Free Peoples' '83
Justice is dead — fear reigns supreme

'We live in a police state, as the police have powers which make it impossible for the truth to be known. The police have supreme power over the lonely person in their clutches, which is 'an obscenity in our midst.'

Justice is dead and fear reigns supreme.'

These views were expressed by t. Reverend Peter Storey at a meeting held to commemorate the death in detention of Dr Neil Aggett in February last year. Israel Mokgatle of Dr Aggett's union AFCWU (African Food and Clothing Workers' Union) was next to take the floor. He said that Aggett had built up inter-union solidarity, and had fought against the sectarianism that has weakened the movement. Mokgatle also mentioned that, although the authorities claim that unionist detentions are in the interest of state security, official records show that unionism is not illegal.

Liz Floyd then named some examples of Aggett's constructive work in uniting and consolidating unions and assisting workers with problems. She said that he had had not been a member of the ANC, but had sympathized with its goals. Security police had by means of some murky logic managed to equate these two principles.

A spokesman for FOSATU said that attempts by the authorities to silence the trade unions by removing their leaders could never be successful, as 'everyone is a leader.'

The anti-South African Indian Council (anti-SAIC) Committee spokesman further developed these ideas and concluded that 'the people's struggle is a natural movement, prolonged, but never stopped.'

Further speakers from the South African Allied Workers' Union, the Engineering and Allied Workers' Union and the Detainees' Parents' Support Group added their views. They were Yvette Breytenbach, a friend of Aggett's, and Jill Berger, his sister, who highlighted the work of Dr Aggett and called for solidarity among unions and a dedication to the cause for which Neil Aggett had sacrificed his life.

Campus health a real service

The Campus Health Service does not only treat sick students free of charge, it provides a wide range of services to the students. Wits Student spoke to Dr Ivor Cohen, head of Campus Health and discovered the following:

All services are free to registered students and medical records in the records in the Campus health Service are strictly confidential. Most students find this particularly favourable 'they often prefer to consult a doctor who is not also the family G.P.'

A casualty service is available at all times during consulting hours. The medical staff includes general practitioners and a nursing sister. A dermatologist, psychiatrist and sports medicine specialist attend to patients referred to them by the Campus Health Service doctors.

Other specialist services, medication and hospitalisation are obtained privately or by referral from the campus medical offices to special clinics in the Provincial Hospitals, depending on the student's financial status. (Students are not subsidised by the University for private medical services).

Preventative Health and Health Education are regarded as prominent issues by the Service. Immunisation, cancer screening and contraception are offered by Campus Health. (Consult Campus Health for the 1983 immunisation programme).

A symposium on Human Relationships has been organised for the week: Monday 21 March to Friday 25 March. Top speakers will cover interesting topics such as: The Psychology of Human Relationships, male and female sexual responses, venereal disease, homosexuality and termination of pregnancy.

A Film Festival has been planned for Monday 2 May — Friday 6 May and topics include: Birth of a Baby, Venereal Disease, Drugs and Alcoholism, Contraception and smoking. (Watch Wits Student for further details).

Counselling is another important service provided by the staff. If a student's problem is complex or severe, the student may require referral to the Campus Health Service consultant psychiatrist or to the University Counselling and Careers Unit.

The Service 'specialises' in students. Because the staff is constantly in close contact with university students and staff, they are more aware of the general problems prevalent in the student age-group and community. Students who were interviewed by Wits Student found that they could relate to the staff very well.

The Campus health Service is on the South-facing Wing of the Students' Union Building, the consulting hours are 09h30-16h30 Monday to Friday and the telephone number is 716-3209 or 716-3110.

Diaries Sold Out

'You can't get a Wits student diary for love or money — they're all sold out.'

Diaries were available for students at the SRC bookshop and given to first years, free of charge, at registration. The problem arose when 500 more first year students registered than students sold to SRC when the diaries went to print.

It is too costly to produce more of the diaries which are said to be 'the best ever.'

Edited by Garth Klein, SRC member, the Diary contains all relevant information about student services, clubs and societies, University administration to the SRC.
University insures all students

Did you know that all students, including postgraduate students, are insured by the university against accident?

Three resign from SRC

Three members of the 1982/3 SRC have resigned.

John Abramson, Ruth Becker and Avrom Sevell submitted their resignations to the SRC president, Lloyd Vogelman, during December last year.

John Abramson, SRC secretary, resigned on the basis of his migration to Britain.

'John had been on the SRC for 18 months and in that time he served students well,' said Lloyd Vogelman.

'His contribution to campus affairs, especially in terms of women's issues, is recognized by both student and administration alike.'

Avrom Sevell was elected to the SRC in 1982 and soon after admitted to receiving election funds through the Student Moderate Alliance (SMA).

The SRC's term of office will be held before the end of term.

David Cohen was elected to the position of EDOC chairperson.

'EDOC', says Cohen, 'will look at university related issues as suggested by the NUSAS theme "Educating for Change".'

Wits Student will be interviewing SRC members about their performances during the first 6 months of their term.

Jubilee hosts SRC President

Jubilee Hall residents hosted SRC president, Lloyd Vogelman, at dinner on Wednesday night.

In a short address, followed by questions from the floor, Vogelman explained the functions and activities of the SRC.

This was the first time an SRC president has spoken at Jubilee Hall.

On the SRC, Vogelman said that students tended to overemphasise the political activities of the SRC and forget about the many student services that were made available by the SRC. He called on residents to approach the SRC with problems they encounter as students on campus.

A spokesperson for the residence said, 'It was excellent to have him speaking at res, because a lot of residents don't know what's going on on campus.'

Questions ranged from information about class reps to the role of the Women's portfolio on the SRC.
Sexism—myths exposed at meeting

If you still think that the driving force for all women is the maternal instinct, and that it is only in motherhood that they find personal fulfillment:

- Sex and gender are not synonymous. Sex is biological—gender is our cultural understanding of what is masculine and feminine. The rigid definitions are oppressive to men and women: men feel their worth is dependent on the number of sexual conquests they make, and women feel they have to conform to the passive submissive stereotype with which they have been branded. Such stereotypes are used to justify racist and sexist thinking, as it allows men/whites to feel superior to women/blacks.

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The Zimsoc — VC showdown

Picture the scene: a roomful of Zimsoc members came out of their minds angrily confronting an angry Vice-Chancellor without having the faintest idea who he was.

On November 1, 1982 Zimsoc decided that it would have a ‘little party’ in their office to celebrate the beginning of exams, the end of exams, life, beer, Zimbabwe, chickens, burps, everything.

So out came the braai and the beer. Suddenly it’s noticed that fire engines have congregated in Senate House basement to put out the night watchmen. Some of the merry revellers it appears were student nurses who splendidly offered to go down and see if they could help. So off they went.

The trouble is, it was the nurses who needed the nursing, being in a somewhat pickled frame of mind. One of the nurses (she shall remain nameless — although I believe PACT have approached her with a contract) gave a superb performance as the Dying Swan — she fainted all over the fire engine, and then to give it that final touch, the final note of perfection, she knocked all the way back from SHB to the Zimsoc office.

The next thing dear Prof Du Plessis arrives (you know, he finds out about everything) and he is mad. Very mad. He begins shouting at everyone and everything and ends up making some comments about ex-Rhodesians not being true South Africans, or some such. Needless to say the boys from up North are very insulted.

The outcome was that Dup ordered them to close down the place, clean up and get out — for good. Thus this course is very hard for Zimsoc — where are they going to share all that beer now?

No, seriously, the VC has been very unreasonable. Being res okes in the main, the Zimsoc elite have nowhere else to hold their razzles, and the VC is not being very accommodating about accommodation. ‘That’s your problem,’ he said.

So Rob Urquhart, Zimsoc’s big daddy, marched off with Lloyd Vogelman, SRC president, to see Dup, muttering that he would give it to him ‘straight’, once and for all.

They get into the office. ‘Siddown!’ says Dup, and carries on shutting all over Rob for another hour, saying Zimsoc is giving Wits a bad name. Rob doesn’t say a word and leaves.

Next thing you know 2 487 Castles later, Rob comes to Wits Students, saying Dup has just left the old Zimsoc office as it was, he hasn’t fixed it up as superior bachelor apartments for superior bachelor students, as was apparently his reason for kicking out Zimsoc in the first place.

‘Either the Vice-Chancellor doesn’t know Zimsoc’s coat of arms what’s going on in his university, or he had ulterior motives for getting us out,’ says Rob.

We at Wits Students have taken up the cause. ‘Hey Dup, what you doing about it?’ we demand (angrily). Mean- time, sympathetic students can help by donat- ing six packs to the ZIMSOC Rehabilitation Fund, c/o Rob Urquhart, c/o SRC offices, 2nd floor, Students Union Building.

(The story was written in the interests of alternative journalism, the experimentation of new forms and hallucinatory substances.)

Right wing in smear campaign

The Wits Alternate Service Group (WASG) has expressed its disgust at a seemingly new campaign to discredit it.

This latest attempt comes in the form of a pamphlet found on campus last Wednesday morning. It contained the text of a speech by Yuri Andropov, the Russian General Secretary. The pamphlet, entitled ‘USSR’s Peace Message’, stated that it had been issued by the Wits Alternate Service Group.

A spokesperson for WASG stated very clearly that WASG had absolutely nothing to do with the pamphlet.

Previous attempts of an equally underhand nature have included painting slogans on synagogues and leaving anti-Zionist pamphlets supposedly issued by the ‘Wits Board of the World’.

The WASG statement read: ‘WASG is an organization dedicated to finding socially productive alternatives to national service. We have never issued broad political statements or produced pamphlets of this nature.’

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As 1984 approaches, the South African situation shows frightening similarities to that envisaged by George Orwell.

Dr Alex Boraine, PFP MP for Pinetown spoke at the well attended Orientation Week Mass Meeting on detentions and bannings. He drew attention to the increasing centralization of power by the government.

'The Government can't stand democracy,' he said, pointing out that control centres in the Prime Minister's office, and that the State Security Council has more power even than the Cabinet. The government will stop at nothing, he said, referring to the activities of police spies in student government, government attacks on the church; attacks on the leadership of progressive organizations; charges in parliament; slurs and smear tactics; and coercion.

The universities are also affected. 'There can be no true academic freedom as long as people need permits to attend university. For academic freedom to exist the university itself must choose its students and staff.'

Finally he focused on the twilight existence of those banned South Africans whose lives are hampered by restrictions of varying severity. 'It turns humans into non-persons', he said. They are people who have never been charged, yet can be charged and found guilty if they are found with two other people. Banned people become their own jailers - they are denied an existence we take for granted - and not just for a week or two, but for 5 years.'

David Webster, of the Wits Social Anthropology Department, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Detainees' Parents Support Committee. He challenged the Minister of Justice and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange to repeat his cowardly attacks on the DPSC in parliament outside the House and take his chance with the South African liberals.

The long term aims of the DPSC are to effect the abolition of security legislation which allows detention without trial — but realizing that the government is unlikely to do this, they are demanding that detainees be allowed visits from family, from independent doctors and lawyers.

They also call for the detainees to be charged or released.

Dr Webster also revealed the disturbing fact that official numbers of people detained in 1981 and 1982 are lower than those kept by the DPSC — implying that certain detainees have simply disappeared.

ERAB demolishes shacks

The East Rand Administration Board has demolished 1000 shacks in Katlehong and Thokoza near Germiston since November last year.

This is the most dramatic aspect of a situation that has been deteriorating since 1979.

The central feature of Katlehong's problems is the growing number of shacks — small dwellings with one room separated by a curtain into a 'bedroom' and a 'kitchen-dining room'.

They are made out of tin, wood, cardboard or so-called 'zozos'. Estimates of the number of shacks range between 34 000 and 44 000.

This means there is an average of 2 to 3 shacks in each yard. This is a common sight in the township. However, cases have existed where 12 to 16 shacks have been erected in one single yard.

As a result these systems have gradually ground to a total standstill. The sewerage system has not worked since October last year, and in some areas not since June.

Most areas don't have water, or if they do it is weak and inconsistent.

In 1980 there were 8 000 shacks. Most of these people were on 'waiting lists' for houses. They were thus legally entitled to reside permanently in the urban areas. As one worker said: 'Management has left the responsibility for our housing to the government. In this the government has failed. We must now fight for houses in the community as part of our struggle on the shop floor.'

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(for February and March)
The Seven Labours of Nurden

January 1983 . . . George Schultz jets to Asia to sell American missile plans to the sceptical Chinese. George Bush, US Vice-President tells the German Bundestag ‘An attack on you is an attack on us. And Nurden A Scatoma is accepted by the Wits Arts Faculty.

Nurden had a fine school career. No only was he head boy of his primary school for three years, but he also held the envious title of 1st team chess scorer, and was chief bombardier of ‘A’ Battalion of his Youth Preparedness division.

He matriculated with a distinction and keeping on by a magaphone wielding student. In the interests of furthering this broad education his parents decided to send him to Wits.

They really preferred the London School of Economics, but it isn’t on the bus route.

It was raining lightly as young Scatoma mounted the Great Hall steps, en route to registration. Twenty minutes later he was on his way down complete with timetables, book-lists and ‘The Hazards of Drug-Taking’. Before long he had confronted him in a dark alley in Beit Street.

Nurden was the editor-in-chief of ‘Scatoma’ magazine, which he had founded at university. He was also a member of the Political Science Society, the Liberal and the Social Democratic societies.

He decided to send him to Wits.

National Education had not been one of the highlights of his early years. When he was 10, his father had decided to send him to London to study at the Royal School of Mathematics.

But it wasn’t on the bus route.

Dazzled by the glare of sun rays reflected off the library windows Nurden experienced his first encounter with the Orientation sensation. Bleating helplessly a flock of frightened first years stormed past him towards the Great Hall, herded towards the Great Hall steps, en route to registration.

Nurden settled down to breakfast. He was majoring in Quantum Electrodynamics and magnetic.

In record time our aspirant BA student had registered for 3rd year electrical engineering majoring in Quantum Electronics and Magnetics.

Nurden was a member of the Sandton University Alumni Association. He had been involved in the organisation of the first ever alumni gathering.

‘Nurden, my son. despair thee not for the spirit of the chips shall always guard thy shoulder. Thou shalt fear no mortals for they have lefthy side of the bargain. Don’t let the chips go cold,’ said his father.

The wondrous vision lifted its head, belched and continued.

‘Nurden, my son, despair thee not for the gospel according to Luth shall bear its fruit. Thou art chosen from all the multitudes to prosper and flourish. Thy true worth shall be confirmed. Thou shalt be the average student. Poor little Nurden (all of twelve cubits high in lact) was last heard of as an ingredient for a savoury casserole. Only when he heard the voice that Nurden knew his life would never be the same again. It was only then that he realized that the tooth fairy was not a gay dentist.

The SeYen

Here follows a hastily scribbled transcript of the labours.

1) Register As B.A.
2) Park within Hillsb. disintg. of Variety.
3) Eat lunch in 4th cantrec. (not simulat. simultaneously)
4) Get book from Weil’s library.
5) Snork hands with Prof. Du Peggles (illegible)
6) Attend SRC meeting.
7) Go to trr

In his catatonic stage, Nurden had not noticed the human incarnation of Tolkien’s Hobbit crept up behind him. Swiftly and silently the canteen cleaner whisked his plate away and scraped chips, gravy, vision and seventh labour into the bin.

Nurden blinked.

What was the seventh labour? Was the vision merely a Metaphysics honours project? Who is the mysterious Horace and why was he wearing a dress? Was Leonid Brezhnev really related to the Wartenweiler Library? Will Nurden succeed in registering?

Read episode 2 in the next issue of Wits Student.
We are told that:
Nice girls don’t go out alone at night
Nice girls don’t talk to strangers
Nice girls don’t hitch hike
NICE GIRLS DON’T GET RAPED.

For most people rape is not real. It happens to other women; to women who deserve it. To women who say ‘no’ but mean ‘yes’. To women who fantasize about rape and secretly want it.

These are only a few of the prevailing myths about rape — myths fostered by sexual stereotypes.

South African law defines rape as ‘intentional, unlawful without her consent.’ This is another misinterpretation. It fails to recognize that rape is an act of violence and brutality. It is encouraged by existing social attitudes. What in fact are these attitudes?

Boys are taught to be aggressive, tough, active, brave, and to control or suppress their emotions. The stereotype male is the dominating force, the conqueror whose role it is to initiate any sexual activity.

Girls are encouraged to be passive, submissive and obedient. Their role is perpetuated by the media. Women are shown and expected to be sexually unobtainable, yet sexually desirable. Sex is thought to be an act performed by a male on a passive female.

This distortion of sexuality is mirrored in the structures of society. Men dominate the family, the church, the work place, and the state.

The ultimate expression of male machismo and female submission is rape. Rape is an act of domination: While the crime involves a sexual act it is primarily an act of violence and brutality resulting in the abuse and humiliation of the victim’s body, dignity, self esteem and self determination.

Thus feminists urge the law to treat rape as a case of assault. This is more consistent with the fact that rape is not exclusively a women’s issue. Homosexual rape is particularly common in institutions such as prisons.

Rape is the only crime for which society inevitably blames the victim, and the victim, a product of the same society, also blames herself. Thus it is not surprising that only 10% of rapes are ever reported to the police. The victim is often unwilling to report a rape because of shame and fear of retaliation. She is examined and interrogated by unsympathetic male doctors, policemen, lawyers and judges — she is forced to relive the humiliating experience.

In the court the woman is treated as the accused (see box). Very often her entire sexual history is examined in an attempt to prove that she is ‘promiscuous’, ‘led the man on’ or ‘was asking for it.’ The victim has to prove she did not encourage her assailant in any way. If she did not resist (for fear of being beaten or killed), it is thought to imply that the man simply ‘could not help it’.

The legal system ensures that
Rape is not a matter of sexual intercourse with a woman without her consent. It is a brutal, degrading and humiliating assault which leaves the victim with lifelong psychological damage.

A robbery victim undergoing a similar cross-examination to that of a rape victim.

'Mr Smith, you were held up at gun point on the corner of First and Main?' 'Yes.' 'Did you struggle with the robber?' 'No.' 'Why not?' 'He was armed.' 'Then you made a conscious decision to comply with his demands rather than resist?' 'Yes.' 'Did you scream or cry out?' 'No, I wasn't afraid.' 'I see. Have you ever been held up before?' 'No.' 'Have you ever given money away?' 'Yes, of course.' 'And you did so willingly?' 'Listen, if I wanted . . . ' 'Never mind. What time did the hold up occur?' 'About 11.00pm.' 'You were out on the street at 11.00pm? Doing what?' 'Just walking.' 'Just walking. You know it's dangerous being out on the street late at night. Weren't you aware that you could have been held up?' 'I hadn't thought about it.' 'What were you wearing?' 'Let's see . . . a suit. Yes, a suit.' 'An expensive suit?' 'Well . . . yes. I'm a successful lawyer you know.' 'In other words, you were walking around the streets late at night in a suit which is popularly held about the potential victim: regardless of her appearance, race or social class. Rape is not an act of lust but of violent aggression.

Myth: Rape is a crime of passion.
Fact: Rape is not an act of lust but of violent aggression.

Myth: Nice girls don't get raped; women provoke rape, they 'ask for it'.
Fact: Rape victims range in age from babies to women in their 80's and 90's. Any woman is a potential victim: regardless of her appearance, race or social class.

Myth: No man can rape a woman who doesn't consent.
Fact: Victims don't consent — they are terrorised into submission. Research shows that 97% of rape victims are threatened with death or bodily harm. 30-40% of the rapists threatened with death or bodily harm.

Myth: Rape is an act of violence and domination; it is not always an impulsive, sexual urge. In fact 80% of rapes are premeditated.

So, these are some of the myths about rape. The reason that they remain myths is that fair and factual information about rape is often kept from us. The whole issue is still surrounded by a great number of superstitious taboos, and by a great deal of ignorance and antagonism.

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Why another focus on Rape? As far as Rape was looked at twice last year in seminars, for and Wits Student features.

The answer is a stark one: it is estimated that 600 women are raped in South Africa every day. And yet the subject of Rape is surrounded by taboos, myths, fear — and a great deal of antagonism.

For these reasons Wits Student welcomes any attempts to force Rape into the open where - through understanding and action — steps can be taken to combat this endemic social disease.

Wits Student will appear fortnightly during 1983. The reasons for our less frequent appearance (Wits Student appeared weekly in 1982) are mostly financial — production costs have gone up by 20%.

If the 1983 SRC diary, SRC Orientation Week and Free People's concert are anything to go by — it's going to be a great year for student services. Wits Student congratulates the SRC on showing us all that it can get its act together.

Wits Student has introduced an 'editorial comment' column (see opposite) which aims at provoking discussion over crucial national and international issues. It is distinct from the editorial column as it does not necessarily reflect the views of this newspaper. Contributions to this column are welcome, but these must be lodged with the Wits Student editor in person.

Wits Student is repeating the 1980 satire series 'The Seven Labours of Nurden'. Although updated and in some instances rewritten, Nurden, still owes its appeal to the comic genius of Eric Barlin and Sheldon Cohen and to the cartooning skills of David Shapiro.

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

Six weeks before the Labour Party decided to 'go inside' at its historic Eshowe Congress, its national chairman, David Curry, had this to say about the second report of the President's Council's constitutional committee: it is, he said, 'a clever and sophisticated scheme for entrenching white baaskap'.

So why exactly did Labour 'go inside'?

The party's own explanation runs as follows. Yes, the new proposals fall far short of Labour's stated objective of universal franchise in a unitary system. Yes, the proposals were drawn up academically. And yes, they entrench ethnicity, exclude the African majority, and vest enormous powers in the hands of an executive president who will be chosen by the National Party.

Nevertheless, says the Eshowe resolution, 'participation within the tricameral parliament and subsequent standing councils can assist us in the achievement of our goals...'

There are less sympathetic explanations of Labour's decision. The one has it that Labour's ruling clique — Hendriks, Curry, Rabie — is basically conservative, virulently opposed to 'communism' and 'radicalism', and eager to join the Establishment with all the prerequisites which this entails: good salaries, access to the corridors of parliamentary wheeler-dealing, and so on.

Labour's hallowed objective one person, one vote in one South Africa is now regarded as too remote an objective to be worth fighting for. After all, has the NP not stated that inclusion of Africans will never be accepted?

Whether than remain out in the chill winds, Labour has with a nostalgic eye on the old coloured franchise opted for the comfort and security of the 'inside'.

There is plenty of evidence for this account of Labour's motive. In the past couple of weeks we've seen Labour insisting that the government is making 'progress'; that the coloureds can bring blacks and whites together in harmony and compromise; that its opponents are manipulated by 'communists' that it will not hesitate to crush them by calling in the riot police with tear-gas; that the government is justified in reducing its subsidies to the 'radical' University of the Western Cape.

A more genuine criticism of Labour would simply see the Party as having made a tragic, fateful tactical blunder.

Either way, the Labour Party will one day come to regret Eshowe.

Eloff strikes the other cheek

For a régime that claims to be Christian, Pretoria shows astonishingly little respect for the Church. Coetze's recent recommendations have not impressed Eloff who has called the SA Council of Churches to cut off from overseas funding would, if implemented, represent a decisive blow to religious liberty in South Africa. Critics of socialist countries often point out that religious freedom entails not only freedom of worship — which is recognised in almost every society — but also the independence and freedom of action of religious organisations.

Our government has empowered itself to decide what constitutes legitimate religious activity and what does not. This is indefensible. If the SA Council of Churches believes that its Christian mission entails a commitment to political work and to a theology of liberation, then those in power must respect this view.

After all, they benignly accept the very political role played by other churches.

Quite clearly, the onslaught on the Council of Churches as part of an attempt by the state to offset the moral challenge recently mounted against it by Protests of several denominations.

First there was the Ottawa decision of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches to suspend the NGK from its ranks a move initiated by the head of the 'coloured' Sendingkerk, Rev Alan Boesak.

Then there was the string of denominational synods which condemned apartheid as 'heretical'. More recently the Catholic Archbishop, Denis Hurley, accused the SADF of perpetrating abuses in Namibia, and indicated that the people of the territory regard Pretoria's troops as a force of occupation.

The government has since threatened to prosecute Hurley.

Crushing of the SACC, prosecution of leading Catholic officials, constant harassment of church activists. Can Pretoria honestly claim that it respects
At last Wits Student reviews the sensational ...

All those students who haven't yet read 'The World According to Garp' should do so.

It's a great story, thrills, spills, twists and turns, excitement on every page, BUT it is not your average 'Kane and Abel/The Thorn Birds/Captains and the Kings' crap. It's a book of enormous relevance to all of us as members of Western society, as it throws into sharp relief aspects of our life ranging from the most mundane to the most exalting. Prostitution, assassination, juggling, rape, suburbia, marriage — they're all in this book.

The book, an account of the life of TS Garp, American wrestler, husband and author, could be described as extremely bizarre. Garp moves from one impossible event to another, and in so natural a way that the reader is forgiven for mistaking Garp's world for his own reality. (Let's not get philosophical now about true reality: it simply means OUR common experience, ie from the toothpaste to the canteen to the ENOS and back to the toothpaste.) The understatement prevents the incidents from becoming ridiculous, without in any way dissipating their force. The reader is shocked, stimulated and probably most people would feel shocked, stimulated and probably most people would agree with the message.

Finally, the film.

It is a very good film indeed — probably most people would enjoy it, although it is also probably best to have read the book first. On the other hand, some people, having read the book, may find the film disappointing. The film version of the book has been treated with care and respect, and the themes are treated in the film. The book is reproduced in full, and the book remains as it is in the film. The reader is reassured that the characters are not simply two-dimensional, and the film is not as superficial as some have claimed. The themes are treated in the film, and the message is still there.

Year of the Director for Wits Film Society

The Performing Arts Film Society of Witwatersrand University, one of the most active of its kind in South Africa, has its 1983 programme away to a start on 14 February with a modern classic.

Stanley Kubrick's 'Dr Strangelove', or, 'How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb' was made in Britain in 1963 and has been shown in South Africa for some years. Its reappearance at this time is highly appropriate as Nuclear Disarmament is again very much in the news.

The Film Society has a strong line-up of 36 films scheduled for the year. Many of the titles have not previously been seen in South Africa, and others are classics of their kind which still arouse great interest.

This year will be regarded as 'The Year of the Director'. Such highly regarded film-makers as Federico Fellini, Sergei Eisenstein, Bergman, Alexander Korda, Claude Chabrol, Orson Welles, Francois Truffaut, Josef von Sternberg, Milos Forman, Kubrick, Satyajit Ray, Howard Hawks, Vittoria da Sica and Carol Reed will be represented as well as some younger, less well-known directors.

Their works will not be grouped, except for two cases, but will be spread over the year. The two groupings are Fellini's 'Orchestra Rehearsal', which is new to South Africa, and his '8½' late in February; and Truffaut, Bergman's 'The Magus', and Ingmar Bergman's 'The Magus', late in February and March.

Prospective members of the Film Society can obtain a full list of the scheduled films by writing to: Performing Arts Film Society, University of the Witwatersrand, 1 Jan Smuts Avenue, or by telephoning (011) 716-3802, 716-3748, or 716-3891. Admission to each film will cost members approximately R1.00 on their subscriptions, a bargain in anyone's terms.

Screenings are on campus on the Tuesday evening afternoons, with the exception of Saturdays, when there will be screenings at the Witwatersrand Union. Some films will be shown out of sequence in order to create a special event.
Over 9,000 people rocked to the sounds of the largest open air concert that South Africa has ever seen.

The 1983 Free People's Concert, held at the Kloofendal Amphitheatre near Roodepoort, was, in the words of Gavin Rabinowitz, Free People's organizer, 'the greatest ever.'

The concert was held last Saturday, February 12, at a venue ideal for an open air music festival. Only 15km from Wits, the site offered vast lawns, sloping down to a stage easily visible and well illuminated.

The amphitheatre is situated in a valley, encircled by a range of veld-covered hills. Sitting at the top of the amphitheatre one was struck by the huge imposing monolith of a stage structure in amongst what should have been barren veld. In this almost surreal picture, one was secure in the knowledge that no people apart from those at the concert, would be disturbed by the noise.

The concert started at 12h00, and continued until shortly before midnight. The bands played continually, with fairly quick changeovers between them. The bands that played were, in order of appearance: Tpso Facto, Afrojazz Pioneers, Ronnie Domp & Colin Shamel, Yvonne Raff, Vergil Ellis, Splash, Horn Culture, Chevy, Steve Newman & Tony Cox, Afrozania, Good Question, Nyanga, Hotline, e Voids, Juluka, Angie Peach & Torn Circus, Via Afrika, 4 White Kids, and Corporal Punishment.

Impressed

The concert was organized by the SRC Orientation Committee, headed by David Cohen and Gavin Rabinowitz. Wits Student asked David how he thought the concert went. He said, 'We feel this was the most successful Free People's ever'. He expressed great satisfaction at the quality of the sound, stating that the amphitheatre was 'acoustically designed' for great sound.

Compared to last year's concert held at Syringa Spa, Kloofendal was preferred by many. Syringa was dusty and hot, cheaper. Syringa Spa demanded R2500 for the one day last year, while the Roodepoort town council asked only R50 and a R250 deposit, most of which was returned. It was in the general opinion that this venue be used every year. David Cohen said it was likely that next year's Free People's will be held there again since damage was kept to a minimum, and the town council was impressed by the way the amphitheatre was cleaned up on the Sunday morning.

The bands

The members of the Orientation Committee spent all of the Friday before the concert helping Prosound construct a barrage of speakers on either side of the stage. There were more than 50 speakers of various sizes altogether, with superb sound mixing, and amplification by the Johannesburg company. There were Prosound people in a sound control booth keeping check on the mix and volume all day.

Splash, an impressive reggae band, was the first to liven up the proceedings, calling for 'revolutionary music'. This caused great consternation from a few disgruntled people, saying that 'there is too much political stuff. People come here for g jorl ndt politics.' But judging by the number of people dancing in the mid-afternoon heat, their music was enjoyed by most.

Horn Culture featured a talented saxophonist called Bill Faure, who used to play for the Uptown Rhythm Dogs. He played with great sincerity and feeling his talent obvious. Other exciting talent was found in the Cape Town duo of Steve Newman & Tony Cox. These two well versed and extremely competent guitarists played a wide selection of popular, clever and witty tunes. A Mozart rondo indicated incredible ability, a piece combining the themes from the 'Pink Panther' and 'James Bond' movies showed great versatility and harmonisation comparable with that of Simon & Garfunkel. Steve
PJ Powers and Hotline played at about sunset, injecting great energy and vitality into the audience. PJ, mentioning that this was Hotline's first concert this year, proved she has a very versatile voice ranging from some very heavy metal rock 'n roll, to a superb interpretation of John Lennon's 'Help', and a medley of Steve Kekana songs.

By the time Juluka began, everyone was up and dancing for what must have been the highlight of the day. Juluka played for longer than the other bands, and justifiably so. With all their local — and now international — fame, their stage act has not suffered. They played all their hit songs including 'African Sky Blue' and their latest hit 'Scatterlings'. There were subtle differences in their stage versions which added to the vitality and richness of the live concert. They ended with a show-stopping display of Zulu initiation dances, the four members of the band moving in unison.

Those dedicated 'Corporal Punishment' fans waited until 23h40 to get their due, only to see this good band be ignominiously cut short after two songs. It seems that the police arrived and stopped the concert before midnight to ensure that the Sunday peace was not to be broken.

The concert was well enjoyed by all. Gavin Rabinowitz, Free People's organizer said, 'It was excellent, the sound was first class'. He said that more people had arrived than he had envisaged, even having to 'compete with the cricket'. Other comments included, 'amazing', 'magic', 'why no Free People's every weekend?'. One dazed looking person said: 'Man, it's so high, have you seen the purple clouds?'

All in all, a tremendous success. A great achievement by Gavin Rabinowitz, David Cohen and the SRC Orientation Committee. If over 9000 people is anything to go by, the force of the Free People is strong, alive and sure to endure.
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