SRC constitution change means a 25% minimum election poll

Will they get their slice?
THE National Student Federation (NSF) affiliate at Rhodes has decided not to call for a disaffiliation campaign at Rhodes this term. The campus has been affiliated to the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) for a year.

According to Moderate Student Organisation (MSO) chair Kim Hodgson, the reason for not calling for disaffiliation was because the NSF had decided to give Nusas one more year to prove they can give the benefits that they promise. Nusas President Steve Kronberg said he believed the real reason was the NSF would lose the referendum.

While the MSO had collected the required number of signatures (10 percent of campus), they said they had numerous reasons for their decision, but said, "We are not going to tell what they are."

According to Nusas SRC president Patrick Tandy, the real reasons included the likelihood that the MSO would be found guilty of breaching the university press code by defaming Nusas and some of its members in two smear pamphlets brought out at the end of last term. The Publications Board of Reference hearing was due to be held during the referendum campaign, and the MSO would have lost credibility by apologising publicly to Nusas for inaccurate and defamatory statements contained in a pamphlet entitled "Those who apologise for the ANC - Students who support terrorists."

Armscor at UCT

UCT's official policy on defence related research is clear. According to Professor James Leaut of UCT administration, "The University Research Committee will not approve research contracts which are defence related. Even national research facilities on this campus such as the laser facility may not be used for this purpose."

At UCT's Career office an interviewing programme is conducted in which various companies are given the opportunity to recruit possible employees on campus. At this year's program Armscor and two of its major subsidiaries were present.

Engineers Against Apartheid, a group based on UCT campus, distribute pamphlets urging students to consider the fact that Armscor and its subsidiaries are responsible for supplying the SANDF and rigid-wing states with arms, before considering any offer of employment with them. It added that those arms are being used by the SANDF in Angola, Namibia, in cross-border raids into the frontline states, and in South Africa's townships, and urged students "to work for development and not destruction."

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Women victims of bad security

AN ATTEMPTED rape took place near noon on Friday, 10 June on West Campus. The student involved was walking towards her car at the West Campus parking lot when she was assaulted.

Mr Maskell, head of Security at Wits described the incident: "The would-be rapist grabbed the student. After a struggle she managed to free herself and run away. She then asked for assistance from passing students. The would-be rapist then disappeared over the showground road into the Braamfontein area. The student was not physically harmed, but greatly shocked."

The incident brings the number of sexual attacks on West Campus this year to three. The first rape took place on 15 March, and since the second attack occurred on 9 May and 10 June respectively.

Because of the subsidy cuts that have been placed on Wits this year, security has become extremely understaffed. As all of the attacks have occurred between 18h00-19h00, it is important that additional staff patrol potentially dangerous areas on campus during this time.

From 17h00-21h00 most security guards are involved with the locking up of buildings. Although admin insists that patrols cover areas on campus between 18h00-22h00, students feel that they are largely unprotected. Students are also complaining that campus is very badly lit, which increases the potential danger of walking safely on campus.

Because of the problem of understaffing, students have complained that guards are often unavailable to escort them at night, and students cannot always wait.

Mary-Ann Holland, a Wits Women's Movement co-ordinator, said, "The University community must provide women with protection from these attacks, and it is unacceptable that not enough protection is being provided by the community, especially in relation to women who are often on campus at night."

"At special times, security should be concentrated at certain areas such as the libraries and parking lots. People should be made available by security for the service of escorting people at night."

Tragic student deaths

FOUR Wits students and a Durban-Wesville resident were tragically killed in an accident on Monday last week. The car in which they were travelling left the road and crashed into a tree after a retread came off. The accident occurred near Wynberg on the N1.

According to police, all the occupants of the car died before the arrival of emergency services.

The five people killed were Duncan (Dane) Tudhope, Sandra Mullins, Sandra Henning, and Michelle Mullinos, all Wits students, and Brett Dickenson from Damelin.

Dickenson had been in Cape Town over the weekend together with the Men's Res/Sunswide sports tour. According to friends of the students, they had travelled down separately from the official buses in order to go to a party in Cape Town.

The tragedy came as a particular blow to the closely knit community.

Three of the students, Duncan (Dane) Tudhope, Sandra Henning, and Michelle Mullinos were in residence. Sunswide and Men's Res held a memorial service for their fellow students on Thursday night.

EOH porn

THE night before exams started, EOH residents were watching a film. After an edition of Wits Student exposing live porn at the residence, and in the absence of action by the administration, the SRC screened "Not a Love Story", a movie dealing with pornography.

The film, which details the dangers of pornography, was chosen as a constructive way of dealing with pornography at residence, rather than taking disciplinary measures against those involved in pornography at residence.

Members of the residence said that while there were a few catcalls and giggles, the screening of the film was "effective" in proving that pornography oppresses and exploits women.

Stabbing on campus

ON SATURDAY night a student from the University Of Durban-Westville (UDW) was stabbed by a fellow UDW student on East Campus. The student died later in hospital.

The incident was preceded by rowdy and racist behaviour in the residence, and it is difficult for Satisco-Wits to maintain control.

A NUSAS member at Durban University said the incident was directly linked to tensions on the UDW campus, where members of the Azasm-Wits (Azasm) are attempting to make inroads into the Satisco/Sansco constituency. Azasm does not adhere to the principle of non-racism; it is linked to the Azanian People's Organisation.

The Nusas person, who did not wish to be named, said, "There has been a group of UDW students and in the ensuing fight, he himself was killed."

At the time of going to press Wits Student was unable to obtain a comment from the University of Durban-Westville, as their SRC was in an emergency meeting discussing the issue.

At a general student body meeting to discuss the event, an Azasm member allegedly threatened, "If the SRC doesn't identify the killer, there will be SRC bodies by the end of the week."

Up Wits' image

AS PART of a general campaign to promote the image of Wits, the SRC and the Public Affairs Division of the university are running a competition for a Wits slogan. The slogan will be used as a sticker for car windows, bumpers and walls. A prize of R300 cash is being offered for the best entry, which should be in the form of a simple slogan including the word "Wits".

Entries should be submitted with your name, address and telephone number to the SRC President's office in the Students' Union building.

Entries close on 1 August 1988.
VC keeps it in the family

Professor Robert Charlton is the second member of his family to be installed as Vice Chancellor and President at Wits. His grandfather, Sir William Thomson, held the post from 1925 to 1927. Professor Charlton was installed during study week in June.

In an address on the challenges facing Wits, Professor Charlton said, “The most fundamental of the goals of a university is the pursuit of truth. A number of freedoms are prerequisites to enable it to pursue truth effectively.”

He qualified this by saying that the ideal of complete freedom of speech is not attainable in South Africa. “I cannot accept that Wits should be expected to provide a platform for the advocacy of racism or violence,” he said.

Charlton stressed the importance of consultation with “sectors of the community which are not represented on the decision-making bodies of the university.”

He deplored the fact that “so few blacks occupy senior positions in the university and none on the University Council.” He pledged himself and the administration to “work to correct the imbalance.”

Regarding the financial problems facing Wits, Charlton said that academic standards are being threatened, the threat being the increasing shortage of money. The 1988 subsidy fell short by R47 million. Charlton said that this affected the cost of fees, the salaries of both academic and non-academic staff, and called for the “rationalisation” of resources.

Charlton also spoke about the relationship between students and the SRC, saying “Responsing imaginatively to the distressingly low poll in the annual elections last August, the SRC has succeeded in re-establishing its legitimacy through a referendum and student government is in firm and capable hands.”

Dentistry faculty addresses problems

At a meeting with Wits Student last week, Dean of Dentistry Professor Preston said he thought the replies to a survey conducted by the Dental Students Council (DSC) would be in line with allegations made in previous Wits Student articles. In the articles, students complained of difficulties governing student conduct and ineffective student representation.

The Dean said, “I cannot be that naive and believe there are no complaints.” Nonetheless, he claims, “I do not think there is any other faculty on campus that has taken as many steps to normalise the relationship between students and staff.”

According to Bernard Anderson of the Dental Students Council (DSC), the survey conducted by the DSC to gauge student’s opinions on the allocations made in Wits Student was “valuable” and highlighted problems some of the DSC was already aware of. Anderson felt in the past students had not made use of channels available to them to air their grievances.

Two lecturers in the Dentistry Faculty have been “reappointed” to the posts they had originally been appointed to. Prof. Preston denied allegations that the lecturers had been suspended as a result of the DSC survey but admitted that the lecturers had been asked about their interest in staff.

SABS volunteers held by SAVS

During the July vac, Wits students on a South African Voluntary Services (SAVS) camp in Lebowa were briefly held by the SADF because they did not have a permit to be in the homeland.

The incident took place five days into the camp, on Tuesday 12 July, when 150 Wits students and 120 Lebowa community classrooms with the local community. Dave Kimber, a third year PA student, said: “Seven soldiers arrived in a Sani to drop off their media, The Warrior. They allegethe soldiers asked the members of the party and when the member exposed his film the soldiers took him away. The community was very scared. They asked, ‘Where is he going? He might get beaten up.’”

Two hours later they returned and arrested five more of us,” added Kimber, who was among those taken. Eventually the entire expedition had been rounded up.

At the base to which they were taken they saw confiscated trade union posters, a map of the district with flags denoting “school unrest,” “illegal gathering,” “armed person” as well as a poster claiming “It is a known fact, terrorists have AIDS.”

Members of SAVS say they were not perturbed by the “arrest.” “We felt protected by our white faces,” they said. The worst they expected was a night in the army barracks,” said one.

Such a situation did not arise. After being served with coffee and orange juice and watching reports of the snow falls, the students were released. The required permit was arranged.

When the SADF was asked what it was doing in the area, the curt reply was: “There is a war going on. Lebowa is an operational area.”

The South African Voluntary Service was formerly a nation-wide organisation and was not confined to campuses. Today SAVS exists only at Wits.

The aims of SAVS are to educate students about conditions in rural communities through involvement in community development projects and aid communities in their development, through funding and initial co-ordination of building projects.

Jackie Tasker, SAVS chairperson says: “Community participation and co-operation is relied on totally in SAVS building projects, with everyone working together.”

The camp in July followed a feasibility study in May. On the basis of greatest need and interest, the Alexandria School near Rustenburg was targeted as a building project.

Aided by a R20 000 AECI donation, SAVS undertook to build six classrooms and build a pit latrine. “By the last day of the camp the six classrooms were built to roof level, the wooden fences for the zinc roofs were being built and the pit for the latrine was dug,” says Jackie Tasker, who attributed their success to “the skill of the builders and the active participation and enthusiasm of the community. "SAVS's members felt that the readiness of the community to accept us as friends, helped to promote the spirit of non-racialism and mutual support," continued Tasker.

SAVS believes that projects such as these it undertakes could be offered as forms of alternative service for people objecting to service in the SADF.
WITS Admin has decided to sell the Crescent, due to the restrictive subsidy cuts which have severely affected the development of the University. This includes all the land between the M1 motorway and the Jan Smuts Empire road intersection. It should sell for between nine and nine and a half million rand.

Because the site lies in a residential zone, the sale will only go through if the university obtains rezoning rights which will allow developers to build office blocks. At this stage the university and the developers of the site, Shackman Brothers, have had their application passed by the City Council of Johannesburg, but not by other bodies including a Township Council passed by the City Council. The University cited the main reason for this was the restrictive rezoning rights which will allow developers to build the Crescent due to the restrictive rezoning rights which will allow developers to build office blocks.

According to a press release from the university, a decision is to be made within the next two months. The university and the developers of the site, Shackman Brothers, have had their application passed by the City Council of Johannesburg, but not by other bodies including a Township Council passed by the City Council. The University cited the main reason for this was the restrictive rezoning rights which will allow developers to build office blocks.

In a press statement the University cited their main reason for the sale as the large need for student accommodation. Although the University will lose 70 places for students at the Crescent, this will be replaced by a new residence, converted from the old Etienne Street Medical School, which will house 380 students. Wits will be able to afford this from the proceeds of the sale.

Arcade - mega student service

ARCADE renovations on East Campus will be completed by 19 August 1988. The SRC, who organised the alterations, expected that the shops would open by 1 August 1988, but construction is still under way.

The SRC realised at the 1987 elections that most students were unaware of the services which the SRC offered, and decided to improve student services and make them more accessible.

The arcade will now be a great party venue. In the past, parties were not allowed, because there was no sound proofed building to block the noise from Sunnyside residence. The shops will now act as sound proofing, and the arcade will become the new jotling centre on campus.

The arcade will have three shops: Student Sports; South African Travel Service (SATS) and Franco Hairdressing.

Arcade - mega student service

There will be also a pub counter for committees to use during fundraising campaigns.

Franco Hairdressing have offered their hairdressing expertise at reasonable student prices. If this proves to be a financially successful venture, West Campus could have its own hairdresser too.

Nikki Howard, holder of the ARC Student Services portfolio, said, 'The interests of students have been well considered in the renovations. Student surveys were conducted and on the basis of these we decided which shops would be best. I hope that the concentration of services in one area will facilitate their use and create a sense of community in the Students Union.'
The National Students Federation (NSF) expressed support for Inkatha in the Zulu nationalist group's war against the UDF in Natal, and praised the actions of security forces in the townships. Inkatha's actions in Natal have included forced recruitment and Inkatha members have had court interdicts served against them preventing them from using violence against members of the community.

This was made clear from a number of resolutions passed by students at the NSF's annual congress held from 11 to 15 July at Satenbosch. The congress was attended by 120 people from eight universities. Nine Wits students attended. According to Mark Heaton, NSF Media and Research Officer some of the observers were "high school pupils".

Speakers at the congress included Wynand Malan - leader of the National Democratic Movement, Roffeif Meyer - Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and Leon Louw - co-author of South Africa - The Solution.

Phillip Powell, NSF President, had this message, "The NSF has come through a phase of rapid expansion during which the organisation doubled in size." The increase in the size of the organisation is due mainly to a breakthrough into Afrikaans campuses politics, a base from which the NSF now draws much support.

At Wits the NSF is represented by the Student Moderate Alliance (SMA). The SMA which has 37 members recently appointed Paul Shippey as chair for 1988/9.

The WPS consists of about 358 students on campus. Its aim is to promote an awareness of Portuguese culture and to maintain links with Portugal, but at the same time to promote the fact that they are first and foremost South Africans.

Highlights of the cultural event include a premier of the film Atramenta do Meta Noite which Maurice Gill, cultural officer of the WPS, says is a "runaway success in Portugal at the moment." Other highlights include a Noite de Fados, which is traditional Portuguese singing, on Sunday 21 August at Wits. The concert is being held in Paris. Rusty Wright has written a "Dynamic Sex" with positive Christian views in which Chris contructively appor to their lives. He had no idea where the cultural coming to South Africa was "coming". (See also Rusty Wright's essay "Rusty Wright" in which Chris did so look forward to the implementation of the Cultural Development Act.)

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Quality of Wits degrees threatened

IF THE state continues to deprive the university of its life-blood through repeated subsidy cuts, Wits will not be able to maintain the standard of education it presently provides.

This is the opinion of various departments on campus, who have noted several consequences of the 29% cut which represent a real decline in academic quality.

Administrative staff in the school of law commented: "The university's rationalisation policy has entailed the virtual freezing of all staff positions, resulting in one of Law's most competent lecturers being drawn to find employment elsewhere. We have lost an excellent academic, and we cannot replace, since all posts have been frozen."

Prof B Skees, lecturer in the department of mechanical engineering, echoed this concern. "Most of the department's lecturers could earn R20 000 more per annum, and they would leave and take up positions in engineering firms. It's very worrying."

Freezing the staff positions left vacant has inevitably resulted in a growing student-staff ratio. The implications, such as rising student numbers in seminars and tutorials, are becoming increasingly pressing, says Professor Cheddie, senior lecturer in the English department. "The ideal for the department is three intensive seminars for every one general lecture per week. However, with student numbers increasing steadily, and new lectureship positions being restricted, we may be forced to cut down on seminars and resort to lectures."

"A racist cannot be a Christian"

FOR OVER a month students on campus wondered who Rusty was. All they knew was that he was "coming". One day he arrived.

Rusty Wright, an evangelist from the United States, has toured many campuses in the United States and elsewhere. He gave a number of talks on subjects ranging from "dynamic sex" to Christian viewpoints on racism. "I talk about things students are interested in: sex and marriage, and other topics." But he explained "I don't claim to have all the answers, I am simply proposing the sincerity of the Christian view."

Rusty has written a book called "Dynamic Sex" which gives a positive Christian view on the way in which Christians can constructively approach sex as a part of their lives.

He had no idea that he had broken the cultural boycott in coming to South Africa. That he did.

Rusty did seem to know more about the implementation of economic sanctions but wouldn't commit himself to a particular stand. "Some blacks say sanctions will be effective, but on the other hand the government doesn't respond. I'm reserving my judgement on sanction."

Rusty Wright's approach to racism is clear. "Any person who is racist cannot be a Christian. On the other hand he also says that because a cause calls for certain principles similar to those Jesus called for, it would not necessarily make it a Christian cause.

He relates his Christian viewpoints to South Africa by saying that he would always be very sceptical of advocating violence as a way to remove an oppressive government. He did say, however, that he could understand why violence is occurring. "I have visited Crossroads and I can see why there is a lot of anger brewing."

His biggest concern about the war in Angola is that "it is wreaking havoc with the poverty situation there."

When asked about the role of women in the ministry, something being questioned in the Anglican church at the moment, he pointed out "marriage is a partnership - the ability of a Christian to help someone is not affected by his or her sex," but did not directly address a woman's role in the Church.

SAUJS examines SA and Israel

SAUJS passed a motion calling for the removal of troops from the townships and the release of detainees at its annual SAUJS congress in July.

About 200 students from universities and technicons around the country attended the congress held in Parys. Representative from all four Jewish youth movements were also present.

SAUJS 'magical mystery seminar' preceded the congress focusing on three broad areas. On the question of Zionism there were lectures and discussion about Israel today and a holocaust exhibition. The second area was Judaism and it was discussed in terms of its relevance and in relation to feminism and racism in modern society.

There were also sessions on South Africa which included a talk by David Bruce, recently sentenced to six years imprisonment, who told SAUJS members why he was refusing to serve in the SANDF. Steven Silver from the Wits SRC spoke about apartheid.

At the congress where SAUJS determined its policy, a call was made for the intensification of the Jewishness of SAUJS, and a motion was passed giving SAUJS committees the right to criticize Israeli government policy if at least 75% of the committee members support it.
**Organising staff**

THE UNION of Democratic University Staff Associations (UDUSA) was launched at a congress held at the University of Durban-Westville during the July vacation. The launch came after two years of planning.

Derek Young, a senior lecturer in Applied Maths at Wits, as well as National Treasurer of UDUSA, told Wits Student: "There was a desire throughout the country for an Academic Staff Association which would be non-racial and democratic.

The union intends to deal with all issues of concern to academics, the universities and the society of which it is a part.

**Schools crisis**

According to Derek Young, one of UDUSA's intentions is not to affiliate to, but certainly to forge links with other democratic organisations. He also went on to denounce the anti-immunisation campaign against the banning of the vaccination of children in South Africa.

UDUSA had at its launch a membership of approximately 3100. At Wits the Academic Staff Association, which is affiliated to UDUSA, has a membership of over 700. UDUSA has a number of academics who are members in their personal capacity, as there are certain universities which have chosen not to affiliate.

**The DEPARTMENT of Education and Training (DET) has suspended classes at five South African high schools. The suspension follows incidents of stone-throwing, arson and boycott of classes.

The incidents are part of ongoing protests against the continued detention of many school children on the Rand. Furthermore, very few of the demands put forward during the past few years have been met, and many schools in Vaal townships are being boycotted.

In the Vaal, the protests in Vaal townships echo those in the Western Cape which flared up earlier this year. In April there was a three-day stayaway to protest against the invasion of schools by police. On July 4th, the police announced on July 4th, that they had been called in to a school by parents who were rioting.

The students had been asked to go home to do homework. This is typical of the attitude of the DET to students, according to Mr. Peet, the student representative on the DET's Johannesburg region. In the Vaal, the students are demanding the release of their fellow students who are serving jail sentences, and the DET authorities refuse to listen to the grievances of black students.

Dr. Ivan Toms, General Secretary of the Mamelodi Civic Association and staff member of the Community Resource and Information Centre (CRIC), has allegedly escaped from police detention.

Police announced on July 4th that Bopape had escaped on June 12, and said the announcement was delayed as it would have jeopardised investigations into the activities of "trained ANC terrorists" if announced earlier.

CRIC says between June 12 and July 4 there were "several communications" between their lawyers and the police. In no cases was his "escape" mentioned. CRIC trustee Dr Breyne Neyde said an area of suspicion surrounded Bopape's disappearance. Mamelodi Civic and CRIC said Bopape's family and colleagues feared for his life, and felt if he had escaped he would have contacted them.

Mamelodi is also a member of the Mamelodi Youth Organisations (MYO), a law student at the University of the North (Turffontein) from 1981 until he joined CRIC in 1985. While at Turffontein he was an active member of Azaso (now Sasco). He is currently studying law at the University of the North.
ON SUNDAY the Federation Of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw) looked back at their history, successes and shortcomings in a festival commemorating National Women's Day. The festival was a day of song and speeches held in the Flower Hall on West Campus. A massive festival attracting people from numerous democratic organisations under current conditions is rare these days. People seemed to be savouring the experience of getting together. "The men were on their best behaviour too," a woman commented wryly.

The festival was more than simply a commemoration of the history of the day - an anti-pass march by 20 000 women on the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956. It comes at a time when women's organisations are taking on a more active role, while other community organisations suffer from restrictions and repression.

The past year has also seen women challenge oppressive features of these democratic organisations themselves.

The Women's Conference of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was held for the first time, allowing women to come together and discuss their problems as women, as workers and as members of the community. Issues like maternity benefits, creches, and the demand for an end to sexual harassment at the workplace have been put on women's lists of demands.

General sexual inequality has also been challenged in the past year. The reluctance of the church to ordain women as priests, for instance, was challenged at the historic Women's Ecumenical Decade gathering at Bothasibello near Bloemfontein. This paralleled debates around women priests in England.

Similarly, the women of Cosatu made the far-reaching call for equal sharing of all domestic responsibilities by men and women. These are demands which cut through barriers of race and social class.

Wits Women's Movement, an affiliate of Fedtraw, along with BSS Women's Group, helped with the organisation of the festival and were invited to read a statement from Nusas.

The two organisations have been working closely together recently, on their own National Women's Day campaign. Mary-Anne Holland, joint co-ordinator of Wits Women's Movement said they are concentrating on unity between women to oppose common problems, specifically sexual harassment and violence against women.

The rich heritage of South African women's organisations was recognised in the theme of the Fedtraw festival: "Women look back to move forward". However, as Natal Organisation of Women chair, Nozizwe Madlala said, "So many years on, we still have a lot to learn."

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THE ISSUE of censorship in South Africa has once more arisen with the recent controversial banning of Cry Freedom. The decision of the Publications Appeal Board to allow Cry Freedom to be screened only lasted for a few hours, before police seized copies of the film nationwide.

United International Pictures (UIP) managing director told Wits Student that he, "deeply distressed and saddened by the last minute banning of Cry Freedom," and added that he hoped "that in the not too distant future the government would reconsider."

Students on campus echoed similar sentiments. Lea, MBChB, said, "If the government has got nothing to hide, why should they feel threatened showing it?" Alan, LLB, felt that, "It's part of the reform/repression process, whereby the Appeal Board is allowed to exist as long as the government still wields the power."

Ian, Mining Engineering II, said, "It doesn't worry me unless it causes other non-political movies to be banned."

UIP's managing director said, "To have a boycott may be a little surprising, but some students are never able to attend a lecture or a test. South African prisons don't allow prisoners to attend lectures at Wits. One of these students is Zwelake Sisulu (37), New Nation editor and political prisoner. He has been in detention for over 600 days. Sisulu registered at Wits at the beginning of the year while still in detention. He was arrested on 27 June 1986. He is currently studying African Literature II, Classical Civilisation, Economic History and Education II."

Detention is not foreign to Sisulu. He is the son of prominent ANC leader Walter Sisulu, who was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Rivonia Trial together with Nelson Mandela. Zwelake's mother, Albertina Sisulu, is a UDF President and has been restricted since 24 February.

Since his involvement in the formation of the Media Workers Association of South Africa (MWASA), Sisulu has been subject to the will of the police - from banning to detention.

In 1979 he was sentenced to nine months imprisonment for refusing to testify against a colleague. The sentence was set aside and a retrial ordered.

In December 1980 he was moved from Diepkloof to Johannesburg prison as he is being treated for depression. His family are allowed to see him once every two weeks for 30 minutes.
Surviving

What they say

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the first six months

First year presents very specific problems to new students. Wits Student speaks to first years about their experiences and asks the SRC and two faculties to comment on the problems facing first years.

Were you made to feel welcome when you arrived at Wits?
*Well, not unwelcome. Medical School made us feel welcome - Colin (MBBCh I)
*I felt welcome but you had to find out student services for yourself - Franco (B Proc I)
*expected to sit all alone but I found it was the opposite - Vicky (B Com I)
*Yes, there were parties for us and Orientation Week. There's no stigma attached to being a first year - Clinton (BA Law I)

Has Wits influenced your political outlook?
*To go to Wits means you will be influenced. I've kept on open mind and a balanced view - Colin (MBBCh I)
*No, I've always been politically aware. Wits just made me more interested - Franco (B Proc I)
*Very much so. I can relate real life experiences to my political views - Brian (B Com I)
*Yes, I would never have known about Dave Bruce at school - Vicky (B Com I)

First years - having to cope with the challenges of Wits.

WS: Has the brain drain, both overseas and to private business, affected the Commerce faculty?
Kahn: Yes. We do still manage to attract a certain number of academics from overseas, particularly in Business Economics, but they are not enough rewarding.

Law's Matzukis on exams

WS: Have the Legal Theory I papers always presented problems for first years?
NM: The pattern is that the pass rate is low in June and high in November. Our papers usually have the same problem solving format. About three years ago we experimented with a multiple choice paper in June. There was no pass rate and about half the class got firsts. That November we reverted to the normal format and about everyone failed - there were almost no firsts. The following year we used the normal format for both June and November exams. In June we had a record number of failures but in November we had a second record number of firsts.

WS: Aren't you worried about discrepancies between June and November?
NM: Not really, to be honest, first years need a bit of a shock. They need to be sorted out. The June exam tends to winnow the wheat from the chaff. It shows them the mettle of the course and they tend to pull their socks up after the June exam.

WS: What are the staff doing to try and help first years overcome these problems?
NM: I think tutors realise that they need to help bridge the gap between school and university. Problems occur when lecturers speak over the heads of students.

WS: Is there a converse of the pattern - bad in June, good in November?
NM: Obviously there are individuals who do well in both exams, but yes, the general class statistic shows that people who do well in June do badly in November.
The year that was

As the current term of office comes to an end, Wits Student interviews the President, Rose Hunter:

WS: Can you outline broad areas where the SRC has been successful?

RH: The best successes we've had have been contacts we've made with different sectors of campus. Our relationship with student leadership of all clubs and societies, faculty councils and house committees has been great. We've also tried hard to extend our broad contact, giving the SRC a lot of help and advice.

Another success is the SRC's improved student services. While there will always be room for improvement we've got pool tables, 24 hours security at the gates, many more student jobs, a car maintenance course and our recommendation for improving car security have been accepted. This is not to mention the services like the SRC Shops, SASTS, the games rooms and so on.

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Politically we've had really successful protest campaign against the De Klerk regulations. Thousands of students protested government interference in our universities. We also had a campaign against the restricting of the 17 organisations. This culminated in a protest march to the Union Buildings in which student leadership - not only from Wits but from campuses countrywide - participated.

WS: What have been the failures of this SRC? RH: The fact the four SRC members resigned at various stages throughout the year was a big blow. It meant that fewer people had to try and take on more work. Unfortunately this did not always happen. There were people of core who were really hard on the SRC but there are others who just come and go.

Another failing was the second term. There was a definite slackening after the first term and the referendum. I don't think this was due to laziness. SRC members are students too and we had neglected our academics in the first term and needed to do some serious work before the June exams.

There were also failings in the student services area. We didn't get the payment for fees system changed. Cars parked in Yale road are still getting fixed and the "new look" arcade still isn't finished.

We also didn't build non-racialism on campus the way we wanted to. While the exec has done a lot of work it hasn't extended to many other parts of student leadership. We didn't organise enough forums for people to get together and discuss non-participation, Sancos, etc.

Finally, while we did manage to build relations with various campus committees, often there were problems of consistency. Sometimes the contact was not really ongoing - the foundations are there however and the new SRC must build on them to continue good SRC relationships.

The SRC that almost wasn't

A heavy huddle
Late for another SRC meeting

Achievements: Made more than half the SRC meetings
Attendance: 55%

Nikki Howard
Student Services
Role model: Joan of Arc
Promises kept: New brooms
Promises made: To revitalise the SRC
Weak point: His teeth get in the way after four months on the SRC
Strong point: His smile

Beth Goldblatt
Arts rep
Women’s Portfolio
Strong point: Strong women in Africa
Weak point: Culture
Promises made: To give Arts students a united voice
Promises kept: Proved to be very “Articulate”
Achievement: Car maintenance course
Role model: Goldi Meier
Attendance: 80%

Matthew Smith
Edcomm Chair
Science rep
Weak point: A bit too much around the computer
Promises made: “In this context, I believe that as a Science rep I can play a meaningful role in encouraging critical and active participation of science students in determining the direction of their education…”
Promises kept: What he kidding?
Role model: R2D2
Achievement: Saved this edition of Wil’s Student with his computer skills
Attendance: 90%

Malwia Anastasiou
Dentistry rep
Strong point: A dentist doesn’t look like a dentist
Weak point: Dentists don’t recognise her
Promises made: To bridge the gap
Promises kept: Missed the cavities
Achievement: Record attendance for a Dentistry rep
Attendance: 60%

Berenice Garb
Secretary
Ticket: The Doors
Strong point: Painted the tunnel
Weak point: So did the municipality
Promises made: To bring colour to campus
Promises kept: Found it’s one thing to colour code your wardrobe and another to inject colour into West Campus
Role model: Penny Smythe
Achievement: Free Peoples Concert
Attendance: 90%

Loren Kaplan
Orientation Week Chair
Academic Freedom Committee
Strong point: Organised Orientation Week
Weak point: Forgot her term of office continues thereafter
Promises made: Promised to help set up faculty councils
Promises kept: You win some you lose some
Role model: Jane Fonda
Attendance: 60% (had to attend gym classes)

Anthony Philbrick
Architecture rep
Strong point: Cornerstone of the SRC
Weak point: The year reduced him to rubble
Promises made: To put Architecture on the map
Promises kept: Couldn’t find the Architecture building
Achievement: SRC Diary Attendance: 75%

Barbara Davis
Part-time rep
A quiet person: a mystic, a philosopher, a sculptor, a lover of animals, a cordon blue cook, a concert pianist, all live nearby
Attendance: 35%

Neil Martinson
Med School rep
Strong point: His jaw
Weak point: His hairline
Promises made: Told students he was a masochistic workaholic
Promises kept: Turned out to be lazy and sadistic
Role model: Dr Do little
Attendance: 60%

Dawn Loudon
Education rep
Strong point: Um, er, um, attendance?
Weak point: Christian National Education
Promises made: Swore not to accept any other portfolio except education
Promises kept: Remained in the education block all year
Achievement: Attended more SRC meetings than Claire Joyce
Attendance: 30%

Graeme Meyerowitz
Engineering rep
Strong point: Doesn’t look like an Engineer
Weak point: Everyone thinks he’s Greg Nowitz
Promises made: To enlighten Engineers
Promises kept: Judge for yourselves
Attendance: 60%+

Greg Nowitz
Business School rep
Strong point: His weak point
Weak point: See strong point
Achievement: See strong point
Attendance: Classified information

Brian Rodkin
Commerce rep
Strong point: Accountable
Weak point: Calculating
Promises made: To step up the vibe on West Campus
Promises kept: What kind of arsehole would make a promise like that?
Achievements: Helped organise new exam venues
Role model: J.R. Ewing

Judy Prombuck
Elected in by-elections
Strong points: Gets what she wants
Weak points: Nobody else wants it
Promises made: Said “much more can be done”
Promises kept: Did much more
Achievements: Stuck it out for four months
News agencies saved at eleventh hour

When the emergency regulations were renewed for the third successive year in June, an addition appeared requiring all "news agencies" to register with the Dept of Home Affairs by 31 July. In the week leading up to this date, numerous publications, agencies, organisations and businesses publicly refused to register. The South African Students Press Union (Saaspu) was amongst the first to respond, refusing to "become government agents."

On 28 July the Minister of Home Affairs and Communications, Stoffel Botha, suspended the regulations in the face of mounting pressure and opposition. This follows over a month of uncertainty and confusion - exacerbated by Botha's reluctance to discuss opposition to the regulations and the often contradictory statements coming from him and his lieutenant, Andries Engelbrecht, Chief Director of media regulations.

Engelbrecht, who was employed by the Dept of Information until its disbandment following the 'Info Scandal', caused a furor when he stated that major newspapers supplying other outlets with news would also have to register. The implications of the broad definition of what a news agency is, meant that public relations departments and even the Bureau of Information might be affected.

This brought a torrent of indignant opposition as the regulations were already regarded as all encompassing. Botha was forced to do a quick shuffle and claimed that the regulations were never intended for mainstream publications. Indeed it is the tiny independent news agencies - four in the Eastern Cape and two in Natal - that he is most concerned with. These agencies do not supply the commercial press and only account for a small portion of the news carried by the alternative press. What makes them different is the information they provide about the daily experiences of very many South Africans and their struggles against apartheid, which is not readily provided elsewhere.

Registration for these agencies and certain other progressive groups which produce media could be their deathknell - instant withdrawal of their registration and thus their right to exist.

The broadness of the definition of a News Agency - any organisation, institution or individual involved somewhere in the process ranging from the gathering through to the dissemination of news - led many to fear this created a web from which Botha could pluck any victim he chose. It also provided the basis for broad unity against the regulations and, arguably, their demise.

The Associated Chamber of Commerce (Assocom), for instance, released a statement saying the regulations were so wide that even though they were not the target they would have to register and this they refused to do. This statement and others followed a meeting in Johannesburg on 22 July which was attended by a wide spectrum including Cosatu, the alternative press, community organisations and big business. At the meeting Jay Naidoo, General Secretary of Cosatu, described the regulations as "part of a broader attack on democracy." Harvey Tyson, editor of the Star, wants the public to come forward and say they will refuse to be tainted in such a system.

A reason for this widespread refusal to register, even from sectors unlikely to be affected, could be their reluctance to be seen on the state's register, some have refused to be tainted in such a way.

It is rumoured that US Ambassador Perkin approached PW Botha about the issue and some people believe Stoffel Botha and his henchmen might have burned their fingers this time. Lawyers feel it would be difficult to redraw the regulations so as to include only a narrowly defined group of alternative agencies. It is possible that the censor's sights will once more focus on the alternative publications such as New Nation and South, which returned to the streets unhindered once their bans had lapsed and Grassroots and Swaadstaan which were somewhere in the tortuous process of being shut down a few months ago.

The Association of Democratic Journalists (ADJ) warned that the battle against registration is far from over, "Pressure at home and abroad has so far given us breathing space only. The Minister of Home Affairs, Stoffel Botha makes it clear that he is determined as ever to gain control over certain journalists... He will be refining his weapon to make sure that they now strike only certain targets and do not bloody powerful press institutions in the process.

The truth cannot be told when some sources of information are silenced while others are allowed to speak only at the Government's pleasure."

The Weekly Mail Film Festival

CINEMA UNDER SIEGE
Date: 15-28 Aug.
Venue: Market Theatre & Alexandra Art Centre.

Censorship is the theme
*Films from: Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Britain and a focus on South African Cinema.

*Lunch-time Concert: Jennifer Ferguson, The Lurchers and the Kalahari Surfers.

*Topical seminars and debates.

*Theatre pieces by: Matthew Krause and Etienne Andrew Buckland and others

Booking at Computicket
See Weekly Mail 12 Aug. for full programme.

Some of the programme

AS THOUSANDS of South African men, the SADF last week compiled two years of compulsory military "service", 143 men, aged between 18 and 45, were never to serve in the army. Sixty-six of the group, stated, "As South Africans we wish to get rid of the building of a racist and just society." The SADF helps to maintain the system of apartheid.

Members of the Johannesburg contingent were Ntsato Kromberg, 23, and Wits SRC President Barry and Etienne Tyson, 22, President 1986/7. Fifteen of the SRC were in jail, as well as two Wits SRC members. Gary Rabi, editor of the Voice of Wits, a student newspaper, was not a member of the SADF, the SADF was also involved in the Jouburg 66. The Afric, recently released for refusing to serve in the SADF, was a signatory to the Johannesburg Peace Declaration.

Past SRC President Mauais served as a prisoner of the SADF during 1984/5, he recalled his experiences in Angola during conference last week. "What I witnessed was the mass shooting of a 13 year-old girl in cold blood and the brutal murder of a 16 year-old for cigarettes in Angola. There was nothing uncommon, everyday about the intimidation and degradation as driving down a road with vehicles, men, women and children?"
Some of the people in Johannesburg who refused to serve in the SADF.

Angola: the end of the war?

As thousands of young South African men entered the SADF last week to begin their compulsory two years "national service", 143 men, countrywide aged between 18 and 36 pledged never to serve in the SADF.

Sixty-six of the group were from the Johannesburg area, over 30 of them being Wits students. In a joint statement, the Johannesburg group, stated, "as loyal South Africans we wish to contribute to the building of a peaceful, non-racial and just society. We believe the SADF helps to uphold the system of apartheid. We do not see serving in the SADF as a way of contributing to peace in our country."

Members of the Johannesburg contingent were Nunas President, Steve Kromberg, former Nunas and Wits SRC President Brendan Barry and Etienne Marais, SRC President 1986/7. Four members of the SRC were in the group as well as two Wits Student staff members. Gary Rathan, former head of Voice of Wits, and one time member of the Permanent Force, was also among the Johannesburg 66. David Bruce, recently jailed for six years for refusing to serve in the SADF was a signatory to the joint statement in Johannesburg.

Past SRC President, Etienne Marais served as a "parabat" in the SADF during 1980-82. He recalled his experience in Namibia and Angola during a press conference last Wednesday. "What I witnessed ranged from the shooting of a 13 year old schoolgirl in cold blood and the torture of a 16 year-old for eight hours, in Angola. There was also the more common, everyday example of intimidation and degradation such as driving down of kraal fences with vehicles, men exposing themselves to Ovamboland women and stealing of beer."

"The kind of racism that many whites are brought up with mean they have no respect for black people, that's why they can just shoot rifle grenades into villages without checking to see if all the people have left".

Marais spoke of soldiers who kept floggers and ears as souvenirs and recalled one soldier using the corpse of a Swapo guerilla as a pillow.

An involved in Operation Protea in 1981, he was in the town of Ongiva (100 kms into Angola) when he heard the SADF denying that the SADF was there. "On the same day we heard the BBC describing accurately what happened," he said. "We were told (Operation Protea) was an attack on Swapo bases but we waged war on the civilian population, personally I saw no sign of Swapo but what I did see were thousands of refugees streaming north.

"What I'm angry about," Marais said, "is that I was conscripted into a war which I opposed, and I could have been killed in a war the government was lying about just as it was with the world."

Steve Louw, a BA student at Wits said his feelings towards the SADF are very different to what they were when he began his "national service" and contemplated a career in the Permanent Force. "I am still prepared to serve in an army which upholds the principles I regard as sacred and inviolable" he said.

Louw served as a "Buffel" driver in various Eastern Cape townships and in Tembisa. He remembered what he calls, "the total disrespect with which the SADF treated people in the townships. This disrespect he believes, is more frightening than any single act of violence or aggression that you witness."

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Simon Connel, a 28 year old married man, is a nuclear physicist. He said there was no need for the "brain drain" and called for acceptable forms of alternative service for all conscientious objectors. "If one objects to "national service" on the grounds that it supports apartheid, then it is impossible to consider service in any institution of the government which also supports apartheid," he said.

"Alternative service should be clearly and publicly recognized by the government institutions where the skills of the objector can be used."

He referred to a 1987 survey of non-government organization, many of whom were prepared to employ conscientious objectors. He also referred to alternative service in countries which have conscription.

In Cape Town, similar, albeit smaller stand, occurred last year with 23 men, this year 48 made the stand. They included Cameron Dugmore, UCT SRC President, Peter Anderson who was awarded the prestigious Rhodes scholarship last year, well known cartoonist Jonathan Shapiro and Andre Zaalman who previously resigned his rank as a captain in the SADF.

In Durban, 19 made the stand, including Durban SRC President Angus Stewart and Lindsay Fallow from Nusas Head Office. Ten participated in Grahamstown, including Rhodes SRC President Patrick Tandy.

Amongst the 143 were 37 medical doctors (and ten students from Wits Med School). Four lawyers, people working in the scientific and engineering fields, ministers of religion and church workers, journalists and lecturers.

There were a number of people in the group currently undergoing community service and Neil Mitchell, Peter Hathorn, Richard Steele, Peter Moll and Anton Etherwood have served sentences in jail or detention barracks for refusing to render "national service."

Thirty-six men in the group have served the security forces some from the SAP and two in the Permanent Force.
Can it be the same old song?

Wits Student talks to Swapo and the Department of Defence

IT SEEMED incongruous: sitting next to a member of Swapo's National Leadership in a restaurant at Jan Smuts Airport and then, less than twenty four hours later, interviewing conscripts about to begin their national service - young men who will soon learn to chant as they are put through their paces, "Why are we fighting? Swapo, Swapo!

Jerry Ekandjo, an urbane, softly spoken man, perhaps in his early forties, is the Information and Publicity Secretary of the South West African Peoples Organisation (Swapo). Swapo was formed in 1960 with a view to campaigning peacefully for the independence of Namibia. Ekandjo explained, "For six years, Swapo tried to talk to Verwoerd, then Prime Minister, he rejected us. Swapo leaders were arrested, detained and forced to flee."

Eventually, on 26 August 1966, the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (Plan) took up armed struggle against South African occupation of Namibian territory. In Ekandjo's words, "After six years people had no alternative but to turn to armed struggle - we don't love war, we are fighting a war of resistance".

Plan was immediately banned and its leaders went underground, but Swapo continues to operate legally throughout Namibia. Swapo is not banned because, according to Ekandjo, "Namibia is a mandate territory, South Africa has no right to ban us."

It cannot be said, however, that Swapo operates free of restrictions: its leader, Sam Nujoma, and other officials are in exile. Swapo is prevented from operating in Owamboland (the so-called operational area) yet here, as in the rest of Namibia, Swapo enjoys massive support. Ekandjo says the "SADF actually helps us gain support", referring to "atomised" they commit.

Ekandjo recalled frequent atrocities perpetrated by the Security Forces ... "breaking up our rallies, driving over homesteads in their cars and even raping women. In 1986 they destroyed a Catholic church and many people believe the recent bombing of the hospital in Oshakati was done by the SADF.action."

"Go to anyone in the north and none will tell you the SADF is there to defend", he continues. What about headmen who cooperate with the SADF, we wondered? "If you give people medals of course they'll take them. If you have a gun of course they will smile and pretend to help", Ekandjo says. "If Swapo offered medals to people and they took them that doesn't mean they support us. It's difficult up there, (in the operational area) we are not allowed to operate. But we don't try buy people over, they must join out of conviction." South Africa is not winning the hearts and minds. If South Africa had the people's support it would have let 435 be implemented long ago."

For these reasons and based on necessity - unemployment and the lack of educational opportunities, South Africa's apparent support for a rapid peace settlement and the declaration of a ceasefire in Angola has surprised many observers. Wits Student welcomes these moves. Nonetheless, there are many unanswered questions and nagging doubts. Although much of this feature was written before the ceasefire was declared, the information and opinion it provides, go some way towards answering many of these questions.

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An unhappy foreign affair

Wes Student interviewed a senior spokesperson at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria. The day after a peace plan which would lead to elections in Namibia on 1 June 1989 was announced in Geneva by South African negotiators.

On the question of the history of the negotiations, the spokesperson said that sporadic contact had been achieved between the parties involved in the conflict since the early 1980's. When questioned on the seeming importance attached to the present negotiations, the spokesperson outlined the major factors that had precipitated them. A degree of pragmatism had entered into the foreign policies of many governments, including the South African one.

The spokesperson also stressed that Angola had, in effect, become Cuba's "Vietnam" and that the Angolan war had become unpopular in Cuba as losses mounted.

Questioned as to whether changes in Soviet strategic thinking could have caused the Soviet Union to exert pressure on Cuba to withdraw, the spokesperson stated that the relationship between the Soviet Union and Cuba was very complex in nature and that the Soviet Union did not simply pull the strings in Cuba.

On the role of Unita in Angola following a complete South African withdrawal, and Namibia independence, the spokesperson said that it could be hoped that this would be solved in Angola by some form of national reconciliation. The spokesperson declined to comment when asked what had been achieved in 13 years of war if Swapo comes into power following elections in Namibia.

Finally, with regard to the presence of ANC bases in Angola, the spokesperson stated that the removal of these bases was an absolute requirement of the plan and was not negotiable.

At a press conference the previous evening, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pik Botha, outlined the contents of the proposals and answered questions posed by journalists.

The minister was then asked why the South African delegation had been authorised to put forward the plan: "I believe that the time has come that the world must accept that the South African Government's stabilising role in Southern Africa and prove to the world that this is a South Africa seeking conflict is totally false"
Angola Focus

The Cover of this month’s Instig, the Afrikaans news magazine, carries four remarkable banners. In descending order they read: ‘Die oorlog in Angola’ (The war in Angola), ‘Kenners oor soldateses’ Authorities comment on stress among soldiers), ‘Raak SA bankrupt? (Is South Africa becoming bankrupt?) and ‘Fees in Grahamstown’ (Grahamstown Festival).

Plainly, the three are directly linked: all soldiers experience stress, especially during war, and wars drain a country’s resources. An arts event, however, seems strangely out of place, although political subcultures seem to thrive during the annual Grahamstown Festival. This year militarisation and war filled the hidden and unbidden spaces to the point where, interestingly, even the SADF put on their show.

While the message on the four banner headlines suggests reasoned debate, the cover picture leaves no illusions about their seriousness. It shows a near-nude, blood-stained body of an injured white, cradled in an army-issue gunduheet. In the corner is an army boot. Two visible hands clasp the cradle - one white, the other black.

What has happened here in our own backyard, almost while we have slept, to provoke such strong sentiment from those who have faithfully supported the Botha government?

To appreciate the present situation, a look at the history of the war is necessary.

In the beginning everything seemed so easy, with early victories feeding false fantasies. Then, a slight increase in defence expenditure led, to a new technological breakthrough there. This in turn needed only the most marginal increase in defence expenditure to perfect it. The drain on resources, and so it was with persnower, increasingly sophis - ticated systems employed to keep more young soldiers in the field fighting for this or that old man’s cause.

It is probably true that South Africa stumbled into the long Angolan fight by accident.

Initially, the SADF took up positions around the Calueque Dam on the Rucuana River. This involvement, which was not revealed inside the country, was later justified by “the need to defend South Africa’s financial interests in the Calueque irrigation project.” From this base, the SADF struck hard against Swapo positions, and consummated a relationship with Jonas Savimbi’s Unita movement.

In the wake of the departure of the Portuguese in mid-1975, the SADF, with American encouragement, advanced within thirty kilometres of Luanda, the Angolan capital. Although all seemed so benign, it was an act of extreme provocation. This introduced the factor which, thirteen years later, would prove to be the undoing of the SADF’s adventuring - the Cubans.

At home, however, things were troublesome. The events, to be - known as ‘The Information Scandal’ were coming in a head. Civilian government seemed so cumbersome and, when the chips were down, unable to deliver the necessary political dividends for the National Party. Indeed, civilians had already compromised Namibia by agreeing to Security Council Resolution 435, by which the disputed territory would become independent under the guidance of the United Nations.

In Angola things looked different. The military were able to move decisively on political issues, as easily, or so it seemed, as they moved tanks and men. An enthused National Party looked for salvation, which PW Botha was happy to provide when he became Prime Minister, and when he brought the SADF into the centre of the country’s decision-making process.

Since then the SADF has roamed south-eastern Angola in support of Unita and in pursuit of Swapo. While the strategic dimension of this involvement has been without a clear goal, the immediate tactic focussed on forcing the Cubans and Soviets to pay an ever increasing price for their involvement in distant Africa. (I remember quite clearly a senior army officer telling me in Potchefstroom in the late 1970’s, that this was the game plan.) It was a tactic, incidentally, which merged neatly with Ronald Reagan’s determination that the West should take a stand against ‘Marxist Forces’ all over the globe.

In these past nine months, the absence of a clear strategic goal brought a real turnabout in the fortunes of the SADF and has set South Africa’s establishment to questioning the wisdom of its foreign involvement.

Almost certainly, a changing international climate opened a window for a number of initiatives. The most important of these came from Havana with the decision to persuade the Angolans that the war with Savimbi was really a secondary affair.

Luanda’s real strategic priority lay in dislodging the South Africans from Angola, and then from Namibia.

The invasion of the city of Maroqua last October, forced the SADF and Unita into a trap in Cuito Cuanavale where, American sources suggest, heavy casualties were inflicted on Unita and South African mercenaries of the 32nd Battalion. The Cubans and Fapla (the Angolan army) used the space provided by the battle for Cuito to dispatch new forces into the south through the Port of Namibe. In a few brief weeks, Cuban forces in Angola reached fifty thousand men, almost the highest total in thirteen years of war.

Seriously for the SADF, control over the skies of southern Angola was eroded both by the Angolan

Calueque - the scene of an air attack which killed at least 12 South African soldiers.

Did we stumble into it by accident?

Peter Vale, the director of the Institute of Social and Economic Affairs, based at Cape Town’s Stellenbosch University has written an article for Witwatersrand University on the sudden rush by South Africa to negotiate. Recently the South African government withdrew Vale’s passport, without giving reasons, prompting an outcry from many people including political scientists at RAU and at Tukkies.

I was not involved in the air attack, but I do have a personal perspective. The SADF’s adventurism - “The Information Scandal” and the extensive network of radar introduced by their enemies. Whatever claims are currently being made by the SADF, it seems unlikely that they will ever recapture Angola’s skies.

In the wake of these developments, the Reagan administration, eager for a foreign policy breakthrough, pressured all sides into a settlement. Four meetings in a peace process have already taken place.

It needs to be appreciated that these two issues are organically linked: the simple and hard truth is that there will be no Cuban withdrawal until there is an internationally accepted settlement in Namibia under the auspices of the United Nations.

This truth, which Pretoria has resisted for decades, seems finally to have dawned upon South Africa’s rulers. Even De Klerk, official mouthpiece of the Dutch Reformed Church, recently asked, ‘whether South Africa won’t be acting morally and ethically to completely withdraw her troops from Angola?’ Does this mean South Africa’s ruling establishment are folding their tents to close the unhappy Angolan Interlude? Sheer rationality suggests that this is so, unfortunately, however, rationality is a commodity in short supply in South African public life.
Canteen woes

The 10:15 - 10:45 am break (Perhaps the busiest period and most congested?)

a. Why are milk and orange juice deliveries almost invariably timed to arrive in the coffee shop during the most congested period?

b. Why are there frequently waiters missing from their tills during this busy period almost without fail?

c. Can something not be done to improve the customer flow efficiency through the coffee shop such as placing the paperbags on the shelf at the entrance point instead of where they are at present, necessitating a push-shove situation every day where customers have to get a paper-bag and then move backwards (contra-flow) to select from the shelves at the entrance?

If something can be done, it may help to reduce the tension caused by the pushing and shoving, and help to soothe the tempers caused by a bad system.

d. Despite notices saying “no bags” customers ignore this request and bring large bags into the coffee shop. This does nothing to help the over-crowded situation.

I realise that this is a problem but some consideration of these points would also help to ease the situation.

2: Automatic vending machines in Senate House:

Could these machines either be relocated in the Mall where the “Posel Gallery” is or more widely distributed around the concourse as they are a major source of congestion and frayed tempers caused by spilt tea/coffee over people trying to pass through the corridor.

"Frayed Tempers"

Security plea for Crescent

1. In 1986, flat number 26 was burgled twice and clothing, radio, a television, a hi-fi, jewelry and kitchen appliances were stolen. Means of entry in both cases was through a window - no burglary bars.

2. In November 1987, flat number 1 was burgled, and camera’s, radion, clothing and jewellery was stolen. Again the burglary took place during the day and entry was gained through a window - no burglary bars.

3. On Monday, February 22 1988, there was an attempted burglary on flat number 2. We think the would-be-thieves were disturbed - again it was at midday.

4. In March 1988, there was an attempted burglary on flat number 10 - the thieves were disturbed while they were climbing through a window - no burglary bars.

5. On 3 April 1988, flat number 6 was burgled - the thief was disturbed and luckily only escaped with a few articles of clothing and a small transistor radio. Access was through a window - no burglary bars.

6. In 1988 there was an attempted burglary on flat number 24 - the thief was disturbed while attempting to gain access through a window off the roof (easily accessible off the corridor) - no burglary bars.

7. On Monday, May 16 1988 flat number 3 was burgled, between 11:30 and 13:00 and various items were stolen (radio, television, clothing, cameras). Entry was gained through one of the steep windows (it is a ground floor flat; a pane of glass was broken with a brick and the window was opened - there are no burglary bars.

In addition to this a number of vehicles have been broken into or stolen.

- October 1986 - 1 car stolen
- November 1986 - 1 car stolen
- 30 May 1987 - 1 car stolen
- August 1987 - 1 car stolen
- November 1987 - 1 car broken into

January 1988 - an attempted burglary (broken window set off alarm)

February 1988 - 1 car stolen

March 1988 - 1 car broken into

April 1988 - 1 car broken into

May 1988 - 2 cars broken into

All the car thefts took place at night. There is effectively one security guard over the widespread parking area at the Crescent. The University has erected a barrier (police) running past this light preventing people from double parking under it, as was the practice previously. Even so, the other parking areas are abnormally dark – perfect for car theft.

All of the burglar/attempted burglaries on the flats took place during working hours/lecture time. There are few students at the Crescent at this time of day and the chances of thieves being seen or disturbed is minimal.

A good number of the students in the Crescent are women (approximately 60%) and this may be a reason - apart from the appalling lack of security provided by the University - why it is seen as an “easy target” for thieves.

Should a thief be disturbed by one of the women students (or any students, for that matter) the result could be horrific.

Do we have to wait until someone is assaulted, raped or murdered before the University does something about this serious lack of fundamental security?

We feel that as we are students of the University, residing on University property and paying rent to the University, it should be up to the University to at least provide basic security in terms of 1. Burglar bars for all openable and accessible windows.

2. Provide a security guard on foot to patrol the Crescent grounds by day and night.

We have ourselves escorted a number of unsteadfastes off the property, but we do not feel that this is our job, nor are we always here to do it.

We would greatly appreciate it if the situation would be remedied.

27 Concerned Crescent Tenants

Polish pen pal

Hi!

I turn to you for help, because I don’t know the exact address of a Students’ Union in South Africa. Maybe you can help me too. I’d like to find pen-friends, students in your country (girls or boys, if possible with knowledge of Afrikaans). I’m university student, 25 years old. I’m living in Poland. I’d like to correspond German or Dutch, but I can write English too. Thanks for your help.

Beata
Miss Beata Toporowska 53-40 Wroclaw VI. Kolbuszewska 46 Poland

Defending Al Quds Day

I would like to make a few observations concerning Al Quds Day in the last edition of Wits Student (Vol 40 No. 9).

"Just write the facts... So we did and the story is dull and unenlightening" your editorial states.

This raises the interesting question as to whether you intentionally "improve" the facts so as to make the stories more "enlightening". You seem dismayed that journalistic integrity interferes with your efforts to embellish the Al Quds Day story with subjective observations and editorialising.

Secondly you note that Israel Independence Day and Jerusalem Day pass without incident but "Quds Day however, rarely passes without confrontation". If this is intended to be a criticism of Jews on campus, it is misplaced. It rather indicates to me that SAUIS activities on its commemorative occasions have been successfully non-provocative. On the other hand, it seems that the inflammatory propaganda and provocative demonstration of the MSA on Al Quds Day had confrontationalist intentions.

Thirdly, you make the pertinent point about the Palestinian issue and criticism of the Israel’s presence in the territories not simply being an excuse for anti-Semitism. This is true.

Regrettably however, in my opinion this is exactly what these issues are used for on campus. Only a cursory glance at the MSA publication reveals this. If only the MSA were prepared to present the issues without making in all kinds of anti-Semitic defamations, then there would be room to discuss the merits of their criticisms.

Finally, the editorial states that there are serious injustices happening to the Palestinians." You may place this statement in any historical context, and this does not assist one’s efforts to gain a better understanding of how this situation arose. I feel that it is thus pertinent for me to point out that Israel came into possession of the territories as a result of its victory in a war of self-defence (against Jordan) in 1967. The occupation was not of Israel’s choice, and Israel has made it clear that it does not intend to rule Palestine any longer than is necessary. Since 1967, Israel has not changed that status of these territories or annexed, or expelled any of its people to them pending a peaceful settlement of the future of these areas and their inhabitants.

It seems that it is the absence of a Palestinian capacity to compromise with Israel that perpetuates Israel’s military rule in the territories: Unfortunately, most Palestinian leadership remains rejecting the PLO and thus remains committed to its Charter to the destruction of Israel. Those few Palestinians who do reconcile the PLO line and seek accommodation with Israel seem to have little mass following. Nor do they live long. Until a Palestinian
Nurden offends

We as members of Habonim Dor were extremely offended by the picture in Nurden's article (May 1988, Vol. 40, No. 9, p.24) which depicted a Jewish student wearing a Habonim T-shirt.

This leads people to assume that those Jewish students involved that afternoon were members of Habonim. We feel that the blatant characterisation of the Jewish student in Nurden's article (wearing a yarmulka) was sufficient to represent a Jewish student.

Jewish students involved on that day belonged to a variety of both on and off campus organisations, and therefore it was totally misleading to identify the Nurden character with a single Jewish organisation, namely Habonim. This depiction was even more irrepressible considering that Habonim is an off campus organisation, whose only connection to Wits campus is that certain of its members are students there.

Furthermore, anyone who is willing to examine Habonim's ideology will become aware that violence and senseless antagonism towards other religions and peoples are not propagated nor encouraged.

Gilah Sher(teacher/Social Work) Abby Stain Ball
Members of Habonim Dor
Jewish, Zionist, Socialist Youth Movement

Wits Student recognises the negative role which Habonim plays in the Jewish community. We apologise for the cartoon, no offence was intended. However we ask people to remember that Nurden is satirical and the humour is sometimes barbed.

Liverpool not yuppies

I can only assume from your recent article on the F.A. cup final that the author knows nothing of British Football, socio-economics or geography. To describe Liverpool as "Uppie" is ridiculous in the extreme. Liverpool as a city has the worst slums and highest unemployment in the entire U.K. Liverpool football club is also very working class, with a structure based on traditional Northern "cloth cap" logic. This is why they are so successful and the real Uppie clubs of Arsenal, Chelsea and Spurs are not.

If you knew anything of London you would also realise that "Cheapside" as you call it, is actually the South East where Millwall, West Ham and Leyton Orient play; not Stockbroker greenbelt of Wimbledon, which is true yuppie land, on the west end. To anyone who follows football it was obvious that Wimbledon would be victorious (Eddie Lewis tipped them at the 3rd round). The History of the F.A. cup shows a long tradition of underdog victories for clubs who play rough, quick tackling "Sunday league" style football e.g. Sunderland, Southampton, West Ham and Coventry.

If you had followed the exploits of Viny Jones you would realise he is a full time Skinhead not "off duty" as you suggest. The man is a licenced thug with a long history of on-field violence. By the way skinheads are usually supporters of Britain's Neo-Nazi movements so why find them so endearing I do not know.

The downfall of your article is the very thing that spoils your campaigning magazine. It is the preference for cliches rather than facts and history.

Nottingham Forest Hooligan (retired)
Bark Hill.

SRC mystery solved

I have very recently solved for myself a very confusing mystery, which at best, promises to place me in the league of the great mystery solvers, such as Agatha Christie or perhaps even Alfred Hitchcock....

On a more serious note, however, it would appear that I have spent three years with a rather distorted view of what the S.R.C. at this university really does. Student opinion itself contributed to this distortion, as well as a seemingly scarce S.R.C. with whom I wanted to make contact. The first years were of the opinion that the SRC was an intimidating body with no access to methods (top-secret of course) of determining just what (or what not) your political persuasions were on.

With all due respect to past SRCs, it is, in my humble opinion, the commendable efforts of the present student body which has brought to light the true function of an S.R.C. and has finally corrected the distortion which I have held these past years. It can of course be argued that my ignorance is of my own head; nevertheless when the only time one encounters an S.R.C. member on campus is during an election week when he or she is desperately trying to elicit THE vote for THE S.R.C. THAT REALLY CARES, one is forced to ask if they themselves are not accountable to us in any way?

The 1988 student body has answered my query in the affirmative and I, along with thousands of other students can only claim that it has been to their own credit. An awareness like never before has been created among students, as to the actual importance of the S.R.C. in our education.

The regular 'S.R.C. News' is an example of how students are kept in touch with S.R.C. activity, as well as providing indispensable political and social information and keeping us in contact with members. The Referendum held earlier this year, proved to students just how far the S.R.C. was prepared to go in order to meet their needs. The excellent poll reflected just how the students themselves felt.

Last, but not least is the fact that faculty reps have made regular and constructive contact with us personally... (funny, I've been here 3 years and never realised the Education Faculty had a Rep)... (thanks, Dawn). It puts us in the position of feeling that we do have real representation and that our needs and problems are taken seriously.

All that's left to say is WELL DONE to the S.R.C. and keep up the good work. (Its nice to know you're human after all.) Now on to the next mystery...

Patrick McCarthy
Bachelor Primary Education IV

EOH porn-warden replies

As warden of Ernest Oppenheimer Hall I was naturally disturbed to read, in the May edition of Wits Student (Vol. 40, No. 9) of the alleged strip show that took place recently in the senior bar of this residence. In the past few days I have been taking active steps to investigate this event and to ensure that it does not recur.

I have also had time to study the Wits Student and was in some detail and am writing to you to express my very real concern for the way in which Wits Student has portrayed both this event and Ernest Oppenheimer Hall.

On reading Wits Student you will note that the major source is an unnamed student who apparently has no affiliation to this residence. On his own admission he has never been to an "EOH strip show" but is quoted, at length, as to how these events are organised. His sources are, apparently, "friends of EOH" and Wits Student extends these anonymous correspondents in totally unassociated "others". Thus whilst Wits Student does indeed have photographic evidence that such an event took place, its sources for details of the event's organisation is the frequency with which they occur and other apparently surrounding them, are nameless, faceless individuals who have based their information on hearsay.

The first column of the article is riddled with inaccuracy, innuendo and scandal-mongering. For example, students "lock the door and board the windows" so that pressence of bystanders can occur in total secrecy. In fact that there are only two windows in the pub, both of which are of frosted glass, and that they have been modified for noise insulation thus making their boarding a waste of time, escapes your reporter. Indeed one window has an air-conditioning unit covering half of it and both face an alleyway which is below ground level and is not used as a thoroughfare.

The "cryptic messages" to be found in the dingy halls of the residence are the complete invention of Wits Student.

More sinister is the way in which Wits Student has taken totally unrelated episodes and, by including them in the same article, falsely related them.

The student who fell floors did so about five years ago when he had forgotten his key and was of the mistaken impression that he could gain access to his locked room through the outside window. There has not been "police raid" at EOH since I assumed the Wardenship and I have not heard of one taking place prior to my term of office. The way Wits Student has linked the student falling with a fictitious police raid causes the reader to assume that both events took place as a result of the strip show.

I have at no time been approached by a Wits Student reporter informing me that such an article was being written and soliciting a response from me. It is therefore simply untrue that I have "denied knowledge of my charge's "naming and shaming" and I object to having words put into my mouth by Wits Student.

The result of these methods is that EOH has been represented as a centre of live pornography, its student population as devoid of any respect for females and its Warden as a man who has no knowledge of
there is no article or section named "Ding Wits Student". The text appears to be a collection of random sentences and paragraphs, unrelated to a coherent article or discussion. It seems to be a mix of various pieces of text, possibly from different sources or contexts, with no clear topic or narrative structure. Without more context, it is challenging to extract meaningful information or context from this text.
1988/9 SRC candidates

Robin Le Roux
Dentistry
Dental students by virtue of their course and workload are essentially isolated from the rest of campus and campus activities. This however does not mean they should be ignored. Stronger ties between the Dental Students Council and the SRC are necessary to represent dental students sufficiently and to allow them to air their grievances.

If I am elected I will attempt through the SRC and DSC to address the problems facing dental students, e.g. better student and faculty staff relations, and through this communication deal with more sensitive issues which have recently emerged. I also believe that more dental participation should be encouraged in the student-administered medical clinics around Johannesburg as this is a valuable learning experience.

I would appreciate your support and I hope to represent dental students to the best of my ability.

Suzanne Cohen
Commerce
My name is Suzanne Cohen, I am a second year BComm student. I matriculated in 1985 and then spent a year as an exchange student at Portland, USA.

During my first year at Wits I was involved in STEP as a science tutor. I believe that both of these experiences have given me a greater perception of people which will enable me to better understand the needs of commerce students.

Commerce students have always been seen as a rather disinterested faculty which I believe we can work to change. Many commerce students are unhappy with the situation on West Campus, our parking facilities, lack of food services and inadequate library facilities.

I would like to deal with these problems and therefore improve the conditions of these aspects of West Campus.

Obviously you have all noticed that we are lacking of food services in the cooler, at times when lectures and tutorials are still continuing. This problem could be solved by installing various vending machines which are widely available on West Campus. Facilities that are available only on East Campus should be brought to us on West Campus such as library card re-registration.

A West Campus vibe also needs to be created so that there exists a campus life after lectures. This could be implemented by bringing East Campus facilities to West Campus as well as societies involvement.

I do not believe that on my own I can make a difference but together we definitely can.

Jordan Beagle
Science
What science students need is effective representation. What science students need is a functioning Science Students Council. A working class rep and a second faculty rep on the SRC. The importance of student government cannot be overstressed and I believe that by utilizing our right for representation we can address the concerns of science students.

How many students have complaints around the availability of computer resources? By having a rep on the Computer Users Committee, science students can be assured of a better deal.

Richard Dickman
Arts
Student Affairs are often neglected especially in as large and diverse a faculty as Arts. Cases of ill-prepared and inaccessible lectures, poorly structured courses, unavailability of books, and inadequate marking are accepted with frustrated resignation. Students feel powerless against the vast university bureaucracy.

I think that during my term on the AFC we went some of the way towards building a viable faculty council, but a great deal will have to be done in the coming year if the AFC is to be truly effective.

The SRC's influence and access to the administration, as well as its representation on vital bodies, such as the student grievance committee are invaluable. Thus an Arts rep with the a strong commitment to the AFC would be an essential component of its effectiveness.

I stood for the AFC with the belief that students could and should attempt to influence the course of their education. It is with this belief in mind that I now stand for the SRC.

If elected I would like to use some of the experience that I have gained on the AFC to the benefit of arts students and students generally. I would like to see a continuation of the efforts that have already been made, particularly with the class rep system and work towards the implementation of course and lecturer evaluations.

But I would also hope to encourage more cultural activities, and the use of Articulate as a medium of creative expression. I am willing to fight against abuse or discrimination and to work for students to defend and ensure the quality and relevance of our education.

Record:
1987: BA; Standard Bank Scholarship; class rep - Philosophy;
1988: BSc11;
1988: BA 2; AFC member (treasurer); EDCOM rep; Faculty Board member; SAHIS rep; Faculty Board member; Articulate Editorial Collective

Declar Vogt
Engineering
As an engineering student I feel there is a great need for an SRC which concentrates its energy on tending to students needs. Engineering students have, in the past two years, registered among the highest faculty percentage polls in the SRC elections, but in spite of this I think there is a large communication gap between non-engineering students and the SRC. I aim to fill this gap.

Academic record:
1986 - BSc Elec Eng 1
1987 - BSc Elec Eng 2
1988 - BSc Elec Eng 3
Activities on campus:
Wits Ballroom Dancing Society and Wits Catholic Society
Interests:
Flying, Photography and Reading

Colin Gluch
Engineering
From the political standpoint Torque the comic based SRC is
John Parker
Medicine
For me, representing students means far more than just being elected in August and then doing what you like for the next twelve months. One can only accurately reflect the needs of students if there is constant communication between representatives and the student body throughout the year. I feel that as students we have a right to have these needs reflected in the decisions taken about our education and the university.

At medical school we are extremely isolated from events on main campus and are often forgotten by the general student body and the SRC. It is time that we asserted ourselves as an integral part of the Wits community. I have had extensive experience in student organisation and feel that through this I have gained the confidence and knowledge necessary to ensure that the SRC begins to exist for Medical School.

I believe that the Universities have a vital role to play in developing the future of our country and as such we cannot remain aloof from the political situation in which we live. Becoming a good health worker, in particular, involves not only caring for individual patients but also a concern for the communities which we serve. I would wish to see the Medical Faculty moving to a position where it provides an education which is appropriate to the needs of the community in South Africa and opposes apartheid in our health services.

I am a fourth year medical student, I have been involved in NUSAS Health Directive for three years and work regularly in family planning at Molepolole clinic. I was integrally involved in this year's Medical School Orientation Week:

**Endorsements:**
NHD -1988
MSC -1988

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obvious career move in the life of an upwardly mobile bureaucrat. I feel that with my editorial history, I will be able to aid the Students Engineering Council in their correspondence with the SRC. During the several years that I have been at this University I have edited Torque for a year and a-half and involved myself in other SEC activities. In my spare time I have passed a course or two in the degree of BSc Eng (Civil) (Part-time).

Note: I am now in 3rd year student in the faculty of architecture, and to promote communication between students and their representative bodies.

**Record:**
1985 B Arch 11, Building Clinic, SAUJS
1987 Study year abroad
1986 SAUJS, 2nd prize for overall achievement - B Arch 1, University Council entrance scholarship

**Endorsements:**
Anthony Philbrick - 1987-8 Architecture rep
Duffy Krook - 1988 CAS chair

Sarah Raisin
Law
Student interests have to be effectively addressed, especially on such a cosmopolitan campus. It is through a representative structure such as the Student Representative Council that these varying interests can be coordinated on academic, social and political levels - all enmeshed to university life.

Having been on the SRC since March this year, I have come to understand how vital student government is in ensuring that student interests are upheld and respected. I have also come to understand the processes and structures through which our interests may be protected.

Being Law Faculty representative involves membership of both the Law Students Council and the SRC. Having the opportunity to stand on both these councils enables me to prioritise specific law student interests, whilst furthering the aims of the university and the SRC, to provide and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.

On graduating, most of us will want to practise law. However, this will have to be done under the unjust and inequitable system of apartheid. I believe therefore that our university education should be structured so that, in practice, it has relevance in terms of a given socio-economic and political climate. Our legal education should equip us to challenge this injustice. Furthermore, for student government to be effective, it has to be democratic. I urge every student to vote in the SRC elections and I would like to encourage students to participate actively in decision making processes.

**Record:**
1987 BA III
1988 LLB 1, Free Peoples' Concert Committee, SRC (Student Services; Catering)

**Endorsements:**
Thomas Pleasman - SRC Treasurer and Law Faculty rep 1987/8

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Alan Milner
Architecture
Effective student representation is a product of a solid education and sound experience in the various representative levels of the university. Each level is a school of representation that, when expected can only lend more to a representative.

Being blooded as a class rep has paved my way to less inhibited action on the faculty council. Involvement in the council makes it impossible not to be fascinated by the internal workings of a faculty, and a knowledge of these workings benefits a representative immeasurably.

To benefit from most representation, the students must know their rep. A contested faculty election, which is almost unknown among the newer students is the best way for students to get to know the abilities and qualities of their reps. For me the job of a representative is to perform a service for the students and to ensure that their education is complete in this time of budget cuts and rationalisation.

**Record:**
1986: BSc Quantity Surveying 1 member of SAUJS
1987: BSc QS 11 class rep, QS rep to faculty board (second semester) member of SAUJS, ERC and ECC
1988: BSc QS 11 class rep for Vice-Chair Council of Architectural Students QS rep to faculty board member of SAUJS and ECC

**Endorsements:**
Duffy Krook - CAS chair 1987/8
Justin Jones - TRP rep to faculty 1987/8

Jonathan Berger
Architecture
As a faculty representative on the SRC, one should concentrate on the needs of the faculty rather than on university students in general. Being such a small faculty, we find ourselves in quite an isolated position on campus, the result being that many of our persistent needs are continually being ignored.

John Moffat Building, which supposedly houses the entire faculty, is basically just the administrative centre, with the majority of student accommodation being sterilised in shabby prefabs around it - only B Arch I and TRP students being accommodated in John Moffat studios.

It is vital that the faculty be housed in a single building, to promote unity and to facilitate the cross-fertilisation of ideas. However, this is the ideal situation: a compromise could be reached with the improvement of existing facilities.

Due to the nature of our courses, we find ourselves spending extended periods of time concentrated around John Moffat, with minimal facilities. At present there is a single A4 photocopy machine in the faculty library, no card encoding machine, no telephone, no shock equipped drawing equipment and minimal security.

Fifth and sixth year architectural students are continually bringing in heavy equipment, and cannot gain vehicular access to their studios.

A vast number of empty parking bays exist behind the Postgrad Society, which could be utilised for this purpose.

If elected, I will attempt to improve the conditions for all students in the faculty of architecture, and to promote communication between students and their representative bodies.

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RC Diary is free to all members of the SRC and available at all sorts of general and guided tours to Wits. The whole of Week is geared to first year students with a Day where we chat to all about it. This years' party was the best one in

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are the specific things that are the most important?

1. Study week
2. SRC elections
3. SRC ballot
4. SRC Committee meetings
5. SRC meeting with the University Council

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Note: I am now in 3rd year of Architecture rep

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Faculties nominate

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Chris (Comp I) is more specific,
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s of it - Luca (B)
Personal interests within the educational field are diverse, and include such areas as democratic, alternative and non-formal education. Projecting into the future, I would like to become involved in looking at teaching and learning methodologies within the academic sectors of the university and possibly examine how some of these could be improved upon.

Involvement in clubs and societies included a brief period on Calvin Comm (1986), current chairperson of Edsoc - an educational awareness society at JCE, student rep on Wits/JCE Liaison Comm, faculty rep and class rep. Outside of university - involvements within progressive education.

My interest and commitment to educational issues, as well as being a student and future teacher, have provided me with an enthusiasm to represent the needs of students in the faculty and I see the challenge as being worthwhile to my future career.

Gaby Rajak
Business Administration

As a member of Wits Business School, I am a supporter of Nusas. At the same time I intend to concern myself with students' problems and complaints. These issues are of the utmost importance and must be addressed as soon as possible. However, after being at Business School it is apparent that we, as future members of the business community, have a central role to play in the wider society. The improvement of manager-worker relationships and acknowledgement of the vast benefits which accrue from entering into constructive, proactive working relationships with unions are two of many routes through which we can contribute towards positive change in our country.

Further issues which I intend to address include:
* Bridging communication gaps between main campus and WBS and instilling a reciprocal relationship whereby both campuses are mutually aware of the events, speakers, facilities, opportunities and jobs.
* Committing myself to lissing with admin about questions of bursaries and scholarships for black students.
* Ensuring equal and fair representation of all students currently studying at Business School.

If I am elected to the SRC, I will attempt to keep an ear to the ground in order to identify students' needs and consequently facilitate generation of activities required by WBS students eg upgrading canteen facilities, suggestion box, sports day.

WHO CAN VOTE
There are contested elections in Engineering and Architecture. All students, except occasional students, are entitled to vote in their respective faculties. Voting is by means of secret ballot on the Concourse in Senate House. The polling station will be open until 7:00pm.

If you're voting, you need a student card.
The great chocolate conspiracy ... er ... confectionary

Rusty is coming! screamed the panet. "Who is Rusty?" thought Nurden. Moments later his ponderings were answered by a Campus Commie-Culler who breathlessly demanded to know whether or not Rusty hides underneath bushes. "Yes", Nurden guessed, of course Rusty hides underneath bushes. (A campus survey conducted by the CCC found conclusive evidence that at least 80% of all sober students firmly believe that Rusty er at least a very good look alike - definitely hides under bushes.)

While pondering these thoughts, Nurden suddenly realised that he had lost his half-sharpened pencil, the one he got from his brother Chemo, who always wanted to be a fireman...er... fireperson. This brought him to the next question on the survey: How many times have you: (a) sharpened a pencil till it is completely finished; or (b) used a bic until no ink is left; or (c) finished using a lip-ice tube? The earth-shattering realisation that he had never done any of the above dawned on Nurden's watery mind. What is even more earth-shattering is that neither had any of the respondents to the survey. What was happening to everybody's half-sharpened pencils, bic pens and lip-ice tubes? Which devilish scoundrel was fiendishly hoarding thousands upon thousands of lip-ice tubes and bic pens? These thoughts raced through Nurden's brain as he picked his nose, his heart quivering with excitement. Quick as a flash he decided he had better fuck off quick as a flash to the nearest Students for Morc Apartheid meeting to investigate.

Nurden wandered aimlessly onto West Campers and into the Baktine Bunker. The SMA were no doubt celebrating the "election" of their new chairing, Kaptain "Pool" Battleshippy. Bleater "Skop-horn dood-en-fokom" Fukakarkus had left to take up stud farming. "What a tragedy", Rabidly excited SMA stormtroopers explained, above a raucous rendition of "Bestiality Under Allies", that Kaptain Battleshippy was to be known as an acting chair. This was because of his nomination for three SABC awards for his role in the mammoth satirical production, "We Have No Links With The National Party".

A celebratory mass meeting was held, with thirty-seven people attending including Nurden, who had gone off in the wrong direction. The theme was "Elize" was sending out chocolates to various people in the country. Townshipships were being smothered with Flakes ("One bite and all resistance eroded."). Smarties were given to military intelligence (a contradiction in terms), a TV bar for Moflel Bother, a Campus Crunch for FW Dik Lerk, and a Caravan for Pikkewyn "Camel-rider" Bother. Suddenly it was all so crystal clear to Nurden. He realised that if Rusty hid under bushes, and chocolates were sold out, that Rusty was a commie under every bush. The implications of this revelation were breathtaking. Suddenly Nurden realised that Rusty must have been stealing pencils, pens and lip-ice tubes on a massive scale. Who else but the commies would do anything so insanely stupid?

"Forward to National Parties!" gurgled Elize sweetly.

Next week... *Are the Cubans stock-piling pencils, pens and lip-ice tubes? *Is the SADF handing out chocolates to kids in the townships? *Will Elize ever realise that Aero is not brain food? *Does Kaptain "Pool" Battleshippy wash underwear?
Awards

WITS students best of the Fringe Award at this year's Grahamstown Festival. The play, reworkshopped production of Athol Fugard's No Good Friday, set in Sophiatown, and dealt with the response of an individual to an oppressive society. Directed by Ian Steadman, the play is currently running downstairs at the Wits Theatre. The other Wits production, That's no Maybe, also received rave reviews.

National DSU

RISING out of this year's Grahamstown debate, the Wits Drama Student's Union (DSU) is attempting to establish a national organisation to facilitate communication between drama students on other campuses.

The organisation will address such issues as:

* the role of student drama in South Africa,
* the value of Grahamstown as a forum for student drama,
* student drama in relation to broader cultural movements.

Drama students at Wits have formed an ad hoc committee which plans to produce a newsletter to be distributed nationwide.

UDW Festival

THE University of Durban Westville (UDW) is presently holding their first alternative cultural festival. The aim of the festival is to provide a platform for progressive cultural workers to present their work.

In a statement members of the UDW SRC culture committee who are organising the festival stated that it will provide a "platform for the critical examination of culture and the exploration of possibilities that exist in forming a South African feature." The festival, which occurs just after the Grahamstown Festival, is seen as having a different focus. "Unlike the Grahamstown Festival which aims to support the values of Eurocentric culture, this festival provides a platform for cultural synthesis...but does not lay down street rules for ways of doing things and does not seek to prescribe criteria for the concept of people's culture."

The festival programme includes exhibitions by Jonathan Shapiro, seminars by Nadine Gordimer and Ronnie Govender, music by Jama, Sakhiile and the Jazzanians. "Township boy," "Bopha" and "Shakes of Brown" are among performances that will occur while movies are being shown, including "District Six," "Bruce Springsteen in Concert" and the London Mollinos Concert.

Grahamstown revisited

For years attending the Grahamstown Festival has been an uneasy experience. Many see the Festival as a celebration of a particular form of white imperialism," says John van Zyl, professor of Drama and Film.

For the most part the works presented reflect a white, English culture and do not take cognisance of contemporary South African concerns.

In the past, black participants were subjected to racial discrimination - like being refused hotel accommodation. The relatively high cost of accommodation, as well as the difficulty of purchasing tickets, limits the Festival to middle and upper class whites.

Consequently, people regard the festival as insular and elitist, and have boycotted it as individuals and organisations.

This year, however, these issues were heatedly debated, with the organisers being forced to hold a public meeting. At the forefront of this debate was the Wits Drama Department, who decided to perform their acclaimed production of Athol Fugard's No Good Friday.

At first, the cast was hesitant about performing in Grahamstown. As usual the debate arose about the Festival being a vestige of colonialism and imperialism was raised.

It was noted that the Festival excludes residents from the nearby township of Jozina. In 1985 Jozina was invaded by the SADF, who imposed a curfew. One could see Buffels patrolling the streets from the windows of the Settlers Monument - yet the Festival organisers took no action.

After discussion with the cultural desks of the UDF and Cosatu, the Drama Department decided to use this year as a test case, by going to Grahamstown and air their grievances.

On arrival in Grahamstown the students organised a public meeting with the Festival organisers. Observers and representatives were flown in from the University of Durban-Westville and Zululand. Although heated debate ensued, the meeting ended on a positive note. The Festival organisers made some attempt to resolve some of the issues put forward.

On the ideological question of "imperialist celebrations," the organisers stated that the festival was moving away from its 1820 exclusivism, and that it was now aiming to be<!--.-->

Jennifer Ferguson sings.

Posel Gallery hosts exhibition

THE Gertrude Posel Gallery is currently exhibiting a collection of work by Margaret Vorster. Vorster, a Fine Art lecturer at Wits, won the 1988 Standard Bank Young Artists Award. She was also commissioned to do the eye-catching poster for this year's Grahamstown Festival.

The exhibition of large pastel drawings and paintings deal with figurative sensual, mythological figures. They also reflect Vorster's concern with high-key colouring - her pastels being vibrantly executed.

A fourth year Fine Arts student commented that the majority of the works are "refreshing" in that they "deliberately enter the aesthetic-political arena." However, the works do not grant this arena any serious comment.

Vorster holds a BA FA and a MA FA both awarded with distinction. Her exhibition was mounted in the main art gallery of 1820 Settlers Monument, and she has exhibited in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Chile and Germany.

An example of Margaret Vorster's art.
TOP rock band, the Believers', nationwide tour came to an abrupt halt at the Grahamstown Festival last month, after a controversial anti-political protest.

According to Sue Carroll of EMI, lead vocalist Aletta du Toit announced halfway through their gig that she would be leaving the band and that the audience could collect their money at the door.

The band had released one album called "The Believers", which had sold over 1,500 copies.

The split came when the three male members of the band, Rufus Wainstain, bass, Max Mikula, guitar, and Dean Slabber, drummer, could not go back on stage because they had all taken ill. When they said they could not complete the gig, an angry and apparently unpersuadable Aletta came on stage to announce the band's immediate break up.

Members of the audience said she announced, "I'll see you next year with my new band."

Wainstain later spent three days in hospital on a drip, suffering from gastroenteritis.

"I understand there had been quite a lot of animosity in the band, and Aletta is quite relieved at the split," said Ms Carroll.

"She is thinking of going up to Johannesburg to pursue her music career in a raunchy, hard rock band."

The Believers, whose first single was "Romance", still have a double A-side single, "Leaving Town/Midnight Hour", due for release.

The main problem which they face is a lack of local support for live music, which makes it financially very difficult for bands to stay together."
Wits pedal power triumphes

THE Wits cycling club triumphed at the South African Universities tournament in July. Wits won the tournament in a time of 17 hours, 22 minutes and 40 seconds, closely followed by the University of the Orange Free State, who were five minutes and 16 seconds behind. Stellenbosch, UCT, Pretoria and Natal followed. RAU did not officially finish.


Wits never won the event on an individual basis, but worked as a team, taking full control and dominating races. Many team members sacrificed their own performance by attacking early during the race, which the opposition. Team tactics exercised by team captain Gary Wilson were an important factor in winning the tournament.

The first stage was a 35km time trial, and much of the Wits team was inexperienced at such an event. It was won by RAU, with the OFS second and Wits third.

Wits competitors complained that the practice by officials of calling out numbers in Afrikaans confused Wits cyclists.

The official starting time for Wits in the team time trial changed and Wits arrived 22 minutes and 40 seconds behind. Some Wits members alleged that the OFS team had illegally drafted their team and suggested better control during the team time trial in future.

The final day of the tournament consisted of an 80km stage race through Franschoek Pass to Villiersdorp and the back 80km to Stellenbosch in the afternoon.

The first stage took place in rain and snow on the top of the Franschoek Pass and was won by Wits. Wits was now 90 seconds ahead overall, OFS second and Stellenbosch third. Wits then won the second stage, making them the overall winners of the SAU cycling tournament.

Gary Wilson and Andreas Lambordozzi were nominated for Protea colours among five others.

Rhodes Scholarships


Candidates must be in possession of a first degree and have attained such results as to satisfy the admission requirements of the University of Oxford.

Candidates are judged in terms of the criteria by the Will of Cecil John Rhodes, which include literary and scholastic attainments, qualities of leadership, feelings of compassion for ones fellows and enjoyment and success in sports.

Rhodes' Will expressly provides that "no student shall be qualified or disqualified for election to a Scholarship on account of his race or religious opinions."

Candidates for election to Rhodes scholarships for 1989 must be under 27 as at 1 October, 1989. In addition, there is also a five year residence qualification.

For full details write to the General Secretary for Rhodes Scholarships, P.O. Box 41468, Craighall, 2024.
Wits overcomes tricky river

This year's SAU canoe contest took place at Stellenbosch University. Besides the SAU racing on Friday the Wits canoe team also took part in the South African relay championships on the Saturday and the Berg River Canoe Marathon on the following Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Wits came second in the SAU race, being beaten by Stellenbosch, who won by only one point. Wits has won the SAU for the last three years in a row. It should also be taken into account that Stellenbosch was racing on a home river, and contrary to normal, tricky, unknown stretch of the river was chosen to race down.

Mark Perrow and Dave Kettle from Wits were chosen for the SAU team. Despite having to race the stretch blind, Mark came in second overall. He managed to complete the 30km stretch in 2 hours, 10 minutes. Dave Kettle came in fifth overall.

Soccer superstars

Besides karate and skydiving, the other sport Wits excels at is soccer. In a memorable performance Wits won the entire competition without conceding a single goal.

In the final match Wits beat UPE 1-0 to take the overall championship, UCT came third overall. Zorin Ilic, a member of the Wits team was chosen as Man of the Tournament together with Zorin, Gianfranco Monzeglio and Claudio Bollo from Wits were chosen for the SAU side. Although he now plays amateur, Zorin used to play professionally for the Wits NSL side.

Hockey disappoints

Both the men's and the women's hockey events were held at RAU. Although the Wits women's hockey team came only eighth out of 12 universities that took part, they are a young and relatively inexperienced team, and can be expected to do much better next year.

SAUs

Wits takes all the honours

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**U20 ruggers routed**

THE Wits U20's recent trip to Rhodes University in Grahamstown for the South African Universities tournament was very disappointing.

In their first game against the University of Port Elizabeth the played with little spirit and lost 31-7. In their second game they played with more determination but were beaten by sheer class. Maties won 53-9. Their last game against the University of the Orange Free State "B" had a similar result. They went down 41-6.

The poor performance of the side can be attributed to a number of factors, one of which was the disruption caused by the exclusion of non-student players who play in the local league fixtures. It must also be noted that the standard of play was exceptionally high.

The tactic of using non-university players in league games and their exclusion from inter-varsity games, causes a loss of consistency and unity in the side.

**Comment**

OVER 20 years ago Verwoerd told England that their cricket side was not welcome here as it included a so-called "coloured" player, Basil D'Oliviera.

Recently some people tried to restage the test series that would have been. However D'Oliviera refused to participate as he said that nothing had really changed.

But surely things have changed?

Take the National Soccer League for instance. It is dominated by black teams, and these players are given the best opportunities to succeed. They receive excellent TV coverage as well. Road running has its fair share of successful black competitors, Hosea Tjale for example, or Matthews Temane. Both enjoy great success and are given equal opportunity. In many sports across the country blacks are achieving fame, and on the lower levels they are all playing with whites in different leagues in different sports.

However, it is important that these seeming examples of equal opportunity, and the idea that racist sport has ended, be looked at more closely.

While there are successful black sportspeople, they still are in the minority. Clearly this reflects the fact that at school and community levels, while sportspeople are more fortunate in terms of facilities and equipment. Also much of the visual harmony is purely superficial. A good example would be the inclusion of Errol Tobias in a Springbok side a few years ago.

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**RUGBY**

Phineas match: 19 August
Interfaculty semi-finals: 24 August
Final: 31 August

Club rugby:
- 13 August - Wits vs Union (away)
- 20 August - Wits vs Defence (home)
- 3 September - Wits vs Goudstard (home)

**SOCCER**

14 August - Wits vs Magic Carl
Celtic (Milpark)
19 August - Wits vs Durban City
Rebels (Milpark)
3 September - Wits vs Bushbuck (Umlazi)

**OVER 20 years ago Verwoerd told England that their cricket side was not welcome here as it included a so-called "coloured" player, Basil D'Oliviera.**

Recently some people tried to restage the test series that would have been. However D'Oliviera refused to participate as he said that nothing had really changed.

But surely things have changed?

Take the National Soccer League for instance. It is dominated by black teams, and these players are given the best opportunities to succeed. They receive excellent TV coverage as well. Road running has its fair share of successful black competitors, Hosea Tjale for example, or Matthews Temane. Both enjoy great success and are given equal opportunity. In many sports across the country blacks are achieving fame, and on the lower levels they are all playing with whites in different leagues in different sports.

However, it is important that these seeming examples of equal opportunity, and the idea that racist sport has ended, be looked at more closely.

While there are successful black sportspeople, they still are in the minority. Clearly this reflects the fact that at school and community levels, while sportspeople are more fortunate in terms of facilities and equipment. Also much of the visual harmony is purely superficial. A good example would be the inclusion of Errol Tobias in a Springbok side a few years ago.

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Lawyers win trial of endurance.

ONCE again fortune has favoured the teams who work hard at their football as well as at their studies.

The Lawyers have maintained a firm and legal hold on their opponents during the league season. Not only have they achieved the distinction of being the only First Division team to have finished the league unbeaten for a number of years, but they have done the double in winning the Lewis Senior Trophy again in 1987 and 1988.

Medics again needed no advertising on the quality of their performances following their cup win in 1985. - "Dog finalists in 1986 and lifting the Senior Trophy again in 1987. They finished as runners up in the First Division - great consistent football from two really good teams.

Religation from the first division is now a reality for Rebels and EOH A. Hellas and the Portuguese Society failed to show their true form, achieving only the sixth and ninth places respectively.

Architecture were the surprise team of the season. They improved with every game, finally finishing fourth.

SAUJS B and Engineers are promoted to the First Division. Both had a great season, losing only one game apiece, but SAUJS took the honours on goal average. EOH B and Knock Rets take the drop into the third division with four points each.

The third division saw some very exciting football, some games worthy of second and first division teams, but in the end it was a runaway victory for Miners.

These giants of the Third Division, who had trouble getting started, gave a sound display of how to score goals and make the game exciting. They join with Law A, the Division One champions in being unbeaten and scoring maximum points. Arts showed plenty of flair, finishing in second place and gaining promotion to the Second Division.

SHA III and Geology also showed flashes of soccer worthy of the Second Division. But by not applying themselves and not concentrating they lost any advantages they might have gained.

Pharmacy claim the honour of the Wooden Spoon and being the foundation for the League. They honoured all their games and never gave up the struggle.

Wits baskets UDW

THE GAME of basketball on Saturday afternoon between Wits B and the University of Durban-Westville B, was characterized by tremendous energy and enthusiasm among both the players and spectators.

UDW took advantage of a slightly sluggish Wits team in the opening minutes, and secured a useful lead. In this phase, Wits' passing was loose, and UDW was making easy interceptions.

Then, as the first half was drawing to a close, Wits came alive, taking the visitors by surprise with nifty passes and daringly creative play. Cries of "hit him in the gat" and "huis toe!" spurred on the Wits team. Cheers rewarded every piece of exciting play.

Wits lost none of their skill in the second half, scoring repeatedly, and plainly exasperating their opponents. Wits grabbed the lead and went all out to make it unassailable.

Towards the end of the half, UDW scored a few consolation goals, earning a "happy birthday to you!" from sporting Wits supporters. However, their efforts were in vain, and Wits won, deservingly, 16 - 10.
"I won't run away from racism"

Dave Bruce describes his first actual memory of a sequence of events as that which occurred in a vacant lot in Yeoville when he was the age of three. "I was walking with my father and we saw these cops dispense a group of black men who were drinking some brew or other. "As we were leaving we saw three white policemen get out near this black guy. They just started kicking and hitting him and then they flung him into the van. I was so scared I pissed in my pants."

Dave Bruce never forgot. On Monday 25 July the 25 year old Wits BA graduate was sentenced to six years in prison for refusing to serve in the SADF because of "the role it plays in upholding and defending a racist political system". He is adamant it does not serve in the role of a neutral peace-keeping force.

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"I really like this country, it's the political system I'm opposed to," he told the court. He said he would be prepared "to serve in an army which is not involved in defending racism." "I am not pacifist," he insisted. Nor is Bruce particularly religious. "Most Jewish kids grow up with some understanding of the Holocaust," he told the court, adding later that his reasons for refusing to serve in the SADF "could even be called a self-interested thing...it is in my own self-interest to oppose racism." He was quite categorical that he was motivated by a belief based on his "understanding of the political situation."

The case of Dave Bruce highlights the lack of options open to people who are unwilling to be part of the SADF for moral or political reasons.

Arguing in mitigation of sentence, Bruce's lawyer Edwin Cameron said, "This country needs people who feel so strongly about it that they are prepared to subject themselves to suffering and inconvenience for their principles."

Bruce was led down to the cells, the emotional gathering rose to the cries of "Viva Bruce" and sang the national anthem "Nkosi Sikelela F' Aafrika".

Growing up in Yeoville he saw racism at the corner cafes and in the parks. He witnessed pass laws.

"Most people at school didn't question the whole thing of going to the army," he says. "If you grow up in this country and don't ignore what goes on around you, you have to be aware of racism."

At Wits Bruce was a member of the Wits Projects Committee and then spent three years on the student newspaper Wits Student.

At times he grew impatient with what he was involved in. While he saw this as necessary, his feelings about this country were obvious and painfully acute in a way he sometimes found difficult to explain. During cross-examination he was asked why he chose an option which would inevitably lead to prison - why did he not try to change things through his political organisations? "I did," he replied, "but the SADF was hanging over me...I was tired of avoiding it."

When he received his call up papers last August, and after spending six years completing his BA, partly to avoid the army, he reported and said he refused to serve in the SADF.

"He will miss his music most, music and space," said a housemate of his. Earlier Dave had said one of the most difficult of all the last minute tasks he had to do before the trial was packing away his collection of NME's. We joked that at least he could listen to Highveld in prison - not quite the station which would play the Clash (one of his favourites) or the soul and dance music he had grown to enjoy during his years working in a Hillbrow record shop. Bruce is planning to apply for study rights to do an LLB.

Will he complete it quicker than his BA? He could only smile ruefully.