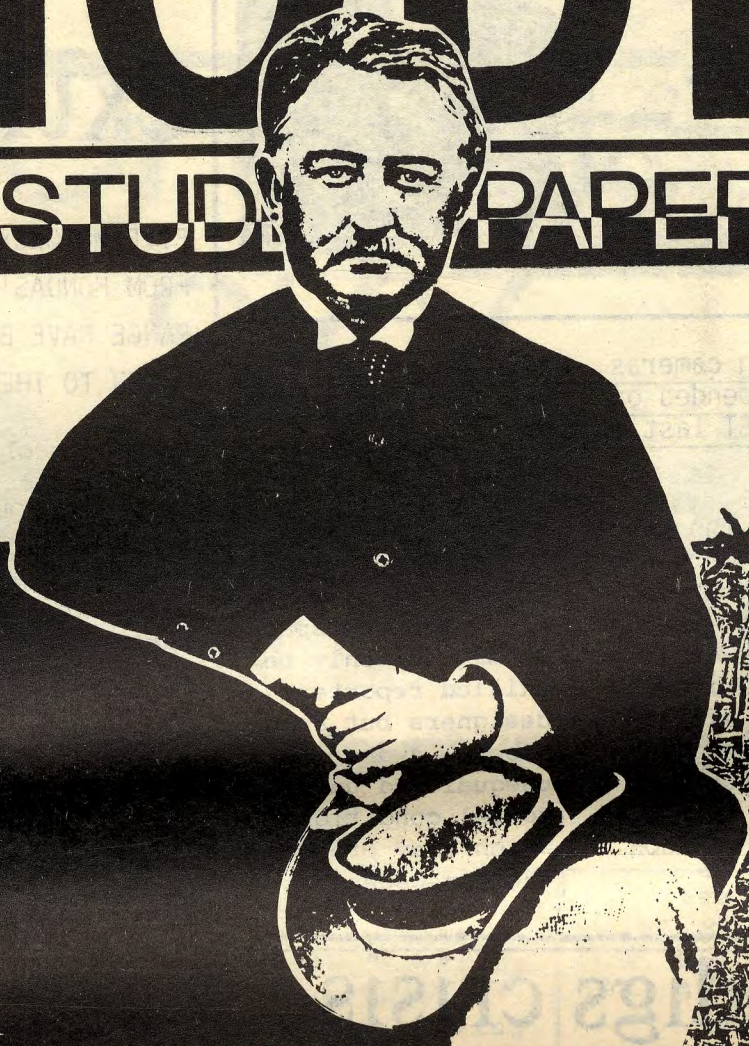
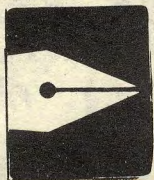


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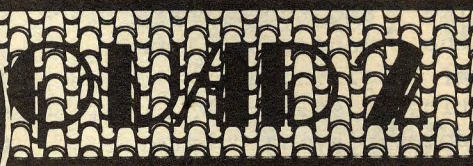
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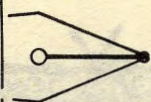
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Over one hundred students bearing cameras, sharpened pencils and copies of their publications descended on Durban University for annual SASPU MULTI-MEDIA MINDBLAST last month



## RHODEO gets skills

Nine delegates from Rhodes attended the three-day Saspu conference in Durban last month.

One of the functions of Saspu (South African Students Press Union) is to upgrade the quality of campus publications by organising skills workshops and providing advice on everything from good writing to cartoon drawing.

Student journalist leaders at the conference said the staff of student newspapers should not only be skilled reporters or designers but should also be aware of the unequal and unjust social conditions in which they produce their newspaper.

## Oppies face digs crisis

THE 1984 DIGS CRISIS PROMISES TO BE WORSE THAN THE ONE OPIES HAVE FACED THIS YEAR.

More houses than ever are "no student zones", and the only things looking up are the rents. Many oppies are concerned with the situation, and the threatened camping on Admin lawn may become a reality. The new Oppie Board has made the accommodation crisis a priority. Adverts in Grocotts will hopefully make the towns-people aware of our somewhat dire straits. The board is also investigating

alternative accommodation, but appeals to students who have lost their houses to report the disaster to the Oppie Secretary.

THE BOARD has a limited amount of finance available for a discretionary fund. This fund will be able to assist oppies who are unable to continue their studies as a result of being unable to support themselves. The fund can only offer small amounts of cash strictly for living expenses; no chancers need apply. Next years budget is being looked into and it is hoped that the fund could become a permanent feature.

THE NEW Oppie Board for 1984: Sarah Christie (President), Simon Burton and Mervyn Frost (Vice Presidents), Barry Du Toit (Chairperson), Bridget Hilton-Barber (Oppie SRC Rep), Nolene Schaffer, Kevin Standish (Sports Rep), Jennie Bowen (Secretary), Gail Fairlamb and Don Pressley (Media), Shaun Weber (Treasurer), Janet Small (Oppie Rep).

THE RAG and Entertainment Rep, Pid McLarty, would like suggestions for the oppie float. Even if some feel apathetic about Rag, 800 oppies should be able to make at least one small (?) float.

# SRC plans funbike extravaganza

FIVE MOTORCYCLES FROM HONDAS' LATEST RANGE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE SRC.

As a part of a publicity campaign to launch the "Fun Bikes", ten SRC's nation-wide have each been given five motorcycles in return for as much publicity as the SRC's can generate.

SRC Rag and Entertainment Rep, Pete Delmar, said the promotion would be combined with the SRC Leavers Ball, to be billed as an SRC Extravaganza. Two of the motorcycles will be given to lucky ticket holders.

Pete said he was trying to organize a motorcycle procession through campus, and that two motorcycles would be on display in Kaif.

The Extravaganza, to be held at the monument on 14 October at 7:30 pm, is expected to attract between 500 and 600 people.

Andrew Tracey and his Steel Band will be playing during supper, and the Barbara Clark dancers will be giving a jazz dance display. RMR will be playing "whatever turns students on" for the rest of the evening.



"This Extravaganza promises to be the most exciting social event of the year, and is the last big one before exams," said SRC president Alan Williams.

Alan said the SRC would be open to all suggestions on how to spend the motorcycle money, but said the money might be used to get a service contract for the SRC printing press which was unused this year due to lack of sufficient funds.

Pete was not sure at this stage what would happen to the remaining motorcycles, but said they might be raffled over Rag next year.

If Rhodes SRC succeeds in raising the most publicity for the Fun Bikes, Honda has promised to donate two more.



# THE CISKEI CONNECTION

## Rhodes ISER collaborates with Sebe on conference speech

WHILE THE RHODES INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONTINUES ITS NORMAL ACADEMIC WORK IN ATROCITY-RIDDEN CISKEI, IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THAT THE INSTITUTE IS IN COLLUSION WITH THE NOTORIOUS LENNOX SEBE ON MATTERS DESCRIBED BY THE ISER HEAD, PROF GEOFF OPLAND, AS "SENSITIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL".

The Institute has written a paper for a speech Sebe is to deliver at a development conference being held in the Johannesburg Carlton Centre in November.

Rhodeso was told this by sources who wish to remain anonymous.

"It was clear that what was expected was for a veneer of academic respectability to be given to Sebe's utterances and to the policy he is following in the Ciskei," a source said.

Asked whether the Institute had in fact been asked to write such a paper, Prof Opland was initially unwilling to comment.

OPLAND: I don't think you should ask that question. I don't think there should be any comment published about it.

RHODEO: If Sebe is going to be using such a paper at this conference, it should be clarified.

OPLAND: The Institute undertakes sensitive research very often, sometimes under conditions of confidentiality, and if I don't want to comment on something that I consider to be confidential, then I must reserve the right to do so.

Fears have been expressed that publica-

tion of such arrangements between the ISER and Ciskei authorities could have serious implications for future Ciskei-Rhodes University relations.

Rhodeso was told that Sebe was hypersensitive to criticism, and that he would quite conceivably cut off all future research.

The ISER is proud of its reputation as a research institute in the region, according to Prof Opland, and anyone is welcome to use its information.

"If the president of the Ciskei wants to use our information or our expertise, he is welcome to it. I myself am delighted

if the president of the Ciskei actually requests academic information," Prof Opland said. "If Ciskei, if President Sebe, uses our research to further his policies, that would be unfortunate. But I don't think that we should, on that ground, withhold our information from President Sebe or anybody else."

WHILE PEOPLE ARE BEING DETAINED AND KILLED IN THE CISKEI, SEBE IS PREPARING TO PRESENT HIS CASE AT THE REGION D CONFERENCE.

The conference is a follow-up to the Cape of Good Hope Conference two years ago, which drew up a decentralization

and development plan following the original Carlton Conference. It will focus on Region D outlined in the plan, which includes the Border, Transkei, Ciskei, coastal corridor and Eastern Cape areas.

It will probably be attended by "government agents, industrialists and representatives from Region D", according to Prof Opland. "It will very likely be a pitch for money," he said.

Sources said the Institute was asked to prepare the paper in a personal phone-call from Sebe. Various academics were called to a meeting and asked to contribute to it by each preparing a page on different sections which Sebe had outlined. These included education and economic policies housing and a large section on labour. They were told the work should be of a practical rather than a theoretical nature. Some of the academics refused to participate; others were not in a position to do so.

Mr Ian Macdonald, from the Department of Philosophy, said that, if asked, he would not write a speech for Sebe. "This would compromise me. I would have suspicions in advance that the things I wrote would be manipulated to



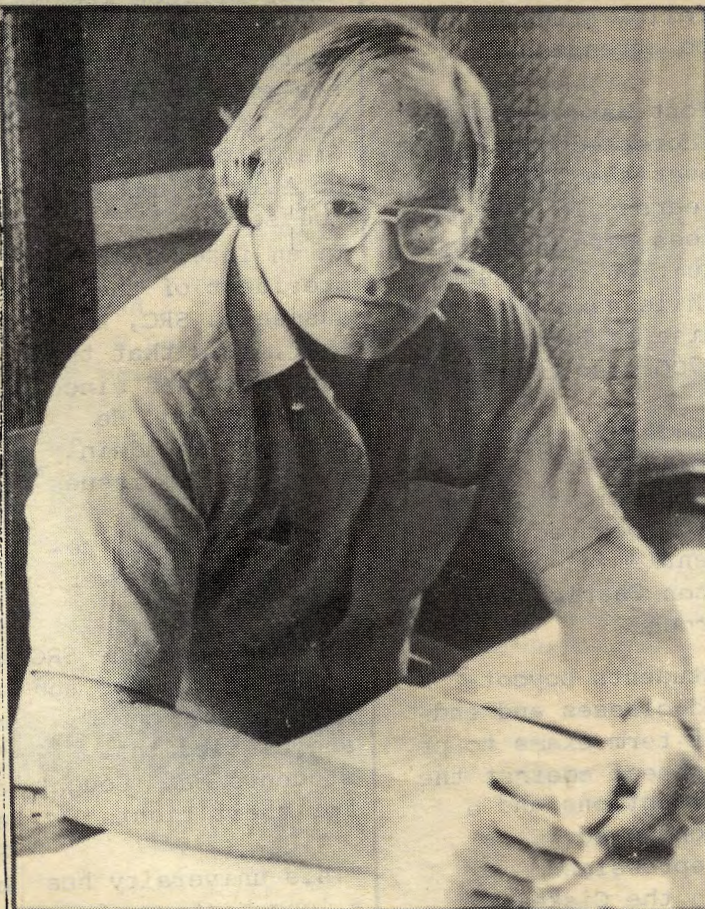
LENNOX SEBE

ends I wouldn't agree with," he said.

Prof Opland said he did not think the kind of work being done in relation to the Ciskei would damage the Institute's image in the eyes of the academic world.

"There may come a point in time, I suspect, when Ciskei could become so unacceptable to us that we choose not to involve ourselves in research," he said. "That is a position we have to review consistently."

■ THE HAYSOM REPORT STATES THAT 100 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE CISKEI IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.



PROF GEOFF OPLAND: HEAD OF THE ISER



# POLICE DISRUPT PEACEFUL MARCH AT FORT HARE

FIFTY FORT HARE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH PUBLIC VIOLENCE FOLLOWING A PROTEST MARCH TO COMMEMORATE THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH IN DETENTION OF BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS LEADER STEVE BIKO.

About 1000 students carrying placards with ANC slogans participated in the peaceful march across campus which was broken up by armed Ciskein police.

Students said the university statement issued by Fort Hare PRO officer, Mr Norman Holliday, in-

correctly claimed that only 30 students were arrested and only 250 had been involved in the march.

They said the march had been "non-violent" until the police arrived and claims that sticks and knives had been brandished were untrue.

Students said the university Rector, Professor JA Lamprecht, had arrived with the Ciskeian police who fired warning shots to stop the march. When students dropped the placards they

were carrying, they were ordered to pick them up so the police could take photographs.

A student leader said the trouble would not have occurred if they had been allowed to hold a meeting in the hall. He said that student-body meetings had been banned for over a year and there had not been an SRC since 1976.

Two months ago Fort Hare students set fire to a new staff tearoom in protest against increased student fees, and the decision by the university authorities not to provide buses so that funerals of fellow students could be attended.

Fort Hare fees have increased drastically over the last few years. In 1981 res fees were R520 and tuition fees R430, while next year they rise to R900. and R700 respectively.

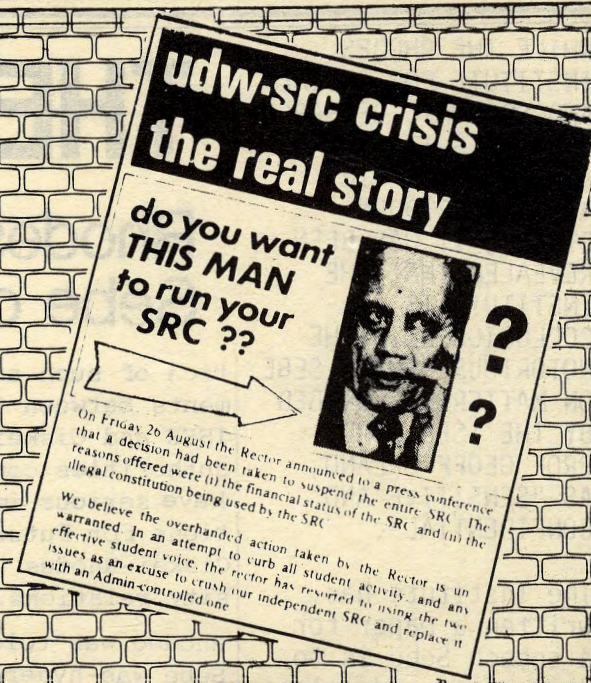
Students said the police were "quite sophisticated" and had "behaved like gentlemen" compared to when Charles Sebe was around.

Students boycotted classes and end-of-term exams to protest against the detentions and continued repression in the Ciskei.

## FORT HARE STUDENTS UNDER ATTACK!



# SOLIDARITY



## UDW SRC SUSPENDED

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN - WESTVILLE HAS SUSPENDED THE UNIVERSITY'S SRC, CLAIMING THAT THE MOVE IS THE RESULT OF "FINANCIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL IRREGULARITIES."

### SRC locked

Members of the SRC were surprised to find their offices locked on 26 August, and learnt from a press statement issued by the rector, Japie Greyling, that their activities had been "ceased".

In an interview, the president of the now-suspended SRC, Abba Omar, said that the SRC books had since been audited. He accused the admin. of using the issues of finance and constitution to remove student power on campus.

He described the SRC issue as a "long and hard fought one", and claimed that students had "fought for their rights".

"This university has a long history of fighting for an SRC.

Our struggle culminated in the establishment of one only in 1980", he said.

### Threats

Mr Omar said the suspension did not come as a surprise, but has rather the "climax of more rigorous" security activity on the campus

He said that AZASO had been threatened with a banning order and that university authorities admitted to an "open relationship" with the Security Branch.

### Campaign

The SRC had embarked on a wide educative campaign, despite the rector having banned all mass meetings. An SRC action committee having the support of all clubs and societies on the campus as well as support from various community organisations has been formed. They have also held a meeting at the university of Pietermaritzburg and have a petition circulating on campus.



THE BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW QUADRANGLE IS ALMOST COMPLETE, BUT NOT WITHOUT CRITICISM AND CONTOVERSY.

# Plans for new quad fail in the concrete

"I designed these buildings with a few things in mind," said the resident architect at Rhodes, Mr Jan van Heerden. "Firstly, not to be in competition to what was before, particularly the Baker buildings. Secondly, not to build a monument to van Heerden, and thirdly, to keep the budget within well-managed limits."

The original plan was that one should be able to stand on the library steps, and see the Cathedral through the administrative quadrangles and Drostdy Arch. This axis has been "impossible to retain" and the controversy that has resulted is a "storm in a cracked teacup"

## Day Kaif

THE university is building a "bomb shelter" in Quad 3 - from the dangers of an intensifying civil war: It is to be an underground Kaif.

According to Rhodes' architect, Mr Jan Van Heerden, "very significant savings on all the other buildings makes this 'day kaif' possible. It will be the heart of campus. It will be lovely."

The refreshment kiosk, opening in 1984, is to be administered by the Students Union. To



Architect's model of the new quad area. The ramp visible in the picture is said to be too steep for wheelchair-bound people to use.

according to Mr van Heerden.

"In an emergency meeting of the Planning Committee about this axis, some people wanted me to demolish the building's cloister and bridge completely. The committee voted this down and I suggested that we move the library steps,



The site is being prepared for an underground 'Day-Kaif'

ascertain its popularity, the new kaif will only open during the day, utilizing only half the allocated area, for a trial period.



which is not impossible. The Committee then voted to leave it as it is," he said.

Mr Noel Hodnett, a photography lecturer in the Art department, criticised this as a "breek 'n bou" attitude that could not be afforded in the present economic climate.

Quad 2 is not in keeping with Baker's original conception. It's like walking onto another planet," he said.



The Planning Committee voted not to demolish part of the buiding even though the visual axis was discovered off-centre.

"We've got the quad now and we are going to have to live with it. If people aren't satisfied with the aesthetics then this should have manifested itself a lot earlier.

Professor Guy Butler, a member of the Joint Planning Committee, felt that the visual axis might have been "better handled". He said that it was a "pity" that there was a "departure from the axis".

Professor Butler said that it was too early to pronounce on the asthetics of the project. The builders are still on site and there are no lawns or trees to

soften the surroundings.

Mr Van Heerden however, said "the whole thing has been strictly controlled and we are showing very significant savings on all these buildings, and this will make possible the day kaif.

Mr Van Heerden said the final cost of the new quad, will be about R3 million.

"There were very many problems; I could make a catalogue out of them," Mr Van Heerden added "We had problems with storms when a building threatened to collapse into a hole."

"When you consider that I built three new buildings and I'm still going to do landscaping and build this day kaif for less than what it takes to restore this Port Elizabeth City Hall it makes you think."



# More students at Wits detained

Over twenty students have been detained at Wits this year. In a recent spate of detentions, AZASO president Tiego Maseneko and another AZASO member were released without charge.

Gavin Evans, ex UCT SRC member; Daryl Glaser, ex Wits SRC member; and three Wits students Rob Whitecross, Jansie Lourens and Kathy Hunter were also detained and subsequently released without charge.

It is thought that the recent wave of detentions may be connected with the trial of Wits student, Karl Niehaus who is charged with high treason.

Kathy Hunter was held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, which allows for indefinite detention. She was unable to contact her family or lawyers whilst in detention.

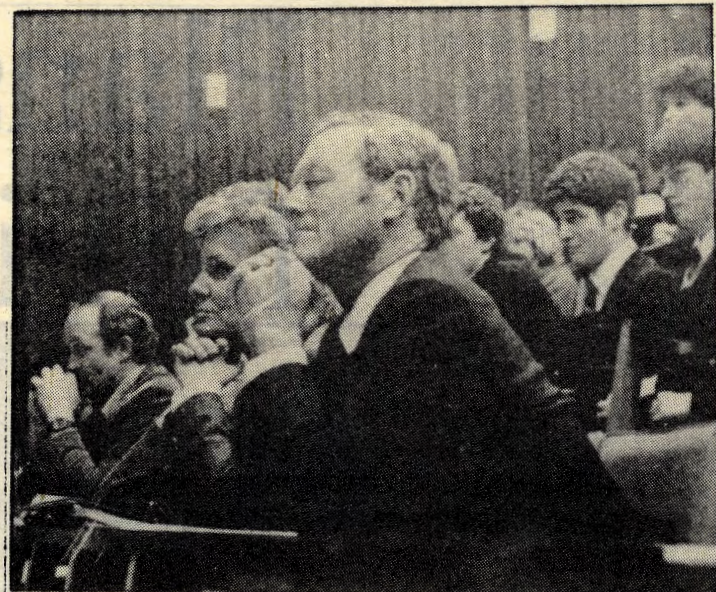
Reverend Stanton was sentenced to six months imprisonment for refusing to testify in Niehaus' trial as a state witness.

Brendon Barry, the new Wits SRC President commented that harrassment by the state seemed to have little effect on students working for a democratic future for all South Africa Africans.

Prior to the release of the detained students, a NUSAS National Council meeting in Pietermaritzburg, unanimously passed a motion expressing solidarity with the detainees.

The Detainees Parents Support Committee also condemns these detentions.

"It would seem that some South Africans believe that a new dispensation is increased by the new constitution. This is negated by the continual harrassment of people who have the courage to openly express their opposition to the present system of apartheid in this country. We will continue our ongoing work in opposing detentions."



## VC's oil portrait tells you something

THE UNIVERSITY CLAIMS IT CANNOT AFFORD A BUS SHELTER FOR WORKERS BUT RECENTLY SPENT R3 000 ON A PORTRAIT OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR DR DEREK HENDERSON.

The portrait, said to be destined for the Council Chambers, was painted in oils by artist A.W. Turton. Measuring a square metre, it was completed about three weeks ago.

Professor Robert Brooks of the Fine Art Department described the cost as "absolutely justified", referring RHODEO to the Registrar for the exact amount involved.

When asked why a Rhodes student was not commissioned to carry out the project, Prof Brooks said it was "standard policy" to use official painters from "outside" the university.

The Registrar, Mr J.O.M. Wilkinson said all decisions regarding the painting were made by council, and that it was not policy to quote the figure involved.

He also said it was a "very good" portrait.

"One should do this while the man is still active in office, not after. If left too long, the portrait would hardly be appropriate," he said.

"This particular painting has the merit of being a good likeness, but also tells you something about the man himself."

At present, the portrait is safely locked away in Vice Principal Brommerts office, waiting to be hung alongside that of the chancellor which was also completed earlier this year.

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## New faculty councils "Student power"

THE NEWLY-FORMED ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCILS RECENTLY WON THEIR FIRST VICTORIES FOR STUDENTS.

Certain departments agreed to review DP requirements and remove class registers after they were approached by Faculty Councils.

Negotiations are still under way but Faculty Council representatives say details about the changes will be released soon.

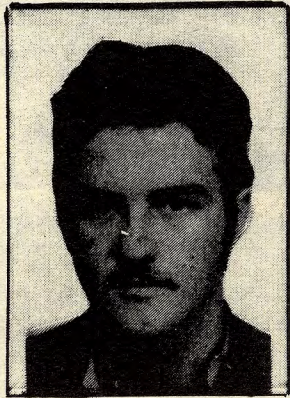
This is the first time since 1980 that Faculty Councils have operated successfully at Rhodes.

All the other English university campuses have active Faculty Councils which are seen as a crucial part of student government.

Steve Worrall, SRC Education Officer and member of the Social Science Students Council said Faculty Councils would allow students a greater say in their education.

They are the link between students, the class representative system and the departments, he said.

Top priority will be given to building an effective class representative system in the different departments.



WORRALL: "Faculty councils are the link between class representatives and the departments."

Other issues the councils aim to take up in the future include lecturing standards, course content, student representation on Faculty Boards and any other problems affecting students' education.

A general course evaluation questionnaire for first year Arts and Social Science students will be distributed soon.

Students will be asked to air grievances and suggest course improvements. This information will be used during Orientation Week next year to help first year students make course decisions. All departments approached have been keen to assist.

The success of the Arts and Social Sciences Students Councils has inspired Law students to investigate starting a Law Students Council.



## Over 1000 Rhodians sign NUSAS petition

ANYONE WHO HAS GONE TO KAIF RECENTLY WOULD HAVE SEEN THE NUSAS DISPLAY BOARD ABOUT THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PLANS.

Nusas Local Comm was formed after disaffiliation from the National Union of South African Students.

NUSAS LOCAL COMM has produced educative media about the government's new apartheid constitutional proposals

Local Comm's main activity this term has been a campaign against the constitutional proposals. Members have been gathering signatures for a national petition which is co-ordinated on all English-speaking campuses by Nusas.

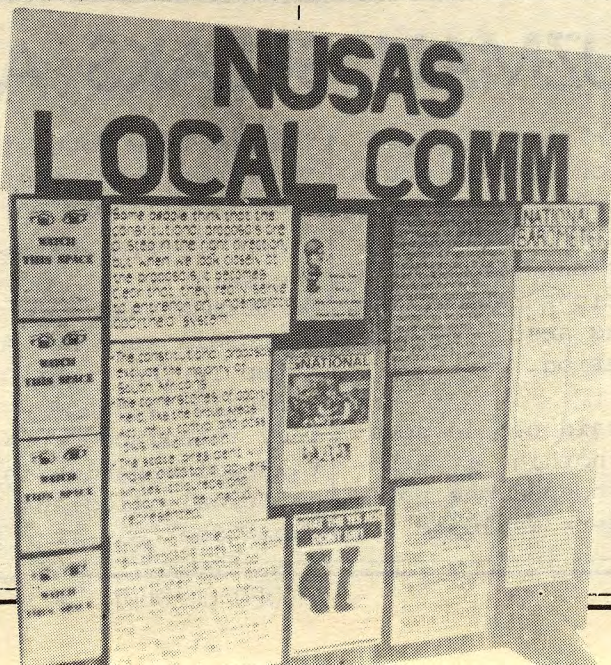
"People are really enthusiastic" said Joint-chairperson of the Local Comm, Janet Small.

"We have not been disillusioned by disaffiliation but have been working harder than ever to make our presence felt on campus."

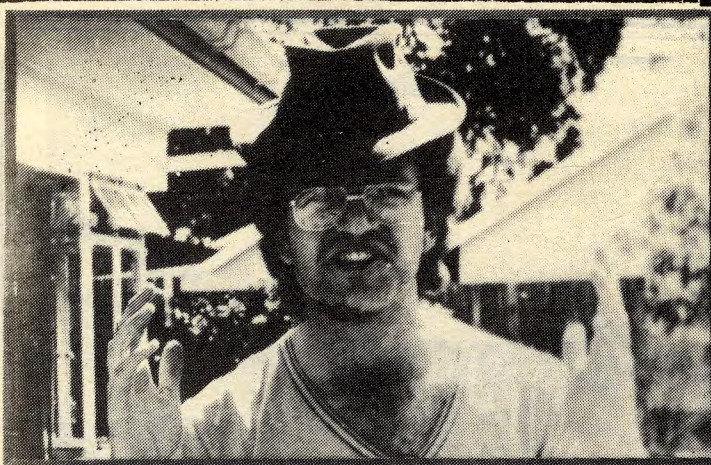
Nusas Local Comm has also organised a film festival in conjunction with Filmsoc to be held on 10, 11, 12 October.

At the time of RHODEO's going to press, over 12 000 signatures had been collected nationally, and over 1000 so far at Rhodes.

The petition gives all students a chance to voice their opposition to the Apartheid constitution.







HANNO RUMPF (SRC PERSON)

This new constitution is being forced down the throats of the majority of people in S.A. It will ultimately be whites who determine everything ... it's just a sham. The new C.P. is a sophisticated attempt to entrench the system of Apartheid further."

ALEX ECONOMU (JOURN)

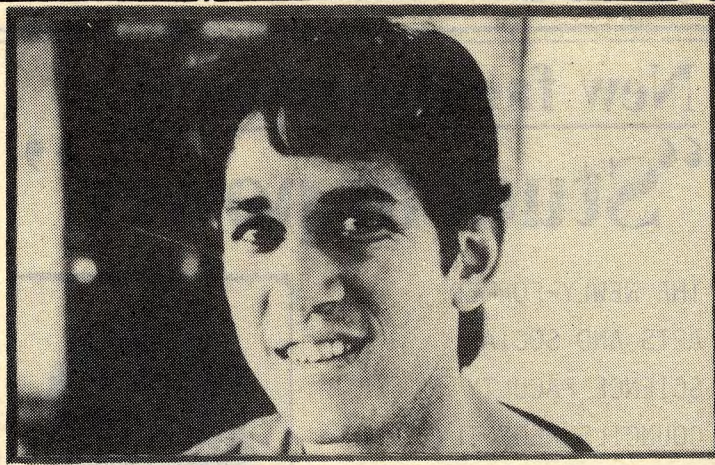
"The Nats are trying to delay as long as possible the right of blacks to power.

SHONA BAGLEY

"I think it's carrying on in the good ol' baaskap tradition. I'm going to vote no."

MONA LOTZ

"It's just not fair. I'm going to be voting no. I don't see how I can support this, it just isn't right. Its just not a solution, it cuts off most of the black people."



ALASDAIR MUSSELWHITE (DRAMA)

"I scheme it's a big con ... very cleverly conceived titivating morsel trying to satisfy all factions. Trying to say we are going forward. The fact that blacks can't get anything out of it reflects on the facade that it is."

# WHAT SOME STUDENTS THINK



JEFFREY GOWAR (LEGAL AID CLINIC)

"I'm voting no because both the 'Indians' and 'coloureds' have not even been asked whether they want to be part of this new constitution. There's a total exclusion of 70% of the population. Even if the new constitution came about, the 'Indians' and 'coloureds' in fact would have no voice. It will still be up to the president to decide ...

BRONWYN MURRAY (NA, PARTY YOUTH VICE CHAIR, L983)

"I'm voting yes. I reckon it's a step in the right direction. We have got to make progress. The Government cannot cope or alter the constitution for the inclusion of blacks at the moment. At the moment in the houses for the Asians coloureds and whites it's a representative vote ... proportionally representative."

SIMON DRYSDALE (RMR)

PW wouldn't put his career on the line if he didn't think he'd win."



BRIDGET HILTON-BARBER (SRC PERSON)

"The constitution is a farce and undemocratic. It entrenches white rule by a white minority and serves to maintain Apartheid. Can the Government call its initiatives reform if people continually get their homes broken down, 'resettlement' continues and people are increasingly detained?"

"WE DON'T WANT A SEVEN-YEAR WAR, AND 20 000 PEOPLE DEAD, BEFORE WE DECIDE THE POLICY IS WRONG," SAID PFP MP FOR HOUGHTON, HELEN SUZMAN.

Addressing a meeting attended by 350 students and lecturers, she described the proposed new consti-

## SUZMAN SPEAKS AT RHODES

tution as "a recipe for conflict in South Africa". Ms Suzman outlined three answers to questions people were asking about the constitution.

She said people need fear nothing if a no-vote topped the polls. De Klerk would be

"worse" than Botha if he became prime minister, and Treurnicht stood "little chance", she said. Ms Suzman said the proposals were not a "step in the right direction", since they introduced further polarisation in political allegiances. She felt it

ironic that the Naitonalist advertisements had appeared after the bombing of the Carlton Centre by ANC guerillas.

In reply to the argument that a 'no' vote would "freeze" reform, she said economic and international

pressures and increased urbanisation would continue to force the government into 'reforms'.

People need not fear a "hidden" agenda, she went on to say, since Botha was on record as having said that the extension of power to blacks would not happen in his or his children's lifetimes.



# Apartheid constitution NO THANKS

On November 2  
white South  
Africans  
will vote  
yes or no  
to the  
government  
constitutional  
proposals.  
Much hinges on  
English-speakers.

Even the National Party Minister of constitutional development does not regard the constitution as the answer to all South Africa's problems.

The argument that the new constitution is a 'step in the right direction' sees only that 'Coloureds' and Indians will be included in political structures, ignoring:

\*That it provides no role for Africans in the Government. The Prime Minister has stated that there will not be a fourth chamber of Parliament for Africans in his life-time.

\*That it is based on statutory racial discrimination and in fact relies on two of our most controversial race laws - the Group Areas Act and the Population Registration Act - to work.

\*That it entrenches the National Party

\*That it creates a very powerful State President who could become a dictator.

The 'step in the right direction' argument entirely misses the point of the new system: namely that the incorporation of 'Coloureds' and Indians is primarily aimed at ensuring the permanent exclusion of Africans.

The P.F.P. argues that;

\*By giving the new President, the nominee of a single white political party, vast powers which go beyond those of the existing State President and Prime Minister rolled into one;

The Nat plan is not only further weakening democratic government but is also opening the door to one party dictatorship over all South Africans.

\*By excluding all Black South Africans from participation in the new constitution and including 'Coloureds' and Indians in such a way that they remain an important political minority, the Nat plan will increase the risk of racial conflict in South Africa.

it is difficult to see the Nat party embarking on constitutional reform when at

the same time they introduce measures aimed at stricter control of the African population. The key features of this strategy are;

\*The tightening up of influx control.

\*The demolition of squatter camps.

\*The granting of 'independence' to still more pockets of waste lands.

There are fears that a 'no' vote will give a powerful boost to the Conservative party. However fear of the Conservative party coming to power has become a strong motivation for voting 'no' to the concentration of power in the hands of the majority white party.

To the prophets of doom who ask "is there life after a 'no' vote?", The Cape Times answers that "the best hope for the future is that November 2 will lead to a realignment of forces, exposing pseudo-reform for what it is".

In support of this argument they point to opinion polls which show that most white South Africans want more reform, not less, and therefore Treurnicht's Conservative Party is at odds with the main tide of white political thinking.

But politics should not only be seen in terms of parliament.

The driving force for change in South Africa is coming from outside parliament, from those excluded from this forum, who reject its legitimacy.

The UDF urges that South Africans should see this referendum for how limited it is and not fall into the trap of elevating it to something which legitimises minority-rule. Thus they imply that for whites a no vote on November 2 should only form part of the process of rejecting apartheid and building a just and democratic government.

To this end Nusas has launched a petition to enable students who sign it to state clearly their reasons for rejecting the constitution.

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Group Managing Director



# DISSENSION IN THE RANKS

STATEMENT BY PAUL DOBSON, 7TH SEPTEMBER 1983

During the past fourteen months as a national serviceman I have come to perceive that I cannot justify my position as a member of the South African Defence Force. Therefore I wish to be court-martialled as a conscientious objector in terms of Section 126A of the Defence Act.

My reasons for refusing to continue to serve in the SADF are threefold:

- \* I perceive the role of the SADF in South African Society to be an integral part of an unjust and undemocratic society. Despite its claims to political neutrality, its role is to guarantee the position of a government elected by a minority of South Africans. The rule of this minority is at the expense of the majority of people in this country and the SADF has often been called upon to quell the legitimate aspirations of this majority.
- \* South Africa is an illegal occupant of Namibia and has been declared thus by the International Court of Justice and by the United Nations Organisation. To date it has denied the desire of the majority of Namibian citizens for a free and democratic society. Instead it has bolstered a form of society based on racism and ethnicity. This occupation is enforced by the South African Defence Force.
- \* Furthermore, the SADF has persistently pursued a policy of aggression towards neighbouring states. Its role has been to undermine and destabilize the governments and economies of these countries.

I believe in a free, just and democratic South Africa in which there is no illegal occupation of another country which serves to suppress the democratic aspirations of its people. Furthermore, I believe that the relationship between South Africa and its neighbouring states should be one of non-aggression and friendly co-operation premised on a mutual respect for democratic aspirations.

Although I have already been serving in a non-combatant position, this does not detract from my reasons for objecting. Whatever position I may occupy in the SADF, I remain associated with and supportive of an institution which serves to protect and reproduce an unjust society. I find this situation untenable.

## UCT student on trial

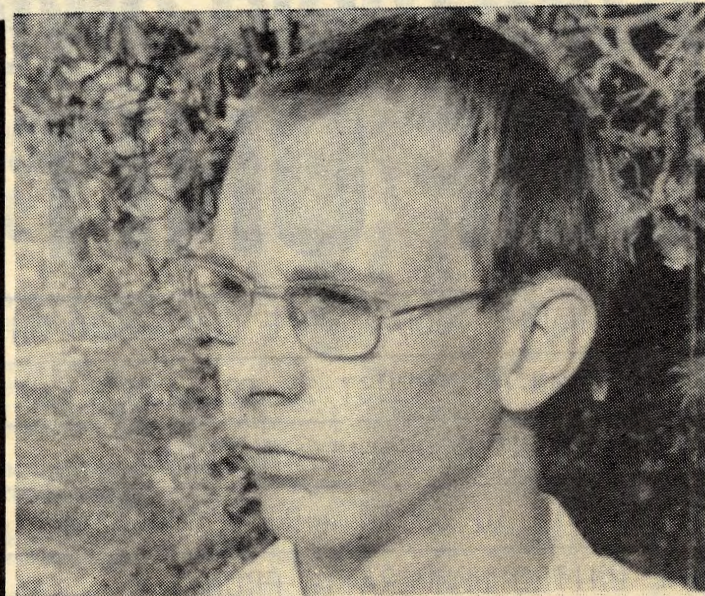
UCT STUDENT BRETT MYRDAL REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH A TWO-YEAR CALL-UP ON 6TH JULY. HE HAS BEEN CHARGED AND IS DUE TO APPEAR BEFORE A COURT MARTIAL AT VOORTREKKERHOOGTE ON 8TH NOVEMBER.

Brett, who is a BSc student, comes from Port Elizabeth.

Asked why he decided

to object, he said: "As someone committed to working alongside the majority of South Africans striving for a non-racial, democratic South Africa, I found it impossible to make an about-turn by participating in the SADF. The SADF is not neutral. Its task is to defend a system which divides

our people, and, through whatever means, denies the democratic aspirations of the South African people." The maximum sentence Brett can get is two years in civilian prison. He is likely to join Paul Dobson and the bandiete of Pretoria Central Prison.



PAUL DOBSON IS THE FIRST CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR FROM WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE.

ON 17 SEPTEMBER HE WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN CIVILIAN PRISON AND DISHONOURABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE SADF.

An ex-UCT Honours student, Paul had been in the Defence Force for 14 months when he decided to object. He was conscripted to Personnel Services in July, and transferred to the Natal Command Civic Action Programme. He taught at Edendale Tech, and this year began teaching at Impumelelo High School in Kwa-Zulu.

Paul was interviewed in Durban the night before his arrest:

HOW DID YOU REACH A DECISION TO OBJECT?

"I had decided long ago that I would not go to camps. But because I had a non-combatant job I was able to avoid the conflict within me.

It was able to remain a convenient non-issue. When my teaching job was terminated and the possibility of conflict about camps still remained, I decided to bring the conflict forward."

WHAT ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR ATTITUDE TO THE MILITARY?

"At school I had a sense of unformulated dissatisfaction with events in society. At university it developed into an awareness of political inequalities in South African society, but I remained fairly uninvolved.

"Entering the army was a cop-out decision, an individualistic decision based on the desire not to leave the country. My decision to enter the army was based on prospects I envisaged afterwards.

"Although I was a non-combatant, this is not justifiable, as I remained identified with and participating in the oppressive role of the SADF."

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

CO Brett Myrdal will be speaking at Rhodes on Monday 17th October. Look out for posters advertising the details.



# Apartheid divides UDF UNITES

MORE THAN 12 000 PEOPLE CONVERGED ON CAPE TOWN ON AUGUST 20 TO LAUNCH ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S HISTORY - THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

In the two months since then, the UDF has shown that this impressive start was only the beginning of mass resistance to apartheid of a kind this country has never seen.

Now the UDF has declared October 29-30 to be 'people's weekend', calling on all freedom-loving South Africans to show on this weekend their rejection of the government's new constitution and the Koornhof Bills.

On the people's weekend - just before the white referendum - mass rallies will be held across the country to show that the majority of South Africans reject Botha's 'new deal'.

Seven months before the launching of the national UDF, Dr Allen Boesak called for the formation of such a front. At the congress of the Transvaal Anti-SAIC Committee, he said: "Our response to the crisis facing us today is the politics of refusal. It is the only dignified response black people can give in this situation. In order to do this we need a

united democratic front... There is no reason why churches, civic associations, trade unions, student organisations and sports bodies should not unite in the struggle for a non-racial, democratic and unitary South Africa, pool their resources, and inform the people of the fraud that is about to be perpetrated in their name."

Dr Boesak's call gave impetus to a process already in motion. Regional UDF's were formed in the Transvaal, Natal and the Western Cape. Many hours of hard work and preparation lead up to the national launch at the Rocklands Civic Centre in Cape Town.

About 5 000 people were expected at the launching. More than 12 000 people arrived - because, as Saspu National has noted, history was being made.

At the launching, three national presidents were elected: Albertina Sisulu from the Transvaal, Archie Gumede from Natal and Oscar Mpetha from the Western Cape.

Helen Joseph, speaker at the rally, was given a standing ovation.

Nearly 1,5 million South Africans were represented by more than 1500 delegates and observers from 400 organisations.

Since the launching, many more groupings across the country have affiliated to the UDF, in a unity of people from different classes, races, religions and regions.

The UDF is a broad alliance of organisations representing many diverse groupings. These organisations include

church bodies, civic associations, trade unions, youth groups and student organisations, many of which had come together in regional UDF bodies before the launching.

'APARTHEID DIVIDES - UDF UNITES' is the UDF slogan. The front was formed to oppose the government's 'new deal' - the constitution and the Koornhof Bills, 'reforms' which would streamline apartheid and further divide the people of South Africa.

The new constitution, with its tricameral parliament would create the illusion of so-called coloured and Indian people gaining political power in the minority government,



Dr Allen Boesak addresses a captive



UDF officials chat in between sessions

Wits



Archie Gumede, one of the UDF presidents





vated crowd of over 12 000 people at the launch



students were part of the Transvaal delegation

while Africans would still be permanently excluded: the 4:2:1:0 ratio ensures this. The constitution is thus an attempt to divide the black population further.

The Koornhof Bills: the Black Local Authorities Act, the Black Community Development Bill, and the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill, are similarly divisive. Some privileges will be awarded to the few black people in urban areas who qualify as

Permanent Urban Residents, while measures against rural people would be more repressive than ever. And the new community councils will provide more sophisticated government control over urban workers.

Opposition to these bills has acquired a new force with the formation of the UDF, but the UDF presents much more than a rejection of these 'reform' measures: it presents social and economic alternatives.

# Declaration of the United Democratic Front



We, the freedom loving people of South Africa, say with one voice to the whole world that we

- cherish the vision of a united, democratic South Africa based on the will of the people,
- will strive for the unity of all people through united action against the evils of apartheid, economic and all other forms of exploitation.

And, in our march to a free and just South Africa, we are guided by these noble ideals

- we stand for the creation of a true democracy in which all South Africans will participate in the government of our country;
- we stand for a single non-racial, unfragmented South Africa. A South Africa free of bantustans and Group Areas;
- we say, all forms of oppression and exploitation must end.

In accordance with these noble ideals, and on the 20th day of August 1983 at Rocklands Civic Centre, Mitchell's Plain, we join hands as trade union, community, women's, student's, religious, sporting and other organisations to say no to Apartheid.

We say NO to the Republic of South Africa Constitution Bill — a bill which will create yet another undemocratic constitution in the country of our birth; We say NO to the Koornhof Bills which will deprive more and more African people of their birthright; We say YES to the birth of the United Democratic Front on this historic day.

We know that

- this government is determined to break the unity of our people; that our people will face greater hardships, that our people living in racially segregated and relocated areas will be cut off from the wealth they produce in the cities. That rents and other basic charges will increase. And, that our living standards will fall;
- that working people will be divided, Race from race; urban from rural employed from unemployed; men from women. Low wages, poor working conditions, attacks on our trade unions will continue;
- students will continue to suffer under unequal education, created to supply a reservoir of cheap labour. Ethnic control and unequal facilities will remain. Apartheid will still be felt in our classrooms;
- the religious and cultural life of our people will be harmed. The sins of apartheid will continue to be stamped on the culture and religions of our people;

- the oppression and exploitation of women will continue. Women will suffer greater hardships under the new pass laws. Women, will be divided from their children and families. Poverty and malnutrition will continue to disrupt family life. The brunt of apartheid will still be carried by our families;
- non-racial sport will suffer. There will be less money for the building of sports facilities. And, forced separation will deal non-racial sport a further blow. We know that apartheid will continue

- that white domination and exploitation will continue; that forced removals, the Group Areas Act and the Bantustans will remain.

We know that there will not be an end to the unequal distribution of the land, wealth and resources of the country. That the migratory labour system will live on to destroy family life.

We know that the government will always use false leaders to become its junior partners and to control us. Our lives will still be filled with fears of harassment, bannings, detentions and death.

Mindful of the fact that the new Constitutional proposals and Koornhof measures will further entrench apartheid and white domination.

We commit ourselves to uniting all our people wherever they may be in the cities and countryside, the factories and mines, schools, colleges and universities, housing and sports fields, churches, mosques and temples, to fight for our freedom.

We therefore resolve to stand shoulder to shoulder in our common struggle and commit ourselves to work together to

- organise and mobilise all community, worker, student, women, religious, sporting and other organisations under the banner of the United Democratic Front;
- consult our people regularly and honestly, and bravely and strive to represent their views and aspirations;
- educate all about the coming dangers and the need for unity;
- build and strengthen all organisations of the people;
- unite in action against these Bills and other day-to-day problems affecting our people.

And now therefore

We pledge to come together in the United Democratic Front and fight side by side against the Government's constitutional proposals and the Koornhof bills.

The UDF is guided by the principles set out in its declaration:

\* A belief that democracy means both the election by the people of their representatives and the allocation of resources for the benefit of all

\* Unity of all democrats, regardless of race, religion or colour.

\* A recognition of the necessity to work in consultation with and reflect accurately the demands of democratic people, wherever

they may be.

State reaction to the UDF has been inconsistent and perhaps confused. UDF people have been harassed from the start. One of the three presidents, Albertina Sisulu, was arrested before the national launching, and is presently in jail facing political charges. And supporters have been harassed all over the country, particularly while distributing the UDF newsletter.

State media hardly covered the massive

launching, and the government refused to comment. But it banned the meeting to launch a Border UDF in East London on September 24.

Certainly the government has reason to worry. The UDF has shown that the massive launch the biggest gathering of those opposed to the apartheid system since the 1950 s, was only the beginning of a political movement which directly threatens the government's existence, and which it will find difficult to repress.



# RHODEO

## WHITE REFERENDUM

Anyone who is opposed to apartheid must reject the new constitution. But rejection is not enough. Our opposition should not stop at the ballot box.

We must also be committed to building a South Africa acceptable to all who live in it. The desire of most people for a just and united South Africa is what poses the real threat to apartheid.

This is why the government is banning meetings of the United Democratic Front. Recently it banned a meeting of the UDF National Secretariat - a group of ten people - on the grounds that it could "seriously endanger public peace". This shows, firstly, that they recognize the power of the UDF. Secondly, it demonstrates that reform and repression are two sides of the same coin: bannings and the 'new deal' go hand in hand.

This is the last RHODEO of the year. Good luck for exams. Hope you beat the exam system.

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TO THE NEW RHODEO EDITOR.

Please could you try to make your paper a little more student-oriented. The sports section is woefully inadequate. I also think that some attempt could be made to run student ads and info on various happenings.

SHANE HODGSON



DEAR SHANE

You may have noticed that we have tried to cover as many campus events as possible. Letters were sent to all societies and

sports clubs asking for suggestions and contributions. The response however has been limited.

We certainly need more sport and welcome any volunteers to contribute.

We believe however that student-oriented does not only mean campus-oriented. We should not isolate ourselves from national events. EDS.

## Higher fees Less service

DEAR EDITORS

Having been in 'digs' for 6 months it seems strange that I am enjoying a better standard of living at approximately R100 a month less than that offered by the residences. This is the case in spite of having to pay rent and employ a maid.

Each year students are told to cut down on water, electricity and food. In a time of spiralling costs this would seem reasonable. Each year the fees have been increased, however, to accommodate inflation, yet in my second year the food was noticeably worse than that served in my first year. I hear that the food situation has followed the same trend this year.

The problem is two-fold. Firstly, the students are paying higher fees, yet getting less in return for their money.

One must therefore ask the question: "What are the fees being paid for?" The

University should be prepared that the income received (3.1 Million) is being spent on the students and an audited Income and Expenditure statement should be issued to every person who pays fees.

The student's situation could be likened to that of a shareholder. A shareholder provides the money for a company to operate and at the end of each year receives a Balance Sheet and Income Statement to show how his (sic) funds have been used.

At Rhodes the student is providing the revenue for the services rendered by the University. Students therefore have an interest in the residences in that their money is being used to provide a service.

They should receive that service and no less, and should any money be left over, the student is entitled to be refunded. The money should not be utilized elsewhere.

The second problem concerns services for which the student is paying. Clearly the Univer-

sity is not meeting the demands of the student. The following situation illustrates my point.

Approximately R80 expenditure per year per female student is budgeted at the laundry. Few women use the facility and yet the laundry appears to be operating at 95% capacity. What happens to the money paid by female students who do not send their clothes to the laundry?

Effective action should be taken when student complaints are received. Nothing has been heard from senate about the Kimberly Hall Rat Saga. It is apparent that unless the student body does something to bring about change, nothing will happen.

I propose that the SRC investigate the current system. A committee should levy constructive criticism and a number of suitable proposals.

The SRC should take these proposals and show senate that the old system is due for a service.

YOURS FAITHFULLY  
A.N. TRILBY



# Nuclear Evasion

DEAR RHODEO

I was thoroughly disgusted with the "Do we need nuclear power" symposium last Thursday. Instead of an open debate on nuclear energy and the possible dangers of its use, we had a series of evasions by so-called experts trying to convince us that a street accident was comparable to a nuclear disaster.

Certainly, many people in the audience may have wondered whether alpha, beta or gamma rays would convert them into a pile of ash. Personally I don't give a damn.

I'm also concerned as to how the experts arrive at so-called dangerous exposure to radiation as opposed to harmless radiation.

I certainly question 'expert' opinion on

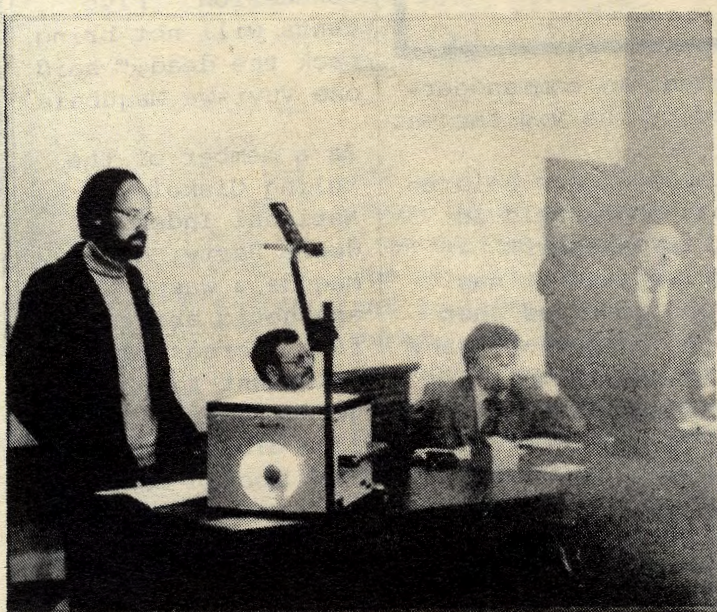
danger levels if they consider that 500 000 parts that can go wrong are 99% safe. I don't know anybody that safe!

More specifically to South Africa, can the experts assure us that the ANC will suddenly lose interest in Koeberg once it becomes operational?

What was blatantly offensive was the imbalance of speakers. How could a layperson be expected to provide counter-arguments to scientific experts with their barrage of statistics. The scientific and government experts seem to have quite different values about life and health than myself.

If South Africa has enough coal for 400 years and enough sun to make solar energy a viable alternative why should we endanger our life and genes for short-term economic benefits,

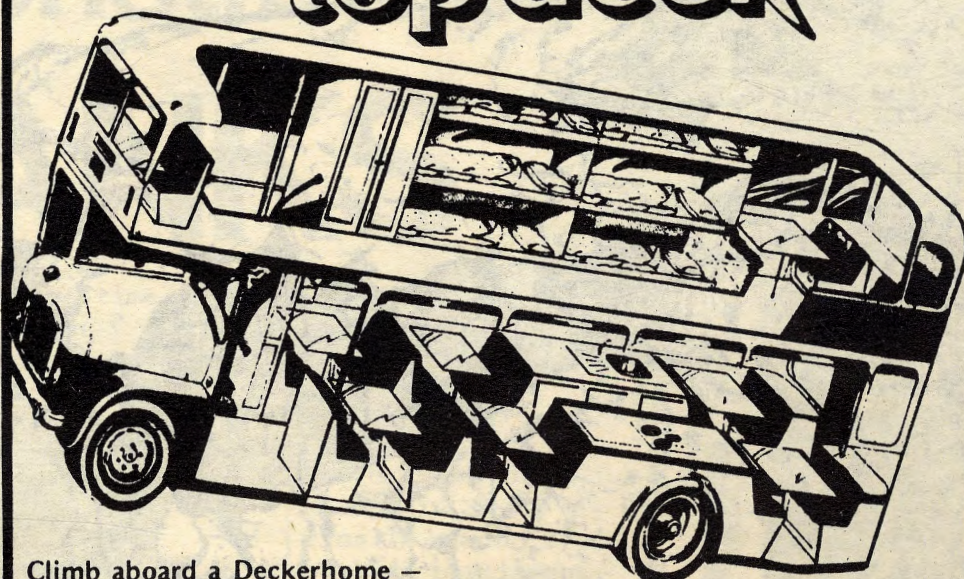
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The single person speaking against nuclear power, Mr Don Pinnock waits patiently while the 'experts' interrupt his speaking time.

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Even the South African authorities, believing in the viability of the independent homelands, are said to be dismayed at the Sebe regime's handling of the four-month old bus boycott in Mdantsane, Ciskei, which has mobilised the township's angry residents on a scale unparalleled before.

## Bus boycott

The supreme irony of the unbating boycott is that the Ciskeien Government's desperate strong-arm tactics aimed at silencing a protest over an 11 per cent fare increase fuelled the boycott, providing a momentum the trade unionists could never have achieved alone.

Yet the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), which enjoys a measure of

support life-President Lennox Sebe can never hope to approximate, has been blamed for instability in the sprawling township.

The union was banned in Ciskei last month, and President Sebe complained the South African authorities had been "too soft" on Saawu, but was grateful at the same time for their co-operation when it came to effecting the detention of those Saawu officials not behind bars already.

An all-out Ciskeien police campaign to break the boycott has seen at least seven dead, scores injured and hundreds detained.

## Vigilantes

Vigilantes operating with Sebe's sanction have terrorised Mdantsane, plundering, raping and assaulting at will, according to residents, some of whom allegedly have been incarcerated and tortured in the township's Sisa Dukashe sports

stadium, commandeered by the vigilantes.

Children are said to have been held in this makeshift prison and it has been reported that the vigilantes, many of them Sebe supporters recruited from the rural areas, have demanded ransoms of R150 from their parents for their release.

Mdantsane, the second largest black township in Southern Africa, has responded with seething discontent.

"Five cents will not bring back the dead", said one resident.

Cries of "amandla" and "away with Sebe" have disturbed sleepy white suburbs as trains carry East London's labour force to the industrial area.

South Africa's Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha flew to Zwelitsha at the height of the turmoil for talks with president Sebe. The bus fare increase was halved and the massive police presence in Mdantsane all but withdrawn. The vigilantes stayed, however.

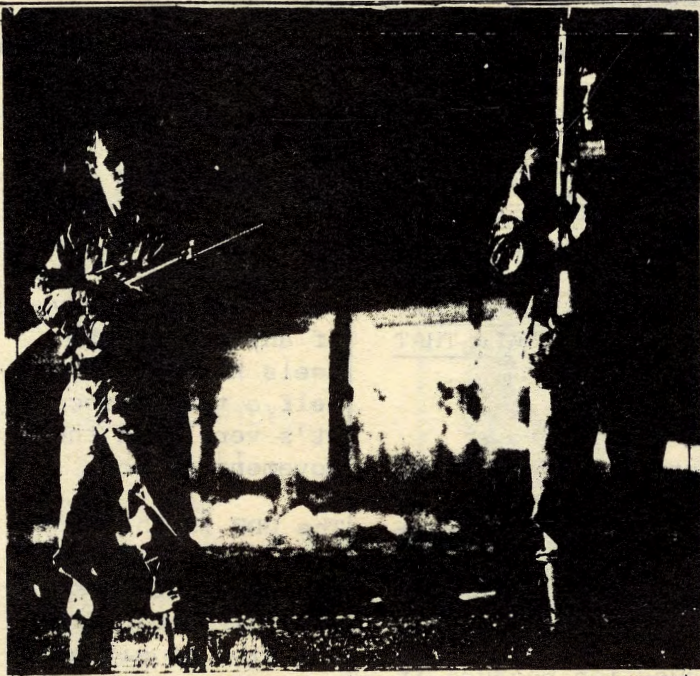
## People angry

But Mdantsane residents were not appeased by the fare concession. "Five cents will not bring back the dead," said one Vuyiswa Maqubela.

As a member of the ruling Ciskei National Independence Party, Ms Maqubela was apathetic about the fare increase and reluctant to jeopardise her job as a cleaner in an East London Hotel.

But, she said, bus commuters had been threatened with petrol bomb attacks on their homes, so she endured the hardship of walking an extra 24 km daily to board trains.





Ms Maqubela changed radically after Aug. 4 when at least 45 people fell to hail of police bullets before sunrise at Mdantsane railway sidings. Authorities reported five dead and two subsequent fatalities. Surviving victims said they had been shot in cold blood.

They were strangers to Ms Maqubela. But she wept, tore up her CNIP membership card and vowed never to board a bus again.

Mdantsane is still angry. Venting this anger has been virtually impossible; a state of emergency confines residents to their homes between 10 pm and 4 am and prohibits gatherings of more than four. Weekend funerals for the dead are banned.

## Committee of 10

(A committee of 10 - drawn from local branches of Saawu, the African Food and Canning Workers Union, the General Workers Union and the Congress of South

African Students, said to represent more than 100 000 members - was appointed originally to negotiate with the transport company, Ciskei Transport Corporation, which is jointly owned by the South African and Ciskei Governments. Eight members of the committee are behind bars.)

In the absence of any legal venue, train carriages have provided an ideal forum for communication.

Packed to overflowing, commuters prostrate on roofs and balancing on couplings have learnt daily of the latest deaths, detentions and arrests for alleged curfew violations. (Of more than 700 charged with curfew offences, less than 40 have been convicted.)

Cries of "amandla" and "away with Sebe" have disturbed sleepy white suburbs as trains carry East London's labour force to the industrial area.

Passengers relay personal experiences, recounting how they were forced at gunpoint out of private taxis and private vehicles or turned away from railway stations and ordered onto buses.

## 16 year old shot

Friends of 16-year old Sisa Faku spent hours on trains telling of his death - contradicting official reports that he had been apprehended stoning a rent office before turning on heavily armed police with a knife.

No, he was not shot in self-defence, they said. He was killed after police converged on a group of boys playing soccer - Sisa one of them who fled in fear.

Mdantsane residents insist police bullets claimed more than seven lives. Some said police had threatened that they would be cremated at the East London mortuary where the dead were kept before they were identified and handed over to undertakers.

But hospital, state and mortuary authorities are adamant when they peg the toll at seven.

## Schools react

The bus boycott has also affected attendance at ten of Mdantsane's secondary schools. Male pupils, mostly, have stayed away from classes on the grounds that their

# WHERE WILL IT END?

older female relatives need protection when commuting to East London.

## Bosses worried

On the face of it, the East London Chambers of Commerce and Industry, concerned about the economy's disruption, sympathised in some measure with the bus boycotters as well.

An "international" boundary separating the city from its labour pool prevented negotiations with the Sebe government, and the businessmen and industrialists turned to Pik Botha.

## Wages cut

Nevertheless, managements continue to dock off wages of late-comers, held up at roadblocks.

Management of the Ciskei Transport Corporation was also constrained - by Lennox Sebe's insistence that bus schedules should not be altered, when buses were running empty.

The company, already battling to break even financially, has lost well over R1 million in fare revenue and damages as a result of scores of stoning incidents.

And the boycott continues, coinciding with a palace revolt linked with an unsuccessful coup and the detention of 17 security

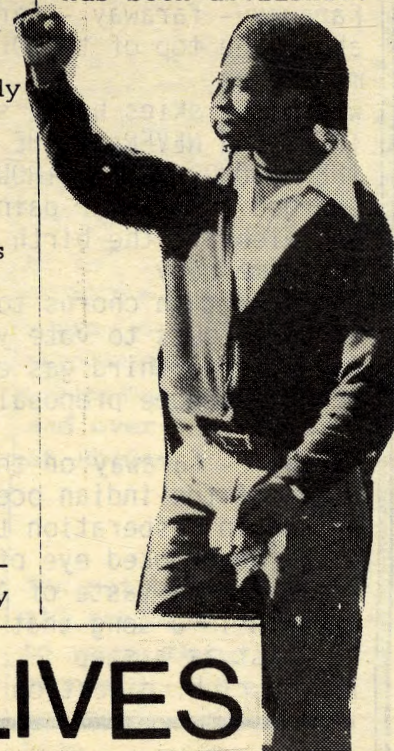
officers - among them the once all-powerful Charles Sebe.

The vigilantes remain, and while their leader has been arrested with Ciskeian police promises of an investigation into the stadium atrocities, Mdantsane residents still report sporadic incidents of vigilante harassment and assaults.

Faithful Sebe supporters are bearing the brunt of a backlash in the form of petrol bomb attacks on their homes.

## Unresolved

The frequently asked question - where will it all end? - is not easily answered. But it is clear the situation remains unresolved, particularly for thousands of now uncompromising, politicised Mdantsane residents. In the long term, it will not be resolved until the system which allows for such atrocities has been abolished.



# POLICE BULLETS CLAIM LIVES



## interview

WITH

Gordimer

WHAT ARE YOUR  
IMPRESSIONS OF RHODES  
AND NUSAS?

Being a student is temporary, and it's all part of preparation for moving into the big world. NUSAS is an organisation that unites all the SRC's and the student bodies.

So I think to dis-affiliate from a body which is trying to direct students' to question their lives and their society - this is truly turning your back on the realities of living in South Africa.

And whatever the faults that people may see NUSAS having, it still tackles the real problems of this country.

I don't think the SRC and the student body should only be concerned with student affairs but also with students as part of the community.

WITH REGARD TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION. YOU'RE ON RECORD AS CALLING FOR A "NO" VOTE.

Yes, I know some people say one should abstain.

It's difficult, because to abstain from voting is also to take action sometimes. Why do people vote, if, as I believe, there is no democracy?

Well, perhaps if the answer to the referendum is "no", it would cause more confusion in the ranks of the ruling powers. This is why I'll vote no.

IN YOUR TALK YOU POSED A QUESTION OF WHY A WHITE DEMOCRAT WHO IS OPPOSED TO APARTHEID HAS TO RISK HIS LIFE TO DEFEND WHITE SOUTH AFRICA. CAN YOU ANSWER THAT QUESTION?

I can't give a straight yes or no. My point is that we avoid talking about it. We avoid facing it.

It's a terrible question because if you decide you cannot serve in the army, that you don't want to kill your own brothers, then what are you to do? Flee the country, which is to lose your birth-right and your responsibility to the country, or go to prison for a song spell.

HOW DO YOU VIEW THE UDF?

I'm very enthusiastic about it. I think it the right move. It's encouraging to anybody of any colour who feels himself or herself a true democrat. It's very much the movement of now.

The UDF is the first base for a new South Africa. But it's very difficult from the kind of situation we're in. There's not enough debate about what kind of future there's going to be.

WHAT SORT OF FUTURE SOUTH AFRICA DO YOU HAVE IN MIND, AND WHAT CONCRETE FOUNDATION IS THERE FOR THAT NOW?

Many people really believe there's a limited form of democracy in South Africa. It's just incredible to think this - a complete contradiction in terms. How can you have a democracy for a small section of the population?

There's too much dismantling to be done before we can put together a new society. And I think that's what we're doing now, and I think NUSAS is honestly applying itself to the question of what has to be dismantled, including many attitudes - everything from health to architecture to literature, to every section of our lives.

"LIVING IN THE INTERREGNUM"

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## The Peecee Proposals

Faraway - faraway - faraway  
in the remote villages  
of Africa blues  
fake leaders went power crazy  
and sang in chorus the peecee proposals  
when thoho-ya-ndou declared  
sexual healing  
As the national anthem  
instead of "de stem van zuid afrika"

Faraway - faraway - faraway  
above the top of the Drakensberg  
mountains  
where the skies boast so blue & thick,  
THERE CAN NEVER BE THE BIRTH OF  
THE LABOUR PARTY WITHOUT BLOOD,  
emerged the labour pains  
to celebrate the birth of its  
firsttime baby  
and joined in chorus to sing  
it takes guts to vote yessir  
in Hitler's third gas chamber  
of this peecee proposal

Faraway - faraway on the shallow  
tides of the indian ocean  
sprang in desperation the cries of the SAIC  
like the crooked eye of a peeping tom  
dressed in a taste of Africa-blues  
to join in a song that was never sang  
at least is a step  
in the right direction

while the mathematical problem  
was left as homework  
for the HNP  
in this peecee proposals

Faraway - faraway - faraway  
in the promised land of kwa-zulu  
where dogs of war  
fight from tooth to nail  
give them cake if there is no bread  
perhaps they are playing with fire  
pee wee is no longer boy  
because he listens to Elton John  
Where to now St Pee wee  
in the Superbowls of Sin City  
thanks for the masterplan of Bophuthatvenda  
Since its part of the peecee proposals

how i hate to be part  
of november two,  
the era when beasts of burdens  
come to decide my fate  
the NP, the HNP, the NRP  
and perhaps the PFP  
i have heard enough of their noise  
now it is the hour for me  
to raise the alarm  
for the day of reckoning is at hand  
apartheid divides  
and UDF unites

A Poem by Mandla Mashigo



# review

"Latin-American writers should appropriate the word as Latin-American governments have appropriated the petroleum industry."

(Gabriel García Márquez in a statement, upon learning he had won the Nobel prize for literature.)

In *One Hundred Years of Solitude* (*Cien años de soledad*) not only has García Márquez appropriated the word but he has used it to construct a new world, a world "so recent that many things lacked names, and in order to indicate them it was necessary to point"; a world where "time passes, but not so much", in which the exuberant and anarchical sexuality of the Buendía family (the founders of Macondo, the hub of the novel's world in Colombia's remote jungles) regulates even the rhythms of animal procreation in a riotous proliferation of mythologies and metaphysics, humour and socio-political satire.

The novel recounts the history of seven generations of Buendías from the time of the founding of Macondo to its decline and eventual destruction.

'A major contemporary work of literature... the Latin American Don Quixote... a classic'

NEW YORKER

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ



On one level, the mythological, it rewrites the Old Testament

from Genesis to Apocalypse. On another it recalls the history of the South-American sub-continent raped and conquered by Spanish conquistadores, then

exploited by the material and neo-colonial greed of the modern industrialised world

... a sub-continent which remembers not only Simón Bolívar but also its recent martyred hero Ernesto "Che" Guevara, depicted by García Márquez in

the guise of Aureliano Buendía who "organised thirty-two armed uprisings and lost them all".

On a third and metaphysical level the novel calls into question the very notions of reality and time, of

institutionalised morality and social behaviour; of the structure of society and its values in a world that has become more and more depersonalised more and more dehumanized.

If *One Hundred Years of Solitude* were to rely only upon its imaginative conception and characterisation it would be a remarkable tour de force. The mastery over narrative ploys and strategies, the bland innocence with which García Márquez presents his startlingly juxtaposed imagery and arresting metaphors, his sudden shifts and loops in time which propel the story along Macondo's cyclical path towards its yet unpredictable destiny raises the novel to the level of a masterpiece of modern fiction- a masterpiece which, eschewing the directly militant political message and relying solely upon irony, parody and logical absurdity, makes a profounder impact on our complacency, yet without seeming to attempt to do so.

What could be more ironic than to name the founding family of Macondo Buendía which means in English 'fairweather'?



# INTERVIEW AS ILLUSION

When word reached me that there was an academic lining up for crucifixion I grabbed my little ballpoint hammer and gleefully rushed off to drive home a few nails.

The original case was, I felt, just a warm-up for this. I could run my own show, with snide remarks, and a few carefully chosen words, this year's great theatrical tragedy would climax in the Drama Dept.

I was off to interview Prof. Francios Swart.

I hereby formally bite my malicious tongue off. If 'Franie' (his "pet" name) can convey what I observed in our chat, to his students, then Rhodes Dept. of Speech and Drama is destined to reach new and dizzy heights.

## Reality

I thought it would be a nice (and nasty) little interview. I was mistaken. Instead it was, leaving my diminishing interjections aside, a command performance, and he was doing the commanding. Nitpicking and petty dislikes aside, Francios Swart: "I am an Afrikaner" is a genius. He fakes reality so well I was left wondering if my notions of it (reality) weren't just another boring personal fantasy.

Our 'interview' (I'll call it that for safety's sake) opened with a friendly jovial chat about our differing brands of cigarettes. He has one of mine. We chat about his mother.

## Humour

I ask my first question and he lapses into a five minute monologue about the theatre. That's good, but it's not what I asked him. I asked him about his career. I know he was Artistic Director of Pact for 15 years, but I want more.

So I go on. Maybe I can turn it my way. I decide to be as charming as possible, "I'll humour him" I think; and he sees.

That's why he's so good. He can spot every move you make. He reads my moves like an open script, text and subtext, in one move. No wonder he's been nominated for so many awards. I never found out how many exactly, he's so modest.

## Magic

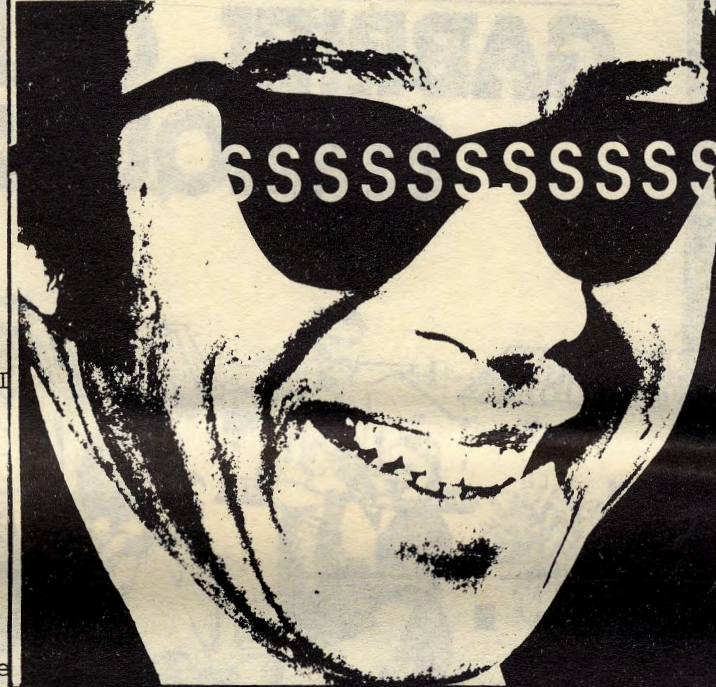
The voice rises and falls as if by magic. He has complete control. I wonder, "Does he know how good he really is?" His performance has stunned me.

"Marianne Faithful" I hear him say. "What now?" I think. On reflection I realise

what the analogy means. It goes something like this: In her 'youth', so he says, she was a glittering star, a

## Drugs

blazing comet. Too fast, too soon, she burnt out in an excess of drink and drugs. Even sang with the London Symphony at her height.



Francios Swart

Now, he says, she's reduced to a bitter gravelly wornout voice shouting obscenities. But not him. He may never have reached the same heights as Marianne but at least he's still producing good, consistantly high quality stuff. And then he sings for me. The voice is still true. The illusion continues.

But if I am to even stand a chance in this 'interview', I must fight back, try to at least regain the

## Electra

advantage of asking questions. So I push one in.

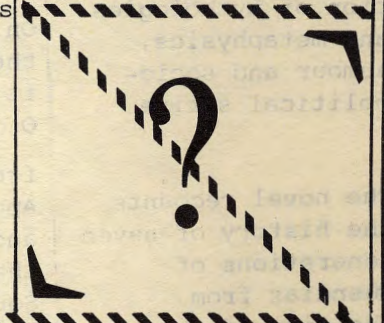
He sees me coming and neatly sidesteps (my question) and tells me about Stanislawski. I'm trying to ask about Brecht and he wants to talk about...

"Forwards", I think, "At least I can get it over with." I know his control is making me look silly and I'm sufficiently egotistical to worry. But I'm lost. He's not ready to let me go yet. I will stay until he's had his say. Praise the theatre-gods it's worth hearing.

Saved by my cynicism I think, "So what if he's good but can he transfer this power to his students?", and I see he will. If the transition from pro theatre to academic transference of knowledge has some teething problems, the final result will be worth waiting for. Let's just hope we do not have to wait too long. And let's hope I read my cards (he had the script) right.

Now we need a guerilla theatre group from campus to start using The Box. He says he'd like to see it. Successful motivation must be organic. He says so too.

"Thank you Prof. Swart" I say, and I think, "I hope you don't find my little ballpoint hammer libellous."



# Francios Swart performs for Rhodeo





# SONGS OF INNOCENCE AND EXPERIENCE

Who, or what, are New Releases? It has been a while since their respectable debut with Via Afrika,

## Fisticuffs

they have played at the occasional party, taunted the conformists and even get involved in the odd bout of fisticuffs with the latter. They have shown themselves and now - a critical evaluation is in order.

Excuses have been made in the past about their inexperience but that can now no longer be done. Are the neonates now fledglings? Does the King have new clothes or are they still as naked as the day they were born?

God, it's cold in here but whatever is said about them they are new, for microscopic Grahamstown that is. So where does this leave us? It is not difficult to make a name for oneself here, good, bad or indifferent. Some may call this potential, others use it as an escape route for hedonism. New Releases add another weight to the already precarious balance.

One thing they are

is a radical departure from the cretinous attitudes fostered by the bogtrotters. Other bands have also sprung up in their wake. Foreign Policy who I have not yet seen, Beejay and Shaun in the Vic (and how -) and a thankful revival of Kaif Kulture Sundays for those who aren't in church busy fornicating.

But the band are working on something new. This new ideal takes us back 15 years when redefinitions of form and art became desirable. This new concept is, dare I say it, a happening (thats right) that examines the question of who does music belong to anyway. Our trusty lads intend laying their instruments open to anybody who feels like getting involved. This will be called "the balance of happiness." A step backwards? Maybe, yet it is necessary for transcending the dichotomies of artist and audience thereby making both more critical and discerning.

## Possession

For far too long possession of a guitar stage and smoke machine has meant 'star' or

'Supergroup' that exists on a spiritual plane beyond our own feeble plebian comprehensions.

## Balance

"I wish I could play guitar like that" - so we buy the records to placate our



inadequacies and their bank balances At least N.R are avoiding stagnation by running on the spot.

Therefore I will not tell that their latest tape is on sale at 59 New St for R1,00.

New Releases are strange animals. I sometimes find Mark Osbourne's voice and pseudo-theatrics irritating although his keyboards are strong and melodious. David Noble's guitar smacks of crypto heavy metal a la The Asylum Kids and the overall percussion is, at times, pedantic and

unimaginative, however this is due to a definite lack of equipment. The beat is willing but the skins are weak (as is the joke).

The whole band is held together by Andrew Kay who is musically the most competent of all.

## Conformist

Sometimes I can picture him better with a butterfly

net (there goes another ideal!) than a guitar but he manages to translate his hopelessly miasmic concepts into meaningful structures, even if it does mean being an irate conformist.

For all their faults, N.R have created something too precious to ignore.

Grahamstown's notoriously sluggish artistic aspirations are slowly being weaned from the dysplastic regime that existed not even a year ago.

COMING UP FROM FILMSOC

Thurs 20 Oct: One flew over the Cuckoo's nest

Directed by Milos Forman with Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher - based on the book by Ken Kesey - A film you will never forget. This at times, hilarious film makes some telling points about how mental-hospitals are run and the medical hierarchy's response to a patient who refuses to conform.

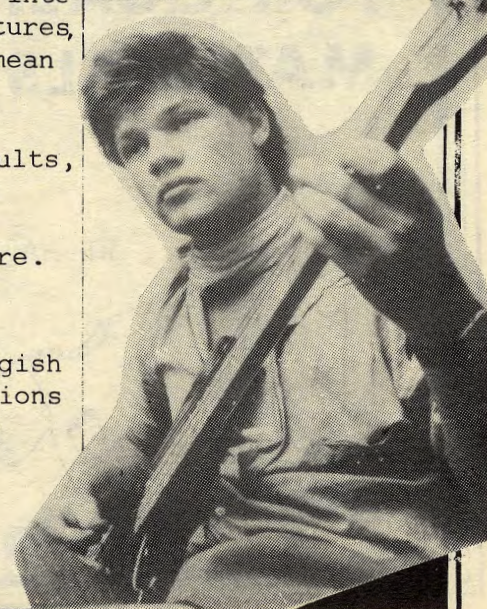
One of only two films ever to win the four major Oscars i.e. Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress.

Absolutely unmissable!

AND FROM RMR

Tues 18 to Fri 21 in the Union TV Room: "Urgh, A Music War"

Just under 2 hours, featuring 49 groups such as The Police, O.M.D, Devo, Dire Straits, Echo + the Bunnymen, Toyah Wilcox, 999, Japan, Go Go's, Aur Pairs, Olingo Boingo, etc.







## U.P.E. sink Rhodes

DESPITE MISERABLE WEATHER AN EXCITING AND ENTERTAINING WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT WAS PLAYED ON SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER.

Teams involved in the round robin tournament were Border, Buffaloes Crusaders, U.P.E. and P.E. institute as well as Rhodes 1sts and 2nds.

A few die-hard spectators braved the weather to

witness Rhodes I meet U.P.E. in the final which they lost 3-2 in an evenly contested match.

Rhodes seemed to gain more possession and had more shots at their opponents goal. But they could not consolidate on their early 1-0 lead. The final score was a reflection of U.P.E.'s sound defence.

Rhodes coach Mr

John Pugh said: "I am very satisfied with both teams performance". Although he added that U.P.E.'s stronger goalkeeping reign would have to be broken in order to ensure future victory.

Four players were selected to represent Eastern Province, those chosen were: Paul Rigby, Jeremy Hollick, John Crowther and Richard Denooy.

## RESULTS

### RHODES CLOSED TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN: Morne Hobson bt Brian Maclean 6-3 6-3.  
M Hobson and J Hobson won the doubles.

WOMEN: A Hellman vs J Brown postponed due to rain. A Stones & L Bird won the doubles.

### RHODES CLOSED SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP

MAIN EVENT: 1.L.Tebbutt 2.G.Gravett  
3.A.Carter 4.R.Tebbutt 5.T.Maré

PLATE EVENT: 1.R.Marriot 2.P.Mclinch  
3.C.Wynter

#### OTHER PRIZES:

Longest tube ride: G.Turner  
Highest first round: L.Tebbutt  
Best wipe-out: K.Rohloff  
Heaviest drop-in: E.Trow  
Most disastrous 1st round: G.Pringle

### INTER-RES SQUASH

WOMANS: Atherstone beat Salisbury in the final to win the contest, with many teams having withdrawn.

MENS: Pringle met Smuts in the final but were no match for them. The match was closely fought.



### CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Women (Individual)	Men (Individual)
1st Dianne Woodend	1st Andy Bosch
2nd Michelle Bartman	2nd Deter Wurst
3rd Heidi Wurst	3rd M. Hobson
4th Sanoy Naytuam	4th J. Hopkins
5th Lynn Tasker	5th G. Potter

Women (Team)	Men (Team)
1st Atherstone	1st Oppies
2nd Oriel	2nd Cory/Mathews
3rd Jameson	3rd Retief

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# REACHING FOR THE SKY



"Give us a Friend with some crabs my nuts dont fit in here...". You can raise your eyebrows but these are genuine mountain climbing terms. Membership of the Rhodes Mountain club is scaling new heights.

Under the leadership of 'Scruffy' Freer, the Rhodes Mountain Club, has changed from an elitist clique of fanatics to a club that is open to all who enjoy

## The Rhodes Mountaineering Club gets off its feet

walking, beaches and campfires.

Rhodes spoke to Scruffy of the club and found why the RMC has been so popular.

Scruffy said the RMC was following the example of two successful British varsity clubs - St Andrews and Cambridge.

He said this policy was being

applied here. Scruffy said by opening the club to everyone who likes having a good time, the social scene would draw in people who would become climbers.

This year 52 people attended the Morgans Bay weekend. And 36 people climbed.

RMC has pioneered

the first sea cliff climbing in S.A. and during 1983 about 56

were put up at Morgans Bay.

RMC also put up two of the longest routes in the border region, one of which is known as "Dead on Arrival" because "we were so Knackered when we got there".

But what is the big attraction of the RMC meet? The first one in that no-one is forced to climb and there are always alternative things to do.

Low prices allow the poorest of poor students to come along.

So far this year there have been meets at Morgans Bay, Katberg, Hogsback and a beachwalk at 3 Sisters.

● INTERESTED? CONTACT SCRUFFY @6659

## The Grahamstown Bookshop



**Stockists of:** Commercial, general, fancy stationery, a good range of greeting cards and posters, as well as Christian literature.

**Agents for:** Brother typewriters, Hewlett Packard, Brother and Casio calculators.

**Students:** Bring your A.E.I.S.E.C. card and qualify for 10% discount on all stationery.



# "Victory or bust"

Rhodes cricket is undergoing an injection of new enthusiasm and dedication now that the season has got under way. Guy Dakin, the club captain said that the current turnout of 50 or more players at club practices is an indication of the keen competition for first team places. He added, "Rhodes Ists must be fielding the strongest team in a long time, with both batting and bowling at a peak."



The return of Dale Robertson and Dave Angus, who were previously injured, as well as the inclusion of player-coach Grant Long will boost the team.

Team captain, Vernon Cresswell agreed with Dakin. He said "Rhodes

cricket can only improve now that players are taking their individual game more seriously." He hinted at using a "victory or bust" game policy in the P.E. 1st league, emphasising the need to "go all out for a win" rather than play to a valueless one point draw.

Vernon appealed to Rhodes crowds

to come and show their support and watch some enjoyable cricket

He said: "I would like to see Rhodes as an isolated campus given more publicity, a fairer chance and a creditable rating so that victories are not seen as flukes."

The big draw card

this year will be the S.A.U. cricket clash to be held in Grahamstown from December 5-9.

Rhodes are seeded second last in the tournament. But the hard training and discipline currently shown by players, makes a "dark horse" victory possible.

\* Capt Vernon Cresswell

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Standing:

Dave Lake; Kevin Tessorf; Guy Dakin; Vern Cresswell; Al Travis; Grant Long; Dave Angus

Sitting:

Brian Maclean; Bill Emslie; Roger Moulty; Kevin Milne.

## RHODES VS. DEFENCE

Defence made 230-8 declared in their 1st innings on Saturday

8th October and 223-4 in their 2nd innings.

Rhodes made 228-7 declared with Guy Dakin making 70. In their second innings they were 178-9 (Dakin 51, Maclean 38) before bad light stopped play forcing a draw.

# Jeffreys Bay — Supertubes

Rhodes surfers Colin Hall and Nick Pike were part of the winning Protea team in a recent contest at Jeffreys Bay Supertubes.

Four teams of 8 surfers each took part. The teams were the S.A.U Protea team, Eastern Cape, Southern Cape and a touring international surfing team.

THE PROTEAS BEAT AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM AT JEFFREYS BAY.

THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT - THE SURF WAS EVEN BETTER.

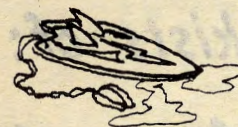
Top champions from the United Kingdom and New Zealand competed.

Nick and Colin made it to the semi-final.

The contest was surfed off in an enjoyable 6-foot wave with the Protea team

victors with a total of 1040 points. The internationals followed with 760 points, E.P. and Southern Cape with 610.

When the Springbok team beat the international team there was no less of a margin.



The individual positions were:

Richard Langden (New Zealand)  
Craig Sims (Natal varsity)

Daryl Johnson (Natal varsity)  
Mark Schofield (United Kingdom)  
Adrian Harvey (Natal varsity)  
Greg Smith (U.P.E.)

• Len Tebbut won the Dibbs de Bruyn memorial floating trophy. This trophy was presented in memory of a fellow Rhodes surfer who lost his life in a tragic car accident.