We shall not rest
Sweet’ners for staff

Guidelines for staff who are offered gifts have been sent to Wits’ academics. The guidelines are a response to the recent furore over alleged ‘sweeteners’ to medical lecturers which culminated in the resignation of Prof Saul Zwi, Dean of Medical School.

The circular stressed that any gift to staff should benefit the university as a whole. It outlined a number of categories of gifts suggesting the appropriate responses.

The circular says: 'The council assumes that a member of staff acts honourably and would not jeopardise his academic or personal integrity by accepting gifts which are tantamount to bribes.'

Prof Du Plessis referred to an example of final year medical students being offered medical equipment. He suggested that this was often done to influence the students in their assessment of the products.

The University Council also sent a letter to SRC president, Lloyd Vogelntan suggesting that the SRC draw up gift guidelines for students. When asked why this had been seen to be unnecessary Prof Du Plessis said that senior staff members had pointed out that in certain situations students themselves are offered gifts.

Prof Du Plessis said that it was part of the university’s role to provide an ethical understanding to students.

Marx, get set, go!

The most recent SMA pamphlet headed ‘Where Communism’s Leaders Are Recruited’ appeared on campus last Tuesday.

This reactionary newsletter suggested that various departments (their examples being political studies, history, sociology and economics) had secreted within their depths sympathisers to ‘Godless communism’.

Wits Student spoke to some Professor Stadler, head of the Politics Department, responded with ‘I perfectly understand the SMA’s fear of intellectuals’.

Professor Botha, head of economics felt that the pamphlet was ‘absolute nonsense’ and saw it as a ‘pointless exercise’.

Negotiations for the expansion of campus to the adjacent Milner Park showgrounds have been completed.

Engineering, science and architecture are to remain on the old campus, while arts, education, commerce, law and business administration are to be accommodated on the new site. A new library will serve these faculties.

A building complex comprising the Empire Hall, State Pavilion, Chamber of Mines Building and the large cafeteria has been chosen to accommodate the teaching, laboratory and office requirements for the faculties of education, commerce and law for several years.

Plans include a system of pathways integrating the various activity zones. Provision of convenient parking and the establishment of a new catering centre have also been made.

Good news is that emphasis will be laid on landscaping and ‘every effort is to be made to capitalize on the mature trees and shrubs on the new site’.

Yale Road is an important feature in connecting the two campus areas and according to plans should become part of University property.
**Quota Act rejected**

**Turfed out**

'Venior advocate Sydney Kentridge, prominent theologian Frank Chikane and Wits SRC President Lloyd Vogelman have added their voices to the call for universities to refuse to cooperate with the Quota Bill.

At a mass meeting at Wits, the three addressed a crowd of about 700.

Kentridge said he had underrated the 'toxicity' of the government. He had expected that restrictions on university registration would have been abolished as part of the government's new reform strategy.

Instead, they were planning to replace the 1959 Extension of Universities Act with the new Quota Bill.

The 1959 Act made it illegal for blacks to enter a 'white' university without ministerial permission.

The new bill would make universities administrations themselves responsible for restricting the admission of black students.

Kentridge said he would not expect the government to close down the universities if they ignored the Quota Bill.

He did feel that the government was 'mean and shabby enough' to withdraw subsidies. The could 'starve' the universities and favour more compliant universities with funds.

The Wits University Council and the Senate are still deliberating over whether to comply with the Quota Bill.

'Silence is not an option', said Kentridge.

'It is a simple moral issue'. The University should not help apartheid run smoothly. He urged the council to reject the Quota Bill completely and unequivocally.

Their tactics, however, would not work. 'No form of pseudo-reform . . . will ever make the oppressed masses abandon their struggle for freedom,' he said.

The NSS read out a statement saying they rejected the Bill and 'also reject any university which collaborates with racist legislation.'

Lloyd Vogelman said that University Council members had condemned the Bill at the anti-Quota Bill mass meeting last term.

'We now wait and see if they will act on their word.'

**Members of Projects Comm carrying a coffin, signifying the effect of the Quota Act on Academic Freedom**

South African education policies could not be expected to be humane or equal because that would contradict the aims of those in power. 'The Council could refuse to co-operate with these policies,' he said.

'Wits students will not tolerate this racist Act. We will struggle until our university is a non-racial one,' he concluded.

**4376 signatures**

Stage two of the SRC Day-care centre campaign has been quietly underway for the last three months.

The petition signatures were counted, the questionnaires analysed, the messages of support for the SRC motion received. The results revealed overwhelming support for a campus day-care centre.

This support, and the data supplied by the questionnaire, provided the basis for a carefully researched document which the SRC Day-care centre committee submitted to the University Council.

The 8-page motivation dealt with the need for a Day-care centre at Wits and what the university stands to gain by its establishment. The size, estimated costs and day-to-day running of the centre were thoroughly discussed.

The document, together with the 4,376 signatures which were collected by the Day-care centre committee was handed to Professor Shear, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, by Lloyd Vogelman and Terry Shakinovsky (SRC Women's Portfolio).

It was agreed that the document was sound and comprehensive, and that it would be discussed by the university council at its meeting on the 5th August.

**Terry Shakinovsky**
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The Quota Bill, undeniably the most important political issue of the year for this university, has just become law. The SRC has issued a statement condemning the new act. How do you think the University itself should react to it?

Lloyd

If the university does not respond with non-cooperation with the government, then it will have to accept the label of being racist. This university is going to have to make a choice about academic freedom. This means identifying with, and serving the needs of the people of this country. You can't do that by making skin colour an entrance criterion.

Already South Africa is plagued with inequalities in the educational system, and the Quota Act as it now stands, serves to accentuate these inequalities, literally dealing a death blow to our aspirations towards academic freedom and a democratic university.

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We are talking about more than facilities, we are talking about human rights. We're not just talking about good science laboratories, good tutors, we're talking about a system of justice.

WS

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WS

Some students feel that the SRC should be a non-political body. Given this, what right do you think the SRC has to continue with political activity?

Lloyd

I agree with you — there might be a group of students who believe that the SRC should be apolitical. All I can say to that is that we're not living in a society in which all conflicts have been resolved, and in which justice and equality prevail. Instead we're living in an oppressive society, one in which we as students will be living in the future, and we have to try and change that future before there's bloodshed.

WS

Do you have any advice for students for the forthcoming elections?

Lloyd

I was going to say something about the SMA's behaviour last year, but it's been said before. (It has, indeed, see feature — ed.) So instead I urge people to vote, obviously, I also urge people to think about what I've just said about the myth of the 'apolitical SRC'. Very important too, of course, is for students to have a good time questioning campaigners and to enjoy the election circus.

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The recent passing of the new Quota Bill, which will directly affect Wits students if implemented, has not gone unnoticed.

At a Quota Bill meeting arranged by projects Comm, the SRC passed a motion condemning the Bill. This initiated a number of campus staff associations to express strong opposition to the implementation of the Bill in any way by Wits Administration. They called upon various other organisations to endorse the SRC motion.

The Administrative and Library Association and the Academic Staff Association expressed their support of the SRC motion.

Students have also expressed their opposition to the Quota Bill by signing petitions organised by Projects Comm.

Students who have not yet signed are urged to do so.

Referenda at Rhodes, Maritzburg

On 11 August 1983, a referendum will be held at Rhodes University which will determine whether or not the University retains its affiliation to NUSAS.

The referendum has been called by certain right-wing groupings at Rhodes, who are opposed to Rhodes’ present affiliation to NUSAS.

The Rhodes SRC agreed to the referendum after being presented with a petition signed by 500 students, calling for disaffiliation from the national union.

The next couple of weeks will see intense activity at Rhodes as both the pro-NUSAS and the anti-NUSAS committees begin campaigning earnest.

The programme will consist of numerous razzles, debates, open forums and question and answer sessions. Both factions will be making a concerted effort to canvas the various residences, the major arena in which the campaign will be fought.

A similar referendum will be held at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg on August 16.

The difference between the two referenda is that the Maritzburg one is in response to calls for the university, presently disaffiliated from NUSAS, to re-affiliate itself to the national union.

Although Maritzburg is officially disaffiliated, NUSAS activity has been considerable. Numerous meetings have been held between Head Office members and the executive of the Maritzburg SRC, at which matters of common concern to students were discussed.

NUSAS has also worked closely with other student organisations, including a seminar attended by NUSAS President Kate Philip, at which almost all the chairpersons of Maritzburg student societies were present.

The pro-NUSAS committees on both campuses are presenting fundamentally similar arguments in favour of affiliation to NUSAS:

- NUSAS, as a central union, facilitates communication between the various affiliated campuses, as well as co-ordinating a flow of student services and resources between the campuses, for example, the Quota Bill, and the Constitutional Proposals.
- NUSAS also gives white students the opportunity to participate actively against apartheid, through its commitment to democracy and non-racism in South Africa.
- NUSAS enjoys a high degree of credibility and respect among international student unions, such as the National Union of Students (NUS) in Britain; the Australian Union of Students (AUS); and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). All these, and many other unions around the world support NUSAS in its struggle against apartheid.
- Furthermore, these unions draw on NUSAS publications for information on current student activity in South Africa, and NUSAS in turn does likewise, creating a flow of student opinion from all around the world.

The outcome of the referendum at Rhodes and Pietermaritzburg will have a significant bearing on the position of NUSAS. If both campuses vote for affiliation to NUSAS, the union will be stronger than it has been since 1975, with all five white, English speaking campuses affiliated.

This will be seen as a clear mandate for NUSAS to continue its campaign against the Constitutional Proposals, together with other progressive groupings in South Africa, and in accordance with the 1983 NUSAS theme, ‘Educating for Change’

National Women’s Week

Thursday 11 August

Slide and Tape Show on Domestic Workers
SS3 12.30 pm
Seminar: Organizing Women Workers
ID MacCrone 330

Friday 1 August

Movie: The Women’s Room
SHBU 1.30 pm

SASTS Specials

The South African Students Travel Service (SASTS) has introduced a number of new special offers for students.

The most attractive of these offers is a one year Harare-London return ticket for R900. This is considerably cheaper than all similar flights.

Also offered are return flights to Europe for the end-of-year vacation for R665.

SASTS also offer a 25% discount on accommodation in the USA.

SASTS is a major service offered to students by the SRC. It is a national organization, operating on all NUSAS-affiliated campuses.

SASTS caters specifically for student needs. Ursula Lebahn, who has worked for SASTS for 5 years, can offer expert advice on travel specials for students.

SASTS have also recently been joined by Karen Taylor, an experienced travel agent.

SASTS is controlled by elected student representatives, and the service is able to offer discounts to all students.
chance. In the words of prominent scientist Kelvin Spenser: ‘Starving alternatives to nuclear energy, while generously financing the latter has the inevitable consequence of helping to promote the fiction that only nuclear energy will fill the gap’.

Economists are beginning to question the economic viability of nuclear power. In fact, it is not clear whether nuclear plants generate more energy than the energy used in its construction and maintenance. Enormous amounts of energy are used in mining and enriching uranium and in constructing reactor containments and waste reprocessing plants. The disposal of waste is a massive operation. Nuclear plants have performed erratically and have short life-spans. In 1963, uranium enrichment plants consumed 7% of the US Federal electricity supply.

Over-consumption

It is also worth considering that enormous quantities of energy, particularly in Western countries, are used to maintain unrealistically high standards of living. (Are electric banana peelers and two TV sets really necessary?) Electricity consumption in day-to-day life could easily be reduced.

Clearly, nuclear energy is extremely dangerous and ecologically disastrous. The search for alternative energy sources must be accelerated and electricity consumption must be regulated.

Gradually the realisation is dawning: Nuclear energy is no longer an option.

The Koeberg Connection

South Africa has now joined the arena of nuclear power.

In 1968, SA refused to agree to the terms of the nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. According to this agreement, all countries without nuclear weaponry had to accept regular international inspections of nuclear plants. The object of the agreement was to regulate the access to nuclear bombs. Any country refusing to sign the NPT was, supposedly, to be boycotted and cut off from access to nuclear technology and equipment.

However, as is the case with all boycotts, a bit of money shook the resolve of the boycotters. In 1974 Germany sold South Africa uranium enrichment technology called the ‘jet-nozzle’ technique. Recently, France sold South Africa two nuclear reactors facilitating the construction of Koeberg.

Before Koeberg was constructed South Africa had already made progress in nuclear technology with the twin scheme of Pelindaba and Valindaba. Pelindaba is a nuclear research centre. Valindaba is a uranium enrichment plant believed to have the facilities to enrich uranium sufficiently to create weapons grade material.

The construction of Koeberg is almost complete. The safety of the plant has come under constant speculation, particularly since it is situated near heavily populated civilian settlements. Panic seized many Capetonians after the ANC blamed responsibility for bomb blasts which caused extensive damage to the plant under construction. The experts tell us Koeberg is safe, yet South Africa refuses to submit its reactor to the scrutiny of the International Atomic Energy Authority.

Is Koeberg necessary? The astronomically expensive plant seems redundant in terms of energy requirements, when considering this country’s vast coal reserves. Is Koeberg simply a matter of international prestige, an attempt to make South Africa an international power to be reckoned with?

There is a more frightening question to be asked. Why does so much secrecy surround South Africa’s nuclear programme? South Africa has a Nuclear Information Act which restricts access to data concerning nuclear technology. Furthermore, why does the government refuse to sign the NPT and submit the country’s nuclear technology to international scrutiny? There are few experts who doubt South Africa’s ability to construct a nuclear bomb.
Right exposés: So what will it be this time?

In 1980 they fielded four candidates. Only one made it. In 1981 and 1982 they declined to participate. What will they do this year?

Matthew Kentridge, Wits Student Further Deputy Editor, examines the involvement of the Wits right wing student organization, the Student Moderate Alliance (SMA) in the last three SRC elections.

In 1980, Lance Crystal, younger brother of SMA Chairman, Russel Crystal, and himself a senior member of the SMA, was elected to the SRC. He was later declared unfit to serve on the SRC because he had brought the university into disrepute. Rather than face an organizational crisis, the SMA chose as their 1983 candidates, only one made it.

June 1982 saw the publication of a Wits Student broadsheet exposing the SMA’s intimate links with such prominent South Africans as Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development; Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development; Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and of course the Prime Minister, P W Botha himself. Indeed in a letter to Russel Crystal, Botha thanked him for the positive way in which your organization is endeavouring to influence public opinion.

That was June ’82. Conservative estimates rated SMA credibility on campus at a steady zero. No-one was surprised, therefore, to see the following statement, issued shortly before the elections: ‘Last year the Student Moderate Alliance decided not to participate in the SRC elections, because we felt that our SRC should concern itself mainly with the effective administration of student affairs, (echoes of Lance Crystal?) leaving politics to the student societies created for that purpose. Students must bear this in mind when voting and must seriously consider what each candidate is standing for — STUDENT INTERESTS OR POLITICAL GAIN.’

Good solid sensible advice to students, it seemed. Had the SMA changed its image? Had it become a benevolent, fatherly organization, guiding students through the pitfalls of SRC electioneering?

In a word, no.

What happened next was this.

Shortly before the elections, the SMA began to get edgy. They were so worried about something, in fact, that they brought an urgent interdict against Wits Student on the grounds that it might publish articles prejudicial to the SMA’s participation in the SRC elections.

But if they weren’t putting up any candidates anyway, what was the point, we asked ourselves.

The answers came soon enough.

Rumours began to circulate indicating that far from their purported dispassionate attitude to the elections, the SMA had in fact, been centrally, if covertly, involved in them.

The next stage — rumour becomes fact.

In a (literally) sensational SRC meeting lasting 7 (seven) hours, three new members, all of whom had stood on the liberal ticket, Positive Action, with liberal leader Paul Alexander, admitted that they had received money from the SMA to fund their campaigns.

The three, Anne du Plessis, Bradley Liebman and Avrom Segall also admitted to varying degrees of contact with the SMA.

Furthermore, once exposed, Anne du Plessis proceeded to blaze a brief and ignoble trail through student government, adding as they say in the clichés, insult to injury.

First she flew to the border in the company of Mirryena Karam (ex Students’ Arts Council President) and Diane Nicholson (Commerce Students’ Council President). The three toured the operational area as guests of Mrs’ Ristic Viljoen, wife of Chief of the Army, General Constand Viljoen.

Next, having failed to fulfil any of the pledges made to campus in her election manifesto, she resigned from the SRC. Her letter of resignation, addressed to SRC President Lloyd Vogelmann, was a model of senseless invective and monumental bad taste: ‘I admire the well thought out way you and yours are going about ensuring your banning orders. I have it on good authority you will not have too long to wait,’ she wrote.

So the question still stands — given their infamous (and laughably unsuccessful) history of participation in the SRC elections, what will the SMA choose as their 1983 election strategy?
What is National Women's Day?

On the 9th August, 1956, 20,000 women of all races joined a mass march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest against the extension of the pass laws to include Black women. Today, 27 years later, we commemorate the strength and determination of these women.

The demands of the women were ignored. The pass laws were implemented. Yet the campaign was not unsuccessful; the march itself was an expression of the solidarity and political efficacy of South African women. It was a statement by women of their determination to ensure that South African history would at least be stamped by the memory of anger and protest.

The 9th August is not just a day of solemn commemoration. It is a day of pride and celebration. It is a day on which the women of South Africa express their solidarity with the 20,000 women who refused to acquiesce.

Part II

Before...

The Nationalist Party came to power in South Africa in 1948. The country’s economy was changing rapidly.

Industry was expanding, and men and women were drawn away from farming and domestic labour and into industry. This led to a shortage of farm and domestic labour. The Government came under pressure from the agricultural sector to tighten up control of labour in general, and women in particular.

In 1952, parliament extended the pass laws to include women. Administrative attempts to implement these laws began during the recession of 1955-56. But already in the early 50s, women were beginning to organize.

The Defiance Campaign of 1952 provided many women with their first political experiences. This was crucial in that it provided the women with invaluable skills and confidence. (FEDSAW) was established. Its first meeting was held in April. A charter of human rights, stressing the rights of women, was adopted. The organization was non-racial and democratic. When it became clear that other democratic organizations immediately became FEDSAW members.

At this stage, FEDSAW intended to concentrate on community issues such as rents and to operate through local committees. They immediately encountered problems: key leaders were banned and many members found that domestic responsibilities interfered with their political activity. FEDSAW attempted to extend the energy and action of the Defiance Campaign, but was severely hampered by regular police raids on townships.

The Women's League

Another active women's organization at this time was the ANC Women's League. The League helped to organise the Congress of the People in June 1955, at which the Freedom charter was first presented to the public and adopted.

In September 1955, the government announced that passes would be issued to women from January of the following year.

The response was immediate. A demonstration of 2,000 people was held. FEDSAW urged women not to accept passes, and began to organise demonstrations against the new legislation.

Protests were organised all over the country, increasingly gathering momentum. In January 1956, women in East London presented a memorandum to the local Commissioner stating that they would never accept passes. In February, the women of Durban and Cape Town marched in protest. In March, the women of Germiston protested despite threats of police action and mass arrests.

In the same month, the first passes were issued to women in Winburg in the Orange Free State. Initially, the women were tricked into accepting the passes. They were told that the books were not passes, but permits which would allow them to move freely anywhere. Within a week, however, the women were marching. They arrived silently at the magistrates court, and burned their documents. Similar protests were held in all the major cities.

Part III

The March

9th August 1956. 20,000 women from all over South Africa gathered in the Lady Selbourne township in Pretoria.

That day, their husbands took care of their children.

They marched through Pretoria, to the amphitheatre of the Union Buildings. There, their leaders, Lilian Ngoyi (FEDSAW president), Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophie Williams collected their signed protests. But when they knocked at his office door to deliver the protest forms, the women were told that the premier was not in. They had come to confront the 'Lion of the North' in his den and he had fled.

The leaders returned to the crowd, and for 30 minutes they all stood in silence, fists raised in the congress salute. Afterwards, Most Sikelela echoed through the Union Buildings.

Part IV

After...

The pass laws were implemented. The leaders of FEDSAW were arrested in December that year on a charge of high treason.

But the women of South Africa continued to organise. They sang during the March: 'Struggle you have tampered with women you have struck a rock.'

The Problems

The 1980’s have seen a resurgence of women’s organisation. The first step has been pinpointing the problems facing women. Those faced by Black women are particularly daunting.

Their movements are restricted by pass laws, and they are often unable to live with their husbands unless they do so illegally. Women receive lower wages than men, and perform the most unskilled jobs. The rate of unemployment and retrenchment is higher for females than for males.

Women carry the additional burden of having to cope with the work of running their households, for which they receive no overtime pay. Their problems are intensified by a social environment in which the provisions of the pass laws are applied.

The Challenge

1982— women unite and protest on several fronts. Opposition hails against the rising bread price—petitions are issued, boycotts observed.

In Nyanga in the Cape, women resist the demolition of their shacks. The women of squatter communities organise to deal with issues such as eviction and demolition.

The United Women’s Organisation (UWO) is formed, and the problem of child care is taken up. Programmes based on this issue are carried out through the country. These programmes involve many women, who are educated and politicised. While the UWO is active in Durban and Cape Town, stressing democratic organisation and member participation, similar work is carried out by FEDSAW in the Transvaal.

Women’s organisations have emerged in Trade Unions and labour centres.
Workers union, (CCAWUSA) in taking up the issue of maternity leave for its many female members, is an important example of this.

On all Nusas affiliated campuses, women's movements have been established. No only do these organisations take up issues such as child-care and the abuse of women; they also seek to educate to change student attitudes to stereotyped sex roles.

Organisations such as POWA (Prevention of Women Abuse) and Rape-Crisis contribute to the struggle against the abuse of women.

The organisation of women plays a vital role in the struggle for a democratic future for South Africa. Until discrimination against women is entirely absent, there can be no democracy. It is both hypocritical and absurd to fight against racism and to ignore the issue of sexism. As a speaker at the Neil Agget Commemoration Meeting stated 'Freedom cannot be won for any one section or for the people as a whole as long as we women are bonded.'
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The COMEDY of ERRORS
by William Shakespeare

In the light of the tremendous amount of energy which was obviously channeled into this production, it was upsetting to find less than half of the seats to be occupied at almost every performance. The lack of attendance has been attributed to the fact that few students are aware that the new theatre has opened. Tickets are extremely reasonable for students, and it is hoped that all students will come to view The Wits Theatre as their own.

The theatre has not been finished with excessive luxury. While the colour scheme of the foyer (including that of raw concrete, beige and red) has evoked mixed responses, the majority find the interior of the theatre to be aesthetically pleasing. The drama department appears to be satisfied with the technical aspects of the theatre, though a few faults apparently exist.

If you will be lured to the theatre by no other means, it is suggested that you go for the excellent coffee served at intervals, alone!

Boxed in

One night in Africa, a man met a dragon. It was not a real dragon, it just looked like one. It was a police car: the long snout of the law. It offered him a lift which he could not refuse. His journey ended at an old kiosk which was to be his cell. From the moment he entered it, he became a detainee.

Precious Remnants — fantasies of a refugee explores the attempt of a man in solitary confinement, to find refuge from inactivity and insanity, in fantasy. Within the structural framework of a press conference, including the imagined presence of reporters sitting in the audience, Nicholas Ellenbogen fuses mime and speech into a meticulously constructed and tightly controlled solo performance. The range of his voice and the power of the script, (which Ellenbogen himself wrote) combined with the passionate intensity of his movements, mesmerised the audience.

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Juxtaposed with the this technique of emotional distancing is the emotive power of the actions themselves. Overracing these emotions yet without obscuring them, is Ellenbogen's humour. The laughter, however, is tinged with uncertainty. It offers a nervous and incomplete refuge. Beneath the brittle and tenuous amusement lies the terror of reality: a man is in detention. Instead of the psychological reassurance which a trial or charge would bring, he is assailed. They break his hand; they bruise his kidneys; they crack his head.

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Equinox is a dedicated and enthusiastic dance company. Come and experience innovative

Wits will-power

Many people feel the choice of 'The Comedy of Errors' as the first production at The Wits Theatre, to be inappropriate. It is fairly standard practice to open a new theatre with a Shakespearean production and the first play ever presented at Wits was Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Yet, perhaps a first production in a theatre which aims to 'afford us an opportunity to come to terms with ourselves and with society' (according to the Vice-Chancellor in his opening speech) could have been more pertinent to students in the South African setting.

Despite this, the production can be commenced on many levels. The cast consisted exclusively of students. Students were involved in every facet of the play, from scenery to costumes to make-up. Students from the Wits Music School were also integrated. The play has been acclaimed as one of the best Shakespearean productions ever staged in Johannesburg. It was a highly polished, exciting production which drew upon many dramatic genres. The beautiful costumes, for example, ranged from those of the colourful Comedia dell'Arte to the more demure Shakespearian. The electric nature of the production made for a lively, highly enjoyable experience.

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John Lane, organizer of the interfaculty league suggested that 'the actual organization of the rugby club was largely to blame for the shortage of players'. He also suggested that 'the rugby club should make a greater effort to recruit players, and offer them more in the form of functions'. This in turn would encourage membership, he concluded.

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Golfing to final

The Wits golfers are at present practising assiduously for the final of the R20 000 Benson and Hedges intervarsity golf tournament to be staged at Sun City on August 20.

To boost their confidence, several players spent the recent university vacation engaged in various tournaments.

But in reaching the final Wits were not given an easy passage and their semi-final against Stellenbosch was a real cracker.

Things were looking decidedly bad for Wits in mid-afternoon of the semi-final at Orkney because the foursomes were lost and four players out of six were well down in the singles.

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