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BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS



LEGISLATION

Since 1913 South Africa's Black population has been oppressively legislated against. Seventeen million blacks are supposed to exercise their rights in nine ethnically divided homelands constituting 13% of the country while five million Whites control the rest of the country and make all the decisions.

I will briefly outline the Black response to this situation in which they have had no say. In 1887 Dr T Jabavu founded the Cape Native Convention. In 1909 he was sent to London to negotiate the racial conditions under which Britain planned to give independence to South Africa. H failed. On his return Black anger increased and a Black lawyer named Seme split to form the more militant Native National Congress. Jabavu formed the South African Races Congress, relying on White liberals in the Cape. In 1913 Botha and Smuts introduced the 1913 land bill in which territorial apartheid was legislated.

Jabavu backed the bill, believing it to be a fair deal, as did a faction in the Native National Congress, led by Dr J L Dobe. A man called Makgatha rejected this and he became president in 1917. Here is the birth of a division within the Black population today - between the "sell-outs" who accept the homelands policy and apartheid as such, and those who claim a share in a non-racial unitary South Africa. It is now evident that the Black man is becoming increasingly disillusioned with the system as time reveals its inadequacies.

BULHOEK MASSACRE

The Bulhoek Massacre of 1921 was the first manifestation of resistance to the policy. A group of Blacks from Bulhoek near Queenstown refused to budge from land they were squatting on. A police patrol opened fire, cutting them down. Since then Black frustration has been repeatedly answered with harsh and decisive action, most notably in Sharpeville and the Soweto uprising.

The Native National Congress turned towards passive resistance through strikes, but these achieved very little success simply through the poverty and weak economic muscle the Black population, providing an of the workers. It was during this period than an Indian lawyer in Natal came to prominence in his fight against discrimination by Smuts. His name was Mohandas Ghandi who is better known as Mahatma Chandi who rid India of British.

AFRIKANER NATIONALISM

In 1924 a new urgency entered the struggle with the emergence of Hertzog's coalition government and the first manifestations of Afrikaner Nationalism.

The African National Congress was formed from the Native National Congress. For the next forty years it was to be the foremost articulator of Black political feeling, firstly under Chief Albert Luthuli, Nobel Peace prize winner, and later Nelson Mandela.

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outlet for those people urging viol-

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nment. The long term goal of the

plan, then, was to preserve life

and prevent bloodshed. It never

got under way and Mandela, while

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serving a five year sentence for incitement to strike and for leaving the country without a valid permit, was brought to the dock again for the notorious Rivonia Trials in 1963. Mandela was charged with sabotage and a conspiracy to overthrow the government by revolution and assisting an armed invasion of South Africa by foreign troops. All key witnesses, including Mandela, had been kept in solitary confinement for long periods. Mandela has been on Robben Island

for the last seventeen years.

COMMUNISTIC AID

In accepting aid from the communist In time Mandela's patience in trycountries, Mandela did not commit ing to negotiate a compromise was exhausted and he decided to embark the ANC to a communist ideology and he himself remained first and on a sabotage campaign rather than foremost and African Nationalist terrorism or open revolution. A a socialist borrowing ideas from pacifist by nature, he reasoned that violence was inevitable as a result both east and west. The communists of government policy, that bitterwere eager to assist, wishing to nessfrom repression and the lack of exploit Black discontent anywhere in Africa and further expansionist adequate channels to communicate aspirations, especially since they this frustration, would lead to wanton outbreaks of terrorism and were already in disfavour with the bloody rebellion. If this bitter-Blacks for helping the 1922 white miners' strike. Thus the communists ness could be channeled efficiently into a planned sabotage campaign were ready to help, while the west against powerlines, rail and telephone communication and other noninterests in the country. human targets which were vital to the country's economic well-being. These attacks were supposed to have

However, the blurring of the ANC policy, the socialistic elements in the economic policy and the dilution of the essentially black nature of the struggle through the alliance with white communists, led to a split in the movement.

In 1959 Robert Sobukwe broke away to form the Pan-Africanist Congress. In the next two years both organisations gathered a massive following among the Blacks. In 1961 both were banned.

With Mandela imprisoned and Sobukwe banned there was a vacuum in the Black leadership which was filled by Steve Biko. Biko can be called the originator of the South African Black Consciousness movement, although the way was courageously paved by many before him. He discouraged the cult of personality and tried to maintain a low profile. His emphasis was on individual consciousness, to prepare a new phase in the struggle for freedom.

NUSAS

The first major manifestation of the Black struggle for self-reliance was the black split from NUSAS. NUSAS is a predominantly White organisation, simply because there are more white students than black and therefore the leadership is predominantly White. While NUSAS can claim to be a multi-racial organisation, it is still bound by legislation from becoming fully integrated. Traditionally the conflict was between the Afrikaanse Studentebond and NUSAS. The SASO split showed the inadequacy of NUSAS to express the view of Black students. While preaching non-racialism, NUSAS could not live up to the ideal. Instead of futiley trying to "bridge the gap", Black students resolved to unite as a unitary front with their own identity, rather than having their views, rather paternally put forward by White students. They owed their primary allegiance to the Black community and were determined to find their own selfwas reticent because of the economic reliance and pride and to articulate their grievances themselves and on their own terms.



This caused a lot of confusion among white liberals, who saw this as the reverse of white racism black discrimination against Whites. But its purpose was to build up a Black Consciousness with which to confront White power structures. Any group seeking confrontation needs to establish clear polarities. so logically a middle - of - theroad organisation like NUSAS should be eliminated first in order to bring about confrontation. And confrontation does not necessarily imply violence, rather negotiation. SASO withdrew from the non-racial ideal for realistic reasons.

What Biko and his colleagues were condemning in white liberalism was its paternalising negative influence What had happened in anti-government NUSAS admits that this was the case white politics was that it had become too smug. While enjoying the privileges of economic discrimination, white liberals are unable to do anything to change the system, but feel it their duty to represent the sentiments of the black population and to formulate a "fair deal for them. Once again the black is subtley being excluded from determining his own existance.

While an expression of solidarity with boycotting Black students is an admirable sentiment and can make the liberal aware of his own position

(and can do little to deny it) and claims to have reconsidered its ideals. Very little has emerged, however, to demonstrate the validity of this claim. The lofty ideal is to place South Africans at the disposal of "the struggle". It has not lived up to this ideal to any significant extent. It is still a complacent form of expression for the White liberal's bad conscience.

in society, a boycott is not the most relevant form of expressing this sentiment. This can be seen as another attempt by a White group to join in an essentially Black struggle and to express its ideals. A banner claiming that ethnic education is state control of the workers cannot be justification for a boycott by white liberal students against a liberal institution. some other demonstration of solidarity is necessary.

SOLIDARITY

The White liberal's course should in fact be one of solidarity with Black Consciousness rather than an attempt to join in the struggle. In this respect NUSAS is still not a relevant organisation, but it is difficult to say whether a NUSAS affiliation with Rhodes campus would be a good or bad thing, since one might say that some form of awareness and channeling of expression is vital, even though it might not be entirely in the right direction. What is needed is a radical redirection of NUSAS focus onto the white liberal himself instead of the Black struggle.

The point is that apathy is the worst crime and some form of action and expression is vital. In the words of Sipho Sepamla, the Black Consciousness Poet:

"For days I've pondered the reality that lives with us like the green of lanky tufts of grass whether to sit by the window watching the shadowns turn to night or make those little noises that affirm our tilted existence"

VHY BOYCOTT?

folding history of struggle in S.A. ing class and powerful employers The boycotts, mark the beginning of through the state that the recent a new awareness in the resistence boycotts are to be understood. to the Apartheid system.

To understand this, it is necessary to see the context in which the boycotts have emerged.

The boycotts, which began in the Western Cape "Coloured" schools in Rebruary this year, and spread throughout the country last week, can be seen as part of an ongoing struggle against harsh exploitation and oppression in South Africa.

This harshness is largely due to the ease with which employers, through the State, have been able to act against workers to ensure their continued exploitation. This ease is not because of a failure on the part of workers to resist. On the contrary; South Africa has a particular history of intense class struggle.

But employers have been able to utilize vast resources of control. through the State - not least edu-

The divided workers have frequently been unable to transcend superficial racial concerns. Despite efforts to unite their organisations (with progressive whites) in movements like the Congress Alliance, much opposition to the system in S.A. has been articulated in racial Against this the demands of the

But opposition to racial inequality eringly trying to introduce. The only attacks the **BORM** which oppres- boycotts are raising just such desion in S.A. has taken, and fails thus made some adjustments to the form but kept the exploitative relations of production intact.

Thousands vote to continue boycott

The current schools boycott repre- It is within this context of onsents an important stage in the un- going struggle between a weak work-

> In Western Europe and America workers have made some gains (although the system remains basically intact) In S.A. they have made the state undertake even fewer changes, And those small changes recently won are only on the level of adjustments student in S.A. should realise that to the overt racial form of conflict

The students see that even if their classrooms are fixed, the wider society remains as before. They might then have classrooms to go to but their exploited parents cannot buy the books. They may then pass standard 10 (if they are lucky) - and face the cheap labour unemployment queues thereafter. For example, one of the student pamphlets stated: "We reject apartheid and the economic system it is maintaining. Every they are the workers of tomorrow and they will be exploited like their parents. We reject the exploitation



workers are one step ahead of the adjustments which the state is wavmands. They indicate that the to locate the cause. The State has working class is not satisfied with the pace of PW's changes, nor with the content of the adjustments.

> A central aspect of the boycotts is the extent to which the students have transcended narrow racial issues and located their resistence within the broader struggle against exploitation.

The students have thus conceptualised their struggle as a working class issue, and further they have standfastly held to a non-racial position. Their slogan "Away with racial Education" shows that they realise the education system in S.A. produces both employers and a divided working class. The boycotting oupils have situated their education within a broader social context. seen the links between education and maintenance of an exploitative system, and realised that a true change

in education involves a change in the whole social system. An important pamphlet issued urged that the short-terms demands of the pupils be linked to long term demands: (Read out in Parliament) "Those short term victories, however, are incomplete until they are linked up with long term goals. We must see how these short term demands are linked up with the political and economic system of this country. We must see how the fail / pass rate in schools are linked up with the labour supply for the capitalist system, how low quality, school buildings are linked to the inequal allocation of funds to education for children of the oppressed and children of the oppressors, how inadequate library facilities are linked with the need to confine and limit the thoughts of the oppressed, how distorted history text books are linked with the need to obscure and propaganadise against the proud history of resistence of the indigenous peoples against economic oppression, how, in fact, the whole education system against which we are rebelling, stems from the fact that we are denied basic political rights and thus political power.

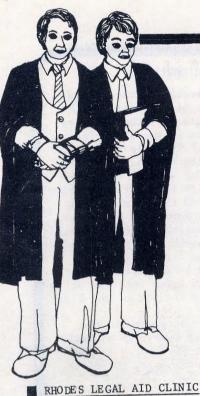
The state's likely response to int troduce measures to reduce the racial inequalities within an ethnic education system - is probably not going to go far enough to meet the students demands. The students seem to realise that this type of response will only change the form of exploitation in S.A. Their type of resistence will not be easily absorbed by the State.

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'In my youth', said his father, 'I took to the law, And argued each case with my wife; And the muscular strength which it gave to my jaw Has lasted the rest of my life'. - Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

Every Wednesday at 5.15 p.m. the Rhodes University Legal Aid Clinic opens its offices at Room 1, E.P. Building Society Buildings, to advise on legal problems - free.

Town and Gown

With the blessing of the Cape Law Society and the Grahams town Attorney's Association, the Clinic is staffed by three law students and a qualified attorney. The students are drawn weekly from a roster of 29 volunteers, and the supervisors present are Mr. Andrew Lang, Senior Lecturer in the Law Department and the Clinic's Director, and a Grahamstown attorney who agrees to do duty that evening.

The 4 Step Process The Clinic is not a firm of attorneys and is not entitled to act as such. It can, however, play an important advisory and mediative role in solving legal problems. There are four possible stages in the legal aid process, although some problems may be solved in three stages. Read on, MacDuff.

1. Initial Consultation A person brings his problem to the Clinic, where a student asks him what the trouble is and takes a statement of the facts involved. The consultant is informed that the Clinic will contact him or her at a given address once the matter has been investigated.



Researching the Law In the Law Department the student, supervised by Mr Lang, investigates the law on the matter and identifies the precise issues involved. He may consult experts where the law is in doubt. He then communicates, usually be letter, with the person against whom the consultant has raised the complaint, inviting this person's comments on the truth or otherwise of the consultant's allegations.

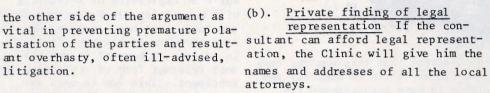
The Clinic regards this hearing of the other side of the argument as

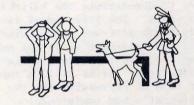
ADVICE FROM RHODES LEGAL EAGLES

the other side of the argument as vital in preventing premature polaant overhasty, often ill-advised, litigation.

3. Report Back to Consultant The student then requests the consultant to call again on a specified date. The student who took the statement then carefully explains the law relating to the problem and advises the consultant as to his or her best course of action such advice having been approved by the supervisors.

Misunderstanding is the cause of many legal problems which, if properly analysed, are seen to be illusory. Many cases are thus disposed of by means of the above three stages.



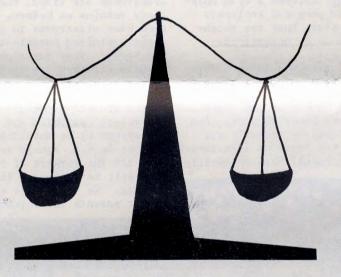


It is hoped that the student who In many cases the dispute ends here originally interviewed the consultant would be informed by the attorney concerned of all court proceedwould enable the student to follow the matter through to its conclusion as if he were in legal practice.



Links throughout the country The Clinic's activities are not confined to the Grahams town area. In 1979 a woman consulted us with a view to obtaining a refund of moneys paid to an insurance society in Johannesburg. The Clinic enlisted the expert aid of the newly-formed Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg, a full-time, non-profit making organisation staffed by three advocates and two attorneys. The Director is Mr Arthur Chaskelson SC. The LRC's funds come from the Legal Resources Trust, whose trustees include Mr Johan Kriegler SC (recently counsel for Doctors Mulder and Rhoodie) and Mr Sidney Kentride SC (counsel for the Biko family). The LRC has been most helpful and the ings involving the consultant. This prospects of our consultant recovering her money seem good.

> This week the UCT Legal Aid Clinic requested us to investigate a third party claim involving the son of a UCT employee. The son was injured in an accident in Grahamstown. The Rhodes Clinic will handle the case and then advise the UCT Clinic of the action taken.



4. Litigation and the Means Test If, as a result of its investigations, the Clinic decides that litigation is justified and necessary, it determines, using a standard means test, the consultant's ability to afford legal representation by qualified practitioners. This is important, because:

(a). If the consultant cannot afpays for it.

(b). If he can, he must pay.

(a). State legal aid The means test is laid down by the Legal Aid Board, based in Pretoria. Grahamstown's Legal Aid Officer, who decides whether legal aid should be granted to an applicant, is presently Mr John Rainier, who obtained his LL.B at Rhodes last year.

an application for legal aid form on the personal details of a consultthe consultant's behalf. If legal aid is granted, the consultant is directed to a firm of attorneys by the Legal Aid Officer.

ted within a few days but in civil cases may be granted only after some student his problems, Mr Lang is a-

and any person, student or townperson, of whatever colour groups, is welcome to bring us his or her legal problem. Nearly every Wednes- 1. day this year Rhodes students have consulted us; an encouraging development on last year's activities. Our air-conditioned offices are to ford representation, the State be found at the top of a flight of stairs on the Hill Street side of the E.P. Building Society Buildings on the corner of Hill Street and Church Square.



The Rhodes Legal Aid Clinic fills in The Clinic undertakes to ensure that 4. Workmen's Compensation, Pension ants case do not become the common knowledge of the campus or the town. 5. This emphasis on confidentiality is seen as essential training for the law students in professional ethics. Legal aid in criminal cases is gran- If a student consultant or a mature non-student does not wish to tell a vailable to serve.



Potpourri of Legal Problems The diversity of Clinic work this year is providing law students with excellent opportunities of learning and applying what they are taught in The Clinic performs a social service lectures and tutorials. Problems have been connected with the following areas of law:

- Lease. Students have sought advice on a number of problems relating to lease agreement and co-tenancies.
- 2. Maintenance of deserted mothers and children. These consultants are mostly Black. It does seem after liason with the Maintenance Officer, as if a useful service can be given in this overworked court.
- 3. Criminal Law. Students facing differing charges, mainly related to driving, have consulted
- and Unemployment Benefit claims.
- Miscellaneous. These include consultants faced with compulsory purchase or expropriation; Defence Force claims for repayment of overpaid military pay; and wrongful dismissal or withholding of wages.



HAT'S THE FIGHT ABOUT?

A CRITIQUE OF THE CURRENT LIBERAL / LEFT DILEMMA IN STUDENT POLITICS

BY CHRIS BUTLER

The most articulate groups in Student Politics on English speaking South African campuses are the Liberals and the Left Wingers. After the timely demise of Bryan Hack as a politician, the right ceases to be articulate.

Liberals are keen to maximise individual freedom at all times, while the Left are often prepared to tolerate, and even promote suffering and the the denial of democratic rights in the name of the Marxist dream.

Liberals are working for a state which will be subserviant to the power of its citizens, while the Left tend to favour a state which is more important than its individual members. Consequently, the Liberals normally favour a market economy, while the Left argue for a command e conomy.

POOR COOPERATION

Throughout this century, the natural inclination of Liberal student politicians has been towards the left. This leaning stems from the fact that for both groups, the most threatening and immediate enemy has always been on the right. Thus, the two groups have cooperated because they both oppose the Nationalists' denial of civil rights to South Africans.

WHY SOUABBLE NOW?

With the rise of the Neo-Marxist Critique of Southern African History during the 1970's, the Left have begun to confuse the civil rights movement with the question of the class struggle. The radical analysis implies that Capitalism and Apartheid are mutually supporting, and in order for true justice to reign supreme, both institutions need to be eliminated.



In the past four years, the dominant analysis arising out of the aforementioned liberal - radical alliance has aimed its attack more at the class system than the Nationalist government. This is to say that the Left wing has had a monopoly over the control of student media, and thus its ideology has dominated.

Consequently, the Liberals have been cleverly co-opted by the Left. The Left have been eager to co-opt the liberals for two main reasons. a) the vast majority of South African English speaking students are, broadly speaking, Liberals, and thus the Left gains credibility through the size of the supportbase the Liberal leaders bring with them, and b) without Liberal support, the Left would not have the recourses, financial and otherwise to operate on such a large



The Left have succeeded in this co-option because of its singlemindedness. The Leftist critique is indeed a compelling one. Liberals, on the other hand, have spread their energies to include participation in Rag, the P.F.P., debating unions, public houses, and trips overseas. Today, on all English - speaking Campuses, Liberals are asking themselves why they should tolerate dominance by a Left Wing minority. Furthermore the Liberals are concerned as to whether the strategies and goals of the Left are not counter product- this question depends on how many ive, and potentially as oppressive as those currently dominant in South Africa. The consequent breakdown in the traditional cooperation has reached such proportions that Liberals are leading the anti-Nusas affiliation campaign on this campus.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Left must realise that they would be arrogant to decide for the people what is best for South Africa. The ballot box is the only acceptable means for deciding the issue. Consequently, when they are in a position to do so, they should put their alternatives to the people. In the meantime, they must attempt to ensure that the people will have a chance to express their opinions in a free and fair way. This is not to say that we should not be informed of the Left's argument; This is vital, but the civil rights campaign should be their area of emphasis; For the meantime, they should desist from trying to persuade (as opposed to inform) students that class is at the root of all evil.

Liberals for their part must understand that free enterprise alone is not sufficient to solve such problems as rural underdevelopment, , and that they will have to make material sacrifices if we are to progress towards justice and freedom. indeed a "two way street," and that They should also grasp the urgency of our situation, and work a lot harder. Thus both groups must throw their weight behind the civil rights movement.

ADVANTAGES

Such an alliance based on mutually acceptable goals and genuine cooperation and not co-option will be true and strong. Its support base will increase and liberals on Afrikaans Campuses will be able to participate in such an alliance. However, most important of all is the argument which justifies for me the existance of White opposition politics; Change, we accept, is inevitable, and while the Whites no longer hold the political initiative, they are in a position to determine the nature of that change. How violent will it be? The answer to Whites dig their heels in and shoot it out.



By all participating in the civil rights movement, we students can materially decrease the numbers of those who are keen to retreat into the laager for a last desperate stand in the name of injustice.

CONCLUSION

It is my belief that the Left must learn that cooperation is the Liberals must open their eyes wider, and become more committed. I sincerely believe that the best interests of all will be served if both groups refrain from thumping the ideological tub, and merely inform students that the various ideologies exist. Both groups should then align with rather than malign the civil rights movement, and should work for true democracy and persuade Whites to leave the laager. Then, as a leading exponent of Black Consciousness said, "When we change gears in trying to find a better direction for South Africa, there should be no grinding noises of metal against metal, but a free and easy flowing movement which will be characteristic of a well looked after vehicle."





ART SCENE



Science Fiction:

FLESH IS GRASS

Fred was monitoring the defence perimeter, when the fish blundered into THEIR nets. Underwater cameras immediately swivelled around to focus on the cause of this disturbance. Within seconds, a large image floated across a wall-sized screen in the dining-room of the DIRECTOR, himself.

Fred activated the underwater sound system, and spoke to the DIR-ECTOR, and prepared the automated pincer, and adjusted his headphone when the sounds of the DIRECTOR and the fish came through simultaneously. Fred was a highly-trained operator.

He pushed the approriate button, and the pincer moved into position, reached out delicately, and took hold of the glistening object. The fish tried to wriggle, tried to beat the powerful grip of THEIR machinery; but it was helpless in THEIR grasp. A slight smile touched the corners of Fred's mouth , but his eyes remained expressionless. THEY did not permit THEIR operators to be excessively emotional.

"Sir, the creature has no connection with the Enemy. In terms of the Operator's Manual, it is natural'."

A match-box picture of the national leader occupied the right hand video-screen on the console before Fred. The screen on the left was a gateway to the sea beyond. Captured in its centre was the fish - a muted grey in colour, with large grey eyes staring um comprehendingly at the net before it.

The DIRECTOR'S metallic voice cut through Fred's head. He was irritable at having been roused from his evening meal. Fred fiddled with the volume control buttons on his headphones.

"What do you mean by 'natural', Operator. What is your number."

"XX3, Sir.'Natural' is defined in the Manual, on page I of the definition-section, as'created by God! 'God', Sir, is not defined. However, there is a reference to this concept on page 25. If your DIREC-TORSHIP has his Manual at hand..."

"Read it to me," the voice said. It was impatient. "I have no time for this nonsense XX3."

"Yes Sir. At page 25 it is WRIT-TEN: 'The ancients had a belief in a being called God, which created everything, including themselves. This being was invisible. and lived in a mythical place called Heaven. When the ancients died they believed that they would go to this place, if they behaved correctly on Earth'.

The rest is not relevant, your DIRECTORSHIP".

"The ancients must have been more stupid than we had previously believed. So that thing in our nets is not hostile".

The computer console before Fred lit up, and the screen which had imprisoned the fish went blank; then on the grey backround the following words appeared in red: 'THE ANCIENTS ATE FISH'.

"Thanks Joe," said Fred under his breath.

"A PLEASURE FRED," answered the screen.

A box hovered before the DIRECTOR in his dining-room. It had a small screen and a series of buttons. Fred's picture filled the screen. He was surrounded by machinery, to which he was connected by way of his headphones.



"But Sir, fishes have been extinct for thousands of years, Fred protested, despite his training, despite his judgement.

This specimen is unique, Sir ... "I wish to consume it. Have it ready for me within the hour".

The DIRECTOR was made of metal, and his eyes glowed redly as the circuits in his head heated. Fred ignored his training. He had found a principle that was more important than THEIR rules.

'Sir, in all my years in this underwater laboratory, this is the first fish that I have seen. It must be immune to the radioactivity in the water. We have to capture it alive and examine it, Sir". "XX3, you will obey me."

The cogs in the body of the DIREC-TOR spun wildly in agitation. "The last fish in Earth's waters, your DIRECTORSHIP".

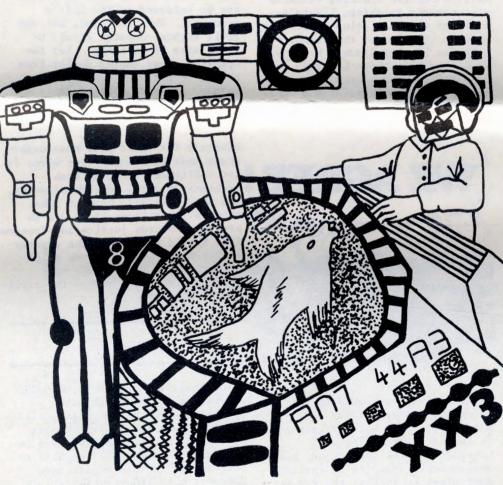
The DIRECTOR touched a button on the hovering box. Fred's eyes went wide, and he stared ahead of him interminably. The headphones hissed quietly and fried the inside of Fred's head. He went limp and fell forward against the computer console.

The DIRECTOR spoke: "Joe, reprogramme him, and get that fish to

'YES YOUR DIRECTORSHIP', flashed

the hovering box screen. "And leave that God business out of the programme, this time. Even if it was true for the ancients, it is irrelevant to us".

A thin wisp of smoke escaped from one of Fred's nostrils. On the DIRECTOR'S wall screen, the pincers grew larger, and the fish became immense. The DIRECTOR reached out over his dining room table, and took the little gasping creature from the grasp of the metallic claws. In his own steel grip, he pulled the fish apart, and looked incredulously at the blood that spurted over his white robes



"No, your DIRECTORSHIP, it is 'natural'".

"Were these creatures around in the time of the ancients, XX3?" "Yes, Sir, I believe so".

"What did the ancients do with them?"

"I am not certain, your DIRECTOR-

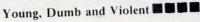
'They ate them. Sir." "Bring that creature to me then, I wish to consume it.

The DIRECTOR commanded Fred through the headphones and through the right hand computer screen. On the wall-screen, the huge image of the fish struggled weakly, as though it had heard.



ON PUNK ROCKERS

Coafing the police in spit, Dipping their hair in the spectrum Screaming like untuned violins: You can see They do not appreciate The constrition Of their narrow lives.



New Wave is the new sound sweeping new Nouth South Shenomena or just plain Punk under a different guise? different guise?





ARTSCHOOL: WHERE?

Serious allegations concerning the Art dept. and the Administrations apparent lack of interest in it have been made by numerous Art students in the past few weeks.

Many students have threatened to leave. Some have already done so, and since Prof. Brian Bradshaw left at the end of 1978, numbers have dropped However they have yet to receive from over one hundred to seventy-

have included the lack of adequate equipment, no Professor for the past two years, and no organised, central department. Third year students in fact claim that they have very rarely seen a Professor, as the head of the department in 1978 was rarely in Grah ams town.

Also, since he left, the dept seems to have had no direction as far as organ ised courses and lectures in specific techniques are concerned.

Miss Clare Avery, the lecturer in design course was not present during working hours at the Art school. Design students said, "We can do what we like".

Other complaints concern the shocking condition of the buildings. The main Art block leaks and many paintings have suffered irreparable damage as a result of this.

As far as the actual layout of the department is concerned, sections are to be found in four different buildings situated as far apart as New Street and St. Peters (near the Law School). The Photographic Department located below the Psychology Dept.

THIS HATE PLACE WHERE IS THE PREEDOM OF THE INDIN IDVAL

In one studio, conditions are poor with atrocious lighting facilities. The noise emanating from the room next door is overwhelming. Because of this students say it is impossible to concentrate.

Some of them also feel they will get nowhere with their degree as they are given virtually no lectures or demonstrations in the various techniques relating to the course. One student claims she knows more about graphics than her lecturer; while another says the lecturer's worth should not even be discussed; 'she should just go.'

A final year student has a poster in her studio saying, "I hate this place."

Students are also very bitter that they have to pay an extra RIOO per annum-supposedly for individual tuition and equipment- yet still have have to work in inadequate conditions. Se cond year students claim they are supposed to have a "crit" on their work every two weeks. They have had only one "crit" the whole of this year.

When questioned on these allegations The fact remains that there is a Mr Joss Nel, acting head of the dept, great deal of bitterness among art seemed to be unaware of serious problems in the department. As far as he can see, the students have no real reason to complain as they have excellent equipment.

this years grant.
As far as"crit" classes are concern ed, there is no ruling to the eff-Complaints levelled at the department ect that the department is required to hold criticism classes, but students are free to demand that lecturers criticize their work, he



Mr. Nel admits that the layout of the Art school causes inefficiency. Lecturers now use their cars to travel the long distances between the various sections of the department in order to be on time for lectures.

When questioned on the promised! new Art school, he said nothing has materialised as yet. Plans for the new school were drawn up and passed during Dr. Hyslop's time. He left in

Since then a new Physical Education block has been built, the New Arts block has gone up, and numerous renovations have been carried out on the campus.

students. They ask, "When will the 'promised' Art school actually materialise?" "When will we obtain the services of a Professors to coordinate the department?" "And why are there no substantial courses in the techniques of various aspects of Art?'

All agree that it is high time the Administration clarifies the exact position and so allows the students to settle down to serious work.

Or does the Administration have its priorities so mixed up that it is prepared to let one of the founding departments of the University to go to rack and ruin.



More rooms have been allocated to the department, but according to Mr. Nel "the spaces are totally in adequate in the sense that the rooms are not designed for Art students. The extra room is in fact 'spare' room".

This is due to factors such as the dimensions of the room - not suitable for studios; and poor lighting. The department has tried to compensate by using artificial light, but it is not easy to work for long periods under this light.

The leaks in the roof of the main block have been repaired by means of plastic sheeting. However new leaks continually develop mainly because of structural inadequacies in the roof.

METH SOC

METHS - WHAT?

- * Orientation for first year studen ts
- Camp on "Infiltration"
- Delta * Nus as
- * Feminists
- Rhodeo

You bring the meths and we provide the bread? No. We are a society involving members in Christian infiltration into campus.

This year we have covered the above areas of campus life.

Our committee felt the need for a better informed Christian body on campus and so provided a programme to meet this need.

The ultimate aim was to challenge Christians to re-examine their degree of campus involvement. We invite you, as observer, to judge the effectiveness of this programme.

Where are the Christians?

TO READ THIS TURN PAGE UPSIDE DOWN. (and fasten your seathelts)



soc is starting soon; PS.it is rumoured a psychedelic (what kind, chame leons?) HO HO HO HA TEEE HEEEE HEEEEE they turned green....?! 3 when the referendum came round

FIONS ONE DRAUK COKE and THE OTHER DRAUK THERE WAS ONCE A PAIR OF chameleons AH AH AH AH AH AH AH AH

THE GRASS IS GREENER ONTHE OTHER SIDE







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Okê, this art yor farourte Shmo reporting from ETWYMT, care of SRC. For those of you who did not manage to creep from gutters, treetops, hills or even bed, and for those who never have the inclination to do anything let alone breathe, don't bother. But I bring you a spotlight on those sick politico's who've been rushing around this campus missing lectures and having a jol! I tell them get back to your books, but don't stay there, else I'll be out of a job. Ladies, gents, sexists, feminists, its, here they are:

Chris Chameleon Butter, adjourning to the clod for his regular hubris shandy, loudly proclaimed that suicide is the in thing: "lefties, committ suicide before I link arms to sing the International in Afrikaans, and I will become the first martyr to water Garibaldi's tree by defenestrating leightward". (Duke et decorum est, cum SRC mori-Nihil habeo quod defendum).



Tubs Stalk-Her was discovered lying about campus, Shumba besotted. Nearly slipped up did ol' Tubs, but the Hoppies buttered his bread. A Rhodent dismally cried to the sick: "Which way are you going Tubby, and I'11 go too ...

Coral Lose-my-Rag, cadoodled down the road. "Schreiner. Schreiner show us a yes, show us a yes, a few above the no.



Janus Thorpedoes apparently nearly sunk herself in the breach in Oriel. Her crew deserting she went down floundering (Goodbye, O Captainwithout-a-keel).

Phoney (uninformed) Riley failed to mobilise disco, birds and Botha. Muzzled by his side, he was heard to hum "You go the 'High' road and I'll go the low profile road ...'

Running feet Grass-o? You are on the SRC. Let me be the first to congratulate you.

Iam Paulantzas Piss-up, Marx under the left-arm, NUSAS under the right, we hope you had deoderant on Ian? Swaggering around the hills (that is you Pete) got harrassed. he crooned "A schlenter here, a schlenter there, schlenter schlenter everywhere". We love you Ian you lushious lump of bones. Where's your side-kick? Hattrick Fartens.

Archie Old World Skive stomped around looking for defamation sweets Never into the revolution, Jerry abstained until the very bitter end. "There is a green hill far away, outside the National Union .!



Piaus Ridgeback de Braaid got himself in knots more often than not. He's still waiting for the other piaus Peter Harris to go drink a vodka in Graham. Be brave, Peter.

Phelps had their fair share of Horro John Fieldtick. In fact their gultig was raised to heights unparalled when Shaper John Passport tripped them up with dialectic recipes. Asgat le Grande should have been trying to convert his own countrymen Limpopa way, before befowling grazzles with his odour of history. Guru Guy Furberger co-ordinated efforts from his roost in the Journ. dept. Don't cry about the Error which has befallen the Politics dept,

Guym your mother still loves you. Faun Swanson, dasher/lover/Sexo farm type empirical research is no good. Wow! that layout, those pictures, that waffle just blew the campus right off your beam. Sorry lad, but don't crap on Bags for his layout.



A word in passing for the mentors dead, buried, far away, near and about to be dead. Uncle Karl, Trotsky the Vampire, Raring Lenin, Chaucer, Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Target Matcher, Bags, SAB, Vorster squared on the come back trail, Smuts - both General and family. Macro "King Bomba" Mutchley, Pollanski, Dons et al. The sponsors say Yech and thank you. Expose or impose yourselves! Bomb Welcome No. 2 Ramble is still around. "Two blows to date, everything goes in threes mate, Fascist piss-up I'11 get you, just you wait' Stop press: was UCT pleased with your attempt John?

Discredit card Hurricane Henderson restled with the left around the referendum ring. Round one to you Margie, but wait till our campus chameleon comes back from Council. Refusing to be intimidated, Lord and Lady Keeton strode off and sipped champagne Marxists in the evening as NUSAS went down. "Mama! Campbell's making eyes at me ... but oh I wish he was nice

Splutter Projects Bourgeois Phallus "This is the Party Stud speaking .."



Frigid Providence Feelme. Huh, she has vanished, silent again.

Skrik Commy Makenews was heard shuddering about campus. Rumour has it he even searched Kotch Kreek willows for reds, yellows, and neo-pinkos. A message relayed from Ric: "Ke-e-ep on searching.."

Ivan Broad-left Youngski frothed, foamed, lost his hair (again!) ... "Oh, dear, what can the Master be, Margaret won't come with me to the Congress, with me, with me,

Randy Boring clumb onto daddy's apron string: "Help I need somebody, help; not just anybody, help".

STOP PRESS: It's heard the anti's sent Richard de Villiers an urgent application form to join the committee after his devestating boost for their cause in the GLT. Please don't leave us Ricky, we really luv you.



The Revolving Revolution Officer, Camshaft Sorrows sabotaged the means of production, cavorted with left, right, middle and dead.

"To be biased or not to be biased, if you don't tow the line, I'll hit you. Remember, the revolution can't start without the Referendum Officer".



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THE RHODES MARATHON: THE GREAT LEVELLER!



On Saturday 3M ay 1980 a new event was started at Rhodes. The Barclays /Settler Marathon was the brainchild of Humphrey Power (a final LLB student). Humphrey spent many hours in conjunction with the Sports Union to enable the marathon to RUN its smooth course. The PRO campaign was very efficient. We saw reports in all the Eastern Cape Newspapers with Grocotts carrying numerous articles about the race. The day before the race Rhodeo Sport tipped C. Whitely as the hot favourite for Rhodes. He was the first Rhodes man home, with the time of 4 hours and 48 seconds. Well done Chris!



On the morning of the race I was rudely awoken by Humphrey whom I was to second during the race. It was a good day for a jog - cool breeze with clouds overhead. When I got to the starting post Market Square) everyone was warming up and signing themselves in. The atmosphere was one of excitement other than the usual one of tension. Everything was moving smoothly and late entries were processed in the usual efficient manners of the Sports Union.



Rob Jainer (88) with his dog Humphrey Power (3) organiser Peter Surtees (63) accounts department Keith Prinsloo (83) accounts department Pete Grassouw in the background

They are off: I hadn't even removed the sleep from my eyes - 6.30 am. I sat around a while not wanting to see everyone struggle up George Street (Big Daddy). George Street early in the morning before you are warm is killing.

The Polo Cross club did a very good job setting up seconding tables they served Coke and water every 4 kilometres.

The field spread out very quickly with D. Pombo (Defence: GHT) taking Fourth - C. Whitely - Rhodes. the lead.

By the way there were no Rhodes women. Whatever happened to Women's

The first woman home was Mrs Van Der Next, who ran a very calculated steady race.

By the time I had managed to realise what was happening the first few runners had reached the 16 kilometre mark where the seconding by individuals had started. Humphrey had one sip no more no less. Most had settled into their stride and some even smiled at this point. Comments like, "Keep the beer on ice" and "I can see the sea already" showed that the race was being enjoyed all round.

Our new S.R.C. member Peter Grassouw took part and was way into the first half of the field, even though he was heard to ask for plasters at the 22 kilometre mark.

The first man home was S.Welcome from Graaf Reinet with the time 3:

Second - R. Jourdain - P.E. Technicon.

Third -D. Pombo - Defence GHT.

EDITORIAL

The recent referendum showed that campus has at last taken a keen interest in politics (an 80% pol1). The sad thing about the outcome is that many feel it was destructive and can do no good. This need not be true, if one voted 'Yes', he/ she can join the NUSAS Projects Comm; and if one voted 'No', he/ she can join any of the various existing societies.

The referendum per se was a good thing in that everyone on campus was talking and thinking about the issues of concern to all South Afri cans

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Dear Editor

At first glance it seemed like an inky mess. But on closer inspection it become clear that "Athie's contribution to inter-national anarchy' is nothing but a wasteful wad of waffle.

Entitled "Plebian", Atherstone House's attempt at a newspaper is full of girly gossip.

The editor is "Big Pleb" Caroline Knott, whose hobbies are described in the paper as varying "from secret tippling to blatant alcoholism" - and it is rumoured that the new Athies' pub was used as the news room.

"Plebian's" fifteen pages of bluebird droppings feature everything from a "Dear Adelaide" column to a "Res News" Page - and no-one, from the "Sub-Whoredons" to the "Smuts' blorts" is considered sa-

Besides its' being "a high-flown diatribe of some sort of moral castigation concerning the failings of a specific audience, "the Athies lushes have outdone themselves in producing this pornographic publication.

It's a relief that pleb papers like faeces - are biodegradable.

SMUTTY SMUTS STUDENT

We can't all be Patricians!

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RHODEO SPORT



THE DREADED CONTOUR PATH





by Michael Bagraim

"The intrepid hikers have assembled - well almost, Cleone in the True Kennis-Betty style is late. Nick arrives in his name of time and the party leaves Grahamstown in a happy/semi-happy frame of mind. Some apprehension is felt by an individual in possession of an expired British passport - at thought of having to answer to the name of FIDO at passport control".

Yes, it was the Rhodes Mountain Club off to hit the Drakensberg once again. We set out to seek new horizons but lost ourselves A party of 16 was the order of the day - 8 girls and 8 boys let your imaginations carry you off into the heights of utopia; because all we saw was mist!

The bus trip was ... "The bus stood silently in the midst of swarming flies and surrounding coke and beer bottles. Within the bus farts re-echoed and the snoring grew. Some of the occupants decided to start with a pre-hike climb and proceeded to climb onto the roof of the bus to sleep. Generally the night was a pleasant one filled with pleasant dreams of floppy waterbeds and super-soft couches".

Most enjoyed the trip even with our Caroline choir in the back-ground. "Dear Diary, thank goodness only you and I can share our frightful secrets. It was only yesterday that I thought to myself- another day without Caroline and I would certainly faint. Thank Goodness for the bus trip where we could sit in the back hold hands and dream our little dreams".

We named our bus 'Notre Dame' after our contorted night we spent in 'chit-in-Vaba' in the Transkei.

WE HAVE ARRIVED

The next morning we arrived and had our first glimpse of the Majestic Berg. We set off from

Cathedral Peak hotel and almost immediately the first group of 8 led by Bags took a wrong path. Mutiny resounded amongst the foothills and Anton staged a bloodless coup-d'état. We're on the road again ...

When crossing the first river everyone carefully removed their boots and Norwegian socks - a few days later this degenerated into a quick march into even the fiercest of rivers.

Neil lost-the-Path Sparrow, the overall leader of this motely bunch, was armed with his leather research jacket and broken com-Regardless, we arrived at pass. our first night stop. Bags fainted immediately but not before mumbling "show me the way to go home".

Later on ... "Feeling much refreshed after a topless massage at 8 000 ft! The evening started with some Sparrow-like person insisting on having the fleas removed from his person".

WHAT'S NEW AND GOOD (SUGGIT?) We awoke the next morning and had a fantastic view of Twins Pass, Cathedral Peak and the Bell. We sat around breakfast for over an hour watching the majestic peaks. Mieliepap for breakfast is filling but when some idiot spreads it all over your tent, you just see red! (P.S. Neil, I never was able to scrape the large lumps

Day two was the beginning of the real stuff. Oh chit! This was where Dan Carry-my-haversack Wylie came into his own. Later on in the afternoon we hit our first C-O-N-T-O-U-R path. Now let me fill all the unsuspecting ones in. A contour path is supposed to be a path, but NO, on the Drakensberg they are just an excuse for the word PATH. Never before have I seen anything like it, the place where you can put your foot is about 2 inches wide

and is sloping at that. My nerves were shot by the time we reached Bell cave. Bell cave consisted of 3 overhangs. The first overhang was rated at about two star quality (where a dirty looking bunch of Wits students had squat-ted). The second overhang was rated one star quality - alas al-

so inhabited, and our overhang had many stars due to the fact that we had no overhang. By the way, thank-you Witsies for your water.

That night we all slept huddled together - get out of my sleeping bag, John. We awoke the next morning at 5.30 and watched the most incredible sunrise I have ever seen. We could see right across the valley from our sleeping bags. The sun illuminated the few thunder clouds that had collected and at the same time we could watch lightening streak through these clouds. It looked like the first morning had broken.

We asked the Witsies to write in our visitors book (they were hiking in the opposite direction so they knew what was in store for us).

"We have just completed what you have still to dream of. Don't worry about the 1 inch wide path traversing around the three pudding... and don't look down because it is only a 300-foot drop. Of course as long as it does not rain it is not all that slippery the view is excellent but I advise watching the path. Now for a few tips; watch out for the wind which hits unexpectedly and then carries an eagle soaring down into the valley; and you want to cry because you can't fly - you would like to jump except you're too tired."

As the old saying goes, you must suffer before you can enjoy anything. So you get your feet blistered, cut and bruised - you maul your hands, and your muscles ache like they have never done before. You sit down, put your feet up and watch the sunset, no noise, no smog, no Jo'burg,

(just a few tourists around the corner) it might just be 0.K!

The day to Twins Cave was spectacular but please don't say
CONTOUR, I shake whenever I hear the dreaded word. I would challenge anyone to a duell as long as he didn't choose contours as his weapons. Living in Twins Cave was pleasant - we watched our first storm and even told jokes. It was a long day, over 12 hours of walking. We arrived in the dark and discovered there was no water. Please Marion, just one glass of water - my kingdome and a packet of Toppers just for a sip.

To the escarpment we went flat land, I can't believe it! Real donkeys and even people who live here. Guess what, the crows here eat Meal-in-one. Miss Drakensberg Haywood showed off her beautiful legs and Same was right behind her with his longjohns. A restful day with much hilarity. Don't ever mention contours again.

Everything was going too well so we got lost again. Lesotho here we come, miles out of our way. Curse, mutter, sweat, Neil, Chit, compass, and then turn back again. I'm never going on another hike, I hate the Drakensberg, just look at my blisters - cam't we wait for a helicopter?

For 3 days it was a hit and miss affair, we even ate the rest of our Smash. We just couldn't seem to take the right path.

Brave, brave Sir Robin - she tried a bit of hairy rock climbing over a waterfall; the resti of us just stood back and watched with our mouths open.

We spent the next day making our way down the right path at last. of Stokis and everyone looking Caroline now walking in a pair very much like drowned rats. We slept in dog-chit-alley feeling very depressed and all of us bordering on illness.

BELOVED NOTRE DAME

We walked through a beautiful forest and then knew we were near home. We were all wet through but the mist cleared a bit and a few jokes were beginning to be heard. When we spotted the bus - there was a mad rush and a few hours of ecstatic stillness. We just smiled and smiled and smiled and smiled ..

All in all it was a great trip, we became lifelong friends ... we'll be back next year!



GROCOTT & SHERRY