How many 'd's in moderate?

We are the future

Let us pray

How many 'd's in moderate?

F---d if I know
On Thursday, 26th April, the newly formed Moderate Student Movement (MSM) at UCT recruited between 50 and 200 members.

This organization is the UCT affiliate to the new National Student Federation (NSF) along with the Student Moderate Alliance (SMA) at Wits and the Student Action Front (SAF) at Maritzburg, two other conservative student groupings.

The formation of the NSF was recently made official by ex-SMA Chair, Russel Crystal at a press conference held in the Pretoria Room of the Carlton Hotel.

Russel Crystal was elected NSF President, Philip Powell (chair of Maritzburg's SAF) was elected NSF Vice President, with Arthur Kemp (head of UCT's MSM) NSF elected NSF executive member.

In an interview, Kemp states that different groups should have the right to maintain their respective ethnic beliefs.

NSF accuses student government of being biased and dominated by revolutionaries. It feels that students are being forced to accept a radical line.

**SSC changes Arts ruling**

The Science Student's Council recently won a change in the Arts course rule.

All students registered for a BSc are compelled to do an Arts course at some point of their degree. Before, students were forced to choose this course from a limited selection of 12 courses.

'The SSC took the matter to the faculty board, and secured an unrestricted set of permissible Arts courses' said Peter Rosen dorff, SSC Vice-President.

The new rule, which takes effect next year, will allow any science student to choose the Arts course from an unrestricted list.

Science students are now able to take courses such as Drama and Film, or Classical Life and Thought, instead of being forced into Philosophy of Science or Political Ideas and Institutions.

Negotiations with the Faculty board started more than two years ago, when the list was broadened from 4 to 12 subjects.

A year of negotiation, study and research was needed before the change was won, according to the faculty.

A group of six students was flown to the conference, costing the organization R3 000. Moreover, an industrial sociologist was allegedly paid R4 000 for conducting a seminar at the conference entitled 'How to smash Nusas'.

However, these and past experiences of similar organizations have raised a number of disturbing questions, even although the formation of a conservative student movement is not in itself disturbing.

- From whom will the NSF receive its financial backing?
- Do students have any guarantees that the organization is not a front for the National Party (NP) on our campuses, and what are its links to the Security Police (SP)?

Russel Crystal is an acknowledged organizer and has never denuded his alleged links to the SP.

One hopes that these questions will be answered in the course of the new organization's activities.

For more info: see feature.

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**Milner Park officially Wits**

The President of the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society, Mr Richard Nicholson officially handed the ownership of the 89 year old Milner Park Showgrounds to the vice-chancellor of the university, Professor Karl Tober on Monday, April 23.

Professor Karl Tober acknowledged the efforts of Prof du Plessis and Dr Charles Skenne, chairs of the Board of the University Foundation, in bringing about this historic event.

Entertainment for the event was provided by bagpipes of the Scottish Pipe Band, dancers, a police gymnasts from Hamman Kraal, the pop group, Mun Jerry and stuntman, Char Strachan.

**Faculty Council Conference:**

Examine subsidies and class rep...s

An admission and subsidies campaign, a national textbook survey and a new national faculty council newspaper were among the diverse topics discussed at the 2nd Nusas Faculty Council Conference held during the vac.

This grand event brought delegates from Nusas campuses from all over the country to Wits for 3 days of intensive discussion and debate.

The general feeling was that the implications of the new subsidy formula needed an in-depth analysis. The new formula is simply unobtainable.

In a speech, Mr Nicholson said the Agricultural Society and the University both had a common history and shared deep roots in Johannesburg.

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Various people addressed the conference, including student representatives from Cosas, Congress of South African Students, and Azaso, the Azani students organisation. They gave the delegates interesting insight into the situation that students have work under in South Africa 'Bush colleges' and schools.

The National faculty council newspaper, Nusas’ Natio Student Review, had its first ever unsubsidized presentation at the conference.

Included the class rep system and examination of the link between the class rep and faculty council.
Barry Battered

The President of the SRC, Brendan Barry, was assaulted by right-wing thugs while collecting signatures for the UDF Million Signature Campaign in town on Saturday, 28 April.

'I was collecting signatures near the station with Tieg Moseneke (President of Azaso) when a large white man approached me and punched me in the face. He then tried to snatch my signature forms, and when I resisted, punched me in the face, pulled my forms away and ran off.'

Colin Coleman, Architecture Faculty rep on the SRC, was also punched in the face and had his forms snatched. Several members of Projects Committee collecting signatures also had their forms stolen. Riot police stood by and watched while these incidents took place.

The UDF organized a signature blitz of town on Saturday morning, 28 April. About 160 activists from UDF affiliated organizations on the reef took part in the blitz, positioning themselves at the station and various bus termini.

There was intensive police presence throughout the morning, with police, riot police, plain clothes police outnumbering activists about three to one. Collectors were photographed by plain clothes policemen in unmarked cars as they left Khotso House to begin blitzing.

'Brendan Barry, SRC President - Refused to be intimidated.'

In general, public response to the blitz was positive, although many people, intimidated by police presence, were reluctant to sign. There was also a lack of knowledge about the UDF, its aims and the purpose of the signature campaign which collectors endeavoured to rectify.

The UDF had hoped to collect 10,000 signatures, but only managed to get 4,000. Past SRC President Lloyd Vogelman said, 'This isn't bad in the light of the fact that there was a high police presence and fewer activists took part in the blitz than we had hoped.'

Kate Philip, Nusas President also took part in the blitz.

Wits Security:

Difficult attitude

Wits Student has received reports of Security's uncompromising attitude to students.

The Wartenweiler library is the scene of many student-security conflicts. Students who have mislaid or left their student cards in the library are not allowed admittance to search for their card.

Wits Student spoke to a student, who does not wish to be named, who related her experience with the Wartenweiler security guard during the vac.

She was attempting to return her overnight library books, but only realised at a few minutes before nine that she had left her card at home.

The security guard adamantly refused to allow her into the library. The student, describing herself as 'hopeless and on the brink of tears', went into the library anyway. 'I had just finished handing in my books when three huge security guards came and escorted me out of the library. I was 'interrogated' at CBI.'

When Wits Student approached Wits Security for an explanation of Security's attitudes, they refused to comment.

SRC budget: no problems

The SRC budget was recently drawn up by SRC Treasurer and Financial Coordinator, Mrs Cairns, and a treasurer's meeting held to discuss the budget with the treasurers of student organizations.

Wits Student spoke to Ian Lowitt about how the budget was drawn up and how it was received by clubs and societies.

"In drawing up the budget, we look at the changing conditions each year. For example this year there was an increase in Nusas affiliation fees. This is because of the increase of the number of students at Wits. However the SRC has assumed responsibility for raising R1,000 of the fees.'

Nusas did not, however, receive a massive increase. Its grant only increased by 6% from last year, and is in proportion to the increase in student services.

Wits Security: Are things looking up?

Students continued to complain about security's uncompromising attitude.

"When asked whether many societies had expressed their dissatisfaction at the Treasurer's meeting Ian replied that queries had been discussed and explanations were given for the presentation of the grants as they were presented.'

The SRC has for the first time allocated a conditional grant of R250 to the SMA.

'This grant is subject to the SMA cooperating with the specifications of the SRC financial by-laws.'

The CSC has also been granted a conditional grant of R500. A student tribunal has been requested to consider the case of the commerce students violation of the SRC financial by-laws earlier this year.

The SRC was also granted an unconditional grant of R164 000 this year, and obtains revenue from arcas such as the games machines, sweat shirts, parking stickers and sport.
Bloemfontein boycotts: Cosas-bashing

During the recent unrest in Bloemfontein township schools White Mohapi, administrative secretary of Cosas National, was shot. He narrowly escaped serious injury.

Boycotts at two schools were initiated in solidarity with eleven students who were expelled on the grounds of age limits. The Education Department selectively refused to re-register 18-year-olds for Std 8 and 20 year-olds for Matric.

A Cosas spokesman claimed that the occasion for the expulsion was politically motivated as the expelled students were all involved in Cosas, a body representing South African school students.

Parental attempts to take legal action as well as a meeting between the delegation of students and the principal were unsuccessful. The delegates reported back at a mass meeting at which White Mohapi was invited to speak. Sources claim that around this time a police reservist looking for White Mohapi opened fire and shot him. Details around the issue have been extremely vague.

Fresh echoes of ’76

All around the country black school students are voicing grievances against Bantu Education, led by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

This report is from Saspur National:

Students have challenged the age-limit laws, overcrowding, bans on Student Representative Councils, authoritarian headmasters, unfair punishment and assaults, dismissals of teachers and sexual harassment of female students.

- In Port Elizabeth a 5,000 strong boycott won the readmission of students. The students had the backing of parents, trade unions and community organisations in the Crisis in Education Committee.

- At Minerva High in Alexandra near Johannesburg boycotting students won the right to form an SRC.

- A resolution was passed to recognise the SRC and the inspector promised them an office and equipment.

- Numerous allegations of students being whipped with sjamboks and hit with fists have also come to light. In the face of these assaults some of them brutal—students are demanding fair treatment.

The issue of sexual harassment by teachers is also being taken up in schools. A two-day pupil boycott was initiated and a demand was made for the resignation of the principal and chairman of the school committee.

On Tuesday, April 10, classes were suspended. The Regional Director of Education in Bloemfontein told The Sowetan that in view of these and other demands made by the pupils, the school committee was left with no option but to close the school gates.

Students say that their protests have resulted in a campaign of harassment in the area.

Police harassment has included:

- forced declarations from parents that their children would ‘not get involved in politics’.
- threats from the Department of Education and Training that Cosas members would not be allowed into schools.
- threats of immediate expulsion if students gave support to students from other schools.
- Students have returned to school.

White Mohapi was detained on Thursday, and, according to sources, he has not yet been released or charged.

New foods

A number of new projects are to be undertaken by Wits Catering Division.

Amongst these are projects for establishing a bakery and butchery in the newly acquired campus, Milner Park.

Another project undergoing investigation is the feasibility of a sweet shop adjacent to the lower canteen. A number of students have requested that one should be built. However, catering explained the financial difficulties of this project. The possibility of SRC involvement was suggested.

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Cars pack all available parking space on both sides of the M1. This photograph illustrates the ever-present parking problem at Wits.

Each one teach one

You may have seen the posters on campus, advertising a new tutoring scheme in Alexandra township. What’s it all about?

Cosas (the Congress of South African Students, which represents black high school students) has approached various groups on campus with the idea of offering help to reduce the present crisis in black education.

As the extensive school boycotts of this year indicate, dissatisfaction and anger with inferior Bantu education is widespread. Student grievances include the lack of textbooks, classrooms and schools; a lack of qualified teachers; complaints about corporal punishment and the new age-limits law. In addition, students wish to elect their own SRC’s in place of the prefect bodies which are normally placed there by the school administration.

The main objective of the scheme is to assist scholars in Standard 8, 9 and 10 on an extracurricular basis, thus partially taking the burden off understaffed schools, and running parallel to what teaching there is.

Tuition will be needed in the following subjects: English, Afrikaans, Physics, Geography, History, Accountancy, Maths, Biology, Economics. Business Studies.

The Cosas-Azaso-Nunas project provides a co-operative opportunity for students to
deliverance.

Nusas turns 60 in 1984, and to celebrate, Nusas campuses around the country are planning special birthday celebrations. A Nusas 60th Birthday High Profile Committee was launched last Monday. The committee consists of the President and Vice-President of the SRC, the editor of Wits Student and the heads of the various clubs and societies on campus.

The committee was launched at a cocktail party held in the Students Union Building on Monday, April 30. The opening addresses were by Kate Philip, Nusas President, and Brendan Barry, SRC President, who welcomed committee members and thanked them for their participation in the celebrations.

They were followed by Dr. David Webster, a lecturer in the Department of Social Anthropology at Wits, who spoke about the positive role Nusas had played, not only in serving the needs of students directly, but also in constantly directing academies to instill progressive content in their course, in order to make courses more relevant to students at university in South Africa at the moment.

Geoff Buitendveld, an attorney at the Legal Resources Centre, and head of FONS (Friends of Nusas) spoke next. He said that FONS would throw the full weight of its support behind the celebrations, and described Nusas' turning 60 as a 'truly remarkable feat' and one which few other organizations in the country had achieved.

Finally, Professor Philip Tobias, a past Nusas President and presently head of the Senate at Wits, spoke, saying that Nusas should 'never bow its head to the inevitable', and that it should continue to fight until apartheid was eradicated from South African universities.

One of special significance was the presence at the cocktail party of Dr. Beyers Naudé, Honorary President of Nusas since 1977 and currently a banned person, as well as Helen Joseph, a long-time supporter of Nusas.

Kate Philip described Dr. Naudé as a constant source of inspiration to Nusas. She also said she would be honoured if she could describe Mrs. Joseph as the 'mother of Nusas.'

Make your mark

The Million Signature Campaign is going well all around the country. Thousands of signatures have been collected in the Border region, and there is strong organization around the campaign in the Eastern Cape. In the Western Cape, a similar blitz took place on the Cape Flats in March where 2,000 activists collected 10,000 signatures in 3 hours.

Out of every ten people approached, an average of eight signed, showing the wide range of support for the UDF and its campaign against the new constitution in the Koornhof Bills.

Very few people supported the Labour Party, the Coloured Management Committees or the forthcoming coloured elections.

There were a number of reasons why certain people did not sign. Firstly, in the working class areas, some people were illiterate and were unwilling to sign a form they could not read.

Secondly, many women said their husbands could sign and that the person collecting the signatures would have to come back later. Related to this was the fact that some men, as heads of the family, felt they signed on behalf of the whole family.

Thirdly, there was a fear of the police and matters of a political nature, and some people were afraid that their names would be found on the signature form and used against them.

Fourthly, in some areas people knew little about the new constitution and there was a lack of response to the signature campaign.

Canteen costs climb

The gargantuan canteen prices continue to eat away at students' pockets. The SRC has initiated an investigation into the issue, as a result of the widespread dissatisfaction among students regarding catering services on campus.

The SRC has held informal discussions with the catering division and has called on the university administration to:

- Restructure the catering service division to ensure that competitive prices are offered;
- To provide for increased student representation on price-fixing committees;
- To explore the option of replacing the single catering unit with smaller franchises;
- To make available copies of all financial statements pertaining to the catering division.

The SRC has also pointed out that although catering services were a non-profit organization, it was necessary to charge prices that would enable it to be self-financing. If catering was subsidised it would be at the expense of teaching, research or some other area, owing to limited finances.

The administration also claims that no valid comparison can be made between supermarket prices and those of the canteens. Supermarkets buy in significantly larger amounts. Mr. Brink, head of Catering, thought it unjustifiable to compare the prices, as large chain retailers did not list GST charges.

Supermarkets are able to obtain these items at contract rates because of volume of turnover and in the case of milk were able to sell it as a 'loss leader'. The administration accepts that the catering division is overstaffed and that labour costs policy to pay its employees reasonable salaries. Labour costs accounted for 30% of gross turnover. It was the opinion of the Administration that it was unethical to dismiss long-serving and competent staff in order to save money. The catering division employed 202 people and these staff members could not be 'laid-off' during slack periods. Staff were, however, re-employed whenever possible.

To provide for greater representation on price-fixing committees it was agreed that students have increased and effective representation on the Ad Hoc Committee of Central Catering Services. The committee would, in future, meet three or four times a year.

The option of leasing out catering services to private caterers was also considered. However, concern was expressed that outside suppliers would 'cream off the profitable side campus catering. The profit from the coffee shop helped subsidise the main meal services.

Counselling recruitment programme

The Counselling and Careen Unit organises an annual Graduate Recruitment Programme which takes place in August.

This year a series of seminars entitled 'The World at Work' will be presented where graduates will have a chance to meet an assortment of companies which have current work in such fields as banking insurance, public relations etc. A workshop is also offered on job seeking skills. Contact the Counselling and Careers Unit for more information.

Record Rag year

Rag made R220,000 this year. The gross income was in the region of R230,000, and most money is still coming in.

R127,000 came from Wits Wits sales, a net profit of R120,000. The rest comes from activities such as the Procession, the本科生 Drommys and Debs.

'A friendly huddle: Brendan Barry SRC president, Kate Philip, Nusas president and Beyers Naudé, honorary Nusas president.'
New faces, any changes?

'Politically, we're middle-of-the-road to liberal. We wish to have no strong political links — we want to appeal to as many students as possible,' said Craig Bond, the newly appointed Rag executive chairperson, to Wits Student this week.

Chris Middleton, Rag secretary added, 'Social conscience is common in all of us on the executive.'

The Rag exec appointed annually by the previous year's executive, plans a busy year.

'We don't plan to change much from last year,' said Bond. 'Although we received good reports from students, the press and the public, the sales of the Wits Wits magazine were below what was expected. We feel that 3 pages of jokes is not enough, and next year we are considering at least 16 pages of jokes.'

Wits Student asked the Rag exec what it thought of Torque, the Engineering Student's Council magazine.

'Torque is tongue in cheek,' said Bond. 'Engineers are festév, and Torque is not to be taken seriously.'

Treasure, said, 'Torque is the kind of thing we're looking for, but not as bad.'

We want it to be a family magazine, and we will continue to carry stories on our beneficiaries and charities,' said Bond.

'Criticism of the Rag Mag came from a strong quarter — Prog Soc, the very students we thought it would please seemed to get upset. But we met with Shawn Kopel, Prog Soc chairperson, and we sorted it out,' said Bond.

Wits Student asked about the rumours that had been circulating about the Student's Engineering Council. It is claimed that the SEC threatened to pull out of Rag activities if the overt political nature of Rag continued.

'We heard those rumours too,' said Bond, 'but we approached the SEC and they told us that although some individuals may feel that way, it was not true of the SEC.'

Wits Student asked the exec about the recent elimination of the Rag Queen from Rag activities.

According to Bond, 'it has been very successful. We have tried to find a person who embodies what Rag is all about.'

'The girls did not know that they were going to be chosen until a week before. There was no bitchiness, nothing of the sort of thing that girls get up to when they are left to their own devices,' said one member of the exec. The Rag representative is chosen from the Drummie squad, the debutante squad, or from any one else in the Rag committee. The odds are heavily in favour of a woman being nominated.

'We did try to include the area distribution managers for the magazine into the group of potential nominees but it didn't work out.'

Wits Student asked Bond if there was any chance that the Rag Queen would be reinstated. 'Absolutely no likelihood of that,' he said. 'Some of the members on this exec were instrumental in doing away with the Rag Queen last year.'

'We plan to run Rag like a business,' Bond said 'but eventually we plan to get as many students involved as possible.'

Rag will also continue to forge ties with BSS.

Rag floats

Although float day seemed ill-omened, Rag Executive states that it was the 'tremendous spirit shown by everyone involved that defeated the distinctly impenetrable odds and made a success of the venture.'

The venue for float building had to be changed from JCE to the Yale Road bridge within twelve hours notice and bands were not allowed to play under the bridge because of complaints from Parktown residents.

702 refused to bring their caravan because of the behaviour of some Rag supporters last year and VOW had to organise the able to raise its own funds.

According to the new exec, Rag dynamics will continue, but we want to tone down the crudity. 'We plan to tackle what happens when it comes to deciding the dates of dynamics — we do not want to repeat the episode with the BSS.'

Rag will also continue to carry on its stunts — 'Good publicity and financially successful and plans to continue to abduct celebrities' cars and jewels.'

Drummies victory

Wits Drummies recently defeated 16 squads from around SA in the 1984 National Inter-College and Varsity Drum Majorette Competition.

The squads were judged on uniformity, the complexity of their formations and the skill with which they were performed. General audience impact was also taken into account. The formations were choreographed by Eddie Alliciello of the Rag Executive and Drummie leader Ann Whitfield.

Activities for the rest of the year will include promotional marches for sponsors and special appearances at fêtes. In addition to representing Wits and promoting the image of Rag, each Drummie will be involved in 'at least 16 pages of jokes.'

Mass Meeting

10 May 12.30
Great Hall

Is apartheid really dead?
Campus speaks out on VOW

Wits Student sent a reporter and a photographer out onto campus to gauge student opinion on VOW.

Voice of Wits:

Alternative Music

There seems to be confusion as to what kind of a radio station VOW actually is. Is it an avant garde alternative radio station or is it a commercial radio station caught within the vice-like grips of the South African record companies?

Here are a few facts about the workings of music selections and programmes on VOW.

A playlist of 40 songs is drawn up by the VOW committee. On each hourly show 4 songs from the playlist must be played. The rest of the songs will come out of requests and the DJ's own choice. A DJ must fill in the broadcast list to show what songs have been played.

The top 20 is made up by the VOW Committee and by requests. If a song is very popular it will get on to the Top 20. The top 5 songs have to be played at least twice a day.

The same song is not allowed to be repeated twice in any one hour show. It can, however, be repeated on other shows.

The record companies send VOW a number of LP's every few weeks. The majority of records which make up VOW's collection are records sent from record companies.

Helen Schneider
1st year BA (Legal)

Likely the music but found it a bit repetitive; the song 'Red, red wine' was played too often.

Mark Revello
1st year BProc

Mark thought Voice of Wits was good. He liked their choice of music and the DJs'. His only qualifications were that too much New Wave is played, though that the songs are repeated too much and that it is too loud for conversation.

Gary Aaron
1st year BSc (Life Sciences)

They thought the music was too loud and found the sound so distorted that it was hard to understand what the DJ was saying. They did not think Voice of Wits was good.

Lawrence Roff and friend
Both 1st year. BA (Psychology), BA (Fine Arts)

Seeing as no one else was being daring or controversial, these two students graciously decided to make up for everyone else. They felt that radical political propaganda should be broadcast at regular intervals on Voice of Wits. They thought the general standard was good but could not agree on whether it was too noisy or not. We left them arguing.

Mark Abelson
1st year Medicine

Was succinct. He thought Voice of Wits was good.

Bruce Graves said that they played demo tapes of groups such as The Dynamics and Bright Blue. If students have not heard these groups on VOW it is because only groups like eVoid and Juluka are played at peak hours, the others being played when most people are at lectures.

VOW are planning to have an independent news service. It will be apolitical and will report on student and campus affairs. For example they will interview Brendan Barry, SRC President, report on canteen food prices and on student affairs.

- First meeting for a Gay Students Working Group.
- All students are invited to attend, especially those committed to the freedom of sexual orientation.
- Venue: ID Macrone Room,
- Time: 12h30
- Date: Wednesday, 9 May
- Any further information...
3.45pm: The lavish Pretoria Room of the Carlton Hotel. Small triangular sandwiches on silver trays and cups of tea and coffee are served to a group of expectant students, clothed in dark suits and even darker ties. *Wits Student* arrives at a Press Conference called by the newly-launched National Students' Federation (NSF).

4.00pm: Members of the NSF executive seated themselves in front of an imposing display of two South African flags. Russel Crystal, the president of the Federation, opened the conference.

He detailed the primary aim of the NSF, that of opposing the authoritarian domination of South African campuses by 'Left Wing radicals'.

This 'authoritarian domination', suggested Crystal, includes 'the manipulation of election by-laws, financial by-laws and numerous other laws'.

Brendan Barry, Wits SRC President, told *Wits Student* that election and financial by-laws were not subject to 'manipulation'. Both their formulation and their modification could only be effected with the approval of the University council.

In 1981, the SRC placed a limit on the amount of money which individuals were permitted to spend on their campaigns. Crystal cites this as an example of left-wing 'manipulation' and distortion of democracy.

'The by-laws were changed to give students without abundant funds the same chance as those with extensive resources', said Barry. 'This was a measure intended to boost the democratic nature of elections. Subsequently, the by-laws were further amended, providing for an SRC subsidy of R30 to every single candidate in SRC elections, regardless of their political persuasion'.

'As for the financial by-laws,' he continued, 'it is crucial for the SRC to know how Clubs and Societies are being funded.

Private funds

All clubs and societies, and the SRC, are required to disclose the sources of their funding. The SMA is the only one which consistently flaunts this and other regulations.

Like the SMA at Wits, the NSF claims to be funded by 'private-enterprise' but will not specify the enterprises concerned. They appear to have vast funds at their disposal, as the venue of their press conference demonstrates.

It has been revealed that similar bodies established in the past, have been financed by BOSS and the Connie Mulder's discredited Department of Information. (See box: 'Scenes from the Past')

The Federation constitutes the Students Action Front (SAF) from the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg (UNP), the

Crystal

Students' Moderate Alliance from Wits, and the as yet ad hoc Moderate Students' Movement (MSM) of UCT.

Russel Crystal, ex-chair of the SMA and a Nationalist Party organiser, is President. Philip Powell, chairman of Maritzburg's SAF is vice-president. Treasurer is Andrew Stubbs of the SAF, and secretary is Jean Visser, chairman of SMA.

Arthur Kemp, chairman of Cape Towns MSM is also on the Executive.

Kemp seemed uncertain whether the ad-hoc MSM would be recognised by the UCT SRC. 'We're not allowed to exist officially unless a left-wing dominated SRC approves of us. Jessily cannot tell whether our constitution will be accepted or not. It depends on how they feel about moderate opposition. They may refuse to let us operate. I'm expecting a lot of uphill.'

'I'd like to challenge the SRC of UCT to show their maturity and actually allow moderate opposition to exist without restricting it.'

Crystal proceeded to challenge Saspu to publish Kemp's challenge. *Wits Student* went beyond this, and confronted Nic Borain, president of the UCT SRC with the challenge.

Opposition

'If they apply through the proper channels and show themselves to be legitimate they will definitely be accepted', Borain responded. 'We welcome genuine political opposition and debate on campus.' He pointed out, however, that the UCT SRC has not heard of such an organisation before the press conference at the Carlton.

Questioned on the Wits SRC's attitude to 'moderate opposition', Brendan Barry replied, 'This SRC, and the last has been over backwards to accommodate the SMA. We have no objection to the existence of a conservative organisation. If it represents a sector of student opinion, no matter how small, it has a right to exist. However, like any other club or society, it must abide by the SRC by-laws made with Council's approval, as does the...
step backwards

SRC itself. 'The SMA seems to regard its status as above that of any other club or society, and above the rules of the University Council itself. The SMA demands privileges that no other student organisations expect.'

No illusions

Crystal claims that the NSF expects 'to come under very vicious attack from the radical left and especially from Nusas', alleging that Nusas is worried about its support because it relies on a system of compulsory affiliation'.

Wits Student asked Kate Philip, Nusas President, to respond to these claims: 'Nusas does not plan a vicious attack on the National Students Federation. We do, however, plan to leave students with no illusions as to what the NSF represents.'

Asked to elaborate on this point, Philip replied that Nusas could only question the integrity of the NSF's considering the track record of its constituent organisations, all of which are 'discredited minority campus groupings'.

For further details of these 'track records' see box:

Philip went on to say that Crystal's allegation that Nusas relies on 'compulsory affiliation' was based on a misunderstanding of the structure of the National Union. The Union is a confederation of SRC's which affiliate to Nusas on the basis of majority student opinion, which can be tested at any point, if enough students feel a need to do so.'

Whereas the NSF has set itself up, in contrast to Nusas, as a purely voluntary body incorporating 'like-minded students from all institutions of higher learning' Nusas does not insist on a similar like-mindedness.

'Nusas policy is formulated by elected student representatives at our annual congress each year. The consistency of its political outlook, as reflected in policy, simply points to the fact that the majority of students at Nusas campuses reject apartheid and endorse the political stand and the contribution to change that united action through Nusas has facilitated.'

Asked to respond to Crystal's claims that 'Nusas campuses are dominated by left-wing dictatorship' and Nusas 'oppression', Philip replied that she had 'more faith in the integrity of students than to believe that year after year they would elect autocratic dictators to their SRCs'.

'Nusas has made a name for itself precisely for its consistent attempts to expose and oppose the very real oppression affecting the lives of most South Africans,' she continued. 'In this context, the concept of Nusas oppression seems somewhat misplaced.'

A testimony to Nusas' legitimacy is the fact that its Executive comprises the SRC presidents of each affiliated campus, all of whom topped their respective election polls. 'Nusas couldn't possibly have a more representative Executive.'

Finally, Wits Student asked Kate Philip to comment on Crystal's accusation that Nusas always attacked 'moderate' bodies on a personal level, and not on an ideological level.

Nusas

She replied that the very basis of Nusas' differences with such organisations is 'a difference in political approach and the ideals of which we represent.'

'Organisations such as the SMA and SAF have, at best, attacked Wits and Pmb students through a variety of means, to discredit student government. This has raised questions about the motivations of the people involved and the interests they really serve. On several occasions, a little investigation has shown that their political motives have been somewhat to the right of those stated, and have at times, included financial interests.

For example, in 1977, referenda were held at Nusas campuses around the country. Various so-called 'moderate' groupings attempted to discredit Nusas, arguing that while they did not oppose Nusas politics, they did oppose Nusas structures. It later transpired, in the Information Scandal, that these groupings were sponsored by the NSA and the Security Police.

'While we would want to shy away from individualising political differences, where the true motives of people are being obscured, it has, at times, been necessary to draw the links between such individuals and the National Party and Security Police.'

'We believe that the NSF represents a growing attempt to isolate students from political action and inject a political stance into the University.'

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It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 December 1981 and the attached copy of "Standardised Letters".

It is with regret that the activities of students' Moderate Alliance and of the student body in general has been subject to a barrage of attacks and criticism. Such criticism cannot be developed and sustained in the basis of rationalism and I welcome well-balanced and reasonable contributions by our students in building the future. South Africa can play a very important role in its strategic importance and political isolation. It is my hope that every student will be employed and develop in such a way that he/she will not become a part of any political movement which is either extreme. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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It is my hope that this letter will be a contribution to the further development and building of our students' Moderate Alliance and that it will serve as a contribution to the future of our nation. We are making every effort to ensure that our voice is heard in the future. It is a great pleasure to be associated with you as Chairman and some of our committee members.

May we have a fairly balanced contribution to our students' Moderate Alliance and to the future of our country.

For the sake of our country, I ask that you contribute to the development of our students' Moderate Alliance and to the future of our country.

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1983: August. The Students Action Front, headed by Phillip Powell is set up at Pietermaritzburg University. The SAF spends R1 600 before it is even formally constituted.

It becomes clear that the similarities between the SAF and the SMA are not coincidental. Their members have been in contact, and their manifestos are identical.

1984: March. Crystal is seen wearing a Wits T-shirt and National Party colours at the Norwood by-election in Johannesburg. He gets punched in the eye by the ex-mayor Monty Sklaar after allegedly insulting his wife.

1984: April. The National Students Federation is launched. Its president, Russel Crystal, is completing his 10th year of study at Wits. He has been given the privilege of continuing his studies while completing his military service.

Crystal has recently missed 2 disciplinary hearings after allegedly threatening a member of staff.

Prog-soc, the PFP youth on campus, says it is common knowledge in PFP circles that Crystal is a National Party Youth organizer in the Bezuidenhout constituency. Last year at the 'Berge' by-elections, he was seen supporting the National Party. At the Press conference, Crystal claimed that the NSF did not align itself with any political party.

Vice-President, Phillip Powell has recently resigned his position on the Maritzburg SRC. His resignation was accepted on the basis of incompetence, and Powell was publicly censured by the entire PMB University student body.

Arthur Kemp, another NSF executive member, was elected as a joke candidate in the 1981/82 UCT SRC elections. The following year he was not re-elected, once his conservative politics had become known to students.

Thus, the respective histories (or non-histories) of the constituent organisations of the NSF, as well as those of its exec. members casts an interesting light on the rhetoric of the NSF.

April 1975: Campus Independent, a right-wing weekly newspaper appears on campus. It refuses to reveal its financial backers. Arthur McGiven, a BOSS spy on campus later claims that it was funded by BOSS. In 1978, it is revealed in Parliament that the newspaper was directly funded by Mulder's department of Information.

1978: The Modern Conservative Students' Movement (MCSM) is launched with an inaugural dinner addressed by BJ Vorster. This organisation attempts to get a national movement off the ground, but their attempts are thwarted when Brian Hack, a collaborator from UCT, is arrested in connection with the attempted shooting of Colin Fox, then leader of the opposition. The MCSM loses what little support they have, and eventually collapses.

1980: The MCSM's constitution is revived by the newly-formed Association of Moderate Students (AMS). In August, they adopt their present title, the Students' Moderate Alliance (SMA).

1981: February. The Sunday Express reveals that the SMA's newsletter Standard is funded by Mr PA Clarke, MD of the company that controlled The Citizen, while financed by the Info Dept. It is also printed by the National Party's official printers, they reveal.

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Friendly letters received by Crystal from PW Botha, Piet Koornhof and Pik Botha are published.

1982: June. Wits Student is handed a sworn affidavit by a former Section 22 detainee, alleging that she saw Crystal on the 10th floor of John Vorster Square, headquarters of the Johannesburg Security Police. According to the affidavit, Crystal wandered around completely freely, under no duress.

1982: October. Four 'liberal' members of the SRC admit to receiving funds from the SMA to finance their election campaigns. The SMA does not officially contest the election. The SMA now claims that it stopped putting up candidates, because as a purely political body, it has no interest in student government which, they believe, should be apolitical. When then did they finance candidates in 1982? Was it part of a covert bid to take over student government?

1983: Wits-based rightists again seem to be co-ordinating national
Mirror to a worker movement

International Labour Day was marked on campus at a meeting held by the Economic Research Committee.

Professor Eddie Webster outlined the background leading up to the establishment of May Day as an international day of solidarity amongst workers.

He highlighted the history of May Day in South Africa as a 'mirror to the worker movement' reflecting the developments, demands and struggles of the working class.

Gatsby Nazwi, president of NGWSA (National Garment Workers) said that 'May Day celebrates the hope that all will be freed one day from the oppressive system that dehumanizes.' He said that no one who is a thinking human being can condone a system of this nature.

Rashid Omar, director of the Muslim youth movement spoke about Labour and Trade Unionism as seen by Islam. 'Trade Unionism' he said 'is a natural response for workers to demand their rights in a system which oppresses and exploits them.'

A BSS handout highlighted student support for the Workers' Struggle: 'Workers in their struggles on the factory floors and everywhere should know today that they are supported by students, and the whole world recognizes their demands and we all say in one voice: 'Forward with the Workers' struggle'.

Day for Freedom

The political developments after 1948 strongly influenced the May Day commemorations of 1950.

By this time the right-wing labour movement of the white working class had ceased to observe Labour Day. Their interests were represented by the newly elected Nationalist Party government.

Anti-government organisations throughout the country called for demonstrations and a general stay-away, renaming May Day 1950 as Freedom Day. Their interests were represented by the newly elected Nationalist Party government.

May Day round the world

International Labour Day is a workers' celebration. It has expressed solidarity among working people all over the world since 1886. The history and traditions of the labour movement are remembered every year on May 1. May Day is a truly international event, celebrated both in

1904: a group of Johannesburg socialists use May Day to introduce socialism to the people of South Africa. A meeting is held in Market Square, Johannesburg.
1906: Labour Day is celebrated for the first time in Cape Town.
1909: Rail workers strike in Natal, creating the climate for Durban's first May Day celebrations.
1910: Trade Unionists led by Tom Mann, a British Trade Union leader, march through Johannesburg.
1917: Horatio Mbelle becomes the first African speaker at a May Day meeting. The meeting is disrupted by mobs of soldiers and civilians.
1922: The Rand Revolt prevents May Day celebrations.
1928: Thousands of African workers on the Rand stage a march, reflecting the growth of African trade unions.
1931: The Communist Party demonstrates against unemployment at the time of the Great Depression.
1950: Freedom Day Strike. Political developments become wrapped up in Labour Day activities and South Africa's first worker stay-away becomes a political protest.
1962: State repression causes SACTU to disintegrate and Labour Day celebrations are not held for twenty years.
1982: Low profile May Day meetings are held.
1983: Trade Unions in several parts of the country hold meetings.

The origin of Labour Day lies in the struggle of the American workers to establish an 8 hour working day. Prior to this labourers were faced with a work day of up to 16 hours. Pay was minimal, conditions were appalling and the lives of workers were short and hard. The American workers won their battle in 1886 which culminated in a strike on May 1.

Four years later this victory was commemorated internationally. For the first time mass movements in separate countries identified common rights and goals.

In Europe the arrival of spring is traditionally celebrated at the beginning of May in early spring festivals.
Marching towards

War is thrown at us from all sides. We see daily military parades on TV, the SADF wields enormous influence on most levels of society; every male citizen is bound to 2 years of army service plus camps. Yet the only military conflict that is going on is a low-intensity guerrilla war on our borders. What, then, is the role of the SADF in South Africa? Who is the South African army fighting?

South Africa is more or less permanently unstable because of one major contradiction in our society: the vast majority of the population is excluded from political power and economic privilege. About 80% of the population is excluded from the economic infrastructure of 2/3rds of South Africa's wealth.

The extraordinary level of militarization in South Africa is related directly to this contradiction.

The new South African leadership adheres to Total Strategy. This involves various reform measures without changing the basic structures of apartheid. It also involves streamlining and strengthening institutions which physically crush opposition to apartheid.

Total Strategy entails no attempt to solve South Africa's problems. It is designed to perpetuate the contradiction as effectively as possible.

Namibia and South Africa are in states of Civil War. Once we wave aside all the rhetoric about 'total onslaught' and 'communist penetration', and examine the situation rationally, we can see that the external threat is negligible.

South Africa has 100 000 troops in Namibia which has a total population of 1.1 million. (1 soldier for every 11 civilians.) The majority of these soldiers never actually come into contact with Swapo guerillas. And since the army makes very little impression in improving the economic infrastructure of Namibia, what is the SADF doing there?

New constitution

The new constitution represents a major step in Total Strategy. In effect, the constitution tries to draw more people onto the side of the privileged and improve their chances in the war against unprivileged.

The SADF realized 'Coloureds' and 'Indians' have to be given some kind of political representation if they were to consider conscription for military service.

Status quo

Old style apartheid of Vorster days has given way to a new style heavily influenced by the defence force. It has one objective: to maintain the status quo in the most effective, sophisticated way.

In the 5 years of PW Botha's Prime-ministership, the military has played a central role in the restructuring of South Africa's political and economic activity.

South Africa

Military ideology has taken root in South Africa. War has become an integral part of our thinking.

Those who hold power have done everything possible to induce war psychosis into people, right through from infants to adults.

The military becomes increasingly prominent in our lives as our government tries to mobilize the Rand to protect white South Africa.

The military influence is seen clearly in the field of education. All white government schools in the country are required by law to run a cadet system for all males. In almost every case the education department concerned allows this to be done during normal teaching time.

R32 million is allocated from the national budget to maintain the cadet system. It is estimated that there are over 200 000 boys receiving cadets training at any one time.

Special khaki uniforms as well as boots and guns are often issued. It is not uncommon for SADF officers to come to the school to train the cadets. In effect, military training begins at 13.

War preparedness programmes vary from school to school. Activities range from military parades and obstacle courses to more benign forms of preparedness like fire fighting. Active courses are combined with civic education programmes.

Veld schools by the time they are 15; courses are run for Standards 5 and 8.

At Veld school, children spend 9 or 10 days away from home. This way children are isolated and can be placed under extreme physical and emotional stress. Individual and group victimization is not uncommon.

The trappings of the military are there; children are taught methods of camouflage, leapfrog, crawl and are taken on night hikes in which they play logisti games like Stalk-the-lantern.

A child who participated in a veld school recalls: "They woke us up in the middle of the night and took us to a place on the mountain. One of the cooks lit a cigarette and we could see the orange glow. They told us how stupid this was as we could not see him and shoot him."

Other military features of the camps include: guard duty, early morning flag raising parades and rigorous obstacle courses.

Seminars and lectures are usually held in the evenings. The propaganda is often very crude.

Children are constantly warned against the 'communist onslaught'. The South African status quo is made to look attractive. Internal oppression and conflict is glossed over.

Another ex-participant describes his experiences:
a military future

The military is directly represented on at least six non-parliamentary cabinet committees — which are seen by many as the real seats of power in South African politics.

The most important of these is the State Security Council (SSC) which includes the chief of the SADF, General Viljoen, the Minister of Defence, General Malan, Foreign Minister (and Honorary Colonel) Pik Botha. The prime-minister and former minister of defence, PW Botha, chair the committee.

Greater power

Many experts claim that this group is the key decision-making institution in South Africa today. The new constitution provides for even greater power to be placed in the hands of non-parliamentary executive groups like the SSC.

What are the reasons for this penetration of the political and economic spheres by military personnel?

Civic Action

As early as 1977, the SADF began to emphasize that '80% of the war' should be fought on the political and social terrain. The SADF began to step up its re-orientation towards a 'total strategy' approach.

The SADF's influence in spheres not directly relating to military matters has been greatly increased by the so-called 'civic action' programme — which has led to national servicemen being utilised in uniform as school teachers, doctors, engineers and nurses.

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die's contagious war fever

The general popular media is actively promoting militarism. The army produces a special publication called Paratus (meaning 'prepared') which glorifies weaponry. This is seen clearly in the glut of war and 'action' movies as well as advertising.

At present there are more than 750 000 licensed gun owners in South Africa. Commerce, and particularly big business, is increasingly recognising military achievements when appointing managerial applicants. Consequently, senior officers in the Citizen Force are increasingly emphasizing their military credentials on their curriculum vitae. Candidates standing in elections are following this trend as well.

Males are not the only targets of militarist propaganda. Women are urged to see themselves as participating in the war effort from the home, 'keeping the home fires burning', sending food, letters, and clothing to boost morale.

Programmes such as Forces Favourites attempt to boost the morale of the soldiers and women left without 'their men'.

The role of the woman as reproductive and maintainer of manpower is enforced. Clearly, militarism has permeated South African society on almost every level. We have been taught to eat, drink, think and talk war.
The SADF were called in during the '76 riots to crush the dissent of school children.

other professional roles, particularly in the bantustans.

This plays a crucial role in the 'reform' aspect of Total Strategy. It is clearly an attempt to 'win the hearts and minds' of the people. Simultaneously, the army is being employed more and more in quelling internal unrest. When Mogopa residents, for example, resisted removal, Mogopa was declared an operational area. The SADF then moved in to remove people physically. There have been many similar incidents in which the SADF has been used to enforce the structures of apartheid.

**Budget**

The ever increasing defence budget places a massive drain on the South African economy. This year R3.75 billion was allocated to defence, 15% of the total budget.

The development of a war economy is another aspect of militarisation. Increasingly industrialists are drawn into the process of producing South Africa's military hardware, through organisations like Armscor and the Defence on the arms industry.

Thus the Defence budget is used to generate economic growth for the private, as well as the public sectors. Apart from direct military production, the private sector benefits from SADF purchases of food, medical and clothing requirements. War is big business.

Procurement Act;
- The National Key Points Act - which enables the Minister of Defence to declare any building a Key Point and, thus, subject to SADF control;
- the Defence Amendment Act - which provides for the extension of conscription to women and to other race groups.

**Mobilized**

There can be little doubt that the SADF is enormously influential in directing South Africa's political and economic policies. The SADF realizes that white minority rule can survive only through a carefully orchestrated dual policy. Certain limited concessions, which do not significantly alter the structures of power, are now being made to Coloureds and Indians.

Simultaneously, the society of the white minority is mobilized and geared for war.
1. The Malady Lingers On

A prof stood silently behind the barrier lectern in a giant Senate House Mass Boredom Theatre. A new subcourse in the multifaceted Psychology I curriculum was about to commence, and the prof... hold it, enough of this formality, let's call him Fred, OK?... and Fred felt a slight unease despite having done this task (and spouted these lectures) many times before. He surveyed the ranks before him with a jaundiced eye.

You bunch of lazy bums! U think Psychology's an easy credit? U think you don't have to work? Ha! Come June you'll see! 'U'll fail! We know! We can prove it, we've STATISTICS to show it! Lassyeer neatly haffa u bastids faled an aso yeerbefore!

An Elegant Student settled back in (his? her? hir?) hir seat and allowed a faint frown of boredom to crease her lovely countenance. Se looked down at this task (and spouted these

2. Abandon All Hope, Ye Who Enter Here

Swimming through fog dr Zelig mounts the black and dreary stairs of SS and turns right down the second-floor corridor, a dank passage lined on one side with coffin-like doors forever shut and locked. Se drags his body wearily along, footsteps echoing dimly, and skirts the corpses of those who died waiting under the photographs of forgotten dweets (a particularly high pile of bodies blocks the way outside Mrs Hangon's door). This time of year is hard, so very hard, her body is packing up. hir other office (the one labelled Dr (Anonymous)). She drags herself wearily along, footsteps echoing dimly, and skirts the corpses of those who died waiting under the photographs of forgotten dweets (a particularly high pile of bodies blocks the way outside Mrs Hangon's door).

The door slams, killing any hope. The prof Fred and his ilk in this coarse u gotta lern bout SICNCE n don allow no spekerlation nor anu buncher BA woooly-headed assosse better lern by mediocritl'.

3. Phantom Typewriter

Rumour has it that PW Botha will be one of the nominees, and a strong contender, for the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize. His efforts to bring about peace and stability in the Southern African sub-continent have been widely acknowledged and lauded. This is in contrast to the heroic efforts of Ronald Reagan, for his stirring efforts to bring about peace in Europe during the 1939 Munich talks. He is also being com-mended for committing suicide in an heroic attempt to hasten the end of World War II.

According to reliable sources the other nominees will be:
- Ronald Reagan for his heroic efforts to quell unrest in Central America, as well as for his persistence in spending billions of dollars on nuclear technology and nuclear stock-piling.
- Muhamar Gadaffi for his efforts to bring about a united world. His leadership in Libya is credited with helping to keep the death toll in the Iran-Iraq war below the one million mark.

Special posthumous nominations will be made for:
- Adolf Hitler for his stirring efforts to bring about peace in Europe during the 1939 Munich talks. He is also being com-mended for committing suicide in an heroic attempt to hasten the end of World War II.
- Ghengis Khan - for his...
The UDF Million Signature Campaign is hotting up in the Transvaal.

On Saturday, April 28, 80 activists, many of them Wits students affiliated to the UDF through Nusas, took part in a signature collecting blitz in town. The UDF issued all collectors with a list of points to bear in mind while collecting signatures.

Among these they listed: 'UDF does not fight people. If people are rude, thank them and walk away. Don't get into lengthy arguments ... If you are assaulted, take the names of witnesses ... Don't drop your forms if you get angry. Hold onto them tightly. Ideally keep them in a bag so right-wingers can't grab them.'

These instructions may seem bizarre when one considers that the people concerned were merely collecting signatures.

Unfortunately the events of the 28th bore out the warnings listed above. Right-wingers snatched signature forms and assaulted Brendan Barry, SRC President and Colin Coleman, an SRC member, while police stood by and watched. Police harassed and intimidated signature collectors throughout the morning.

These tactics show the fear with which right-wingers and the state regard the UDF, seeing it as a body with the potential for truly uniting all progressive organizations in the country.

And such unity must inevitably lead to the fall of the apartheid republic, and the creation of a non-racial, democratic South Africa.

Schoolchildren are currently boycotting schools in Pretoria, Bloemfontein and Cradock. Such widespread discontent must be evidence of the continued inadequacy of the Black schooling system.

The media however has continuously portrayed the students as irresponsible and their grievances as trivial. 'Agitators' supposedly lurk behind the scenes.

Black students have consistently been willing to risk their lives and the continuity of their education to demand that 'Bantu schooling' be abolished and replaced by a free, equal and compulsory educational system for all.

The conditions they experience are difficult for most white students to understand. Overcrowding and unqualified teachers have long been some of the problems. But the present allegations of sexual harassment of female students and of exam papers not being marked, although students are failed, bear more serious attention than that afforded by either the government or the media.

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The founding members of the National Students' Federation (NSF) must be warmly congratulated for the honesty in which they have launched their alternative 'moderate' students' association, since it is patently obvious that its first 'moderate' chairman, Mr Russel Crystal, and his 'moderate' collaborators are now quite desperate to silence the 60 year old, dedicated voice of Nusas. It is not the first time, and neither the last, that Nusas has been openly challenged; this more recent development, however, is only more hysterical than previous occasions, what with a grand press gathering at the Carlton Hotel to witness the long overdue birth of the English Student's wing of the Nationalist Party.

Mr Crystal, now in his 10th student year at the University, has as a frightful fixation, the destruction of Nusas, a body committed to a non-racial and democratic South Africa. Ever since he gloriously forced the Student Moderate Alliance, Mr Crystal has as a premise for this organisation the denigration of the SRC and its clearer implications for Nusas: all the slick pro-Nationalist publications, which read more like Department of Foreign Affairs handouts are unashamedly derivative of the policy stance adopted by Nusas; all the energy generated within this group is utilised to veer English students away from political awareness and into the complacent 'moderate' stance which is nothing more than convenient acceptance of the present status quo; all the exhaustive membership drives are clearly conducted to serve the ambition of a man more committed to his own political status than to equitable change in the country.

Nusas has made it clear that it is committed to the opposition to apartheid, and this commitment is neither as Mr Crystal purports 'radical', nor dictatorial; in fact the union has much in common with the majority of people in South Africa, and the democratisation it is working towards is practical within its organisation. Furthermore the union continues to encourage debate and criticise, unlike the SMA which strictly binds its members to all policy decisions adopted by the executive, or face expulsion.

Students on the English campuses have on various occasions by way of referendum, been given the option to disaffiliate from the SRC and join Nusas, and on each occasion support for Nusas has either been manifest or withdrawn. We contend, therefore, that Nusas 'forces' students to join in no less precarious than the press statement released by the NSF that is committed to so-called patri- otism and the peaceful, evolutionary change in South Africa.

James Burt BA

Birth of the NSF

The Progressive Society does not support the SMA in its rejection of Nusas. PROG SOC is a liberal organisation and will have nothing whatsoever to do with SMA. We are vehement opponents of the National Party and it's racial policies, and reject with utter contempt any organisation which supports detention without trial, forced removals, or any measure of apartheid racial discrimination whatsoever.

We believe that though without faults, Nusas has in past provided many useful services for students. Though are not in full support of some of their most recent activities, shall never at any time now, or in the future support any Nationalist Party organisation.
Democracy in Mozambique?

Just how far can ideology go in distorting perceptions, or has the political climate in South Africa, with its freedom of speech, changed its perspective a little? I refer to the editorial, Vol 36 No 5, wherein we are informed of the 'electorally democratically elected' government of Mozambique! Would the editor like to inform us as to where and when and how free and fair elections were last held in that country, which incidentally is rated by such organizations as Amnesty International as having a human rights record worse than in South Africa.

However, perhaps my judgement is in error. After all, this is a nation! Maybe the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) is after all more democratic than the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)? If any opportunist revolutionary so desires to label himself Marxist, is he not then lipso facto 'democratic' and 'progressive'?

What really distresses me is that students' perceptions should not be prematurely blinded by ideological predilections.

Human rights and liberal freedoms are important, but then why bewail their absence only in South Africa on this continent of ours? The world is complex, there are no clear-cut issues, and this is precisely what extremist politics ignores, usually with tragic results.

Wits Student would do well to emulate that great journalist, George Orwell, whose desired appeal lay in his honesty and directness of approach, his disdain for the hypocrisy and propaganda of either left or right.

Let us not, then, imitate the sheep in Animal Farm, mindlessly bleating 'South Africa bad, Black Africa good' just as insistently as the Government and SABC in 'South Africa good, Black Africa bad'.

NOTE: To preempt any knee-jerk labelling of me, let me state that both the University of South Africa and the State are as free as any other institution.

Could you please furnish us with more details of this so-called 'electorally democratically elected' government?

Organize gays again?

In response to a letter headed 'Campus Gays: Into the Daylight' in which an appeal was made to those persons interested in forming a gay working group, I would like to express my enthusiasm for, and purposeful engendering of, such a venture. Rag is the motivation for this letter, and thus has been muffled for too long. While student activists have openly welcomed the formation of groups concerned with issues such as feminism, racism etc., the eclecticism potentially inherent in a rabble of group identities, has been denied and gay issues relegated down to the position of 'somewhere we'll get to in our own good time'.

Again, as is in common with oppressed groups, our right to speak out has been determined by the rules. In this respect, it is our right to say: I have left sitting pretty in terms of the insecurity about our own lack of organization, with society pointing this out as symptomatic of our neurotic inability to relate to one another in a meaningful, sincere way. Even in this, there is a right to existing as a group depicted as variously frivolous, childlike, foolish — as a tormented, mutilated metaphor for human loneliness. Because this, desolation, is what we will be treated as until we exist in a meaningful, sincere way.

Thus I reiterate the appeal to all gay people on campus to come forward and organize as a group. To be related to each other, we must look towards the common desire and, through our links, we must improve the tenuous and confused discourse that exists in the world around us; to redefine ourselves for change rather than to beshape for psychic imprisonment by those around us.

Wits shares facilities

I wish to reply to Michael Gering's letter ('Wits Student', Vol 36 No 5).

It is regrettable, and a great pity, that the University of the Witwatersrand Library is often accused of being a 'closed-shop' and of denying its facilities to the public of Johannesburg and to non-Wits University members of staff or students. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The public, whenever they find it absolutely necessary because of the complexity of the situation to lay down an admission policy. This policy welcomes a wide variety of professionals, members of the public, lecturers, and students from other universities.

Wits University Library, in common with other libraries, does have a severe space problem, with regard to both stock and readers. We are fully screened.

Wits students are privileged to be able to use the facilities of the South African National Library.

N. L. W. REID

Exposing the SMA: A dangerous business

We have written this letter out of concern for our own personal safety and also to inform students of a train of events that have been experienced over the last weeks.

We are part of a small group of students who have been involved in the running of the Student Affairs Management (SMA) at Wits. We have experienced a number of actions against our personal safety and our freedom of expression.

The repercussions of our actions have been sinister and unforeseen. Subsequent to the publication of our first letter, two of our number have received anonymous death threats. We were warned at risk of grievous bodily harm and even death if we ever again dared to repeat our actions. The tires on one of our cars were slashed soon after the threats were made.

While our concern for the SMA's activity has not been dampened, we feel better if our experiences can be placed in the wider context of a national debate.
**Irate Student**

On the last day of the term, I left my purse next to the catalogue in the overnight library. I returned to look for it five minutes later and it was gone. It had clearly been picked up by somebody, and I thought that they would probably return it after taking the cash, as it contained my student card and various other documents.

A few days later, I came to Wits especially to use the library. I inquired at CBI, but my purse had not been handed in.

I went to the library, partly to see if my purse had turned up, but was refused admittance. I tried to explain that my card was possibly inside, but the guard refused to listen.

My day was wasted, as I did not have the money needed to make a new card then and there. The next day I went to the trouble and expense of getting a new one, and thereby finally gained admission to the library. As soon as I got in, I inquired for my purse at the desk, and learned that it had been handed in two days earlier. It was cashless, but my card was there.

If the bureaucracy at Wits was a little less intransigent, it would save students a great deal of time, money, energy and frustration.

*Irate 3rd year student*

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**VOV furore rattles all concerned**

I, in my personal capacity as Live Music and Personnel manager on the Voice of Wits, object to the way in which your Newspaper and its editorial board operate.

Besides the fact that you seem to be very out of touch with student needs and concerns on campus, you also show little regard for other SRC sub-committees.

The letter, written by Paul Jammy, which appeared in your March 30th edition was defamatory. Mr Jammy has been associated with Wits Student since 1982 and I feel the sentiments expressed in his letter were those of Wits Student. (It might interest you to know that Mr Jammy approached me, six days after the publication of his letter, his intention being to join the Voice of Wits).

A strange turn of events in anybody's language. In future I feel it would be more beneficial if your newspaper published a reply to any letter you decide to publish concerning VOW. A reply to Mr Jammy's letter would also show little regard for other SRC sub-committees.

The views expressed in Mr Jammy's letter were in fact his personal opinions. The letter was in no way defamatory but merely questioned whether VOW provides an alternative to commercial music stations or not.

Furthermore, the hysterical response from VOW and its supporters over Mr Jammy's letter has led us to conduct a campus opinion poll on VOW, which can be found in the News Section of the paper.

*I rave Graves*

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**Heyta Projects!**

I would like to congratulate the people of Projects Comm for the informative mass meeting held on Thursday 26 April entitled ‘Can there be peace while there is apartheid?’

It was a refreshing change from the usual pattern of meetings, although there have been rare exceptions in the past, to hear a painstakingly researched and articulately documented discussion of South Africa’s recent peace initiatives with her neighbours and her lack of peace initiatives with the majority of South Africans.

The object of a mass meeting should be to inform and educate the audience, while raising issues for informal discussion as well, rather than to create mild hysteria through vague and emotional rantings and ravings about the (real) inequalities of the apartheid regime!

*I Sarakinsky*

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**The Impact of Robotics**

**SRC must sort out library issue**

This letter comes a bit late, after a delay of a month, but at that a meaningful delay.

My letter comes in response to Michael Gering's letter headlined 'Open those library doors to all' (Wits Student Vol 36 No 3). This letter concretized many feelings (and thoughts) which I had experienced before its enlightening moment only at a subliminal or gut level.

Every time I walked into Wartenweiler my stomach tightened slightly as I took my Identity Card out to show to a 'Security Officer'. Now the same thing happens at William Cullen — the Security Guard a response to "What the hell is going on?" (WS Vol 36 No 3), an article which called for more security at Wits.

I see the fact that I have to present my identity card as an act in which I partake (sic) in the suppression of other people's aspirations.

And thus I see only one solution:

The SRC has to be challenged to open up this struggle. One, which in a very concrete manner, articulates the Nusas theme for 1984 ‘Students meeting the Challenge of Change’. This letter is thus the first challenge to the SRC to do precisely this.

And thus is it time to deal with the reason for the delay in writing this letter: for a month after Gering's letter nothing has come from the SRC in the customary form of leaflets or a meeting or even a motion.

I thus call on the SRC to react to this challenge — do something — even rationalize on the grounds of practicability, but please don't remain silent. Silence can be a crime, remember.

*Open-up*

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**ROBOTS ROBOTS ROBOT**

**The Impact of Robotics**

CS1, May 17
An exhibition of Edoardo Villa's sculpture can be viewed on the Piazza until the 30th June.

Reaction has been varied (Engineering students constructed their own "masterpiece" in response). The sculptures, as a whole, are a unique synthesis of organic and mechanical forms. They stand at the meeting point of art and technology and seem to be a celebration of our modern industrial society.

The harsh angles and size of many of the works make them aggressive, alienating and at times almost fascist. There is very little horizontal emphasis which heightens the celebratory upward thrust of the works, as well as allowing them to intimidate us further.

Certain pieces have definite phallic inferences (we need not elaborate on the 'Thrust' series). Yet even these are cluttered with protective devices. Jail-like bars and "armour plating" deny any humanity inherent in the sculptures.

This is essentially art about conflict. The geometric and organic elements are in constant opposition. It also sets out to explore the nature and possibilities of the media, the relationships between positive and negative spaces.

None of the sculptures are free-standing, thus further alienating them from their surroundings. This is however often integrated and this helps balance the somewhat top-heavy nature of many of the works. The construction technique, welding and finish are superb. The works are subtly coloured without losing their metallic qualities. The surfaces are fairly smooth without being polished. The occasional acid-corroded area adds textural variation.

At the opening, Mr Villa said that it took 4—5 months, averaging 18—20 hours a day to complete a major work. When asked for further comment, he smiled and said, 'not tonight'. All in all, an exhibition no student can miss.

The Wits Students' surveyors hit campus extracting sculptured opinions. Stretching across the breadth of campus, Edoardo's sculptures once again raise the question that has baffled millions: 'Is this art?'

Sean M and Bruce Y said that 'Art is a waste of time' and that there were 'too many sculptures... and they're dangerous'. DA's opinion was that 'they're certainly noticeable, but I don't appreciate sculptures. They detract from the peacefulness of campus'. A passerby was quoted as saying: 'They're cute. I think Wits should buy a few.' SWM just said: 'Rubbish'.

The pair of S Taylors remarked that 'they are free-standing scrap-piles, and belong in a junkyard... but the weldings are good.' Another person commented: 'Why don't they bring back the trees? At least they give shade!' Gail Ford and Jan Bjorn: 'Where else can you look at them'. Someone in a red-striped T-shirt uttered one word: 'Sucks!' A pair of Nike takkies said: 'A cult of the grotesque. Ugliness has become an art. They're great!'

Makes you think, doesn't it?
Pulp masquerading as art

Pornography resembles prostitution enlarged and reproduced for a million sordid bedrooms across a hundred dying cities. Yet the relationship between the buyer and the pornographic material cannot be more than necrophilia. Pornography like all industries produces commodities for a market. Supply creates its own demand. But the things sold between the pages of 'porno-mags' were once human-beings. People feigning orgasm for a mechanical eye become objects of desire for a world of real life voyeurs. Most pornography is geared towards a male market. It is passive. Pictures lie quietly and pretend to enjoy themselves; objects are incapable of castration.

Dorothy Stratten, Playboy's 1980 'Playmate of the Year' (sic!) was murdered by her estranged husband Paul Snider later that year. Interest in the story was fanned by a series of articles by Teresa Carpenter in the Village Voice.

Film-maker Bob Fosse wrote and directed his own screenplays based on the Stratten story but Star 80 is a nauseating synthesis of glossy commercialism and high-kitsch. The gratuitous violence and topless photographs function only to titilate and demonstrate the perfection of Mariel Hemingway's (Dorothy Stratten) silicone implants - look Ma no scars!

Hemingway has not only compromised herself by consenting to the enlargement operation but has also lent legitimacy to the western cultural nation that big is better.

No villains, only people

It is rare to see a gay play that does not stick a moral, a meaning, or anything else down one's throat.

Harvey Fierstein's Torch Song Trilogy (At The Market) neither moralises nor preaches, yet makes a fairly pertinent statement. It neither burdens nor bowdlerises, yet manages to be moving.

Torch Song comprises three playlets, all dealing with episodes in the relationship of Arnold and Ed, the former an explicitly decolleted drag queen, the latter a somewhat refined 'straight' wit.

The warmth and immediacy of her portrayal of Woody Allen's precocious and naive girlfriend in Manhattan (1979) is here replaced by a laboured performance which never transcends a level of self-conscious artifice.

Whether as a result of poor acting or a trite script Eric Roberts (Paul Snider) fails to evoke sympathy as the ambitious pimp. His words and actions are directed by comic-strip motivations.

Even his mark of Cain (that infuriating lip which brands him immediately as PSYCHO-PATH) is so blantly superficial that it must certainly disappoint even the crudest bigot whose self-appointed task is the designation of deviance. Snider screams his pathologies at the audience and the game is over before it even begins.

To say that his sordid failure is juxtaposed with the decadent success of Hefner's world, a world dressed in blue silk pyjamas etc is to lend analytical credibility to a vague and unexplored issue which remains nothing more than cinematic slush. It nevertheless reveals the crude materialism which informs this screenplay.

Fosse achieves his objectives in Star 80 in one area only: a conscientious avoidance of the most disturbing issues raised by the Stratten story. A film often reveals more about itself not in what it portrays but in what it chooses to leave out. In attempting (and failing) to examine the psycho-sexual relationship between Stratten and Snider while ignoring the collective pathology of modern society - the transformation of people into things in pornography - Star 80, like Playboy magazine, is pulp masquerading as art.

Violence and sex are powerful themes which form and can change human emotions and attitudes. Fosse's manipulation of them is entirely mercenary. The graphic violence in the film, which he hopes will draw people to the box-office merely reinforces violent reality. It does not challenge, it desensitises.

When Stratten is killed, Snider's shotgun, a huge phallic symbol fills the screen. This violence is echoed immediately afterwards when Snider raps the dead girl. The link between weapon and phallus is made (even if unintentionally). But the audience has already fixated. By far the most common reaction to Star 80 was an aesthetic appreciation of 'Hemingway's lekker tits'. This time Fosse f*cked it up.

Awake Wits stars

Three months into the academic year, an unquestionably successful Orientation Week and Free Peoples Concert; the end of the Rag '84 term of office; many social and cultural functions... AND STILL VERY FEW NEW FACES!

The long-term appeal of this article is to begin planning a foundation for a proposed NUSAS NATIONAL CULTURE TOUR in June 1985. Tentative arrangements are being considered if a positive response is forthcoming.

Furthermore, with the move to Milner Park in 1986, theatres by administration if the wealth of hidden talent surfaces.

On a more short-term basis, Culture Comm will be hosting a Rising Star Week (the dates will be withheld according to response). We will attempt to run this project over a period of 2/3 days at the pool on an informal basis. Performances will (it is hoped) be judged by the likes of Barry Rouge and Peter Feldman. All aspirant participants should submit their name, act and approximate length of act to the SRC general reception office or alternatively place these entries forms in the 'CENTRAL BLOCK' pigeonhole in the entrance to Student Union Building.
Bergman’s last words

Ingmar Bergman’s ‘Fanny and Alexander’ has been so well received that its screening has been extended to May 10 at the Constantia Cinema, Rosebank. It is a complex film — fascinating on both visual and thematic levels.

Initially, Fanny and Alexander are part of the harmonious Ekdahl household, and its opulent, theatrical environment. This changes however, when, after their father’s death, their mother Emilie marries the austere Bishop. The children are suddenly thrust into a fanatically religious household devoid of warmth and colour.

The plot structure at first seems to resemble that of Hamlet — Alexander sees the ghost of his dead father, and then, like Hamlet, wishes to destroy his stepfather the Bishop. Oscar (the children’s father) plays the ghost in Hamlet at the time of his death and Emilie denies the parallels between Alexander’s situation and that of Hamlet. One is thus never sure of the relevance of Hamlet in Fanny and Alexander and this confusion adds to the complexity of the film.

‘Fanny and Alexander’ deals with virtually every aspect of human life and it is therefore difficult to pinpoint definite themes. The sharp contrast between the world of theatre and magic and that of a Calvinistic religion, seems to be a major concern however. The two vastly different environments are effectively juxtaposed throughout.

Bergman uses a great deal of symbolism, which although usually impressive, sometimes lacks subtlety; the frequent focus on candles and the skeleton in the background, are examples of this.

According to Bergman, Fanny and Alexander will be his last movie and this perhaps accounts for the fact that it is a rather self-indulgent affair. The film which is already three hours long, has been cut by two hours. The close-up has possibly been over-used. Although pretty, one can argue that Alexander’s face does not merit such continuous attention.

As a whole however, ‘Fanny and Alexander’ is well worth seeing. The acting is superb, the film, rich in colour and texture, is a profoundly satisfying work of art.

What’s on in Arts this Autumn

The Department of English will be presenting a series of lectures on Shakespeare. The programme is as follows:

Monday, 14 May OS4
14h30: ‘A World Elsewhere: Romanitas and its limitations’, Professor Geoffrey Hughes, Department of English, Wits
15h45: ‘Practice and Production: The Jew of Malta and The Merchant of Venice’, Joseph Shorey, Department of English, Wits

Tuesday, 15 May OS3
14h30: ‘The Italian Sources of Romeo and Juliet’, Professor Bruce Merry, Department of Italian, Wits

Wednesday, 16 May OS3
14h30: ‘Cruelty, King Lear and the Land Act of 1913’, Dr Martin Orkin, Department of English, Wits
15h45: ‘Nature in II l-20’, Dr Merle Williams, Department of English, Wits
16h45: ‘A Phenomenological Perspective, Gillian Noero, A Structuralist Perspective

Thursday, 17 May OS4
14h30: ‘Antony and Cleopatra’, Professor Brian Chedle, Dept of English, Wits
15h45: ‘Language and Character in Hamlet’, Professor Ian Ferguson, Department of English, UNISA

FILM SOCIETY:
An ongoing season of fine film fare is presented at 17h35 and 20h00 every Monday evening (during University term) in SH6. Membership can be effected at the door 20 minutes before commencement of screening. Annual membership, for 12 films, is R30.00; half-year R15.00; or minimum membership of R6.00 for 3 films.

4 June: ‘Georgia’s Friends’, Arthur Penn, USA, 1982
11 June: ‘Eating Raoul’, Paul Bartel, USA, 1982

THEATRE:
One act plays Downstairs at the Wits Theatre: Fourth Year Students of the School of Dramatic Art will direct fellow students in Tom Stoppard’s ‘After Magritte’, Edward Bond’s ‘Passion’, and Edward Albee’s ‘The American Dream’.

Wednesday 9 May at 12h40
After Magritte

Thursday 16 May at 12h40
Passion

Friday 17 May at 12h40
The American Dream

Tuesday 22 May at 12h40
A Triple Bill

Saturday 12 May at 20h00
A Triple Bill

Sunday 12 May at 20h00
A Triple Bill

PSALMS:
The Choristers, Philofood, and the Wits University Orchestra in an exciting programme which will include excerpts performed

Peters by the Lake, Lycium Church, Lower Park (opposite the Zoo Lake)

GUITAR:
Master Classes with Nigel Yepes: One of the ear greatest instrumentalists, the concert tour of the Republic give his only Master Class in Guitar at Wits on Saturday 4 June at 13h30 and 18h30 at Wits Theatre. Fees are R40 (participants) and R20 (observers). Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, School of Music Telephone (011) 716-3979.

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Sports hall indoors

Soccer club scores indoors

This year Wits Indoor Soccer Club enters its second official season although two highly successful seasons lie behind it. With the advent of the unofficial season in April 1981 Wits University scored a first in being the first body in South Africa to run an indoor soccer league.

However, now that the novelty of Indoor Soccer appears to have worn off, virtually every team in this year's league has had experience in this extremely fast (and extremely tiring) form of soccer. In fact four teams, namely Law, Mercere, Mindomob and Wits, have participated in the league since its inception.

These teams, together with Wits and Ex-Wits sportspersons, have all had a good season so far. While Mike Rindel and John du Plessis are players with exciting futures, two bowling finds of the season have been made up of 9 teams, which include those with 20 wickets behind the wickets and 10 wickets behind the wickets. Bruce McBride and Kevin Kerr, both TV1 regulars, have played matches in the Transvaal League. The 9th team plays in the Transvaal League, while Mike Rindel also played in the TV1 B team. Bruce McBride, a former Northern Transvaal wicket-keeper, had a good season behind the stumps, and was rewarded with a SAU cap. Kevin Kerr and Craig Benadie were selected for the SAU B team.

Of the batsmen, Raj Patel, John Perrett and Andy Rozelli all had a good season, while Mike Rindel and John du Plessis are players with exciting futures. Two bowling finds of the season are Mike Clark and Steve Zwie. Both were Nuffield players, and together with Justin Pearce did well in supporting Richard Ellison. Paul Botha continued to progress towards being a top-class bowler.

Rugby fixtures

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is also attempting to negotiate the holding of an Intervarsity tournament at Wits.

Hockey loses but wins

The men's Hockey club is made up of 9 teams, which play every Sunday morning from the beginning of April to mid August. The club plays in the STA leagues. Wits 1st team plays in the top premier league. The 9th team plays in the bottom league, so the club caters for all levels of hockey players.

This year the club has had a record number of new members of which 4 are ex-SA school players. At present the club has had limited success on the hockey field. This should however improve in the future. At a recent tournament the 1st team showed true Wits spirit by losing most of their matches but walking off with the social prize. Eleven players have been selected to represent Southern Transvaal at the SA U21 tournament.

Anyone interested in playing hockey for the club should go down to practises at the hockey fields on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5:30 and 6:30pm.

Tennis tournament

The annual Wits closed Tennis Tournament will be held this year from May 12 to June 2.

The prize money for this event has been increased substantially; and for the first time in many years, trophies will be presented to the winners of the different events. Another first for the tournament is that men and women players will receive equal prize money.

Play takes place on Saturdays and Sundays, commencing on May 12, and ending with the finals on June 2.

The entry fee for the tournament, covering all events, is R8, and the closing date for entries is 2.00pm. Thursday May 10 Entry forms can be obtained from the sports desk at the Old Mutual Sports Hall during the week.

Boat club features

During the mid term vacation the Boat Club participated in the SA rowing championships.

Two national titles were won by Wits: the Coxed Fours and the Eights. Three Wits oarsmen and a coxswain were selected for the national squad: D Brittain, S Leigh, R McCall and A Lonman-Davies.

Wits First Eight

Stroke: D Brittain
Cox: S Leigh
N Martinson
C Fussel
D Brittain
S Lawrence
R McCall
N Thomas
E Levieux
A Lonman-Davies

A week later the Boat Club was in Cape Town for intervarsity hosted by UCT.

On a rough Zeekoivlei the Wits first eight diversified into small boats and won the Senior A; pairs, coxed and coxless fours and the eights. Unfortunately the overall points trophy was wrested from Wits (for the first time in many years) by Natal University (PMB).

News Flash

At the Pronutro Sport-Ing Greats competition held in Johannesburg this week, two Wits and ex-Wits sportspersons were nominated as being among South Africa's top sportspersons.

Those nominated were:
Bruce Fordyce (marathon)
Mark Plaatjies (marathon) currently a Wits student.

Attention black students

Black students residing in 'white areas' who are concerned about Group Areas Prosecutions please contact Campus Law Clinic 716-3613/3040.