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Inside

Education crisis, drinking clubs, conscription



Call-up rejected

Sixty-two per cent of Wits students reject conscription into the SADF, according to a survey recently conducted by the Wits SRC.

This overwhelming response follows a similar SRC survey at UCT, which showed that 64% of students there want the call-up cancelled.

Now Rhodes students are being asked to voice their opinion on conscription into the SADF, in a survey being conducted by a group of students concerned with conscription and related issues. These include the question of adequate news coverage of SADF activities, the continued presence of the SADF in Namibia, and cadets.

"We would like as many students as possible to complete the questionnaire and return it to us, so we can accurately gauge Rhodes' opinion," said a spokesperson for the group, which intends forming a committee in the near future.

"Opposition to call-up is not a new phenomenon. Figures show that between 3 000 and 4 000 white men leave South Africa every year to avoid conscription," he said.

"But there are factors which may contribute to increased resistance to the call-up, the most obvious being the length of service, which, including camps, is now four years.

"The number of conscientious objectors has been growing, but many are refusing to serve on the grounds that South Africa is fighting an unjust war in Namibia and that the SADF is not neutral and they cannot take up arms to defend apartheid.

"Objectors now face six years imprisonment following the 1983 Defence Amendment Act. Although there are still likely to be objectors, more conscripts may now consider leaving the country," the spokesperson said.

Under the Aliens Bill currently being debated in parliament, non-South African men with five or more years of permanent residence would also be conscripted, provided they were

under 24 years old, he added.

He said the group therefore wanted to establish how non-citizens as well as South Africans felt about conscription.



More workers fired

Six Kimberly Hall workers were fired recently, following the controversial dismissal of five workers from Founders Hall a month ago.

Kimberly workers say that the dismissals were due to the alleged theft of food over a period of time. Employees are forbidden to take food home, although a large part of their monthly wages goes towards what they eat at the hall. They say they have to pay R8,30 a month for this food.

"We have asked if we can take students' leftovers home with us," a worker said.

This request was brought before a labour relations liaison committee in March, but no response has yet been received.

Allowing workers to take foodscraps home is common practice at other institutions in Grahamstown.

Rhodes' leftovers were sold as swill to local farmers before 1978, but this practice has since declined.

"The food is now transported by University vehicles to dumping grounds," said a spokesperson for RUBWA (Rhodes University Black Workers' Association), Mr Nombewu.

A Kimberly Hall caterer approached for comment refused to say anything about the incident.

"I've got my job to think of," she said.

Sports Union changes policy

Until recently, females and football have apparently been incompatible, according to Sports Union policy.

Two weeks ago, a woman student, accompanied by some friends, approached Mr Gatton in the Sports Store, and asked if she could borrow a soccer ball.

"It's not our policy to issue balls to young girls because they might get injured," he told her, asking her to

leave the room so that he could deal with the men she was with, who were "in a position to take out balls".

The student lodged a complaint with SRC Sports Councillor Steve Kirk-Cohen, and after a lengthy debate the Union decided to change its policy.

According to the Sports Officer, Mr B M Smith, the issuing of balls would in future be on a "first come, first

served" basis.

"Whether the request comes from a male or a female is irrelevant," he said.

Mr Smith said the reason for discrimination was that there was an insufficient stock of balls and there was a shortage when touring teams visited Rhodes.

The student said she was "deeply shocked" to discover that Rhodes not only restricts

women's freedom in residences, but it prevents women's freedom to play sport.

"More students' money is spent on sporting funds than on the SRC, and all students should be granted the privileges made available.

"One cannot help wondering whether male students were allowed to take out netballs before this sexist policy was changed," she said.

UNITRA detentions spark boycotts

Several hundred Rhodes students boycotted lectures on Republic Day in response to a call for a national day of solidarity with students of the University of Transkei (Unitra).

This followed boycotts held the previous day by over 3 000 Wits students, 3 000 at the University of the Western Cape, as well as at Ngoya (University of Zululand), UCT and Fort Hare.

The call for a solidarity boycott at Rhodes was made at a Black Students' Movement (BSM) meeting in a motion which endorsed an SRC decision to call on the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, to make a statement on the issue.

Co-option

In a statement on the issue, BSM president, Monde Tabata, said it illustrated "the failure of attempts to co-opt these students into oppressive homeland structures".

"We in BSM and AZASO identify fully with the struggles of the Unitra students and others all over the country," he said.

At an earlier meeting called by the SRC, a motion was adopted, calling on Dr Henderson to take a stand on the Unitra issue.

Speaking at the meeting deported Unitra lecturer, Robert Morrell, called for the release of students detained.

Detentions on the 9th of May were organised

by the administration, he said, alleging that students were forced to leave the campus.

"It was quite clear that if they did not leave, the police were thinking of some way of making them do so," he said.

He said Unitra had been "the showpiece of independence" in the Transkei, and that the notion of Unitra as an open university free of discrimination was "no longer valid" since students were faced with the use of violence.

Unitra has been closed until the 10th of June. Morrell said it was impossible to predict what would happen when it reopened.

The second speaker at the meeting, NUSAS secretary general, Laurie Nathan, said South Africa was in the middle of another education crisis, on the same scale as those of the 1976 and 1980 uprisings, in which hundreds of thousands of students protested against Bantu education.

More conflict?

He quoted the deputy Minister of Education, Barend du Plessis, as having said it was "not improbable" that another situation like '76 could happen under the present circumstances.

He pointed out that 315 000 students had boycotted classes this year, and described the grievances of Unitra students - in the light of this - as "real and severe".



Nathan said that the new Admissions and Subsidies policy, which will limit even further the number of blacks entering "white" universities by raising admissions standards, was widening the gap between white and black education. The policy, he added, was designed to make apartheid "less visible".

He said that White education was part of an education system that discriminated against the majority of South Africans. He said it was easy for those reaping the benefits to forget about those who suffered from the education system.

"We are not on the sidelines of Bantu education. We are a part of it. We need to challenge those aspects of our education that obscure or entrench apartheid," he said.

Crisis update

Over 100 Unitra students were detained following a boycott of lectures after four SRC members were held for interrogation last month.

Transkei Security Police detained the SRC members after a pamphlet was distributed dismissing claims made by the university's principle at graduation this year as "irrelevant".

The principle, Mr B van der Merwe, accused his staff of teaching "revisionist" ideas. The conflict which followed culminated in a police baton charge on students taking refuge in the university library.

The students were assaulted after they accused Unitra's Registrar of assisting in the detention of students by providing police with transport.

Four academics were deported and one detained after the library incident.

Unitra staff voted unanimously to call on the university's Council to suspend the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar.

A Commission of inquiry - which excludes students - has since been instituted by the Council.

Thousands sign in Grahamstown



"Things are moving! The Million Signature Campaign has educated many people here about the evils of apartheid." (Ntsike Sandi, Grahams-town Civic Association).

More than 2000 Grahams-tonians have made their mark against apartheid in the last few weeks.

"Many people who previously were not in a position to become involved have now found a channel through which they could contribute to organisation in their community," said Steve Sommerville, a member of the newly-formed White Non-Student Organisation



Terror Lekota (left), speaker at a township launch (above)

(WINSOG). This body comprises Rhodes academics and other concerned white residents

Many students have come face-to-face with a strong UDF presence on campus through the recent spate of collections, blitzes, two mass meetings, workshops and fundraising jorls.

"Terror" Lekota, UDF publicity secretary, addressed a campus mass meeting stressing students' role in opposing

apartheid. Terror, UDF vice-president George du Plessis and Border UDF executive member Steve Tshwete were among speakers at the launching of the campaign in the coloured and african townships. Problems of high rents and lack of housing were raised as some of the issues around which these communities are uniting to oppose the apartheid structure.

In spite of a stream of anti-UDF smear pamphlets on most English-language campuses, the campaign has succeeded in popularizing the UDF's oppo-

sition to the Constitutional Proposals and the Koornhof Bills. At Pietermaritzburg, the UDF is investigating legal action against a right-wing student organisation which claimed that lists of signatories were potential recruits for the ANC.

Rhodes BSM chair, Monde Tabata, said the campaign has had a twofold effect. "The UDF has gained popularity and the people have become more aware of the oppressive conditions which they face. The UDF has become a truly popular organisation."

Wits offices burnt

Arsonists caused nearly a million rands damage when they completely destroyed offices on the top floor of the Wits Student Union.

Those offices burnt down, include the SRC's resource centre, the WITS STUDENT office and that of the South African Union of Jewish students (SAUJS).

To date, it is unclear whether the arson was

directed at the SRC or the SAUJS.

According to Wits SRC president, Brendon Barry, the arsonists might have used campus tension over the Middle East issue to "get at" the SRC.

"At the time there was tension between right-wing students and the SRC, as well as between Moslem students and the SAUJS," he told RHODEO.

Some of the societies affected by the blaze are considering occupying offices in the Milner Park showground, recently acquired by Wits to accommodate expansion.

Experts described the entire top floor of the Union as "structurally unsound," and have recommended that it be rebuilt.

UCT walkout

Over 400 UCT students were charged 'in absentia' by a disciplinary court after they staged a walkout in protest at being tried individually.

Action was taken against 212 black students who squatted on the lawns of the university's Leslie building in protest over inadequate accommodation facilities and lack of transport from the township.

More than 200 other students volunteered to stand trial with them, when they were charged with storming the Administration after disobeying UCT VC, Dr Saunders's order that they remove their tents from the lawns.

The students received a suspended sentence.

Bachelors of booze!

Rag Day, 1979: Black children chased with sticks and chains. Wife of a staff member fondled in offensive manner. Young black man retched upon. Full beer bottle thrown at woman across the road. All offenders were members of 'OOF' drinking club.

1983: Woman invited to club function gets alcohol poisoning. Another bitten on the backside by a club member.

1984: A club member wearing a sack with the words: "I suck Kaffirs" written on it, joins rag procession. Another member found lying on his back outside his room. Fight involving club members erupts after Dog Detachment concert.

These incidents, among others, have brought drinking clubs into the campus spotlight. Rhodexo interviewed some 40 students on a number of central issues concerning drinking clubs (dc's).

Q: What role does alcohol play in your club?

A: Drink is incidental to our main activities. (club member - 'cm')

Q: Tell us about club functions.

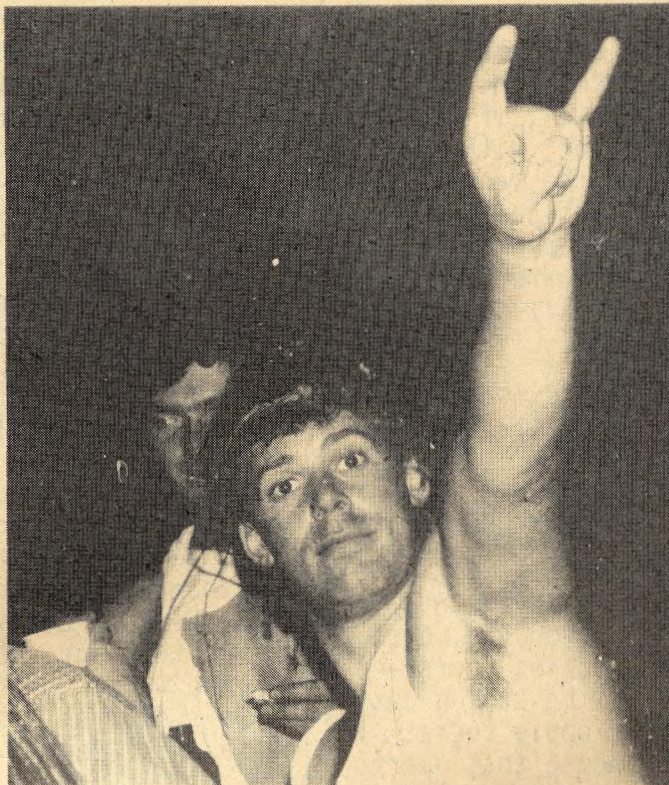
A: The means by which they have their rave is dubious. They have fining sessions - the offences are stipulated by the club, such as not wearing one's club tie on the club day, for which the "punishment" is, say, to drink a beer. It's basically an intricate rig-up to have a drink. ('cm')

Q: Drink has been said to lower one's inhibitions. Do you think this can be extended to moral standards?

A: Yes, I definitely think so. You don't pull down your pants in public if you're sober. (Oriel student)

Q: One drinking club prides itself in drawing from as wide a variety of people as possible. Do you think this is true?

A: No. As a 'cm' I'd say your average 'cm' is socially a ruggie-bugger and politically right-wing. ('cm')



Bung Member Ralph Kuhn : Bungies it up while his friends throw food around at the Oppies Cheese & Wine.

Q: Do you think the accusation that the average 'cm' is politically right-wing is justified? (to another student)

A: I think it's obvious. If you are opposed to sexism, elitism, etc., then you would oppose the basic structures of the clubs. (Oppie.)

Q: What do you think of 'dc's'?

A: It's a social group who absent themselves from political statements as a possibly divisive issue within the group. (staff member)

Q: Is there a slant to social club functions e.g. 'Ladies Nights'?

A: Yes as a social fun-

ction it's obviously only satisfying the 'cm's'!

Q: What is your club's stance on women?

A: I don't think any objections can be raised to the fact that we wish to meet as men. It is written into our constitution and we are not about to change it. ('cm').

Q: As a 'cm's' girlfriend, what do you feel about being specifically excluded from club functions?

A: I don't agree with it, but I feel that I have to accept it because I want to go out with him. (Oriel student)

Q: Why are no women invited to join your club?

A: We...I haven't really thought about that, so I'll pass... I'll pass. ('cm')

Q: How do you justify your membership?

A: I see the clubs as elitist and sexist. It centres around fun, and we do have fun. ('cm')

Q: Would you see the events leading to the 1979 rustications as serious?

A: Yes, I certainly would. ('cm')

RHODEO staff can't wait to be invited!

Varied reactions to RMR

One third of campus is dissatisfied with the output of Rhodes Music Radio (RMR), posing a difficult challenge to the new chairperson, Greg Westley.

In a recent RHODEO survey, over one hundred students were asked, "What is your view on RMR?" Reactions to this varied from hilarity to dismissal as a prank.

Thirty-one percent were dissatisfied with RMR

*"They are grossly sexist"

*"There is a general lack of atmosphere created by the DJ's"

*"The music they play is poor and outdated"

*"They don't play Christian music," said an irate RCC member.

*"There is no airplay for classical music," said a music student.

*"RMR's claim to be apolitical is utterly pretentious. Under apartheid, RMR assures students that all is fine, perpetuating apathy and conformity.

RMR does nothing. The Nats would be pleased."

Nine percent declined to comment or were undecided, while 6% responded with a vacant look, stating, "What's RMR?"

Nevertheless, 54% supported its efforts.

*"They're good, loyal and upstanding people of this country; we need more like them, and....," said a Matthews resident.

*"They're doing a

good job," said most.

*"They played well in the first half but not so well in the second half. Their centre-forward is not as good as he used to be, and his headers are often going astray. But I think they will do well in the future."

Greg Westley is aware of the student grievances, and is following them up. A regular Capital Radio news broadcast is on the cards for RMR listeners. The times for

broadcast have not been decided.

(This random sample does not necessarily represent broader campus.)

CONCERT

The Transvaal band from Vereeniging, "The Helicopters", will be playing on the Rhodes campus sometime next term. Their concert will include their newly released single, "Miles and Miles Apart", and their other hit single, "Mysteries and Jealousies". Both of these singles will be heard on RMR shortly, so keep listening!!

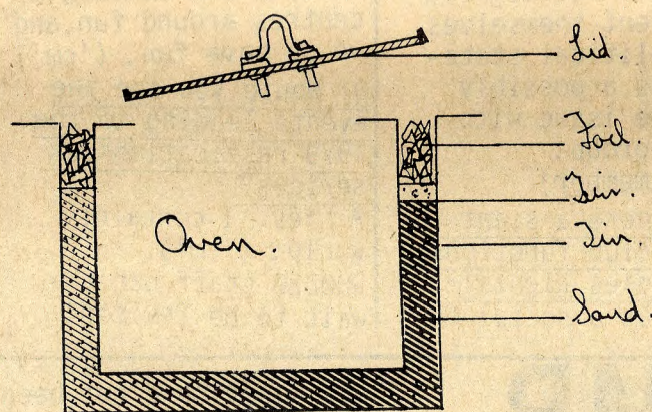
The Frying Dutchman



Well it seemed as if the age of Aquarius had returned, people, grass, kids, dogs, music and a generally totally eased-out atmosphere. The Craft Market held two weeks ago was, if nothing else, an amazing experience. What, with Eat providing a small production on the Vagaries of V.C.'s and our budding capitalists selling anything from pancakes to gruesome earrings. All I can say is that I'm looking forward to the next Craft Market and hopefully I'll be able to get hold of a kaftan by then.

Thanks to very tight organization by the Oppie Board, the Oppies Cheese and Wine was a success. Pity about those who saw it as an opportunity to beat up a few of their friends.

Enough of raving and on to administrative nonsense. All those of you who have moved into digs or moved to other digs, have phones, etc., etc., etc., please contact the oppies secretary as the new address book will be coming out next term. Jennie (that's your oppie secretary) asked me to tell all you mense that apart from ping pong, games like darts, chess and cards are also available. OK, you all enjoyed the blood in Apocalypse Now and the Cheese and Wine, but if you intend attending the Sunday night videos, please remember to bring along your student card.



Right, no lentil soup or cheese rolls this week, but an Oven. I don't possess an oven and I'm pretty sure a lot of other oppies don't either. Now, how to make an oven in a number of easy steps.

1. Get hold of two tins (see my sketch), either old cookie tins or those pretty decent square tins. The tins should be able to fit into one another, with about 1 to 2.5 cm play between the sides of the two tins.
 2. OK, pour river sand in this space between the tins.
 3. Fit a handle onto the lid of the biggest tin using wire or whatever.
- Now you've got your oven, the contraption has to be heated on a normal gasring or electric stove. The sand spreads the heat. One can cook bread and probably a cake in it, although I have never tried a cake. Read the next column on how to bake your own bread.

Cross-'Id, dotty profs

"Good morning children. Sit down. We (the English department) will show you how to write your essays."

The English Department has (rightfully?) been described as "fussy" and "decrepit". By going to lectures and reading their Sacred Handbook, you shall see why. It seems that technicalities have overtaken their imagination. For example, the Handbook tells one how long to take when writing an essay, where to put your name on the page, and what the width of the margin should be (incidentally it should be 4cm).

They have now gone as far as to give "suggestions" (sic) on how people "reform" their handwriting. Here are some of the "reforms":

*Think about the individual letters.

*Close o's and a's.

*Hold your pen firmly, but do not press, hold it at the right angle, in line with your arm.

*Think about the spaces between individual letters - too wide or too narrow?

*Think about the size of your letters.

This is rather unlike what one expects from an academic faculty. Is it the function of the English Department to educate students on how to appreciate and criticize literary works or is it to provide technical knowledge on essay layout?



EXAM TIP: Remember to cross your 'i' and dot your 't'!

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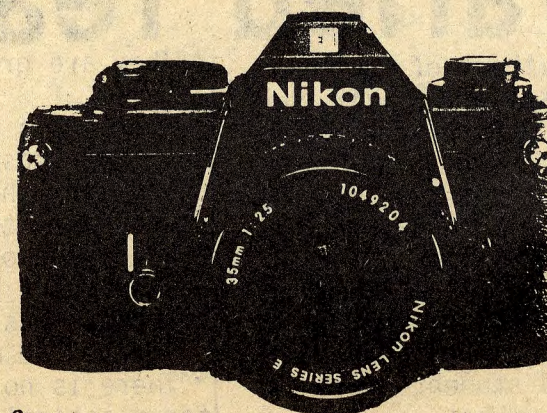
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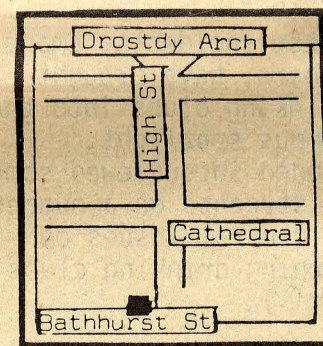
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Stoop Talk



PRIVATE CONCERN

The VC acting in his private capacity has done no more than note with satisfaction that there will be a committee of inquiry into the events at Unitra. We in our individual private capacities do no more than rote with satisfaction and amusement that the Rhodes VC is a personal friend of the Unitra VC.

DEAD HENDERSONS

And Derek will be turning in his office when he hears of the new band on campus; "The Dead Hendersons".

CURRENT AFFAIRS

An Honours student recently exploded because of Mills new policy on electricity. The latest money saving scheme cuts power to plugs indiscriminately. It's a pity half one honours student's long paper was wiped off the word processor. Maybe if somebody switched Mills off I'd be able to finish typi...

RELUCTANT LIBRARY LOANS

We hear the library didn't want to lend a table to UDF signature collectors, they "didn't want to offend any of their borrowers". Well, that's a new one to many a borrower I'm sure. The librarian even threatened to "phone the Vice Principal". The Wise Principal never came.

SOCIAL PAGE WARNING

One in twelve people at this Academic institution is suffering from a Very Dangerous disease.

THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEK

Measuring intelligence by exams is like measuring digestion by turd length.

RHODEO COMPETITION

For contradictions in the commercial press;
1st prize The Selous Scout who joined the anti-terrorist protest.
2nd prize PW both of South Africa inviting SWA Peoples Organisation to SWA.

16 June 1976: Over 1000 people are killed after SA police open fire on a peaceful crowd of 200 000 pupils gathered at Orlando Stadium to protest against Bantu Education.

June 1984: Over 37 000 pupils have boycotted classes since January calling for an end to apartheid education. The response has been police violence, detentions, expulsions, the closure of schools and a blatant dismissal by the authorities of genuine student grievances.



Pupils in Pretoria, Cradock, Graaff Reinet, Humansdorp, Soweto, Bloemfontein, Nigel, Edendale and Port Elizabeth, and students at UNITRA, Western Cape, UCT and Fort Hare have boycotted classes this year, all challenging aspects of Bantu education.

They have demanded:

- *The right to elect SRCs recognised by the authorities;
- *An end to corporal punishment and the use of sjamboks and keries on students;
- *Qualified teachers, improved facilities and textbooks;
- *The abolition of the age restriction on school attendance;

- *An end to sexual harassment of female pupils by male teachers;
- *An enquiry into the reasons for the high failure rate;
- *Adequate accommodation facilities;
- *An end to the victimisation of supportive teachers;
- *The removal of soldiers and security guards from schools, colleges and universities;
- *An end to apartheid education.

The demands of 1976 and 1980 are being restated. The question is why the authorities continue to dismiss them and respond with violence.

Throughout SA's history, education has been the privilege of a few, equipping white students

LESSONS IN

for professional and executive positions, while giving black youth only enough skills to provide the manual labour needs of the factories and mines.

Official figures for 1983 show that 85% of teachers in black schools are unqualified, and that the government spent R192 per African pupil compared with R1390 per white pupil.

In line with government policy, of those who began school in 1963, 60% of white pupils, 22% Indian, 4% Coloured and only 2% of African pupils matriculated twelve years later in 1975.

The age-limit laws introduced in 1982 also severely hinder many from furthering their education since black youths are often forced to interrupt schooling by having to work. These laws state that children over 16 may not attend primary school; students over 18 cannot enter Stds 6, 7 or 8; and people over 20 years may not attend Stds 9 and 10.

But separate and unequal education has been rejected since its inception in 1953.

1976

Resistance culminated in the student uprising of 1976, sparked off by the introduction of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction. The broad demand soon became clear: "End gutter education now!"

It was a demand that could and would not be

met because it challenged the very basis of apartheid; it was a demand that had to be crushed.

The result was a bloody massacre by police of over a thousand pupils and subsequent national revolt.

1980

In 1980 students again made their grievances known during country-wide boycotts and demonstrations. While calling for immediate improvements in teaching, book supply, etc, the students were demanding education based on democratic principles, an education that could only come with the complete abolition of apartheid.

It was a bitter cry, responded to with violence, detentions and the closure of schools. Hundreds of pupils were killed in clashes with army units, police and dogs during 1980/81.

In the years since 1976, many organisations have emerged, challenging the basis of SA's current education and the government has been forced, in the wake of resistance and growing economic crisis, to introduce reforms that will ensure the smoother functioning of the apartheid system.

The nationwide uprisings of 1976 left the country severely bruised, jolting those in power into seeing that the system was unstable and would require new methods to ensure its preservation.



"If the problems of apartheid June 1976 will look like

-Mr Curtis Nkondo, President of the National Education

N CRISIS

P W Botha's 1977 Defence White Paper spelled out the strategy: ensuring the state's authority in the conflict situation "demands interdependent and coordinated action in all fields - military, psychological, economic, political, sociological, diplomatic, ideological, cultural, etc ... We are today involved in a war ... The striving for specific aims ... must be coordinated with all the means available to the state."

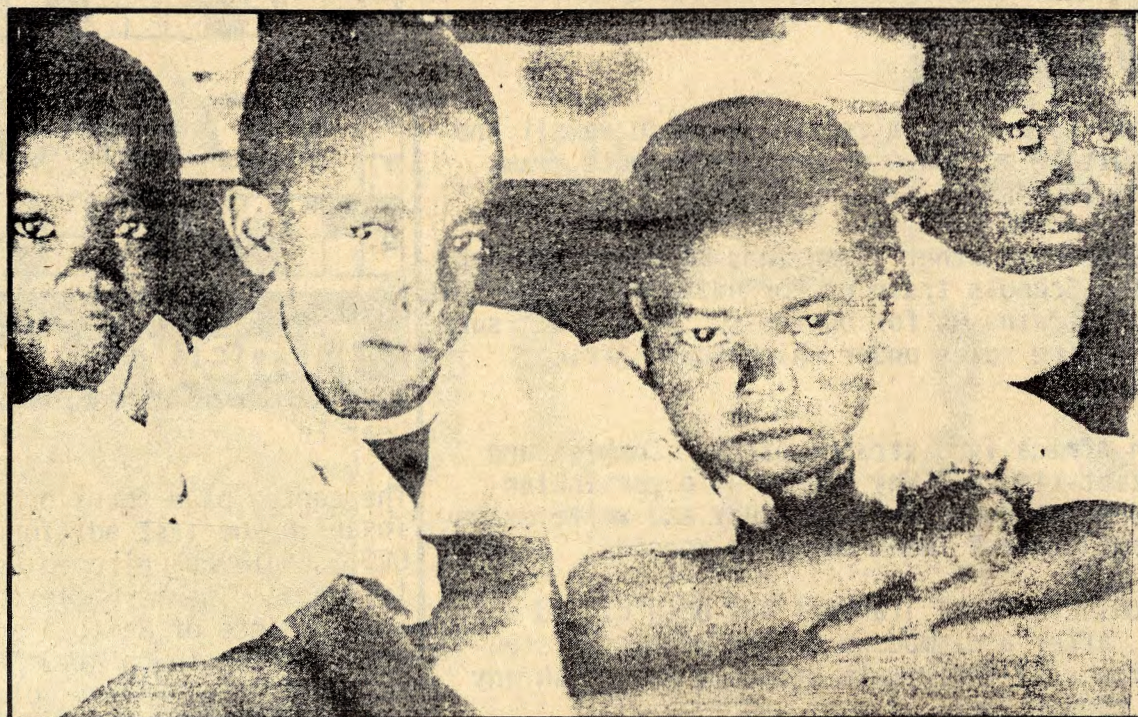
The results of this re-think are facing us now. Apartheid's facelift comes in the form of labour and education reforms and the new constitution and Koornhof bills. In these measures are established the divisive means by which small sections of the African, coloured and Indian population can be

lured into attaining vested interests in upholding the system against the majority who reject it.

In exchange for the privileges extended, coloured and Indian men are to be conscripted into the SADF to help defend apartheid.

Apartheid remains unchanged. Pass arrests, 'homelands', forced removals, detentions, deaths in detention, bannings and security laws are all here to stay.

Last week, and in the face of national student uprising, government plans to reform education policies were detailed in parliament.



In line with the constitution and the De Lange proposals, five separate departments of education are to be created with racially defined "own" and "general" affairs. Bantu education will not however, administer its "own" affairs; control will rest with the minister in charge of "general" affairs who determines the overall national policy.

Education is now referred to as "separate but equal" with an assurance from the minister that the financial discrepancy between black and white will not be righted "at the expense of white education".

In addition to this formal restructuring, subtle processes of co-option are well underway.

The SADF's Civic Action Programme, aimed at "winning hearts and minds" includes taking black school children on nature camps, designed to inculcate support and credibility for the SADF's activities in South Africa.

Yet it is the SADF that forcibly removes com-

munities under Koornhof's instruction, as in Magopa earlier this year.

And it was the SADF that was called in to assist police in quelling the student uprisings of 1976 and 1980/81.

1984

In June 1984, apartheid is neither dead nor dying and the education system that cradles it remains unchanged.

The government's reforms are attempting to restrict people's ability to see the possibility of challenging the way their lives are run. But apartheid is a violent system and in the final instance, desperate measures will always be employed to ensure its survival.

In recent years, the resurgence of student protest has seen the national student organisations, COSAS, NUSAS and AZASO drawing scholars together in calling for an end to apartheid education, with AZASO and COSAS co-ordinating the drafting of an Education Charter to articulate national demands for a new system of education.

But the call goes unheeded. Even in the face of heightened resistance, the government stubbornly refuses to make any real changes. Because it cannot. To do so would undermine the very system on which its power rests.

The Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Barend du Plessis said recently that the current crisis in the black schools is so bad that another 1976 national uprising is not improbable.

In schools and universities throughout SA, conflict is escalating daily.

It is a conflict between those who uphold Verwoed's 1953 words that "Natives will be taught from early childhood that equality with Europeans is not for them"; and those who in the words of the Freedom Charter (drawn up by thousands of South Africans in 1955) call for "the doors of learning and culture to be opened" in a democratic South Africa where education is free, compulsory and equal.



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e a Sunday picnic."
al Education Union of South Africa.(1984)

POINTS OF VIEW

Ours

Welcome to exams. A crisis in which we sit and regurgitate accurate spots, last minute crams, and do it fast!

But there are other dimensions to the education crisis. Schools train us for university, and university trains us for business. We are all subject to the rules under which South Africa operates.

South Africa is a strange place. Complex and conflict-ridden. Why are we as a particular group of students able to study and write exams and not others? What makes us special?

The University of Transkei has been closed until July, after a clampdown by the bantustan's authorities to intimidate students and crush any real opposition.

But think of those who have not got to varsity. Pupils at schools in Cradock, Port Elizabeth and Graaff Reinet have played a significant part in the national boycotts by 37 000 students this year. Will this rejection of apartheid education be another '76?

Talking of fighting, Rhodes students are being asked in a survey to voice their opinion on conscription into the SADF. The military is an issue which affects all South Africans, directly or indirectly. More Rhodes students are likely to be conscripted in the near future, as the Aliens Bill affects non-South African citizens, and the New Constitution 'coloured' and Indian men. RHODEO looks forward to seeing how the Rhodes results compare with those of Wits and UCT.

GOOD LUCK FOR EXAMS. HOPE YOU BEAT THE SYSTEM.

Steve Hilton-Barber (Ed)	Thabiso Schmitz
Olivia Forsyth (Ed)	Paulus Schmitz
Ray Hartley (SASPU)	Faizel Mooi
Melissa de Villiers (Arts)	Melanie Harris
Kris Melville (Arts)	Tammin Barker
Jan Gewald (Campus)	Sue Lund
Sylvia du Plessis (Campus)	Melanie Cullum
Roelien Theron (National)	Simcn Pamphilon
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Yours

Timely focus

Dear Ed

The centre page focus on "Namibia Today" in the last edition of RHODEO, should be welcomed as a timely focus. The struggle for the independence of Namibia and South Africa's continued attempt at maintaining a type of colonial rule over that country, is of importance to all South Africans and deserves a lot of attention. However there are two incidents which occurred recently to which I would like to draw RHODEO readers' attention.

The first was the effective banning of a court case, which would have sought the release of 37 prisoners being held at Mariental after their capture by the SADF, during the Kassinga raid in 1978. To ban the case, a certificate authorised by the South African State President, and signed by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Kobie Coetsee, was issued at the end of April. The second incident occurred a few weeks later when a Windhoek advocate, Mr. Anton Lubowski declared his membership of SWAPO - a legal, registered political party in Namibia, although one that suffers frequent harassment. Mr. Lubowski's move was met with a "campaign of death threats, newspaper smears, and professional ostracism" (EP Herald, 18/5/84). Although 84 out of the 146 prisoners at Mariental have been released, in what is undoubtedly a public-relations exercise, the banning of the court case still points to some important factors. Firstly, the news of this unprecedented move of repression comes at a time when South Africa is busy claiming its role of peace in Southern Africa. This includes recent negotiations with SWAPO in Lusaka, and the banning of the case under section 103 of the Defence Act can hardly be said to be in the "spirit" of any peace initiatives. The subsequent release of prisoners in no way excuses the initial act. Secondly, it is necessary to point out that all SA le-

gislation should be null and void in Namibia. South Africa is illegally occupying the territory in terms of the International Court of Justice ruling, which was endorsed by the UN Security Council.

In this context, where "justice" is used so blatantly in the interests of an occupying power, it is hardly surprising that an advocate would decide to lend political support to a grouping that holds out a democratic and just alternative for Namibian society. Surely we should extend our support for Mr. Jubowski and join him in calling for immediate independence (EP Herald 18/5/84) and a cessation of SADF activities in Namibia.

Yours

Ian Macun (Sociology Department)

Who scores?

Dear Eds

What is the difference between multi-racialism and non-racialism?

Yours sincerely
Sarah Jackson

Dear Sarah

Non-racialism simply means not judging people in terms of their skin-colour; multi-racialism means using racial criteria.

If we were using a multi-racial rugby team, we would have to include Africans, Whites, Coloureds and Indians.

Players would be selected according to racial criteria, and only secondly in terms of their skill. But if in a new South Africa we were choosing a non-racial rugby team, we would select the best 15 players. If they were all White, it wouldn't matter: they would represent everyone.

Similarly if the best soccer players were all Black, a non-racial team would consist of Black players only.

But we cannot judge people on basis of merit unless they all have the same opportunities. To extend the sports example, White children have access to good sporting facilities from the time they start school, if not before, and are able to develop their sporting potential. The reverse is the case with Black children.

Hence the slogan: "You cannot have normal sport in an abnormal society"

Dear Eds

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Dear Eds

Our "superficiality of insight" was simply saying that the messages behind the music don't contribute to change in any way.

Dear Fds

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arts



Dance 84

Where Dance '84 didn't explode and pop, it at least bubbled quietly: From light-hearted carnival/cabaret to motion and movement studies, at times inconclusive, on human alienation and contact.

A change in venue to the Box successfully drew the audience onto a more intimate footing with the dancers.

An excellent embodiment of the primitive, the animal and savage in "Three ... Not Two" demonstrated liveness and precision particularly Paul Datlen's performance.

The Olive Schreiner piece was most vivid and original - with music created by local musicians - an attempted break into feminism.

It was unfortunately isolated by the fact that there was far more emphasis on the men dancers - women seemed to be left to prop up a rather shaky cabaret line.

A flexible and fluid production by Gary Gordon and his dance team.

EWST

pow

bazoop!

dada

plinkety
bonk

I pulled into Salon
Dada the other night. Ja,
Norbert and his anything but
radical and anarchistic
students earnestly attempting
to interpret a Revolution
in art.....



"Provolutions,
demonstrations and de-
fiance to arouse the
bourgeoisie to rage" - hah,
it took the Ak 46s to get
moustaches bristling and
plump bourgeois buttocks
twitching---



Apparently they're
a bunch of apies who
started off jamming in a
Kitchen in defiance
against Grahamstown's
dead-bean-sprout
apathy-----



The Rest Was
Okl Rite I suppose -
a faithful reproduction of
Dada music and poetry
of the 1920's. What
about Africa in the 80's,
I asked meself---



We also made rude
noises with balloons and
sat through a tedious 4 1/2
minutes of silent music ---
I was dying to turn up the
TV and find out what the
Ewings were mouthing so
passionately about ---



... But I thought
that might be too rude
and spontaneous. So I
tucked a few biscuits into my
trenchcoat and toddled off home
to read my new Louis L'Amour.
Amazing!!!



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UNREELS

Grahamstown has seen androgenous prostitutes, neurotic insecure colonialists, Spanish dancers, Japanese perverts, freedom fighters, computer graphic existentialists, child prisoners and artists all chained up.

A panel discussion made it legal. The SRC collaborated with a local media entrepreneur to make it possible. State Apparatus stalled it; losing the androgenous prostitute and misplacing the child prisoners, but only temporarily.

WOMAN IN FLAMES

Love and hate. Pleasure and pain. A student escapes her lover to fight and fornicate.

She falls for a gigolo and moves into his apartment, where they both conduct their business: prostitution.

Up and down. In and out. Explorations of warped sexuality backdropped against excellent decor design. The gigolo's ageing career makes him reliant on a faithful homosexual client. Initial illusive compassion transforms itself into the cruelty of drenching the woman in alcohol... Woman in Flames offended some moralists' naive notions of sexuality, after all they do fuck a lot in Germany. Emotional economics. Back on the streets...

SUNLESS

Hours of excellent existential insights. Letters monologued to infinite images. Computer graphics enhance the radically unconventional aesthetics and techniques.

Constantly exploring deeply diverse impressions, implosions, images: life, history, culture, travel, camera, more/....Cabral, Cape Verde, Bissau, markets, giraffe spurt-ing blood, more/..... Tokyo, traditionalism, modernism, computer graphics, friends, trains, more/.... cats, owls, dogs, gods, magic mysticism, more/..... black taped sadness, villages volcanoed black, sea sunless! more/....movies like this needed.

PIXOTE

The blurb on the poster said 8-year-old Pixote pushed drugs, pimped and had murdered three men. Sensationalism apart, this was a deft and sensitive probe into Brazil's festering underground, its rivalries, alliances and desperate struggles for survival. Billed as the scoop of the festival this movie has won international acclaim.

FILM FESTIVAL

ALLEGRO NON TROPPO

Most entertaining and enjoyable: a witty original Italian rip-off of Fantasia. Satirically slates Hollywood and Walt Disney's cliched American fantasies.

Social criticism stage produced. Cinema verite overtones: black and white realism, colourful cartooning edited to classical music provided the technical competence of an excellent movie.

The orchestra of aged women is trucked in, the artist un-chained and the gates flung open allowing the masses access. Creative caricatures of a man's struggle to get women, a snake (and apple) lost in the chaos of commodity land, a street cat gluttonously dreaming of big bourgeois houses, lovers lusting on luscious land, ruining a bee's keeping and the eventual ending...of the world.

SPIRIT OF TATTOO

Kinky oriental thrills to titillate jaded western palates. A theme so threadbare only warpedness could obscure it: Redemption must come through pain willingly suffered, in this case, ecstatically suffered. A master tattooist sets up a cycle of destruction by forcing his art on his wife. Her drive for revenge infects their son and ensnares a courting couple into the drama. The cycle is broken by our Nubile Young Heroine (surprise surprise!) suffering a tattoo branded on her back while an "apprentice" fucks her silly Needles, Kyoto in the mist and much rustling of fawn-coloured rain-coats from a small and sweaty audience.

GUNEYS' THE WALL

Slow realist expositions of the monotony of prison, the malevolent authorities and the barbarity of Turkish torture. The prisoners plead "anything but this".

Execution instead of marriage. Child torture, incarcerated politicians, inhuman intolerable conditions, beatings, rioters... violent repercussions.

An eventual transfer to another prison ends the exposé, but not before the audience witnesses the guards search; the children bend and the rubber gloves are on..

The graffiti "ONLY SOLUTION REVOLUTION", aptly sums up the most radical film of the festival.





Brad Rees foils a scoring attempt by J. Merger of Dynamos. Looking on are S. Weber and A. Berber (number 11).

Shoot ball!

At the end of the first round of the Eastern Province league the Rhodes Basketball club did not prove to be all that successful.

Although most of the men's games were very exciting and close, they seemed to lose in the closing stages of each game. Often it seemed as though the side would win, but owing to lack of experience and fitness, they threw the game away.

The team for 1984 has changed considerably from past years, Evan Christophides and Alec Berber being the only players left from the strong 1983 side. S. Weber returned to the game whilst Adrian Weber, B. Rees and E. Kritsiotis joined the side for the first time.

Adrian Weber has shown a great deal of talent and potential and should go on to achieve greater heights.

At the half-way stage of the season Adrian is the leading scorer with 94 points, closely followed by Alec Berber on 87 and captain Evan Christophides on 81 points.

So far the men have played seven matches, losing six and winning one.

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At the beginning of the season the women's team showed great promise and determination but unfortunately the players were

relatively inexperienced and were no match for the ladies of the E.P. League.

Most of the team are playing together for the first time with D. Smith and M. Carle being the only veterans from last year.

The new players to the team are K. Bauwens, V. Harker, C. James, T. Ashworth, K. Henderson and J. Mole. A young team like this needs a lot of experience so they can learn to play together as a unit. They lack strength and confidence and someone who can take control of the game.

Nevertheless, in the last 2 matches played by the women, a great improvement was noticed by one of the E.P. selectors, R. Minnie, who said: "They really have improved over the last few months. It's a pleasure to watch them get it together."

No SAU team

Unfortunately, for various personal reasons, the club will not field sides at the S.A.U. this year. This is a great pity, especially for the women, as all players would have gained considerably in experience.

However, the club has proposed to go on a tour to Cape Town at the end of the 3rd term and there is a chance that Durban/Maritzburg will visit us in the third term.

It is hoped that the club will be more successful when the league starts again next term.

RESULTS:

Men's

Blue Streaks	lost 39-68
Dynamos	lost 68-71
Trojans	lost 40-65
Blue Streaks	lost 80-89
Blue Streaks	won 73-69
Kentuckeys	lost 42-62

Women's

Kentuckeys	lost 20-33
A C Delca	lost 20-33
Blue Streaks	lost 14-60
Dynamos	lost 22-57

Evan Christophides

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Evan Christophides scores a basket for Rhodes against Dynamos.



Rob Slotow of Rhodes goes to great pains to head the ball in the recent match against UPE. (Pic - Fotonik)

SAU FAVOURITES

The Rhodes soccer team maintained their position at the top of the Eastern Province Promotion League when they walloped Cradock 12-0 at Cradock on 26 May.

Mark Honey banged in five goals while both captain Steve Carr and Xhanti Singapi scored twice in a disappointingly one-sided game.

Rhodes, who were relegated from the Premier League last year, opened the season with a morale-boosting 5-1 victory over Hunters. Honey scored a hat-trick and the other goals came from Cuan Sawyer and Singapi.

Singapi scored three goals in the next match, but one of them was an own goal for rivals UPE. A

defensive blunder by Rhodes allowed UPE to snatch a 2-2 draw that they hardly deserved.

In the following match Rhodes played total 'park' soccer and allowed themselves to be held to a 1-1 draw by PE Technikon, but they returned to form the following week to beat the previously unbeaten Cambridge side 2-1.

With a little effort Rhodes Soccer will soon be back in the Eastern Province Premier League. The defence is solid and reliable, while the forwards this year are really sharp, as their record of 22 goals in five matches indicates.

According to goalie Andre Steenkamp, Rhodes should be hot favour-

ites to win the SAU tournament to be held at UPE on 2nd-6th July. "With the front line we have this year we can't go wrong," he said.



Gerry McGuigan rises to the occasion.

RES RUGBY

Res rugby seems to be undergoing a revitalisation this year.

Botha, Oppies A and Pringle are displaying some talented rugby even though their full potential has not been realised (yet). Injuries, unavailability and the frequent hangover present the same old obstacles.

Cory/Mathews surprised but impressed many spectators when they held the powerful Pringle team to a fairly close 0 - 12.

Res Rugby Results for May

- 13 Drotsdy, 16 vs Liv/Stan. K., 0; Botha, 43, vs Oppies B, 0; Winchester, 16 vs College 15
Oppies A, 44 vs C.B., 7; Smuts, 3 vs C.M., 0
20 Walker, 8 vs Oppies B, 4; Pringle, 40 vs C.B., 10; Oppies A, 20 vs Retief, 11; Winchester, 33 vs Drotsdy, 0; Botha, 20 vs College, 3.
27 Oppies B, 30 vs Liv/Stan. K., 0; Walker 16 vs College, 0; Botha, 42 vs Drotsdy, 0; Smuts, 8 vs C.B., 3; Pringle, 12 vs C.M., 0.

Kevin Mullins, co-ordinator for Res Rugby, told Rhdeco: "It's going to be an excellent year, all sides are running very well and playing good rugby."

HERE'S HOCKEY !

The Rhodes men's hockey team made certain of qualifying for the Eastern Province Super League when they beat Westfield 2-0 on Sunday 27 May.

So dominant were Rhodes that goalie Greg McDonald was not called upon to make a save during the entire match.

Both goals came in the first half. After 20 minutes Craig Hardman latched on to a through ball, beat two defenders and then slotted the ball past the advancing keeper for a great goal.

Five minutes before the interval Rhodes were awarded a short corner which Simon Carroll converted as the Westfield defence stood still.

Despite continuous pressure in the 2nd half, Rhodes failed to add to their total.

Meanwhile, the news from women's hockey is that Ros Heath has been selected to represent Eastern Province A in the two inter-provincial tournaments to be held during the vac.

Jenny Woods-Davis, Judy Ross, and Linda Birch have been chosen for the under-21 side.

The tournaments will be held in Bloemfontein and Cape Town.

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