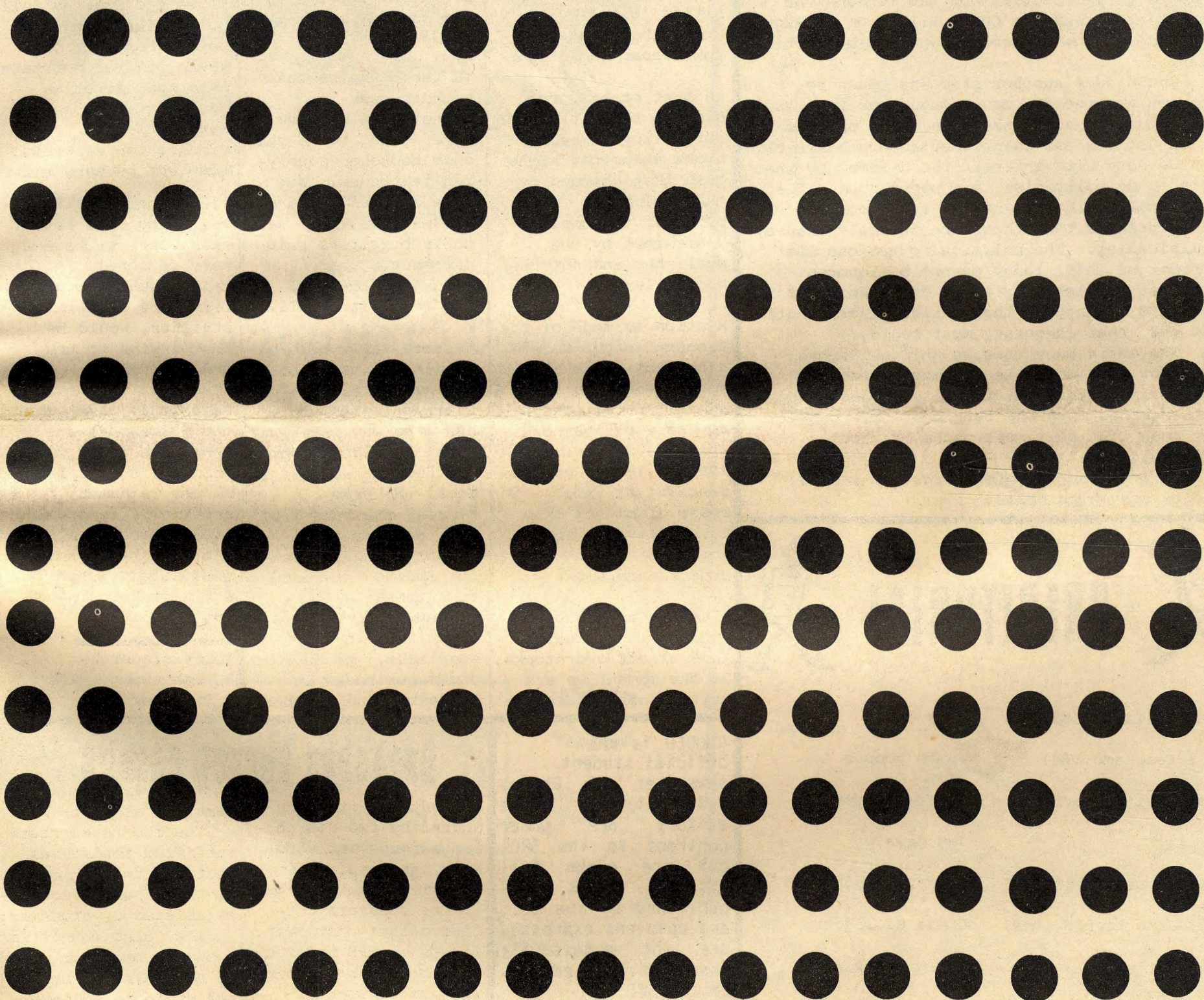


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## YOUR VOTE

What do 16 June and 11 August have in common? Nothing, except that they both concern Rhodes students very directly. On the 16 June the government passed the Quota Bill. On 11 August we decide whether or not we wish to be part of NUSAS.

On 16 June another step was taken to entrench apartheid. On 11 August we vote to remain part of a organisation which opposes the injustices and inequities in South Africa.

We note with interest the attempt by the antis to de-politicise this referendum. The issues the antis have raised are important. But to pretend that these are the only issues, is misleading. The political questions that confront us in SA today cannot be ignored. NUSAS has consistently taken the stand that apartheid is unjust, that racial discrimination must end, that democracy must begin.

The antis know this as well as anyone. They know that NUSAS is the most effective organisation available to white students who are concerned with the future of this country. They know that this referendum is about a political issue

We urge you to vote against apartheid, vote to stay with NUSAS.

## CORRECTION

### U.P.B. RIP OFF

It was with great disappointment that we read the article entitled 'Unbelievable Prices for Books' in your paper recently.

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every year, to have them in time for the new academic year and we only start selling them towards the end of February. We have to carry these stocks for 5-6 months and even longer if they are only used later in the academic year.

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Yours sincerely  
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## Bookshop survey results

A study recently conducted by two Journalism second-year students has resulted in the vindication of UPB.

The students concluded that past criticisms of UPB regarding exorbitant book prices was due to lack of understanding and proper research.

Correspondence with bookshops in other centres indicated that although their prices might be lower, they

were old stock prices.

The two researchers satisfied themselves that UPB do not mark up old stock as is commonly alleged by students.

They also found that a campus bookshop would be unviable and exhor- ted students to make greater use of the SRC bookshop.

(We regret any inconvenience the article may have caused. Eds.)





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## Quota Bill — Now Act

The Quota Bill- on which future university admission policy will have to be based- has become an Act, despite being rejected on all English-speaking Campuses. In an interview, the Dean of Arts, Professor Bunting, claimed the present admissions policy was based on academic merit alone. When asked whether Rhodes would implement the Quota Act, he replied "We don't know until we know what the quota is."

The Quota Act has been criticized for its part in government strategy to manipulate the number of people graduating in various fields. The Act is racist and acts in the interests of Big Business.

While the quota may not be seen to be a threat at present, it might well control the graduate labour market in future. The quotas for different universities and faculties within those universities may be altered at the whim of the government.

On other campuses there has been consistent opposition to the Bill (now Act).

This opposition has been particularly strong at Wits and UCT, Dr Saunders is on record as saying:

"The University of Cape Town as a corporate whole finds the proposed legislation totally unacceptable."

The Wits SRC passed a motion demanding the removal of racial classification from university admission forms and registration forms. This was accepted and supported by the Academic Staff Association and the Library Staff Association, and copies of the motion were distributed to all major bodies in the University for consideration.

At Rhodes, Professor Bunting said that Wits would have to produce a statement "sooner or later".

"They will have to show this to the department (of Edu-

cation)", he said. He indicated that the race grouping could be read off the matric certificate.

The Vice Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, in the same interview said that the universities are required by law to report the number of black students admitted.

"If we are given a sufficiently large quota it won't be limiting admissions," he said.

Wits SRC president, Lloyd Vogelmann, said that if the university decided not to co-operate with the governments Quota Act, they would also ignore government

requests for statistical information on admissions. Although unconfirmed by Dr Henderson, it is believed that the Minister of Education hopes to meet the Vice Chancellors of those universities which have resisted the Act. The meeting is scheduled to take place this week.

## 2000 March at Pietermaritzburg

More than 2000 Maritzburg students marched through the center of the city late last term protesting what was then the Quota Bill.

The students marched to the town hall where renowned novelist Alan

Paton addressed the crowd.

The march follows a similar protest by the students in May when more than 800 students converged on the administration building.

The students marched on the administration bearing a coffin shoulder height pronouncing the death of academic freedom.

Student protest occurred on all English speaking campuses in the country.





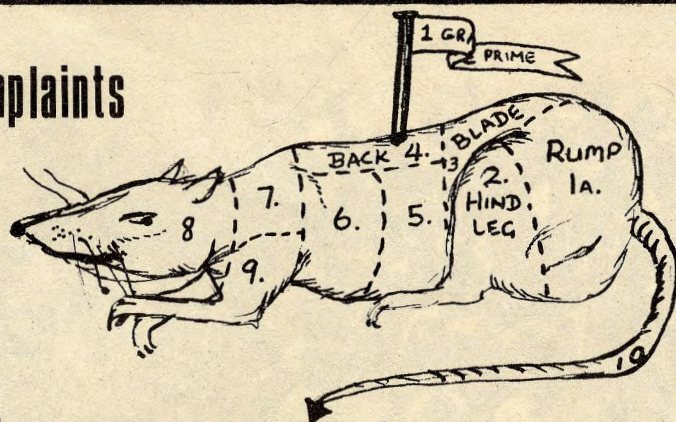
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## Kimberly Hall food complaints

### PRIME BEEF MINCE

A "piece of fur" served up in the lunch mince at Kimberley Hall led to a food boycott.

"A Bambi's hamburger would be better any day compared to the disgusting quality of food served at Kimberley Hall", said a Walker student.



According to a letter from the Caterer, Ms Dalton, to Hall Warden, Mr Mike Oelschig, their butcher "confirmed the fur was in fact a piece of hide with hairs from the beef carcass

Ms Dalton also said "it is practically impossible to spot a small foreign body in large quantities of food."

Kimberley students say there have been worms in the salad. On occasion cleaning

detergent has not been rinsed properly from crockery.

When complaints are made, matters improve for a week or two and then degenerate. The general feelings of the students is that there is insufficient money or the money is not being used properly.

Mike Oelschig said there are problems feeding each student on R2.08 a day and that without an increase in fees it was difficult to improve the food.

## Reserve book shortage solved

The heavy demand on reserve library books is soon to become something of the past, according to Mr G Quinn, head of the Rhodes Library.

R15 000 has been allocated towards restocking the reserve section.

Recently SRC Vice President and Education Councillor, Jennie Bowen, was approached by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Henderson, for suggestions in the allocation of a R30 000 fund.

"There are frequent complaints, particularly from undergraduates, about the pressure on crucial

books in the reserve library. It was therefore suggested that the money be used to alleviate the problem," she said.

In some instances one or two books are used by approximately 200 students for essay assignments.

A "suggestions box" is also to be re-instituted. This facility will be available to students enabling them to request new titles.

According to Mr Quinn, the library is at present approaching various departments for help in restocking the reserve library.

## Legal Aid clinic reopens

The Rhodes legal aid clinic has been resuscitated, following three weeks of negotiation between law students, lecturers, members of the legal profession in town and representatives from the Grahamstown Advice Office.

The Clinic closed its doors to the public three weeks ago after senior law lecturer, Andrew Lang, left Rhodes to complete his Masters degree at Cambridge University.

Up till that time the Clinic had relied

heavily on Mr Lang as it was required by law to have a qualified advocate in attendance. Because of lecturing commitments no-one in the Law Department was able to continue this work.

According to a third year law student and now chair of the legal aid committee, the legal aid clinic has the dual functions of educating students and provides a "crucial social services."

Rose van Wyk-Smith, chair of the Grahamstown Advice Office

was "very happy" about the reopening of the clinic. A large number of Advice Office cases are referred to the clinic each week.

The majority of cases dealt with by the clinic are legal problems arising from the government's influx control policy, employer/employee relations, hire purchase and cases relating to criminal defamation.

The legal aid clinic is open one day a week and does not charge for its services.

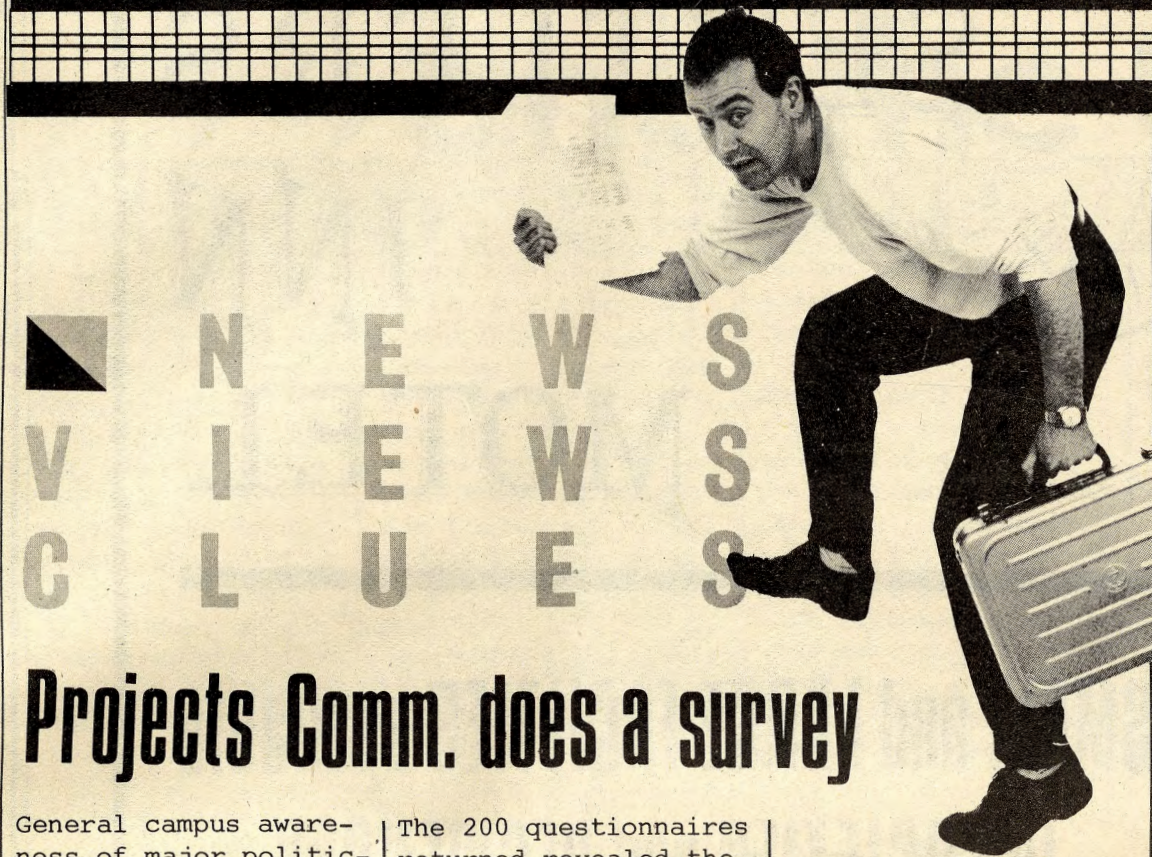
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### Projects Comm. does a survey

General campus awareness of major political issues affecting South Africans appears to be minimal.

In a recent survey on the Constitutional Proposals conducted by the SRC Projects Committee, only 60 percent of students had heard of the Proposals. The 500 questionnaires distributed, received a 40 percent response.

Earlier this year, Projects Comm. launched an extensive campaign designed to inform students about the issues surrounding the Proposals.

The campaign included talks in all the Halls, statement posters, and a debate between Margaret Nash of Black Sash and Jaap Olckers, former Nat Party M.P. for Albany. Poor attendance at some of the hall seminars and the debate pointed to a general lack of interest amongst students.

The 200 questionnaires returned revealed the following information:

30 percent of students knew that the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) had strongly rejected the Proposals and had criticized the South African Indian Council's (SAIC) decision to co-operate with the Nat. Party on the issue. Today, the NIC is seen by many Indians as being representative of their views and aspirations. The SAIC elections in 1981 received a staggeringly low 4 percent poll.

Still fewer students, only 20 percent, knew of the United Democratic Front (UDF).

The UDF was formed in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg this year in an attempt to unite opposition against the new constitutional proposals. The Front consists of students, community and youth organizations and various trade unions and stands for a

democratic and non-racial South Africa.

When asked what role Blacks would play in the new constitution one student replied, "Blacks might be a bunch of visiting Martians." Another student said, "I suppose zilch as usual."

Regarding the UDF, a student replied, "politics interests me as much as a crocodile is interested in a handbag!"

"I think it stinks," wrote one student replying to a question on the constitution.

A Politics 1 student indicated that students should not get involved in politics.

About 60 delegates and a number of observers attended the first National Faculty Council conference in Cape Town during the June vacation.

The conference, organised by the National Union of South African Students, lasted three days and according to reports was highly successful.

The conference included a general report back on the strength of faculty councils on English speaking campuses. Group sessions were held to discuss the implementation and improvement of the class rep system, faculty council elections, student services and Edcoms on the respective campuses.

Panel discussions were held on the role of media in faculty councils and the session was combined with a media skills workshop. Other sessions included suggestions on the successful running of course evaluations. The delegates represented a wide spectrum of faculties and discussion groups continued long after the formal sessions had ended.

A motion was proposed by Pietermaritzburg Edcom officer and AISEC member Anthea du Toit calling on NUSAS Head Office to make it an annual event. NUSAS was also mandated to bring out a publication on the role of the class rep system by the end of the year.

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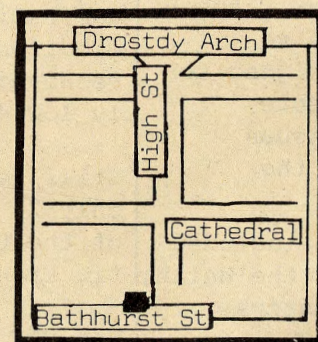
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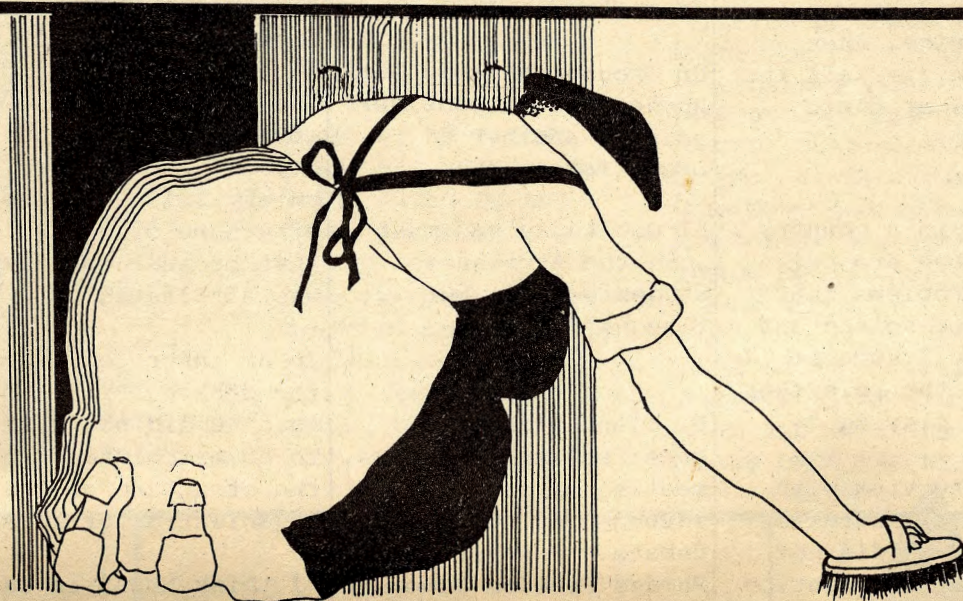
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## August 9th 1956

### Women united ■



Twenty thousand women stood outside the Union Buildings in Pretoria, thumbs raised, in silent protest for half an hour. Then they sang:  
"Strijdom, you have tampered with the women, you have struck a rock"

These women from all over South Africa, had gathered to present thousands of petitions protesting against the issuing of passes to black women, to the Prime Minister, Mr J G Strijdom.

The day, August 9th 1956, was later declared "National Women's Day" by the Federation of South African Women (FSAW). Today, 27 years later, it is remembered with pride by women and organizations throughout South Africa.

Strijdom refused to see the women, but five of their leaders were allowed to enter the building, to leave the petitions on his desk. These women included: Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophie Williams. The petitions were aimed at saving "African women from the degradation of passes" and "punishment and misery not for a crime".

They also read: "Raids, arrests, loss of pay, long waits at the pass office, weeks in cells awaiting trial, forced farm labour - this is what the pass laws have brought to African men."

The Federation of South African Women was formed in 1955 and represented thousands of women. The preamble to their Charter reads "We the women of South Africa...hereby declare our aims of striving for the removal of

all laws and regulations, conventions and customs, that discriminate against us as women, and that deprive us in any way of our inherent right to the advantages, responsibilities and opportunities that society offers to any one section of the population.

The demonstration at the Union Buildings, organized jointly by the Federation of South African Women, and the ANC Women's League, was the peak

of a series of organized and spontaneous protests against the extension of passes to women in the 1950's

In 1952 the passing of the Natives (Urban Areas) Act and the Natives (Abolition of Passes and Coordination of Documents) Act required all women to have permits to live and work in the towns.

In the first half of 1956 more than 50 000 women participated in 38 demonstrations in

30 different places, and thousands marched through the streets of Cape Town and Durban.

After the massive demonstrations in Pretoria in August 1956, more coercive measures like the withholding of pensions or medical treatment and the refusal to register births or accept

children at school, forced women to accept pass books. By 1958 about 13 million pass books had been issued, and the campaign was virtually over. The government clampdown following Sharpeville put an end to the wave of women's activities in the '50's.

But the discontent of having to carry a pass persists, making women the victims of arrests and making it hard to find jobs.

But since then there has been a re-emergence of women's organizations, focussing on issues affecting women, stressing democracy based on equality between men and women, and the inclusion of the women's struggle in the broader struggle for national liberation.

The Conscientious Objectors Support Group (Cosgs), an organisation set up four years ago, to oppose forced military conscription, has appealed to South African's to support an anti-conscription campaign. The movement decided at their fourth annual conference held in

## CONSCRIPTION REVIEW

Durban recently, to call on a wide range of organisations to support the campaign.

Representatives from a number of liberal and Church organisations took part in a four day workshop. All expressed their oppo-

sition to rampant militarisation in S.A.

At the conference it was decided to continue active support for those who continued to refuse participation in the S.A.D.F. on the basis of conscience. They also decided to

reject the Defence Amendment Act which provides for a six year prison sentence for anyone objecting on grounds other than religious pacifism.

The call to end conscription was described by one speaker, as

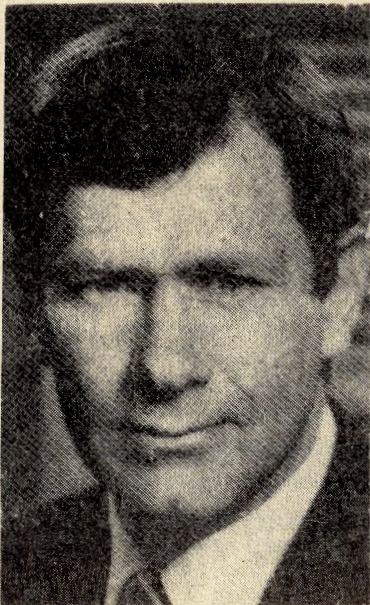
primarily designed to educate all those affected by the issue.

This includes school-children who are conscripted through the school system without knowing the choices. Women face the trauma of men returning from the border, hardened and depersonalised by their experiences.



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## Treurnicht for disaffiliation Van Zyl Slabbert backs NUSAS



VAN ZYL SLABBERT

The leaders of the major opposition parties in South Africa Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, PFP, and Dr Andries Treurnicht, Conservative Party, have come out with conflicting statements on NUSAS.

At a debate organised by the SRC Projects Comm two weeks ago, Dr Slabbert said that if students were really

serious about resolving the contradictions in South Africa, they would mobilise all the resources at their disposal.

"We live in a country where there are very urgent problems that have to be solved and therefore I support NUSAS in the role that they are playing."

In an interview with Rhodéo, Dr Treurnicht said that he did not think that association with NUSAS was a recommendation.

"The image that NUSAS has built up for itself over the past few years has not been a favourable one," said Dr Treurnicht.

He said that NUSAS would not survive this image.

"I support those students who want

Rhodes to withdraw from NUSAS," he said.

Dr Treurnicht said that Rhodes should consider joining another organisation.

"I won't say you must join the Afrikaanse Studente Bond, but ... (laughs)"

Dr Slabbert was the guest speaker at a meeting originally intended to be a debate. However, the Rhodes Freedom Committee (formerly known as 'anti-comm') refused to debate the issue with Kate Philip, NUSAS President and Dr Slabbert, stating that the intended debate was "fudging the issue"

In a pamphlet issued shortly before the meeting the Freedom Committee stated that NUSAS had a role to play on campus but that the issue was

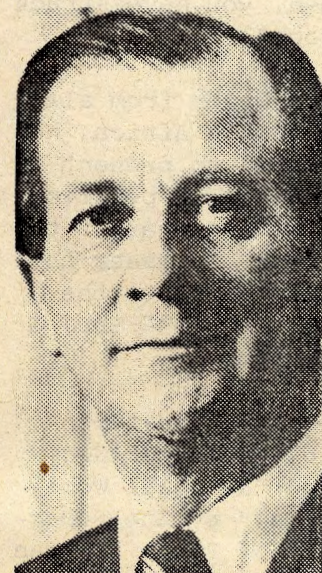
centre affiliation and the right of freedom of association.

They said Dr Slabbert would agree that no student should involuntarily fall into the structure of NUSAS just because the campus was affiliated.

In an interview before the debate, Dr Slabbert said he did not wish to commit himself to the structure of the organisation of NUSAS.

"I think NUSAS is an important student organisation nationally speaking, and that it performs a crucial role in student politics."

Dr Slabbert said that both NUSAS and the PFP shared a rejection of apartheid. He said they both felt strongly about the government's infringement of civil liberties and on the question of detention without trial



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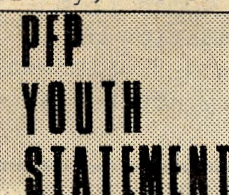
He said NUSAS and the PFP tried to focus attention on the policy of apartheid

Dr Slabbert said he believed it was important that students at university in particular, be exposed to the contradictions and problems in their society.

"This role NUSAS has played very effectively," he said.



## United in opposition



The P.F.P. believes that apartheid and the Nationalist government must be fought by as broad an opposition group as possible. The Committee believes that all groups working for peaceful change support one another.

The P.F.P. sees it as its duty to support

organisations that further the aims of the party;

\*Full citizenship rights for all South Africans without discrimination on the grounds of race or colour.

\*An open society free from compulsory separation or compulsory

integration.

\*A constitution and an entrenched bill of rights guaranteeing the rights of individuals and minorities are essential.

\*All educational systems must provide equal education opportunities for citizens of all races.

\*The right of all our people to maintain and develop their religious language and cultural heritages.

\*The right of every individual to the protection of life, liberty and property, and access to the judiciary in defence of these rights.

We see it as essential that all the peoples of our country are made aware that these principles for peaceful co-existence in South Africa do not exist. It is from this stand point that NUSAS is regarded as an important organization amongst the students of our country.



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Let's stay with the National Union

AS THE REFERENDUM BATTLE DRAWS TO A CLOSE RHODEO INTERVIEWED BOTH THE PRO-AFFILIATION COMMITTEE AND THE FREEDOM COMMITTEE TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON SOME OF THE MORE CONTROVERSIAL AREAS OF DEBATE. BOTH WERE ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS.

WHEN WAS IT DECIDED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM? We as NUSAS supporters wholeheartedly endorsed a request for a student body meeting to discuss the issue of affiliation to NUSAS. At this meeting, both NUSAS President, Kate Philip and SRC Deputy President, Sue Lund, called on students to agree to a referendum and to show - once and for all - Rhodes' support for NUSAS.

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO GAUGE YOUR SUPPORT ON CAMPUS? At this stage things are looking very positive. NUSAS has a lot more support than the antis make out. Its going to be a tough campaign but a vote for NUSAS is a vote against apartheid and we believe that most students know that this is the real referendum issue.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY HOLDING ANOTHER REFERENDUM? Firstly, we'd like to point out that although we fully agree to the right of students to go to the polls on this issue, it is unfortunate that a referendum come at this time. For example, nationally, the Constitutional Bill threatens to entrench Nationalist power and its

National Union. THE LAST REFERENDUM WAS FOUGHT ON THE BASIS OF CENTRE-AFFILIATION AND WAS LOST BY ANTI-COMM. WHAT HAS CHANGED AND WILL ANTIS BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL THIS TIME? Their argument hasn't changed but possibly their tactics have. They seem to want to cloud the issue by, for example, hiding the negative nature

the concept and role of a national union. NUSAS, being a confederation of SRC's consists of student representatives who are accountable to the campus that elected them. It is clearly the most democratic structure a student union could adopt.

WHAT ARE YOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES AS PRO-COMM AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS ONCE THE REFERENDUM IS OVER?

AS PRO-COMM, WHAT SERVICES HAVE YOU PROVIDED SINCE THE LAST REFERENDUM? Pro-comm is a group of students who support NUSAS and believe that the benefits derived from continued affiliation to NUSAS - benefits we talked about just now - have been provided since the last referendum.

THE PRESENT REFERENDUM APPEARS TO BE AIMED AT LIBERAL STUDENTS IN PARTICULAR IS THIS A CHANGE IN STRATEGY? HOW DO YOU SEE VAN ZYL SLABBERTS SUPPORT FOR NUSAS IN THIS LIGHT? Liberal students have always supported NUSAS, particularly in its consistent stand against apartheid. Dr Slabbert made this point very clearly at Rhodes two weeks ago when he came out strongly in support of NUSAS.

WHAT CONTACT DO YOU HAVE WITH OTHER CAMPUSES ON THE REFERENDUM ISSUE? Obviously the National Union is concerned about the outcome of this referendum and other SRC's phone fairly often for updates.

IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE TO NUSAS? No. All attempts in the past to establish alternative structures have failed. If we agree with the role NUSAS plays, there is no alternative to the National Union.

abhorrent policies; and locally at Rhodes the referendum stultifies the development of the newly formed faculty councils. This referendum should highlight the importance of student political awareness and and of student representation and NUSAS' role in these areas. The referendum gives students the opportunity to record their support for affiliation to the

of their campaign through calling themselves the Rhodes Freedom Comm. Will they be successful? No. WHAT ROLE DO YOU SEE CENTRE-AFFILIATION PLAYING IN THE FUNCTIONING OF NUSAS? Centre affiliation is crucial to the role and the effective democratic functioning of NUSAS. By opposing centre affiliation to NUSAS, one opposes

They are to emphasize the necessity for us as students to debate and discuss political issues and to get involved in effective student government. We believe that the National Union is the most effective way of student participation in these areas. Winning this referendum will mean a mandate to continue this work. We sincerely believe the SRC will be given this mandate.

NUSAS	YES	
	NO	



## HUMAN AWARENESS PROGRAM

Are you involved in education, community work, advice, research information, social awareness, industrial or youth work?

The Human Awareness Programme publishes BRIDGE - an index of organisations oriented towards change in South Africa. Do you want to be listed?

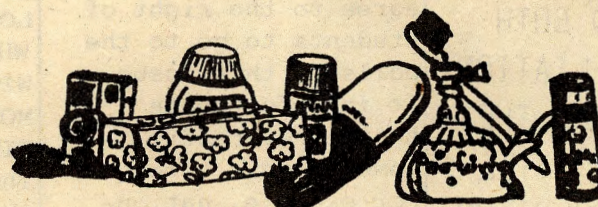
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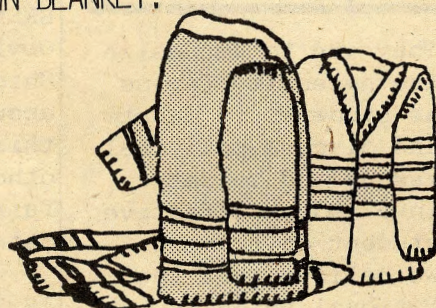
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### Rhodes can go it alone

WHEN WAS IT DECIDED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM? Campus decided, at the mass meeting held to decide whether we should have one or not. As SRC members, Shane Hodgeson and I got about 488 signatures together, and a general meeting was held. Campus voted unanimously for a referendum, except for one abstention.

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO GAUGE YOUR SUPPORT ON CAMPUS? WHAT IS IT?

Not really, no. We have an idea, though, and it should be relatively close.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY HOLDING ANOTHER REFERENDUM? In a nutshell, we hope to disaffiliate from NUSAS. We would like to see a reversion to the state of things on campus before 1981. We have no intention of getting NUSAS off campus, where it indeed has a place. We believe in individual affiliation to NUSAS, rather than centre affiliation.

THE LAST REFERENDUM WAS FOUGHT ON THE BASIS OF CENTRE AFFILIATION AND WAS LOST BY ANTI-COMM. WHAT HAS CHANGED AND WILL THEY BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL THIS TIME?

The referendum was won by a majority of 64 votes. This means that you're talking of a one percent difference,

which is not really a significant percentage of campus. Remember, roughly 240 votes were spoiled. This can be taken either way. We've seen NUSAS in action for 1½ years - enough time for them to see through their promises. The point is, nothing has changed. I sincerely hope we're more successful

Centre affiliation is a safe way of saying they have a following.

ARE YOU ANTI NUSAS? I believe that NUSAS stands for National Union of South African Students. I cannot support it, because it doesn't work like that. I do believe it has a role to play. And I do believe students should be made polit-

if disaffiliation occurs - as a society on this campus. They have a right to be here, just as much as any other society has.

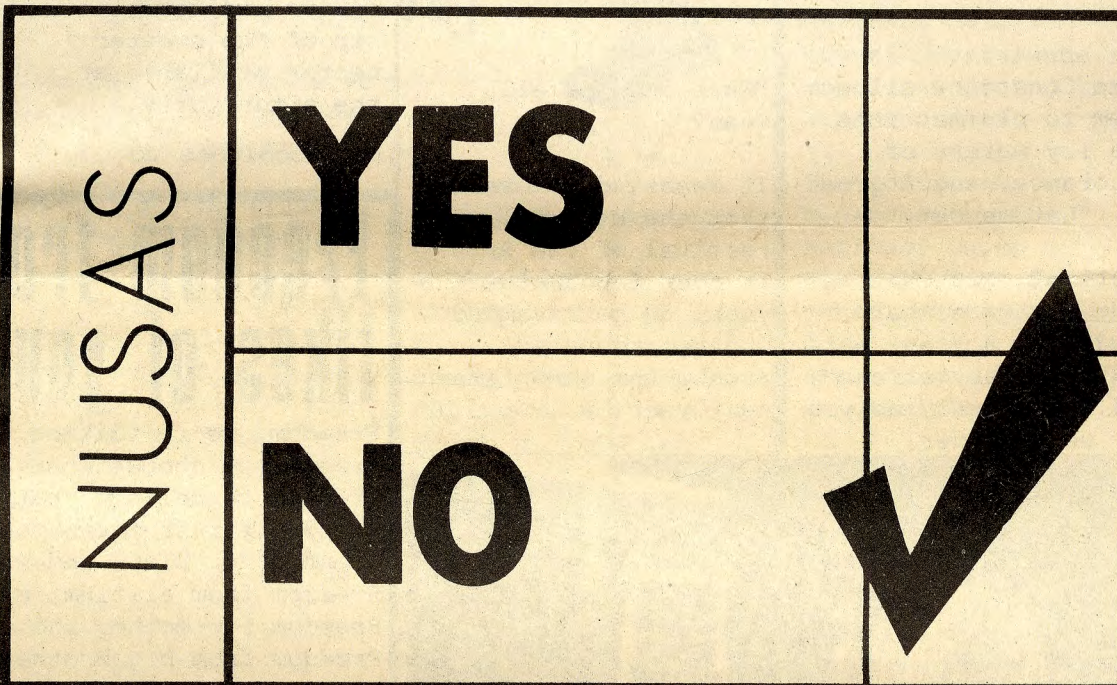
AS THE FREEDOM COMM., WHAT SERVICES HAVE YOU PROVIDED SINCE THE LAST REFERENDUM? That's not a fair question. We only formed the committee recently. In 1981,

PARTICULAR. IS THIS A CHANGE IN STRATEGY? HOW DO YOU SEE VAN ZYL SLABBERT SUPPORT FOR NUSAS IN THIS LIGHT?

There has been no change in strategy. Rhodes is generally a liberal campus, though in specific areas it may not be. A lot of us are puzzled to a certain extent by his support for Nusas. We're not sure of the extent to which he is aware of student feelings regarding Nusas. We also don't know whether he is aware that PFP Youth leaders on campus have always been involved in disaffiliation campaigns, and that this year, a lot of PFP Youth members are against Nusas.

WHAT CONTACT DO YOU HAVE WITH OTHER CAMPUSES ON THE REFERENDUM ISSUE? This is essentially a Rhodes issue, and we're treating it from a Rhodes point of view. For example, we don't want Pietermaritzburg's advice on how to run our campaign and I'm sure they don't want ours.

IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE TO NUSAS? For Rhodes, the alternative is the SRC. Whatever Nusas claims they do on campus, the SRC has been doing for years. Also, a number of the things Nusas claims they do is already done by societies on this campus.



this time.

WHAT ROLE DO YOU SEE CENTRE AFFILIATION PLAYING IN THE FUNCTIONING OF NUSAS? Centre affiliation provides NUSAS with a support bloc: it gets financial support from affiliated SRC's and has a set number of students as backing. They can then turn around and say "we have the backing of Rhodes students." If NUSAS really wanted to be representative of students, it wouldn't be scared to have individual affiliation.

ically aware - that's not the totality of of their aims. There should be more to NUSAS.

WHAT ARE YOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES AS THE FREEDOM COMMITTEE AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS ONCE THE REFERENDUM IS OVER? Our guiding principles are to oppose centre-affiliation and to attempt to get this campus to vote for disaffiliation. Also, to allow Rhodes students freedom of association. We plan to support NUSAS -

NUSAS became affiliated, not the Freedom Comm. NUSAS has had the last two years to prove itself. A lot of people on the Freedom Comm. have done much in other spheres, for example, the SRC President, the Sports Councillor, AISEC office-bearers the Cultural Councillor, the SRC Secretary. As individuals we have done our bit on campus in various ways.

THE PRESENT REFERENDUM APPEARS TO BE AIMED AT LIBERAL STUDENTS IN



# Monumental arrogance



UCT's cast from "The Ride Across Lake Constance."

Every July vac for the last five years Grahamstown has played host to the National Festival of Arts and the National Festival of Student Drama. It's a BIG EVENT.

As we all know the establishment media are regular attendants at all RECOGNISED BIG EVENTS. They cover them ad nauseum with greater or lesser levels of understanding.

Key ideas for this review sprang from the student's drama and especially from UCT's brilliant performance of Handke's "The Ride Across Lake Constance" which unfortunately got an abysmal reception.

Detailed accounts of the individual performances can be found, bulk loaded on double page spreads, in back copies of your regular daily mystifier dated between the 7th and 18th of July.

RHODEO hopes that the following review of the festival does not add a further level of mystification to those already operating.

Infernal Fog. Leave me. Seven days and seventeen plays. God, I must have been mad to ask to review this crazy conglomeration of the sacred and the profane.

Requiems and existentialism cheek by jowl, day by night. Oh you merry culture vultures are made of sterner stuff than me.

"Time for tea Joe. We need the **suger**. Three more plays today."

Hell yes, we've come a long way. Students can shout at God, the State, and even take off their clothes in public. We found 'culture' and called it progress.

I sat staring vacantly into space, my ears filled with the merry din of incompetence disguised as Koning Oboe, disguised as the next best thing to a Student Drama winner. I watched 'Adjudicators' roar with delight at volume and groan with dismay when the thin ice over

Lake Constance allowed them to plummet into the icy waters of ignorance, and I groaned, "Let me out."

Festival chit chat made me aware that Rhodes is a "real hot-bed of Presbyterians", and I wondered, as you may well wonder,

"What does it all mean?"

It means, dear heart, that the National Festival of the Arts is over for another year, to be revamped and regurgitated around the same time next year.



Bitter tastes of white paternalism for Zululand

Was it, is it, will it ever be worthwhile to string together a week of bourgeois decadence in the name of cultural gain?

The answer lies in Zululand, comrades. Pious 'liberal' Afrikaner judgements of their presentation of Brecht's "The Exception and the Rule" sent them home with the bitter taste of white paternalism in their mouths and not even a sip of the sweeter nectar available at the after party.

And accolades to

Rhodes whose very own dearly beloved Julie Coghlan was named the Best Supporting Actress.

It warms my heart to bear such glad tidings. Rally to our flag and beat your jolly little breasts.

Next year they may send you out with pen and paper in your sweaty hands to find that, like all the juiciest pickings in the land these are reserved for a small circle of friends.

-MARK BAARD

## Freedom from the likes of you

Freedom, we're talking about your freedom, Freedom to choose what you do with your body Freedom to believe what you like, Freedom for brothers to love one another, Freedom for black and white, Freedom from elitism, male domination, Freedom for mother and wife, Freedom from big brothers interrogation, Freedom to live your own life.

Today's institutions fundamental to the SA system of government are under attack. The public schools, the houses of parliament, the Nederlandse Gereformeerde Church, the holy institution of marriage. Even our magnificent police force are no longer safe from those who would undermine our society

It's about time we said enough is enough and all return to the traditional SA values of discipline, obedience, morality and freedom.

Freedom from the reds and the blacks and the criminals, prostitutes, panzies and punks, football hooligans, juvenile delinquents, lesbians and left-wing scum. Freedom from the niggers and the pakkies and the unions, Freedom from the gypsies and the jews, Freedom from long haired layabouts and students Freedom from the likes of you.

-TRB





"Get loose music, dress up, make a noise jorl."

That's Via Afrika and the concept that is alleged to accompany it - according to Rene Veldsman member of the band.

Over five hundred people poured into the Great Hall for the RMR Rock 'n Roll concert. Via Afrika were supported by Real Estate, "P.E.'s most 'progressive' band", and local band New Releases. Both accompanying bands complained about limited sound check time - blaming Via

# Lost in the Jungle

## A beat-box band in 'concert'



Afrika for not bringing the sound technician that was written into the contract.

Via Afrika was formed by Rene and Lukas "about nine months ago". They first played in Durban but are based in Johannesburg. Their music is "very Johannesburg, in a way."

We've separated music and politics "our music is for people to dance to and to have fun." But don't ask "difficult questions" like playing in front of segregated audiences...". "You can fight the system but you can't fight it too openly - unless you're going to be a martyr". which Rene doesn't think she wants to be.

"Of course we make statements in our music but you have to listen to it - that's why you must buy the record to see what's going on."

After examining the lyrics, little meaning can be found in Via Afrika. They seemed to hanker after colonial days - at least not inspired by "Africa", their "roots" "Via" means path or road, strike a similarity with the Cecil John Rhodes ideal. Traipsing from "Senegal" to "Zimbab-

we" in a "big, black car" (or a landrover) believing that tigers not lions are the kings of the African jungles, heightens Via Afrika as an alternative band - but certainly not progressive.

Rene's views on South African music is that it's going places, it's "going up". "it's very nice". "it's good", but I don't know who's going places and where you go when you go places" - she thinks however. "everyone's trying hard".

"Our group has nothing to do with drugs." The plea then changed - "everyone's into drugs - a pain-killer is a drug".

"I have done different styles of music and so has Lukas. I was a rock singer once (ex-Clout)".

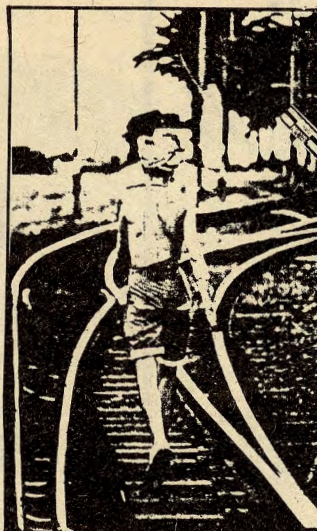
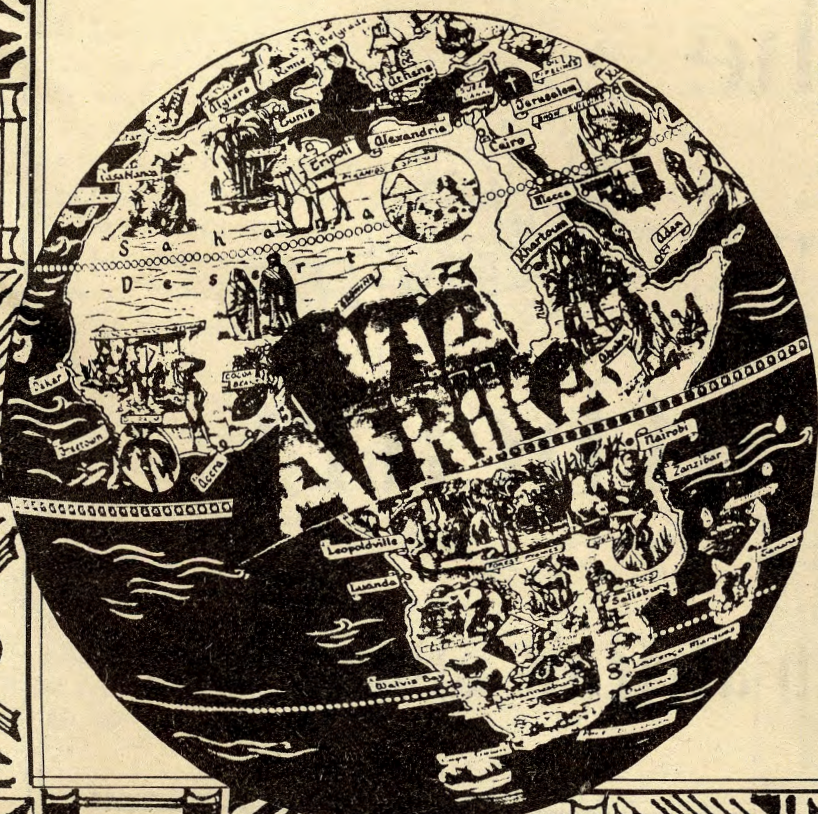
What makes Via Afrika nice is that it's

really difficult to tell if they've played the same song twice. They just managed to play for the ninety minutes stated in their contract - only repeating one song - I think - and had a few technical hitches.

This beat box band will have to expand itself if they'd like to continue riding their temporary wave of success.

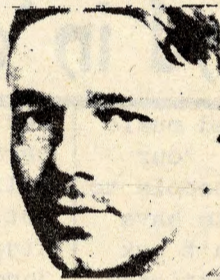
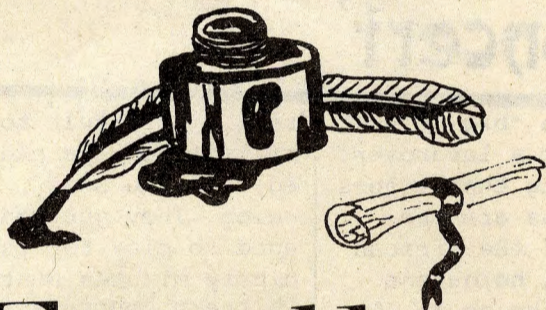
One album, a single, tours, a little filming and an aspiration to be at number one on the local charts and appear on Pop Shop, slots into their ideology of mindless decadence.

"We're into revolution, but we'd much prefer to go dancing."





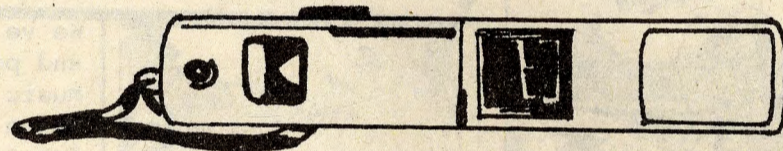
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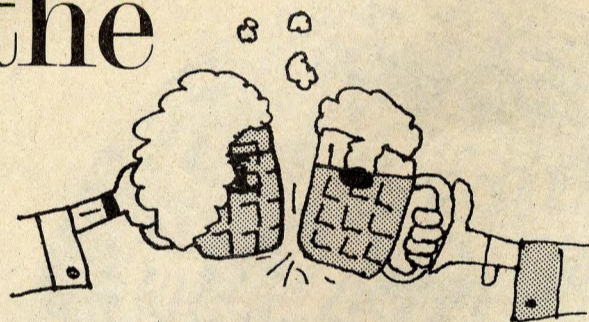
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## Oppidan ---- -----Outlook

Some 400 students flocked to the Great Hall on Friday night for the social event of the year on the Oppidan calendar — the Oppie cheese and wine.

The function was bigger and better than last year, because of an Oppidan Board decision to expand the total entertainment allowance on the cheese and wine party alone.

Plans for an Oppidan Ball have been shelved owing to lack of interest and poor attendance last year.

By way of contrast, the cheese and wine has always been well attended and Friday night was no exception as students danced to the compelling rhythms of Andrew Tracey's Steel Band. Some danced on tables while others clapped.

Students had to pay a nominal fee of R1, but some latecomers were refunded when they complained that the wine had run out.

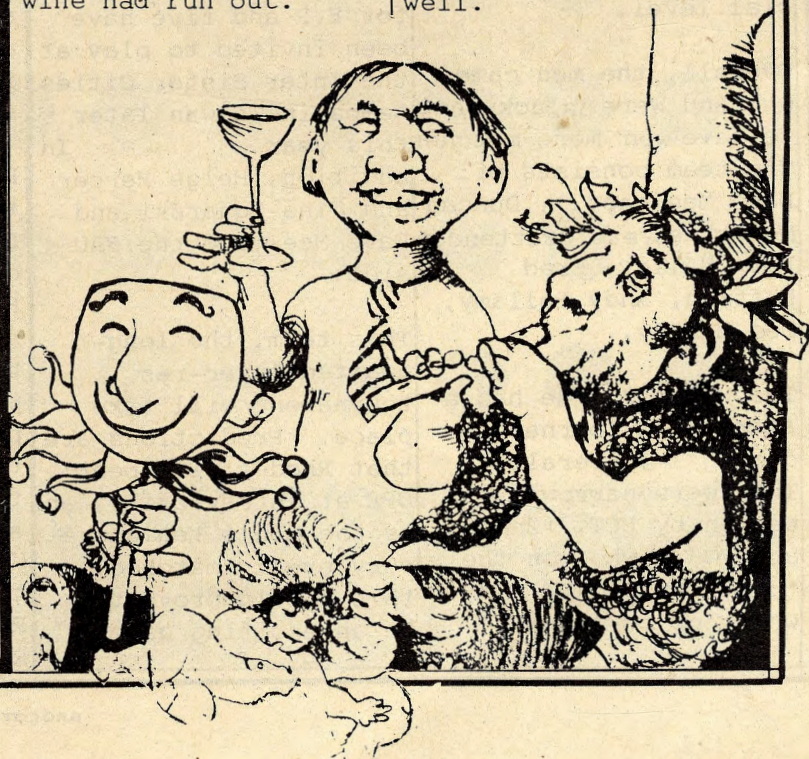
In terms of university regulations the party ended at 9.30 although students were clearly not in the mood to stop.

\* A quote received for the Oppidan lockers scheme puts the cost in the region of R900. So far only eight students have indicated their interest in the scheme. Further quotes are being sought, as well as the possibility of obtaining a grant for the scheme.

\* Sponsorship is being sought for Oppidan rugby team jerseys as the estimated cost for these is R20 apiece.

\* Rob Fincham, Vice-President of the Oppidan Board, has gone on study leave and is expected back around February next year. The board wishes to thank him for his invaluable assistance.

\* Simon Burton of the Sociology Dept. has replaced him on the Board and we wish him well.





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Good refereeing cleans up season  
Final crunch for Res bunch

The Inter Res Rugby competition will soon be entering its final stages with some teams already having played five games.

This year has seen some clean, enjoyable rugby being produced with little of the unnecessary brawling which has marred the social rugby of previous years.

Strict refereeing has ensured that minor flare ups have been quelled sometimes with

a spell in the cooler for the offending player

Leading Section A and unbeaten as yet are Walker who are proving to be the dark horses of the competition. They have beaten all opponents on the field although on paper their chances of success have seemed slim.

Oppies A also unbeaten, will have to stretch their resources to the limits in order to contain this high

spirited team from the hill when they clash on 14 August.

Inter-res rugby has been criticised for the inclusion of Oppies teams who have a vast amount of players to choose from.

The normal res has about twenty players to choose from. Oppies have a greater selection of players and have been known to "load" their side when faced with strong opposition from res teams.

Section B appears to be a tussle for domination between College and Pringle.

A certain amount of controversy has arisen about who exactly is permitted to play in the competition.

With the absence of competition co ordinator Neil Taylor certain sides have been fielding "illegal" players (Rhodes 2nds and club players)

Floodlit games on Wednesday nights tended to

produce faster more lively rugby. One Walker player commented on Sunday morning rugby, "It appears the morning after the night before is conducive to a little sluggishness."

Spectator interest has been minimal at several inter res clashes. It is dissapointing to note the sparcity of spectators and many players have indicated that res support would add to the excitement.

South African Universities - results

VOLLEYBALL

Rhodes volleyball made history this year when the men's team won their first SAU match ever! The team had a great deal of potential with five members playing at the Provincial level.

Overall, the men came 6th and were unlucky not to have won more matches. The team consists of: Dave Mee (capt.), Duncan McRobbie, Pete Cruttenden, Kev Malloy, Fred Hoffman, Andy Bellamy, Des Bailey.

The women's side had a successful tournament, coming 3rd overall. They were narrowly beaten by UCT, (2nd) and Wits, who won the tournament. The players who took part were:

Helge Merker (capt.), Tina Bojarski, Karen Winkler, Monika Arnold, Linda McGladdery, Janis Hen-Boisen, Diana Mollik and Marjorie Mckeran.

Four of the women play for E.P and five have been invited to play at the Inter Sister Cities Games in Taiwan later this year. In addition, Helge Mercer and Tina Bojarski and Dave Mee made the SAU side.

This term, the long-awaited inter-res tournament will take place. Predictions are that Rhodes will beat UPE at Intervarsity, and as the men's teams are very evenly matched, this should prove to be an exciting game.

SAILING

This year, SAU wind-surfing and sailing was hosted by UCT and was held at Zeekoeivlei.

The competing universities were Rhodes, UCT, Wits, Natal (Durban) and Pietermaritzburg and the classes sailing included sprogs, wind-surfers and lazars.

Because of the level of the water in Settler's Dam and the conditions of the boats at the Rhodes sailing club, the sprog sailors did not have an opportunity to put in any sailors practising. However, they were able to give the other universities stiff competition. UCT won the competition trailed by Durban, Wits Pietermaritzburg and Rhodes.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The women's cross-country team surprised a few of the more fancied teams in this year's SAU championship. Rhodes, who have not competed in a team competition for a number of years, managed to finish in third place.

Rhodes women were the first team to have all their runners home and it proved to be the best performance by an English-speaking university in 13 years.

The runners were Diane Woodend in eighth place, Michelé Baartman ninth, Heidi Wurst fifteenth and Sandy Maytham in seventeenth place.

The Rhodes men did not manage to finish amongst the top few. However, the leading runners, Hilton Harvey and Pieter Wurst performed exceptionally well in the field.

Diane Woodend and Michele Baartman were selected for the SAU cross-country team which will compete against the Springboks in Middleburg, Tvl. late this year.

SORRY

Rhodeo regrets carrying no Intervarsity roundup or results. Unfortunately, paste-up occurred last week before Intervarsity. However, we're sure you enjoyed your Intervarsity weekend.