* 657 days
  Raymond Suttner
* 654 days
  Chris Ngcobo
* 314 days
  Mojalefi Matlole
  Mokgomotsi Mogodire
  Pascal Moloi
  Jacob Mshali
* 309 days
  Peter Muisi
* Detained 18 March
  Tiego Moseneki
* Detained 21 March
  Rose Hunter

Thorns in the government's side
At UCT

A PEACEFUL march on Parliament last Wednesday by 300 UCT students was stopped by police armed with riot gear and a water cannon. The march dispersed peacefully with no incidents.

The students had planned to present a motion to Parliament condemning the latest restrictions placed on organisations. The motion – passed unanimously by over 3000 students and staff at a student assembly held that day – was supported by a wide variety of student groupings, including RAG, Nusas, Young Christian Students and the Sports Union.

An Administration spokesperson said at the assembly: "Sansso played a useful and positive role on campus" and described its banning as a "foolish and repressive act." Guest Speaker Advocate Dullah Omar – formerly of the UDF, said the bannings "amounted to an admission of defeat by the government" and urged people to be optimistic: "You can restrict organisations and ban individuals from speaking but no one can ban the ideas of liberty," he said.

During the meeting, members of the Academic Staff and Administration appealed to students not to attempt the march because of the "extreme danger involved."

While at Maties...

THE Chair of Stellenbosch SRC seriously overstepped his powers when he unilaterally banned a campus meeting last month where conscientious objector, Ivan Toms, was due to speak.

A meeting was addressed by leaders of the Christian, Hindu, and Moslem religions. The resolution from Thursday's meeting was re-affirmed.

Following the recent banning of 17 organisations by the government, the Stellenbosch SRC voiced its support in a motion carried by 12 votes to three and proposed by Beukman. The SRC expressed concern about "The revolutionary onslaught against the republic."

The Stellenbosch SRC believes that the steps against organisations are meant in the spirit of "establishing a peaceful climate" in order for political reform to take place.

The motion expressed hope that the banings would have the effect of 'working against the build up of a revolutionary climate.'

While the SRC had refused the request by Nusas to send a delegation of student representatives from Nusas-affiliated campuses across the country presenting a statement to the government at the Union Buildings in Pretoria,

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Durban

A MEETING protesting the effective banning of 17 organisations attracted a crowd of 2000 students on Durban campus recently.

The Durban SRC decided to send delegates to a national Nusas campaign which will culminate in a delegation of student representatives from Nusas-affiliated campuses across the country presenting a statement to the government at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

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Durban Westville

ON THURSDAY 17 March, a mass meeting of over 2000 students was held at University of Durban Westville campus, where it was agreed to stay away from lectures on Friday 18 March and from campus altogether on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 March - to protest the pending hanging of the Sharpeville Six and to commemorate the Sharpeville and Uitenhage massacres and to respond to the national call for a day of protest on 21 March.

On Friday 18 March a Prayer Meeting attended by over 3000 students was held on campus. The meeting was addressed by leaders of the Christian, Hindu, and Moslem religions. The resolution from Thursday's meeting was re-affirmed.

On Monday 21 there was an 80% stay-away on campus. Some students went to work in the library despite the resolution. There was a march of students mainly from residences. Altercations developed between students marching and students working in the libraries as marching students attempted to persuade students to leave the library and heed the stay-away. Students in the library, angered by this, went to the SRC offices to complain but found them closed in commemoration. In the ensuing turmoil, a window of the SRC offices was smashed.

A police helicopter arrived on the scene firing teargas, rubber bullets, as well as videos showing all action. Eight students were arrested and several were injured.
Over 100 students participated in a picket which marked the 28th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, as well as the detentions of Rose Hunter and Tiego Mose neke. Tiego remains inside. The picket roved, moving across East campus and onto West.

Rose held for a week - no reason

SRC President Rose Hunter has been released. She was detained last Monday when six plain-clothes policemen arrived at her parents' home in Foresttown early in the morning, told her to pack clothes and took her away.

Rose was released on Monday morning. On Friday Mojalefi Matolile, who had been in detention for 314 days was also released. At the time of going to press, Rose was not available for comment.

Throughout her years at Wits Rose has been active in student organisations. Rose is a committed Catholic and is a former chairperson of Wits Cathsoc. She has also been both national co-ordinator and chair of the National Catholic Students Federation.

In 1986 Rose was elected to the SRC as the Law Faculty representative. In 1987 she was again elected to the SRC, this time as President, only the third woman to hold this post in Wits' history.

Rose Hunter's outspoken opposition to apartheid is the most obvious reason for her detention. Another reason, perhaps less obvious, but no less important, is her commitment to representing students.

This commitment was evident in the work she did on the SRC. She played a major role in working to change the image of the SRC, forging genuine links with a range of student organisations. In the recent referendum, with a poll of 57%, 88% of students voted YES to the present SRC. The results cannot have pleased the government, who do not wish to see campus unifying under a Nusas-affiliated SRC.

In terms of the emergency regulations Wits Student cannot publish any details of the conditions of her detention.

During her detention, Rose was the only white woman in detention.

Rose is not the only Wits student in detention. Former BSS and Azaso (now Sansco) President Tiego Mose neke was detained three days before Rose from his room in Braamfontein. There are five other students and a Wits lecturer who have spent between ten and 21 months in detention.

There is no indication that any of them will be charged or released.

Report restricted

Raukie detained

A RAU student, Chris Landsberg, was detained briefly on Thursday morning. He is a member of African's Against Apartheid (AAA) at RAU, a non-racial, progressive organisation with links to Nusas.

Landsberg was held for five hours and then released, but he has been restricted under the emergency regulations. Wits Student could not get comment from either the RAU SRC or the Dean of Students as they are away visiting a university in Taiwan.

Police raid Barnato

EARLY on Monday 21 March, an hour before SRC President Rose Hunter, was detained, security police entered Barnato Hall looking for SRC member Mike Avidan's room.

At 3am last Monday four plain clothes security policemen entered the room. They made their way to Avidan's room and demanded that he open the door.

The third year medical student who is on the SRC was not in his room, as he is in the middle of exams and was studying at a friend's house. However, a friend of Avidan's sleeping in the room, leapt out of bed as soon as he heard the knocking and stood against the door when he saw the police shining a torch through the grated above.

The person inside the room later jumped out of the window on the second floor. Residents at Barnato claimed they could smell teargas from outside Avidan's door. Teargas in an enclosed area is extremely dangerous and should teargas have been released in the room, all the residents in the vicinity could have been affected.

When asked to comment, Avidan, a well-known figure both on campus and at Medical School, said that it is becoming more obvious that the government intends to "clampdown on anything that moves."

Wits Student asked Mike how he felt having heard that Security Police were looking for him. "I have had to constantly be on the move. Every night I sleep in a different place, having to worry about studying for my final exams, knowing that if I fall asleep I could get kicked out of Wits."

Diary

The SRC diary contains an incorrect date for the beginning of the second teaching block. This starts on Thursday 14 April, a day earlier. The Science Faculty, however, will only be commencing on Monday 18 April.

Diary editors Dave Kimber and Anthony Philbrick plead innocent to the error, as they received all the dates from Adm

Rape at Wits

LAST week a member of staff was raped on West Campus. In the early evening, as the woman walked across the old showgrounds parking lot near the construction site to her car parked at the Wedge, she was attacked and raped.

According to Mr Bob Maskell of Wits Security, "An investigation is happening. The woman has given us a description and we are pursuing a couple of leads."

This is not the first time a woman has been sexually assaulted at Wits. A few years ago, a student was attacked during lecture time in the Oppenheimer Life Sciences Building. Her attacker forced her into a room at gun point and forced her to perform oral sex on him. He was never apprehended.

According to the SRC Women's Portfolio Holder, Beth Goldblatt, "Most of the rapes are not even reported, and when they are, very few women press charges."

Goldblatt also said that a staff member went to the university administration about last week's rape, urging them to make a statement. They have not yet done so.

Goldblatt said that Wits Security were "thin on the ground" and urged students to be aware of the problem as a social problem which needed acting upon.

"There is the danger of women developing an incapacitating paranoia. Women should consider self-defence, carrying mace sprays, parking in well-lit areas and phoning Security if they need an escort," said Goldblatt.
**Jubilee votes no**

ON MONDAY 7 March in a referendum held in Jubilee Hall, the residence voted a resounding "no" to apartheid. The referendum was organised by the Jubilee House Committee and resulted in a sixty-six percent poll, seventy-eight percent of whom voted against apartheid, four percent voting for apartheid, and eighteen percent of residents abstaining.

Jubilee House Comm said, "We are trying to foster better relations between all groups in res. We held the referendum to determine a mandate from the res to function as totally non-racial body."

Residents were asked whether they accepted or rejected apartheid. The House Comm maintains that it was not an attempt to "push politics". Residents were also given the option of abstaining altogether. "The referendum was totally anonymous and democratic, not prejudicial in any way," a House Comm member said.

Ms Ariadne Schellhorn, warden of Jubilee Hall, said she was "surprised" to see that four percent had in fact accepted apartheid. Yet what shocked her more were the abstentions. "The situation is right on our doorstep. There has to be a commitment - one way or the other. We cannot pull the wool over our eyes and abstain."

The House Comm feels that with the mandate given them, Jubilee Hall can now form into a normal, non-racist community, one that will reflect a changing South Africa.

**Rag sabotage**

**BARNATO** residents registered shock on hearing that their Rag float had been sabotaged during the fun and frolics at floatbuilding. The float, built around a Western theme, was one of the later arrivals at Frankenwald. In the ensuing panic, it was inspected, and nobody questioned the presence of a suspicious character hanging around the truck. Ostensibly checking the front axle, he cut the clutch pipe and ignition wires, effectively rendering it useless. At the same time, the House Comm Chair's bag, together with his camera, was stolen.

Bystanders' descriptions of the saboteur varied, although it was agreed that he was drunk. Barnato House Comm does not believe the incident was a product of inter-res rivalry, but that it was the work of a malicious individual, with the help of a little Dutch courage.

Undaunted, Sandy Liston, Rag co-ordinator at Barnato, organised a group of approximately 40 residents to sell Wits Wits, and the resulting fledged a sum of money in the 702 Rag Telethon.

**FOLLOWING** last year's 9% election poll, the SRC has won a resounding victory over apathy. They obtained a 57% poll in the much publicised referendum, with 50% of all eligible students voting "Yes".

After a week of intense campaigning the SRC secured the mandate to continue; 88% of the poll voted "Yes", 10% voted "No", while 2% spoilt their ballot.

Tom Plemann, SRC Honorary Treasurer, said: "The large response of students on campus is due to the fact that this SRC has jacked itself up, is positive and is accessible to students."

**Wits Student** put some questions which were raised by students during the course of the referendum to Tom. We asked him about SRC 'accessibility' on West Campus considering the SRC office has not been open every lunchtime. He said that at the beginning of the year the keys were misplaced. The office was eventually opened. During the referendum campaign it was not open because there was a table outside the office.

A question that a large number of students asked during the referendum was whether or not the SRC would continue with what they had done prior to the referendum. Tom replied: "Look at what we've got on the go at the moment, the problem of fees, residence fees among others." Alterations to the Students Union Arcade to accommodate a number of new shops are to take place and will commence in April. "That is one of the reasons the telephones have been removed." Tom added.

**SRC members on trial on West.**

They will be replaced with phones as soon as the alterations are completed.

The question of the UDF boycott was also brought up during the referendum. Tom said it was "horrifying" that the government continues to attack democracy by banning the UDF, Sanco, as well as the other 15 organisations. The SRC was also instrumental in getting the SDM to organise representatives to go to parliament to protest against the bannings.

**Mens Res Dean slams gripes**

STUDENTS living at Mens Res are complaining about the conditions in the residence, especially in College House. Students claim that despite repeated protests to the secretary, living conditions remain far below those enjoyed at EOHI, Jubilee, Sunnyside and Barnato, although residents pay the same fees at all the residences.

Students complain that in some rooms the carpets are missing, or are perpetually damp. Carpets in the hallways are shoddy, dirty and smelly.

The Dean of Men's Res claims that most of the damage to the res is caused by students. He said, "This vandalism makes me angry, but what makes me even more angry is students complaining about it. It is their responsibility to do something about it."

Residents allege that the heaters in each room are dilapidated and constitute a major hazard in some places. Broken windows are not replaced. Bedbugs are a problem, seemingly having developed an immunity to the repeated spraying of the rooms. Students allege that this is so severe in some rooms, that the occupant wakes up in blood stained sheets, having been bitten so badly.

Despite recent renovations where a leaky roof has been replaced and the residence painted, residents are far from happy. Certain toilets cannot be used, because they cannot be unblocked. The new paint in the bathrooms is bubbling and peeling - more evidence of the dampness.

Security is another major gripe. Cars are stolen with monotonous regularity from the Mens Res parking lot. EOHI and Mens Res are the only residences with security guards, so protection of possessions is very limited.

Window and door latches are often not replaced if broken, and students have had to resort to insufficient make-shift contraptions to keep them closed. The Dean believes it is uneconomical to replace broken windows and doors as the students would simply break them again.

Balcony rooms are particularly exposed. Doors secured with pieces of rope are easily forced open, and several residents have been robbed in this way. Wits Security have been accused of ineffectiveness, especially after a burglary found in Mens Res escaped from their custody.

In response, Wits Security admitted that the thief escaped, and that an investigation into the matter has already taken place. Security has succeeded in apprehending another burglar in Mens Res, who was allegedly piling possessions from students rooms while they were sleeping. Since then, complaints from students about thefts have dropped from one a day to one a week. The thief was charged with trespassing and fined.

**Rag theme**

"LIGHTS, camera, action!" is the 1988 Rag theme. Some students think that, "Lights, camera, sink" is a more appropriate theme after the building was washed out.

A lot of work went into preparation of Frankenwald, the venue for the float building/float night on March 11. What started as a drizzle at 21h00, had become a torrential downpour by 05h30 the following morning. Five months' preparation by a frenetic SRC Committee began to float away.

The early morning process had to stop in Jorissen Street, due to a "no" on the building under the bridge at the bottom of Yale Road.

The judging of floats took place under the bridge. First place was awarded to Sunnyside and Mens Res, topping the Miners from under the bridge which they have held for the past four years. They had to share the content with second place with the Italian Society coming third.

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WITS Security's nabbing of a thief stealing Peppermint Crisps in the Senate House Shop led to the discovery of over R20,000 worth of stolen computer equipment in his room.

Klaas Johanssen was a final year computer science student last year. In January he received a five year suspended sentence for theft after stolen computer equipment, valued at around R20,000, was found in his room at Knockando Res.

Johanssen started stealing after he got hold of a master key for Wits' Computer Centre. According to an informed source: "He was well known around here (the Computer Centre). He always got straight A's, he tutored computer science students and did part-time work here, setting up machines and so on."

During August and September of 1987, Johanssen unlocked doors in the Computer Centre. Wits Student's source said, "He took bits at a time. For example: once he took a screen out of the storage cell but left its box in place, so we didn't realise it was gone. The screen was a demo model from our suppliers and we only found that it was gone when they came to collect it."

Johanssen used the same method to steal a printer. Disk drives, adaptor cords and keyboards also disappeared unnoticed. According to our source, "Repairs are done all the time, there are always bits lying around. We just wouldn't notice if a piece or two went missing."

Johanssen changed his methods when he broke into the Estates and Buildings Offices on West Campus. He stole a very new, very expensive machine, an 80386 system unit, valued at about R15,000. According to Wits Student's source, "We knew about the 80386 because it's the first of its kind in South Africa, but because the Computer Centre was not directly involved, we didn't suspect anything."

Finally Johanssen got caught red-handed. This time he was stealing Peppermint Crisps. Wits Security caught him in the Senate House Sweet Shop at 02h00. There were no signs of a break-in because Johanssen had a key.

During his questioning, Johanssen said that he found the Sweet Shop key in the door of the Standard Bank. Wits Security checked his keys and found the Computer Centre master key. When the Computer Centre found out about the key they checked their stocks and found out about the missing equipment. Johanssen's room was searched, and all of the stolen goods were recovered.

Wits Security, after consultation with Admin, then turned the matter over to the police.

Anthony Gordon composes his last ever Rag Dynamics.
A final joke from Mega-mouth: "When I arrived on campus the other day I knew the police had been - the mints in the urinals had been eaten and all the campus security dogs were pregnant!"

The Rag Committee usually makes a profit of well over R100,000 and after the washout faced the prospect of making up a lot of money and fast. For the concert to break even about double the amount was required. Normally about R15,000 is raised during the procession.

Baylis explains how some quick thinking by the committee saved the day. With the energetic support of 702 Radio Station, Rag organised a radiothon which was held on Saturday 19 March. A phenomenal R90,000 was pledged.

Michael Gordon, vice chair says, "The way the Wits community and the people of Jo'burg dipped into their pockets when our beneficiaries looked stranded was really great. No matter how much hard work the Rag people put in, nothing would have been possible without the magic 702."

Wits Wits selling on Saturday was crucial. Gordon says it was "much the same as last year." Over R100,000 was raised. "This year the net profit is much higher than last year because we cut costs much more and raised more in ads - about R50,000."

A lot of copies went unsold and so we sold them off at a discount. Gordon hoped for more sellers - next year we'll go on a drive and get more sellers on the street." The magazine itself is judged to be one of the best in recent years. "Roy Blumenthal grafted really hard," Gordon said, "It's the first time in a very long time we've ever had a Wits Wits delivered a week early."

Last year money Wits Rag raised was donated to the Alexandra Health Clinic, Muldersdrift Clinic, Entokwoni Health Centre, Riverlea Social Services, the Wits Campus Law Clinic and the Wits Street Law Clinic. Baylis wanted to raise student awareness of the socio-economic problems in our society, especially through publicising information about the beneficiaries and getting more students involved in this aspect of Rag's activities.

The Rag beneficiary team has met with UCT's Rag to study their sub-committee, the Student Health and Welfare Committee (Shawco), which handles the financial distribution to beneficiaries and has very successfully involved students in "hands on" work in underprivileged communities.

Baylis says he realises if Wits had to adopt a similar project, it would take some time before it became "fully workable."

IN Wits Student vol 40 no 3, It was stated that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Charlton did not issue a statement condemning the bannings last month of 17 organisations. This is incorrect. Prof Charlton issued a statement soon after the bannings, condemning the government's actions. Wits Student apologises for any inconvenience this inaccuracy may have caused.
Healthy prices

Wits Student continues to receive many complaints about high canteen prices. We approached SRC member Berenice Garb, and she and a Wits Student reporter discussed the problem with Steve Corry, Deputy Director of Catering Services.

In the face of Garb’s insistent bargaining—backed up by the reporter—Mr Corry agreed to lower some prices, such as health rolls, down from R2.10 to R1.90; salads from R1.45 to R1.20; and fruit buns from 45c to 30c.

He also said that fruit juices are to be sold as well as the standard orange, guava and granadilla concentrates—the juices will be delivered daily.

Mr Corry refuses to negotiate the prices of ice-cream, cigarettes, chocolates and chips, because they are “luxuries” and an important source of business.

One or two of the less profitable units of the catering division are in danger of being closed down. This, apparently, is because Wits has never been subsidised to the extent that a university such as RAU is.

The canteens run at a loss as their general inflation rate.

As well as this, Corry warns, students must bear in mind that each polystyrene cup they nonchalantly destroy costs Wits Catering 3.1 cents. Millions of cups and paper plates are used annually.

For those of you who have been going cold turkey for the past week and a half, the news is that maintenance was contacted a week ago to repair the vending machine but nothing (as you all know) has been done about it.

Wits Student however, is pleased to point out with pride the reappearance of the cheese/bacon and cheese ham toasted sandwiches as a result of our article in the last edition.

Given by two state witnesses, a Mr X and a Mr Y. The six were convicted for the murder of the deputy mayor of Sharpeville. In convicting them Justice Human recognized that they did not commit the murder but held that they had been part of a crowd of rent protesters who shared a common purpose in the killing.

Wits Student spoke to Ivy Fetane, Mokhesi’s fifteen year old niece. She is not his niece by blood, but her mother and Mokhesi were brought up together. Talking about her uncle, Ivy described him as “very friendly”. “He used to take us out to bioscope—every weekend he came to us. If he had money we went to bioscope, if not we stayed at home.” Ivy is the youngest of seven children and lives in Noordgesig with her mother who is a clerk at Coronationville hospital and her father who is a panelbeater.

Ivy has not seen her since his imprisonment in February 1985. “I think it’s unfair,” she says. “They say he killed a man and he didn’t, and it’s not fair now his kid Modise has to go and stay in England—she has no one to live with.” Modise Mokhesi will have to leave Soweto if Francis Mokhesi is hanged, to live in England where his sister now lives. Ivy says she will miss her cousin. “They are staying in Soweto and come over every weekend to stay with us.”

We asked Ivy what she thought of the State President. “Botha, I hate him, he’s unfair because how can he kill a woman?”

Theresa Ramashola is one of the “Sharpeville Six” and if she hangs will be the first woman to hang for a political offence. Ramashola is the breadwinner in a family of three daughters. Ivy says of her, “My heart is sore about her, because what is a home without a woman?”

Ivy spoke of how she came home on Thursday before the hangings were due to happen, to discover that they had been put forward a month: “When we found out he won’t be hanged a lot of people called, even one from Brazil, a lot of people were very happy. Overseas they had a day where people boycotted for the ‘Sharpeville Six’.”

The recent one month stay of execution granted to the “Sharpeville Six” has once more drawn attention to the large numbers of people awaiting execution and to the families they will leave behind.

Francis (Dan) Mokhesi, one of the six, is a thirty-one year old professional football player, with a nine year old daughter, Modise, and a sister living in England. He was convicted on the basis of evidence

Ivy Fetane: an uncle on death row.

The committee has the power to remove the privileges of students it finds to be guilty.

Witnesses called to the hearing to testify included high-ranking members of Wits Security.

It is University policy that the content of certain disciplinary hearings is confidential, and names have therefore been withheld.

The committee was composed of two academics, a student and a member of Council. The committee has the power to impose fines, expel, suspend or testify included high-ranking members of Wits Security.

A WITS student who allegedly threw stones at police during a protest on campus last year was acquitted at a disciplinary hearing.

The incident occurred on 30 April 1987 during a confrontation between students and police (armed with riot equipment and teargas) on Jan Smuts Avenue.

The student did not guilty.

A fire in the Richard Ward building on Monday 21 March, was started by a faulty switch in a computer. The fire was extinguished by Wits Fire staff before the municipal fire department had arrived.

The previous week fire drills were held in Senate House were the building was cleared. There was no fire alarm in Richard Ward and students and staff in the building carried on as usual. The annual fire drill is a fire engine only crew spectators.

Sixtieth

The newly-elected Medical Students’ Council (MSC), is to concern itself with issues ranging from allowing beer at Medical School, improving security in the parking lot, making students “aware of political issues” and publicising and condemning situations such as Baragwanath Hospital and health care segregation.

“The beauty of this MSC,” says the new President, Zal’ev Levin, “is that it is made up of very different people with different interests.”

The 1988 MSC was elected following a
Students to challenge Pretoria

TODAY's student leaders from all campuses with Nusas affiliated SRC's are going to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest the banning of the UDF and 16 other organisations including Sansco, of which the Black Students' Society (BSS) is an affiliate.

Last Thursday a general assembly was called in response to the detention of Tiego Mose内ke, former BSS president and Rose Hunter, SRC president. Erica Elk, the acting SRC president, told a packed Great Hall that representatives from various campus constituencies would be part of the national protest. These constituencies include SRC faculty representatives, reps from residence House Committees and members of clubs and societies.

Wits students will not only register their protest against the bannings and the De Klerk regulations, but take with them the message that Wits as a community rejects the detention of Tiego and Rose. Elk said, "The banning of the UDF is a violation of human rights, the right to exist as an organisation and express opposition to apartheid." Elk particularly condemned the banning of Sansco which was working with Nusas to build a non-racial society. She said, "The banning of Sansco is a direct threat to this process."

Black Students' Society president, James Maseko, condemned the detentions of Tiego Mose内ke and Rose Hunter. The banning of Sansco means no national co-ordination of black students' organisations across the country is possible. It is also aimed at isolating students from other sectors of the community.

Other speakers at the student assembly included Professor Hunter, Rose's father; Winnie Mandela; Frank Chikane, former General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC); and Chilli Tutu of the Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw).

Mandela urged all students to "build a future together". She said she looked forward to the day when there would be one student body at Wits.

On nghệve, speaking on the role of the church, said, "Churches are not bound to obey the laws of apartheid. It is in our obedience to God that we must break these laws." He went on to accuse the government of creating a revolutionary climate by its adherence to apartheid.

Big noise over statue

ART needn't be locked up in the no-noise, no-touch atmosphere of the art gallery. Maybe it should be something that simply happens one day as you round some boring curve; something so crazy and enigmatic that your curiosity is aroused, despite efforts to stay asleep and you start questioning its origin, meaning and purpose.

Such was Lewis Levin's intention when he single-handedly created the much loved and hated sculpture in front of the John Moffat building. Levin is a final year architecture student. He used bits of old sculptures and various materials to make his sculpture. The sculpture is almost entirely metal and the hollow tubes on the one side are meant to be clashed together to make a BIG NOISE. The sculpture is almost entirely metal and the hollow tubes on the one side are meant to be clashed together to make a BIG NOISE. Levin wants all students to share and delight in his sculpture with him. The more people who climb all over it, bash out tuneless chords on its pipes or even vandalise it, the happier he is.

Levin believes it stands as an open invitation to everyone to experience aspects of sculpture as the visual and to break the rule of sacred silence that surrounds the viewing of art.

The Dean of the Architecture Faculty, John Muller, (who is, incidentally, a town planner) would like to return Levin's sculpture to the scrap heap and restore the square to its state of pristine dullness.

Muller claims one person had complained about Levin's "Work of Art". He said: "I will be holding a meeting with the students about the sculpture shortly." Muller claims the noise disturbs him and besides, Levin didn't go through the right channels before putting it up.

Levin feels that he might have been an old man before the aesthetic communities as cumbersome other bureaucracies had finished with it. He decided to rather put it up without permission in the hope that students would like it and make sure it didn't get carried away with Wits Security.

Scag cleans up

FIFTY eight students cleaned up the Mshenguville river in Soweto last weekend as part of a SCAG's community action programme. Fifty students from Wits and eight from Tukkies took part in the clean-up which lasted all day.

The students left Glyn Thomas House armed with picks and shovels for Mofolo, a squatter community in Soweto's centre. On arriving they found the residents had been cleaning for two hours already.

The SCAG helpers filled 1200 bags of rubbish, and unblocked the river. They said they had only "scratched the surface" by the time they left. Crowds of community dwellers helped with the cleaning as well. Mshenguville is amongst the largest squatter camps in Soweto, having 40 000 residents. Members of SCAG said the residents would continue the work they started.

Wits MSC elected

candiates stood for five places, achieving a 46.6% poll, with ten candidates on a ticket called "The Procrastinators" who promised to work with other committees such as religious groups, Nusas Health Directive, Class Reps and Admin. and to create mediating bodies around issues which divide students.

They also recognise the need to bring many main campus activities to Med School. This MSC is unique as it has created new portfolios including that of Allied Medicines for allied health workers such as physiotherapists, nurses and occupational therapists who have never been officially included.

Other members of the MSC which is now in its 60th year, are: Ivor Douglass, Vice-President and Education Officer; Sandy Pelham-Foster, Treasurer and Allied Medicines Liaison; David Dembo, Entertainment and Publicity; Heather Brown, Student Liaison. This year's MSC has prioritised working with other committees such as religious groups, Nusas Health Directive, Class Reps and Admin. and to create mediating bodies around issues which divide students.

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Bettina von Lieres

In a university community as large as that of Wits there exists a kaleidoscope of student interests. Many of these can only be transformed into challenging activity through a representative structure such as the SRC. The SRC has proved that it is capable of co-ordinating student interests at the level of student services and around broader socio-political issues. Last year the SRC played a pivotal role in co-ordinating diverse student interests by uniting campus around the De Klerk regulations. Together with a number of other sectors of the university’s community, students defended the university’s historic role in actively opposing apartheid.

I have been a co-ordinator of the Economic Research Committee for the last two years. My work in this SRC sub-committee has provided me with a number of skills which can be put to good use on the SRC. We have co-ordinated activities for campus and liaised with other sectors of the university’s community such as the administration. In addition, that work taught me a variety of practical skills such as media production.

I believe student representation should be taken seriously if we want to build a dynamic and challenging community. I want to be involved in activities that engage students around issues that affect their own education and defend their right to receive the kind of questioning and challenging education the university has to offer. I intend to participate in the SRC’s education programmes. At the same time I would like to be involved in student efforts to defend the right of every student, black and white, to participate fully in the university’s community. This means being involved in activities that oppose the banning of Sansco and restrictions on black student representation.

Sarah Raisin

I am being nominated as general representative on the SRC and have no specific portfolio. I shall work to further the aims of the University and the SRC; to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.

I have been at Wits for four years (finishing a BA and starting an LLB) and through working on the Free People’s Concert Committee this year, I have gained experience and insight into the machinations of the SRC and University administration.

I believe it is important for the student body to be represented effectively so that we may demand certain rights and ensure that these, and other rights, are upheld and respected.

In recent years the SRC’s credibility and efficacy has been greatly criticised. I am not entirely convinced that the majority of students understand exactly how the SRC operates, what services the SRC ensures and negotiates for, or what it does for the student body to be represented. This SRC has worked hard and I am interested in continuing its work. I believe the SRC has a vital role to play in the future of this country.

Judy Froman

The SRC is holding a referendum in an effort to rectify its position as a student government with insufficient mandate. I am confident that student opinion will prove overwhelmingly in favour of the SRC because we recognise that it does have a significant role to play.

The SRC provides a service to students and a service to society:

- While student services have been provided, I feel they could be improved, especially on West Campus.
- I do believe that student government has a role to play in the political future of this country. This role has obviously been heightened by “De Klerk” and the recent crackdown on numerous democratic movements, thus leaving Nusas, through the SRC, as one of the few surviving voices of opposition to Apartheid.

The SRC traditionally serves to “represent” the student community:

- While I support effective representation, I favour student participation.

- SRC News provides a channel for communication and the SRC has taken consultation with student bodies seriously.
- Yet, I’d like to encourage the SRC to open its door, explain what it’s about and facilitate active support by providing appropriate channels such as sub-groups.

The SRC has endeavoured to create student unity on campus through the ethic of non-racialism:

- Much more can be done. I believe the SRC has a vital role to play in encouraging racial, religious and sexual tolerance and should provide a forum whereby dissenting student groups can air their differences and find their similarities.

Having been extensively involved in student affairs, I believe I have gained sufficient experience to exercise a constructive role on student government.

Anton Roskam

Time spent at university, they say, is the best period of one’s life. Not only are we as students, being challenged intellectually in whatever discipline we pursue, but also by our interactions on a social and political level. But this challenging environment can only be such if it is well co-ordinated in all spheres. One important sphere is the SRC.

I believe that this SRC has proved itself. From a well organised Orientation Week to creating unity around political issues such as the De Klerk regulations it has facilitated greater contact between students. The SRC therefore has an important role to play on campus.

I have been involved in the Economic Research Committee, an SRC sub-committee, for the last two years. This has meant learning how to organise activities on campus, co-ordinate membership, negotiate with admin, produce media and fundraising. I believe that the experience I have gained can be put to good use in a constructive role on student government.

Our university and students are under attack from the Nationalist government and we need a strong and hardworking SRC to counter these attacks while still representing students.

There is a need for the SRC to defend Sansco against its banning and I would like to be involved in this work. At the same time I would like to continue my work in SRC as I feel this sub-committee’s work is part of the SRC programme.

I am also interested in representing the needs of the students to the administration, that is ensuring that they have a say in and are informed about decisions taken by the administration.

This SRC has worked hard and if I am elected I intend to do the same.
Sabotage in city block

AN ATTEMPTED arson attack took place at the offices of the Community Resource and Information Centre (CRIC) on the first floor of the Highpoint Building in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, in the early hours of the morning of 8 March.

After ransacking the offices, paper and equipment were piled up on the floor and doused with petrol.

At this point the arsonists were disturbed by Anglo American Property Services guards. One arsonist smashed a plate glass window, lacerating himself in the process and escaped over the side above the CRIC offices is the Highpoint block of flats, one of the largest flat complexes in Johannesburg.

Recently, Mike Seloaone, a CRIC staff member was detained. CRIC has endured sustained repression over the past two years. Eighteen months ago CRIC offices were fire bombed and six staff members have been detained during the State of Emergency. CRIC staff issued a statement condemning the incident, citing it as another example of a "concerted campaign of harassment against opponents of the government. We are shocked at the perpetrators of the crime who had no regard for the lives of hundreds of residents of the Highpoint flats who could have been killed or injured had the well-prepared fire not been extinguished."

They further demand the release of staff members: Mike Seloaone, Elick Nhabeleng and Connie Hlaiswayo.

CRIC, established in 1983, provides resources and information for progressive trade unions, community and youth groups.

A member of CRIC surveys their ransacked office.

State stops Cosatu's activities

ON 24 February restrictions on the Congress of South African Trade Unions were gazetted. These restrictions together with the impending amendments to the Labour Relations Act signal an end to the way Cosatu functions.

Cosatu was launched in November 1985. It is a federation of trade unions which upholds the principles of non-racialism and democracy.

Cosatu has grown from just under 500 000 members at its launch to just over 800 000 members now.

At the launch, Elijah Barayi, president of the federation, spoke about the links between apartheid and the position of black workers:

"Cosatu knows about the daily problems of workers - their experience of hunger, starvation, of no political rights, of Bantu education which was made to keep workers in wage slavery." He pledged Cosatu's active support for those organisations working for a democratic political system.

"The launch of Cosatu made organisation feel strong at a time when they were being attacked in the middle of the State of Emergency. Our decision to join political struggles outside the factories encouraged people to fight back" Barayi recalled.

The government's reaction to Cosatu has shown that Barayi's words were not empty rhetoric. In the two short years of its existence Cosatu has had its offices bombed, its unionists detained and banned from a 'forecasting phase'; it is now the government's turn to listen to the voice of the people.

"It's like prohibiting union members from observing Easter."

Restrictions

The restrictions show that even these measures were not enough to end Cosatu's effective opposition to apartheid - the government had to make political trade unionism illegal.

The restrictions prevent Cosatu from:

- Campaigning for the banning of organisations such as the UDF.
- Commemorating days such as June 16 and Sharpeville Day.
- Commemorating the death of any person.
- Calling for the boycott of apartheid structures such as black municipal authorities and the tri-cameral parliament.
- Campaigning for the release of detainees and political prisoners.
- Campaigning against the system of detention without trial.
- Calling for negotiations between the government and representative organisations for a new constitution.
- Participating in or encouraging the formation of alternative structures such as street committees.
- Reacting to the restrictions Halton Cheadle, Cosatu lawyer, said, "The restrictions are made meaningless by their wide restriction on the commeration of the death of any person is so wide that it would prohibit union members from observing Easter!"

Even certain sectors of business have condemned the restrictions. Bokkie Boela of AECI said, "It is ridiculous to say trade unions should be apolitical and it is time to accept the fact that they play a political role."

Cosatu is planning to contest the restrictions in court.

If Cosatu does not succeed in its attempts to overturn the restrictions it will be limited to workplace issues only.

Labour relations

The proposed amendments to the Labour Relations Act (LRA) will take the "sting out of the tail" of Cosatu's bargaining power. Cosatu will no longer be able to back its workers' demands with strong action. The amendments:

* Dramatically reduce the powers of the Industrial Court.
* Further restrict the right to strike.
* Restrict the scope of the unfair labour practice.
* Increase the repercussions for unions whose members participate in unlawful strikes.
* Make it illegal for workers to strike on a "same issue" within a period of 15 months.
* Make sympathy strikes a criminal offence.

In an article outlining the ramifications of the proposed Cheadle and Benjamin spoke about the repercussions of illegal strikes: "The Bill will make it much easier for employers to succeed with damages claims against unions. The most common form of damage action will be for an employer to sue for the loss of production caused by an unlawful strike. These damages can amount to huge sums of money."

According to Cheadle, a Cosatu lawyer: "The right to strike is indispensable to effective collective bargaining because it is the threat of possible industrial action that ensures that employers take the process of collective bargaining seriously and attempt to settle disputes."

The response of employers to the proposed amendments has been largely negative. While some groups have indicated an acceptance of political unionism, most refused to reject the bill on the grounds that they did not have the "clout" to persuade the government to withdraw it and "the government would pass it nonetheless."

Cosatu plans to hold an emergency national congress on 9 and 10 April to discuss the restrictions and the amendments to the LRA. It has warned that there would be widespread protest by its 800 000 members if the emergency
STUDENTS at Dental School are dissatisfied. But they told Wits Student they don't want to speak out: "You don't want to kick up a fuss," they say.

They don't want to kick up a fuss because they claim: "You know you won't pass. You won't become a dentist."

"If Wits Student printed my name," one said, "they'd fail me straight away."

Dean of the Dentistry Faculty, Professor Preston is alarmed. "I will always take the students' side," he says. "If they could prove any discrimination to me, I would take it up."

It seems that's just the problem. While students feel justified in claiming that if they speak out, they'll be victimised, they find it hard to put their finger on what exactly how they could prove it.

"Everything we do has to be approved by a doctor," a student told us. "The doctor may refuse approval or substantially give us a hard time."

"We do what we're told," she says.

Prof Preston acknowledges that the staff do talk. "It's a small faculty and staff do get talking about students. If there is a feeling about a student I call the student in and ask him or her what the problem is." Students confirm this. "The professors work in close union. If something happens in one department, all the others know about it.

"We're treated like children. First year dental students are treated better because they're part of Wits and have nothing to do with Dental School," a student tells us.

"We're dealing with adults," the Dean counters.

"If you're dealing with adults, why are lectures compulsory?" asked Wits Student.

"I don't want to say students have to go to each lecture. But if they fail their exams, no one will be sympathetic if they haven't come to lectures."

Roll call is taken at each lecture. But the Dean assures Wits Student, "It's not really roll call. A list is passed round the class and signed. And that should only happen at lectures where the lecture theatre is empty."

Students say the Dean has a list of the lectures they have missed.

"I don't look at those lists," Prof Preston tells us. "They go onto the computer and only when a problem arises do I consult them."

"Of course, we can call a lecture a seminar or tut, which is compulsory but we wouldn't like to do this."

The rationale behind the roll call is: "It's a medical and dental council, to which the Faculty of Dentistry is accountable."

"Students must be proficient in mechanical procedures and clinically proficient," the Dean says. The Medical and Dental Council demands that each student reaches a certain standard before he or she writes final exams.

"I don't mind a person missing 20% of lectures, but if they miss 60%, I can't say they've had adequate exposure to all the things. So if the council asks me to prove that a student's been to all his or her lectures, how can I prove it?" Computation of each roll call seems to be the way the Faculty deals with problems of proof.

A student claimed he was fined R100 for not attending lectures. Preston assures us they are not. "They fine themselves by not coming to lectures," he says.

There could be a fine for leaving a patient waiting. The only big problem is: "We're dealing with adults," the Dean says.

Concerned students who were fined for going on holiday while they had patients to attend to. If the offence is serious, the faculty will ask the student to submit a written explanation for his or her absence. The explanation goes before the university disciplinary commission. The student can be fined. "We stick strictly by university rules," the Dean says.

Students demand, "Are we part of Wits University, the Department of Health and Welfare or the Medical and Dental Council?"

For the purposes of holidays, students claim they're under the Department of Health and Welfare. They get five weeks vac in December, one week in April, two weeks in June and their September vac has been scrapped. They end up with just under half of what all other students at Wits (except Medics) get.

Dentists' days start at 07h30 and goes on until 17h00 with lunch at a different time to other students and with lab work being done du lunch, after varsity or during the weekend.

"Ask the Dean why Dentists have the highest suicide rate," a student said. The Dean admits that course is pressured. "We need at least 48 hour day to fit in all the clinic and academic work."

The faculty is thinking of changing the system. A minis of clinical procedures would need to be followed and the rest would be made up as they come. I could make use of more total core patients, and relieve the stress created for students trying to qualify for their quota of procedures fulfill. Sometimes, students say, they don't arrive and then procedures can't be done. Without the quota, students lose their DP's and can't write final exams.

A student complained, "I'm not allowed to talk to my lecturers. They're negative about the profession."

"The Dental Faculty was the only one," Preston said. Wits to have a survey done of lecturers. Ninety percent of lecturers have been evaluated by the Academic Support Development Centre. But students won't reveal how they evaluate their teachers.

For the first time last year, students made an award to the lecturer they considered to be the best in the faculty. "He backed me over backwards for students," says one student of the recipient. The students would not reveal the lecturer's name.

Prof Preston said, "I'm not always sure such an award is necessary."

SEXIST and racist lecturers

SEXUAL harassment has been cited as a grievance by some dental students. One lecturer in particular was singled out. He gets pleasure out of touching you, saying things to you. He feels your bra strap when you're trying to contend with patients," a woman said.

The Dean knew nothing of the incident. "lf the Medical and Dental Council found a thing like that, they'd put him off the register," he said.

Students claim the lecturer in question had actually been warned and had "quietened down" although others asserted the sexual harassment had continued. Appaently he has been known to make racist remarks too, calling Indian students "curry munchers."

No one wished to reveal his name or his name because "I'm scared," and we'll be victimised.

Dawn Loudon who held the Women's Portfolio on the 1986?7 SRC says the University has a history of such case existed but could not comment because people involved in the investigation were sworn to secrecy.

A source Wits Student deems to be reliable confirmed the academic in question was named Towers. "There were complaints laid against him of sexual harassment and assault as well as racial abuse," our source said. This person was unsure whether Towers was ever disciplined.

Metaxia Anastasiou believes the charges were dropped when they reached the SRC for fear of victimisation.

She says, "But I can't say I haven't been approached by anyone saying they were racially harassed. Women are a minority in the faculty. They are often, I'm reluctant to speak out against sexism and sexual harassment."

At the time of going to print Wits Student was unable to contact the Dean for further comment.

DSC is mickey mouse"
Students say the Dental Students Council is in trouble over student grievances. Some students think the council is not working very hard. Others feel the council is not doing anything.

The Dental Students Council insists on proof of students' attendance at lectures, which is a good idea. Many lecturers don't have the same exposure to students as the council. It could cause resentment among staff. Students are very happy with it. The Faculty is not quite so happy.

SRC rep, Metaxia Anastasiou, claims the Dean approved of the prize at a meeting of the Dental Students Council. Students suggest that competitiveness and jealousy amongst the staff could be the reason for the faculty's displeasure. Some feel that it could be the fact that the lecturer does something for students and students registered approval through the reward and that's the bottom line of the contention.

The Dean expressed concern about students' fear of speaking out about their grievances. "It's natural for students not to want to rock the boat. But it's a misplaced feeling," he said. "I hope students' problems will filter down to me. Avenues have been established to do so. I hope students will use them."

LIKE EXTRACTING TEETH

Student views

What is the best thing about being a dentistry student?
* We get all the women - Robert (2nd year)
* Nothing - George (6th year)
* Getting out of here - Anon A (3rd year)

What is the worst thing?
* Bad breath - Robert (2nd year)
* Everything - George (6th year)
* The registers they take - Brenda (3rd year)

What are your lecturers like and are you happy with your courses?
* They're immature - and they treat us like children. There is no lecturer/student interaction. They give you very little help - basically they say 'learn everything'. It sometimes seems the course is designed to fail you - Robert (2nd year)
* Lecturers are fairly good. The courses are heavy but that's necessary - George (6th year)

In second year the lecturers were like school teachers - Anon A (3rd year)

The lecturers are okay - it's the rules they go by that piss us off. I fined R200 last year for being absent from class on two occasions when they took registers. Basically it's 100% attendance for tuts and lectures - Anon B (3rd year)

What is the best thing about being a dentistry student?
* DSC is full of promises but don't do anything - Robert
* I can't say much about the SRC rep - we don't see her. The DSC does a good job - George (6th year)
* SRC rep hasn't done anything and the DSC is fucking around by reflecting the views of dental students more and not be an auxiliary service to the powers that be. Some students, she feels are on the Council because they think it will reflect well on their CV's but others, she asserts, "are working very hard.

Unfortunately, 'they are too scared of working as a Council and are not very autonomous.'

Metaxia complains the faculty adheres to Wits rules which suit them but takes the line from the Medical and Dental Council when this serves their interests more.

For instance, The Medical and Dental Council insists on proof that students are attending lectures, and so the faculty takes roll call. Most students automatically take it that lectures are compulsory.

If you're going to make lecture compulsory, then the standard should be higher," she says. "Third years spend their morning at Medical School and there they see lectures aren't compulsory they're of a higher standard and are vetted by the Medent Students Council."

Responding to criticism that some students claim they've never seen her, Metaxia said, "Communicating in this faculty is difficult because first, second and third years are all separated. Nevertheless, she asserts, personally went around and introduced myself to students..."
**Sansco banned**

The recent clampdown on democratic anti-apartheid organisations saw the effective banning of the South African National Students' Congress (Sansco) - the umbrella body of black students at tertiary educational institutions.

Sansco has been at the forefront of the struggle to change unequal education. As an affiliate of the now banned United Democratic Front, one of Sansco's aims has been to strive for a future in which every person regardless of race or sex, will have equal rights and opportunities.

Students have often perceived Sansco and its affiliates on the English-speaking campuses as racist organisations which admit only black students into their ranks. This perception has deepened as the media and press have become increasingly unable to accurately portray the true reality of South African society. Apartheid has effectively shut down the hearts and minds of a large percentage of the white population - isolating them from the experiences and aspirations of three-quarters of South African people.

Since universities provide one of the few meeting places in South Africa for blacks and whites, student movements have always been concerned to use the situation and foster the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Nusas, established in 1942, initially represented both black and white students. However, in 1968, Steve Biko recognised that conditions in South Africa did not permit for one student body: Nusas was comprised predominantly of white students from middle and upper class backgrounds and could not accurately represent the views of underprivileged and disadvantaged black students. Biko subsequently led black students out of Nusas and formed Saso (South African Students' Organisation).

During the 1960s and '70s, Saso was one of the main proponents of black consciousness - an important and formative stage of black opposition. Saso, along with many other organisations, was banned in 1977.

Student organisations emerged again in 1979 with the formation of Azaso (The Azanian Students' Organisation) and Cosas (The Congress of South African Students). Azaso was based on University campuses, while Cosas operated in black schools. Cosas was banned in 1986.

Azaso retained elements of black consciousness until it adopted the Freedom Charter and broke away from its parent body, Azapo, (African Peoples Organisation).

In 1986/7 Azaso changed its name to Sansco - the name change was to be in line with popular, progressive UDF-affiliated organisations who espouse non-racism. The banning of Sansco is a serious blow to student organisation. Black students are being hampered in their struggle to realise non-racialism and democracy while white students are being denied their limited access to the views and ideas of fellow citizens. Sansco's banning is an attempt to generate tension and divisiveness among South African students.
Who represents who?

Dear Editor

In vol 40 no 3 *Wits Student* ran interviews with the SMA and SRC. I was amused to read the SMA’s reply to the questions put to them. However their statement, “It’s very unnecessary for anyone to stand up and say they have the right to represent students,” angered me. During registration this year I was approached by a member of the CSC and asked to make a contribution to the CSC. Being new on campus I was not sure what the CSC was, so I asked. I was told the CSC REPRESENTED ME if I ever had any problems.

It is stated in the interview that the SMA put up two candidates in last year’s CSC elections and both were elected. I would like to ask the SMA how they can put up two candidates to stand for a council which can say, “WE REPRESENT YOU!” Is it perhaps a case of double standards?

I would like Peter Courtromanos to clear up the confusion, by publically telling us on which side they are and then at Diepkloof the Wits community responded with sympathy and outrage. This is a tribute to a well-liked student and working president and increasingly popular SRC.

As the executive of the Medra Centre, found it to be in a mess. Light tables were indistinguishable from the rest of the mess. The persons who use this space have no right to represent students. Other students? Ha.

Yours faithfully
Anne Anonymous

R.I.P. {}

Steve Louw

Make my day

You guys piss me off. My magazine will get revenge. *Soldier of Fortune* magazine rejects any inference created by Wits Wits Rag magazine (Soldier of Misfortune) that it has anything right to represent students. Other students? Ha.

Yours faithfully

Steve Louw

Anonymous letters

I feel very strongly that anonymity in letters is totally despicable and useless. How can someone with something to say hide behind the mask of a pseudonym? Apathy. That single word sums it up. Apathy and fear of the state is what stops people from saying what they are. This is utterly disgusting.

What do students have to fear? Other students? Ha. If you wrote a letter complaining about canteen food, why do you have to sign your name? ‘Nah, those are just people who weaken your point, not to mention your stomach. Indeed, I feel sick at the mere thought of pseudonyms.

Yours faithfully

Steve Louw

Anonymous

Disgusted LB

P.S. Please use my pseudonym I feel my life might be in danger or is the problem perhaps that these pseudo left-wing bourgeois intellectual bras are waiting for their “maids” from the northern suburbs to come and clean up after them?

Mark Devney

Steve Louw

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As Wits Student was going in to print, SRC president, Rose Hunter was released. During her week long spell inside, first at John Vorster Square and then at Diepkloof, the Wits community responded with overwhelming sympathy and outrage. This is a tribute to a well liked and hardworking president and increasingly popular SRC.

There is no apparent reason for Rose’s detention. She was not charged. It seems Rose was detained to keep her out of the way and to weaken the SRC. The same motives must lie behind the continued detention of five BSS members and law lecturer Raymond Suttnor.

On Friday last week Mojalefa “JJ” Matlole was released after ten months in detention. JJ was never charged. Instead he has been placed under far reaching restrictions which prevent his participation in a number of organisations and disallow him from criticising, among other things, the government and government backed local authorities.

For one week Teigo Mosenke, former BSS president was in Diepkloof with JJ after being detained from his Braamfontein room in the early hours of the morning on 18 March. He remains in detention along with fellow students Mokgomobi Mogodire, Pascal Moloi, Jacob Mthathali and Chits Ngoboko and lecturer Raymond Suttnor. No one has been charged.

Only Peter Mnisi, who was detained between lectures last May, has been charged. He is one of 30 people accused in a treason trial which aims to show that the alternative structures set up by people were treasonous.

The message is: Opposition to apartheid is criminal. Wits Student urges students not to forget other Witsies in detention now that Rose is with us again.

Wits Student congratulates the SRC on achieving an impressive poll in the recent referendum. Perhaps roving ballots are the answer to all the worries about poor participation.

Of course if SRC members sit on their butts from now until August a low poll is guaranteed. On the other hand if they continue to involve students in student government, support for this SRC and for SRC’s in general will grow.

In response to the NSF’s advertisement in *Business Day*:

*Students could in fact vote at secret ballots, as always, in Senate House and the DJ du Plessis Centre.*

*Students unconcerned about lack of privacy, were able to vote no at Rorkezulu.*

*If they do not then the SMA cannot be viewed as a credible “voluntary group.”*

Confused
B Comment

The media’s a mess

We were recently most disappointed when upon entering the Media Centre, found it to be in an unhyo mess. Light tables were patched with paint, whilst the screening table was indistinguishable from the rest of the mess.

The state of the centre bejes reason. The persons who use this room are supposedly those who are working for a just South Africa - and yet they find it difficult to clean up their own mess. It is time that these organisations and individuals assumed some form of responsibility.

The aim of the NSF and its affiliates is clear: sit on the sidelines and create as much negativity around SRC as possible. They have been part of the referendum proper they would probably have pushed the poll up.

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do with humour.
This is not funny. I warn the editor right now that we have already engaged the services of an experienced veteran of several commercially-inspired wars. He will also handle the matter of Wits Wits stealing our adverts. You have been warned.
The Editor
Soldier of Fortune magazine.

Budget botch
Mrs du Plessis was sitting at her kitchen table trying to balance her cheque book. But her pen was really big and she couldn't lift it. So she called to her husband to come and help her, but Barend couldn't budget.

Ja, well, No, fine.
A more ambiguous question to answer than the SRC Referendum question (Does the SRC have your support to continue?) would be hard to find. What is a 'Yes' vote? (select two of the below - there are at least two right answers) Similarly, does a 'No' vote support representation abolishment or is it a vote of "No Confidence" in the current SRC?

Well done, SRC. Very clever. For fear of writing off representation for ever, those opposed to you (and it could be around 90% of campus), will not vote 'No'. Instead, they will abstain or vote 'Yes' - their 'Yes' being in support of some form of student government.
Unfortunately, when the "Yes's" are counted the differences between them will be lost. So you will stay in power. Very crafty.

Another thing - Claire Joyce won the 1987 election. An SRC campaigner told me she had to go overseas, so she can't act as President. OK, that's fair.
"But Erica Elk came second. Why isn't she President then? Rosemary Hunter came third, so why should she be the leader? What happened to Erica Elk?" "Oh, she's on West Campus."
"What's that got to do with it?"
"She's over there gathering support for the SRC Referendum - all the SRC members are."
Ja, well, no, fine.
I wonder why they bother to have an election if whoever wants to be President gets the job? True, only 9% voted. But those that care about these things obviously prefer Ms Elk to Ms Hunter (To prove their efficiency maybe the SRC should give their PR people better training in question evasion).

AJB
Rose Hunter, in fact, preceded Erica Elk on the poll - Editorial Collective.

Bobby SOC
Dear Wits Student
We are interested in starting a British Society on campus and would like to get in touch with as many other British students as possible.
We would like the society to focus on contemporary issues of British interest - and not be an attempt to re-establish Colonial ideas.
Non-racism and non-sexism should be important policies of such a society.
So to all you non-snobby Brits, give us a ring!
Thanks
Neil Walker (787-6152)
Andrew Deans (706-6358)

Palestinian Perspective
Between the right-wing pro-Israeli propaganda of Start and the raving (without much analysis) of the MSA's Criterion, where is an intelligent student supposed to get a decent perspective of the Palestinian issue? In desperation I have turned to Wits Student ... please let's see a feature on this issue soon.

Needling Insight
BA III

Food Monopoly
Wits students continue to suffer high prices and low food quality at the canteen. The efforts of the SRC to prevent this are admirable but seem to be have been ineffective. The reason for this is that the canteen has a monopoly over a captive market.
It is surely time to allow the bracing winds of competition to blow through the canteen. The university should lease, rent, or sell various spots on campus to competing food vendors and companies. Students who wish to augment their income by selling food of any type should be allowed to do so.

One suspects that the results of such a policy would be highly beneficial. Competition will ensure that food services will be of high quality. We can expect that the diversity of food offered will increase and the availability improve.
It seems that more competition would benefit students and the whole university community.

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**Students in the Groove**

**Claire Johnston**

Claire Johnston is 20 years old and is the vocalist for Mango Groove. She is majoring in English and Philosophy in her BA.

**How did you get involved in music?**

When I was ten I played Tessie in the musical Annie. I always loved music and singers such as Ella Fitzgerald. I had a couple of years of voice training and joined Mango Groove when I was in matric.

**Who are your favourite musicians?**

The Genuines and Midnight Hour.

**Love life? And groupies?**

At the moment I am uninvolved. I find groupies very flattering, although one must be sensible about them and not let them boost one's ego too much. They're very valuable for records and concerts though.

**Lifestyle?**

I live with my parents in Parktown North but I'm going to leave home when I have enough money. Contrary to popular belief, South African musicians don't have much.

**Where do you jog?**

Mainly the Pool Club and lots of movies.

**How does everyone in the band get on?**

We've got no problems.

**What do you think of the South African music industry?**

They're pretty useless - they should generate more money into local music, which is very valuable and worthwhile.

**Which gigs do you like?**

I like playing for students most. They're our biggest following. Witsies like us because we are a Wits band. Obviously I wouldn't play at places like Sun City.

**How does music affect your studies?**

I alternate between living with my parents in Bryanston and my lover in Yeoville.

**Where do you jog?**

Wherever people will recognise me.

**How do you think of Rose Hunter's detention?**

I've been quite unlucky lately with the women I've had crushes on. As for groupies, well, I've had a few bad experiences - I now avoid them totally. I wouldn't deny that they're a massive boost to my ego, though my mother is my biggest fan.

**Lifestyle?**

I live in a flat in Yeoville. I have a wonderful flatmate. I'm an excellent cook but I'm a bit lazy. I support myself - I have other jobs - such as composing and recording sound tracks for commercial videos.

**Where do you jog?**

Cranks, Ba Pita.

**What do you think of the South African music industry?**

Most of them are really shit, they put no support or marketing behind their artists, they're often unaware of our needs and complaints. They never give enough studio time.

**Which gigs do you like?**

I love playing at Wits. We've had our best gig there. Unfortunately, our equipment broke down at the Free People's. We'll only play non-racial venues and gigs that are not government sponsored. Our music is of a distinct South African flavour, also we are one of the only non-racial bands around - I don't think it would be a problem for us to play overseas, but I wouldn't ignore the cultural boycott.

**What's it like to be a muzo on campus?**

Generally I'm treated as any other student, although occasionally people will comment about being on TV. I don't feel pressurised to portray an image or anything.

**Did you vote in the SRC referendum?**

I voted 'Yes'. To the limited extent to which they can help, the SRC does and must. There is generally I assume people don't know me. I don't feel any especial pressure because I am a musician.

**John Leyden**

John Leyden is 23 years-old and the bass player in Mango Groove. He's studying his MA in Philosophy.

**How did you get involved in music?**

When I was 16 I took Classical guitar lessons. It was boring and only lasted a few months, so I am largely self-taught. I always nurtured an obsession with marabi and kwela, South African music forms, as well as Pop. This is what Mango Groove is. I am the only remaining original member.

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Claire Johnston: philosophy student with a difference.

Mango Groove - the first in a series on Campus Muzos.

Who are your favourite musicians?

Bagishi Khumalo, the Grasscrod bass player.

Love life? And groupies?

My lover is Khareen. She's beautiful and sexy. We are trying to come to terms with the affects of Mango on our relationship. I find groupies flattering, that's all.

Lifestyle?

I alternate between living with my parents in Bryanston and my lover in Yeoville.

Where do you jog?

Wherever people will recognise me.

How does everyone in the band get on?

It's a mutual back-rubbing thing.

How does music affect your studies?

I think they are generally incompetent but are also faced with the difficulty of apathetic and reactionary audiences. They put up the money and control all the conditions. We have to live with it.

Which gigs do you like?

A Wits show is home turf. You're guaranteed a good turn out and a good audience with fewer fascists than other places. You need minimum standards when deciding where to play and I respect the cultural boycott, although if we're too principled, we'll play to no one.

How does muzo life affect your studies?

My studies and my music life are fairly compatible because I decide my own time table. I work in spurs, otherwise I'm quite lazy. I'm a philosophical musician, not a musical philosopher.

What's it like to be a muzo on campus?

Generally I assume people don't know me. I am quite self-conscious. We all have an image, I don't feel any especial pressure because I am a musician.
Greg Elsworthy (27) an ex-Larry Amos guitarist was recently injured in a swimming accident in Durban. He is now paralysed from the neck down. Elsworthy was known in the music world as a "monster guitarist". Voice of Wits is holding a benefit concert on 31 March at the Boz to raise money for Greg. Larry Amos, Robber's Dog and Steve Walsh will be playing.

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**Boel**

IT'S getting light again. It never stops, endlessly darkening and brightening – a day-night continuum that plays havoc with one's senses and with each new dawn comes a fresh determination not to touch alcohol again.

My pupils are struggling valiantly to stay awake and to restrict their intake of alcohol. It is with extreme difficulty that I am sitting here behind the typewriter doing the review. But review I must as the editor has threatened to withdraw my East Camp parking sticker, and even worse, my fellow jollers are beginning to doubt my claims that I am a journalist.

Thus I sit here with my eyes half closed, my thoughts about the past week, and in particular about the past two days. Actually yesterday was a blur and to recount it now would be a bit useless. So let's concentrate on Friday night and what turned out to be the joll of the year - Dirk Gently's Detective Agency.

With a scintillating lineup featuring Die Geraamte Blue Band, Koos, Die Ketels, Bernoldus Niemand en Die Swart Gevaar, and The Geuines, as well as a bright red poster, I was dragged to The Pool Club like a teenybopper to Patrick Swayze.

But so too was most of Jo'burg, and it proved particularly difficult to buy a drink, let alone breathe.

**Dirk Gently's Police Murderer**

IT LOOKED innocent enough. A book review about a detective story. Something along the lines of Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot. It was not to be...

*Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* is not your average detective story. Dirk Gently is not just your average detective... he never could be.

The story involves a malfunctioning electric monk that has a propensity for jumping from trees onto horses' backs yelling "Geronimo!". The creation of Douglas Adams. Adams is the author of heroes such as Zaphod Beeblebrox who appeared in the popular science fiction trilogy beginning with *The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

Dirk runs a seedy detective agency and there the comparison with other dicks stops. Finding furry feline friends and solving Schrodinger's Cat Dilemma are his specialities. The book is complete and consistent but the best part of it is

murderer, a weird professor named Samul Taylor Coleridge minus "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner", a sofa and six Apple Macintoshes.

The Adams humour is as wacky as ever. As in all science fiction however, some interesting aspects of life, the universe and everything else are dealt with at the expense of common sense and rigour.

Recounting the story is impossible and it would do Adams an injustice. The first few chapters are vaguely sensible and logical but it's only near the end that the pieces fall into place... nicely, surprisingly, obviously and neatly (Perhaps it has something to do with computers). And Adams's latest offering is certainly as good as the Hitch-hiker trilogy but the style has changed slightly for the better.

The humour is less Monty Pythonique.

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But as they say, 'n boer maak a plan', and as I was dressed like a boer (vellies et al), I made a plan. Whenever the urge for a drink became stronger than the urge to boogie to the bands, I stumbled downstairs to the *King of Clubs* and had my regular tequila and beer combo to the crooning strains of Marvellous Marvin Gaye.

Of all the trips downstairs the third was by far the most eventful and as such warrants a paragraph in this story.

I had just finished the by then harrowing descent of the stairs when upon emerging onto the street I walked straight into a rather large man in a uniform. My first reaction was to turn and run, but my tequila swamped mind couldn't get it together to coordinate with my legs. It was then that the confusion set in. These men were not PW's boys in blue but were instead Obies boys in khaki.

"Shwhat are you doing?" I enquired in my most polite voice. "Ticketing meneer," said the traffic cop to me, while slapping a ticket on the windscreen of a car parked outside the Pool Club.

"What the hell for?" I asked, "It's bloody half past twelve at night." "It doesn't concern you," came the reply, "This car is parked on a yellow line and is getting a ticket." Enraged I swallowed the string of profanity that was about to come out and dashed off for that drink. I mean why get outraged at merely another form of harassment the fascist forces had been doling out on the concert?

First the posters advertising the concert were seized in a Security Police raid on the offices of *Graphic Equalizer* and then the concert was effectively barred from taking place at the arranged (and advertised) venue, the Yeoville Recreation Centre (the *Wreck*).

In their infinite wisdom, the Johannesburg City Council placed a ban on black people attending or performing at the concert and banned the sale of liquor. This is particularly laughable when one recalls that less than three weeks ago the multi-racial band *Winston Five Mix-up* played there. So what's a few tickets for parking on a yellow line in the middle of the night?

However I digress. Before I lose total control of my senses I'd best do at least a token review of the bands. Ja, well, no fine (to use an overworked expression). They were great (to use a suitably sweeping adjective).

I am yet to find a more stunning band than the *Kerels* and a funnier looking (and acting) lot than the *Swart Geko* that accompanied the Bernoldus Niemand, who by the way had the audience totally entranced and yelling for more and more. The unknown and unusual *Koos* (all four of them) made a noise and so did Andre le Toit and his guitar. The audience grinned broadly and gave up pushing towards the bar.

So with that out of the way and my mind rapidly turning into jelly I'll finish off with three highly interesting quotes from the evening:

"Hierdie is 'n Weeromp liedjie, van Nam af - dis Namibia jou doses" - Bernoldus Niemand.

"I can at last say that I'm an Afrikaner and proud of it" - member of the *Gereformeerde Blues Band*.

"I'm sorry, the manager is still not available for comment" - secretary of the manager of the Parks and Recreation Board after three days of trying valiantly to get hold of the fucker.

Uncut films at Festival

FOR the pervert, lecher and sex fiend (who are not adept at appreciating cinematic aesthetics) there are bare breasts, bare bums, and explicit love scenes galore.

For the more discerning, there is a bizarre plunge into the destructive mind of a seemingly angelic girl (Kaprisky), who amorally ruins the happy relationships that others enjoy. Her mother finds a temporary relief concerned about, but rather the fact that the lover has chosen her from their bins and won't stop until it is all gone.

There is also a strange, depression-like story of a young woman (Nina Hagen and Lene Lovitch, highlights the foreboding nature of happiness wonderful atmosphere and underlines the ominous unfoldings of a psychotic's subversive personality. The consequences of the holiday are dire but the journey through the mysteries of the mind, is unforgetable.

The Year of the Medusa

mother instead of herself. This indignation manifests itself when she pushes the lover (Giraudeau) into the jellyfish infested waters of the sea, knowing full well that he suffers from allergy. The Mediterranean Sea is shown in all its azure beauty, but it is shot at eye-level, making it menacing instead of inviting.

Sex is always diseased in the film. All married couples indulge in affairs with other people; the lover himself is a pimp who organises whores to service his elite clientele; Kaprisky enjoys a romp in bed with a young German couple (ultimately she's instrumental in causing their break-up) and the quantity of exposed flesh on the screen adds to the unhealthy image of sexual relations.

The soundtrack, by punkrockers Nena and Lene Lovitch, shuffles bravely on behalf everyone.

Every thinking person, even those opposed to Beckett's pretentious humour, should take it to see this play. It returns on 10 April in the Arts Festival.
Nurden becomes history

We each choose our own particular ocean, dive in and swim

Unfortunately, some of us drown

In case our readers haven't noticed, Wits Student is forty years old. (Don't worry if this revelation escaped you, even Nurden doesn't take that long to pass.) Accordingly we thought it would be entirely appropriate to embark on a history of Wits Student, and we've been thinking about it ever since. But to get the ball rolling, we decided to kick off with Nurden.

Here it is, the complete history of the life and times of one Nurden A. Scamota.

Nurden was created in 1980 by the comic genii, Eric Barlin and Sheldon Cohen, augmented by the cartooning skills of David Shapiro, the now famous "Zapiro" who drew the banned UDF calendar.

The series The Seven Labours of Nurden was a gargantuan success. This series with minor changes was repeated with equally mammoth success in 1983.

Nurden stumbled through most of his labours, misadventures and finally in 1983 that anguished moment - his death. Wits Student ran a banner headline "Alas! poor Nurden..." and continued gorging obsessively on slap chips in an attempt to discover his seventh labour. Nurden, like all students went on holiday during the mid-year vac. Like most first years he had fucked out in June.

Returning in the third term Nurden consulted faculty notice board. We find each department had the same message: Nestled somewhere between P. Scanderia and H. Schapiro was "N. Scamota (sic) F(a)." At first no one tried to convince his parents that F(a) stood for "fine attempt" but his mother would have none of it, pointing out that if he were a war hero, Nurden would have been shot for absenteeism.

To make matters worse Nurden's spot didn't come up for his next English essay. "Shakespeare" - sure, "Yeats" - yes, but "My Holidays" - no. Little wonder our hero only appeared again in 1983. For a third time he registered.

"I'd like to register for English," Nurden said to the secretary.

"So?" the secretary replied.

"Oh?" Nurden said to the secretary.

"Yes?" the secretary said.

"Thanks," said Nurden and left. He settled for Applied Phonetics and Quantum Electrodynamics 1983 was much of a muchness. He blinked frequently and fucked off quick as a flash once or twice.

Next Week

*Is Nurden the figment of the tequila drenched minds of callow features editors?
*What happened to Scamota's pimples?
*Who rewrote the history books?
*What happened to Athena Ablepersyn?

After that life was a kaleidoscopic fuzz of hallucinogenic proportions for our Nurden. He returned to campus, tried to complete his seven labours, re-registered, was shot by a police water cannon broke up religious factional conflict on the lawns, tussled with Bleater Fukakarkus and met the illustrious, lustrous, leftist-feminist Athena Ableperyn; fell in love, stood for the SRC and was disqualified causing thousands of students to boycott the elections. In fact some quarters single Nurden out as the cause of the recent SRC Referendum. 1987 also marked the year our hero changed his name. Already complicated about his complexion enlarged his seventh labour. Nurden, like all students went on holiday during the mid-year vac. Like most first years he had fucked out in June. Returning in the third term Nurden consulted faculty notice board. We find each department had the same message: Nestled somewhere between P. Scanderia and H. Schapiro was "N. Scamota (sic) F(a)." At first no one tried to convince his parents that F(a) stood for "fine attempt" but his mother would have none of it, pointing out that if he were a war hero, Nurden would have been shot for absenteeism.

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IN DAYS of old, if someone called you “Bothabrain” you would have been faced with the choice of defending your honour or allowing the insult to stand. Opting for the former would most likely have led to a swordfight at dawn from which only one person walked away.

Nowadays no-one has to die and your options are far wider— you can join the Wits Fencing Club. Preserving this highly stylised form of the ancient duel is the pleasure of some forty enthusiasts who meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 17h30 in the OMSH. The club has produced a number of notable fencers among them the Springboks Mike Greer, Roy Wittert and Kathy Kay.

As fencers advance on one another in a duel, white, masked and appearing sexless, they look something like a cross between a character from an Egyptian mural and Luke Skywalker. But there the fun ends. One of them explodes into a lunge and there follows a fierce exchange of thrusts and parries which ends when one is effects a hit on his opponent’s target area. The target area varies according to which of the three weapons - foil, epee, or sabre - is being fenced with.

Fencing is an aesthetically pleasing combination of reflexes and tactics, defence and offence, and a touch of that much maligned latency within us all, killer instinct.

Brute strength holds little advantage, women hold their own against men. In fact, just two years ago the women ended a seven year male domination of the South African Universities title.

Satisco kicks off

ON FRIDAY 24 March Satisco kicked off the soccer season with a six-a-side soccer tournament. A crowd of about 100 spectators gathered around the soccer fields below Hall 29 for the 14h30 kick-off.

While some hot-shots in nifty gear practised in front of the crowd, the Satisco co-ordinators took the opportunity to talk about their fledgling organisation.

Satisco believes its non-racial sports policy challenges apartheid. Sport alone is not the issue. Involvement in sport should actively build non-racialism and challenge apartheid and “token mixing”, it asserts.

Meanwhile there are things happening on the fields. A whistle blasts and players start a fast and furious game on the half sized field. Almost immediately a goal keeper deflects a rocketing shot from the goal. On three more fields another three games are being played with equal verve.

The crowd diverges as spectators pick their teams and move to the sidelines. Each team has its own name - the medics call themselves Club Med. Other names include Sinsemilla and Bill of Rights.

Some of the teams appear quite well organised with managers and coaches who stand and yell seemingly incoherent instructions to all the players. Players and spectators alike appear to be enjoying themselves.

The tournament has been a long time coming. It was first postponed due to a water-logged pitch. A week before it actually took place, it was cancelled in solidarity with the Sharpeville Six who were to hang that day. When a stay of execution was granted Satisco hastily tried to rearrange the event but the fields had already been lent out to other sportspeople.

Satisco organise a meating to adopt the constitution before the end of the week. For further information contact members at the Satisco office in the Old Mutual Sports Hall during any lunchtime.
Mens Res wins Phineas

ON WEDNESDAY 16 March Men's Res and EOH did battle in the traditional Phineas Cricket Match.

After winning the toss, Men's Res captain, Patrick McCarthy, elected to bat first. EOH fielded the two Wits lst team opening bowlers, Richard Snell and Ian Benning. After a slow start, Men's Res gradually got on top of the EOH attack with major run scorers being P McCarthy (39), Robbie Katzen (36) and Jonny Chandler (34).

Due to a great spell of bowling by Richard Snell, with figures being 6 for 11 off 9 overs, the Men's Res lower order batsmen toppled. The Men's Res total was 156 all out after 44 overs. This left EOH the relatively easy task of scoring 3.5 runs per over to win the game.

They started off very well, and at 104 for 4 wickets, winning seemed a formality. However a dramatic and unexpected turnabout occurred. Tight bowling and fielding by the Men's Res team resulted in the loss of 6 wickets over the next 12 runs, with EOH all out for 116.

Craig van der Merwe of Men's

WS: What do you think of Satisco?
SR: I believe Satisco cannot participate in our structure due to policy differences. Last year's ASC voted in favour of having a second sports body.

I think it's the first opportunity many black students have had to participate in sports at Wits. It is a major breakthrough within BSS and for Men's Res.

Where there are no policy considerations, there should be integrated sport otherwise it could lead to polarisation among students on campus. A perfect example of this is intramural activities and interfaculty sports. Here, I believe, and many support my view, that within the structure of Wits, there should be participation of all its members.

WS: What's the difference between Satisco and ASC?
SR: I suppose the main difference is that while we are both non-racial, certain sports clubs under the ASC have links with certain provincial and national bodies in conflict with Satisco's policies and views.

I believe that at the heart of every sportsperson is the desire to be competitive. The ASC has thrived in creating the best competitive environment for its members. I act in representative capacity so if members wish to play competitive sports and to have the best competitions available them that is what we will be offered to them.

WS: With the creation of Satisco, should there be a deadlock where problems can be ironed out without Admin being called in?

WS: How do you feel about the sports boycott?
SR: I cannot align myself with the international sports boycott and believe there are other ways of challenging apartheid.

WS: Last year, the rebel South Sea Barbarians played on Wits rugby fields and were chased away by students who objected to them. What's your view on this?
SR: It is fundamentally important that power to make decisions in sport stays in the hands of students. It is up to the two bodies to create a forum of discussion where problems can be ironed out without Admin being called in.

WS: How do you feel about the Rebel South Sea Barbarians?
SR: I still do not believe that a sportsperson is the desire to be competitive. The ASC has thrived in creating the best competitive environment for its members. I act in representative capacity so if members wish to play competitive sports and to have the best competitions available them that is what we will be offered to them.

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SR: It is fundamentally important that power to make decisions in sport stays in the hands of students. It is up to the two bodies to create a forum of discussion where problems can be ironed out without Admin being called in.

WS: How do you feel about the Rebel South Sea Barbarians?
SR: I still do not believe that a sportsperson is the desire to be competitive. The ASC has thrived in creating the best competitive environment for its members. I act in representative capacity so if members wish to play competitive sports and to have the best competitions available them that is what we will be offered to them.
IS PAIN a necessary part of sport? Jacobsen, a sports physiotherapist, enthused. "No pain: No gain!" Half of Wits sport reporters found when they went to meet Pavlo Protopapas - SA Champion and Wits Karate Club member. On entering his bedroom, we were overwhelmed by 40 gleaming medals hanging proudly on the walls, two humungous polished trophies and a handful of various other awards of every shape and design. Yes, this was definitely the right place - the room of a Karate champion!

On 12 March this year the South African All Stars Karate Championships took place at the Standard Bank Arena in Johannesburg. Three hundred of South Africa's top Karate competitors from 18 provincial associations met to find out who would be the Kumite and Kata Karate Champions of SA.

For the uneducated masses, Kata emphasises form and involves battling with an imaginary opponent. Kumite is touch fighting - very thrilling to watch. Pavlo won four tournaments, was awarded with Springbok colours and was then awarded with Kata colours. Other Witsies, Russel Koton and Pavlo's twin brother, Panico, also made it into the Springbok squad.

Pavlo Protopapas - SA Champion. Pavlo's training is a final B Comm at Wits - dedication most of his time to Karate.

We were shocked to discover that Pavlo begins his day at 6:10 am with his first training session. He attends a few B Comm lectures, teaches Karate at the Old Mutual Karate Hall at lunchtime, teaches again from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and trains again until 8.

Pavlo spoke proudly of the Wits Karate Club, praising their victory last year when they won the Sports Club of the year. He assured us that anyone could turn out for training without feeling embarrassed or inadequate. And what of Pavlo's brilliant future? He did not foresee a future in Karate alone but would continue to train and excel himself to attain total mental and physical perfection. He was confident that South Africa's standard was one of the highest in the world and hoped that the squad could one day compete internationally.

Finally, we asked the "Champion of Champions" how he would sum up his feelings on Karate. From a sagging drawer, he produced an overflowing scrapbook plastered with news clippings, photographs and momentos. From among the many memories he took a guide by Funakoshi Gichin (Master of Karate), which he read to us with conviction: "The ultimate aim of Karate lies neither in victory nor defeat but in the perfection of character of participant."

Pavlo Champ

RECENTLY Mark Plaatjes was granted political refugee status in the USA. The justification being that as a black person in South Africa he was being oppressed and he had come to the USA seeking political asylum. The fact that he ran in a New York marathon a few days later leads one to question this.

Plaatjes was never known as an anti-apartheid campaigner and in his student days he didn't participate in any political activities. His success in South Africa was not hampered by his race and he had less reason to complain than other black athletes. Based on the fact that the United States turns away many people who are truly refugees, one must assume that Plaatjes was only admitted because of his sporting ability.

It seems grossly unfair that because of his ability to run he can escape the realities of living in South Africa while everyone else has to remain here and solve all the problems. We must wait and see whether Plaatjes uses his privileged position to oppose apartheid or whether he will just become another Zola Budd.

Comment

No pain: No gain

IS PAIN a necessary part of sport? Wits Student asked Gary Jacobsen, a sports physiotherapist, for his advice to all Wits sport enthusiasts.

Certain injuries are common to specific sports such as muscle and ligament tears, fractures and dislocations in rugby, swimming shoulder for swimmers and runners knee for joggers, and tennis elbow for squash players. Capers must be taken to avoid injuries: A 10 - 15 minute warm up period and exercising prior to playing sport helps to prevent muscular cramps, spasms and lesions. However, contrary to popular belief, certain exercises must be avoided. These include straight leg sit-ups (legs should be bent at the knee), squats and neck-circling (the neck joints are not designed to rotate to the degree practised in neck-circling. One should move one's head backward and forward, and then from left to right).

The following hints could help you treat some sports injuries:

1) Stretch and warm up. Bear in mind that most creams and lotions applied to the skin do not get past the layer of fat under the skin. If you haven success with a cream by all means use it unless your skin can handle it.

2) Apply ice

3) Apply compression around ice with a sock or crepe bandage

4) Elevate the affected part of the body.

5) Avoid exercise until the pain is gone.

6) Stop playing if you aren't sure about severity of injury.

7) If in doubt consult a qualified doctor.

8) Don't continue to play if you are injured go and make an appointment.

The causes of cramps are still being studied. At the moment there seems to be caused by a lack of carbohydrates in the diet. There is no evidence to suggest that they are caused by a lack of salt or potassium. The best way to treat cramps is to stretch them.

Blisters should be popped with a sterile needle and the skin left intact. Keep the area clean and apply Methiolate (but be careful - it stains badly and hurts like hell).

Under no circumstances should an amateur administer pain killers. Sportspeople who take pain killers should not continue to mold. Pain is an indication that you are hurt. Just because you can stop the pain doesn't mean that the injury has gone away. In all contact sport be very aware of neck injuries; if you are in doubt consult a qualified doctor.

Campus Health have a sports physio working there this year. They provide free medical service, so if you are injured go and make an appointment.
The voice of the people is stifled.

Last Thursday the place reserved for the New Nation on the newspapers was empty. Tomorrow that place will be empty again. This situation will remain until June 10.

The closure of the New Nation for three months has been imminent. Press curbs instituted last August, and refined this year, have allowed Stoffel Botha, minister of Home Affairs and Communications, to censor the content of publications. Botha may close publications down for three months once he has warned them of material which has involved his displeasure in three editions and gazetted an official warning. This is what happened to the New Nation.

Four other publications are presently undergoing the initial steps of the censorship procedure. They are the periodicals, Work in Progress, the Cape community newspaper, South, the far-right Die Stem, and South Africa's second largest daily, The Sowetan.

The South African Catholic Bishops' Conference which owns New Nation appealed to the Supreme Court on Monday last week to prevent its closure. A full bench of the court dismissed the application. Justice Curlewis, president, said "in certain situations the rights of the individual must give way to the rights of the state."

A member of the New Nation editorial collective asserts "Stoffel Botha never questioned the accuracy of our reporting. When we are being vilified we are simply labelled as hiding the truth that we publish." Stoffel Botha for his part has claimed "there is no question of the government wanting to control what people may know". Rather it seems the government is worried about the New Nation "promoting violence and revolution".

The New Nation staff respond by asking: "What came first: resistance to apartheid or the New Nation?"

"Resistance is a response to repression" says a member of the editorial collective. "When we came into existence we committed ourselves to accurately reflecting that resistance and articulating the opinions of the oppressed. Banning the New Nation will not make a difference - we simply reflect the reality and expose the violence of apartheid."

The New Nation could truthly lay claim to being the "paper for the people" people from all communities, including rural, contributed to their newspaper. New Nation began on January 16 1986 with a print order of 20,000 and was distributed fortnightly. We grossly underestimated the demand," says a collective member, "so we gradually pushed our figure to 70,000."

Last year saw the paper go weekly, printing between 55 and 60,000 copies, and with an estimated readership of a quarter of a million. Shortly before the New Nation was banned, calls were being made for it to appear on a daily basis.

New Nation staff see the attack on the paper as part of broader government clampdowns which have not even left churches and universities unscathed.

Most of the paper's two years of existence have been spent without its editor, Zwelakhe Sisulu. He has been in detention for 17 months.

The government soon found out that it takes more than the detention of one man to silence us", said a colleague. "At the time of his detention they said he was being detained because of his writing. Now they say it was because of his involvement in the NECC. This shows that they failed in their objective - to silence the New Nation."

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This story was to have appeared in last week's New Nation.

Instead Wits Student is carrying the copy.

A member of a Port Elizabeth unrest unit facing two charges of murder, is suffering from "Vietnam Syndrome".

Dr Anton Potgieter, who is the former head of the psychiatric department at 1 Military Hospital in Pretoria, told the Grahamstown Supreme Court that he had no doubt that Constable David Patrick Goosen, 26, suffered from a post-traumatic stress disorder.

This disorder, also known as Vietnam Syndrome, was found to have been widespread amongst American soldiers returning home from the Vietnam war.

Goosen and Warrant-Officer Leon de Villiers, 36, are charged with two counts of murder, two of assault, and one of attempting to defeat the ends of justice. The charges arise out of incidents which occurred in Cradock on June 25, 1986, when the unit under De Villiers' command was sent to Cradock to monitor the funeral of a 'terrorist'.

Dr Potgieter, who is considered a psychiatric expert, told the court of the requirements for making such a finding and said he was satisfied they existed in Goosen's case.

He admitted these symptoms could be faked, but he said only an extremely well informed person could give a good simulation.

He said he was very surprised that Goosen faced a court case of such serious nature with such apparent calmness.

Dr Potgieter suggested Goosen had rationalised the seriousness of the situation by convincing himself that the alleged stabbing was merely a reflex self-defence action without serious consequences. The alleged stabbing he dismissed as an accident.

Earlier the court had heard how Goosen had been involved in the 'elimination' of an ANC 'terrorist' and his defence has suggested he had suffered from nightmares and "a nameless fear", since then.

Goosen told the court that when he took the man he and de Villiers had earlier assaulted down to the river to wash his face, he again experienced "the nameless fear". It is alleged Goosen shot the man through the back of his neck after being told to do so by De Villiers.

Earlier, another expert witness told the court that the state could have erred when they claimed that one of the men killed died of an abdominal stab wound.

The trial is continuing in the Grahamstown supreme court.

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Protesting in the city centre last week

Will the New Nation survive its three months enforced hiatus?

The acting President of the South African Catholic Bishop's Conference, Bishop Reginald Orsmond - said the staff of New Nation would be retained. New Nation employs 22 full-time staff and 32 correspondents.

Seven employees have already resigned due to uncertainty over the New Nation's future. Much advertising has also been lost.

In the interim, New Nation staff will be training many of the people who contributed to the paper, in media skills. They will also work on improving their own skills. Bishop Orsmond said staff will be preparing for future editions after June 10.

Stoffel Botha, after examining three issues, may once more proceed to shut down the paper. Orsmond says, "if it becomes clear that the oppressed people cannot be given the opportunity to voice their feelings through the New Nation, a decision will have to be taken as to whether there is an opportunity to continue this paper."

A staff member Wits Student spoke to was adamant: "We will come back onto the streets. We're going to stick to our commitment to ourselves and the broader democratic community."