

With some of the tempers cooled, perhaps a few comments on Professor ‘Joiner’ Du Plessis’ action concerning the Lebanon affair are not inappropriate. Firstly while Professor du Plessis’ actions were brave, and even Macho, they were in no way scholarly. Secondly his bannings of meetings indicates that he no longer follows thorough research, especially when it is too frequently in Wits Student.

We would like to comment on the article in the latest edition of Student entitled ‘A Theological case for conscientious objection or conscientious obligation: the Theological viewpoint’.

We recognise that there is a theological case for participation in war. However, we are concerned about the interpretation of the article, which is portrayed as objective discussion of the Christian view of war, yet it refers only to Catholic doctrine, without reference to Biblical teaching or Christ’s example. It presents a very selective view of the Just War doctrine, and it concludes by condemning conscientious objection.

We believe that it is a fundamental part of Christian teaching that we should not condemn those who have a different understanding of Biblical teaching, and therefore we cannot accept the article’s categorical rejection of Conscientious Objection. We recognise that Christians can adopt one of 5 positions in relation to military service, viz: competent (if the war is concluded to be just), non-combatant, conscientious prisoner (usually called a conscientious objector), conscientious evader and conscientious exile (the latter four on the basis of either a perception that the war is unjust, or universal pacifism), and believe that we are called on to support, and pray for, people who, after sincere consideration and an examination of Biblical teaching, have taken any one of these stances.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the editor of Standard. SCA Committee

If your arse itches . . .

It's very sad that Helen Joseph couldn't be quoted. In particular one would like to quote the bit that left Professor Du Plessis looking uneasy in the first row (Student for a democratic campus).
The Chancellor and the scab workers

The Veldspun textile factory in Uitenhage has employed scab labour to take over from the more than 900 workers who downed tools last month. Mr Mike Rosholt, after being approached by the workers union, declined to interfere in the dispute and merely passed the responsibility down the industrial relations hierarchy.

Veldspun is owned by Romatex, which is a member of the Barlow Rand Group. Mr Rosholt is chairman of the group.

900 workers at the Veldspun textile factory in Uitenhage are out on strike.

The dispute began in March and July this year, when 30 workers were retrenched. They were all doing the same job in the same department. Like most retrenchments today, this was a response by Veldspun management to the effects of the recession.

Thirty fellow workers from another department were called in to do the work of the retrenched workers. They refused to do this for two reasons.

Firstly it meant extra work with no added remuneration. Secondly, for these workers bonus earnings comprise a substantial part of their take-home pay. If they did this extra work, they stood to earn less bonus pay.

Initially four workers were fired on 29-30 July. This was two days after having been paid less bonus pay for the extra work they had been doing. Thereafter each individual worker was called in by management and told either to do the extra work or be dismissed. Each worker said they were not prepared to do the work and were immediately dismissed.

On Wednesday 4 August the entire work force came out on strike in sympathy.

There are 2 unions which have members in the factory. They are both registered unions and are both recognised by Veldspun management: The Textile Workers Industrial Union is a TUCSA affiliate and is regarded favourably by management and the National Union of Textile Workers is a FOSATU affiliate that has the majority support in the factory (21,250 out of 1,400).

Four weeks later Veldspun management of the Barlow Rand Group has lost 900 workers in the factory. They are all members in the factory. They are all writers and are still on strike.

Question: What does Mike Rosholt, Chancellor of this university, have to do with 900 strikers at a textile factory?

Answer: A great deal.

This policy is based on comprehensive codes of labour practice which profess to guarantee just dismissal procedures, job security, fair wage structures, retirement benefits, negotiating rights, advancement and non-discrimination.

With regard to retrenchment the company policy is: 'Companies will endeavour to provide a continuity of employment. If at any time retrenchment becomes unavoidable, every effort will be made to place the affected employees within the group. If placements cannot be made, the hardships suffered by the employees concerned may be mitigated by ex-gratia payments.'

Firstly, Veldspun has had a massive labour turnover. Half the factory has less than 24 months service and 80% have less than 6 years service. The strike and subsequent employment of 500 new workers has contributed to this. Secondly, it is clear from this dispute that no effort was made to place the affected employees within the group. This is obviously assuming that retrenchment was in fact unavoidable. Thirdly, no ex-gratia payments were made to alleviate the hardships suffered by employees concerned.

This dispute has shown clearly that management is extremely unwilling to negotiate with a representative union.

Finally, although Barlow Rand claims to have a fair wage structure, and contrary to Rosholt's statement at his inaugural address at Wits that there should be 'Equal pay for equal work', the Veldspun factory is the lowest paying factory in the Uitenhage PE area. Approximately 2% of the workforce earn wages above the Housing Subsistence Level. The rest are paid below the poverty level. The fact that most of these workers are women enables management to think they can exploit them in this way.

Recently the contradiction between Barlow Rand policy and its practice was exposed when a new employee was killed in an accident at work. The accident happened through this person performing dangerous work without the necessary skills. The accident also involved four other new employees who were critically injured and hospitalized.

This incident and management's continued intransigence calls into question the credibility of their Employment Practice Policy: 'Of ensuring as far as it is in our power to do so, the security, well-being, and future of all the men and women of all races in our group and engendering in them a sense of pride in the achievements and attitudes of the group'.

Rosholt was approached and asked to speak at a campus meeting concerning the issue. The organisers of the meeting were told that this will not be possible as Mr Rosholt will be overseas at the time. He was subsequently denied knowledge of such a meeting to a member of the commercial press.
Student State of the art

The National Fine Arts Student Exhibition is on at the Gertrude Posel Art Gallery in Senate House until 25 September.

The purpose of the exhibition, the first of its kind, is to give a glimpse of future developments in South African art. The artists employ many diverse wool to clay. The art is typical of student art; it is explicit, bold, harsh and, at times, jarring. There is very little of the aesthetically pleasing, 'pretty' type of art. Perhaps this is a function of the surrounding in which we find ourselves today.

The first two prizes went to the Wits Fine Arts Department, with Jane Alexander as overall winner and Pamela Meliar as overall runner up.
Working towards a culture shock

Students are noted for their political apathy. Does this extend to the cultural sphere as well?

Wits Student interviews Gavin Rabinowitz — the new SRC cultural portfolio chairperson.

Wits Student: Gavin, do you think that the average Wits students is culturally aware?

GR: No, not at all. They need something to jolt them out of their semi-conscious state. I was thinking about having some chamber music in Senate House at lunch hour . . . or a poetry reading! Do you think that would do it?

Do you have anything more practical to offer?

I'm hoping that there will be regular lunch-hour concerts around the pool every Tuesday and Thursday. I'd like to introduce some classical music into these concerts.

You're also organising the Free People's Concert. Are we going to be allowed to have it on campus this year?

The Vice-Chancellor refuses to have it on campus. I'm quite interested in having it at Frankenwald. Don't hassle, it will be great!

Will the concert possibly be part of a theme for the year?

I'm not sure that a cultural theme for 1983 would be feasible. I am working, though, on a cultural week which will be based on the Botswana Art Festival. This was quite a political happening! Perhaps an art exhibition, music and plays on campus could support an educational theme.

Are you saying that cultural focuses should reflect the political and social norms of society?

I think that there should be a balance between that which is purely entertaining and that which has social relevance. To say that Picasso's work is totally irrelevant to South Africans is nonsense. It is also nonsensical to say that only literature such as that of Nadine Gordimer is relevant to us. Art has its own aesthetic and universal beauty.

What are your feelings about overseas artists boycotting SA?

While I believe that boycotts are quite effective in having some artists reconsider their activities with those of the Cultural Committee, Students will also be getting greater concessions at the Market Theatre quite soon. There is also talk of a Computicket opening on campus. It's all very well to students to ask 'what do the SRC do for me?' But they've got to show support for what we try and do for them. We have the facilities, we have the potential, it's just a matter of using them!

Gavin Rabinowitz

to break boycotts and come to SA. As a result of this the tickets to see them are incredibly expensive. Many blacks don't get to see them are incredibly expensive. Many blacks don't get to see them for this reason. Theoretically boycotts solve problems, practically they don't.

Let's move into the more practical sphere. What student services do you intend to innovate?

As an executive member of the Voice of Wits I hope to unite their activities with those of the Cultural Committee. Students will also be getting greater concessions at the Market Theatre quite soon. There is also talk of a Computicket opening on campus. It's all very well to students to ask 'what do the SRC do for me?' But they've got to show support for what we try and do for them. We have the facilities, we have the potential, it's just a matter of using them!

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What's on

Thursday 23 September
- Booking opens at Computicket for the French Film Festival. The R5 fee for booking has, unfortunately, fallen away.
- Miss Sempile of the English department presents 'The Whirling of Time', Shakespeare and Slavonic Europe. This is at 11.15am in the Nuclear Physics Research Unit.
- At noon Mr Sherman presents 'Chekov on stage', at the same venue.

Friday 24 September
- At 10.30am in the Nuclear Physics Unit a symposium on contemporary Polish Drama will be presented.
- A bit late - 11.15am, at the same venue, your Polish cultural experience continues. This time you'll hear about the Polish composer Penderecki.
- At 6.00pm it is onto Russian and Ukrainian folk songs and romances.

Saturday 25 September
- At 9.00am Barry Ronge presents a lecture on the appreciation of modern drama. Becket, Fugard, Pinter and many more. It's at 9 Jubilee Road, Parktown.
- At 4.00pm, in the Great Hall, children will participate in a creative musical experience which will enable them to acquaint themselves with the violin, trombone, piano, guitar and other instruments. Phone 716-2208 for further details.
- This is the last day on which the National Fine Arts student exhibition will be open at the Gertrude Posel Gallery at Wits (in Senate House). See the article on adjoining page.

VOW hit parade

The latest Voice of Wits top twenty based on student requests:

1. Eye in the sky
2. Jammin
3. Who can it be now
4. Planet Earth
5. Abracadabra
6. Poison Arrow
7. Empty Garden
8. Second Sitting
9. Room Service
10. Hold the line
11. Psycho Chicken
12. Caught up in you
13. Lala Reggae
14. Avalon
15. Six Months in a Leaking Boat
16. Fashion
17. Free Me
18. Burning Down one side
19. Las Plabras De Amor
20. Under my Thumb

Alan Parsons R.P.M.
Bob Marley Gallo
Men at Work G.R.C.
Duran Duran E.M.I.
Steve Miller Band Trutone
ABC Trutone
Elton John Callo
10cc Trutone
Fischer Z E.M.I.
Toto G.R.C.
The Fools E.M.I.
38 Special R.P.M.
Steve Kekana C.C.P.
Rosy Music Trutone
Split Enz R.P.M.
David Bowie Teal
Roger Daltrey Trutone
Robert Plant W.E.A.
Queen E.M.I.
Rolling Stones E.M.I.

The IC10 campus is blacked out, providing a perfect opportunity to show the students the true nature of the SRC. The SRC is the voice of the students, not the SRC. The voice of the students is the voice of the SRC. The SRC's voice is the students'. The voice of the students is the voice of the SRC. The students' voice is the voice of the SRC. The SRC's voice is the students'. The students' voice is the voice of the SRC. The SRC's voice is the students'. The students' voice is the voice of the SRC.
Wits boat club paddles to first

Wits boat club convincingly won the 6.8km IGI South African Universities Boat Race held on the Vaal River.

The South African Universities (SAU) event was held over four days with finals being contested in true Oxford-Cambridge style. The UCT crew were the favourites with Natal University a close second (six Natal oarsmen had recently competed overseas). However, it was Wits who won the race in fine style.

From the start of the final Wits dominated the race, having gained a boat length after the first bend. Excellent coxing by Tony Jacobson. The first half ended with Wits one goal up.

The second half saw three goals partly due to the half-time lecture of Wits manager, Mike Kenning. Within seconds of the re-start Andy Stanton scored from a good cross by Mike Mangena.

In the 70th minute Rod Anley's solo run resulted in a third goal. Eleven minutes later the Wits substitute, Ronnie Mitchell, made it four up following good work by Mangena and Jimmy Cook.

With respect to the ref, John Mtheneu, some of his decisions were very poor. Due to the poor effort of Mtheneu, Raymond Hack, chairman of Wits and vice-chairman of the NPSL, lodged an official complaint concerning the poor handling of the match. The refereeing situation was brought up in a NPSL management committee last week; hopefully some improvements will become evident.

Daddy Boy to play for Wits first cricket team

Shabeer 'Daddy Boy' Dada has been chosen for the Wits 'A' cricket side. This is the first time that a black player has been selected for the team.

Having played for Northern Transvaal in the country districts tournament, Shabeer has proved his prowess on the cricket field. He was selected for the Wits side and he played against the Wits Old Boys' side on Saturday 11th September. The game marked the beginning of the cricket season.

Shabeer's selection must be seen against the background of Wits slow devolution into a multi-racial sport.

Mens Res rugby triumphs

In a closely contested final, the Mens Res 'A' team beat JCE 'A' team by 12 points to 11.

The final of the Sharp Inter-Faculty rugby league was played on the 15th September. JCE dominated the game and scored two tries and converted a penalty. With less than a minute to go in the game Mens Res scored a try and converted it to win 12-11.

Mens Res scored two tries, both of which they converted. The final ends a hotly contested league and due to the Sharp sponsorship was very successful. Lastly, a reminder to all rugby players that the Rugby dinner will be held on the 28th.

Chute fails to open

On Saturday the 11th September eight Wits skydivers parachuted onto the crowded Wits campus.

As part of the Wits Diamond Jubilee celebrations eight of South Africa's top skydivers took on the mean task of landing on the library lawns. The 100m square landing zone, locked in by the campus buildings tested the skills of the skydivers who jumped from 1,000m.

Jumping from the lowest legal height there was no time to form formations. Trailing smoke the team filled the sky with Wits blue and gold. Seven of the eight landed safely on the library lawns. Don Hornsby, however, had a tough time.

After jumping from the plane his main chute failed to open properly. With the Wits campus rushing up towards him he managed to activate his reserve chute. Realising he was falling too fast he aimed for the swimming pool.

He landed amid loud applause in the ice cold water. The eight man team was the first to land on campus for at least eight years.