The new bills—
Bruce: the greatest in the world?

Witsie Bruce Fordyce is being hailed as the top ultra marathon runner in the world.

Bruce, with two Comrades victories under his belt came within five minutes of smashing the London to Brighton record last Saturday. His time of 5 hours 18 minutes 36 seconds for the 54 mile course is just short of Ian Thompson's 5 hours 13 minutes set a few years ago.

Bruce, who also won the London to Brighton last year was running against a strong headwind. He told a British newspaper 'At times I thought the wind was actually blowing me backwards.' He finished the race 24 minutes ahead of fellow South African Graham Frazer - the largest winning margin in the history of the race.

Bruce Fordyce receives 'Sportsman of the Year' award in 1981

Bruce Fordyce took a strong stand against the inclusion of the Comrades Marathon in the Republic Day festivities last year. He won the race wearing a black armband in protest against the festivities.

Polsttu meets black leaders

Polsttu, (Political Students) invited a wide variety of 'middle of the road' black leaders to address over them over the weekend.

Cries of 'Amandla' greeted black leaders, who with black student representatives dominated the discussion on the Tukkies campus, where, less than two weeks ago, Afrikaans students protested vehemently against the admission of 'non-white' post-graduate students.

The theme of the conference, 'The constitutional accommodation of the black man in South Africa,' elicited largely negative comment from mainly black speakers. These included Dr Cedric Phatudi, Lebowa's Chief Minister, Mr Moty Mabuza, chief executive of the African Bank, Mr Enos Mabuza, leader of the dissolved kaNgwane Legislative Assembly and Mr Percy Qoboza.

Chief Gatcha Buthelezi, who has systematically criticised progressive students on English speaking campuses as 'sell-outs', had a speech read for him.

Although the conference was marked by a high measure of pessimism among black delegates, Polsttu members were reassured that they could play a significant role in the future of South Africa.

It was also recognised that, by providing a forum for discussion of the issue, the heeding Afrikaaner student organisation was moving in the right direction.

Polsttu's usual aim of 'getting all the sides' to the speaking table was thwarted because of the late withdrawal of the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Piet Koornhof, who had to attend to matters of national importance.

Corpse found on campus

Mystery surrounds the discovery of the body of a student in a Fort Hare University hostel room.

The badly decomposed body was found on 15 September, but no cause of death has been established.

The body, identified as Miss Patricia Belot was found by cleaners who noticed a smell coming from her room. The university sources claimed that the body had been undiscovered for a few days in the room in Zola hostel. They claimed that Miss Belot had been stabbed.

Lieutenant Moleni, divisional commander of police in Alice, said that a postmortem would be held and declined to comment on the possibility of foul play. He claimed not to know the cause of death.

The rector of Fort Hare University, Professor John Lamprecht, was in Cape Town at the time of the discovery and was expected to give a full report on his return.

However, no report to the postmortem on the 24 year old, 3rd year BA student had been announced by the time of going to press.

SRC badges

The SRC has signed a contract with an advertising firm for the production of badges with slogans or emblems.

Societies and sub-committees, can submit designs to the SRC, and specify the number they will require, and all will be arranged. So if you want a thousand 'Nixon for President' badges, all you have to do is go up to the second floor of the Student's Union and place your order.

Church to stay segregated

The executive of the Nederlandse Gereformeerde Universiteitsoord congregation has decided not to allow multiracial services.

Despite requests by black congregants, among whom is Rev. Pretoria Mamelodi congregation the church council said that the decision was 'in line with the principle of the general synod of the church', and that it would not be a good precedent to allow such services to be held regularly.

1820's man for Wits

The festivals officer of the 1820 Settlers Monument Foundations in Grahamstown, Mr Paul Regenass, has accepted an appointment at Wits.

Mr Regenass is to become the manager of the new performing arts complex.

This complex is still under construction, and will consists of a theatre for 350 people, a box theatre for 100 and the 1,100 seat Great Hall.

The three art galleries on campus will be:

1. The performing and visual arts centre.
2. The gallery for contemporary art.
3. The 1820's museum.
Union slates Rosholt on company code

'Sheila Drew agreements on retenchment methods'.

Rosholt's company has a 'high-sounding' employment policy and Rosholt, as Chancellor of a liberal institution, comes under particular pressure to ensure that the code is adhered to.

This does not seem to be the case at Veldspun however, where Copelyn says, 'there are no principles as far as retenchment is concerned.'

Copelyn ended the spirited meeting with a warning to Barlow Rand: 'if they don't agree soon serious action will be taken perhaps in the form of a boycott. A company with its fingers in so many pies overseas can't afford that kind of publicity'.

Barlow refuses co-operation

Lloyd Vogelman, president of the SRC invited the Chancellor Mike Rosholt to discuss the 'Veldspun matter'.

Mr Rosholt was overseas at the time. Two senior directors, Messrs Hofmeyr and Norton agreed to meet with Lloyd.

Two meetings were held. An offer to debate the matter at Wednesday's mass meeting was declined by the directors.

They said that there was already been judged by the student body and that nothing would change student's minds.

The three executives accused the SRC of irresponsibility, claiming that their pamphlets were jeopardizing negotiation with the worker concerned.

According to a spokes person no negotiation are on the go at present.

Lloyd Vogelman said that the meeting had saddened him. He wanted to get both sides of the story, but Barlow Rand had refused to cooperate.

He said that the executives had been invited to address students in the hope that they would answer the criticisms levelled against them.

'The issue is by no means cleared up and the SRC would continue its investigations,' he said.

Stoddart finds computer fault

Provisional results for the Computer Science III mid-year exams were handed out last week, only after repeated requests from the students.

The students had been waiting for the results of their mid-year examination and for the return of work completed in the second quarter.

Students who approached the department, were given assurances that the results would be released shortly.

The results of the examination are of great importance to the students counting as much as 50% of the final mark.

When the Science faculty representative on the SRC, Andrew Stoddart, approached the department, he was told that the results could only be released after an external examiner had seen the papers.

This would be in December, he was told.

Andrew Stoddart delay in the release of provisional results.

Approached for comment, Professor Hoogendoorn, head of the Computer Sciences Department, said that a provisional result for the year mark had been released during the last quarter. This included the mid-year exam, he said.

Professor Hoogendoorn added that there was no real reason for the delay. Stoddart finds computer fault

The Black Student Society released the following statement last week:

'We are the BSS, most vehemently condemn Israel's occupation of Lebanon and the atrocious deeds committed by them and their right wing Christian allies against the Palestinians in the refugee camps of Shatila and Sabra. Over 1,500 refugees were mercilessly slaughtered. These crimes against humanity are on the shoulders of Israel and America because:-

1. Israel gets its major economic and military support from America.

2. The two groups who perpetrated the crimes were Phalangists and Major Saad Haddad's renegade army.

3. The Israeli army was not only aware of these groups but also actively transported these murderers to the refugee camps. They prohibited journalists and foreigners from entering the camps. (Star 21/09/82)

4. The Israeli army stood by and did nothing to stop the massacre.

5. The Israeli army, under Nazi Germany, both these groups were armed, trained, advised, fed and clothed by the Israeli's. (Star 20/09/82)

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The BSS has called for国际 community to hold Israel accountable for its actions and to take measures to prevent similar atrocities from occurring in the future. The BSS has also called for the international community to support the Palestinian people in their struggle for self-determination and to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.
Theme points the way

"Campus Action for Democracy", the Nusas theme, came under critical analysis and assessment at the National Council in September.

The Nusas theme was discussed together with crucial contemporary issues like Fort Hare and death in detention.

Lloyd Vogelman, Wits SRC President, said that Nusas had consolidated its strength on campus through dealing effectively with crucial issues within SA. He added that Nusas had worked well in the context of the theme by bringing important issues onto campus and instilling debate on controversial matters.

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SDAM criticises security laws

The Soweto Detainee Aid Movement have called for the immediate release of Mordecai Mthibe Tatzo who is in detention under section 10 of the Internal Security Act.

According to the statement released by the SDA on Friday, Tatzo's detention under section 10 places him in prison for as long as the minister of police pleases.

Mthibe was detained in 1979. After his detention he was charged with undergoing military training abroad and furthering the aims of a banned organisation. These charges were withdrawn at the onset of his trial and he was put back in detention without trial.

He was charged with a 3 year prison term after refusing to testify as a state witness in Ermelo. On appeal the charge was reduced to a year.

Having served the sentence he was once more detained without trial.

Another person, Babatha, who is now facing charges was kidnapped by the security police. SDA condemns "the slavish manner in which Baby was arrested".

The statement calls for the complete repeal of all security laws "which vested unlimited power in the hands of the security police".

French rightist to appear at Tukkies

A member of the French New Right Movement, Mr Alain de Benois, will deliver a lecture at the University of Pretoria this week.

The French New Right Movement has been described as a cultural movement and thinktank of rightist intellectuals.

During his low-profile visit Mr de Benois is expected to meet leading academics, among others.

A spokesman for the Philosophy department of the university said Mr de Benois would address a selected group of academics on Thursday night.

He would be speaking on revolutionary conservatism, the spokesman said.

In 1979 Mr de Benois turned down an invitation to visit South Africa.

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Societies may have to move

Student societies that have occupied flats in South Court, Jorissen Street, have once again been asked to vacate the premises.

The SCA, Biosoc, the Africa Perspective; Zimsoe and the photos-Zimsoe, SASSU, the Development Studies Group and the Photographic Society occupy eight bachelor flats in the building. The flats were bought by the university in 1979 in order to let to students at reduced rates. The societies involved were allowed temporary occupation while the new catering centre was being built.

This request has been made in view of the grave shortage of accommodation for students. Of the 14,000 students registered at Wits, there is only accommodation for 11,000. It is believed that the letting of the eight bachelor flats will help allay this problem by providing accommodation for more students.

John Abrahamson, Secretary of the SRC, called on D A Sleeman, the Planning Officer, to discuss the matter. Mr Sleeman said that the SRC would have to give serious consideration to this problem. He hoped by the beginning of next year some temporary occupation would be made regarding the accommodation of the societies. He maintained that the students should be given priority but that he was prepared to discuss the matter extensively at a later date. He hoped that alternative accommodation could be provided for the societies on campus, especially in the new catering centre where 17 extra SRC offices were built.

An SRC spokesperson pointed out that all these offices were filled a long time ago by student societies.

At least 8 organisations face possible eviction from South Court

SRC and SAUJS miss the point

Students have come out in condemnation of the recent massacre of civilians in Lebanon.

Statements issued by the SRC and the South African Union of Jewish Students (SAUJS) separately strongly condemned all involved in the killings.

The SRC statement read as follows:

'The Wits SRC strongly condemns the atrocities committed against the residents of the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps. The SRC expresses its abhorrence of the murder of innocent civilians.

'We commit ourselves to calling for a democratic solution to the problems in the Middle East, in the hope that such barbarism will never occur again.'

In a similar statement, SAUJS said that 'the inhuman devastation of civilian life remains irreconcilable with the spirit and values inherent in the Jewish tradition.'

Neither the SRC nor SAUJS made any reference to Israel in their pamphlets. SAUJS expressed their 'unqualifying support' for Israel in their search for 'peaceful coexistence'.

Prayers for Palestinians

A prayer meeting was held last Wednesday in SH6 to commemorate the Palestinian refugees massacred in Beirut.

This was the first meeting on the Palestinian-Israel dispute since the disturbances here last month.

Zionist supporters who gathered in the passage outside the lecture theatre were asked to disperse.

Students were asked to remove the Palestinian coloured ribbons that were handed out by the PLO supporters.

A warden said that the colours were not meant to be provocative, but were a gesture of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The meeting was orderly and well attended. It opened with a speech equating the political situation in Israel with South Africa. However the meeting was essentially a prayer session.

Please contact David Cohen at 716-3101 during office hours.

Due to Administration's intransigence, the SRC appeals to students to offer suggestions for possible Free People's Concert sites.
The government may have devised its ‘final solution’ to the ‘problem’ of the black people.

It is called the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill. It is being debated before parliament right now.

This terrifying piece of proposed legislation is not getting the attention it deserves. The outraged cries of liberals are nowhere to be heard. Wits Student looks at this bill which proposes an extremely sinister method for ‘disposing’ of unwanted blacks. A method which — let it be said bluntly — is going to kill people by the thousands.

Two points need to be cleared up.

Firstly, the bill is aimed at those blacks who are surplus to the labour needs of SA’s capitalist employers. Not the unemployed as such capitalists want unemployment to discipline their workers but the unemployable — those permanently shut out of the country’s ailing economy.

Secondly, the bill is not a ‘retreat’ from PW Botha’s reform programme, as some Liberals have suggested. It is part and parcel of it. The main concern of the current ‘verligte’ initiative is to divide the black population between those with permanent urban residential rights and the ‘outsiders’ or non-urban blacks.

The ‘insiders’ are targeted for ‘improvement’. Middle-class blacks will be allowed to ‘own’ property on a 99-year leasehold and will be given financial assistance by the Small Business Development Corporation as well as better housing and extended trading rights. Workers with urban residential rights will be given better training, better jobs, increased job and geographical mobility, improved amenities and so on.

Minority

In this way the state and the capitalists hope to politically pacify and incorporate this black minority while overcoming the skilled labour shortage confronting the economy and expanding the country’s black consumer market.

This strategy isn’t working. But that’s another story. Of more concern to us is the fate of the ‘outsiders’ — those unfortunate millions for whom SA’s capitalist economy has no need. The flotsam and jetsam tossed onto the sea of rural hunger.

Their access to jobs in the cities is being restricted by the tightening up of influx-control. Their illegal entry into ‘white’ cities is being cracked down upon. They are being imprisoned in the dying rural reserves.

This is where the new Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill comes into the picture.

Influx control — the clinical term which refers to the policing and constriction of black migration from countryside to town in search of work — is nothing new in South Africa.

At any given moment, 40,000

Desperate over-crowding in the 'homelands' and unemployment, running at 3 million, bodes ominously for the future. Fully 50% of children in some 'homelands' are malnourished.

The fence between: the new legislation seeks to drive a wedge between 'privileged' urban workers and the mass of the rural unemployed by entrenching the 'rights' of a selected few in the urban areas.
Men and women are languishing in SA's prisons because they have fallen victim to a policy that is directly designed to safeguard the power and privileges of a minority.

In 1978 alone, 272,887 people were arrested in the main urban areas in their bid to escape rural misery. Over five million males have been held for pass law violations since 1967.

Disease

In Ciskei to take one extreme example, 50 percent of all children are malnourished and as many as one third die before the age of five. Fifty thousand rural infants perish in South Africa during a bad winter. Disease—cholera, typhoid, polio—is rife.

There are very few jobs available. Of the 100,000 homeland blacks who entered the job market between 1973 and 1975, fully 34 percent were unable to find employment.

Absolute food consumption in the rural areas has been declining despite the continuous expansion of the population born and pushed into them. The situation is untenable.

At the best of times, then, the policy of restricting the movement of blacks into the cities has been the equivalent of a kind of slow genocide. The old, the very young, the sick, die prematurely in the bantustans because formal employment in the urban areas is not made available to them.

Unemployment

The problem is exacerbated by SA’s extraordinarily high rate of unemployment. In 1977, 2.3 million blacks were out of work, or 22 percent of the economically active population.

The Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill seeks to further restrict black migration to the cities at a time when the rate of inflation is leaping at an annual rate of over 14 percent. Recently we have seen SGT, the price of bread, a staple food, heavily increased.

A government that responds to an economic crisis by systematically, deliberately and violently exacerbating the plight of the worst victims is acting callously by any standard. That is what the bill does.

Let us look more closely at the provisions of this new bill.

Whereas ‘unauthorised blacks’ are at present allowed in an urban area without a permit for up to 72 hours, under the new bill any ‘unauthorised black’ in either a black or white urban area between 10pm and 5am will be liable for prosecution.

Permits will be available for blacks to visit and seek work in the urban areas, but the total period allowed per year will be reduced from 1-3 months to a mere 14 days.

Permits will be granted only if the ‘designated officer’ is satisfied that no unemployment exists in a particular area or with regard to a particular category of work.

Access to the privileges of permanent urban employment will be further eroded. Only those born in an urban area or able to prove that both parents have such status will be given these rights. The high proportion of births to single mothers in the townships makes it exceedingly difficult to provide such proof.

Section 10

Contract workers will no longer have Section 10 rights but will be dependent on the issue of permits. The issue of urban permits will be refused if the distance involved and public transport provided for commuting are deemed unreasonable.

To enforce these draconian provisions the minister will be given the power to remove blacks—without a warrant—from urban or farm areas and to send them wherever he pleases. Inspectors will be given free rein to arrest blacks without permits.

The maximum fine for employing an unauthorised black will be increased from R500 to R5000 or 12 months’ imprisonment. People refusing to provide information about the blacks face fine of R500 and up to six months’ imprisonment.

Under the new legislation, blacks will be able to ‘visit’ urban areas ‘to seek work’ for only 14 days a year.
As a Positive Action supporter in the recent SRC elections, I was surprised to hear an account from a fellow, now disillusioned supporter, who had attended the first SRC meeting.

I voted for PA feeling that their liberal attitudes offered a viable alternative to previous SRC's dominated by more political candidates.

I understood, on the evidence of the first SRC meeting, that a split has developed in the ranks of the PA ticket and their supporters in the SRC. This was evidenced by nominations for Chairperson of the Academic Freedom Committee. Sandy Lipschitz was nominated by Paul Alexander (PA) and Bradley Liebman was nominated by Avron Sevell (PA). I would be interested to know what caused this split as I have subsequently heard rumours of various PA members having right wing links.

I would like to know if this is true that PA members not true that PA members not associated with those links are going to disassociate themselves from their fellow candidates?

Another disquieting fact was that Chick Forsyth, who I also voted for as an apolitical candidate, appears to not be as apolitical as I had hoped. On the first day of this term, I recognised 2 people pasting SMA posters on campus. I had previously seen these same 2 individuals actively campaigning (hanging out stickers etc) for Chick Forsyth in the Engineering Block on the morning of election day.

I voted in good faith, taking candidates at their word. These developments have however seriously disillusioned me about student representation, and especially the SRC. I would appreciate it if you would publish this letter as it is a matter of great concern to me and I would welcome any reply.

Positive Action Voter

More ecology features please

The ecology feature in Wits Student vol 34 no 22 made a welcome change. Ecology is generally regarded as a concern for counter-culture fanatics. But only last week we saw an American senator threaten to undo nearly all the progressive environmental legislation passed in the last twenty years. Time Magazine claims that by the 1984 presidential elections environmental issue will be the foremost issue concerning America. I can only hope that this trend filters down before we too reach the 'point of no return'.

More ecology features please

Any connections?

I have heard that Bradley Liebman is good friends with Russel Crystal and that Russel helped Anne Du Plessis with her election campaign. Could Wits Student please investigate this, as I voted for both candidates as liberals and not as fascists.

Wits Student has found no evidence of any connection between the SMA leadership and either Bradley Liebman or Anne Du Plessis.

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The Editor reserves the right to shorten letters should they be longer than 200 words.

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29 September 1982
Extracts from a letter handed to Mr Russel Crystal on Wednesday 24 September at approximately 1.00pm.

Dear Mr Crystal

Appeal by the Students' Moderate Alliance against SRC resolution 236/82

1. I refer to the appeal brought by the SMA (in terms of section 17(2) of the SRC Constitution) against the provisions of SRC resolution 236/82.

By that resolution the SRC withdrew recognition from the SMA in terms of section 17(1)(c) of the SRC Constitution, and allocated the SMA's room in the Students' Union Building to the Chinese Students Association, thereby reversing (in terms of section 17(1)(a)) the SMA decision to stay in the room.

In other words the SRC deprived the SMA of being officially recognized as a student body and also deprived it of its premises in the Students' Union Building.

The SRC, is so doing purported to act because of what it regarded as repeated violations by the SMA of the provisions of the SRC Constitution and the by-laws relating to student publications and to the control of the finances of student organizations.

These violations were believed to have undermined the authority of both the Council of the University and the SRC.

2. As you know, the Council on 25 June 1982 set up a committee to hear the SMA appeal. The committee met twice. On both occasions you were invited, as Chairman of the SMA, to address the committee and it was a matter of regret that you were unable to do so or to appoint a representative of the SMA to do so in your place.

3. The committee considered in detail the background and the basis of the events which culminated in the SRC resolution of 7 June 1982 (Resolution 236/82) and in the SMA appeal which was itemized in your letter of 30 June 1982 to Professor Zeffert.

4. Insofar as concerns the publications by-laws, the appeal committee concluded, on the evidence taken as a whole, that, although the publication by-laws were not beyond criticism and although there were mitigating factors as regards the SMA's conduct, the SMA deliberately published certain material of a legally innocuous nature without submitting it to the scrutiny of the President of the SRC, as they had been required to do.

The SMA also published material in the teeth of an adverse ruling by a member of the legal panel but may have done so in the genuine belief that it was doing no more than defend itself in circumstances where its enemies were given better opportunity to express their views.

The actions of the SMA, whatever the mitigating factors, constitute a deliberate flouting of the publications by-laws, are subversive of the proper government of students at the University and are, consequently, subversive of the authority of the Council.

Although the SMA may have felt itself aggrieved by the operation of the by-laws, sometimes even with just cause, its answer should not have been to resort to defiance of student government, which, in a sense, also constitutes defiance of the University. Its actions could not go unpunished.

5. On the question of punishment, however, the committee felt that the SRC had taken disproportionately severe action against the SMA. It was therefore recommended to Council that the punitive measures resolved upon by the SRC be set aside and that in all the circumstances of the case the following be ordered:

The Student Moderate Alliance is severely reprimanded for flouting the publications by-laws applicable to it and for its contumacious attitude towards the financial by-laws.

6. Council adopted the foregoing recommendation of the hear committee and it ordered accordingly.

The above letter is, in its own little way, a landmark of judicial fairness and due process of law.

The council fully concurred with the SRC regarding the facts of the SMA transgression of university and SRC by-laws. The council repeatedly expresses the need for punishment to be meted out to the SMA.

The SMA did not even bother to attend the meeting arranged by the university council to hear the SMA's case.

The final result — a reprimand and warning for the SMA. They are naughty boys — but good fellows one can almost hear the little grey men in council saying.

Wits Student would thus like to extend its heartiest congratulations to the SMA on their latest victory: go for it lads — defraud the SRC, bring out more smear sheets — forget about legal panels, by-laws and all that crap. They obviously do not apply to you.

And students in general — well this historic decision is obviously and indication of a new free thinking element in council. Bring your guns onto campus, burn your students cards, cheat in exams — council doesn't give a damn.

If more than 20 violations of their by-laws by Nationalist Party youth members can go on almost unnoticed then what is a little armed robbery of the canteen cashiers at lunch time. Go for it.
Illegitimate child' at the Box

Ayn Rand originally wrote 'Night of January 16th' in 1933. Since then various producers have changed and mutilated the script until the cringed in horror and ashamedly referred to it as her 'Illegitimate child'. This production tries to be as faithful to Ayn Rand's original script as possible.

Although it was written way back in 1933, the basic issues dealt with in the play are still relevant today, and very few changes were needed to transpose it to the present, since the human traits and values the characters represent are universal and timeless.

The University Players amateur dramatics society was revived at the end of 1979 and since then it has grown in popularity and experience. Although amateur in definition it has proved quite professional in the execution of various productions such as 'Endgame' by Beckett (which has since been televised for the University's English Department), 'Caucasian Chalk Circle' and 'Who Says Yes' and 'Who Says No', by Brecht, and 'The Only Jealousy of Emer' by W B Yeats, are their most recent productions. Now, three years after its revival, University Players is established enough to continue even after its committee members have graduated and left Wits University.

The ‘Lexicon of Love’ - ABC’s new contribution

The termination of New Romanticism left the British music scene open for a new vogue. British Funk, something that had been around for a long time, had become prominent. Groups like Linx, Blue Ponds and Funkapolitan put a new emphasis on dancing. Haircut One Hundred and ABC come at the top of this list in terms of superiority.

‘Lexicon of Love’ is a dance record. ‘Poison arrow’ is widely played in Joburg clubs. But ABC’s LP ‘The Lexicon of Love’ comes quite a while after the release of their three singles. Their first single ‘Tears are not enough’ got to no 19 on the UK charts. ‘The look of Love’, their latest single, has recently enjoyed a spell at no 1 on the Radio 5 charts - if that says anything, please don’t entertain blasphemous thoughts that this is just another piece of Diabolical Disco!

The record has a further dimension in the form of Martin Fry’s witty lyrics: each song evokes a romantic situation, as suggested by the title. The music is made with genuine conventional instruments, (which makes a change) Consider Depeche Mode and Human League backed by magnificent synthesized orchestration.

Perhaps the records only fault is its slick, commercial perfection. ABC, however, consider themselves craftsmen, and want the best. They seem to achieve it.

‘All of my heart’, ‘Valentine’s Day’ and ‘Date Stamp’ are really worth listening to. Martin Fry and ABC aim a polished poison arrow at you, and chances are you’ll be hooked.

The numbers featured in the VOW Top 20 are not necessarily VOW’s identification music; this is to be found in the weekly VOW play lists. The Top 20 is compiled entirely from listeners’ requests.

Two documentaries at Wits tonight

Two highly lauded documentary films will be shown back-to-back/together on the Wits campus tonight.

They are ‘Some American feminists’ and ‘Burden of dreams: the making of Fitzcarraldo’ part of which was recently seen on television’s art programme ‘Portfolio’.

The feminists around whom the 55 minute documentary has been made are some well known women: Betty Friedan, Kate Millet, Grace Anderson and Barbara Jefferson.

In lucid — and often disarmingly prosaic — terms Blank gives his view on the feminist movement and the world in general with particular reference to the period after the 1968 riots at Columbia University. The film was completed in 1978.

‘The Making of Fitzcarraldo’ was made by Les Blank and presents an unusually penetrating perspective of how a major feature film is structured and painstakingly brought to completion.

Blank, an American with an international reputation, is no stranger to a serious South African film audience. Much of his work has been shown at local film festivals, and two titles have aroused much interest in the recent ‘Documenta’ festival in Cape Town.

They are ‘The Blues according to Lightin’ Hopkins’ and ‘Always for Pleasure’, a film about New Orleans which examines the close relationship between food and folk music.

The feature film, ‘Fitzcarraldo’, with which the nearly hour long documentary concerns itself, was made by leading German film-maker Werner Herzog. Since its recent international release, it has notched up an impressive list of awards.

It deals with the Spanish Conquistadores, and follows closely on a previous Herzog work which achieved artific and box office success, ‘Aguirre, the Wrath of God’.

Herzog, and Volker Schondorff along with the late Fassbinder, is in the forefront of the renaissance in German film making.

The films will be shown in the Dorothy Susskind Auditorium. This is the usual venue for the Performing Arts Centre Film Society, who have arranged this performance in conjunction with the Department of Comparative Literature at Wits.

Admission is R2.00 to the public, but Wits’ Performing Arts Centre Film Society members pay R1.00 on production of their membership cards.
There is Old Wave, there is New Wave and there is David Bowie. Hélène Joffe looks at his stylistic trends in this his first article in a two-part series.

Rock 'n' Rollers are often overly ready to congratulate themselves for breaking away from the norm, for rejecting the bourgeois existence. They actually, however, act out the bohemian equivalent of the same thing. They wear certain clothes, are into certain music and allow themselves easy comfort and cosiness in that which is familiar.

Bowie does his best not to allow himself such forms of reassurance. A shopping-list of Bowie's sources of inspiration would include such diverse influences as the Beatles and Frank Sinatra, Nietzsche and Dante.

Bowie passed through the 'flower-power' and stoned stupors of the 60's emerging as a leader of what was called glitter or glam-rock. Glitter meant the return of sparkle, make-up and teenage hysteria, to the music scene. Pop returned.

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Bowie chose to celebrate such artifice openly and decoratively. Unlike most artists who claimed to produce the work and performances which they did, because that is how they really were. Bowie built his life around his act. He was an actor. His act was one of 'aesthetic distance': all phenomena were judged purely in aesthetic terms. He futurist gear and wore a little more than a mere touch of make-up. His hair was not discreetly dyed. Bowie invited admiration for the sub-cult which he had created. This cult served as a basis for latter day punks.

Bowie brought 'decadence' to rock as he was not afraid to do what he found attractive. He believed that the world would end in five years and he adopted an eat-drink-and-be-merry type attitude towards life. His world was not one of artifice. He believed that he is searching for himself amongst these masks. Others believe that he is searching for himself amongst these masks.

Bowie does not, however, appear to be looking for himself. He is not engaged in a quest for one philosophy or style which will satisfy him and with which he can settle down for life. He is looking period.

From the start of his career it has been his policy to absorb every idea or device that intrigues him. For this reason his songs comment on social issues ranging from the suffragettes to the moon-landing. He has re-defined the whole notion of what Rock 'n' Roll should be, revealing more about its paradoxical strengths and weaknesses, possibilities and limitations, than any other performer.

David Bowie alias Davie Jones was the 60's kid who took longer to get started than most. Yet his career provided more entertainment and stimulus than that of any comparable artist — assuming that there is one who is comparable.

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Ten-Pin Bowling is a relatively new sport in South Africa and one of the most popular in the United States. Invented by the Ancient Egyptians, the sport has mushroomed over the years with 60 million players in the States. At present there are seven Ten-Pin bowling alleys in South Africa where social bowling is drawing the crowds.

In South Africa, mixed men's and women's junior leagues are in existence. Due to the nature of the sport, it is unquestionably multi-racial and very inexpensive. Qualified instructors provide coaching for those who need it, however this is not to all essential for those who just want to enjoy a social game.

As a result of growing interest, efforts are being made to establish an inter-res league which is basically open to all students. The idea is that each res will form a team of 4 players and the teams will compete against each other on a league basis.

The emphasis will however be on the social side. Teams who wish to get together can get free coaching. A local bowling centre will provide reduced rates for students competing in the interres league. They have also agreed to compute league results at no extra cost.

The offer is open to both men's and women's res students and where possible a res will be able to enter a B team as well. However the ball is now in your court. All that is needed is to get a team together and contact Vaughn Williams at 782-5216 or 782-5224.

Wits soccer top of the log

The Wits 'A' side have gone through to the quarter-finals of the Mainstay Cup. This is a result of the successful completion of their third round matches on Saturday the 18th.

Wits played the Orlando Pirates to a goalless NPSL draw at George Coch pitch - in an unspectacular display of poor penetrating power and strong defence. Pirates boasted the 'Black-Prince' of Soveto, Jomo Sono. Their line up but the overweight Sono, recently back from North America did not live up to his title. However the teams can be forgiven to a certain extent for their inability to score. The George Coch pitch is narrow and compact making penetration of two tight defences difficult. The mutual pre-match fear of each other and the resultant tense play may also have contributed to the teams' stalemate.

Although the match was rather boring, a classic blunder in the 82nd minute nearly resulted in a goal for Wits. Patrick Wasmuth, in attempting to make a throw-clearance, dropped the ball which landed at Steve Smith's feet. However the Wits striker failed to take advantage of the situation.

At present Wits and Durban City are at the top of the log, each with 36 points. However City have two more matches to play and are likely to take the lead.

Wits beat Arcadia 1-0 on Saturday.

Yachad for Transvaal?

Mandy Yachad, of Southern Transvaal Hockey fame, is getting his act together on the cricket pitch and is not going unnoticed by Transvaal selectors.

Having played a few games for Transvaal in last year's Currie Cup season, Mandy is putting 'willow to leather' in a concerted pre-season build up. Recently, as part of the Graeme Pollock XI, he ran up an impressive score of 111.

The game played against Western Transvaal saw Pollock unable to better man...

Wits foils opposition

In a recent Inter-Varsity Fencing tournament the Wits mens' and women's teams soundly beat their opposition.

The event, held a week before the September break, was contested in the Foil section only. Wits, Potch, Rhodes, Natal and RAU universities competed for the new Alex Aitken-Carter trophy. It is a floating trophy and will be presented at Inter-Varsities in future.

The convincing Wits victory was due to the efforts of G Wald, Rog Witter and Antony Gaffon in the mens' team and Heather Rowse, Ruth Stenhouse and Sarah Wynn-Griffith in the women's.

Wits lancers have done well this year, in July they took the honours on several occasions in the main Inter-Varsity event at UPE.

Hockey tour called off

The proposed tour of Europe in December by the Wits Hockey club has been cancelled due to decisions taken overseas.

The joint tour by the mens' and women's section of the club was officially turned down by the Federation of International Hockey (FIH). It is believed that the overseas clubs feared that their breaking of the sports boycott would affect their memers in the 1984 Olympics.

The Wits Hockey club was notified by the South African Hockey Association that the tour was out of the question.

Over twenty thousand rand was collected towards the tour by the time it was called off. The Wits sides would have played in Spain, West Germany, West Berlin, France and Britain.

Final interfaculty league positions

The interfaculty soccer league has drawn to a close. These are the final positions:

Division 1 (each played 9 games)

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(EOH 'A' are relegated to Division II)

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