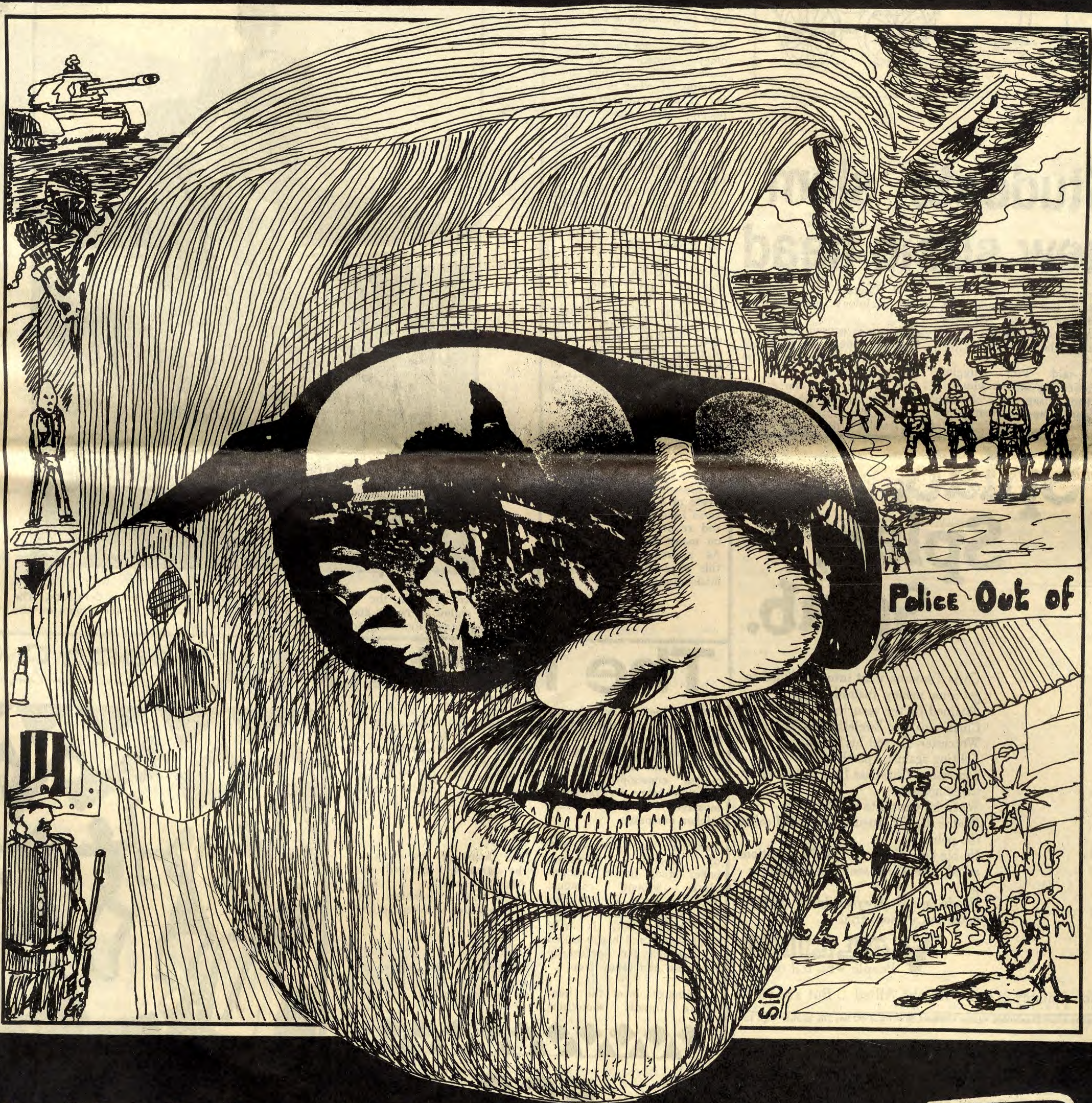


RHODEO

Rhodes' most reflective paper

October '86



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Mozambique, 'Shaka Zulu'
an' more...***





Students slam new socio head

"The offer has been made and it has been accepted. And now unless you wish to go and assassinate Prof Coetzee, he's coming."

So said Prof Higgins, commenting on the widespread disapproval of the recent appointment of Prof Coetzee as Head of the Sociology Department.

Coetzee is presently lecturing at the University of OFS. His speciality is underdevelopment,

At a BSM mass meeting with Dr Henderson last month disapproval was voiced about Coetzee's appointment. According to the BSM four of the five members of the Sociology Department were against his appointment, with only Prof Higgins in favour.

"It's my considered judgement...that they've got the right man for the job," said Prof Higgins, who will be in the department next year.

"If any staff members in any department disapprove of any newly-appointed departmental head, these staff members are perfectly free to go elsewhere..."

RHODEO spoke to a sociology student about the move - "This is just one example of what is prevailing at this university. The people with power here, continue to maintain and appoint academics who will toe the line of the farcical so-called liberal institution. Not only are these academics being controlled but they are usually unimaginative and bureaucratic," the student said.

"It's good to hear the voice of age," said Prof Higgins, "particularly in the social sciences where so many students think that history began this morning after breakfast. It's terribly important to have different perspectives under the vast sociological umbrella."

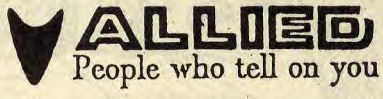
Splab, Splab, Splab.

Chris Tyawana went into the Allied to get some money. Instead, he got detained by the security police. Chris is part of Zwelethemba Youth at Worcester. He and his friends are fighting against Apartheid and oppression. Chris has been in hiding for three months.

When he went into the Allied on Wednesday 27 August, the Allied called the police.

No big talk. No small talk. No questions asked. The Allied sent him straight to jail.

No charges. No lawyers. Just straight detention without trial.



Your money is safe with the Allied ... But are you?

ALLIED SHAREHOLDERS AGAINST APARTHEID

A group of Allied shareholders have vowed to oppose the building society's plans to trade shares on the stock market unless they compensate Chris Tyawana, detained after an AHA money machine swallowed his card.

The group has demanded that the Allied promise it won't allow the incident to be repeated; call for Tyawana's release; pay his legal fees and pay him compensation for their 'mistake'.

They have also appealed to other Allied account holders to apply whatever pressure they can to the building society.

The right to know

A five-week national campaign has been launched by the Young Progressives to protest the restrictions placed on free flow of information in South Africa.

"The fundamental right to know has been severely restricted," the Young Progs said, and added that the public must take

action to affirm the right to know.

In a statement issued last week the Young Progs said that the SABC acted as an agent for misinformation, as it didn't present the real situation. They accused the SABC of purposefully misleading the public.

Campus Chair of the organisation, Ms Toni Petra called on students to join the campaign, which was aimed at writing letters to Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Information.

She added that the letters would be distributed on campus for people to sign.



Joan of Arc joins in the vigil held in solidarity with Emergency detainees. The vigil was called by Nusas and held on 3 September. About 50 people supported the peaceful protest, including an entire Theology class.

State of Emergency regulations have seriously restricted reporting and comment on many events and issues. As a result, content on this page may be seriously misleading.

The right to NO

ECC lives! Conscription continues - so does ECC! We support ECC! We demand the right to speak. We demand the right to oppose conscription... No, this in not a recorded message - this is ECC's sticker campaign.

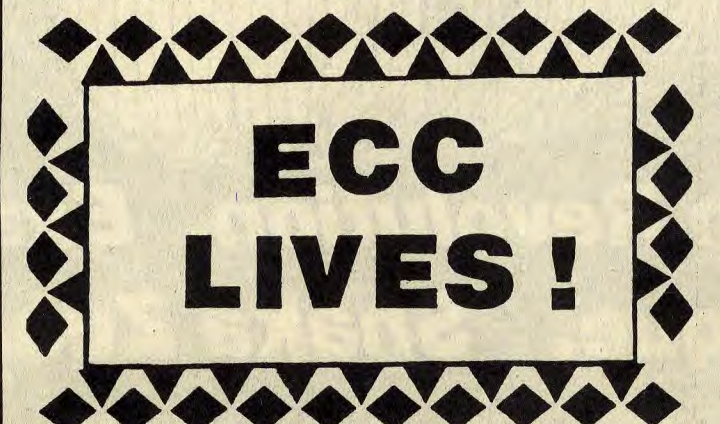
You may have noticed lots of brightly coloured paper stuck up in obscure places around campus. This is just a reminder that despite the State of Emergency, ECC is still bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ... although not necessarily footloose and fancy free.

A glimpse into the near future reveals something

exciting, something daring. Is it a mass meeting, is it a vigil. No its a concert! Vader Jacob, Moral Majority, Ashanti Babash, Zealous Necklaces and the notorious Koeksusters, are putting together the last rave of the year - "Concert in the Dark".

The theme of the show is the same as that of our sticker campaign ... ECC lives - ECC demands the right to oppose conscription!

NOTE: The date and venue are yet to be confirmed, so look out for our posters.



Freak Out



Russel Kaschula

HDE

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Lying in bed.

What's your favourite learning position?
In bed.

Have you got any good luck charms?
I've got a rock from Knysna. I've enjoyed that rock.



Cathy Belling

B.A. III

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Lying around the pool. You'd better say "trying to read", in brackets.



Peter Perkins

BCom III

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Drinking coffee and talking to Craig.

What's your favourite exam fantasy?
Spots coming up.

Do you have any good luck charms?
No - wish I did.



Roy Wadeson

Phys Ed I

Have you got any good luck charms?
Yes, I've got an Irish Leprechaun.

Dave Gaynor - Zoo III

What's your most hated type of exam question?
They're all bad.

Do you have any good luck charms?
I take in a rabbit's foot and wave it three times round my paper.

Would you consider cheating?
Only for Chemistry.

For some October is the start of lazing around the pool, swapping lectures for Port Alfred or Kenton, surfing without a wet suit or long twilight ambles through the jasmine scented gardens of Grahamstown.

Or is it?

For most oppressed Rhodents it is more the month of pre-exam paranoia - long hours in the library, frantically photostating notes, calculating spots, and religiously rejecting the more savoury sins of the flesh.

RHODEO put this theory to the test by examining a few bleary-eyed students.



Mlulami Singapi

B.A. Law I

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Sitting in Kaif or going to a movie.

What is your most hated type of exam question?
Catch-questions.

Dave Papenfus

BJourn III

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
I find millions of things to do that I should have been doing all year - washing my car, tidying my room, my files and so on.

What's your favourite exam fantasy?
Passing!

What's your most hated exam type of exam question?
Short answers - you can't waffle.

Would you consider cheating?
I don't even study enough to write crib notes!

Do you think exams are a true reflection of how much you know?
No. They only prove whether you can answer what is asked.

Brian Aldag

Phys Ed II

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Sitting in the Union.

What's your favourite exam fantasy?
Finding the exam paper lying in the lecture room about 3 weeks before exams.

Do you think that exams are a true reflection of how much you know?
No, exams are not a good system. There should be more emphasis on work done throughout the year.

Mary Sleiter

Fine Art I

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Just sitting and dreaming.

Do you have any good luck charms?
No... oh yes - the paint brush that George gave me!

Do you think exams are a true reflection of how much you know?
No. You just cram and by the time exams are finished you don't know what you've learn't. So you actually just learn how to pass.

Richard Thompson

History Honours

What's your favourite way of procrastinating?
Reading things in the library that do not relate to my work.

What's your favourite learning position?
Lying on my bed with the cat relaxing on my chest.

Do you have any good luck charms?
I once tried a magic spell and I passed Law that year. There are plenty of books of magic spells in the library - written in red ink.

Do you think exams are a true reflection of how much you know?
No, you can get good marks and still be ignorant about the subject. Essays during the year should carry more weight.

Rag stunted

The Rag procession has been dropped for next year and will be replaced by a carnival.

Rag Chair, Mark Bunting, said that the student enthusiasm in float building and the quality of the floats had gone down. After all the money and time spent on the procession, Rag only "broke even" and the Administration did not approve of the students "disorderly behaviour".

The carnival will have

entertainment to attract the public, and a beerstube will "keep the students occupied". He said that this break from tradition will increase student spirit in Rag.

The Drummies and Rag Royalty will take part in a mini-procession to advertise the carnival but not to collect money.

"Rag has to remain politically neutral to collect money successfully" Bunting said. But he maintained

that they were aware of the problems in South Africa and want to start a Social Awareness Portfolio next year. Rag is trying to gain an image of being more personally and socially committed and not just a fund-raising organisation.

It intends to cooperate with NUSAS to develop its social awareness and find a way to prevent conflict with BSM, he said.



Bongani More, detained three weeks ago.

Stanley Kidd residents have pledged solidarity with fellow student Bongani More, detained three weeks ago.

The students, shocked and

Skidd fund

angered by Bongani's detention decided to donate R25 a month for three months from the Stanley Kidd fund. The decision was formally taken at a house meeting.

Stanley Kidd warden Michel Bouvoir, said there was no need for RHODEO to publicise the donation as "other students should make their own decisions".

BSM students said that

Bongani's detention had strengthened their rejection of the repressive laws imposed by the SA government, but had also raised the question of student's security on campus.

They called upon Admin to clarify its stance on this issue.

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Forty years labour

Five professors later, Alven reflects...

After 40 years service in the Art Department, Mr Alven Mxoli, is due to retire as maintenance person at the end of the year.

Rhedeo spoke to him about the Art department, his work and his retirement plans.

"I started here in 1946 when I was about 20 years old. Things have changed a lot".

"Five professors have headed the Department in that time. I knew the present head, Prof Brookes as a student, a lecturer and now he's a professor".

"The Art works have changed a lot - I like the things that are produced nowadays best. The change is good."

"The Department used to be only this one building - the main art school now. This area where we are sitting (where exhibitions are hung) had no roof and there was a big fishpond with 12 fish. I used to take care of them."

Mr Mxoli has not been replaced yet - "they must get someone who takes good care of the place. Students often forget to switch off the heaters or to close the windows" he said.

"When I retire I plan to spend time on the farm as well as in the township. I'm happy to rest and do odd jobs at home."



Mr Alven Mxoli, Art School worker.

Building links

Nusas Local Comm is hoping to provide new and more effective ways for students to add their voice to the call for change in South Africa.

Now, more than ever, it is important that we are involved in the movement towards a non-racial, democratic South Africa, they say.

To encourage student participation, Nusas is

implementing a res 'rep structure, which consists of House and Hall reps working with Nusas members in res.

The aim is to bring together NUSAS members in res, not only on a social level, but also to initiate their own projects within res. It is also proposed that they function as autonomous units within NUSAS.

At present the co-ordinat-

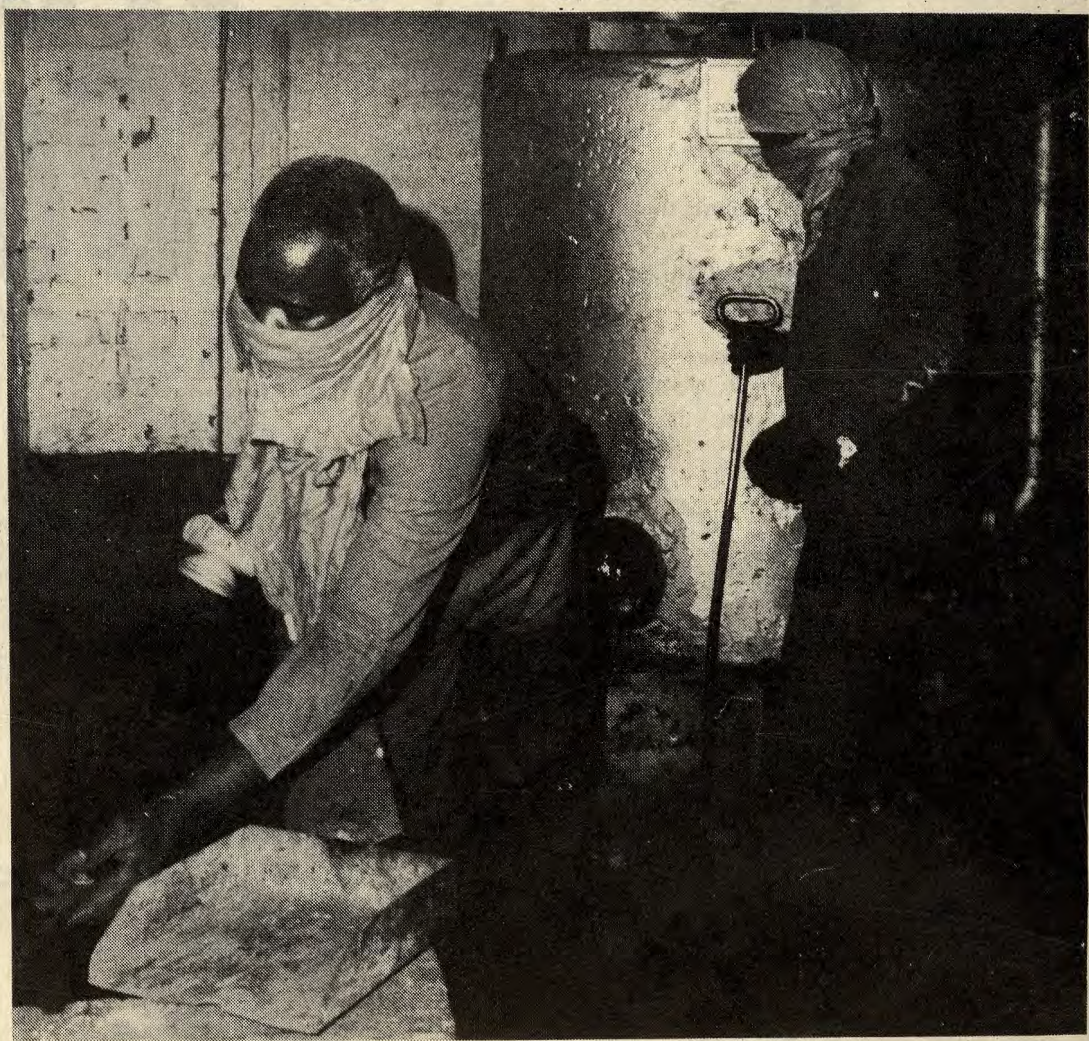
ing comm is looking for new hall and house reps. If you are interested in becoming a rep of getting involved in the project, contact Maura Talbot at 22591 or leave a message at the SRC offices.

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A Campus security guard checks out the graffiti which appeared downstairs in the Union on the weekend.

Mines on campus



Recent events have shown that South African mines have poor safety precautions. But what about Rhodes University? The workers in this photograph are stokers for the university's boilers. Between four of them, they stoke 35 boilers - a job which, while keeping our showers hot, exposes them to much the same dangers that miners face: noxious coal dust, bronchitis and associated lung diseases.

The men are paid about R190 per month, and are given no medical aid by the university. They said they were provided with filter masks, but felt that these were inadequate. Instead they prefer to wrap wet rags around their faces.

The workers have attempted to organise themselves under SAAWU, but in the meantime have channelled their grievances straight to admin. They have not received any response.

The State's detention of activists during the State of Emergency has caused widespread condemnation of the Botha government, and this could be the reason for some of the recent releases. "The State's actions proved to the white community that ours is a non-racial struggle and that the State's net will also spread over white dissenters to apartheid.

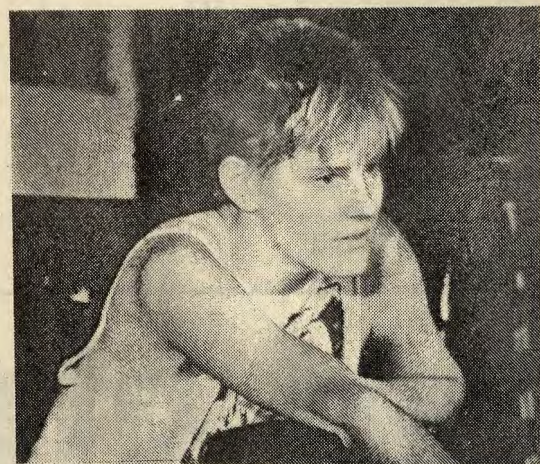
"This had a conscientising effect in the white community where more and more people are realising that apartheid is the agitator, and not those in detention," said Karen Thorne, 3rd-year BA student recently released from detention by a court order.

Karen spent 71 days in a cell with five others. She gave RHODEO a first-hand account of life behind bars.

"We established a routine around our activities of reading, sleeping and having discussion seminars. This was necessary so that time wouldn't become a motionless, endless expanse leading to an unknown date when we would be freed.

"We tried (and managed) to support each other but not to crowd each other, so that individuals could cry and go through the emotional trauma that

71 days in a cell



ECC Member, Karen Thorne after her release.

being detained inevitably causes.

"We couldn't 'gung ho' around the cell beaming, of course, but we managed to form a close-knit group and not allow antagonism and frustrations to build up.

"We decided to maintain a dignified attitude to the prison authorities, which rather confused some of them.

"They had been taught

that we were subversive communists and a threat to public safety, but then they had to deal with six well-meaning women, some of whom had been taken away from their children and families for no given reason.

Karen's detention destroyed her academic year and she will have to spend R5 000 in order to return next year. She said she was 'lucky' since she is one of the few who were released without restrictions.

Dirty tactics

Washing clothes might be a filthy business, but Rhodes' Laundry's "dirty" tactics seem to be dragging the university's name through the mud.

Not only is the laundry maltreating its workers, according to Sociology III students who were refused permission to do a research project on the laundry, but it is also taking business from smaller laundries in town.

The Rhodes laundry has a staff of 38 permanent and four non-permanent workers who wash and iron the clothes of 1800 students a week. They also do washing for hundreds of boarders from Kingswood and St Andrews Prep School.

This effectively means that they have to wash about 20 000 items of clothing a week.

The university is taking business away from local laundries through its outside contacts. As a subsidised

academic institution, the university does not pay a license fee. The local laundries do though and they are owned by people who pay income tax - which in turn contributes to the university subsidy.

Sociology III students who tried to do a research on the laundry had their attempts quite rudely halted by both laundry and Admin officials: Mr Heard, Manager of the laundry, told them that they would only be allowed to go inside the laundry with Admin's permission.

They then went to Mr Mills, of Business Affairs, who offered to give them an appointment two weeks later. The students sent an explanation in writing to Mill's office, explaining the nature of their request.

According to Mill's secretary the letter was lost in Internal Mail. Another letter was delivered personally.

When the students phoned two weeks later to confirm the appointment, Mill's secretary told them that she had never heard of the project and that "Mr Mills would not reveal anything about the laundry".

They never got to see Mr Mills, but were referred to Mr Smit of the Personnel Department. Smit's secretary said the matter had been referred to Prof Brommert, the vice-principal. Brommert's secretary said that the project was not feasible and could not be carried out.

One of the students, Liz Ede, said she didn't think that the laundry was operating as it should be.

"They've got a lot to hide", she said. "Furthermore, I think it is criminal that a university which calls itself a place of higher learning, is barring students from doing research within the university

A hawker elite is being created in Grahamstown.

In their smart subsidised overalls (R5), and with their nifty barrows (R140), they clutch a receipt for their registration with the Masizame Centre (R5).

They work their allotted zones, brows knit with anxiety over where they are going to find yet another R30 for their Council License fee before they can finally comply with the Settler City version of a street vendor and operate in peace.

This velvet glove treatment of the hawker "problem" follows a cruder attempt to address the hawker issue by ex-mayor, Dr Brian La Trobe.

Earlier this year La Trobe attacked hawkers on the grounds that their produce was unhygienic.

These allegations met with a storm of protest from hawkers, community organisations and concerned citizens. Clearly another route had to be found for an acceptable solution.

The Hawkers Guild has been set up as the answer to the whole controversy.

A "code of conduct" for its members includes guarantees like "No pestering. To stay clear of entrances to the supermarkets. Not to litter". At least some citizens will be satisfied.

Hawker Guild is no solution



But what of the majority of hawkers who are excluded from this self limited guild - who can, according to Masizame trade centre organiser, Ms Miggi Lorraine, "be booted off the streets". At best the Hawker Guild represents only a stop gap measure, but for many unemployed people it represents the end of their only means of survival.



The place where no-one can go. Rhodes laundry staff working their butts off for Admin's profits.

Over the counter spy

Rhodes has decided to withdraw its patronage from Foto First, a film and camera shop on High Street, after finding out that the manager at the shop has been assisting the security police.

Last term a Rhodes reporter went to Foto First to obtain a photograph of Lieutenant Lloyd Edwards, a security policeman responsible for most of the detentions in Grahamstown. The photograph showed Edwards at the Hobson

House Ball.

The manager of the shop phoned Edwards and told him that somebody was trying to get the photograph. A Rhodes student who was working behind the counter was later questioned by Security policemen, who wanted to know the identity of the Rhodes reporter.

We found out afterwards that the manager has been working with Edwards

for some time. Not only has he been printing photographs of political activists for Edwards, but apparently gives him a 10% discount as well.

Until recently RHODEO has had an agreement with the shop to supply us with photographs of campus social events and we gave them free publicity.

In view of their policy, however, we have decided to discontinue this practise

Save St Francis Campaign

Over 3000 people, including 400 students and staff, have signed the "Save St Francis Campaign" petition.

The campaign protests the proposed construction of a fishing harbour at Cape St Francis, recently given the go-ahead by Environmental Affairs Minister Mr JWE Wiley.

Local surfers were the first to feel the possible effects of the "development", as the harbour could seriously affect one of the best surfing waves in the world - "Bruce Beauties".

But it was not long before

environmentalists were notified. The construction of a harbour (plus the grounds) the size of 12 rugby fields, with breakwaters the combined length of 355 metres, and designed to berth 160 stinking, polluted fishing trawlers, would obviously be detrimental to the ecology.

The proposed site on the boundary of the Cape St Francis Nature Reserve, the natural breeding grounds of sea otters and numerous species of bird life.

As the harbour is to primarily serve the interest of commercial calamari fishing concerns, further exploitation of our natural sea resources appears



to be inevitable. In fact, all forms of life in the nature reserve will be threatened.

At the moment there are 65 trawlers, with a total crew of over a 1000, anchored off the nature reserve - busy raping the calamari in their breeding grounds.

RHODEO spoke to Mr Dave Fish (!), surfer, environmentalist and resident of the area, who is spearheading the "Save St Francis Campaign".

"The pollution on the shores of the nature reserve and in the bay, has just got to be seen to be believed" he said.

"Only last week, I found 3 Sparky McMillan.

dead penguins choked death by the oil, exhaust fumes and detergents from this armada of trawlers emits".

The campaign also encouraged concerned citizens to voice their objections in writing to the Divisional Council Humansdorp, who supported the construction of the harbour, and to JWE Wiley himself.

"Who is this "Honourable Minister of Environmental Affairs anyway?" "Does he really know what he's doing? Whose interests is he actually serving - definitely not the friends of the sea!"

The international sanctions campaign against South Africa has gained momentum.

So too has the Nationalist government's determination to bring SA under a siege economy.

This was evident in the recent sacking of about 90000 Mozambican nationals employed here, in retaliation to the sanctions campaign against SA.

The move by the government to ban all further employment of Mozambicans and the repatriation of those presently working on the mines as soon as their contracts expire will have a crippling effect on the already fragile Mozambican economy.

Piet du Plessis announced last week that the ban would come into immediate effect.

30 000 workers in the agricultural sector will also be retrenched.

Mozambican workers in SA are estimated to contribute about R100 million a year to the Frelimo government.

If one takes the number of dependants of both the legal and illegal employed in SA, those immediately affected could number well over 1 million.

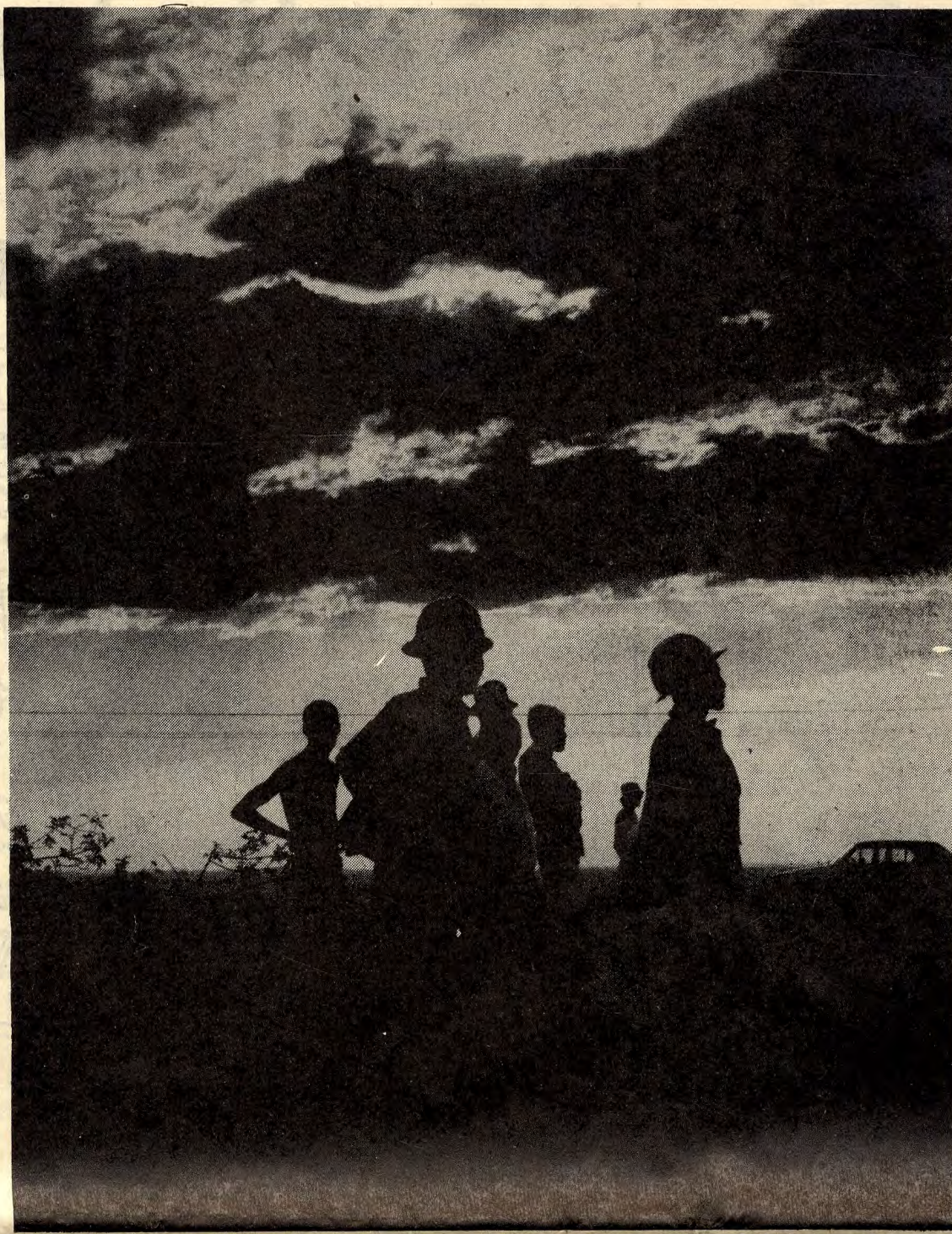
Recent estimates of Mozambicans employed on SA's mines are:-

- * Over 51 000 employed by the Chamber of Mines;
- * 15 000 employed by Independent mines;
- * 17 000 'illegals'.

General Malan said the measures were in retaliation to the recent landmine blast near the Mozambican border last Monday, in which a number of SADF soldiers were injured.

However, AIM, (the official Mozambique news Agency) reported that General Malan supplied no evidence that the attack came from their country.

The ban clearly comes in response to the increasing isolation of SA in the form of economic sanctions, the most recent being the US sanctions against SA.



A bleak future lies ahead for Mozambique mine workers, due to the destabilization policy of the South African government.

Mozambique — a sad state

"The measure is a continuation of destabilising actions which Pretoria has carried out against our young republic and against our still fragile economy" AIM said.

"But Mozambique will know how to find ways of

resisting the latest South African blackmail, particularly now that the International community realised that Pretoria's Apartheid is the destabilising factor in Southern Africa", it said.

These aggressive measures

will almost certainly result in the people affected to starve, as most of them come from areas already threatened with famine which is worsening due to the war being waged by the MNR against the Frelimo government.

Despite the signing of the

Non-aggression pact between the 2 countries in 1984, SA has continued supporting the MNR rebels.

A Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) statement read, "Migrant labour has been integral in producing the wealth of this country and the development of the goldmining industry."

The mining companies have for many years relied heavily on Mozambican workers for its growth. For example, between 1904-1910, Mozambicans never provided less than 47% of black labour in the Transvaal coal and goldmining industries.

COSATU described the government's move as "callous", saying it demonstrated the government's incompetence.

The Chamber of Mines delayed response until the measures had been fully assessed, but said, "The inevitable disruption to its operations would to an extent be cushioned by Mozambican workers being permitted to complete their contract".

This response must be seen in the context of an estimated 30% (and rising) black unemployment rate in SA, thus providing the mineowners with a large local labour supply.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) have already warned the government of possible Industrial action if repatriation occurred, and described the act as "outrageous and unwarranted retaliatory action, which the miners would not take lying down".

"The solutions to the South African question and peace in the sub-continent is not the elimination of services of workers from Mozambique", Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, NUM General Secretary said.

The move by the government has also been met with outrage by the international community, which is likely to increase its sanctions package against SA.

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Boycotts

With the recent visit of Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien to UCT, the simmering issue of an academic boycott of South Africa has begun to really heat up.

Boycotts which had previously been confined to the humanities and social sciences are now spreading to other disciplines - even those which claim to be 'apolitical'.

The international academic community seems increasingly willing to follow the unambiguous line spelt out by the ANC, who have said it is their policy to "isolate white dominated South Africa in all areas, including sport, investment, trade, entertainment and teaching. We refuse to lift the barriers by making exceptions. This hard line is based on experience."

But the ANC has made exceptions for individuals (two Wits academics were recently allowed to attend a conference in India), and experience has shown this hard line has divided academics inside and outside the country over the boycott issue.

Predictably, most SA academics oppose the boycott, and even those who identify with the principle of isolating the Pretoria government share reservations about the way it has been practised so far.

Progressive academics are concerned about non-academics, politicians or political organisations becoming the judges of what teaching work is appropriate. Others caution their efforts to contribute to the creation of a non-racial SA.

Wits academics Nico Cloete and Johan Muller favour the formation of a union of academics which could then respond to the issue as an organisation avoiding the arbitrariness of individual responses to the problem.

It must be said that the difficulty of organising such a much-needed organisation with well-known conservative thinkers like Derek Henderson occupying the positions they do makes Cloete and Muller's idea something of a pipe dream.

Such a union would transfer some decision-making power (on the selection of exceptions to the boycott) to those who are most affected. The union could also take up issues like state interference in academic affairs through bannings, detentions and the like.

Whatever the solution, seems that the present academic boycott is confusing and inconsistent in some areas. Foreign right-wing academics are successfully ignoring the boycott and it is being left to the students themselves to voice their displeasure (as happened at UCT last week).

Campuses under siege

As Rhodes students feel the first prickles of tension at the prospect of exams, students at the 'bush colleges' are yet again victims of the menace of apartheid's brutal repression.

At Turfloop University in the Northern Transvaal, the following drastic measures have been implemented:

- About 15 000 SADF, SAP and LP (Lebowa Police) forces occupied the campus on June 12 and are still maintaining a heavy presence there.
- Students may not leave the campus unless they are accompanied by security personnel.
- Barbed wire fences

which can, if considered necessary, be electrified, have been erected around the campus.

● All visitors to the campus are carefully screened and denied access unless they have very good reasons for being there.

● Students must get up at 6am and report to the Great Hall at 7am. They must report to the library or the Great Hall between lectures and if found outside these areas, they are arrested or fined R30.

● There are reports of alleged beating and harassing of students, especially student activists.

At the beginning of the third term, "security

forces" took over management of the university and supervised registration", one student said. A number of students were expelled, while others, fearing detention, are in hiding.

FORT HARE

At Fort Hare University near Alice in the Eastern Cape, boycotting students were forced back to class at gunpoint by Ciskei military and police personnel.

"Our campus has been turned into a battleground," a shocked student reported.

"They have failed to handle student issues and are appealing to coercive measures to quell our grievances", he said.

Allegations made by the security forces state that the SRC is "paid by the ANC", and its members have been subject to gross intimidation and harassment, and beating.

The first SRC on the campus since 1959 has since been disbanded. "They have tried to break the only formal communication between them and the students. It's indicative of their arrogance, not being prepared to listen to the genuine demands of students", our informant

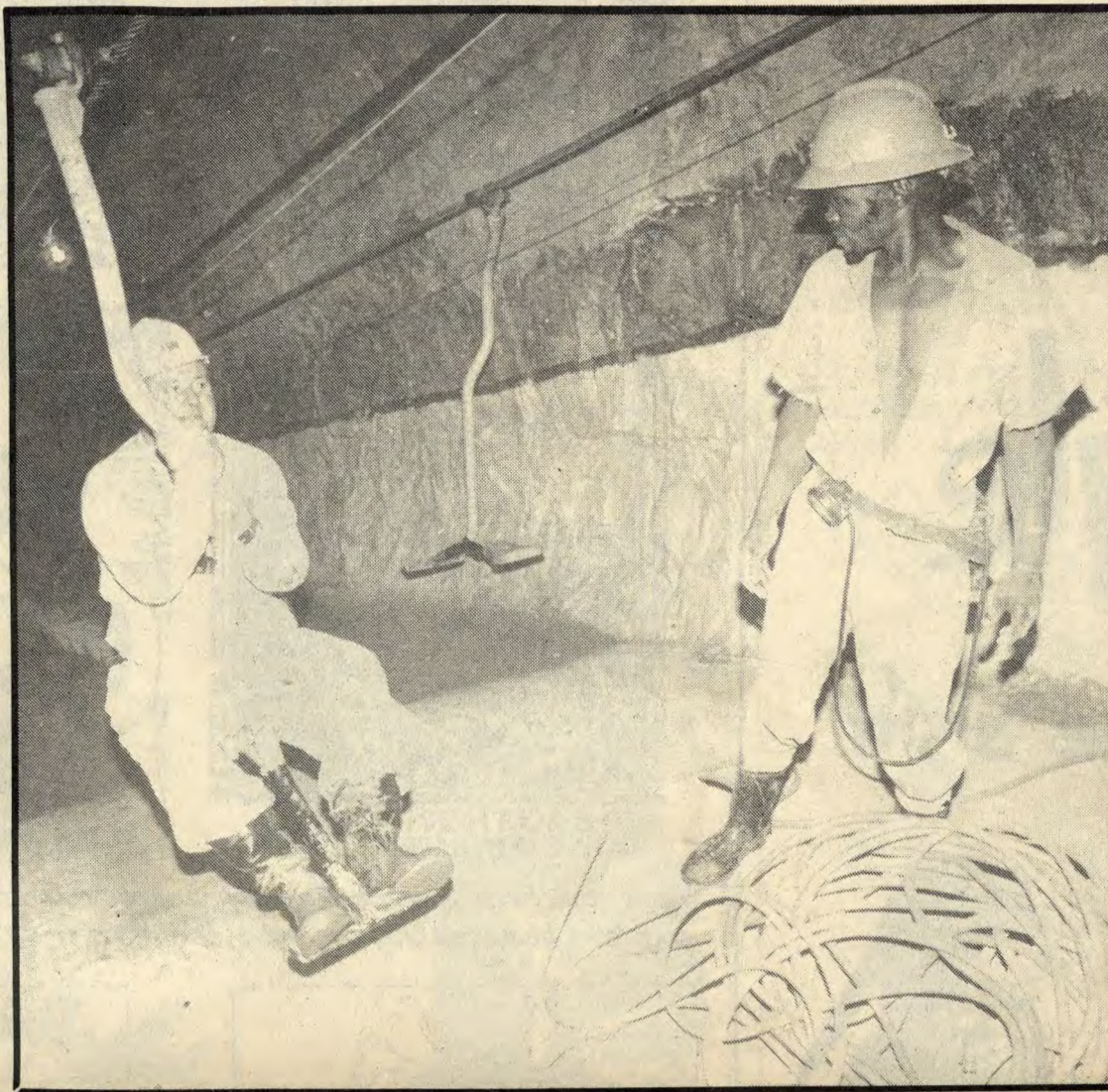
said.

Students claimed that the rector, Lamprecht, has "failed to administer the university correctly". They called on him to "hand over the institution back to the people, because he has failed".

The Vista universities of PE, Bloemfontein and Soweto have been closed after having been widely discredited as "extensions of Bantu education".

It is estimated that over 20 000 have been since the State of Emergency was declared.

Kinross



1,5km underground. 8500 mineworkers were killed in South African mines between 1973 and 1984. Kinross was not a freak occurrence.

Early on the morning after the disaster, loud wailing sounds could be heard coming from the miners' hostel at No. 2 shaft, Kinross Gold Mine. "That is nothing unusual, it happens every day", a security guard told journalists. He could have been referring to fatal accidents in the South African mining industry. According to the International Labour Organisation, 8500 miners were killed in South African mines between 1973 and 1984.

But even against this appalling record the Kinross disaster was hardly an everyday occurrence: 177 miners, the great majority black migrant workers, were annihilated in the tragedy, and 235 were injured.

There is consensus between the Kinross Mine management and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) about the immediate cause of the fire which broke out underground at 9am, on Tuesday 16 September.

A gas cylinder ignited and started the fire which caused pandemonium as workers tried to escape poisonous fumes from burning polyurethane sealer used, ironically, to contain underground fires. The nearly 180 dead miners were unable to escape the highly toxic fumes which spread 1,5km underground, turning Kinross Mine into a mass killing ground.

But here the consensus between workers and management ends. Questions like how a disaster of this magnitude could have happened, and how strictly safety regulations were adhered to on the Gencor-owned mine, need to be answered.

- * The Chamber of Mines disclosed that two earlier mining accidents involved burning polyurethane foam.
- * Gencor admitted that the polyurethane foam which caused the deaths of the 177 workers was not tested for safety

- before it was installed in the mine.
- * The polyurethane foam has long been banned in Britain.
- * A polyurethane sealant manufacturer said the foam which caught fire in the Kinross Mine was, "old and used in

- an application for which it was not designed."
- * According to Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, President of NUM, the conditions in No.2 shaft where the fire broke out were "highly irregular". There was no fire extinguisher near the welder who set

- the methane gas cylinder alight.
- * There was no underground alarm system to warn miners (some of whom were working more than 1km away) of the approaching fumes.
- * Soon before the disaster Kinross Gold Mine lost two of its five safety stars. General Manager, Mr Kobus Olivier, said he could not remember the reasons for his mines falling rating but they were not related to the causes of the disaster.
- * NUM said that since its formation in 1983 it had been fighting an "uphill battle" with Gencor over safety standards.

Since the turn of the century nearly 60 000 people have been killed in accidents in South Africa's mines. Yet the Chamber of Mines religiously insists that its safety standards are "among the highest in the world."

The numerous "Commissions of enquiry" and "thorough investigations" into this annual massacre have invariably concluded that management are blameless.

The mining industry cites "Acts of God", and the great depths at which gold producing ore is mined, as reasons for the disasters. But no "Act of God" will ever explain why safety precautions on our mines lag far behind the billions of Rands and sophisticated technology that makes South Africa the largest gold producer in the world.

Only when the miners themselves have a say in the safety standards and daily running of our mines will the soulless pursuit of profit be tempered by human considerations.

Pupils for peace

White school pupils have refused to be kept in the dark about the realities of South Africa under the State of Emergency, says the Cape Town Pupils Awareness Action Group (PAAG)

Formed in September last year, the main objectives of the group are to allow school pupils to be exposed to alternative points of view, and to allow white school pupils to express their rejection of apartheid in a peaceful and constructive manner.

This year the harsh emergency regulations attempted to ban over 100 organisations, including PAAG.

AT least 2 members of PAAG are known to have been detained under SOE regulations. Both have since been released.

PAAG said it was necessary in times like these for pupils to stay as informed as possible and to do their best to find out what was happening around them.

Many of them are receiving call-up papers at the moment, and said they were asking only to be exposed to both sides of the story.

They felt that they had a great part in determining a future for all South Africans and called on all pupils to join in the struggle for peace and friendship.

In Grahamstown in July at the National Schools Festival of the Arts, 850 students from schools right around South Africa formally endorsed a call for a single and non-racial education system in South Africa



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Bugger the bosses

"We have not worked for more than a year. Our families were starving. People felt sorry for us. They gave us food. But we wanted to do something to help ourselves", explained Lawrence Zondi, chairperson of the Sarmcol workers committee.

The 1000 Sarmcol workers were fired from Sarmcol-BTR's rubber factory in Howick outside Pietermaritzburg in May last year after going on strike.

"We didn't do anything wrong. We all wanted to join MAWU (Metal and Allied Workers Union), but the bosses locked us out of the factory", Zondi said.

Because the workers were left jobless, they decided to start the Sarmcol workers co-operative (SAWCO).

According to SAWCO's recent newsletter it is an attempt to provide employment for as many strikers as possible and generate

enough income so as to reduce dependency on outside donors. "SAWCO aims to reduce dependency on the capitalist sector for jobs and services".

But even though their positions have been filled, the workers are still fighting for their jobs and for the right to be members of MAWU.

At the moment MAWU is challenging Sarmcol-BTR's actions through the Industrial court. This was preceded by a conciliation Board meeting where Sarmcol-BTR was not prepared to negotiate a settlement of the dispute.

Not only are the actions of this multinational being challenged in SA, but public hearings are taking place in Brussels and Belgium to consider the alleged breaches by BTR-Sarmcol of the EEC Code of Conduct.

"It is for too long now that huge multinationals

have been able to hide behind the mantle of Apartheid", said a SAWCO spokesperson.

The co-operative

"In the co-operative we all work together. We all choose our managers. but the manager is not the boss. we all decide what we want to do", said Mr Lawrence Zondi of SAWCO.

The co-operative, which has been in existence for one year, has taken up a number of projects to generate income for strikers.

●Agriculture:

SAWCO has leased farm land from the Catholic church. They have planted cabbages, spinach and carrots. At least 20 strikers work on the farm.

●Health Screening project:

"The health project looks after the families of the

Sarmcol workers. We started the clinic because we did not have money to go to the doctor" said Joseph Mtletwa, one of the health workers.

The clinic has a doctor, nurse and 8 strikers who were trained by doctors. The clinic aims to prevent high levels of malnutrition in the community. It also intends to open clinics for other people in Howick, but at the moment they are restricted by lack of funds.

The clinic has treated over 200 children under the age of 12 already.

●Bulk-Buying:

MAWU subsidises this project in order to provide food for the workers who were fired from Sarmcol. The workers are each supplied with 5Kg of mielie meal, 1kg of sugar, tea and soup every week.

10 000 t-shirts for unions

and other progressive organisations have been printed as part of the t-shirt and button co-op.

They are presently printing 400 t-shirts a day as well as many badges. It employs 34 of the strikers,

Some of the strikers have produced a play which is a story of repression, hunger, resistance and hope. It highlights their struggle for basic trade union rights and the attitude of the company towards them.

The play has been shown to audiences in Johannesburg and Durban and intends touring other parts of the country.

"We want to tell them (the bosses) that if they think we are suffering, then they are wrong. Right now we are not suffering. We have just started something new. The best is still coming". This was the message from SAWCO to the bosses.

Historically, the ideological interests, values and practices in a society are expressed through myth and ritual or articulated, as can be seen, through language and art.

To this end the sign is also a site of struggle – the ideological struggle to produce meaning through words and images.

Signs of Struggle

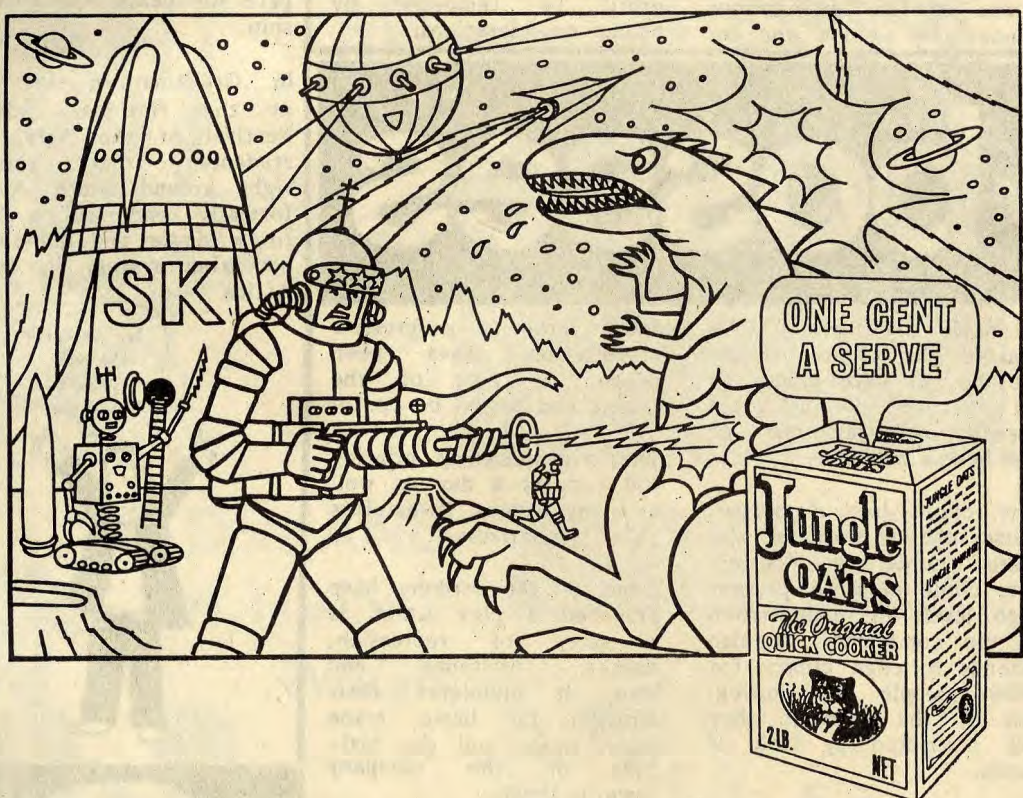
AND THE STRUGGLE FOR SIGNS

About two thousand years ago the old Chinese mystic Meng-ste referred to the development of consciousness for our present age.

... and during all the coming age people must be taught by pictures, symbols, rites and forms.

This ancient prophecy recognises culture as a tool for instruction, for learning, for educating people.

If people are taught through pictures, then the re-production of meaning in painting, photography, advertising, cartoons or comics, film and video necessitates a much closer analysis.



The meaning of good versus bad, of just opposed to evil, or right against wrong is depicted, amongst others, by the image of the hero slaying a beast or monster.

Although the earliest representations of the hero and monster were profuse in pagan cultures, the Christianised version of St. George and the Dragon became one of the most popular motifs throughout Medieval Europe. Its moral appeal was fostered on the idea that sin or crime should be vanquished, that the forces of evil could be made subordinate to a just cause. Such causes were inevitable, imperative and ideologically pure.



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THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPT: ANNUAL



Here the hero signifies a valiant and victorious soldier or army, the castle a besieged city or state, the monster the defeated foe or enemy.

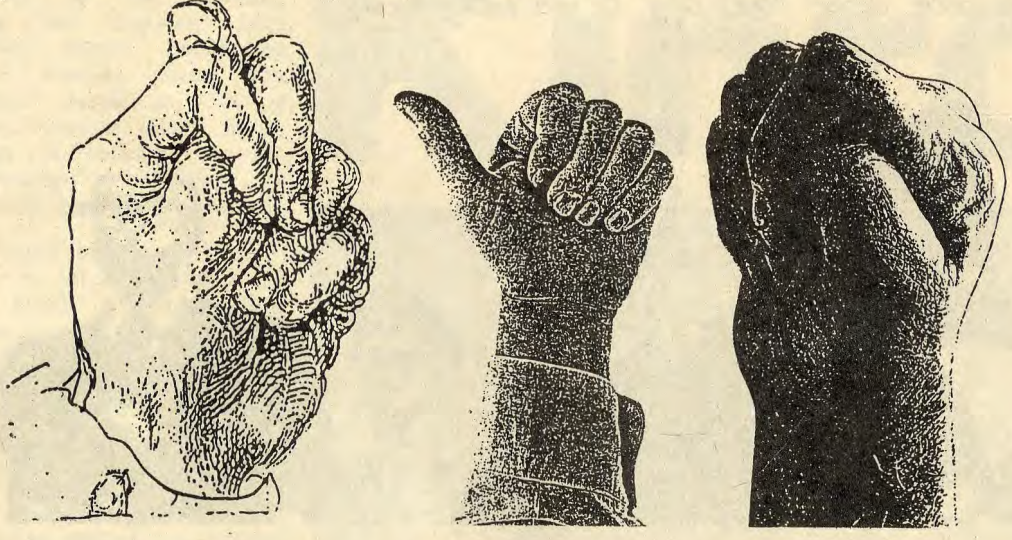


In Slavonic mythology the old pagan god of war was Pyerun. Though the rustic religion was finally vanquished by Christianity, the image of Pyerun remained deeply imbedded in the consciousness of the rural peasantry.

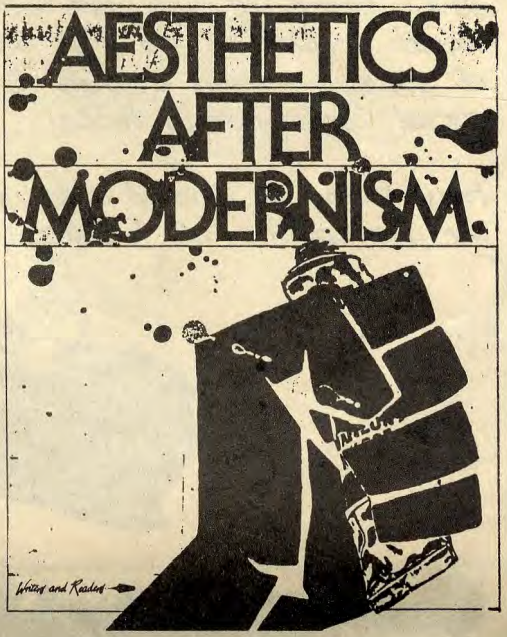


The image of their warlike god was later revived by, and personified through, the image of Trotsky as the militant leader of the Russian Revolution. This reinforced attempts made in mobilising the peasants and workers to revolt, to fight against their exploitation. Not only does this personify Pyerun, but simultaneously portrays Trotsky as St. George here signifying the Red Army's struggle against the counter-revolution and the exploitation of the working class by Imperial Capitalism.

The same sign may be re-produced in various images. Yet the meaning is determined by its specific context each time.

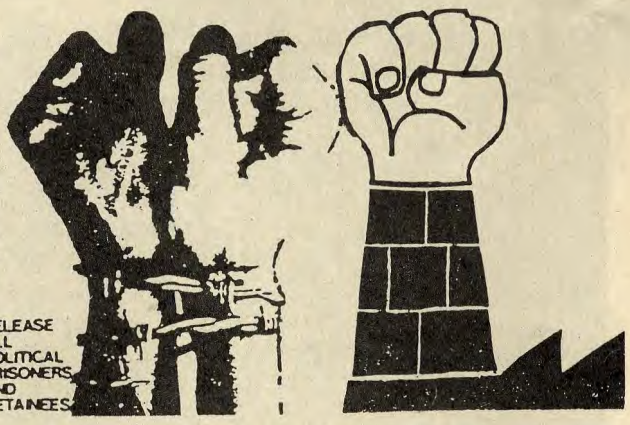


The clenched fist is itself another sign - though it may signify lust, hope or even luck - it most often signifies the struggle for power. The power to determine or control the conditions and relations of ones own existence.



As such, the fist belongs to the popular imagery used by, and for, those working toward radical social change. Their meaning is linked to the causes they each represent, albeit constitutional, political, social or economic change.

The sign becomes a site of struggle



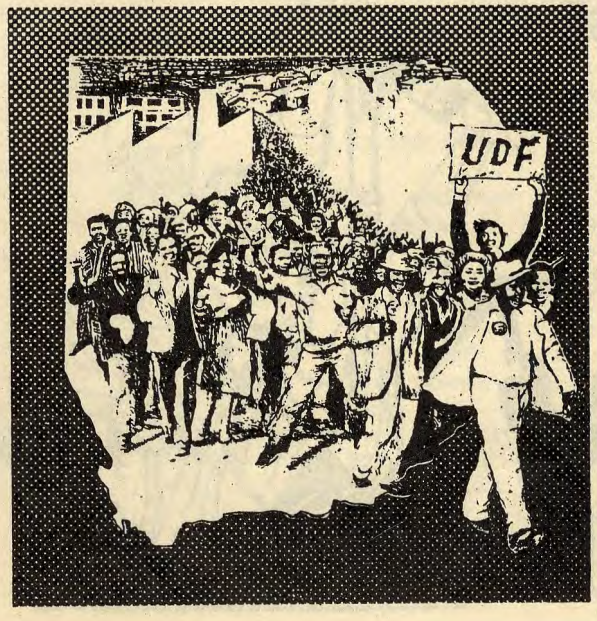
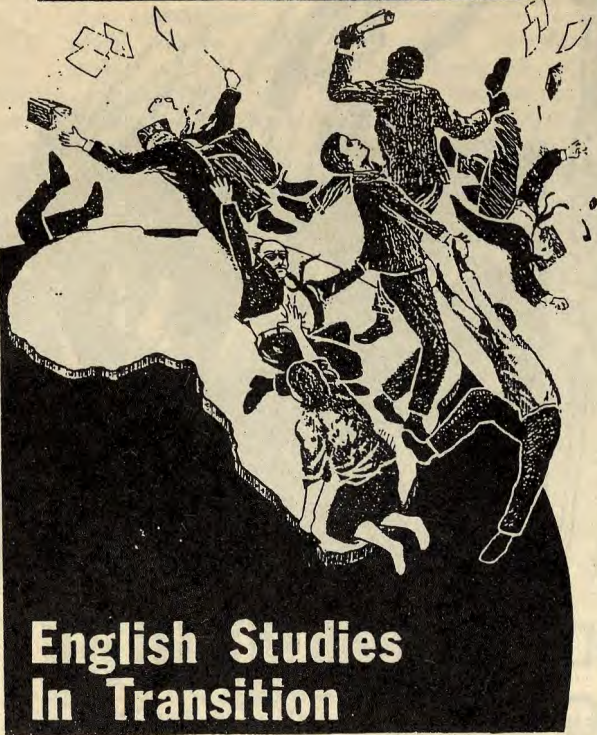
Furthermore, the struggle in South America or Southern Africa are depicted by signs that are very similar.

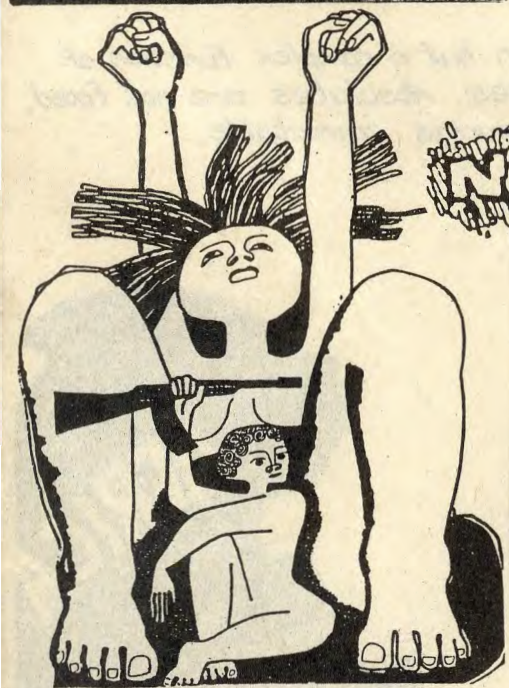


Society is not a homogeneous given but a complex function of conflicting interests and practices. Absolutes are not fixed, values are not static nor are norms immutable.



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THE WESTERN-BACKED "PATRIOTIC FRONT" COMMUNIST GUERRILLA TERRORISTS OF NKOMO AND MUGABE ARE LIVING OUTSIDE OF RHODESIA IN ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE FROM WHICH THEY CROSS THE BORDER IN MURDEROUS ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS INSIDE RHODESIA!



The Struggle for ZIMBABWE



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A LIVING
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MOZAMBIQUE
From Colonialism to Revolution

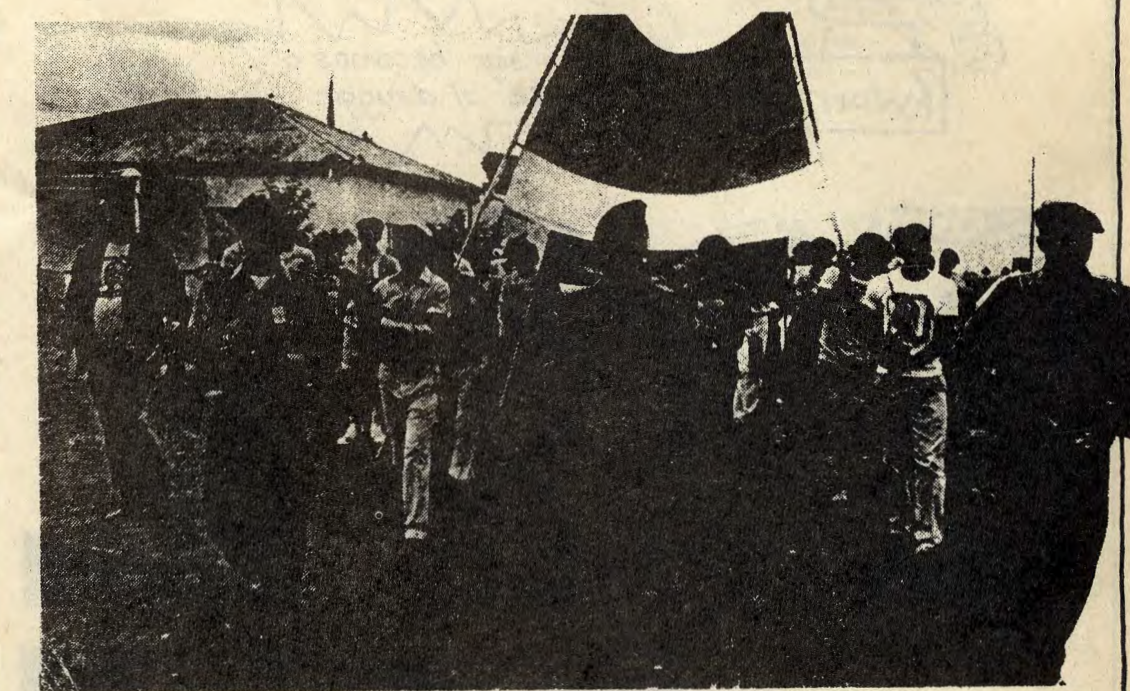
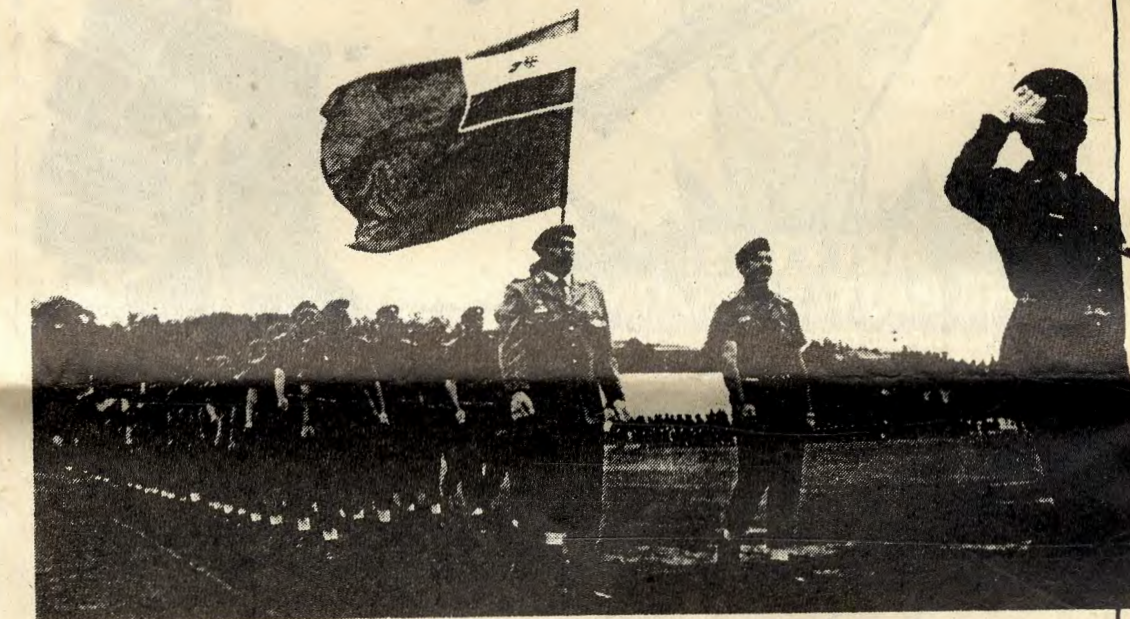


Individuals and groups are organised around specific perceptions of 'reality' assuming theirs to be entirely valid and beyond question, despite other conflicting or contesting views.



The struggle for political power between a dominant and an opposing ideology is also the struggle to produce meaning and give value to relations and conditions in society. This process can be seen in the way words, images and other forms of sign are used to build up a picture of the world around us as if it were a 'true' or 'real' reflection of society - even though it may mask actual political, social, or economic facts.

How then, we should ask, do images influence or inform our perceptions of 'reality'?



We tend to look at these images without realising how we are made to see, nor understanding what an image is made to mean.

We are made to perceive reality in a particular way, in an appropriated fashion: percepts suitably produced by ideology.

For centuries theology has taught that consciousness is created through the revelation and inspiration of a divine being or beings. History, however, would seem to teach us otherwise. Consciousness is not shaped by independent individuals, but formed by the way society is structured

Govt cracks down on UDF in attempt to curb its popular appeal



- freezing of foreign funds

A short 29 days after its third birthday, the United Democratic Front (UDF) suffered its most severe legislative knock to date - a government gazette declared it an affected organisation.

The immediate effect will be that about R1000 000 from overseas groupings in UDF accounts will be frozen. The government move also rekindled speculation that the UDF may be banned.

Reaction to the funding ban which the UDF intends to challenge in court, has been condemnatory. UDF national president Albertina Lisulu described the declaration as "cowardice" and told press it exposed the government reform initiatives.

The National Union of South African Students the only other "affected" organisation and an affiliate of the front expressed outrage at the development.

A Nusas statement des-

cribed the UDF as peaceful and courageous.

"The UDF has accomplished the unification of the South African peoples opposition to Apartheid".

"This has been achieved despite constant harassment and detention of its members by the state."

Nusas said it was confident the declaration would not curtail the activities of the front and its supporters.

The Catholic Bishops Conference told the press the move could cause "more anger and frustration" and "intensify the campaign against apartheid."

Condemnation also came from PFP leader Colin Eglon, the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee and trade Union organisations.

The declaration was welcomed by the HNP and CP, who said the UDF needed "monitoring".

Propaganda campaign

The choice confronting the South African cabinet - or probably the State Security Council - when they rejected Eminent Persons Group proposals for a negotiated settlement of South Africa's problems was simple.

Either they could accept the principle of democratically sharing power in a single, unitary state, like most normal societies - or they could retreat into the laager.

The first option would require a "normalization" of the political process through for example, unbanning the ANC, releasing Mandela and other political prisoners and suspending apartheid laws.

The second option would mean refusing to contemplate a realistic process of power-sharing and negotiation, and ruthlessly stamping out fundamental and meaningful opposition to apartheid.

With characteristic lack of wisdom, vision and commitment to morality above or beyond their own narrow, sectarian interest, the National Party government, choose the latter. In so doing they launched possibly the most severe, and bloody clampdown on anti-apartheid organisations and individuals in the country's history.

The UDF, its supporters and affiliated organisations - have been the principle targets of this clampdown. Hundreds of people have been shot by the SAP/SADF a de facto ban exists on

all UDF and affiliated meetings and thousands of people are in detention;

whole townships have been circled with barbed wire. Many people have simply disappeared.

But repression is not the only means the apartheid government has used to wipe out opposition. God old propaganda has again proved a reliable means to fall back on.

Not only are we now simply not allowed to hear what is going on in our country but an unholy alliance of the SABC and Bureau of Information (a la Orwells 1884) has swung smoothly into action.

Its objectives are to discredit meaningful opposition to apartheid and the organisations which represent this, particularly the UDF; to depict the struggle of S.A.'s majority against human misery and political injustice as the work of a few "radicals" inspired and directed by Moscow. Again the UDF has been the chief target here. To convince us that the enormous repression and violence unleashed by the government during the State of Emergency is necessary to counter the "intimidation" which they allege is the basis of political action in the townships to convince us that South Africa's central conflict is not about apartheid at all - it's really all about blacks fighting blacks.

This is not new. Propaganda as any reading of Goebels will show, has been going on for a long time.

In South Africa the government has tried to discredit the UDF and its affiliates

from their inception.

What is new, is the sophistication of the effort.

The blackout of the news from the townships, the biased Bureau for Information reporting and the SABC's onslaught are part of a slick new strategy by the government to deprive people of any independent sources of news, and to bombard them with pre-packaged and ultimately false explanations of SA's problems.

The question is: do you buy it?

For the government to move effectively it must have the passive or active support of the white population, which it claims to represent. In many cases it is these people who are being called on to serve in the SADF or SAP - to protect white domination.

The choice facing us is pretty much the same as that of our 'leaders'.

Firstly - we accept that SA is wrong and that the conflict-ridden state is principally the result of gross political, economic and human iniquities, that millions of people suffer.

We would have to accept the simple fact that whatever interests the Soviet Union or the USA or any other world power, people here will struggle against suffering. And peace and security will only arrive when the injustices of apartheid are finally and irrevocably eradicated.

This implies the recognition

Grahamstown UDF launch - 1984

of organisations supported by South Africa's people (such as the UDF), as legitimate bodies whose cause and goal of a non-racial, democratic and united South Africa should be supported as practical and just.

Or we could buy the SABC - Bureau of Information's story and allow ourselves to be convinced that in fighting against the majority of South Africa's people we are carrying on some great and noble crusade against communism, marxism, intimidation and the devil.

Sadly the SABC/government view neither realistic or true, and is based on a narrow, shortsighted and bigoted view of white interests.

Until the government comes to grips with the realities in South Africa, until it accepts that the conflict in the townships arises from real, experienced grievances, we will sink ever further into strife and violence.

The feasible way forward is through recognition of the legitimacy of the UDF, the unbanning of the ANC, and negotiation to a future where everyone has "a place in the sun".

The first responsibility we have is to scrutinise very carefully that which the apartheid government would have us believe.

The second is to actively support the organisations and the people who are struggling for a semblance of justice in our land.

Delmas treason trialists not concerned about their own fate

Six Rhodes students and a member of staff, representing the BSM, SRC, and University Administration, recently attended a day at the Delmas Treason Trial.

Thabiso Ratsomo, a Rhodes University student and former BSM President is being tried at Delmas along with 20 others for instigating the 1984 uprising in Sebokeng.

he is being charged for his alleged activities in the Vaal Civic Association, a UDF affiliate. The state alleges that his involvement led to the uprising of Sebokeng.

The students representatives at the trial managed to speak to "Terror" Lekota, UDF Publicity Secretary and one of Thabiso's co-accused. According to Lekota,

when in fact it reflected mass resistance to apartheid. Lekota said

that this ploy by the state failed because the Vaal Triangle has since spilled over to the rest of the country and continues despite widespread detentions of popular leaders.

He added that the state so that government appointed Community Councillors could reassert their "authority". He also said

"Terror" said that the accused were not actually concerned about the possible verdict for their own cases, although

Their main concern was to show that the UDF is a legitimate, non-violent organisation.

The reporting on this page has been severely restricted in terms of the State of Emergency.

Ours

Just to round off this issue we thought we'd give you some good and bad news:

The bad news is that is the last edition of Rhodeo for this year.

Don't despair, however. The good news is we've just recieved a tip-of that exams are going to be a walk-over - so there's no reason why those of you who aren't graduating wouldn't be here to read all of next year's issues.

ACADEMIC BOYCOTTS

As students, the issue of academic boycotts is one which affects all of us in some way - either in the exchange of ideas, research material and lecturers, or in having degrees which are recognised by foreign countries. At first glance the idea of a boycott seems unfair - after all, Rhodes is a "liberal" institution and most of its members are against apartheid - so why should we be ostracised?

Then again, if you take a closer look at this universities policies, they are actually quite embarrassing. The stories in this edition on the laundry and the boilerworkers demonstrate clearly that admin policies leave a lot to be desired.

These are not isolated incidents either. In previous editions we've carried stories on the maltreatment of res workers, security guards, and the campus gardeners and builders. If the university is to have any credibility at all, then these issues need to be investigated immediately.

DETENTIONS

Over the past two weeks a number of members of the Rhodes community have been released from detention without being charged or bought to court. Conditions in the country have not changed much since they were first detained, and their release indicates that the government did not have legitimate reasons for holding them in the first place.

The Minister of Law and Order, Louis le Grange, has not released the number or names of all those detained under the SOE, claiming it would not be in the public interest for him to do so. According to the Detainees Parents' Support Committee, the number is estimated to be in the region of 20 000.

RHODEO commends the decision by Stanley Kidd students to donate money from their house funds to Bongani More, who was detained four weeks ago.

GOOD LUCK FOR EXAMS!



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(sorry we forgot you in the last issue - shot Jock!)

In the last issue of Rhodeo it was incorrectly stated that photographs of the Hobson House Ball were taken by Fotonik. The photographs were actually from Foto First.

Yours



History wiped out of Africa

Dear Eds

It is embarrassing and somehow a sign of political hopelessness and/or ignorance that students fail to resist and counter the encroachment of academic fascism into our "liberal" campus.

What is happening in the History Dept. is heart-piercing. African History II has been wiped off our blackboards for the following four reasons. Firstly, it is argued that the number of students enrolled for the course ranges from three to fifteen without improving. Secondly, and more appalling, it is claimed that the performance of the students in that course is unsatisfactory. Thirdly, seemingly fundamental to their position, is the fact that Prof Hunt will not be replaced, thus reducing the number of available personpower to six, without the necessary adjustments to the course to accommodate the work load. And finally, a bit progressive, they contend that European History students need to be introduced to the African History course.

But the reasons for their decision are weak. There has been no attempt to popularise the African History course to increase the number of students. And Physics III and Hellenistic Greek, with fewer than 10 students is below standard. Two of the best students in the Dept. were from this course, now facing elimination.

It is far-fetched to contend that a reduction in staff members necessitates the elimination of the course as a whole. The remaining lecturers could adapt the structure and the content of the course to suit the objective conditions. And where is that claimed commitment to academic freedom?

The History Department has decided to introduce General History students to African History through the integration of the two courses. But how real is this integration? Out of four lectures a week from next year, only one will be of African History. Students who are interested in the course can organise an extra class! And in course III it will be an option.

However, the above developments have serious implications. Students now will have to go through the boring and alienating History I to catch a glimpse of the African History course. (They used to be able to go through other courses). Following from the latter, the Dept probably wants to limit the number of black students getting in to the course, as they make up the majority of the class, and they usually arrive there through other courses. This, in the final analysis is pure academic racism and xenophobia.

The other implication is that this manoeuvre from the department is creating grounds for academic neo-colonialism. We will be reduced to a state of dependence on foreign scholars to unravel our own history, which has been manufactured and distorted by Mfecane-founded apartheid histriology.

Thus, not only is this move by the history Dept unjustified, it is also against intellectual development. Some books need to be rewritten and we need to look at our history from an African perspective. Students were not consulted before the Dept took their decision, although they tried to counter the move with a postion and a class-rep delegation. Only one man took a decision which affects many people...even the generations still to come to Rhodes. He told students to think about the above changes, but within the given framework (his). Few of us intend to forgive him.

Helplessly Angry

RHODEO received this letter late and therefore did not have time to ask the History Department for a reply. We invite them to do so. -Eds.

Racist won't bath

Dear Rhodeo

I arrived at Rhodes with the understanding that it was a fairly liberal institution yet after spending 8 months in Lilian Britten, my conception has since changed.

If Rhodes was as liberal as it purports to be, then why

I refer in particular to a recent house comm. meeting, in which one of the house comm. members 'joked' that the only way to get black students to house functions was to provide alcohol.

Furthermore, a friend of one of the (black) students - who happens to be married - slept in res one night. The next day, the warden accused her of being a lesbian, and said that the white students upstairs were upset about the incident.

When this was later brought up at a house comm. meeting, the warden claimed that she'd only been joking. If this was the case, then why did she go check the woman's room afterwards to note the position of her furniture?

The student concerned was most upset when the warden told her that in her culture, 'girls don't sleep with each other.'

There is also a white student who has showered the entire year, because she doesn't wish to use the same bath as black students.

As a result of these and other racist incidents, I am leaving res and moving into digs next year.

However, what bothers me is that these incidents are likely to continue. Given the situation in our country at present, I do not find them at all 'funny', and it saddens me to think that yet another batch of first years will be subject to the same treatment.

Surely wardens and sub-wardens should be 'screened' for racist attitudes before filling their posts? After all, incidents such as these do not reflect at all well on the university's image.

Yours
DISGRUNTLED NON-RACIST

Hoarse?

An eerie sound echoed.
The sky flamed in red,
The sun scorching the earth,
A hot dry-air crossed the earth.

Snakes recoiled in fear,
The animals dwindled.
The earth was bare!!

Then, no news, no names,
No people and no nothing.
A drought! Ay! A drought
This is an 'Emergency' case,
But now the Rubicon-beyond.

Yes! A country with no history.

Rhodes off the track

Dear Eds

It was with a certain amount of concern that I noted the change of venue for this years Stirk Bowl Athletics meeting.

This meeting has for a long time been a feature of Rhodes and despite assurances from the Sports office, I cannot see it ever coming back after the athletes have been given the opportunity of running on UPE's tartan track and comparing it to Rhodes' grass (definitely no pun intended).

So UPE wins again - even though we have got some Springboks.

Apathetic Athlete

Shoobedoowah

Dear Eds

Shoobedoowah, like amazing ... The whole new look RHODEO is the best thing that's ever happened to print. Congrats on the new look and style, it makes reading about all the campus skandaal a pleasure.

Best part of it is the BYLINE is back! Thanx to ardent canvassing on the part of RMR.

Keep it up!

Jeremy Mansfield and Gary Hageman - switch-board shufflers.

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Best part of it is Jeremy and Gary. Thanx to ardent canvassing on the part of RHODEO.

Keep it up!
Eds).

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R20 reward

Lost: A programmable calculator.
Model: FX 700p

Contact: Martin Battalion
16 African Street or SRC offices.



Lemmy Bekwa

Accept the challenge

Paul Teeton has been re-elected as Cathsoc chairperson. The other committee members are; Andrew La Trobe, Vice-chairperson, Chris Adami, finance, Ingrid Truen, secretary, Gavin Stephens, liturgy and Dermot Cox, Elinor McNally and Conor Bolton on Projects.

Fr. Mark Caldwell is our chaplain.

The new committee hopes to adhere to the National

Catholic Federation of Students' year theme - "Accepting the challenge of service and sacrifice".

The committee intends to place a greater emphasis on social action. Other aims are having more contact with township Catholics, forming a Catholic community on campus and leading Cathsoc to greater prominence and entering a team in the non-racial soccer league.

Helpful guidelines

The past two terms have been characterized by a range of visits paid to Ansoc by various leaders in the Anglican community.

Bishop Kenneth's visit to our Patronal Festival of St Mary, was followed by a visit by the Provincial Chaplain to Stellenbosch University, the Rev John Green. He brought exciting and challenging news about the growth and enthusiasm within Anglican communities that he visited during a tour of campuses in Natal and in the Eastern Cape.

Hosting Mrs Helen Joseph (Honorary Life President of the Anglican Students Federation) was however the highlight of the third term. She provided some useful insights on the controversial topic of

"Faith and Violence" to an audience of approximately 120 people. Another guest this time from UCT was the AFS 1986/87 President, Peter Wilson. The experiences he shared of UCT Ansoc's interaction in the Western Cape University community were both enlightening and helpful guidelines for future initiatives of our own.

Other recent developments on the Ansoc front included the election of a new committee, and the organisation of the Youth Service at the Cathedral on 7 September. We thank God for the challenges He continually puts before us, and we pray that we will have the courage to act upon them so that we might become a more effective witnessing community for Him.



Dragon's breath!

As the sun set on the bleak horizons of a blackened mountain range, twelve hardened adventurers set their imaginations against an ancient tomb - the back entrance to the lair of a midnight dragon.

On Saturday afternoon a group of Dungeons and Dragons players met for the annual Rhodes Gaming

Society Tournament.

Of three groups playing, only one succeeded in overcoming the perils of the zombie infested passages and avoiding the dangers of fiendish spiked traps. The dragon proved to be an opponent worthy of magic and enchanted steel. Many unfortunate dungeoners were blasted

by his fiery breath or ravaged by his dark talons.

Despite all the Dantesque gloom, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day and tales of heroism and miscalculation were told in the pubs of Grimstown late into the evening.

Ed Cooper - Outgoing Pres. of Gaming Soc.

Nusas — providing a forum for debate

The National Union of South African Students is an affiliate of the UDF, and operates on campus to present a progressive alternative to the interpretation of SA society which we are given in the mass media and at school. In so doing, we hope to present a challenge to the suffering and poverty of all those who bear the brunt of apartheid in SA.

Nusas provides a forum through which the SRCs of affiliated campuses (those of Wits, UCT, Pmb, and



Durban), can discuss and implement ideas on a national level for effective

student representation and student benefits, as well as deciding on political action on the campuses.

However, Rhodes SRC is not currently affiliated to Nusas so it operates as a local committee, separate from the SRC. This obviously means that we at Rhodes do not at present enjoy the benefits national affiliation facilitates.

The new Nusas chair for 1987 is Mark Stein, who can be contacted at 22591 or 27122.

Get your money's worth

Before you ask yourself why you should renew your AIESEC membership for 1987, here is some information you may like to hear. Bear in mind that AIESEC's main aim is to create better managers for the future. In the face of an environment of escalating shortages of skilled manpower, this is where you fit into our plans.

The newly elected executive body for 1987 consists of six dynamic and committed individuals. They are: President, Lowell Cloete, (B. Com), Vice-President Marketing, Lindsay Sherman (B.Com), Vice-President Internal, Delia Botha (B.Journ), Vice-President External, Deirdre Kriel



(Sec Prac), Vice-President Finance Christopher Wilmot (B.Com), Advertising Agency Executive, Bill Jooste (B.Sc).

Plans for 1987 are looking promising with a lot of changes on the front. Our number 1 priority is to make sure each member gets their money's worth by taking advantage of the services we are offering

New offerings include a speakers club, a business etiquette course, quarterly seminars on topical subjects

and a more exciting Commerce Representative Council.

The advertising agency will be working hard, so don't forget to get hold of them should you have any printing requirements.

The Vacation Employment scheme and the International Exchange programme will be providing jobs for interested students.

If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to see us doing, don't hesitate to come and see us in our office.

AIESEC Rhodes will be having its 20th birthday in 1987, so join us for the celebration.

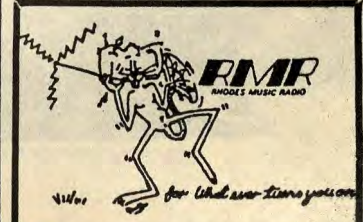
RMR set to smash '86 records

Rhodes Music Radio has no intention of resting on its laurels in 1987 following its unprecedented success in '86, says RMR's PRO, Philippa Robb.

"If anything we are in a position to do better next year and certainly haven't run out of ideas", she said.

RMR certainly achieved its prime objective this year, which Chair, Bryn Puchert described earlier this year as "consolidation of studio operations".

RMR went from being a shabby and disorganised games room to an efficient and professionally-run radio station in the space of a few weeks.



In addition to a costly new studio, new playlisting formats were devised (old ones existed but had never been successfully applied) and new programs were introduced, including talk shows, news and late-night alternative music programs.

"The biggest blow to RMR this year was the loss of Tammin Barker who had done more as treasurer in a month than most people do in a year", Bryn said.

RMR relies on record companies and advertisers not only for records and finance, but as a means of seeing how they compare with other campus radio stations. "With a captive audience and no direct competition it is hard to gauge our progress", said Station Director, Anton Maree.

It is therefore significant that a major cigarette company will not renew any campus radio contracts in '87 - with the exception of RMR.

Free discos will be run on a regular basis as part of an exercise to make RMR more "visible" on campus. The RMR disco will take priority and will be upgraded in '87. A sub-committee will be formed under Anton Maree, to run it as a financially autonomous division of RMR.

The sticky subject of extending the landline network will depend on next year's grant, the availability of suitable amplified speakers (which have to be imported), and the post office's willingness to install them.

An RMR news department will be formed with a news team writing and reading news on the same basis as DJ's do shows.



Take a good look - this is the last Rag procession you'll be seeing at Rhodes.

What a rag

Chairperson: Mark Bunting
Reps/Stunts: Jacky Wardell
Entertainment: Wendy Wilson
Marketing: John Coombes
P.R.O.: Russel Skae
Treasurer: Lorna Hamill
Treasurer: Megan Whittaker
Personalities: Nicky Buckland

Rhodes Rag is a registered Welfare organisation. Our aim is to raise funds, which are distributed to self-help organisations to promote

education and health, regardless of race, creed or colour.

Rhodes Rag attempts to get as many students as possible involved in our activities. Although Rag does have an image of fun and festivity at the beginning of each year, we try not to lose sight of the only reason for our existence - to try to help the underprivileged in the Eastern Cape.



The roving Rhodéo camera hit the Craft Market and the Oppie Cheese and Wine to check out how the raves are surviving in the face of the exam onslaught.



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JAZZ



It seems like there are a hell of a lot of people at Rhodes who are into jazz. Last Friday(10th), the RU Jazz Band and the Jazz Friends(PE) played to over 200 ecstatic people in the Great Hall.

The local group, in the (prof)essional hands of Norbert Nowotny, and featuring legendary jazz greats like, Phil Black on drums and Andrew Tracey on clarinet and sax. It was quite a jam, featuring numbers like Herbie Hancock's "Watermelon Man",

the perennial "Tuxedo Junction", "The Pink Panther theme" by Henry Mancini. One of the highlights of the evening was a live telephone in "Pennsylvania 5160".(I'm open to correction on that title, abt before my time.)

The entire set was liberally spread with enthusiastic solos. The audience was raving, and demanded several encores - cheeks aquiver, the brass sections finally handed over the stage to the Jazz Friends.

This modern 'Jazz-Funk' unit, fronted by Zim Ncquawana(alto and soprano saxes, with flute) are what one spectator called a 'bourgeois coffee club band. They play music along the lines of Chick Corea, Weather Report and Sky.

Zim started their set by firing staccatto and wailing notes over an approving mass of jazz connoisseurs - you could almost see the sounds shooting from the mouth of the sax, and gave me a feeling that

sent shivers up my spine.

Zim's skill is awe-inspiring in both the big band genre (he also plays with the Rhodes band), and in the electric jazz style.

To judge from the smiles spread on everyone's faces, the tapping hands and feet, nodding heads and dancing, I would say that the evening was a roaring success. Hopefully these jams are going to become a regular feature on campus.

By Chris Lebert

FAKE-A ZULU

by
Polly Tickle

When you pretend that your country is made up of minute ethnic despots, and when you force millions at gun point to take up residence in said stans, you gotta big problem, not so?

Why a problem? Because you have to start talking fast to locals and the OUTSIDE WORLD about why you think the bantustans are valid. Alas, the victim of the explanation is usually history - yes, its the easy way out.

Make history up, if it doesn't exist. Give the ethnic group a homeland. Give them a proud past. Add lucrative smears of pop history and Bill 'fart-for-fart's-sake Faure and you're getting there.

Shaka Zulu, the epic myth. Seeing is believing, they say, and TV, believe you me, is known for its visual impact. So, then, what do we see?

We see racist whites, for sure. British colonialists. Yeah yeah groovy. And while our brains are still caught up working out how the censors slept through this blaps, we

start seeing something else. The noble savage. In fact, hundreds of noble savages marauding other hundreds of noble savages. Aside from the fact that most of it is historically horse-shit, the Zulus remind one too much of the American version attacking a stagecoach. Hollyweird, ne Gill?

Seeing as you're making the whole thing up anyway, why waste the goodies? Make it up so you can explain the superiority of Western civilisation. Although the Brits are loony cucumber-eating colonists and damn unfair, isn't it tragic that they had a point. The Zulus had to be civilised, if not voluntarily, then through a method now commonplace - the barrel of a gun.

So we are forced to see and believe by the See and Believe Corporation. Forced to build myth into reality. Forced to surrender to art n propaganda at TV point. So what's new.

**** This review is available in both official languages and a number of unofficial ones. Dumelang.

WHAM! BAM! thank-you Sol

Why did pop group WHAM!!! split? According to George Michael it was purely for "artistic reasons". But was there a more sinister, hidden reason???....

Last November George and Andrew Ridgely told Simon Napier-Bell and Jaze Summers of Nomis Management(the company financing WHAM!!!), that WHAM could end summer with a farewell concert at Wembley stadium, which would be publicly announced at a later date.

Meanwhile Nomis Management was negotiating the sale of their company to Kunick Leisure Group for 17 million bucks. Kunick Leisure Group are, however, one-third owned by the company that also owns Sun City - notorious Bourgeois South African playground.

Fortunately George Michael, who believes that sanctions are the only answer to end Apartheid, discovered the

above information in a music magazine. He and Andrew immediately released a press statement, declaring that they had quit their contract with Nomis, without mentioning South Africa or the fact that WHAM!!! were splitting.

Nomis hit back with their press release, saying that WHAM!!! was about to disintegrate(no pun intended, ed.), because Andrew and George had had a fall out. This caused intense confusion and anger amongst concerned WHAM!!! devotees.

WHAM!!! then released their final press statement - they were going to split but purely for artistic reasons.

WHAM, BAM, Sol loses out. Well don't despair Solly old chap, we're sure Cliff Richard is willing to offer his services, and sell out....

By Schiffman

we look at CHRISTIANE F A Total mind-fuck

By Chris Lebert

West Berlin, 198-, unending, monolithic flat blocks situated in the green strip around the suburbs..Europe's answer to the housing shortage...home for hundreds of youths like Christiane F(14).

Despite a larney appearance, the rigid conformity of this type of existence results in extreme boredom for children - the suburbs of any town are the most boring areas.

With the parents of these children away in the city earning a living most of the time, the family can no longer provide its traditional socialising function, and as a result, children look for alternative ways of learning about life. This alienation of the child from its parents makes for a greater reliance on the peer group for an identity.

Christiane F has lived in a 'box' on the twelfth floor for several years with her divorcee mother and younger sister.

Having her sister as a companion during the day keeps Christiane occupied. With the 'desertion' of her sister, who decides to go and live with her father, Christiane looks further afield for companionship. She enters the downtown Berlin club sub-culture, demonstrating what conservatives would call adverse characteristics: sexual and drug abuse, petty theft, amplified music etc. etc. etc.

What the movie doesn't adress is why the sub-culture indulges in these activities. It also neglects the positive aspects of this youth counterculture, like an increased awareness of their society's problems and a desire to change things.

As the movie progresses, and Christiane is absorbed into a group of unemployed junkies and prostitutes (one of whom is her boyfriend Detlev): she begins heightening the jolt with light drugs. However, she soon finds it extremely difficult relating to her junkie friends, and feels the urge to be on the same plak as them. She has experienced the loneliness of a highrise existence(her friends are from the same background), and has no desire to abandon her new found companionship.

The most frightening part of becoming an addict and the subsequent dependancy is the junkie's awareness of the one way street of heroin addiction. As Christiane demands her first dose, her friends refuse on the grounds that, "Once you're on it, you're hooked". Christiane replies: "I can handle it, I'm in total control, I only want to try it".

After much haggling, she eventually tried it, and ends up in the same rut. The most unsettling thing in this situation is that Christiane realizes her predicament, and consequently begins warning off people who approach her for a 'shot' in exactly the same words she was warned with; the people in turn use the same argument she did, and refuse to listen to her warnings.

This continuing cycle is portrayed throughout the movie; it's a total freakout and keeps one on the edge of the seat trying to tell the characters, "No", "Stop", "PLEASE DON'T".

The despondency of a junkies existence is not a pleasant scene, and "CHRISTIANE F" vividly shows all the sordid, scaley and disgusting aspects of heroin addiction through very simple camera techniques(rough film quality and extensive use of close up handheld shots). For example; Christiane and Detlev attempt to straighten out by going cold turkey; this involves several days with Beelzebub and friends in their hot home. With constant convulsions and extreme puking fits accompanying withdrawal(all shown in close up, right down to vomit besplattering the camera lens) it's not a pleasant sight. Needless to say, if you've ever vaguely considered spiking heroin, after watching "CHRISTIANE F", you'll never want to ride a horse again.

The post-cold turkey period lasts about two days. It takes the death of a friend(by OD) to make Christiane realise that this heroin thing is just not on anymore. She is 14, looks 50, is emaciated and covered in sores, and has sold off many of her belongings(as well as her body) to support her and the group's addiction.

The movie ends with Christiane leaving Berlin with her mother(who is a bit of a wreck herself- she never realises what Christiane has been doing), and undergoing rehabilitation in a tiny rural village.

The moral of the story seems to be "don't knock traditional values, they keep our society clean". On the other hand it is an industrial capitalist society, with its overcrowded urban centres that germinate the seed of decadence. This is a factor that tends to be overlooked in the movie.... nevertheless, I can only recommend it most strongly..one of the highlights of this year's moviegoing.

Hot shots

Rhodes soccer have done well in the run-in to the end of the season and have emerged unbeaten from the final 6 games.

This strong finish, in contrast to previous seasons when Rhodes alternated between the Premier and Second Leagues, enabled Rhodes to end in 7th place.

The achievement was even more remarkable considering that 2 players, Craig Neave (Player of the Year) and Paul Clarke, missed 3 of the last 4 games while representing

a South African universities side at the Currie Cup.

A double-header against Walmer Celtic kept the ball rolling from the previous weekend when 5 goals beat the Kabega and EP Keeper in one game.

Kabega were fortunate to only concede 5 as several dubious penalty decisions and good saves kept the

score down.

A 2-0 win and a thrilling 3-3 draw with Celtic, in which the lead changed hands 3 times, enabled Rhodes to clinch 3 out of a possible 4 points.

Rhodes then faced 2 sides they has lost to in the first round games - Tech and Hume Park. In a game with a flattering

4-0 score to Rhodes, event could so easily have gone the other way as Tech threw players forward in a bid to wipe out a 0-2 half time deficit.

Rhodes defended desperately at times, and with their opponents sacrificing a defender in the hope of scoring, scored twice more.

The Rhodes comeback

against Hume Park the following day displayed the fighting spirit characteristic of the second half of the season. Facing a 0-1 deficit against one of the better PE sides, Rhodes struck three times in less than 10 minutes to demoralise their opponents.

Rhodes' performances in the final 2 games rated with the poorest of the

season. Facing the two bottom sides, safe in the knowledge that Rhodes couldn't be relegated, the lack of motivation was all too obvious.

Although Rhodes dominated the game against Kabega they could only manage a single goal against a side missing their provincial goalkeeper. Kabega equalised in the last seconds of the match.

The final match against Drosty was another lacklustre game. With the help of the 2 Currie Cup players, who played in the second-half, the game drew 2-2.

In short...

Supersportsman - EP under 20 captain Jeremy Sieberhagen emulated former Rhodian Greg Vogt to capture the Border Supersportsman event.

SQUASH - Rhodes men finished second in the EP Premier League, thanks to a good second half of the season.

ATHLETICS - Oppies won both male and female sections of the cross-country

try and Round the Block Relay events. Cullen Bowles and Milner were the victors in their respective sections of the Standards meeting.

RES RUGBY - Smuts defeated Walker in the res rugby finals.

GFA SOCCER - Graham Hotel, winners of the League will meet Law School in the Webb Cup Final on Sunday afternoon at Fiddlers Green.

Rhodes polo tastes defeat, good prospects

Rhodes' prospects for a successful SAU water-polo tournament in Bloemfontein appear good despite tasting defeat in an all-day tournament at the Rhodes pool.

Playing before a large crowd that braved the rain, Rhodes first team tasted defeat in all three games, albeit by narrow margins.

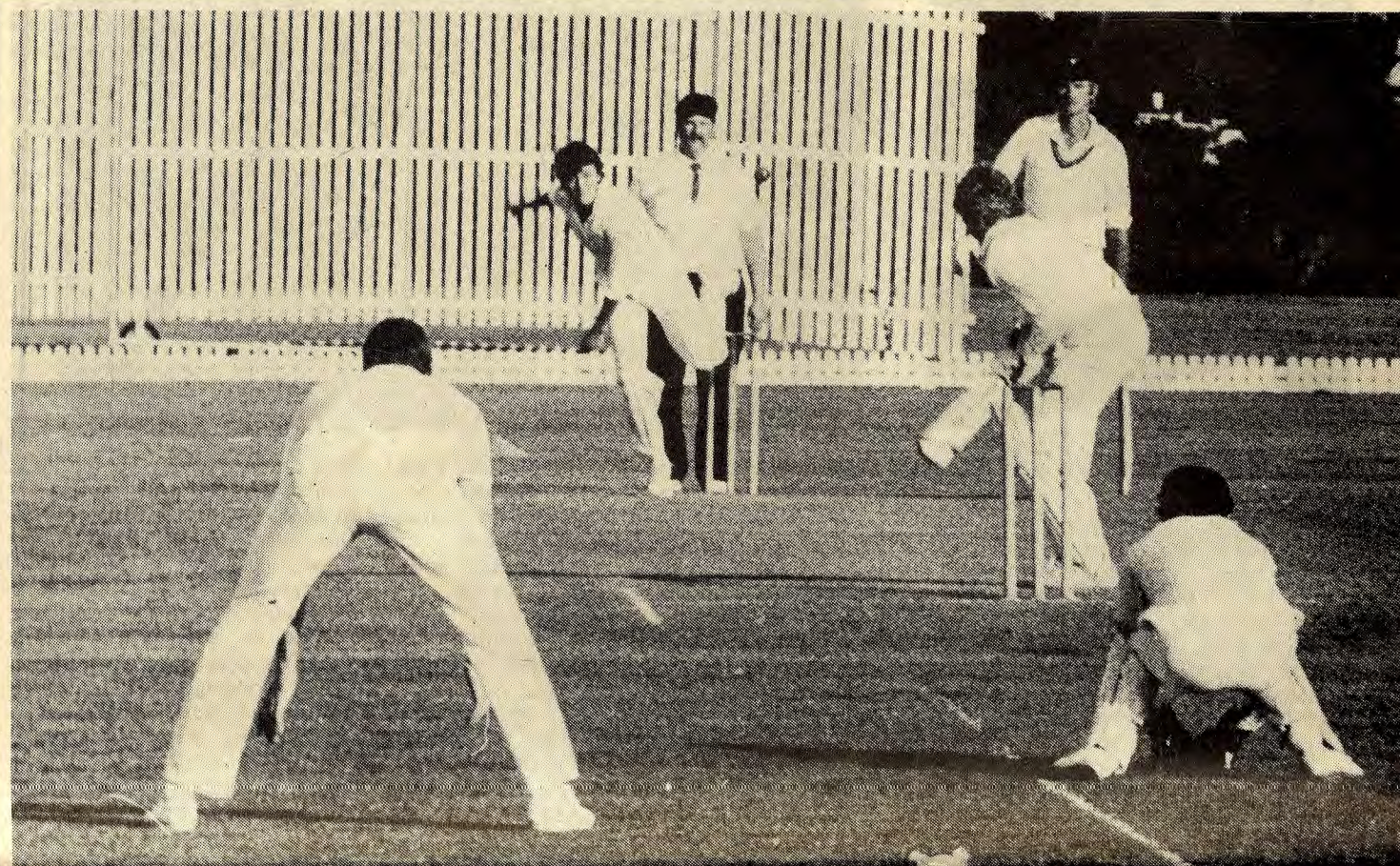
With only 2 weeks training prior to the tournament, Rhodes lost 5-8 to Crusaders (PE), 6-7 to Kingwilliamstown, and 7-8 to Buffaloes (East London).

The second side lost 4-7

to Crusaders B and drew with Institute B.

Four players: Andy Fairall (captain), Craig Eldridge, Gavin Pike and Chet were selected for the EP Squad, from which A and B side will be chosen.

Rhodes next fixtures will be after exams when they play in the Superleague in EL on the 29-30 November. Their prospects for the SAU tournament in the first week of December look good considering both this preparation and the fact that a squad of 13 players will go to Bloemfontein.



Blair Hutchings (bowling) enjoyed the best figures of 4 for 15 against PECC.

Rhodes bowls 'em over

HOWZAT! Rhodes romped to nine runs victory over PECC (PE Cricket Club) last weekend.

Bolstered by the return of Border all-rounder 'Sarge' Long, Rhodes knocked up 250 for 3 declared, thanks to a 220 run partnership between Long and Roger Moul. Long, 119 not out and Moul, 113 came together with Rhodes in a precarious position but restored the balance of the game, before running up an impressive third wicket partnership.



The PE side, missing Springbok spinner Tim Shaw and EP paceman James Carse, were no match for the Rhodes bowlers, and could only

muster 87 runs. Blair Hutchings enjoyed the best figures of 4 for 15 in 11 overs and Matt Bland and Dave Duncan took two wickets apiece.

Followings on 163 runs behind, PECC narrowly failed to force Rhodes to bat a second time, being bowled out for 154. The Rhodians fielded and batted very well with Grant Long and Dave Duncan each claiming three wickets in the second innings.

Rhodes emerged from the match with 24 bonus points and if this form is maintained we could well have an extremely good season.

Knockout final

High hopes accompanied the men's basketball side to PE recently when they played the Blue Streaks in the knockout final.

Only Rod Walker remained from the 1983 side which unsuccessfully challenged for the same trophy. Streaks enjoyed a narrow lead from the beginning of a game characterised by poor passing between the Rhodes players. The quicker Streaks side nullified the height advantage enjoyed by Rhodes and maintained their lead till late in the game when Rhodes edged ahead.

Gerry Christophides played

a superb game for Rhodes with some good driving play, but Streaks fought back to win 80-73.

Rhodes should continue their fine form in 1987, although they will be losing 2 players. More players are definitely needed - the lack of competent basketball players forced the forfeiting of two games this season after a strong start.

The women's side, after winning their league in 1985, have been promoted to the top league this year. Their play improved throughout the year, although they did not win any games.

Honours were shared in the recent volleyball matches between Rhodes and Tech.

Spectators from the Grahamstown league sat glued to their seats as Rhodes gave all they had to win. However Tech clinched the deciding two points from home team errors to win the final set 18-16. The support from the Rhodes women and the Grahamstown league players stimulated excellent play by both sides.

The Rhodes women were never really threatened by a weak Tech side in which the Rhodians consistency clinched the game. Danielle Charters had an excellent game and spiked well. Kathy Bauwens, the Rhodes skipper, played well, recovering some impossible shots.

Honour shared

Rhodes women enjoyed a rather comfortable win while Tech with five Eastern Province players, shaded the Rhodes men in a thrilling game. Both matches went the maximum three sets allowed, with the two victorious sides winning their respective leagues.

Of the four previous clashes between the men's sides, this season the sides had emerged with two victories each. Tech were favourites to win, having more first choice EP players than the home side and they looked like overwhelming Rhodes after winning the first set 15-6. However the Rhodians overcame their recent lack of practise since the vac to control the next set 15-8,

with Wayne Hoare spiking over the blocks. First reserve, Nigel Roach played the best game of his season, blocking numerous Tech spikes and displayed skilful play at the net.

The deciding set was a hard fought one with both teams fighting to gain the ascendancy. Excellent pick-ups and covering of the ball from the back court by Steve Ruffel and Dave Rimmer ensured that Rhodes remained on the attack. Tech stayed off the Rhodes onslaught with ex-Rhodes player and EP captain Dave Mee, finding the few weaknesses in the Rhodes attack. Rhodes, however fought back from match-point (14-12) to Tech, to tie (16-16).

The Grahamstown League this year saw many keenly contested games with Town A taking the title from Police. Kimberly Hall and Rhodes II ended tie third. The sudden growth in popularity of the sport could be threatened by the lack of suitable venues in Grahamstown with Alec Mullins being the only suitable campus venue. As this is used for numerous sports, investing in additional indoor facilities can only benefit Rhodes sport and relieve the pressure placed on the different sport clubs having to accommodate other sports. Rhodes volleyball has once again had a good season and with the 1987 season ahead, the new players that started towards the end of the third term should continue this trend according to the men's captain, Robbie Vlantis.