

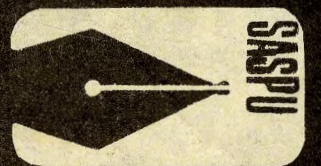
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# Launch - Objector Speaks

"The strength of the End Conscription Campaign is that it is articulating the thoughts of a wide range of South Africans," according to conscientious objector, Dave Schmidt.

Schmidt was speaking at the launch of the Rhodes End Conscription campaign two weeks ago.

"It is a year since the troops first entered the townships. This has given rise to a crisis of conscience experienced by many conscripts."

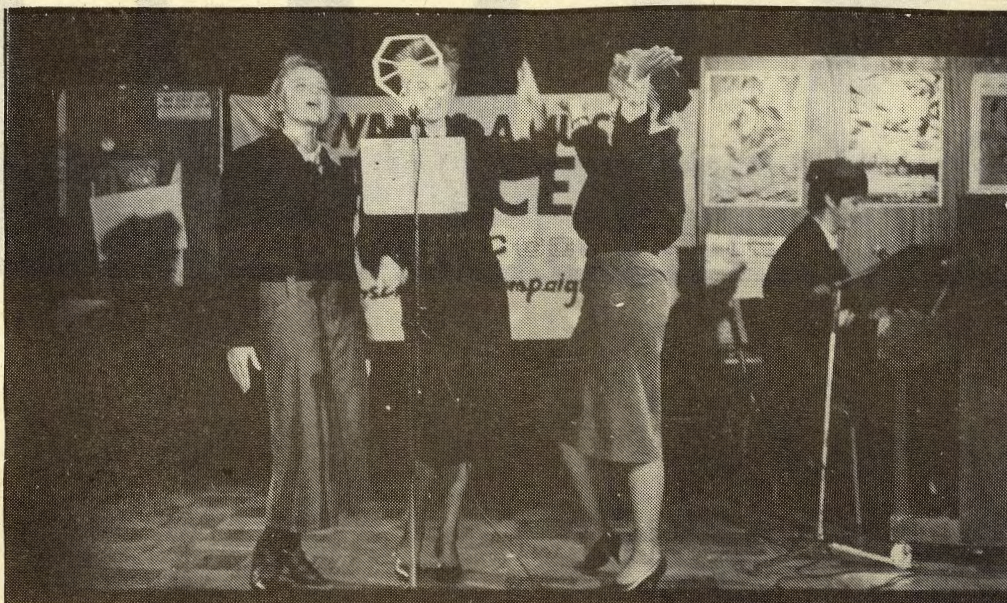
He said the ECC was opposed to compulsory conscription and felt that individuals should be given the right to choose whether they want to render military service.

"Unlike Rhodesia where whites were pulled into the laager with rhetoric like 'Rhodesia is super.' in South Africa this is less prevalent.

According to Schmidt the SADF is suffering a "credibility crisis" which is reflected in art forms such as plays, books and the rhetoric of bands.

"Many young Afrikaans and English authors are publishing books which are fundamentally critical of conscription."

Schmidt was exempted from military service by the Board for Religious Objectors. He is presently doing six years community service as a teacher in Cape Town.



Koeksusters- signs of militarisation? Part of the exciting ECC Launch

## André Brink vs ...

At an End Conscription Campaign meeting held in St George's Hall recently, Professor André Brink accused the South African Government of "vicious repression", and said it was fighting to preserve an "odious" system.

Prof. Brink, a renowned author, proposed a motion that: "Given the escalation of civil conflict in S.A., individuals should have the right to choose whether or not to serve in the South African Defence Force."

He blamed the escalation of civil conflict on the near-bankruptcy of the economy and on the exclusion of blacks from effective participation in the govern-

ment.

The SADF had been invited to debate the issue, but Col Fred Oelschig, commanding officer of 6SAI, said on behalf of the SADF he had been instructed not to take part in any activities of this nature.

Prof. Brink spoke of the dilemma facing young white males who are eligible for national service, saying it was difficult for them to resist such a situation at the age of eighteen. "But when it comes to men of a more mature age, questions and resistance become more obvious".

"I have informed the military authorities that I

shall refuse to undergo training or to serve the army in any capacity. No matter what jail sentence or other punitive action I may face this is not a regime and a system I am prepared to live or die for; it does not represent the South Africa I love and honour, nor does it serve the ideals and the values I am committed to as a writer and a man."

He said that situations might arise in which it becomes necessary for the individual to take up arms and fight for a fatherland, but "to fight for South Africa had absolutely nothing to do with the protection of values which deserve to survive."

Prof. Brink criticized "the institutionalised violence of the government", and said the inability of the police to handle civil disobedience was alarming. He listed examples of police violence in Port Alfred, Uitenhage and Grahamstown, saying it was military involvement which had made this kind of action possible. "In this situation an immediate and profound moral choice is required of every man faced by call-up."

**Professor A.P. Brink:**  
"I will not serve in the SADF".



## Student Shows Solidarity

The Grahamstown End Conscription Campaign recently held a two week relay fast as part of a nationwide "Troops Out the Townships" campaign.

A Rhodes ECC member, Garth van der Walt, fasted for a week, while other prominent Grahamstonians fasted for 24 hours in relay. These included Bishop Oram and Professor Peter Vale, André Brink and Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith.

According to the ECC the Peace Fast was held to protest against the presence of the troops in the townships, and to show solidarity with township residents who bear the brunt of SADF aggression.

"The Peace Fast is a form of non-violent protest to pressurise the government to end compulsory conscription and to withdraw the troops from townships," said ECC publicity secretary, Sue Lund.

Van der Walt said he was not aiming to conscientize people, but rather to "show empathy with the people suffering under the injustice of apartheid."

"My reason was mainly to show my commitment to peace and justice."

During the first three days he drank water and black coffee, after which he only drank water.





# SRC Deputy — president resigned

Former police spy Daryl McLean resigned as Deputy President of the SRC at a meeting held last week.

An SRC motion calling for acceptance of his resignation was passed with one abstention and one vote against. McLean supported the motion.

The evidence of former spy Gustav Roller, revealed that McLean had been working for the Security Branch during the first six months of his first year at university.

The SRC executive still has to decide whether McLean will remain as a member of

the executive. At present he holds no portfolio.

Asked why he resigned McLean said, "I feel that people on campus have not seen any action which would bring home to them the seriousness of working as an informer. My resignation is aimed at emphasizing just how serious it is."

Sue Middleton, NUSAS Local Comm chair, said, "We regarded Daryl as a good representative. It was on this basis that we supported him as an SRC candidate."

"The SRC felt that Daryl's resignation was a suitable response to a difficult situation."

McLean who stood in the SRC elections as a NUSAS candidate, said his history as an informer has obvious implications for the credibility of both the SRC and NUSAS.

Du Toit said the decision should be seen, not as punishment, but as an important principle of accountability to the SRC and to the student body.

"We do not wish to victimize Daryl, and we continue to support him as an efficient and committed SRC councillor," he said.

**Daryl McLean: Councillor without portfolio.**



## Campus arrests

Security Police arrested 19 former members of the banned Congress of South African Students (COSAS) and one Rhodes student.

The students were attending an Education Charter workshop in the Rob Antonnisen Room. The workshop was held as part of an educational project of the Creative Arts Society. Individuals from several districts in the Eastern Cape were invited to participate in discussions and seminars.

Security police and uniformed police arrived on campus shortly before 4pm.

They locked the door of the venue while photographs were taken of the people who attended the meeting. Police transport arrived 20 minutes later and the people were led to the vehicle in groups of four and six.

A spokesperson for the Creative Arts Society said they condemned the police intrusion on campus. "We further condemn the interference of the police in our educational activities."

Police have confirmed that 20 people were being held in terms of either the

emergency regulations or security legislation.

According to eyewitness reports, the people who had been arrested were kept in the back of a riot van for over three hours, in a temperature of 34°C.

The van had been parked on Somerset street while those arrested were taken to the District Surgeon for examination.

At the time of going to the press, police had not confirmed the arrest of student leader Monde Tabata under the emergency regulations.

## Student redetained

First-year law student, Gugile Nkwinti, was detained on September 19- for the second time since the declaration of the State of Emergency in July this year and this is the fourth time altogether.

An application challenging the validity of the State of Emergency regulations and the detention of Nkwinti under the regulations, was postponed to October 17.

The application was brought before the Grahamstown Sup-

reme Court by Mr Nkwinti's wife, Ms Koleka Nkwinti.

Nkwinti is also a respected community leader in Port Alfred, where he has played a central role in negotiations over consumer boycotts in the town.

So far nearly 5000 people have been detained under the emergency regulations. According to police figures 3760 people have been released, while 1067 people are still in police custody.

## Drama departs?

First-year and potential honours students are enraged at the Administrations announcement to abolish the practical training in the 1986 Drama course.

This point is still being hotly debated so students need not lose hope yet.

The decision comes in the wake of a 20% government reduction of university subsidies and increasing difficulties in hiring staff to train students.

Many first-year students said they would be "left in the lurch" as they had enrolled for the course on

the premise that they would receive a thorough practical and academic training.

Most of them said they would have to either apply to other universities or abandon a career in drama.

Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Council Chair, Debbie Wilson, and SRC Education Councillor, Mark Stein, held meetings with concerned academics and the Administration.

On behalf of the drama students, Wilson and Stein

also presented a strong case to the standing committee of the Arts Faculty Board.

"It is hoped that the committee will make a recommendation that will be in the interests of drama students."

A final decision will be made when the Board meets on Saturday October 19.





## Taking a Tri-Cam(erv)al thru' the lie of a New Deal?

Is the decision by the PFP to take part in the tricameral parliament a strategy to promote constitutional reform, or is it selling out to the "forces of oppression"?

Two student representatives, Ashwin Desai and Mark Stein supported the latter motion in a debate against the PFP's National Research Officer, Prof Nick Olivier and Dominee Piet Schoeman, also of the PFP.

Prof Olivier described the present constitution as "inadequate" and "unsuitable" because it is racially structured and a product of the apartheid system.

Desai said that despite the PFP's rejection of the present constitution, their decision to take part in it has exposed how "unjust the PFP is".

Dominee Schoeman said that a violent revolution in South Africa would envelop the society in an "anarchic quagmire of lawlessness".

Prof Olivier said the PFP did not believe violence would pay off, but later said that "the structures are in themselves violent".

The general feeling that emerged from the floor during question time, was that the PFP was working in competition with extra-parliamentary forces and not with them.

Directing his closing comment at his so-called "radical" student opponents, Prof Olivier said he felt that the PFP and other extra-parliamentary forces were working towards "basically the same objectives" and that it was only their methods that differed.



The PFP delegation looking smug. The joke is over.

"Not true", countered the audience of 300 in the Arts Major.

"Behind the liberal rhetoric of the PFP lies the betrayal of the oppressed. The PFP's participation in the tricameral parliament has raised the question of the role of whites in the struggle," he said.

Prof Olivier said that the constitution has no legitimacy, but that constitutionally all three houses were equal. He admitted that the PFP was taking part in a parliament that had been entrenching apartheid for the past 30 years.

His reason was that the PFP believed in a process of negotiation using existing structures to bring about "radical change" in South Africa.

## Slipped Disc Jockey

Jeremy Mansfield, popular RMR DJ, has resigned following allegations from an RMR Committee member that he was using the station to further his own ambitions.

"I intend being the best DJ in South Africa and also making a name for myself in the States. For that reason I cannot afford to have any radio scandal behind me," said Jeremy.

Committee member, Steven Greenstein said he "apologized for something he may have said wrong but RMR will not collapse because Jeremy has left".

"RMR is not a professional radio, it is a student radio and although you do promote yourself on the air, DJs are not figureheads but students playing music for the student body," said Steven.

Sez Jem: "The personal

aspect of radio is what it is all about. If you do not take pride in your radio personality then your show has no feel to it from an audience point of view".

"The standard of RMR shows is generally pathetic," he added.

Jeremy has been told he can have his job back, but he doesn't think he'll return as long as there is an "element of jealousy" in the station.

## Ragged Individualist

Rag could not claim that they were not political, according to the new Rag chair, Dave Papenfus.

"The reason why we have to raise money is because poverty is caused by the political situation in this country", he said.

"However we are apolitical in the sense that we collect money from both the people who are against the government and from those who support it."

Dave said that next year Rag would be taking a more definite stand. "We don't agree with apartheid," He said that as an organisation they aimed to treat short-term effects of the situation, such as poverty. "Treating the long-term effects is the responsibility of organisations such as NUSAS and the UDF."

He acknowledged that students were generally quite

apathetic, and said they planned to run an education campaign next year in conjunction with the SRC, aimed mainly at first year students.

"We are hoping to be successful not only in fundraising, but also in promoting a better communication and understanding if everybody's viewpoints on campus. This will lead to positive things being done, rather than destructive criticism."

## On your marks, get set, drop out!

"Rrrrrright! Ladies and Gentlemen, the time is now five minutes to nine. You have three hours in which to write your exam, we will stop at five minutes to twelve. Good Luck!"

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Can you handle it? You've got three hours! Three hours! You've been sitting in a gloomy, sweaty and boring lecture theatre, day in and day out, listening to a gloomy sweaty and boring lecturer raving on and on about a topic you don't understand, don't think is relevant and don't find particularly interesting, and now, you've got THREE HOURS!

Phew!

Well, that's exams for you. But don't worry. One day you're going to walk in there, sit down sedately, calmly read the question paper, and start writing without even a drop of sweat touching your smooth and untroubled brow. Ha, ha, ha, NOT BLOODY LIKELY!!

Simon Pamphilon



# Call for Christian action

A day of prayer and fasting was held on Campus recently, in response to the call for Reconciliation, made by all church denominations in the country.

At a lunchtime meeting held in the Great Hall, the Rev. Frank Nelson explained that the National Initiative for Reconciliation intended it to be just one part of an ongoing move to involve Christians in the struggle for a just system. He emphasized that Christian concern and participation should not be restricted to specially organized days.

A number of students staged a walk-out after Rev. Nelson finished his speech, "I was not at all happy about the walk-out as it negated the purpose of the meeting. Those who left evidently weren't prepared to listen," he said.

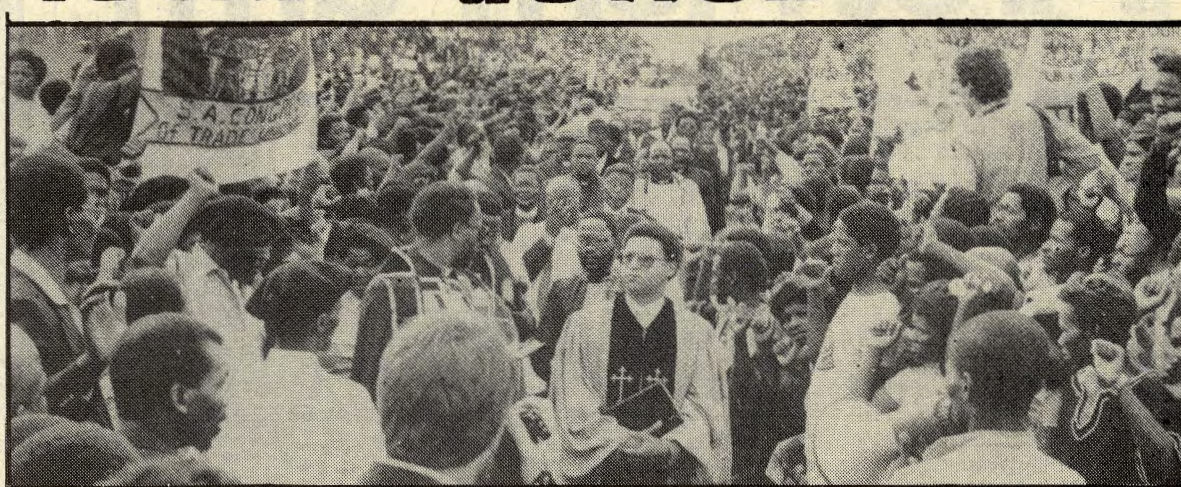
Other speakers at the meeting were SRC president, Barry du Toit, and Black

student leader, Monde Tabata. Du Toit said that the situation was a complex one which many face with a lack of optimism. Students have the opportunity to become actively involved in organisations working for change.

Tabata spoke on the concept of activism, saying that praying was not enough. He said Christians need to accept the "Nicaraguan option" of struggle and prayer.

"Since the varsity is an elitist foundation, improving racial problems is not the final solution, nor is seeking academic merit a vacuum of solution because it means nothing to the majority of people in South Africa.

Monde emphasized that students have to take a positive and active role towards a better future. He said that he saw reconciliation as being possible only when everybody was on equal footing.



Rev. Frank Nelson said that there should be an ongoing move to involve Christians in the struggle for justice.

## Campus Workers

Workers on campus will face a salary reduction for staying away on the National Prayer Day for Reconciliation, held on 9 October, said Mr Bill Mills, Head of Business Affairs.

"The rule which will be applied is 'no work, no pay.'" Mr Mills said.

80% of workers heeded the call for a prayaway, while most of the remaining non-academic staff attended a campus prayer meeting.

Workers who wanted to attend a prayer meeting in the township, had to obtain permission from the administration.

Residence students had to

cook and serve themselves in their respective dining halls. Oppidans said they were not served their usual meal.

"Everything went well," claimed Kaif Manager. Mr Wright. "We even served a big lunch in the Union for the Vice-Chancellor." The Wright's had to peel the potatoes themselves.

## Kaif - the workers pay

Kaif prices have risen once again, while Oppies are outraged and Kaif workers feel they are being ripped off.

The prices of Kaif lunches and hot chips have risen by an average of 19%. The official reason was given by Kaif manageress, Mrs Wright "potatoes have just risen by 17%, as well as price rises in frozen vegetables".

So, whose pockets are being lined? Most of the 13 Kaif

workers have not had a pay rise for one and a half years. Rhodeo spoke to one of the workers who has been working for Kaif for eight years. She works ten hours a day, five and a half days a week and gets paid about 50c an hour.

The worker who did not wish to be named out of fear of losing her job, commented on her boss. "She's not fair. She says we must work harder if we want a rise." The

pay is not enough but there are no other jobs in Grahamstown."

"We want to join a union because there is no-one to say how we feel" she said.

Rhodeo asked some Kaif locals how they felt about the increase:

\*Andrew Kay: "I just can't afford to have Kaif lunch anymore" which now costs R2.35 a plate.

## Rhodes - a financial institution?

Head of the Anthropology Department, Prof Whisson, attacked his colleagues' "appalling sense of smugness" at the Fifth Senate lecture two weeks ago.

The speakers, Prof Bunting and Prof E Baart traced the history of Rhodes' Administration since the inauguration of Henderson as Vice-Chancellor in mid-1975.

Great emphasis was laid on admin's role in fostering the University's financial growth since the "austerity years", bringing the current nett surplus to over R2 million. He attributed this largely to the "business-like approach" of the Vice-Chancellor.

Responding to the Head of the Economics Department, Prof Phil Black's suggestion that this surplus be used to increase lecturer's salaries, Prof Bunting said "We must husband our res-

ources."

During this time of financial restoration, Prof Bunting said the university had become "more inward-looking". The university's response to the political crisis in the country had become "muted" because of its own financial crisis. Prof Whisson responded to this, saying "If there is a crisis and Rhodes looks inward- then the university is certainly doomed."

One of several graphs indicated that proportionately 83% of students are white.

Admin staff has also increased greatly, far above the increase in academic staff.

This brought comments questioning the role of a university. Surely this is an academic institution, and not a financially successful enterprise?



"One chips and gravy please."



## First Fish Farm

The department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science recently opened its new 'fish farm'. The farm is the first proper station for Aquaculture teaching and research purposes in Africa.

According to its designer, Mr M. Davies, the project began in 1981 when permission was given to build the farm, and the department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science was formed.

Prior to this there was only the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology, which belonged to the National Department of Education.

The farm was built specifically for teaching and research purposes, but it does have commercial implications. These include the rearing of juvenile fish in a controlled environment, a consultancy service for commerce and industry, and the supplying of seedstock.

The farm is not only for fish however, as it can be used for the cultivation of water culture and algae.

One of its most important



aspects is that it is a closed system, which means factors can be controlled and changes made in the system easily assessed in terms of their effect.

Post-graduate students were very enthusiastic about the farm, saying it offered excellent facilities for the practical application of their studies.

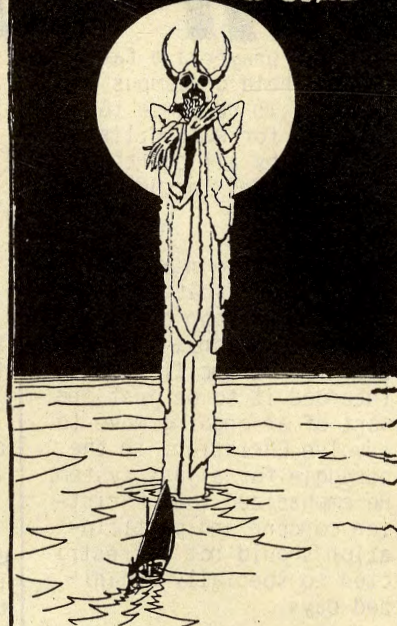
**Dr.T.Hecht, Head of the Department of Ichthyology.**  
-Could he be wondering:  
"All we need now is a chip farm"??

Saturday afternoon and several members of the local adventurers guild (otherwise known as the Rhodes Gaming Society) meet at the Rob Ant room. This no mundane meeting or cheese and wine. It is the annual Gaming competition, fantasy gaming that is....

The room is tense, people try to look related but hands tremble involuntarily. Perhaps it's the excitement, but more likely due to the cheap vino that the adventurers drank at their guild meeting the previous night. These are seasoned veterans. Nothing fazes them, except for slight panic over an initial shortage of cigarettes or scrambling to drink as much orange juice as possible.

Three games begin simultaneously and hangovers are forgotten.... We're living in a sea-raider village on a rocky coast, when our peaceful existence is shattered by the arrival of a massive statue that thrusts up out of the sea, towering over the small bay and village. A mighty storm blots out the sun. We have to do something: A veteran warrior, a thieving rogue, a wrinkled mage and a pious cleric are chosen to pit their minds and bodies against the supernatural forces threatening the village. They face riddles, magic and undead foes in an effort to discover the meaning of the statue's pre-

## CITADEL OF SOULS



sence.

The players emerged hours later.

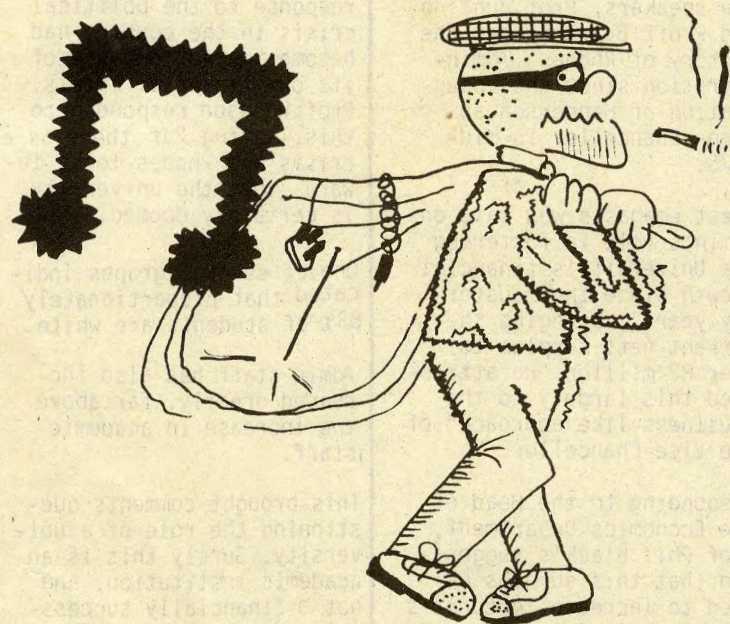
One entire party watched in disbelief as their village was wiped out and they accompanied the statue to watery grave. The other two groups were more successful they survived, saved the village and returned to a hero's welcome.

Book vouchers were awarded for: "the most promising adventurer"

"a bone crushing display" "a magic performance" and "balloonist of the year" (all very obscure)

The Gaming Society plans to hold at least one competition a year.

## RMR ripped off



When RMR wanted to use their P.A. system for a gig last Monday, they discovered that equipment worth R2000, had gone missing from the Great Hall that afternoon.

The equipment had been lent to ECC for its launch two weeks ago. Arrangements made by an ECC member to take the equipment back on Sunday fell through, when campus security did not arrive to open the Great Hall.

Mr Norman Winter, the University janitor, said he saw the equipment on Monday afternoon. But at 5pm when RMR needed the equipment, it had vanished.

Mr Winter assured SRC councillor, Daryl Maclean, that no-one would have removed the P.A. system without his permission.

RMR has reported the theft and a permanent docket has been opened.

## Rhodes Graphics in Durbs

Durban artist and art lecturer, Clive van den Burg, opened an exhibition of drawings and prints by Rhodes graphics students at the Cafe Gallery of the Arts in Durban on 29 September.

This was the first time that students from the Fine Art department have exhibited work in Durban.

The exhibition consisted of drawings, etchings, monoprints, collographs and silkscreens by students from first year right through to Masters.

The work exhibited received

open praise from members of the public and art teachers. Unfortunately critics of the work are not available yet.

"It was a very successful exhibition. Grahamstown's artists are true to themselves and aren't trying to be fashionable. Perhaps this is why it went down so well in Durban as it was so fresh and new," said Anthea Rowley, a second-year Rhodes Graphic art student who attended the exhibition.





# Students vs the State

A new phenomenon is emerging from the troubled waters of the South African scene.

Against a background of conflict and repression, in which traditional forms of discipline and power are being broken down, South Africa's youth is talking on authority.

Since the Botha government's implementation of the "New Deal", the cycle of escalating violence advances towards a climax. Students boycotts, mass demonstrations and resultant army and police reaction, have become the order of the day on our campuses and in our classrooms.



At Wits and UCT students clashed with the police firing teargas and beating people with quirts and batons. Even the oak-shaded lawns of placid Rhodes were recently filled with students and academics demonstrating against police violence in the face of peaceful protest. On so-called bush campuses, the situation is far more serious.



A peaceful rally of over 5000 students from throughout the Western Cape gathered at Western Cape University to protest the government "back to school" ruling, and the closure of 450 black schools last month. "We will decide when we go to school", one of the students said. "We have our lives and we and we make our decisions".



"The old hold that the authorities had over the students and over the wider community has broken down, with the result that the police cannot control the protest. All they can do is try to contain it." (Western Cape student)  
pic: Cape Times

As the students prepared to leave, they were told that the campus was surrounded by the army and police vehicles, and that roadblocks had been set up along main roads to the campus. Two to three hundred students armed

with sticks and stones, faced 3 caspurs and two buffels shooting teargas and rubber bullets into the crowd.

At Turfloop, army and police vehicles surrounded the campus and conducted a room-

to-room raid, allegedly confiscating SRC documents and funds, and beating and detaining students.

Ninety-six students were arrested and several injured during the raid, including one student who broke his leg while try-

ing to escape through a second-floor window.

An angry SRC spokesperson said in reply to rector. Prof. P.C. Moklokgong's statement that the police were on campus to "protect life and property" that "we hold the administration responsible for everything."



At the University of Botswana, students marching peacefully to a meeting addressed by Andries Treurnicht were attacked by police with dogs. Following October 9's class boycott and Day of Prayer, President Lucas Mangope closed the university indefinitely.

The suspected police killing of University of the Transkei SRC member. Batwanda Ndondo, triggered off a boycott at Unitra.

Schools boycotts are still in force with thousands of scholars still not attending their classes. But in the Ciskei, scholars have decided to return to the classroom in the hope that their demands will be met.

At Fort Hare University. Azaso and other student organisations have begun collecting demands and signatures towards the Education Charter Campaign.

Other campuses where incidents of unrest have occurred are Lennox Sebe Training College, Cape Teachers Training College and

## Stingy Bosses

"Gold is paid for in US dollars, and the current exchange rate means that mining houses are laughing all the way to the bank," said Dr Duncan Innes, Wits Economics lecturer.

However, the mining houses are divided when faced with the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM)'s demands for a 22 per cent wage increase across the board. Anglo American offered increases ranging from between 17 and 22 per cent whilst the Genkor Group refused to meet the demands of NUM.

Faced with the reality of strike action on those mines refusing to meet the demands beginning on September 1, the State and the Mine Security Forces went into action.

"The management began large-scale dismissal programmes; strike workers were refused food and water; intimidation reached alarming proportions and hundreds of miners were injured by rubber bullets, sjambokking and teargas. Miners were forced underground at gunpoint" said a spokes-

On September 4, the Supreme Court granted an interdict preventing dismissals which NUM had made urgent application for. The dismissed workers were re-employed.

This is another of the battles won in the struggle for acceptable wages and working conditions.

According to a NUM spokesperson in the Johannesburg Head Office, the situation at present is fairly quiet, but "the struggle continues".

## SAAN sinks

Robin McGregor, author of *Who owns Whom* and arch-critic of monopolistic practices called it "the beginning of the end." PFP spokesman on the Media, Dave Dalling, added, "The waning of SAAN as a major force in the South African news sphere seems to continue."

Both men were referring to the recent announcement that Argus had bought control of Durban's morning newspaper, the Natal Mercury. A new company, the Natal Publishing company,

has been formed to handle the printing of the two dailies, the Natal Mercury and Post.

Editor of the Natal Mercury, James McMillan, said, "The board of Robinson and Co. will continue to appoint the Editor, thus preserving the independence of the newspaper."

David Robinson, Manager of the previous controlling body of the Mercury, said that if it were not for the merger, the paper would have folded due to financial constraints.



# moderates in a muddle

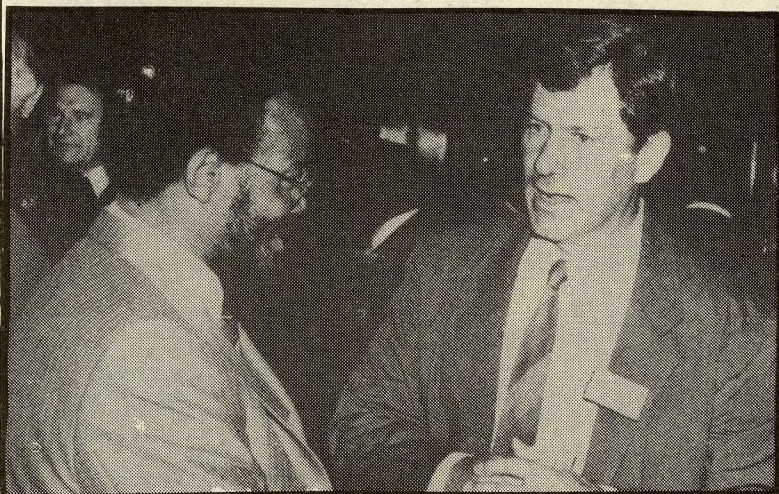
150 delegates met at Johannesburg's plush Sandton Sun Hotel about four weeks ago to form the Convention Alliance. The delegates included the PFP, Gatsha Buthelezi, business people, lawyers and church leaders.

The meeting occurred in the midst of widespread civil unrest, and continued clashes between Inkatha and the UDF. At the same time most of the UDF leadership was in detention and facing treason trials.

RHODEO reporter, Karen Evans looks at the circumstances which have led to the forming of the Convention Alliance.

Since PW Botha came to power the PFP have been losing support to the Nationalists. In the 1983 referendum, the PFP lost the vote to 66% of whites who voted in favour of the Tricameral Parliament. Slabbert's supporters had deserted him, and most of the English press make him look like a Don Quixote tilting at windmills which were best left alone.

The so-called Coloured and Indian elections brought changes which prolonged the life of the PFP. In the



Big pow-pow in the Sandton Sun: Gatsha Buthelezi and Freddie van Zyl Slabbert talk about absolutely nothing.

"Coloured" elections 82% of voters stayed away from the polls to show their reflection of the new dispensation Botha offered to the country. The United Democratic Front which was formed in 1983 in response to the New Constitution, led the successful anti-election campaign the following year.

Labour Party leader, Alan Hendrickse, and the National People's Party leader, Amichand Rajbansi, soon proved to be stooges of the government.

Recently the government scrapped the prohibition of the "Political Interference Act" and made it legal for parties to recruit membership from all races. The PFP could now claim middle ground, and they set up branches in 'Coloured' and 'Indian' areas. The PFP decided on principle to recruit Black, Indian and Coloured members with the aim of taking over the other 2 houses. The PFP won the favour of Inkatha and forged an alliance with them. (The PFP conveniently forgot

about Inkatha's involvement in the Durban clashes against the UDF.)

It is interesting to look at a few men that the PFP have recruited to show how desperate the party is:

**\*Dinky Pillay**, a Lenasia businessman, is on the National Executive of National Alliance. He stood in the Indian election in 1984 as a Solidarity Party candidate. One hundred people voted for him (1%). He was on the Lenasia Management Committee which passed a motion of no confidence in him. He is now facing a fraud charge. The PFP said they had no comment to make until the charge came to court.

**\*George Biauws** has a rather 'checkered' political history. He was a former member of the Labour Party before joining a UDF affiliate. He stood in the 'Coloured' elections as an independent against the Labour Party.

**\*Sonny Leon**, who was expelled from the Labour Party for being too conservative. These men have a long way to go before winning legitimacy as credible and representative politicians.

Inkatha meanwhile is rejected by the UDF, AZAPO and ANC, mainly because of their participation in the homeland structure. Three recent independent polls ranging from 4% to 7%, showed Inkatha's declining support nationally. With the government clamping down on the UDF during the State of Emergency, the PFP and Inkatha have used this gap, created by repression, for political opportunism.

The PFP claim that a "Convention Alliance does unite its supporters and members in terms of the following: That a National Convention must be called at which one constitution, on which one common citizenship for all South Africans, in one country will be negotiated." The alliance calls for negotiation rather than confrontation, although no details of how this is to be done have been mentioned. The C.A. claims it would provide the country with "systematic, well-thought out agendas on how apartheid can be dismantled." The UDF have stated that change would only come through active democratic struggle against apartheid by the majority of South Africa's people.

## T-ORR-TURE TRIAL

District Surgeon, Dr Wendy Orr, will file more evidence against the police if they challenge the interim interdict issued by the Supreme Court in the Eastern Cape. This was said by one of her lawyers, Nicholas Hayson.

Further allegations of police assaults on detainees will be addressed if the order is contested on the return date next month.

Dr Orr, along with 43 other applicants were successful in their application for an interim interdict, which was granted by the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court, restraining police from "assaulting or threatening to assault" detainees held under the emer-

gency regulations.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, and senior policemen were ordered to take reasonable measures to prevent further assaults of detainees and permission for lawyers to interview detainees to support their case was also sought.

"It has become clear to me that the complaints of police assaults are not being investigated as they should be. I received instructions not to endorse the medical records requesting an investigation of alleged assaults." Dr Orr testified.

A collection of sworn affidavits from ex-detainees telling of alleged torture and assaults by police,

supported the application.

An extremely large proportion of detainees examined by Dr Orr, complained that they had been assaulted by the police.

The reason for this breach of regulations was, according to Dr Orr, that the Commanding Officer of St Alban's prison believed that police were immune from prosecution under the indemnity contained in No. 11 of the State of Emergency regulations.

In the affidavits ex-detainees described alleged torture and assaults by police. Vusumzi George claimed to have been forced to sit on the floor with

his hands shackled and his legs forced open by being beaten on the thighs. "They then tried repeatedly to kick me in my private parts," he said.

Other detainees alleged that their hands and feet were shackled and a pole was placed through them. The pole was then suspended between two chairs and the detainees were then kicked until they rotated, hence the name, "helicopter".

Allegations of repeated kicking and beating as well as detainees being forced to dance and sing or to stand naked outside, were also made by detainees.

Dr Orr's description of in-

juries she treated were consistent with such practices.

A liaison officer for the Department of Prisons, Lt-Colonel Danie Immelman, when approached for comment on the allegations, said the Department would not comment on the allegations as the matter was "sub-judice".

Dr Orr told RHODEO "I have been informed that in view of the fact that relationships between me and the Department of Prisons are strained, it would be 'wiser' for me not to work in the prisons anymore or to do night duty. This means that I see neither detainees or prisoners."



# The Southern African Crucible

## ■ Mozambique

The Mozambican government released various notebooks and documents including an MNR diary, which they captured from MNR, disclosing military and cabinet violations of the Nkomati Accord by South Africa.

The documents were released after the South African government admitted that they had made "technical" violations of the accord.

According to the Mozambique Information Agency (AIM) the documents were seized at the MNR's Mozambique's Headquarters, Casa Bana, on August 28 in a joint operation by Mozambican and Zimbabwian forces.

The allegations included:  
\* South African aeroplanes supplying "bandits of the MNR with weaponry, ammunition, medicine and other equipment".

\* Deputy Minister of Information, Mr L Nel, had violated the accord on several occasions, and the Deputy Minister of Law and Order and Defence, Mr Adriaan Vlok supported the MNR "100 per cent".

\* A transcript of an MNR meeting where South African officials described Foreign Minister Pik Botha as a "traitor", because he believed in peace with Frelimo.

If these allegations are true, the SADF has breached more than just "technical" violations as they claimed before the allegations were released.

The SADF denies these claims, saying contact with the MNR was purely to discuss keeping the peace with

Frelimo. They claim the documents were falsified as a Soviet-backed propaganda stunt.

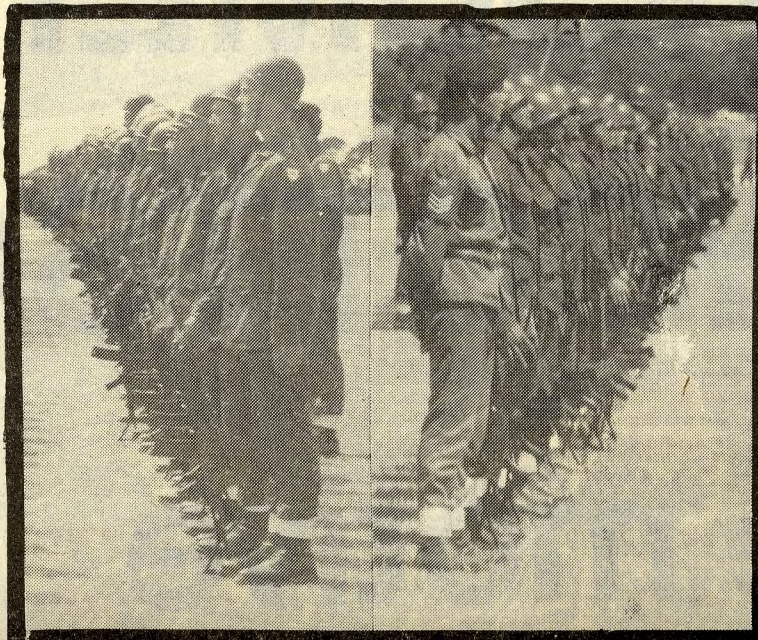
Mozambican President Samora Machel said, "we have broken the back of the snake, but the tail will still thrash around for a while."

## ■ Angola

Reports from Angola indicate that the South African government has not stopped destabilising Angola.

Defence Minister Magnus Malan has openly admitted that South Africa backs rebel UNITA forces who are fighting to seize power from Angola's Socialist MPLA government.

Only 3 weeks ago there were hints from UNITA's Savimbi of the possibility that UNITA would have to abandon their Jamba Headquarters due to successful Military attacks by the Angolan forces.



The SADF:- All dressed up and ready to go.

A battle occurred at the Lamba river North of Mavinga, nearly 300km inside Angola where UNITA claims to have won a great victory over Angolan forces.

Savimbi told a press briefing that they had inflicted over 2000 casualties of Angola's Fapla army and destroyed vast quantities of Russian-made military hardware.

Another press briefing took place at Kuito where the Angolan Military Commanders gave a prepared account of who fought the battle

against Angolan forces. They claim that the heavy damage was caused by a series of South African air raids.

Questions are being asked as to who really fought this battle.

The SADF headquarters has denied that they had been involved in the fighting between UNITA and Fapla.

The Luanda government alleged the South African

Air force (SAAF) carried out the raid, and gave dates and precise times of each attack between September

28-October 3

Certain questions have still not been answered by UNITA:  
\* Whether UNITA guerilla troops on the ground could destroy 20 trucks all at once;

\* Whether it is possible to shoot down the biggest helicopter in the world (Soviet-built Mi-25 gunship) with a 120mm mortar.

Savimbi denied he had received any active South African assistance during the campaign.

Before the battle, Defence Minister Magnus Malan said: "If South Africa's interests in the regions were threatened," they would possibly take military action.

## ■ Lesotho

Lesotho officials have arrested a man they say is "an armed South African trained terrorist" in Maseru.

The arrest follows a bazooka shell, fired at a Maseru suburb last Sunday night which Radio Lesotho reported came from "terrorists from South African soil."

Countering the allegation President PW Botha said Lesotho was harbouring "terrorist elements who plan and carry out violence against South Africa."

# Who killed ex-student Ndondo?

Bathandwa Ndondo, a former SRC Executive member at the University of the Transkei, was allegedly shot eight times by police, as he pleaded for his life.

About 50 people witnessed the murder, which occurred in the small Transkei town of Cala last month.

Mr Ndondo was picked up by plainclothes cops. An eyewitness, Mrs Thunzi, recalled the murder:

"The car stopped in front of my house and he (Mr Ndondo) managed to get out. Ndondo had shouted "Please help me - I am dying", as he fell out and fled. The driver jumped out and chased him and started to shoot at him."

Another witness said that as the man shot at Ndondo, a woman from the car wielding a bush knife shouted, "Kill this dog. Is this dog still alive?"



Mr Ndondo's brother, presently in detention.

Meanwhile, Ndondo's lawyer, his adopted brother and house-mate have all been detained by the Transkei Security police.

Matanzima blamed Ndondo, a former law student, for a bomb blast which destroyed an Umtata fuel depot on June 26. He said, "I want the whole world to know that here in Transkei we know the people who are causing trouble."

Mrs Helen Suzman, PFP MP, reacted: "The arbitrary killing of a man by the State who has never been charged or found guilty is tyranny at its worst."

According to the Transkei Commissioner of Police, General R S Matanga, no arrests have been made.

Ndondo was 22 years old and Regional Health Care Trust worker at the time of his death.



# CONSUMER BOYCOTTS: The motive behind the strategy

by Dr. Jeff Peires,  
senior lecturer in  
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and member of Grahamstown  
Action Group.



The boycott strategy takes its name from its first victim Captain C.C. Boycott, the estate manager of an Irish landlord, who got the treatment from the tenants of County Mayo in 1880.

Since that time the word - and the tactic - has spread through most of Europe. The earliest known consumer boycott in South Africa occurred in Herschel District of the Transkei in the 1920's. Afrikaner Nationalists employed the boycott with great enthusiasm during their 1930's campaign against the Indian traders of the Transvaal.

Boycott was the major strategy of the Unity Movement in their struggle against the Coloured Affairs department in the late 1940's.

More recently, the boycott campaign of the South African Council of Sport has effectively isolated white South African sportspeople and forced some few, limited concessions in the sporting field.

Now that the consumer boycott has emerged as the major weapon of the black communities of the Eastern Cape in their struggle against the State of Emergency, it seems appropriate to consider the strengths and weaknesses of the boycott tactics:

The great strength of the boycott is that it is almost invulnerable to brute force. The state can ban organisations and meetings, it can clear the streets and change the date of funerals, it can detain people without trial, and it can even shoot them dead, but it cannot force people to buy if they do not want to do so.

The boycott enables the black community to confront the white state in a non-violent manner, without resorting to a head-on collision which could only have tragic consequences.

The great weakness of the boycott strategy is that it requires 90%, if not 100%, support to succeed. No community in the world gives that kind of support to its leadership. Mrs Thatcher has a Parliamentary majority of over 150 seats with only 41% of the

votes, and president Reagan got only 40% if one counts in all those eligible to vote but failing to do so.

How much more difficult is it to secure 90% support for a boycott, when the State of Emergency makes any organisation or free discussion impossible.

One can assert with confidence that the present boycott is only viable because the overwhelming majority of blacks support its aims, if not necessarily its methods.

But what of intimidation? Grocotts Mail has recently carried a number of letters condemning intimidation in the townships. It is frankly irritating to find so much sudden concern for black civil liberties from certain individuals who said nothing and did nothing while the SADF was in full cry in the townships earlier this year.

It is also legitimate to ask why the black informants of these letter-writers do not disclose the names of these intimidators to their concerned white friends. Is it because some black employees, who appear to resent the boycott, think and act quite differently out of sight of their employers?

It is in any case an insult to the police to think that they are so incompetent and so ill-informed that they cannot catch the relatively small group of intimidators who are allegedly holding the whole township to ransom.

Nevertheless, it is perfectly true that threats and violence have been used to sustain the boycott, and that many genuine liberals are sincerely worried about this.

It should also be unreservedly asserted that violence is always undesirable, and that, as Bishop Tutu has said, the 'necklace' treatment weakens rather than strengthens the liberation struggle.

What follows, therefore, is not an attempt to justify intimidation, but rather to place it in some sort of context.



All communities coerce their members to some extent. We all pay taxes which go to support apartheid, and many are coerced into the SADF.

It is the common assumption of all nations that the rights of the individual must be limited in cases where the free choice of the individual undermines the collective freedom of all.

Wartime collaboration is a case in point. Did individual Frenchmen in occupied France have the right to associate freely with the Nazis? Are we to take Marshal Petain and Major Quisling as sterling upholders of the freedom of the individual to do what he wants? The French Resistance thought not, and they shot collaborators wherever they could find them. What would you have done if you had been living in France in 1944?

In the view of the black community, the townships of Grahamstown are occupied by an enemy army, the SADF. Their lives are governed by a form of martial law called the State of Emergency.

The boycott is the only way they can see of fighting back, and however much they resent it at times, they instinctively realise that it is part of their patriotic duty.

That, even more than fear of reprisals, is the reason why they do not inform on the 'intimidators' to the police. Naturally, they are inconvenienced by the expense and inconsistencies of the present boycott.

The time will come - perhaps, indeed, it has already arrived - when the people will want to call off the boycott. But until such time as the authorities permit free speech and free discussion within the black community, nobody will be empowered to call off the boycott and it will continue.

In the last resort, the 'intimidation' issue, though a legitimate concern of all decent and honest people, is a red herring.

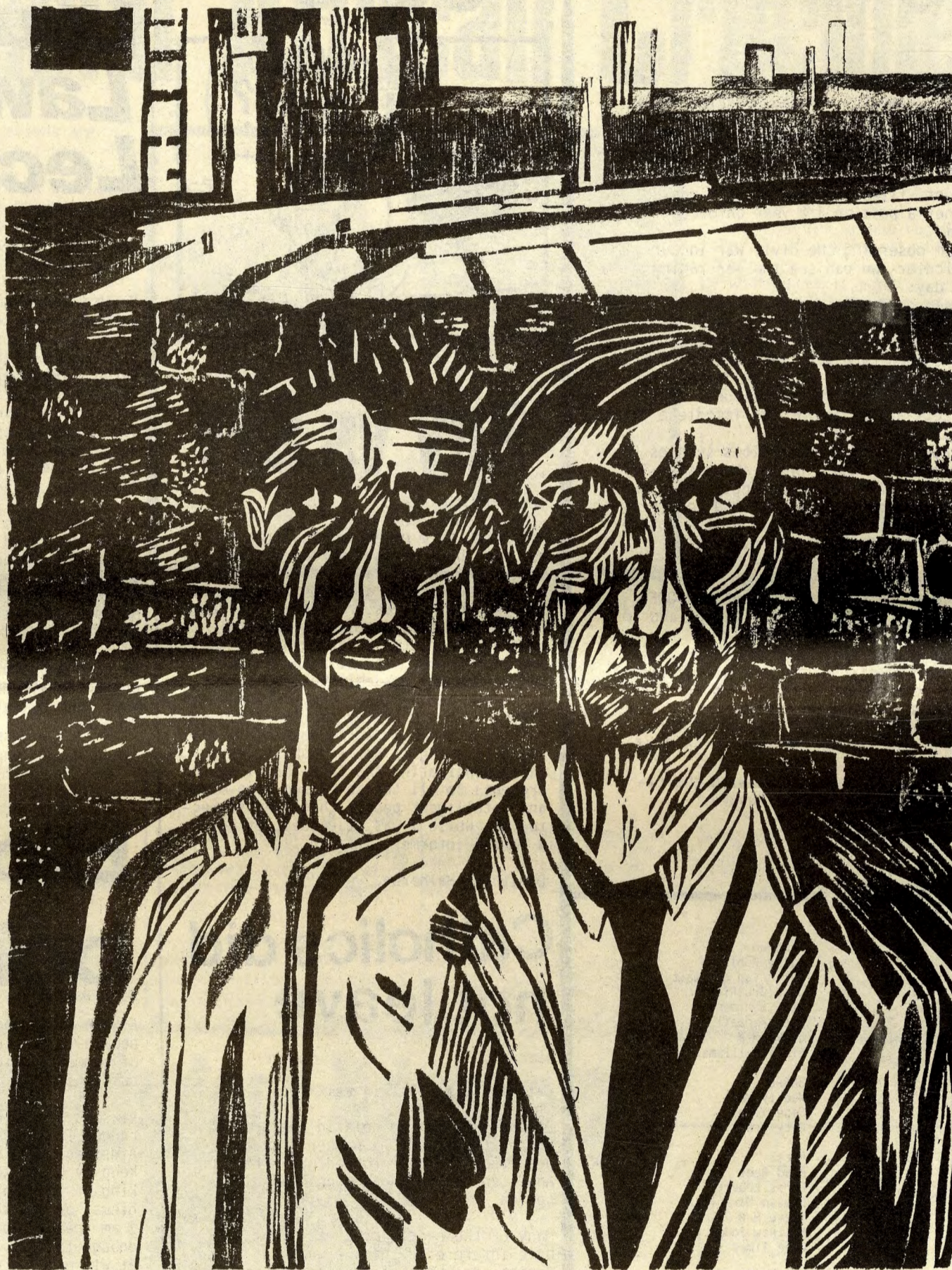
The whites of Grahamstown delude themselves if they think that 'intimidation' is the sole or even a major force behind the boycott.

'Intimidation' cannot be eliminated as long as the intimidators are the chil-

dren of the community for the community will never betray its children, no matter how much they might dislike some of the things that are happening.

Does no-one remember white Rhodesia? Does no-one remember the way in which

white Rhodesians maintained that the rural peasants in the reserves were being intimidated by ZANU? And yet who did these peasants vote for when they finally got the chance? Why do white people in Grahams-town think that the situation is so very different?



Graphic by Anthea Rowley



## Ours

NUNS. SEX. MONEY. SKANDAALS. DAGGA. ROYALTY. POWER.

So you read it. Is that what catches your eye in this messed country? You've got this far. so read on.

Exams are in sight, files are thin and for many of us it means either a pass or a 2 year enforced stint in the army.

However, far from observing the civil war in our country as a soldier we can see the war raging around us every day.

This year has been characterised by increased student protest against Apartheid and the violence which accompanies the system: two students from the University of the Western Cape were injured when police opened fire on their campus. An ex-UNITA SRC exec. member was shot eight times in cold blood. RHODEO deplores these acts and calls for the immediate trials of the guilty parties.

The aiding and abetting of organisations such as RENAMO and UNITA by the SADF won't bring about stability. The role of the SADF is increasingly being questioned and there is a growing call to end conscription. This cannot be done in isolation. the entire scheme of Apartheid must be totally dismantled.

Recently the ECC was launched on campus. There was a poor attendance at this exciting event. RHODEO calls on students to take an interest in ECC and to join the organisation.

With the infringement on every sphere of our lives. powerful peaceful protests in the form of consumer boycotts are now being used. RHODEO supports these nationwide protests and call on the government to fulfill the legitimate demands of the boycotters. Once these demands are met we can work for a free South Africa.

RHODEO wishes all students good luck with the Library's photostat machines and the Future.

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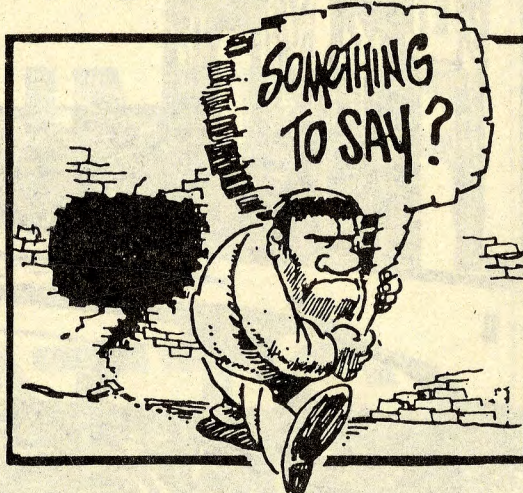
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## Yours



## 'Spy' vs Spy

Dear RHODEO

Referring to a recent insinuation about me, made by a certain person who admitted to having been a police informer, I would like to say: a person that suspects someone who has just recently spent time in a police cell, acquired a criminal record and written a hot exposé on the police informer situation for RHODEO (which she was not able to publish for legal reasons), cannot have very advanced powers of logic to say the least. In addition, I think it was a despicable and cowardly thing to say in public, especially considering the fact that I was not present. To all the so-called open-minded and intelligent people that ever suspected me, while I was at Rhodes, of being a police informer, I laugh.

Geraldine Malherbe.

## Catholics did not leave

Dear RHODEO

Catholics: No part in Walk-Out

During the meeting held in the 9/10/85 in the Great Hall, a number of people departed from the proceedings after the Anglican Chaplain had concluded his speech.

Many of the people present, might well have interpreted this as walk-out by Christians who are not prepared to listen to non-Christian views. We as a Christian organisation vehemently disassociate ourselves from this action. No Catholics participated in the walk-out. We are committed to peaceful change in our war-torn land. I appeal to campus not to interpret this as a sell-out by Christians.

Yours Sincerely  
Paul Teeton  
Cathsoc Chairperson

## Lousy Law Lecturer?

Dear RHODEO

The legal theory 2 class has some serious grievances to air.

Mr Max Lambiris - Roman law lecturer - has cancelled lectures on at least 2 occasions because the class was not sitting with pens poised when he entered. On several occasions he has refused to admit members of the class who arrived late - he refuses to take cognisance of the fact that some students come from lectures on the other side of campus and cannot make the law department in under ten minutes.

Furthermore the class had no class rep until the third term when because of Lambiris's unreasonable treatment class demanded a rep from the Dean (Prof A.J.Kerr) This class representative has no power to sit on Faculty Council however.

We cannot abide Mr Lambiris's autocratic treatment of the class and want representation on the Faculty Council.

Legal Theory 2 Class

## Blood boil

Dear RHODEO

At the last appeal made last Tuesday for people to donate blood, I heard a couple of comments which made my blood boil. Excuse the pun.

Reasons given for not donating blood ranged from the sick one of "I've got Aids"(Which is not funny) to "I'd rather keep my blood to myself". I am not speaking of the ones who may have health problems, or who faint after donating blood. I am speaking of people who are arrogant enough to call themselves socially minded at all other occasions but are too lazy and selfish to donate their pint.

Have they ever thought of the possibility that they themselves might one day need blood and will be grateful when some other person had the sense of responsibility to donate! They will receive blood, although they actually have no right to claim such.

Furious Donor. U Namaf (?- indecipherable)



## ECC under Attack

Dear Rhodeo,  
This letter is being written in the hope that more people will become aware of the insidious practices of political organisations like the NSF; and that the ECC Rhodes Branch will respond publicly to the allegations made in an article which appeared in the Sunday Times.

On reading the article one's first reaction is to wonder how much gracing of sweaty palms with silver went on behind the scenes. Beyond the fact that the NSF is a government-backed organization, of a more serious nature are the allegations levelled at the ECC, and the apparent high degree of (questionable) information the NSF has at its disposal. The allegations themselves range from the bizarre to the ludicrous, and are wholly undermined by the self-righteousness and short-sightedness of the authors. How ironic that they call for peace, and at the same time state emphatically that they will fight for South Africa. One might be forgiven for thinking that the authors failed to insert the word "white" before SA.

One wonders too how the NSF can accuse the ECC of attempting to undermine the integrity of the SADF. If integrity means spit-roasting civilians in Namibia then they can have it. By supporting conscription the NSF is calling for troops in the townships and the accompanying bloodshed and horror. And the NSF preaches morality??? Fascistic demands for the protection of white liberty and freedom at the expense of the majority of the people in this country are hardly moral. The ECC is not gambling with peace - the only people who gamble with peace are those playing "Russian"

roulette in the townships. The NSF should stop looking at Soviet horizons and start dealing with the exigencies within our borders.

Finally. Even more horrifying than the allegations made against the ECC, is the belief in them, held by the NSF. It is this sort of mentality which the ECC must actively work at changing.

Vanessa Richards

It is important for students not to be misled by the National Student Federation's smear attack on the ECC.

In addition to the points raised in the letter above there are a number of inaccuracies and distortions in the NSF article which need attention.

Firstly the NSF's figures on Cubans in Angola are inflated and they fail to mention that these troops were sent to protect the MPLA against the South African invasion of 1975.

The NSF also ignores the fact that the army's occupation of townships increases racial hatred and solves nothing.

While the NSF applauds UNITA and Renamo terrorism, it squeals when those guns are aimed at apartheid.

The claim that the ECC is full of ANC activists is contemptible - if the government had evidence that we belonged to the ANC, we'd all be in jail.

Lastly, it is strange that the idea of ECC (whose every act is in full public view) having a "hidden agenda" comes from the NSF, who are too scared to field candidates in student elections or even to hold open meetings!

Rhodes End Conscription Committee

## POINTS OF VIEW Oppie Column~

The cafeteria was crowded. It was lunchtime and the Oppies All-sorts held hegemony.

"Bungies are dead!!" flustered the Hysterical Materialist from beyond her giraffe eyelashes. "Yea, the buggers are innocent" rapped the Hip Intellectual. The debate was dead, the terms tedious, the realms rigid, the contents cliched...and they knew it. So they talked about the consumer boycott. "My beauty without cruelty mascara is running low" thought Hysta. Just then the Sloppy Feminist oozed into the scene: "Should have seen Larry the Liberal Leftist creeping out of Checkers this morning. That grey duffle coat of his was up to his ears and yellow packets were sticking out the sides." "Sure" the Hip Intellectual sighed, "it was just fine until they resumed the Port Alfred boycott." The Sloppy Feminist, at this point, confessed she missed her hot chocolate and slated Chan Henry for its limited range of commodities. Daryl from the Disco Left parked off. He'd had a bad experience trying to score dop at the Albany Lounge last week. It was cool until he called a prominent Mongrel gangster comrade...and then tried to justify himself by adding: "Well, without a Party the struggle can't be won."

The Groupies pulled in, and pulled out as quick as they'd pulled in. They had spotted an aesthetic image junkie sipping pear liqui fruit ever so sensuously. The Rhema Hip Priest cruised past, with god on his side and a blond on each hip. He blessed the Groupies and together, yet for vastly different reasons, they both left in pursuit of of the source of some weird chants...."Ooooh!!" exclaimed the Groupies "Byrne and Eno have come to town."

As they departed, Fannie the Pharmacist, Rich the Bugger and Flip the Fascist stopped their carbohydrate lunch and gawked clutching their pipi's (a ritual they'd indulged in as long as they could remember). The Groupies left and they continued their ramblings about life during exam time. Their discourse droaned. Raving Richard and Fizz Ed wobbled past exchanging nods, Fizz was also clutching his pipi..the world looked like it had fallen on his head. His (sic) lover ran away with a bungee chick after his insensitive clumsy bed performances. For the women it was nirvana, they laughed, loved and supported one another. No more smelly crotches.

RMR painfully tried to maintain their 'cock sure' commercial image. Lou Reed's Walk on the Wild Side (it was a request) bleared over a table of surfers who twitched, rapped, twitched. It was instinct. Gocha and Skanker were rallying support for their bolt down to Kowie.

Slouched into the table next to them was Billy Bungi. As usual he was locked into permanent combat with his 'self' (or what he thought was). He cursed the unrest, or more fundamentally the dagga drought it had caused. He reached for his sachet of mayonnaise, slipped the syringe needle into it and watched the white liquid being sucked into the container. The headband made a perfect tourniquet....the sky turned liquid. Billy married Batty Business and they died a slow, violent, vinegary death.

OPPIE CULTURE. "NOTHING IS TRUE..EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE"(WB)

By: B. SHARP.

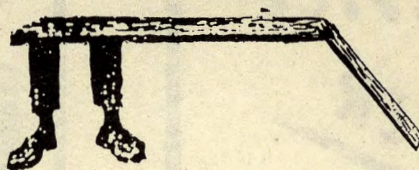


\* People requesting songs at the RMR Studio the other day were quite surprised to see DJ Dimitri shaping with his girlfriend to the sultry Brian Ferry - The song was called "slave to love". In all fairness, however, maybe she was consoling him over the loss of R2000 worth of RMR equipment.

\* Actually we're getting a bit worried about Dimitri and that Syndicate of his who take over RMR now and again: "If you don't like - a da music we'll throw a you in da kotch creek with concrete shoes on, Geddit."

\* Dominee Schoeman during a recent debate with Mark Stein: "When I was at varsity I was redder than Mark is now". The redder the bedder, hey, Dominee. As a matter of fact, bedde-redde-dan-deader.

\* Some maniac threw a "Bob" party the other night. All the Roberts on campus were invited to the Union, where they received a free drink and a name tag saying: "Hi, I'm Robert."



Ouch!

Come home, Patrick Tandy, all is forgiven.



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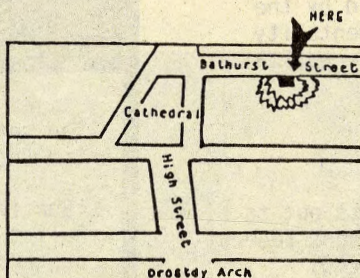
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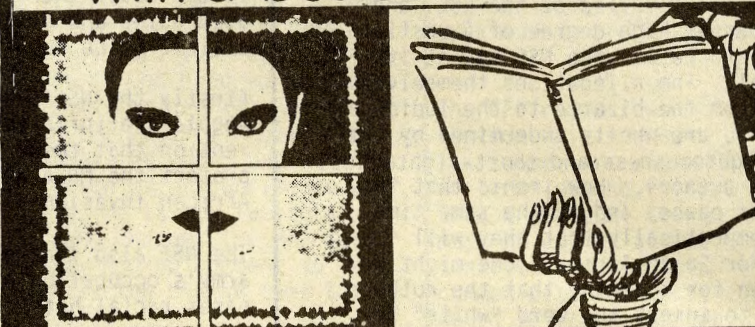
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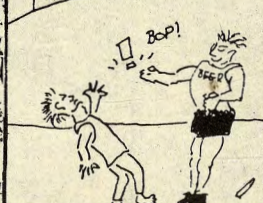


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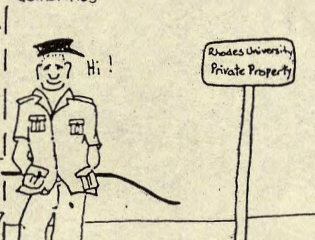


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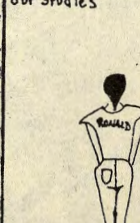
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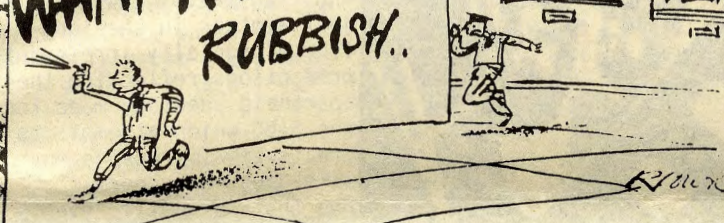


So how come I can't wait to leave?



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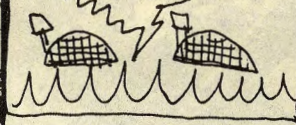
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MOM, WHERE'S Rhodes?



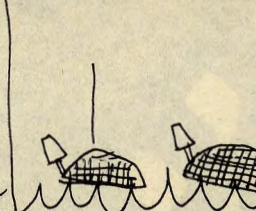
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RISM AND WORLD DOMINATION BY SUBVERSIVE FORCES SEEKING TO UNDERMINE PEACE



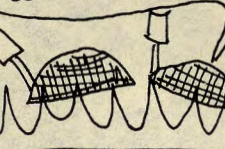
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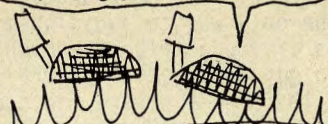
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A LIVE TERRORIST?



OF COURSE, REMEMBER WHEN THE COLONEL WAS LECTURING US ON...



OUR ROLE IN SUPPRESSING TOWNSHIP UNREST, "ELIMINATING" TROUBLE-MAKERS?



I REALISED I WAS SEEING A LIVE TERRORIST, FOR THE FIRST TIME.



UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE

SO THAT CONCLUDES MY LECTURE FOR TODAY



AMAZING RECTOR! I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A QUIET, WELL BEHAVED CLASS!



THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I CLOSED THE UNIVERSITY TWO DAYS AGO!





# SABC SUCKS

Mafia killers/henchmen in explosive action on the sleepy roofs of Grahams-town - assassination attempt on Grahamstown lawyer prominent Grahamstonian having affair with Colour-ed woman (haai sies. what IS our country coming to. Tannie Sarie?). English lecturer having affair with her student - or stu-dents. Ringing sounds of SKANDAAL!! echo through the hallowed halls of

Rhodes and the Supreme Court (or is that the Standard Bank?). What's this? A cocaine taking/trading Rhodian? Yep. all comments from the pages of our esteemed popular press: the local paper reporting.

A film unit. echelon of middle-class creative inspirations. has taken over Grahamstown. High Street. Rhodes shouting various obscenities while exercising their artistic temperament. And it's cost-ing them R3000 a minute to produce yet another TV soap opera shying away from the realities of life.

But anyway. as I was tel-ling Tannie Sarie the other day. there's a 'new' batch of students who have invaded our living space along with these minions of the SABC. No Tannie Sarie. these guys are not politically motivated.

(I wonder whether they're even CONSCIOUS) but rather seem to be more interes-ted in self.

Ag nee. just the other day while wafting in the breeze on Campus. I heard an (unknown) English lec-turer tell her love-struck student lover that he was 'merely one of many'. I stopped in my Fairhead tracks with the thoughts racing through my head - what? Scent of scandaal? Nope - check the cameras and think "student reputation bites the dust. once again "through this inaccurate misrepresentation - of course, you do realise that it's just another socially irrelevant TV soap opera in the making, all to sa-tiate those junk-hungry TV audiences who regard, for example, the incestous Ewing fornications as more relevant than what's going on in the local township.

And "Faulkner's Law" is just another in the long line of socially irrelevant productions reflecting the apartheid ideology made for the SABC which attempts to create the impression that life goes on as normal. and that 'dramatic' events are usually fictitious while, in reality. all around us. everything falls apart - THAT centre cannot hold.

So Brigadiers came to Grahamstown to film a se-rial for the SABC. And from closing off the traff-ic in church square to numerous front page articles in Grocotts they attracted considerable attention in this cultural Ghost Town. They were ogled, envied, despised and much maligned by anyone and everyone from the extra-today-Hollywood-tomorrow aspirants to those ideological purists in their comfy cocoons.

There's no doubt they were the subject of much discus-sion and debate. After all they were filming a six-part serial called Faulk-ners Law for none other than the SABC, that stalwart of government propaganda. Even worse. the SABC commisioned

igadiers to produce the tning. so indirectly they were being paid by that ideologically suspect or-ganisation.

No matter what your ideo-logical convictions may be there are certain material conditions that prevail on the South African cultural scene that cannot simply be glossed over. If you want to get involved in the film business in this country. be it in front of or behind the camera, you will at some stage have to

work for the SABC in order to meet the financial re-quirements of the outside world. All TV work is sponsored by the SABC. They have a monopoly over it. and until that is broken. at least ideologically there will be no change. The only way to avoid them is if you are lucky enough to get a job on a feature film. And they are few and far between. Financial ba-ckers got their fingers burnt in "Zulu Dawn", and are not queueing up with money to pour into future attempts.

And yes, those motivated do see their participation as ideological prostitution. But the fact remains they have no alternative.

Like it or not, to work in either the theatre or the film business and stay in this country means that at some stage you'll have to put survival before ideals. **by r.b**





# ECC launch rock the ratel

Well, well, well...ECC seems to be moving from success with a rapidity very rarely seen on this campus. Saturday, October 5, and our friendly end-conscriptees have rigged up an intimate amphitheatre in the middle of the Great Hall's cavernous gloom. Let me tell you, apathy is virtually non-existent in this organisation...but let me review the launch, shall I?

Hordes of vivacious, colourful and pouting showpeople have emerged from the left's ranks. Cabaret seems to be catching on again. "THE CABARET" put on a "very lekker" and "schlick" production of old favourites, recognizable only through the tunes; lyrics were adapted to the "TOWARDS A JUST PEACE" theme of the evening.

The "KOEK(Andrews)SUSTERS": simpering, sexual and swooning...super show...sensitive statement...shot!!!

Conscientious Objector, David Schmidt, still undergoing a six year stint of community service, gave a very accessible speech on the extent of militarization in SA, and the reaction to this from particularly the pop-cultural sector; eg. Bernoldus Niemand's "Hou My Vas Korporaal." Later on in the evening he sang/recited several down-to-earth ditties exposing the South African Dream for what it is, a capitalist creation entrenching racial segregation. Good one David!!

Lindsay "Rivetting" Reardon, presented a reading on the holocaust (a separate, but nevertheless important repression) that was so brilliantly put over as to make me feel I was watching a movie.

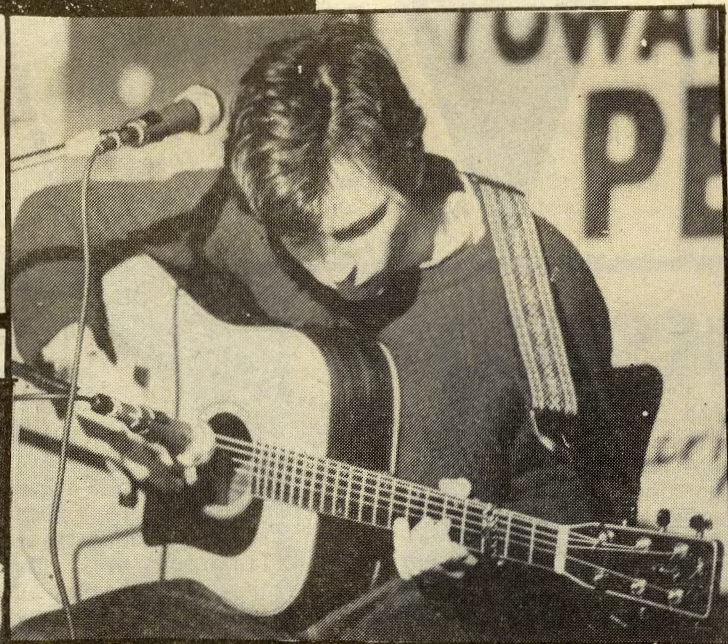
Hey!! Hey!! VIVA! Larry Strelitz, and congratulations on an excellent emotional set. I knew that you and Rob Berold could get something "relevant" together. In fact, they exceeded themselves, with exciting imagery prevalent in every one of the songs. This act brought the evening to a peak before the ORGASM ADDICTS provided final shuddering, explosive release, with some simple, sound and savoury punk rooted rock.

Oh, my goodness!! I nearly forgot; the ECC guerilla theatre group put on ten minutes of scintillating spontaneity with their play, "Somewhere on the Border".

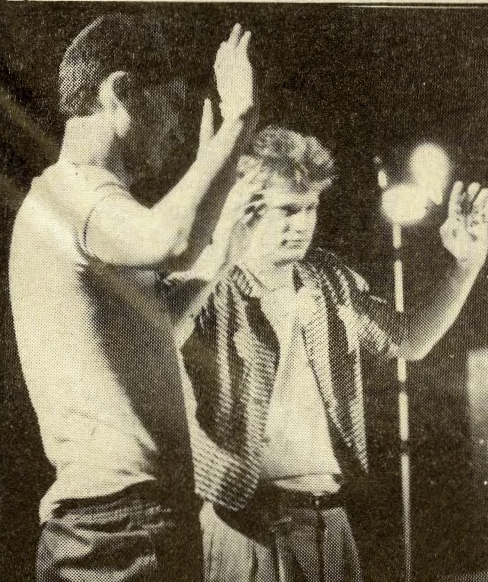
Near-perfect rip-offs of well-known political leaders had me convinced I was sitting in the White House or PW's bathroom.

All in all, one of the best cultural evenings I have attended in my two years on Rhodes campus.

by- Chris Lebert



LARRY STRELITZ



RAY HARTLEY AND ANDY KAY



MVUSO MBEBE



This is no ordinary Vietnam war movie. The horrors of the war are not portrayed on the battlefield, but exist within the minds of the 6 central characters, and manifest themselves in the intense dialogue and relationships between the men. Robert Altman restricts the entire action to one setting- a U.S. army barracks.

The film starts off with 1 of four friends slashing his wrists in the bathroom in an attempt to get out of the war. And Mitchell Lichtenstein, who plays a gay role, attempts to convince his friends that he is homosexual and is not feigning in an attempt to get exempted. He constantly challenges his friends' sexuality and this is one of the major conflicts within their relationship, and sets him apart from the others.

One of the central themes of the film is that of personal invasion and this is set against the American invasion of Vietnam.

The seclusion of the barracks is invaded at intervals by 2 washed-out, drunken, sergeants who weave through the room playing hide-and-seek, relating tales of the song "Streamers" that dying soldiers sing, and acting out their 'Nam experiences, thus bringing the reality of the fighting into the barracks.

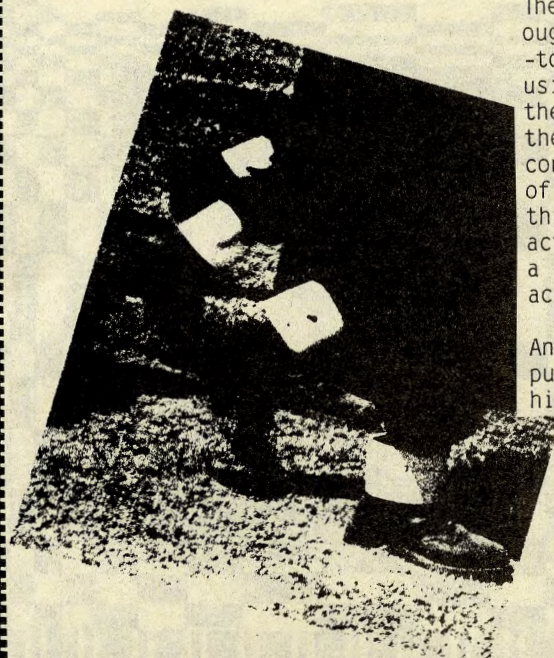
The constant presence of 1 soldier who hides in his bed and does not take part in any dialogue or action is in a sense too an invasion of the sense of privacy of these three friends. When Carlisle (played by Michael

Streamers

Wright) a black, lower-rank trooper enters the barracks, the first real action occurs. He breaks down and voices the fears of many black conscriptees in the 'Negro' barracks down the way that they are being sent to the war as cannon-fodder. Carlisle's attempted sexual contact with Mitchell Lichtenstein brings the conflict between the three friends into the open.

The intense dialogue throughout the film erupts in -to violent action and abusive verbal attacks in the final scene. This is the first time that the conflict within the minds of the men is expressed through violent physical action, and death becomes a reality inside the barracks.

And the silent observer pulls the blankets over his head.



An anarchic montage reflecting an anarchic period... Amsterdam 1979... a cultural movement rejecting conservative norms and values and coming short... Lene Lovich, Nina Hagen and Herman Brood blowing their minds and the music scene wide open. I heard several complaints from the audience after the movie: "What a dof hey?", "What was it about, the mentality the Amsterdam youth movements rejected... conservative society consequently stifled this deviance; often by violent means; vivid interjections of news footage containing scenes of tanks and other armoured vehicles, and down protest squads putting throughout the film. (For instant replay see: RSA 1985- any township or liberal campus in the chaotic decadence of the time was well reflected in Nina, Herman and Lene's music interspersed throughout the movie. Many felt that the movie was only held together by these three prominent artists, not realising that they were the major inspiration for the entire movement. Something of a parallel with the Sex Pistols. Strangely enough, these people, considered as deviant by the straight majority, are now prominent figures in the Dutch youth culture, and recognised as such by the same people who tried to suppress them. All in all, an excellent reflection of the times we live in; a youth constantly striving for an original identity.

cha-cha-cha



Soon enough Hollywood surprises us all by exposing us to a sensitive and highly critical discussion of the family, the American dream and assorted other traumas of modern life.

### THE BREAKFAST club

A beauty queen, a jock, a physics wizard, a compulsive liar and a deviant cynic - five school kids - are thrown together as punishment for the week's various misdemeanors. They spend the day in the library, under the supervision of a hack, American dream, manhood etc obsessed teacher.

Little surprise then when the deviant amuses himself by destroying library books ripping the teacher off, breaking a door and offering around the green drug thing to his hesitant-but-bored-shitless peers.

The beauty queen confesses to virginity, the compulsive liar to nymphomania, (later turns out to be a lie), the young brash jock to pressure from his father and being unable to think for himself (what's new?), the physics boffin to loneliness related to peer rejection and the social deviant to a bad family background.

In all, well produced, well shot, well acted. Incidentally when I was about seven I went to boarding-school and these four macho.....



# howzat umpire

Prospects for the 1985/6 cricket season at Rhodes are exciting. Three limited overs games have been won, Rhodes narrowly lost the other. A first innings win was also recorded against Grey High after they had been forced to follow on. However the departure of the previous season's skipper, Vernon Cresswell, to play for Border will weaken the side.

Rhodes edged out Natal Varsity by four runs in an exciting limited overs match. Batting first, Rhodes scored 241 for 9, Vernon Cresswell top scoring with 76. Other substantial scores were recorded by Kevin Milne 55no and Grant Long 44. Durban remained in contention with a half-century by Colin Casallis, but finally succumbed in the last over, considering that Durban finished second in the Natal League last season, it was a very good win.

Despite 49 by Springbok, Lawrence Seef, Green Point (Cape Town) were no match for Rhodes. The visitors could only muster 199. Blair Hutchings and Grant Long taking two wickets apiece. Rhodes only lost three wic-

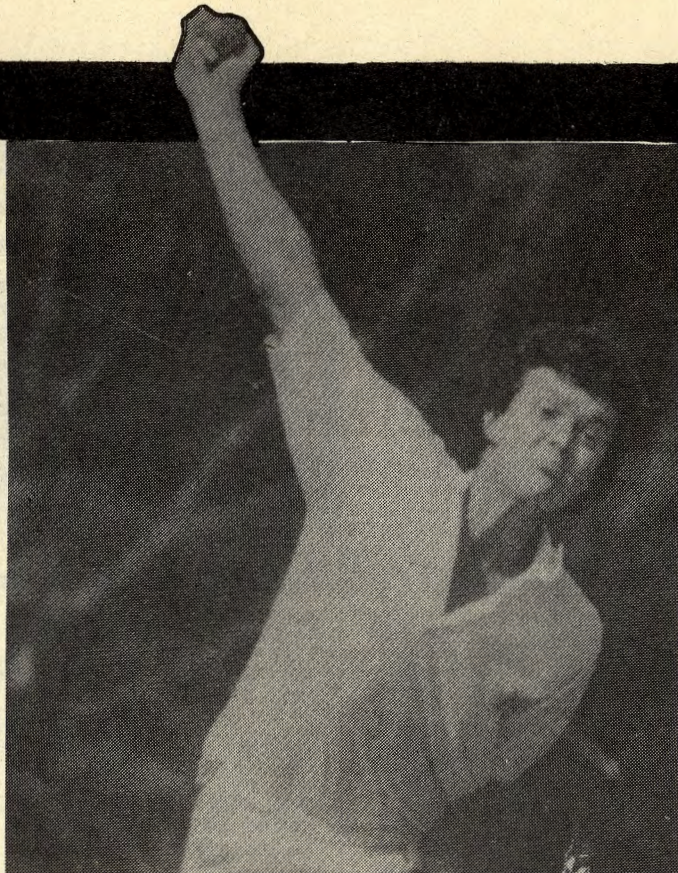
kets in reaching the required 200 runs. JJ. Weatherall scored 81no and Grant Long added 44.

In the match against Grahamstown Cricket Union, a superb knock of 83 by Lorrie Wilmot, enabled GCU to total 263 for 7, Opening bowler, Leon Wiffen, claimed 4 wickets for 51. Despite a good start which included 117 from Grant Long and a half century by Cresswell, Rhodes collapsed to be all out for 256.

Long again proved his worth to the side against Victoria Park, scoring 93 of a total of 176. VP were bowled out for 130. With L.Wiffen claiming 4 wickets, M.Bland 3, and B.Hutchings returning

the figures of 5 overs, 2 maidens, 3 wickets for 3 runs. Rhodes won the game by 46 runs.

A good second innings batting display by Grey High enabled them to avoid outright defeat by Rhodes. Half centuries by Cresswell and Bland enabled Captain, Roger Moulton to declare the Rhode's innings at 269 for 8. Thanks to an inspired spell of bowling by Hutchings, Grey could only score 145 in their first knock. Hutchings took four wickets for 13 runs in 13 overs. Grey recovered to total 286 for 6 in their second innings with Hutchings capturing 3 wickets.



# Pay for Play



Sport bursaries are set to become a regular feature at Rhodes, bringing it into line with other "white" universities.

R20 000 has been allocated for this purpose. Bursaries varying from R500 to R1 000 will be offered each year and will be tenable for one year at a time. The bursaries will be paid twice yearly.

If the successful applicant does not fulfill the requirements, the bursary can be withdrawn.

## Academic requirements

Bursaries will be awarded regardless of the applicant's financial position, but applicants must fulfill the academic requirements of the university. Applicants are expected to participate actively in sport for the duration of their bursaries.

Successful applicants will be chosen by the Sports Union Executive, whose decision will be subject to that

of the Bursaries Committee.

## Sporting requirements

According to Assistant Sports Officer, Pete Andrew, bursaries will only be awarded to those applicants who meet the sporting requirements.

Andrew said the effect of the sporting bursaries "will take two or three years to come into being".

## Postgrads

Andrew said the bursaries might encourage postgraduates to remain at Rhodes. The bursaries might also attract postgraduates from other universities.

More money in the form of bursaries will need to be made available. This will create a noticeable improvement in Rhodes sport.

The position of professional coaching administrator has unfortunately been withdrawn.

# sport shorts

Rhodes men finished 4th and the women 5th in the Tassenberg Stirk Bowl and Arcadia Cup competitions respectively at Prospect Field. Athletes who finished in the first 3 placings were; 4x100 (men) -2nd 44,6 seconds. 4x400 (men) -3rd 3:39,9 seconds.

Chris Miller - High Jump, 2nd, 1,89m

Andre Steenkamp - Javelin, 3rd, 52,86 metres  
Lyn Tasker - 400m hurdles 2nd, 68,3 seconds.

Mens' hockey won their promotion-relegation game against Westview and remain in the Premier League. Unfortunately coach John Morisse is leaving.

Soccer side was relegated from the Premier League when UPE gained the draw they needed to stay up.

Rhodes Athletes in the Snowflake Half-marathon: 6th-Dieter Wust -1hr 12min 37 seconds.

8th -Kenny Marshall -1hr 13min 13 seconds.

Water polo side ended 4th in an 8-team tournament. They came second in their group registering two wins and one loss. They beat Buff (East London) 9-3 and Uitenhage 5-2 but lost 6-8 to Institute A. In the play-off for 3rd and 4th place Dolphins triumphed over Rhodes 12-5. UPE won the tournament beating Institute A 5-3. Top scorers for Rhodes were Rich du Nooy and Andrew Fairall. Rhodes performed better than expected. Unfortunately the side is unable to compete in the EP League but they will play in the SAU tournament at the end of the year.

# Super Sportstars

Five of 1984's eleven Sportsman and Sportswoman finalists return to contest the 1985 awards.

1984 winners, Ray Haggard (rifle shooting), and Ros Heath (hockey), have been nominated again with Karen Winkler and Dave Mee (volleyball) and Gary Hardman (hockey). They are joined by Rod Walker (basketball), Kenny Rolfe and Lennie Tebbutt (surfing), Jenni Woods-Davis (hockey) and Zani Richardson (golf).

Rod Walker was the 1982 Sportsman of the Year.

It is pleasing to note that there are four new finalists this year, indicating further develop-



Sportsman of the Year candidate, Rod Walker (with ball)

ment of sporting participants at Rhodes.

The Rifle Club and the

Volleyball Club are the two contestants for the Club of the Year award.



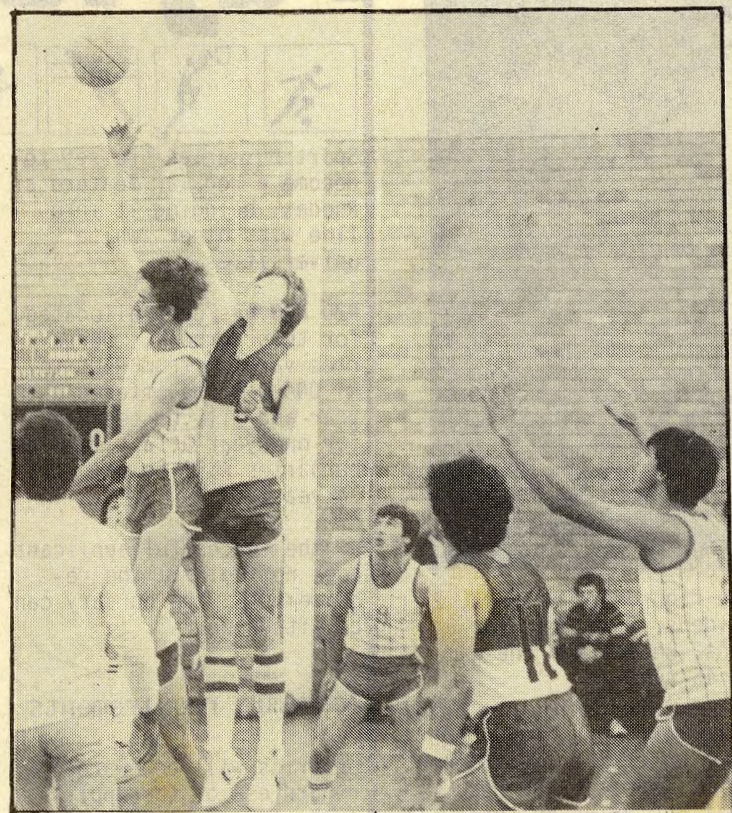
# SPORT BASKETS



Rhodes basketball sides enjoyed mixed fortunes during the past season. The women had a very successful season winning the 2nd league and reaching the semi-finals of the knockout competition. Although the men finished at the bottom of the 1st League, they played some entertaining, and at times, exciting basketball.

The womens' side face a tough task in the first league next season. With the experience gained this year they should be able to hold their own and provide worthy opposition to the other sides. The side seems likely to lose one player next season.

The mens' side will be looking to improve on their performance this season. Unfortunately two players will be lost, including Evan Christophides, a good outside shooter. The new batch of first years next season may well have a notable influence on the sides' performances.



"H H H Heey!! Okay, which one of you jokers put Helium in the ball!!"

The men won 3 games and the women one in finishing fifth and sixth respectively in their sections at the SAU tournament in Maritzburg during the winter vacation.

A number of awards were made at the Annual Dinner.

Colours: Rod Walker  
Half-colours: Evan and Gerry Christophides  
Di Gaiger  
Cheryl James

Coach awards: Evan Christophides  
Rod Walker

Administrator award:  
Evan Christophides

Most improves player:  
Kate Henderson

Most valuable players: Di Gaiger and Rod Walker (SAU and EP) who were top scorers for their respective sides.

# SWELL



# TALK

Hey hey Howzit Surf Connections and all others in the know. Well can you dig it? I mean another Rhodeo Closed Surf Owe. Zounds and Skazam ies all you can say really. O.K. so its Saturday, 0930 5 Oct and surfs 8-12 foot off-shore; light heated sun heavy and hanging; palms and bananas and a live band plays on the pier-was almost the wrong movie (wish I could put music to this) All right seriously, It ies Sat 5 and iet ies 0930 but, 2-4 foot surf, inscontant as hell, semi-hawling souch-wester and generally pig rash conditions, but ies cool' eksêcoz da broers surfies' In the mein event a full-on reversal af the norm

dont you dnow? Richard Tebbutt 1st, Kenny Ralfe 2nd, Alan Carter 3rd. Lennie Tebbutt 4th, Zan Shaq 5th, and Russ Seymar 6th. In the Place event, Clyde Winter 1st (on a wetsiwi man) Andy Hockly 2nd, Malcom Logie 3rd, Steve Kruger 4th me 5th, Danny de Villers 6th and Calan Emery. Richie Tebbs surfed like I did'nt know where he was coming from and managed to suck in on everything at the right time. (In the right place at the right time man). The rest of the Ous surfed as well as could be handled, in as I saud, the worse of whoever Oh yes good one A.C. for all the groovy work thanx. Stay cool.

APOLOGIES TO THE RUGBY PLAYERS FROM DROSTDY AND OPIES FOR REFERRING TO THE PHOTO IN THE PREVIOUS RHODEO AS

WALKER VS GOLDFIELDS. WALKER ENJOYED A CONVINCING VICTORY OVER DROSTDY IN THE FINAL.

# Round the block relay race

New records were the order of the day when the 25th Round the Block Relay Race took place in front of 500-strong crowd.

Five new marks were set including two all-comers records, although Foxie du Plessis' time of 5min 28secs remained standing.

Foxie, alias Neil du Plessis, flew down from Johannesburg especially for the race and was treated to some splendid running by more than 100 athletes.

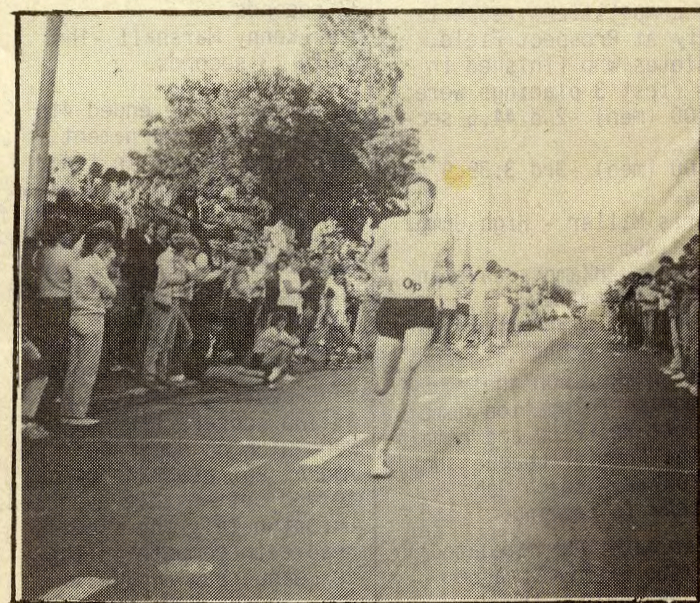
Oppie sides triumphed in both the mens' and the womens' races, with the women creating new Rhodes and All-Comers records.

The All-Comers record is particularly impressive as it includes inter-varsity contests with several UPE Springbok athletes. The mens' side also broke the Rhodes record as did the second-placed Piet Retief side, nine seconds behind.

Michelle Bartman (Oppie) broke the Rhodes and All-

Comers records with a time of 5 min, eclipsing the old mark by 2 seconds. Previous holder Heidi Wust clocked 5min04sec.

Kenny Marshall, (Retief) and Graeme Dorrington (Smuts) shared the honours in the men's race with a time of 5min35sec while Oppie Ashley la Grange was only a second slower.



Ashley la Grange - the agony and the ecstasy.