Zimbabwe:

was voting enough
The Medical Association of South Africa (MASA) has finally hit out at the treatment of detainees in a report published last week.

It has made a number of recommendations for legislation to protect detainees from torture in the hands of the police.

Reaction to the report has been mixed: The Detainees Parents Support Committee (DPSC) have said that the report offers little change for the closed system of detention. The National Medical and Dental Association (NAMDA), a body which broke away from MASA because of MASA's silence on the issue of detention, has welcomed the findings.

The report comes after five years of pressure on the Medical Profession of South Africa. The investigation that led to the report was launched in May 1982. Pressure began with the death in detention of Mr Steve Biko in September 1977. Despite repeated demands for the medical profession to take action against the doctors who attended Mr Biko, no such action was taken, and the matter was recently declared closed.

The report also stated that 'it would appear that on certain occasions the detainee is not informed of the reasons for his detention. He is furthermore not aware of the time period of detention nor the conditions under which he is likely to be held. The consequent stress is likely to result in a high level of anxiety.'

The committee recognized and condemned the use of solitary confinement in detention, something which officially is said not to occur in South African centres for detention.'

Describing the conditions of interrogation, the report stated that 'information gathered from a detainee under these conditions will often result in evidence lacking all reliability and therefore of limited use to the interrogators, either for further investigation or legal proceedings.'

The committee said of the concept of detention 'the committee has concluded that circumstances relating to the detention of security-law detainees in South Africa presents potential hazards to their physical and mental health.'

In the report, MASA says that as long as the Government believes it is necessary to protect the status quo by holding political opponents in detention, there should be strict legislation to protect detainees.

The committee has come out in defence of District Surgeons, who have been criticized frequently for their treatment of detainees.

On the subject of torture the report stated that 'on the basis of the evidence put before the committee, it is the Committee's opinion that there have been cases of serious maltreatment of detainees.'

The committee was of the opinion that 'there are insufficient safeguards in the existing legislation to ensure that maltreatment of detainees does not occur without those responsible having to account for their actions before a court of law.'

Discussing the general duty of medical practitioners, the report said that a system which makes legal provision for indefinite detention of security detainees without adequate judicial safeguards to minimise possible abuse, inherently presents a serious health threat to those who fall in the security net.

The report concluded that 'it is of the utmost importance to ensure that the rights of detainees and prisoners, and the concomitant duties of police and prison personnel be set forth statutorily, in a comprehensive form, by way of Parliamentary legislation or at very least, a set of the proper regulations promulgated under such legislation.

The report failed to condemn the use of detention without trial on principle and instead actually recognized 'the task of the police, who must perform in maintaining law and order and the security of the State,' and legitimized 'certain improvements which were brought about by the Internal Security Act.'

Much of the pressure for the investigation came from the DPSC, which has argued consistently that the medical profession can no longer remain neutral about the mental and physical health of detainees.

No action: Lectures boycotted

On Friday the 13th, students at the University of Pietermaritzburg organized a mass boycott of lectures in protest to the administration's 'weak' response to the Quota Bill. About 70% of the university observed the stayaway.

Two weeks ago, students organized an anti-Quota Bill march on campus. They gave admin an ultimatum: by Tuesday 10th at 12 noon, admin was to issue a strong statement of condemnation against the Quota Bill. Failure to meet their demands would result in a boycott of lectures.

Admin ignored the demands and the boycott went ahead. Besides the boycotting of classes, about 100 students gathered spontaneously to assist with pamphlet distribution and other forms of protest.

The Academic Freedom Committee, consisting of 3 students and 3 staff members, met on the Friday to draw up a list of recommendations for an appropriate response to the Quota Bill. The recommendations were handed to the university authorities. There has been no response from them as yet.

A small group has evolved on the PMB campus which aims to gather support for the Quota Bill. They organized a petition in favour of the Bill. They claim to have gathered 250 signatures. The petition was not directed at the university administration. The signed petitions were sent to the Minister of Education to 'show him that the university is not unanimously opposed to the Quota Bill.'

It has been alleged by reliable sources that Vaughn Patterson, one of the leaders of this pro-Quota Bill movement, met with Russel Crystall during the last holidays. They apparently met to discuss and co-ordinate plans for promoting the Quota Bill at the Wits and Pietermaritzburg campuses.
Wits students haven't had such fun since Koornhof. On Tuesday, a packed Great Hall listened to C Van Wyk of the NRP, Helen Suzman (PFP) and Sheena Duncan of the Black Sash, thrash out the issue of the Constitutional Proposals.

Mr Van Wyk kicked off, cautiously. He said that the NRP were in favour of some of the proposals and against others. For example, his party feels that the lack of Black representation under the new dispensation is a problem. They also feel that there are not enough checks on the powers of the Executive President.

However, they concur with the Nationalist Party that the Constitutional Proposals represent the first 'meaningful power-sharing between the different groups.'

Rejecting the suggestion that the NRP would join the NP if the new constitution comes into power, Mr Van Wyk intimated that there would be a role for the NRP (notwithstanding their representation in parliament) as a mediator between the polar positions of the NP and the Labour Party. (His example).

Consensus would have to be reached between these parties, the one entrenching apartheid, and the other calling of 1 man 1 vote, the NRP, while believing that Blacks have a right to parliamentary representation, rejects a simple Westminster 1 man 1 vote franchise because of the difficulty of reaching consensus between the different cultural groupings. (Laughter, hissing, applause, cries of 'Go back to the Nats! 'Who's paying you?')

Helen Suzman then spoke on behalf of the PFP. She demolished the idea that the proposals meant the first true representation of Coloureds and Indians, citing the pre-Union Cape voters roll, which was extended to everyone, no matter what their racial grouping, who satisfied certain franchise requirements.

Of the opposition in Parliament as one of checks and balances on the government, as well as a provider of alternatives. Under the new system, she said, the PFP would try to carry on this role.

Also, in reply to any earlier claim by Mr Van Wyk that South Africa is faced with a choice between the status quo and the 'reforms' of the constitutional proposals, Mrs Suzman said that there was a 'vast number of alternatives' to the status quo.

There was no negotiation about the content of the new proposals, which were simply submitted to the National Party congresses last year for ratification. A true construction of a constitution could only take place, she said, at a National Convention at which all population groupings were represented, and at which consensus must be reached before the constitution could be adopted.

The meeting was the first debate on campus for a while, and judging by the response, campus would like to see more. The meeting provided a forum in which diverse views could be presented on an issue relevant to all South Africans.

Helen Suzman (top) and Sheena Duncan (bottom) rejected the Constitutional proposal
Students demand 'Varsity' ban lifted

About 500 UCT students demanded that the temporary ban imposed on the student press by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Stuart Saunders, be lifted, in a meeting held on Monday last week. It called on the university to afford students on trial the right of an open hearing.

The meeting is the latest development in the growing conflict between students and university authorities.

Eighteen of the *Varsity* newspaper's staff were charged in the university court with disobeying an instruction from Dr Saunders. He ordered them not to publish details of a lecture given by Dr Piet Koornhof. The students are to appear before the court on June 9 which is during study week. The editor of the UCT student publication *Sprked* Mr Max Ozinsky said the ban went far beyond the limits imposed on the Press during any normal court case. 'Clearly the freedom of the Press at this university is at stake when one individual can tell students what they can and cannot publish' he said.

'Mr Laurie Nathan, a former SRC president at UCT, said that it was of fundamental importance that justice was not only done but that it was seen to be done in an open court.

'The university must understand that it it attempts to silence us we will speak out, if it takes away our rights, we will organise and mobilise to get those rights back,' he said.

In the motion, passed unanimously by the meeting, students also called on the university, in conjunction with students, to institute alternative disciplinary procedures.

The price increases, established at the beginning of each year by Catering Services are subject to there being no increases in other areas (eg control board.

Catering Services has requested that increases can be affected during the year in line with the unanticipated increases in goods, without authority prior to the expected increases. Increases that came into effect on Monday 3rd January 1983 are as follows:

- Toasted sandwich: 50c to 55c (10% increase)
- Chelsea and doughnuts: 30c to 35c (16.6% increase)
- Hot dogs: 45c to 50c (11% increase)
- Sandwiches, filled rolls and 3 chips: 45c to 50c (11% increase)
- Steak Burger: R1.00 to R1.10 (10% increase)
- Green salad tray: 45c to 50c (11% increase)
- Beef salad tray: 80c to 90c (12.5% increase)
- Ham salad tray: 40c to 45c (12.5% increase)
- Cheese salad tray: 30c to 35c (16.6% increase)
- Cornish pasty: 30c to 35c (16.6% increase)
- Scones: 10c to 15c (50% increase)

Potchefstroom University students recently declared their willingness to open their campus to all races. They also indicated that they would not oppose the Quota Bill.

The SRC at Potchefstroom University passed a motion agreeing to the principle of attendance for all races at the University. They are the third Afrikaans University to have done this. The move came in the interests of Christian principles. The vice-chairperson of the SRC, Mr Danie du Plessis, said that this was in line with his university, not to all other campuses. This was because Potchefstroom is a strongly Christian-oriented university and the SRC puts Christian principles above political considerations.

The apparently liberal nature of the motion was, however, undermined at the same meeting, when the SRC committed the students to maintaining the Afrikaans nature of the university and adhering to whatever legislation governed the admission of students.

Implicit in this proviso was the SRC's support for the Universi-
**If the Quota Bill is accepted:**

**'I will resign**

'If the Bill goes through and the university complies, then I will resign,' the head of the Public Administration, Professor Jan Beekman told a Varsity reporter an hour before the mass meeting.

Three days before Prof Beekman motivated an amendment to a motion before 200 academics at the UCT Lecturer's and Academic Associates. He called on the university senate and council to refuse to administer the Bill if imposed on the university by the state. An amendment was drawn up and passed unanimously.

He told the meeting that his rejection of the Bill was based on a similar experience when the Nazis excluded students from universities on the basis of 'race' in the 1940's.

While studying law at Uitrek University, Holland, he came into contact with the Nazi 'occupying force'.

'The military government started by interfering with Academic Freedom — step by step,' he said.

**Segregated universities backfire**

A former rector of the University of the North has expressed the view that segregated universities has backfired for Afrikaners.

Professor Johann Bosshoff said in a letter to Woord en Daad, an Afrikaan Calvinist movement magazine, that the students he encountered during his seven years at the University of the North were 'all well on their way to Westernisation'.

He said that the students completely rejected the homelands system, had a fanatical belief in a system of one-man one-vote, and believed that the white nation had no right to exist in South Africa.

Prof Bosshoff said that since many of these students go on to become teachers, the system has benefited neither the Black or Whites, and particularly not Afrikaners.

'Would it not have been better to have opened our universities to black students and have exposed them to other kinds of influences,' Prof Bosshoff asked.

Prof Bosshoff wrote that black students totally rejected separate universities because they saw them as proof of the white man's rejection of the black man as a person. He said that he was later told that many black students believed that separate universities had been created to keep black students out of English Universities and ensure that Afrikaners would never have to associate with blacks at their own universities.

'The universities were a symbol of rejection from the beginning,' Professor Bosshoff said.

**Bursaries for the bright**

A certain amount of surprise has greeted the discovery that top Matriculants receive scholarships from the University.

At present, Matriculants achieving six or more higher grade distinctions are awarded R1 000 and those achieving five distinctions and an A-aggregate get R500. This amounted to R36 000 this year.

Students have expressed the view that these students are likely to be awarded scholarships and bursaries from commercial concerns in the normal course. They feel that the money should, instead, go into the University's bursary fund.

The major criterion for a Bursary Award from the University is financial need. Satisfactory academic performance is also a requirement.

Scholarships, on the other hand, are awarded on a purely academic basis.

A spokesperson for the Bursary Office said that many external bursaries or scholarships carry contract requirements and the University decided on these scholarships as a pure recognition of academic achievement.

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**Focus on Constitutional Proposals**

Next Thursday

2nd June

**Speakers:**

Rev A Boesak

Kate Phillip (Nusas President)

Great Hall 12h30
Data processing dispute gets nasty

A dispute between a supervisor in the Data Processing Unit at Wits and six members of her staff has reached crisis point.

The dispute began in February, when six punch card operators were asked to work overtime by their supervisor, Mrs Lehmann. When the women expressed reluctance, Mrs Lehmann allegedly lost her temper and insulted the workers.

According to Mr Hers, the Director of Management Information, overtime has always been a delicate issue in the department. Overtime has generally been paid for by extended leave, not by wages, as is the legal requirement.

Mr Hers also said that relationships with the Black staff in the department had been strained for some time.

The dispute was taken before the Staff Disciplinary Committee, with the six women being represented by the Black Staff Association on campus.

The committee took three months to reach a verdict, during which time relations in the department were in no way improved.

Although the incident is seen as serious by Mr Hers, the strongest action expected to be taken against Mrs Lehmann is a demand that she apologize to the six staff members concerned.

The women feel that an apology will be meaningless, as the apology would be for Mrs Lehmann’s protection only.

They say ‘the seeds of hatred have been planted in the department and Mrs Lehmann has indicated that Apartheid will be practised in the department, and that she intends to rule with an iron hand’.

Environment speakers

The SSC has announced an environmental week for next term. They have invited an international authority on Industrial Safety to South Africa.

The focal point will be a speaker from America, Barry Castleman, an environmental consultant, who will speak on the export of hazardous technology to the third world.

Barry has been an expert witness in many compensation law suits, and a consultant to US Federal, and Congressional Committees, or Environmental Protection.

Social work overworked

1983’s Social Work students will be the first to complete their social work degree in three years after the department in 1981 changed the course from 4 to 3 years.

However there appears to be dissatisfaction with ‘cramming 4 years into 3’ after the 3rd years have come up against ‘impossible work pressures’.

Wits Student spoke to the 3rd years who are ‘totally overwhelmed’ with work.

The students voiced their discontent and the department responded by making one of their courses: community work, optional. ‘This detracts from the quality of the course for those who don’t manage to include this option,’ a ‘third year’ said.

One student felt that they went into the degree under false pretences. It appears now that the 3 years is not enough: ‘unless you do the Honours course or the Higher Diploma in Social Work which is offered by the department, your skills and status will be inferior to that of a Social Worker who has studied for 4 years. Social Work agencies are biased towards a 4 year degree,’ she said. ‘I don’t feel academically equipped to go out and practise social work next year anyway,’ added a student.

The third years have to fulfil the same practical field instruction requirements as those doing the course in four years, but in a third of the time. ‘The department has reduced the amount of practical experience and so we qualify with less adequate practical skills’.

Another student felt pressurised in having to ‘compete’ in order to get into Social Work honours next year. The previous fourth year was equivalent to an honours course according to the student. Professor Hammond-Tooke, acting head of the department, said that the previous fourth year was not academically equivalent to an honours course as people suggested. The extra year allows for the student to choose between an honours course or a higher diploma which was not as academically orientated.

Wits Student would like to point out that exams are 2 weeks away. Good Luck.
Law students 'read for their degrees' more than most other students. Wits has the worst student/space ratio for any Law Faculty in South Africa

Law students pack in tight

For the last 10 years the Faculty of Law has appealed to the University to improve the facilities at the Law Library. The library was extended but it still faces a severe problem as a result of lack of space. Seating is provided for only 170 of the 2,548 students who use the library.

Professor J Dugard of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies compared the library to that of other law schools. He pointed out that although 'the Wits Law school is held in high regard at home and abroad it does not live up to the standards of law school accreditation laid down for US law schools in respect of its libraries.

The Associate of American Law Schools requires a library to have seating accommodation for 60% of its students. The Wits Law Library can seat only 7% of law students at any given time. Because the majority of law books cannot be taken out, students have to use the books in the library. 'We can no longer cope with the overcrowding,' said Sandy Sapire, chief Librarian.

Wits Student spoke to law students: 'This environment is certainly not conducive to study, but we have no choice,' a final year LLB student said. 'There is a lack of breathing, never mind working space' he said, pointing to the students sitting 'elbow-to-elbow' at the desks.

The law faculty is extremely concerned at having to limit the use of the library to law students from second year upwards.

Students studying first year law courses and law-related subjects and who are not registered with the law faculty may not use the library because of the lack of space. They stressed that this was an unfair and unsatisfactory condition. 'We would like to accommodate all of these students' said Jonathan First, president of the Law Students' Council. This problem has forced the library to 'split its stocks,' having to send books to the Wartenweiler and William Cullen libraries for law students. 'We can't keep proper control of our books as a result,' Mrs Sapire said.

The number of library staff is also inadequate to meet the needs of students and academics. There is no working-room for the library staff who have to move into the academic staff reading room. Book space and shelving is also grossly inadequate.

The Faculty of Law has stressed that this problem cannot be solved by accommodating the School of Law and Law Library in a separate building. It was hoped that this would be provided on the new showgrounds campus. The Faculty has requested that the University Planning Committee give this request serious attention.

However, the situation cannot wait. The proposed solution is to transfer the present library to the Examinations Hall which would provide space for student seating additional library staff and book holdings.

Professor M Shear, deputy Vice Chancellor said 'the University is well aware of the library's position and is doing whatever it can to alleviate the problem. The suggestion to move into the Examinations Hall has been considered by the space allocations committee. However the Examinations office has expressed the general need for the examinations hall.

'There is pressure on the same space from 2 components of the university, both of which are very important,' Professor Shear said.

Professor R W Charlton, deputy Vice Chancellor, said the space planners are very conscious that it is essential to provide adequate facilities for the faculty of law and this will be achieved with the acquisition of the Showgrounds in 1985.

However it will only be at the end of 1985 when the university will be able to 'move over'.

Professor LA Tager, Dean of the faculty of law said that while she appreciates the university's concern about the matter, the present circumstances are creating the possibility of having to limit the intake of LLB students in 1985.

Reggae musicians still detained

The first part of the trial of two musicians from 'Splash' took place in the magistrates court last week.

Mr Joseph Charles and Mr Rufus Radebe are charged with singing revolutionary songs and chanting slogans supportive of the ANC at the SRC Free Peoples Concert earlier this year.

The musicians, who are being represented by Mr G Dyson, have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Constable H J Nel of the security police, giving evidence against the accused, said that he arrived at the concert during Splash's performance.

'The group was singing about the freeing of Mandela, the ANC leader. When they finished they started chanting ANC slogans and names.'

Mr Charles told the court that Splash played reggae music. 'The Rasta movement,' he said 'is for all people'.

He admitted to chanting at the concert, but said that he and Mr Radebe had chanted the name of the Lord and 'Jah Rastafaria, Sellasie the First.'

Mr Charles also admitted to singing a song titled 'Freedom to Mandela', because they disagreed with imprisonment for political figures.

During the week the magistrate, Mr W Aucamp, refused permission for Mr Dyson to question Mr Izak de Vries, a political science lecturer at RAU, in English. Mr Dyson then declined to question Mr de Vries.

The trial was postponed on Friday because Mr Charles was ill.

'Splash appeared at the SRC Free People's Concert in Roodepoort, in February this year. They performed before a crowd of about 3,000 people.'

The SRC has condemned the musicians as 'abominable scum.'
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Miscellaneous

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Locked your daughters, nail your pets to the floor, confiscate granny's wheelchair and bolt all the doors — here comes the Vice-Chancellor.

Yes, it's true. In the last episode of the Seven Labour of Nurden, (episode No 62 — for Maths and Stats 1B students) our hero fled the disciples of the Maharaji — all clutching their diplomas from the Fellowship of Royal Utopian Inclined Teachers of Courses in Advanced Krishna Ethics (FRICTAKE). Nurden decided that the only way out was up and dashed for the Senate House lift.

COHEN: I thought it was a joke.

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Poor Herman's luck ran out a paragraph ago at the exact same time as the Vice-Chancellor's lift floated sedately to ground floor. Guard dogs began howling and straining at their leashes, in Paris a blind tattoo artist regained his sight and in Singapore a barren hamster became extremely fruitful. The Vice-Chancellor had arrived.

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Barry: I was so ashamed I could die.

amazing, astounding, but true nonetheless.

FACE TO FACE THEY STOOD. THEIR MAN AND HIS MAKER. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT ONE TAKES A CASUAL STROLL TO THE LITTLE-BOYS' ROOM AND BUMPS INTO GOD (OR A VERY GOOD PLASTIC REPLICA). IN FACT, MOST PEOPLE WHO HAVE MET GOD PERSONALLY ARE EITHER SOOTHSAVERS OR DIRECTORS OF LARGE CORPORATIONS. THE LATTER IS AN ESSENTIAL BY-PRODUCT OF THE FIRST, SINCE ANY COMPETENT STUDENT REPEATING ECONOMICS I FOR THE FOURTH TIME WILL TELL YOU THAT THE GUIDING LIGHT IN THE FREE-ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IS THE 'PROPHET MOTIVE'.

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If any of you have been reading the papers lately, you'll probably have noticed that a lot of publicity has surrounded a new set of draft legislation known as the Constitutional Proposals or CP (not the Treurnicht variety). If they become law they will affect everyone in this country, politically minded or not.

Wits Student is examining the exact content of the proposals, as well as some of the implications. Last week we looked at the proposed structure of central government, this week in the second of our two-part series we examine local government.

The present system of provincial government was set up in 1910. Four very different governments had just amalgamated into one union, and there were a lot of people unhappy about this. Consequently, the four provincial councils were established to look after specific matters pertaining to the individual provinces.

All over registered voters (ie whites over 18) elect the Provincial Councils. The councils formulate policy at a provincial level, but are not covered by the Central government. This explains why so many Transvaal schoolchildren migrate South every year to take advantage of the other provincial education departments.

The councils also relay government policy at a local level. It thereby politicizes many non-political areas, eg housing, and sanctions, evictions and prosecutions under the Group Areas Act.

Of course, the divisions that prompted the establishment of the provincial councils hardly apply any more. The Cape may still hate the Free State, but you'll find these aggressions at Newlands, rather than in Parliament.

The President's Council, therefore, in formulating a place for provincial government within the structure of the constitutional proposals, came up with two alternatives:

- Scrap the councils and replace them with 8 regional administrative bodies appointed by the government; establish a Ministry of Local Government to co-ordinate local government policy; or
- Retain elected councils. Increase them to 8, and give them administrative powers only. Broaden them to include Coloured and Indian members.

Under both dispensations, the councils lose what small legislative functions they now have. Second level government becomes simply another arm of central government.

There'll be yet another cabinet minister, and yet another restriction on the movements and flexibility of local life. Big Brother will have moved one step closer.

The inclusion of Coloured and Indian representatives is designed to further co-opt and delude Coloured and Indian communities into thinking they have any say in what's going on. You can be sure that if they are included on the new regional councils, they'll have about as much influence in the final analysis, as a feather in a thunderstorm.

The fate of the provincial councils still hangs in the balance, but it is generally thought that PW Botha will abolish the existing structures in 1986, and set up a new body closely resembling the first alternative.

At present, local government for whites, Coloured and Indians is embodied in city, town and divisional councils. They make up the third tier of government and are responsible for the provision, administration and maintenance of services at a local level. They sort out the sewage, fix up the roads and send you the bill.

Here's the electoral procedure for the election of local councillors. Beware, it's quite complicated. Whites over 18 who are registered owners of property, may vote, as may their spouses, if the property is owned jointly. There are also fictitious voters: companies, sports associations, deceased estates etc, which have extra votes. For example the manager of Pick n Pay has as many votes as there are branches within a certain area.

Coloureds and Indians are represented on management committees or local aff committee (LAC's). These have only advisory functions.

Financing for the councils comes from loans from government and the private sector, which covers capital expenditure (roads, buildings, etc); and from rates charged to home-owners and tenants, which cover operating costs (wages for municipal workers) etc.

Some councils provide service for each proportional to the rates income derived from rates. But, by the time they had paid them back, they had paid 2. Central government, has its fist very much in the local government pie, thanks to its loans to the councils. This means plenty of money for more white luxury suburban housing, and bugger-all for Coloureds and Indians, let alone Blacks. The President Council has argued that local government is the political level that most concerns people. So far so good, but what do they say with this?

The first thing they recommended is that the Group Areas Act remains in force, thereby making a mockery of everything else they say.

They recommend separate councils for Coloureds, Indians and whites, elected as follows:

- All those over 18 have 1 vote.
- All property-owners above a certain value will have 2 votes.
- All business owners will have 3 votes.
- The President of the Republic will be responsible for the 'community sensitive' issues, eg libraries, halls, swimming pools which you can be sure they will segregate diligently. Finances will come from rates, excluding those of commerce and industry.

Not content with their local council proposals, the President's Council then recommended the establishment of metropolitan councils, consisting of representatives from the local councils. The number of representatives from each council will be determined by the total value of property and income generated by each council.

If you've missed the drift, here is the point: the rich areas will have plenty, plenty power, and the poor areas can whistle for all the money they'll have on the metropolitan councils.

These councils will be responsible for 'high services' extending over a wide metropolitan area, rather than a small local area. For example it's a bit stupid to have six local councils all maintaining their little piece of one big sewer; better to have one metropolitan council look after it.

Commerce and industry will finance the metropolitan councils, which will allocate these finances as they see fit. I don't like it. I also say the point to be made by these proposals is that the white farmers have the power to take what they want, from the poor. Comrade Botha will give them freedom of choice.
The chain of events will be as follows:

Wealthy Industria has lots of money, so the Industria Local Council can send lots of reps to the Johannesburg Metropolitan Council. These reps will outnumber the reps from some poor area, eg Lenasia, and ensure that the council allocates more money to Industria than to Lenasia. Thus the rich become richer and the poor are swept under the carpet. This is practical economics, which I hope makes you ask some questions, both about these new metropolitan councils, and about the practical economics outlined above. (Don't get defensive now, but carry on reading).

The proposals have a few other implications which leaves a nasty taste in the mouth (to understatet considerably).

Group unity will be fragmented if there are scores of local councils.

In the past people have organised spontaneously around community sensitive issues. Local councils, if they take over this function, are hardly going to endear themselves to the people they represent, particularly in the coloured, Indian and poorer white areas, for the following reasons:

People don't like yielding their small incomes to any project. They dislike it even more if their rates are increased so that only part of it is spent on the local project, so that the other part can go into the metropolitan council kitty, then to be used by some other richer area which can influence its allocation.

Well, I hope this has at least cleared up this issue somewhat. You may be wondering why you've spent so much time reading this feature instead of turning straight to Nurden. If so, let me remind you that if you plan to continue to be a South African, it is probably to your advantage to know what's going on around you. All aspects of the Constitutional Proposals affect everyone who will have to live under them, and that means you.
Every man has a right to decide his own destiny;  
And in this judgement there is no partiality,  
So arm in arm we're joined  
To fight this bitter struggle  
... Africans a liberste Zimbabwe,  
I and I a liberate Zimbabwe...  

(Song by Bob Marley, 'Zimbabwe')

The April 1980 landslide victory for Mugabe seemed to actualise peoples' cry, 'We are our own liberators'. But the victory is turning sour. Social and economic crisis assail the government from all sides. And the promise of socialism in Zimbabwe appears to be fading.

It is the security situation in Matabeleland that is the most immediate crisis in the country. The South African media characterises the upheavals as 'tribal conflicts' between Shona and Ndebele' but this does not reveal the full extent of the crisis. Throughout the liberation struggle ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) and ZAPU (Zimbabwe African Peoples Union) systematically established themselves in specific regions. ZAPU operated in most of eastern Zimbabwe. There are no significant ideological differences between ZANU and ZAPU. Both have a membership ranging from capital opportunists to committed socialists. As they advanced, they set up local administrative structures and held regular meetings and seminars. The guerrillas were more interested in politicising the people than open combat with the Rhodesian army. ZANU was far more active than ZAPU and consequently won 57 seats in the 1980 elections to ZAPU's 20. ZAPU had overwhelming support in the southwestern regions to which their military and political operations were confined.

The trouble started during the post-war demobilisation programme. ZIPRA (Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army, the military wing of ZAPU) was confined to a group of demobilisation camps. A great deal of bitterness and frustration built up amongst the ZIPRA guerrillas as the government failed to provide adequate job opportunities and education (which many had forfeited when they went into the bush). This resulted in a stream of desertions from the camps. Violence erupted in Matabeleland.

Many of the locals sheltered the ZIPRA dissidents out of a feeling of traditional loyalty to the people who had liberated them. There was also some dissatisfaction in the region because of the slow progress of the government's land distribution programme.

Although the government refers to the rebels simply as 'bandits', genuine bandits and armed gangs. Mugabe claims that the armed gangs are South African-trained and backed. Their only interest appears to be destabilising the country.

Attacks have occurred on political targets like the Thornhill air base, the Nkomo barracks and the ZANU (PF) headquarters in Harare. There have also been several arbitrary attacks on tourists and civilians. Several banks have suffered armed robberies.

Mugabe's position is difficult. He has no way of distinguishing between the factions of rebels in the bush and the appropriate strategies. And, it is impossible to negotiate with the rebels because they have no command structure and no coherent political alternatives.

The government response: full scale repression. Zimbabwe's crack Fifth Brigade, which has been sent in to root out the 'bandits', has been guilty of appalling excesses. Reliable statistics are difficult to come by but it is clear that civilians have been subjected to large scale violence. Some reports estimate the death toll to be in the thousands. This has hardened the bitterness of the Ndebele towards the administration. Anyone suspected of collaboration with the rebels has been severely dealt with. The government has imposed curfews and withdrawn drought relief in the rebel areas.

But the problems facing Mugabe are even more deep rooted. Socialist solutions to Zimbabwe's deteriorating economic position are impossible to implement because of the powerful influence of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) inside Zimbabwe.

After independence, foreign companies, which own 75% of Zimbabwe's assets, withdrew millions of dollars to overseas branches. Large numbers of whites also left the country, taking with them their enormous wealth.

The tourist industry, once an important economic source, has suffered with the Matabeleland crisis. Its turnover has been halved.

In addition, during the colonial and UDI periods, an attempt was made to create a balanced economy in infrastructure. This has brought about dependence on certain quick profit goods. Zimbabwe's economies
The air of unreality that hung over the white Parliament this week became one of surrealism by the spectacle of riot police cordonning off defenceless squatters with barbed wire and firing teargas at them while they were praying — all within a 15 minute drive from Parliament.

The callous treatment of these voiceless South Africans as they huddled in the rain after having their pathetic shelters torn down in the name of maintaining Christian values and civilised standards was somewhat eclipsed by the deluge of words and insults that were flying in Parliament about the draft constitution.

So wrote John Battersby in last week's Rand Daily Mail. Battersby went on to report on how Dr Alex Boraine attacked the constitutional proposal referring directly to the KTC outrage.

'This is barbarism', Dr Boraine said, had everything to do with the Constitution because the squatters were members of the black majority who were being specifically excluded from the Government's plan to draw minority groups of colour into a system of limited power-sharing with an executive president having the final say.

Dr Boraine said, 'White co-existence was the central political problem facing the country and that any constitution which failed to deal with that problem would ultimately be overthrown.'

In the light of last week's tragic bomb explosion these words have special significance. South Africans who react self-righteous horror to the 'Church Street massacre' and who shout their support for the SADF revenge massacre in Mozambique are usually the same South Africans who support the barbarism which is Apartheid.

All of us deplore the killing and maiming of civilians. But as progressive students we must realise that the collective brutality of Apartheid is now being met by the brutality of urban terror. This does not mean we condone or support violence — only that we understand the context which drives thousands of South Africans into corners of hunger, misery and frustration from which they see violent struggle as the only way of opposing the mindless violence of Apartheid.

In mourning the dead and expressing sympathy for the bereaved we cannot forget those thousands who died in 76/77, the 54 deaths in detention, the Saul Mhizex of our country and the countless civilians 'caught in the cross fire' in Namibia, Maseru and now Mozambique — in fact wherever South Africa send their war machine.

As progressive students we can only reject with contempt right-wing racists who are seeking to use this tragedy to gain support for Apartheid. On this campus the SMA are trying to whip up support against 'the terrorist onslaught' when the real terrorists are those agents of the state who direct the SADF and the police. These terrorists have never hesitated to use the most brutal, violent, inhuman tactics to wipe out opposition to Apartheid in this country — they are now the loudest wailers when their tactics are turned on them.

The outrage at KTC squatter camp; the constitutional proposals which are preparing us for totalitarianism and civil war; the car bomb; the reprisal raids into another country. There is one cause for all these tragedies: South Africans must choose to support that cause, which is Apartheid, or to fight against it.

The brain-drain stills

Many overseas students who are unable to get places in the universities of their own countries, come to study here because it's easier to get in and then leave on completion of their degrees.

This has three results:
(a) Money, in the form of the government subsidy, is drained from the economy;
(b) South African born people, who are often more able, are deprived of the means, and of the chance to further their education; and
(c) The consequent loss of adequately trained people means that such 'experts' must be induced to come here by inflated salaries, which must in turn be paid for by the public at large.

What is more, such people, far from participating in movements to promote meaningful change, usually choose to be 'apolitical', yet they are still prepared to reap the benefits of the political system of the country, to the detriment of those who live here, and while highly critical of South Africans, they often bring their own obnoxious racial prejudices with them.

It is not my intention to criticise bona fide immigrants, nor people who are forced by circumstances to leave the country, but rather to question the morality of those who cynically exploit the situation in this country, without contributing to the well being of its people.

JM Driman BA II

Double-take on Keith

Reading your last issue of Wits Student I found myself in the rather embarrassing position of having the same name as Mr Keith Campbell, who features in one of your articles.

To avoid the possibility of being associated with this man and his unsavoury views, I would ask you to print this letter for me. If anybody has previously confused me with the questionable loyalties of Mr Campbell, I hope this sets the record straight.

Keith A Campbell
BA Hons Student (Pol Studs)

Campus clinic is lacking

At 10.40am I had the misfortune of needing our 'sympathetic and confidential attention' of campus health clinic.

I will never return and will go out of my way to discourage others to visit this 'service'. I was badly treated, refused assistance and told to wait at least 10 days before seeing the doctor. Even at the notorious Johannesburg clinic.

In praise of Maths & Stats

As a person who had previously passed the Maths and Stats I course, and subsequently tutored, I feel the outburst in Wits Student of 11 May 1983 was uncalled for.

The article has numerous inaccuracies which need to be corrected.
(a) The problem of waiting for 'Drop in tuts' is untrue. In a substantial number of periods from 8.30-12.30 there is a tut, which is taken by lecturers. Only the afternoon tutorials are given by tutors, with a lecturer in attendance.
(b) The system of negative marking is essentially to prevent guessing. Since the present system was introduced it is 25% over 4 tests and negative marking the pass rate has increased by 15%.
(c) The system of TV lectures is very desirable as it allows one excellent lecturer to lecture to 100 students, rather than one class having a good lecturer and the remainder being subjected to mediocre lecturers.

(d) Another advantage of the TV lectures is the system of the videos being available in the Wartenweiler library so a student who does not understand a point can review the lecture again at any time he wishes.

The statistics department is run on a system that is a model for many other courses. Keep it up!

Dianne Nicholson
CSC President
26 May 1983
Yes, we do need a créche

As a member of the SRC ad hoc Creche committee, a response is necessary to clarify some points in the light of MC Leigh’s condensed letter in the last issue of Wits Student (Vol 35 No 8).

Our so-called ‘arrogance’ has its origins in the University’s calendar: ‘A university is a place where men and women, without regard to race and colour, are welcome to join in the acquisition and advancement of knowledge.’ That is what the University encourages, welcomes and provides the situation and facilities that the acquisition and advancement of knowledge is not hampered. And yet many students and staff are hampered in their academic advancement. Their academic careers suffer or are curtailed by the demands of children and a family. But MC Leigh seems to believe this to be ‘tough luck’. Children are the ‘penalties’ of the ‘mistakes of life’.

The University therefore has a duty to provide facilities that aid and help all in the acquisition of knowledge. If there exists some factor hampering this acquisition, the university must help to eliminate this factor. A child-care centre on campus would release those academics who are hampered by the responsibility of looking after children, to return to the University. The resultant improvement in lecturing and teaching ability can only be beneficial.

MC Leigh chooses only to examine isolated examples — and even then the logic is non-existent. The Wits employee who already has children should not find him or herself prevented from pursuing an academic career because of the lack of child-care facilities. Those academics already working at Wits who have children often have to bring children to work with them, or leave them with family or in some inadequate situation.

The lives of those students who have children would surely be made easier by the existence of a child-care centre where their children could be left for the day, and allow the student the freedom to pursue their academic studies.

So much for the children. Unhappily, MC Leigh mentions nothing about the students.

Students have been evicted and are still on the streets. The reason for which is being sought, thanks to the vigilance of the students. Thanks, too, to the UCD and all its members for providing the information. It is of utmost importance that the government is made to realize the extent of the problem they are creating and do something about it.

The point is that we do not have any power, and we are not a metropolitan council. We are a student body. We have no power to act in force; all we can do is to change things else. The SRC has therefore asked the council for help and they have elected as its president a student who has been evicted from Sunnyside House.

The student body is therefore asking the SRC to help them with their residence, and if possible to help them with their accommodation as well.

Stats dept. to blame?

The Maths and Stats 1B course consists of a series of TV lectures. A certain amount of pre-reading must be done before viewing the lecture. The lecturer’s module is written. The Department rarely has these notes printed on time. Little wonder so many students battle with the subject!

Canteen complaints

1. Hygiene

(a) Employee in charge of refilling Fruit Juice Machines pours a cut of juice, tastes it, and pours the now ‘germ-filled’ juice back into the machine, ensuring any students drinking the juice will come into contact with any illness (eg flu, herpes etc) the employee might have.

(b) Food: Salad dressings are loaded from the bakery trays into cardboard boxes, and have on occasion been known to fall on the ground. Also, the cardboard boxes are used without any lining, and after a week’s use, will naturally become bacteria contaminated.

(c) Pastries, buns and doughnuts should not be handled with bare hands as long as possible.

2. Pricing

(a) Plates of chips fluctuate drastically. During lunch time when people come in for a midday meal, the portion has often half of the afternoon portion, when people come for a ‘snack’. We wonder to stand that the price of potatoes is high at present, but this gives cause to the large fluctuations.

As an average student, we wonder that the student who has stated that a creche and minibar was necessary and would act as a solution for those students who have stated that a creche is not necessary.

MC Leigh chooses only to mislead the reader and had no difficulty in gaining credibility. The article was published, a meeting was held in the Sunnyside House Committee. Were we not very pleased to hear that the writer had reliable sources for all factual information published.

We are pleased to hear that the writer is a member of the Sunnyside House Committee, which has gained credibility: truly representative bodies allow for discussion of issues without the necessity of calling a meeting. The writer has reliable sources for all factual information published.

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feel that it was of no purpose to draw up a petition; administration was well informed as to how residents felt. However the House Committee did not begrudge nor deter girls from signing the petition.

Furthermore, in no way whatsoever was any Sunnyside’s House Committee members ‘strongly recommended’ to refrain from signing the petition. It should be known that the author of the article has misinformed readers and had no right nor backing to state such misleading information.

After the article had been published, a meeting was held in

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CO's in GB

The following statement was released by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and sent to Wits Student for publication.

South Africa

The bishops are supporting the Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference in its statement on conscientious objection (February 1977), in which the right of every individual to conscientious objection or penalised for it by heavy jail sentences or prolonged periods of onerous non-military service, may seek asylum in Britain.

The bishops promise pastoral support to any young South African seeking such asylum.

The UN resolution recognises that apartheid is a crime against the conscience and dignity of mankind. The resolution calls upon member states to grant asylum or safe transit to another state to people compelled to leave their country of nationality solely because of conscientious objection to assisting in the enforcement of apartheid through service in military or police forces.

This statement has the authority of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

More Wits Accommodation

You have your name down on a waiting list for University Student Accommodation for some time. I am happy to advise you that the University has leased a building in Hillbrow from 1 July 1983 for a calendar year.

Details of the Accommodation are as follows:

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- Hillbrow

Furnished rooms, all with private bathrooms but no kitchens, a few double rooms, student to provide own bedding and towels. A small common room will be available on each floor.

Rentals have not yet been determined but will probably range between R80 and R140 a month. Initial leases will run from 1 July to 31st December 1983, thereafter for a calendar year.

It is hoped that the apartments will be run by a student committee of residents with minimum supervision provided by a resident member of the University staff.

P L Cuzen
Accommodation and Student Services Officer

TV Lectures Stink!

With reference to the BCom student who wrote in about the Maths and Stats TV lectures, we must heartily disagree with what he said. Basically his letter was a gross exaggeration of the problem. To put it simply TV lectures stink!

The TV lectures could be useful if they are kept up to date.

Your newspaper could do a valuable service in exposing one of the most appalling disregard for the current severe drought perpetrated by our own university which should be setting an example for the rest of the country.

These are the details: Last week the Sports Administration calmly decided to empty the university swimming pool into the Municipal sewers at a time when those millions of litres of precious water could have been used for a hundred other humanitarian purposes. Surely the water could even have been used to water the sports fields or in the showers at the residences. Yet the university had the audacity to come to our residences to request us to use less water when washing.

Precisely who was responsible for this disgusting waste of water? I know via a phone-call to the Municipal offices that the pool water was simply discharged into the city sewers.

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Justin Pearce
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VOW Announces

To all Clubs, Societies and Campus Organisations

The Voice of Wits has 'student service announcements', which promote all functions and events presented by on-campus organisations. These announcements are broadcast every hour between 7.30am and 3.30pm. To facilitate continuity special forms upon which the announcements to be broadcast must be written are supplied. These forms are available at the VOW office, old Students' Union Building, during the morning tea break and during lunch time.

The onus is upon the organisation to ensure that the information entered on these forms is correct, as VOW will be in no way responsible for any mis-understanding resulting from our broadcasting of incorrect information. The completed forms are to be placed in the VOW pigeon-hole (New Students' Union Building) or directed to VOW through internal mail. The announcements will be programmed for broadcasting from receipt of the announcement until the event has taken place. Any "student service announcement" brought directly to the VOW studio, will not be broadcast and will be disposed of immediately.

Please note that as this is a student service no charge will be levied, provided that the organisation is a bona fide campus organisation.

Justin Pearce
Station Director

The life of David

Episode 1:

Good morning children. Are you seated comfortably? Good! Let’s begin then, shall we? Today is lesson 1 in our series ‘How to beat the Wits bureaucracy’. Our lesson is entitled, ‘the student card saga . . .’

To begin with, let me say that there are two fundamental truths about life at Wits: the first is that there is never a free table in Senate House, and the second (and the one we are concerned with today — known as the Wits Law of Student Cards) is that all student card photographs are disgusting. (Indeed, a recent survey on the facial make-up of Wits, conducted solely on student card portraits has found that the average Wits student looks like an unpedigreed cross between the creature from the Black Lagoon, and the Thing.)

Congratulations, Beauties!

Sorry, I’m digressing. What I meant to say is, that coupled with the Wits Law of Student Cards, we almost invariably find its corollary. This states that all Wits students will try and get a new student card. This is done in the vain hope that the new photograph will be better. (Incidentally, the Psychology department has found that the high student suicide rate is considerably influenced by depression resulting from embarrassment when friends see the victim’s student card and laugh.)

Children, please, it’s up to you to make me stick to the point.

As I was saying, it is a vain hope, because students are unaware of the fact that all Wits student card photographic equipment have a built-in distortion factor — so much so that the only card to emerge with a reasonably human reproduction, was the now famous card to be found in Wits archives under K7 belonging to Muscel Krystel.

The student card personnel certainly fit the job. Suffer it to say that they are a sour breed indeed. Once happy people, they have become bitter by the endless complaints they receive, and the endless queues forever

It is this system then, that we are going to examine today.

To assist me, let me introduce David, a man with first hand experience of the problem. David is a 2nd year medical student. He does not work on campus — in fact he had all but forgotten where campus was, when all of a sudden one sunny day in April he awoke with a start to discover that his pocket had been picked, and his student card was gone.

Life for David suddenly became one big worry. First he had to get an affidavit signed by a Commissioner of Oaths. Then he found a CO who refused to sign, as David had no student delity on him. Finally David found another CO, who for a small fee (look David, it’s not that bad, so you have to wait till fourth year for that car, so what) signed the document and sent him down to ‘Gnasher’ Ninebeers in CB25.

When he got there, he found that the dungeons were closed. Shortly afterwards, three weeks later, he found it open, but couldn’t get a Commissioner of Oaths. Then he found a CO who refused to sign, as David had no student delity on him. Finally David found another CO, who for a small fee (look David, it’s not that bad, so you have to wait till fourth year for that car, so what) signed the document and sent him down to ‘Gnasher’ Ninebeers in CB25.

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Women in film: Is the role changing?

Women appear to be returning to the celluloid movie screen, in post-feminist roles. This means big, strong, beautiful but not — you know — 'heavy women's lib.' This season is dominated by actresses like Meryl Streep's 'Sophie's Choice,' Jessica Lange's 'Tootsie' and 'Frances,' with the all-pervading, everbankable stars like Diane Keaton, Sally Field, Jill Clayburgh and Jane Fonda. When these women's names accompany movie billings, the sale of tickets increases out of all proportion, as audiences patronise their favourite actresses. But are these women as big as their male counterparts? For instance are they getting similar pay checks?

Are any of them as big as Paul Newman (who gets to beat up Sally Fields in 'Absence of Malice' and Charlotte Rampling in 'The Verdict' or Robert Redford (who is reported to be getting $10 million for his next movie) or Dustin Hoffman (who gets all the good female parts as well as the male ones, and has just signed a contract to direct and act in two movies for over $20 million)? Or Dudley Moore? Or Clint Eastwood? Or Al Pacino? Or Sylvester Stallone? Or Christopher Atkinson?

The answer is no. Women have smaller pay-checks and less leeway on all levels. Women are usually discarded like hot potatoes: once offered a narrower range of roles, and are less likely to continue to be around after few of their movies have crashed. On the other hand male stars like Paul Newman have made many stinkers, and continue to remain financially viable.

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The solution was devised by Hollywood some time ago: 'Neutralize her, domesticate her, build a natural affinity with her, but keep her endurable and humiliation. Women are usually placed in no-win situations which only serve to highlight their chronic inadequacies.

Women actresses thus had their previous central role in movies, when they were pushed (or jumped) from the pedestal, usurped by men. Men even played the sensitive anti-heroes and soulful ethnics (Pacino, Hoffman and De Niro) as well as the butch he-men (John Wayne, Clint Eastwood; Bronson and Stallone). Women wanted to be taken seriously. So did men, but they managed to skillfully combine political conscientiousness with the more remunerative movie kind.

There was real confusion, both on the part of the actresses and the directors: how should women be portrayed. This is reflected in the feminist debate as to whether women should be portrayed as the victims of a patriarchal society, or hopefully and progressively as the vanquishers of mighty odds. Directories feel that men can be put in a movie and they get on with the job, while the woman's presence in the same role has to be explained and justified to the extent that it dominates the movie. In some movies a woman can replace a man without any change in the theme, but in others she cannot.

Ron Liebman and Sally Field shake hands at the end of 'Norma Rae,' having concluded their professional relationship and the stirrings of attraction.

The pressure of more and more women working, advancing the professional scale and in demanding equal treatment, has forced movies to react either by avoiding the subject totally, by lashing back, or in other, more subtle ways: like the recent phenomenon of films about subjects of concern to women, centred around men. For example, how to hold down a job, manage a household, and raise a child at all? Dustin Hoffman in 'Kramer vs Kramer.' How to rewrite a Broadway play with one hand and be a loving 'mother' of eight with the other? Al Pacino in 'Author, Author.'

Imagine these movies with women in the leading roles, and you would probably have potentially disastrous films.

If you are interested in female characters on the screen you find them only in a minority.
Fun Boy Three - Waiting
(Chrysalis)

This is an album to get excited about.

Fun Boy Three, a group which was created from the ruins of 'The Specials', have brought out an album far superior to anything 'The Specials' ever did. In fact, it's better than what most groups are doing these days.

Fun Boy Three is Terry Hall, Neville Staples and Lynval Golding, and their latest album is called Waiting. After a mediocre first album, Waiting is the kind of album that gets a group established.

The group's music is not that far removed from the British Ska Movement that produced The Beat, The Selector, Madness and The Specials. But a movement towards keyboard and drum oriented music has given FB3 a unique sound.

Waiting is also notable for its lyrics. Subjects are diverse. The first vocal track, entitled 'The more I see (the less I believe)', looks at the crisis in Northern Ireland.

They strike to divide the countryside
But the border line remains
Another attack leaves a widow in black
Grieving for her bereaved
Another kid with a brick gets shot in the back
And left on the pavement to bleed
And they keep telling me
It's not my concern.

It ends with the bitter line: 'Does anybody know any jokes?'

In We're having all the fun the group takes a Madness-type dig at their own lifestyles, and Fanyard Connection discusses the exploitation and working conditions of West Indian daggas growers.

We got to do what we do to earn a living
But each time the Drag Squad comes
Bang goes another week's wages
Bang goes another week's food.

The last track, Welfancy that is a true story about the assault on Terry Hall by one of his teachers.

Worth noting is the fact that the album is produced by Talking Heads' David Byrne. The third song has been written by Andy Mackay, whose influence is audible on a few tracks.

If I was looking for faults, the only one I could really find is that the album is short (±30 minutes). But its content makes up for this more than adequately.

The High Road is Roxy Music's second live album (the first was Viva released in '76) in about 10 years of their existence. It is only 26 minutes long, with just 4 tracks on it, and is recorded in Glasgow, Scotland.

The first side sees Brian Ferry trying to stake a claim as the George Benson of rock. He tinkers around on Can't Let Go (off his '78 solo effort, The Bride Stripped Bare), and then crosses his way through My Only Love (off Flesh and Blood).

Flip the record over, and the music changes, as we are presented with two excellent cover versions. Neil Young's Like a Hurricane is a classic with its swirling keyboards and haunting oboe (played by Andy Mackay). Ferry is brilliantly backed by female singers during the chorus, whose voices harmonize perfectly with his own. Andy Newmark on drums, and Phil Manzanera on guitar, end the track on their own with some spectacular results. The second track on the album is the title track. It is written so that at the end, the listener is left wondering what the 'message' is.

The album gives what we now expect of Roxy Music - a slick and polished performance. But what is the purpose of a mini album? I suppose it whets the appetite for the next Roxy release.

Via Afrika - Via Afrika

It was with a certain degree of trepidation that I first approached this set. Having heard a few tracks on VOW, the album seemed to hold some promise, but that chant echoed once again in my head; 'They're local, they're local, they're ...

In a way, one feels sorry for new South African bands. They have to deal with public as well as record company apathy. They are confronted by the white bourgeoisie, their initial supporters, now reject them en masse. It was fine when they were obscure and hip, but now...

Rejection is always harder to stomach than apathy.

You may love or hate Via Afrika, but you certainly can't ignore them. They have produced some of the most infectious rhythms heard in this country in a long time. So it is only fair that one should review the music without any interference from one's thoughts on the politics.

Essentially, the album is a dance album, and Via Afrika have gone out of their way to express this, at the expense of the lyrics which are often meaningless and mundane, and at best the melody.

Hey Boy, the current single, is undoubtedly the best track on the album. The rhythm is naturally, utterly danceable, but the 4-bar melody line continues almost entirely unchanged for the full 7 minutes. The song is catchy but eventually it gets boring.

De Tango begins promisingly with the use of a radio voice, 'Mesdames et Messieurs. Ha ha ha.'

Here I am sitting in the middle of an obscure little Indian island ... who knows what I'm doing here. Perhaps doing a freebie for an insignificant South African group while the Oberheim drum beats on. Its pure party music, but you can't listen to it for very long.

Africa the Tiger is a nice track - all 8 minutes of it. The keyboard twitches along while the band doesn't sing - it chant and screams. Its far too long and a potentially good song is completely ruined. Cape of Good Hope boasts an interesting similar (although slightly slower) to Talking Heads' Once in a Lifetime, but the rest of the song is very marimba-samba orientated. Via Afrika is, musically, the most ambitious song, but the lyrics are almost unintelligible unless you have the album cover handy.

The essence of Via Afrika's music is thus: They find a catchy melody, assign it a rhythm, and extend it throughout the entire song, with only minimal deviation. Good 4 minute tunes are turned into 6, 7, 8 minute efforts, and the song is hence destroyed.

The production is very one dimensional, and one feels that perhaps a better producer could have created a more polished sound. But if you want some great dance music, perhaps for a party or to test your car speakers, its a great album.

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Records supplied by Street and Hillbrow Records.

Great Hall ovation for Gary Karr

The University Performing Arts Centre, in line with its theme 'More Music at Wits', invited world renowned double-bass player Gary Karr to play in the Great Hall two weeks ago.

The lunch-time crowd almost filled the Great Hall and was completely captivated by the great artist.

The double bass is not traditionally a recital instrument but Gary Karr made the instrument come alive, playing a variety of pieces, original and adapted, interspersed with his own narration, explanation and anecdotes.

Karr started by playing a Handel Sonata in C Major for the last Allegro and then moved onto a contemporary piece called 'Falling' by an American composer, Johnson. The piece is written so that, at the time of recital, the soloist will always fail in playing it correctly.

After a Paganinni piece played entirely upon one of the four strings of the double bass, huge applause brought Mr Karr back for an encore.

was his own adaptation of 'The Final Scene' from 'The Stinger'.

He has performed with many well-known conductors and orchestras, and has made many recordings.

Karr is regarded as one of four virtuosos in the 400 year history of the instrument. In fact, it is said to have been created by Gonzouche's 355-year old instrument.
Over the past few weeks, Wits Student has received varied feedback concerning the eVoid and Pett Frog interviews. We have received both favourable comments, regarding the objectivity and straight-forwardness of the articles, and criticism, as people claim that, being a progressive newspaper, we should be more critical. This week we feature Via Afrika: here goes.

It's 6.30 and we're sitting in the foyer of the Landrost Hotel waiting for Via Afrika. In they bounded, attired as expected, with manager and entourage trailing close behind. Quite a formidable sight in all!

After a few photographs, we sat down in the Bali Hai. Rene Veldman (bass, lead vocalist, drumbox programmer) was flanked by Lukas Crough (singer, guitar, whistler) and Michele Rowe (lyrics, dancer, drummer, of course, whistler). The waiter approached hesitantly. Thirsts quenched, 'Bahia's in hand, the interview began.

Influences? 'We don't really aim to copy anybody, but are only influenced subliminally by people who we listen to. We're really into David Byrne and Brian Eno stuff, especially their collaboration, My Life in the Bush of Ghosts'.

What do you see your role in the South African music scene? 'We're just trying to do anything. We're not really playing South African music - White, Boer, Black, Indian - you name it. But we don't really affiliate ourselves with Juluka or Nyanga. They're playing black music. But people see Johnny Clegg as a Zulu? Then they must be wearing tinted glasses. He's white!' Michele giggled, slurping on her straw.

Does your stage act reflect social reality in any way? 'No. People work out their frustrations through dancing and jolling. (Rather than going and hitting someone over the head). We're subtle politically? We don't wave banners or sloganize. To be light about things is how we convert? We're not here to have fun on our own. It was a bit unfortunate that Maia (one of our dancers) wasn't altogether there. But the audience was a lot more intoxicated than we were... Being late at Baker Street was a mistake, and we realize that.'

What do you feel about your audiences - haven't you messed them around at the Free People's Concert and Baker Street? The retort: 'Hey, what is this, an interview or a rap on the knuckles?' In a less defensive note: 'At the Free People's concerts, people just got up on stage and joined us. We really dug that - cos that's what we are - a joll. We're not here to have fun on our own. It was a bit unfortunate that Maia (one of our dancers) was a bit out of hand. But the audience was a lot more intoxicated than we were... Being late at Baker Street was a mistake, and we realize that.'

'We also feel that audiences trap bands - put them into boxes. That's why we write pop music - we want to reach grannies as well as taxi drivers.'

But isn't the intentional writing of pop music superficial? 'No - we're not superficial. Our music is fun, and fun is as important as eating. People obviously aren't reading our lyrics if they think we're superficial!' Parlez-vous français?

What about money? 'We financed the whole of our album ourselves, and it cost us R15 000. But things look good - we've sold more albums in one week than the Asylum Kids sold in a year ... We asked the record company for R15 000 advance payment before we sold one album. When you're in demand, you have the right to ask for money in advance.'

So what do you feel about the South African music industry? René 'We didn't really have any problems with the record companies, but as a whole they are restrictive to the musicians... In the process, having lots of fun, of course. C'est la vie!'
Films from the continent

A season of five Continental films, all of them made within the past five years, commenced on the Wits' campus on Monday 23 May with the screening of the Swedish film 'Out of an Old Man's Head'.

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Pseud's Corner:

It's all in the knots

Carpets can be more than functional. No only do they stop your toes from getting cold, they also are an art form, and a very valuable one at that, if the carpet is Oriental. There is more to the Persian carpet than meets the eye. Here, a few aspects of the production and interpretation of these carpets will be discussed.

The weaving of rugs differs from region to region, village to village and even according to physical and historical circumstances. The technique consists of tying rows of knots on to a foundation of warp and weft. This makes up the pile. The fineness and quality of the weave depends on its thickness (knots per square inch).

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The design can be symbolic. Some rugs tell the story of a great historical event, while others reproduce passages of the Koran. Alternatively, rugs can be the product of the weaver's imagination.

The rug is customarily made of dyed wool, however, cotton and silk can also be used. Silver thread is an optional embellishment.

Dyeing the wool was a closely guarded secret. Variations of colour are due to the water and the quality of the wool. Only natural dyestuffs, like berries, fruit, bark, indigo plants and fungi, were used until recently with the advent of artificial colouring. There is a striking difference between chemically and naturally dyed carpets. Natural rugs fade gradually into rich, warm, harmonious shades, while artificial dyes either fade completely or remain harsh and garish.

Qualities to look for are: the colours — dyed or natural?, the weft — is it machine- or handmade?; the origins and date of the carpet. The origins can be determined by colour variations or the weave, as each different region had a distinctive weave. Dating is more complicated, as design, colour and wear-and-tear also have to be considered.

Thorough background knowledge about Oriental rugs is essential, too.

Oriental carpets are a form of art, designed originally to please the creator's eye, later becoming valuable trade goods. Some people collect them, aspire after them, even hang them on the wall. The accessibility of this obscure art form to the 'average student' is likely to be confined to browsing about a rug shop.
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Hailed on five continents as 'undoubtedly one of the world's great bassoon virtuosos', he has performed and recorded in most of the world's major musical centres over the last 25 years.
Sport bursaries for Wits stars

Outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen were recently awarded bursaries at a cocktail party held in the South Function Room.

The Bursaries were awarded for outstanding sporting ability matched with satisfactory academic achievement.

The President of Convocation, Mr Harry Lampert, presented bursaries on behalf of Convocation to the following:

Steven Flaks: 5th SA Gymnastics Championships (Junior Springbok)
Frances Jones: SA Schools Hockey 1981-82
Carol Moorcroft: Eastern Province Tennis representative
Mark Mountjoy: Third place in SA Biathlon Championships
Colin Smith: Springbok Karate squad.

The 'Neil Symons Athletics Bursary' was presented to Markus Pinkpank by Mr Harry Symons. Pinkpank has just completed an outstanding season, breaking the Northern Transvaal Under 19 mile record, the Transvaal Under 19 3000 metres and finished second in the South African Under 19 3000 metres at Durban.

Six All Sports Council Bursaries were awarded:
Brian Gouldie: Transvaal Schools Hockey Captain and Northern Transvaal Schools Cricket Vice-Captain
Mark Fussell: SAU Rowing Colours
Mark Marinus: SA Schools and SADF Under 21 Hockey

Scully sinks them all

A magnificent 'Houdini' act saw Wits University scramble into the final of the Benson and Hedges R20 000 Golf tournament.

In an absorbing semi-final, matters were looking decidedly bad for Wits in mid-afternoon with the foursomes lost 1-2 and four players out of six well down in the singles.

Wits needed to win four singles matches and their top two players, David Martins and Kevin Weber, duly obliged with convincing victories in their matches. David Ovenden and Brad Allen, on the other hand, lost their encounters.

were three holes down after the first nine but Wright, realising the seriousness of the situation, won the next four holes on the trot. He eventually took the game comfortably and all eyes focused on John Scully.

Relishing the gallery's attention, Scully proceeded to astound his opponent and supporters with some amazing golf during the last four holes.

Sinking prodigious putts, pulling himself dramatically out of awkward situations and grabbing a sudden birdie for good measure, Scully was suddenly on top. All the while his opponent's fortunes deteriorated rapidly with usual drama to provide a

John Scully receives his rugby bursary from Prof M Shear

Andrew Venter, SA 'B' Canoeing team
Carol & Jacquelyn Wortley: SA Gymnastics who represented Northern Transvaal at the SA Elite Finals.

Rugby Bursaries were awarded to:

Hayes, in particular, has had an impressive season for the Wits First XV and received deserved recognition when he was selected for the Quaggas XV which played in the Diggers 90th Anniversary celebrations.

Finally sixteen soccer players were presented with bursaries. Some of the more notable recipients are:
Rodney Anley, who has represented the South African Currie Cup XI (1975-77) and the Wits 1st XI in the NPSL since 1979; Greg Faasen, who played national junior representative soccer for Rhodesia in 1976-77 and has played for the NPSL since 1981; Hugh Melandowitz, who captained the SA Currie Cup XI in 1982 and is presently in the NPSL side.

Soccer bursaries were also awarded to:
Peter Botha, Jean Comitis, Clifford Elk, Howard Koseff, David Lothhouse, Stephen Markowitz, David Matlou, Gianfranco Monzeglio, Craig Nathan, Ronald Raad, Dean Randel and Christopher Whitehorn.

Britannica backs for soccer

Encyclopaedia Britannica has sponsored Wits Soccer to the tune of R120 000 over the next three years. The money is to be used for bursaries and for the general betterment of the club as a whole.

Twenty bursaries have been awarded this year. Ronni Schloss, spokesperson for the club, stressed that the money would be available to all deserving applicants. It was not meant as a shot in the arm merely for the first team. Four different teams have benefited this year.

As well as for soccer players, a bursary is available for a woman student. More bursaries for women students may be made available as of next year.