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The cost of school uniforms staggers hard-hit parents

Buying school uniforms so soon after Christmas puts a strain on most family budgets.

So much so that a trend has developed in the past few years of school uniforms and equipment doubling up as Christmas presents, says Hassen Seedat, owner of Squires of Yeoville.

However, McCullagh & Bothwell director David Walker points out that uniform prices have generally risen by no more than the rate of inflation. In fact, the cost of girls' dresses has remained constant for the third season in a row.

McCullagh & Bothwell stocks uniforms for about 75 schools.

Walker says uniforms remain the "most effective way of clothing children for school".

Uniforms for boys, he adds, have become fairly standardised with badged, short-sleeved shirts for summer and white, long-sleeved shirts and ties for winter. At many schools the year-round uniform for boys is a white, long-sleeved shirt with tie and grey longis. And some Government high schools now give boys the option of grey shorts for hot weather.

"Where prices do vary," says

Walker, "is in the different fabric types. Most schools have changed to polyester blazers while some schools still retain the all-wool blazer, which is far more expensive although it drapes much better."

Walker says an added advantage of the polyester blazer is that it can be washed instead of dry-cleaned.

"Likewise trousers made from a Trevira/wool fabric are usually more expensive than their polyester/viscose counterparts," he adds.

Many junior schools have moved away from blazers, replacing them with tracksuits for winter wear, while most high schools have chosen to keep blazers, although not for daily use but for formal occasions.

"School uniforms for girls tend to be seasonal, with a dress for summer and a tunic and blouse for winter," says Walker.

"Girls' hats have just about fallen away, a good example of the rationalisation of school uniforms.

"However, we are selling a lot more functional headware to protect students from the sun during recreation and sport."



School uniforms ... retailers say the cost of girls' dresses has remained constant for the third season in a row.

School, varsity fees to rise as

crisis looms

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Parents will have to dig deeper into their pockets this year as schools and tertiary institutions increase fees to alleviate the huge financial crises they face.

The exception are parents of Grade One pupils who receive free education under the new government.

Most universities and technicons have increased their tuition and residence fees due to envisaged funding problems in the new year as a result of unpaid fees and a cut in Government subsidies.

So serious is the situation that Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu's Advisory Committee on the Tertiary Sector (ACTS) has recommended that the Government make available R500 million to rescue some universities from ruin.

ACTS chairman Cheryl Carolus said last month unpaid student fees at tertiary institutions amounted

to R89 million in 1992 and R137 million in 1993. The amount is expected to rise this year.

Parents sending a child to an average, formerly Model C school will pay an average of R1 640.

At private schools, tuition fees range from about R4 800 a year to R15 000 a year.

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has announced that it will increase its tuition fees by between four and 7,5 percent for 1995, while residence fees will go up by 6 percent.

The University of the Witwatersrand has also increased its fees.

First to third-year fees will be increased by 10,2 percent and fees for fourth-year and above, including post-graduate programmes, by 11,2 percent.

Rhodes University has increased tuition and residence fees by about 5 percent.

University course for decision-makers

CAPE TOWN — The University of Stellenbosch would introduce a bachelor of arts course for decision-makers in the public or private sectors, the university said yesterday.

The course will focus on policy and values studies and students will have to obtain 90 credits instead of the usual 80 for BA courses.

It combines philosophy, religious studies, political

studies and sociology with economics, industrial psychology, business administration and development studies. *BD 6/1/95*

"Decision-makers are required to acquire not only factual knowledge but also the ability to interpret facts and events so that decisions may be based on sound values," the university said.

"It is essential that values needed to make democ-

racy succeed and that apply in business, public institutions and organisations and in a diversity of cultures should be taken into account when policy decisions are made."

The university said practical work in policy-making was an important part of the course, exposing students to the reality and demands of the public and private sectors. — Sapa.

'Room for all' at Gauteng schools

NO CHILD could be refused admission to school or victimised in any way for the non-payment of a voluntary school fee and no child would be turned away from state schools in the province, Gauteng education minister Mary Metcalfe said yesterday.

Sapa reports she told a news conference: "The government is committed to finding a space for every child of school-going age despite resource constraints."

Metcalfe said school fees were not a condition for admission. "No child may be denied admission to a school on the grounds of race, gender, origin (ethnic or social), religion, demonstrable inability to pay or language."

Registration at schools would continue until the tenth day of the first term. Metcalfe said private schools would receive their state subsidies for the 1995/96 budgetary year. Subsidies for private schools were under review.

Metcalfe said Gauteng matriculants had scored the worst marks in the country and she blamed poor discipline, schools closing early, crime at schools and absenteeism among teachers and pupils. A monitoring committee would identify problem schools and recommend solutions in April.

Metcalfe said she was now the legal political authority in charge of education in the province. Existing transitional bodies would dissolve in April when new bodies took over.

Top management posts in her department, which consisted of a head office, three regions and 18 districts, would be advertised and filled within three months.

CATHERINE CROOKES reports that the National Education Co-ordinating Committee yesterday called for the abolition of the Model C school system and the

return of all schools which were previously under state control.

NECC spokesman Sipho Cele, however, maintained that "free and compulsory education does not absolve parents and communities from the responsibility of contributing, financially and otherwise, to the education of their children".

The NECC also called for the scrapping of all debts incurred by historically black universities. It also said funds from other sources, such as the secret defence funds, should be redirected to help resolve tertiary education's financial problems. A moratorium should also be placed on exclusion of students on financial grounds.

The NECC said it was government's primary responsibility to provide free and compulsory schooling to all, with funds derived from the national tax base.

While free and compulsory education had been phased in for all grade one pupils, the NECC hoped other levels would be phased in over the next few years.

The NECC called for the establishment of democratic parent, teacher, student associations to help solve the problems surrounding the payment of school fees and the lack of accountability and responsibility concerning use of school funds.

The process of reforming the primary and secondary school curricula was undertaken by the national education and training forum, government and the NECC during the last four months of 1994.

The changes to the curricula "were only an interim measure to remove the objectionable parts of the syllabus that went against the norms and values entrenched in the interim constitution", said Cele.

The NECC said a curriculum commission would be set up by April to put into action revised long-term curricula.

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Banda bail

ZOMBA - A Malawi magistrate yesterday refused to grant bail to former president Kamuzu Banda, his close aide John Tembo and three police officers, all charged with murdering four prominent politicians in 1983. Banda, who is under



Gauteng education minister Mary Metcalfe and communications director Chris Vick at a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture: NICKY DE BLOKS

Alarms sound for universities

Own Correspondent

LONDON - SA's universities, once at the forefront of the anti-apartheid struggle, are near to collapse according to academic RW Johnson, writing in The Times yesterday.

In a brutal analysis, he warns that their demise will spell disaster for SA's fledgling democracy, and predicts that it may already be too late for several institutions while others face a widespread drop in standards and morale.

"All universities have suffered badly from repeated government funding cuts in the last decade, so that most are now 40% or more underfunded. At the same time, the system has expanded to accommodate vastly greater numbers of black students," he writes. Under the ANC government, which had made it clear that primary education would receive top priority, the situation was unlikely to improve.

Historically black universities, such as the University of the Transkei and the University of Durban Westville, are in the most trouble. Close on their heels is the University of the Western Cape, which has lost many

academics to government. These institutions, crippled by a decade of student rebellion, are now "awash in a culture of permanent confrontation and populist extremism". The demands of "open entry" had led to a massively increased intake and a "calamitous" drop in standards.

He argues that the case of the liberal English universities is particularly tragic - "not only because they are the best, and because they have taken such a strong anti-apartheid stand throughout the dark years, but also because they, more than other institutions, embody traditional liberal values and ideals. "If they go under, the damage to the new SA will be incalculable."

They, too, have been racked by student troubles, and academic standards are under pressure with populist demands like "pass one, pass all". Johnson notes that black students are falling into arrears with their fees - and teaching staff are bearing the brunt by being paid less for an increasing workload.

"The fact that it is still possible to gain a good education at such universities is mainly due to the efforts of a long-suffering but now distinctly middle-aged body of white academics." There is little confidence that they will be replaced by others like them, Johnson claims.

The traditionally Afrikaans universities are faring the best. They have attracted fewer black students and are to some extent insulated from the problems of their rivals "and thus the realities of the new SA".

Government policy must be watched, too. Johnson highlights three areas: The historically black universities - which have produced many leaders in government - are expecting preferential treatment, giving rise to fears of what he calls a "levelling down process".

There are concerns too about government's commitment to academic freedom and university autonomy.

Referring to the ANC left and its idea of turning all SA's universities into "people's universities", he says it remains to be seen how well universities can weather the storm ahead.

The fact that it is still possible to gain a good education at such universities is mainly due to the efforts of a long-suffering but now distinctly middle-aged body of white academics. There is little confidence that they will be replaced by others like them, Johnson claims.

UCT makes R1,2m^{CT - 10/1/95} in ⁽⁵⁴⁾ holiday rent

Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town has grossed about R1,2 million in accommodation rental from holiday-makers and children's tour groups who booked into vacated student residences over the festive season.

And the money is to be used to help offset increases in student residence fees for the coming year, UCT director of student housing Dr J McNamara said yesterday.

Dr McNamara said UCT's vacation accommodation programme over the past festive season was the "most successful" to date.

Occupancy levels at the Forest Hill, Liesbeeck, Groote Schuur and the Tugwell Hall complexes were 100% during the Christmas week.

The weeks before and after Christmas saw occupancy levels hover at about 85%.

"The rental of accommodation is a significant generator of funds to the student housing fund and allows us to keep student residence fees lower.

"Our overall budget is about R40 million a year and the holiday accommodation generated was about R1,2 million," Dr McNamara said.

He said residence fees would increase by about 6% this year but the increase could be kept lower than inflation because of the funds raised through the vacation programme.

Dr McNamara added that occupancies were running at about 50% and that the programme would be phased out over the next 10 days.

Funds crisis a threat to SA varsities

CT 11/11/95 (54)

LONDON. — Some South African universities are facing collapse under the pressure of repeated funding cuts and increased student numbers, a leading British academic has claimed.

Writing in the Times of London, Oxford don R W Johnson warns that it might be impossible to prevent the complete collapse of several institutions, while many others could suffer a drop in standards and morale.

"All universities have suffered badly from repeated government funding cuts in the last decade, so that most are now 40% or more underfunded. At the same time, the system has expanded to accommodate vastly greater numbers of black students," he writes.

Under the new government, which has made it clear that primary education will receive top priority, the situation was unlikely to improve.

The historically black universities and the University of the Western Cape, which had lost many of its leading academics to the new government, were in the most trouble.

These institutions were "awash in a culture of permanent confrontation and populist extremism". Bowing to the demands of "open entry" had led

to huge intakes and a "calamitous" drop in standards.

The travails of the liberal English universities were particularly tragic, he said. "The fact that it is still possible to gain a good education at such universities is mainly due to the efforts of a long-suffering but now distinctly middle-aged body of white academics.

"There is little confidence that they will be replaced by others like them."

UCT vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said: "While universities do face challenges, it is quite wrong to predict gloom and doom. We are confident that we will continue to offer a higher education of quality."

Dr Saunders said UCT had outstanding young academics and students of all races. Teaching standards had consistently improved and "the university's research standing is quite clear".

Mr Stanley Ridge, director of Development and Public Affairs at UWC, said most SA universities were fundamentally sound.

UWC was in the black and now had the largest science enrolment in the country, he said.

Referring to a drop in standards, Mr Ridge said at UWC the normal registers of standards such as external examiners' reports were encouraging. — Own Correspondent, Staff Reporter

'95 a record intake for UCT

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A RECORD 15 596 students have been admitted to the University of Cape Town this year, an 11% increase on last year's tally of 14 334, UCT said yesterday.

Undergraduate registrations have jumped a total of 13% and post-graduate admissions by 8%, it said in a statement.

However, admissions have not yet closed and applications for

the following will be accepted until the end of January: (54)

- Faculty of Arts: BA
- Faculty of Education: BPrimEd
- Faculty of Engineering: BSc (Eng), BSc (Surveying)
- Faculty of Fine Arts and Architecture: BA (Fine Arts)
- Faculty of Science: BSc (first-time students only)

● Faculty of Social Science and Humanities: BSocSci, BA and BTh.

Applications for all undergraduate degrees and diplomas in the Faculty of Music and BSc (Quantity Surveying) and BSc (Construction Management) in the Faculty of Fine Art and Architecture will be taken until the end of February.

Conflict at Wits still unresolved

By Claire Keeton 13/1/95

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INDEPENDENT mediation at Wits University has failed to resolve conflict between the administration, student and worker organisations.

The South African Students Congress and the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union disagreed with the vice-chancellor's announcement this week that mediation had been concluded.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said in an open letter: "It has been agreed that a facilitated relationship-building exercise should be undertaken early in the new term.

"I hope that will create a climate of understanding which will enable the Forum for Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation working group to complete its task shortly thereafter."

He said the dispute over two members of the catering staff had been resolved through arbitration in favour of the university and the disciplinary hearings, deferred during inde-

pendent mediation, would now proceed.

Nehawu shop stewards committee said it was unable to prepare a proper defence and management must meet with the union before disciplinary action is taken.

Nehawu campus chairman Mr Dan Motaung said: "The letter is not a true reflection of what transpired during mediation. The mediation reached a deadlock."

But he said: "If we do not agree now it does not mean we can't agree tomorrow — that would lead to a situation of confrontation."

Sasco leadership said: "It is unlikely negotiations will go ahead if the disciplinary hearings do. We have sharp differences on whether the arbitration should be recommendatory or binding.

"We are calling for a resumption of negotiations in a climate conducive to talks." All parties agreed the relationship-building exercise could be jeopardised by actions like strikes or disciplinary proceedings.

The man who quietly plots Wits revolution

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HEN Professor Malegapuru William Makgoba pondered his return to South Africa in 1990, there was one man whose opinion he sought above others: Nelson Mandela.

"It's no secret that I had a long meeting with Mr. Mandela shortly after he came out of prison," says Makgoba. "He advised me: 'Don't rush to come back, but people with your skills will be needed in the new South Africa.'"

"It was very important advice. Unlike other people who just said 'Yes, come back', he was being democratic, giving me an option to realise I was the person who had to make the decision, without having it imposed on me.

"He gave me the dignity to think that I could decide for myself."

Four years later, Makgoba resigned as research head at London's Royal Postgraduate Medical School and slipped quietly into the post of deputy vice-chancellor (academic affairs) at Wits University, the highest-ranking black administrator on the campus.

Given his qualifications, the appointment seems not only appropriate but impeccable: a former Nutfield fellow, MB ChB (Natal), D Phil (Oxon), Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London), Founder Member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (FMASSA) and Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa (FRSSA), he is an expert in molecular endocrinology and human immunogenetics — in his own words, "a high-class research scientist".

Perhaps more significant, however, is Makgoba's clear mission to transform Wits "tickling and screaming if necessary" from an essentially white institution to a university for all the people.

In this he is not afraid of ruffling feathers. The staff, students and workers at Wits are ready for change, he declares. It remains only for the administration "which



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is conservative, like all administrators", to take the required "giant leap" into the new SA.

When we meet in his office on the Wits campus, Makgoba — a friendly man with a deceptively face framed by glasses and a stubbly beard — spells out an unambiguous list of priorities for the university. They are:

- Transformation;
- Affirmative action;
- Access;
- Cultural revolution.

HERE is no mention of actual education there, but Makgoba takes the view that the excellence of Wits teaching, particularly in science, engineering and technology, is a given.

Its academic superiority is one reason, he says, why he opted to join Wits rather than UCT or his old alma mater, Natal.

But he notes with irony that although Wits was always the university of opposition to apartheid, "now it is still a university of opposition" but for different reasons.

"Yes, we must preserve what is good in this institution, but we must also throw out the archaic ways in which things have been done and are still being done," he says.

"What must go is the cultural

ethos wedded to Anglo-Saxon values which are perceived by blacks as alienating.

"For instance, if you ask black students to come and see me in my 11th floor office in Senate House, they'll say: 'That is not a place for us'. This tradition that management is separate from the people downstairs is unacceptable and creates tension.

"The Anglo-Saxon way may have worked when it served mainly the small white community and students understood it.

"But now African children come here from Soweto or the Northern Transvaal and are baffled by things they consider stupid or even laughable.

"But they cannot express themselves. Their culture is being excluded or denied. Management comes from somewhere and tells them what to do.

"Even in Europe, where these values presumably originate, management no longer operates in that way. It's become people-friendly, bottom-up.

"If this change is frightening for whites, then so be it. Blacks have been frightened for 350 years.

"The dynamics of South Africa are these: blacks are used to change because they have been fighting for it, whites are not used to change because they've been resisting it.

"Whites cannot handle anything which doesn't contain a pro-

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gramme of certainties. Uncertainties disturb them, but this doesn't bother me because I think it will make them better people within the new South Africa."

This full-frontal candour is counter-balanced by Makgoba's insistence that he is not advocating a kind of a cultural wipe-out.

"I'm not saying one should erase one society's values in favour of another. I'm not saying these values are intrinsically wrong, but they are going to be challenged by another set of values.

"Perhaps, over time, we can hope that the good from each side will prevail in a kind of hybrid culture."

Makgoba was born in Sekhukhune — "Magoobaskloof is where my name comes from. My great grandfather was slaughtered by the Afrikaners, fighting for his piece of land. Maybe I should reclaim it."

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HEN he was three days old, his grandfather predicted he would become a doctor. "Either it was just a natural thing to wish for a well-paid white job for a black child, or else he knew something," he says.

"Anyway, I grew up with people around me making the assumption that I would enter medicine.

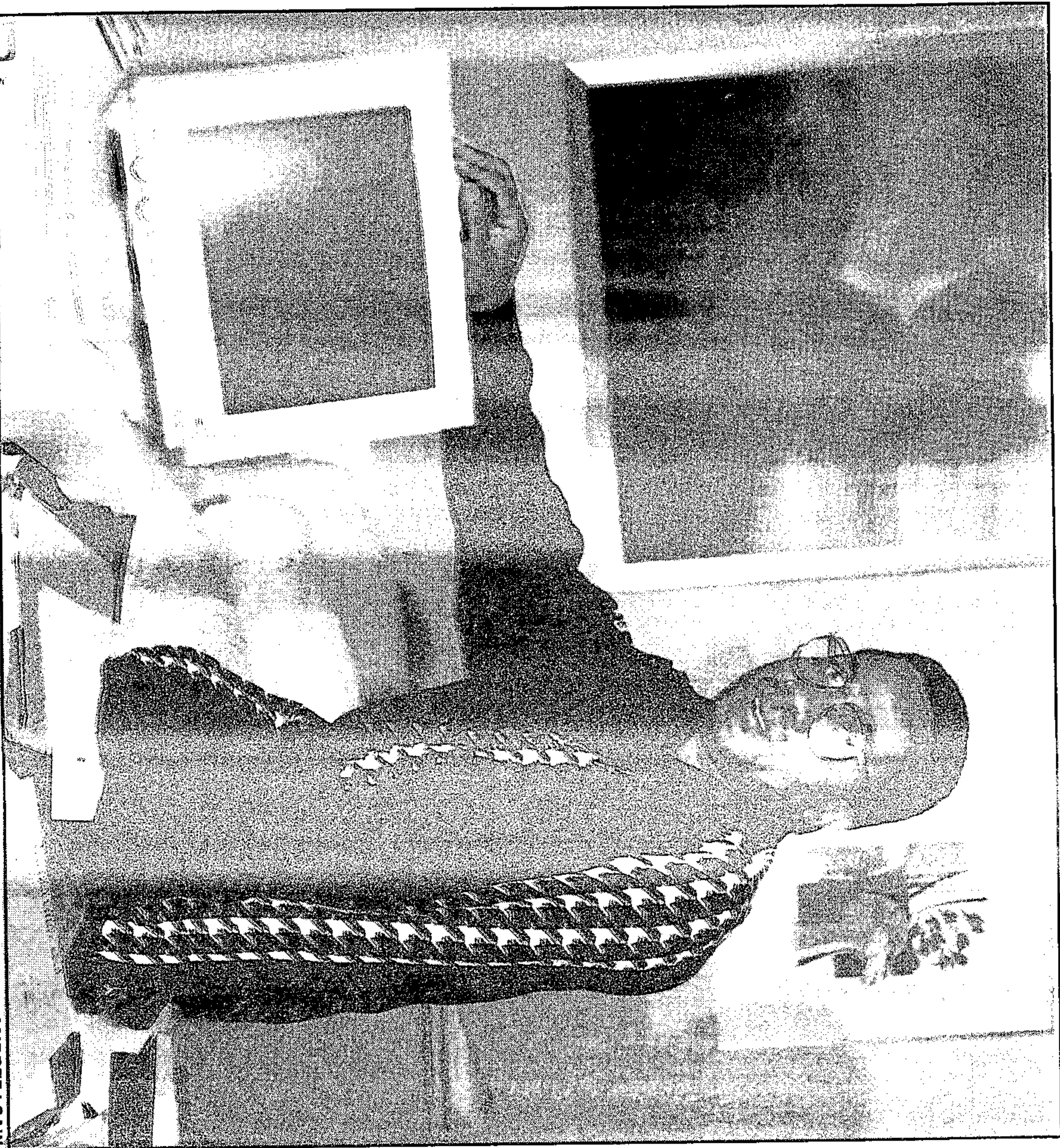
"So I did. In 1976 I graduated from Natal University medical school with the highest marks in the country at that time."

Until his return last October, Makgoba lived in England, at one time working and lecturing under the renowned South African-born scientist Sir Raymond Hoffenberg at Birmingham.

His work on adhesion molecules is permanently displayed in the British National Museum of Science and Industry.

He is married to Sindi — also a South African — and they have two daughters, Makgoadi, 18, and Makhahle, 14, and a son, Morihli, 16.

He is essentially an optimist,



MIDWIFE TO A NEW CULTURE... Wits deputy vice-chancellor Professor Malegapuru William Makgoba

Picture: ANDRZEJ SAWA

and believes he has already made a good start at Wits by persuading black students and academics that Wits is going to change, but in a democratic, rather than anarchistic, fashion.

While sympathetic to black student frustrations, he will have no truck with the trashing of campuses.

The Wits vice-chancellor and administration have been "very supportive, even though we may occasionally differ philosophically about how we embark on change."

He believes he has taken a fur-

ther important step by proposing an academic training programme for young black graduates.

"The important thing is not so much the change itself, but the process of bringing about that change.

"We have a new South Africa, but if you ask most people they haven't seen any difference. But the process is so important that it supersedes immediate personal gratification.

"I don't think even the angriest black student is daft enough to think the process doesn't take

time." Wits's student body is about 35 percent black — more in some areas. "We're not looking at targets, but we are conscious that we should be properly representative by the turn of the century, at least in the student body."

Makgoba shies away from speculation that he might succeed Professor Robert Charlton when the vice-chancellor retires in 18 months — or that he might be snapped up for some important government job.

"It is wrong to see me as not having ambitions to be at the top of anything, but I was asked by Professor Charlton to undertake a specific task, and I'm doing it.

"Money is not important to me — if it was I would not have come back. I don't see myself in terms of the next vice-chancellor. I never aimed to become deputy vice-chancellor. I never aimed to become a scientist either, but these things do happen."

Has his arrival set the cat among the pigeons? "More likely the pigeon among the cats," he laughs.

Black students tell of Matie hardships

■ BY BOB TILLEY
STAR FOREIGN SERVICE

Munich — A group of black students at Stellenbosch University have complained to a German reporter that they are effectively locked out of campus life there.

At the end of a day's visit to the university, Bartholomaeus Grill, correspondent for the influential German weekly Die Zeit, met his first black student.

The student, a "shy young man" from Transkei, told Grill: "We're not especially welcome; we feel that."

The next morning, eight black Stellenbosch students phoned Grill and "expressed what their colleague had not dared to say the previous evening".

"Accommodation, jobs, language problems — the list of complaints is long."

The black students, speaking anonymously, told Grill: "We are excluded (from the university) by other means."

Instruction was in Afrikaans, for instance. "We can't follow one single discussion," was the complaint.

Another handicap was the difficult entry qualifications.

"We went to bad schools and have miserable qualifications," Grill was told.

The accommodation charges at the university were another big handicap: "R500 a month for a room — we can't afford that."

White students at Stellenbosch did not understand these problems, the group complained, and only one black student sat on the student committee where the problems could be discussed.

Grill said he had been "proud-

ly" told by the university administration that the number of black students had risen 228 percent in the years 1989-1993, while the white student intake had increased only 1 percent in that time.

"Don't they learn in the Faculty of Science to uncover statistical embellishment?" asked Grill.

The number of black students had indeed more than tripled, from 43 to 151, but during the same period the number of white students had risen from 14 017 to 14 387.

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Wits working on accountability

A "PROCESS of transparency and accountability" was set in motion at a Wits University academic staff meeting yesterday. (54)

The meeting, chaired by academic affairs deputy vice-chancellor Prof Malegapuru Makgoba, looked at promotions and conditions of service, among other things. BD 24/11/95

Makgoba said: "We must face the past and look into the future. And although transformation is vital it must be tackled in the context of the university's history of top-down management by a small elite."

He said the meeting marked the start of the de-

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velopment of bottom-up communication, with staff airing their fears and ideas about the future direction of the institution.

Makgoba would form a task team soon to look into appointment and promotion criteria.

This body would be drawn from all races, sexes and ranks within the university community.

"The task group will take into account the comments and wishes of the staff to define guidelines for the transformation of Wits staffing principles, which will accommodate every-

one," he said.

While many white male staff members felt they were an "endangered species" because of affirmative action, the university had to engage in programmes to ensure it encompassed the principle of universality, he said.

He felt affirmative action was a matter of corrective action.

He ruled out the unrepresentative work of secret committees which had operated in the past.

Makgoba said he wanted to create a spirit of participation, inclusiveness and transparency among the academic staff.

Wits to set up new staff guidelines

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

Wits University lecturers yesterday agreed to establish a task force to set up new guidelines for the appointment and promotion of lecturers in a move set to change the face of tertiary education.

The resolution was adopted at a meeting of about 300 lecturers on the Johannesburg campus yesterday.

The convener of the meeting, deputy vice-chancellor and academic staffing chairman Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, said he had called the meeting because the present guidelines followed by the university were outdated.

"I am committed to dealing with the appointment and recruitment of new staff in a manner which reflects the new South Africa. The existing guidelines for appointments were handed down to departments, but the new guidelines will be more reflective as they will be laid down by people who are aware of the needs of the university," he said.

The task group would examine the existing guidelines in the light of problems raised at the meeting, consult with all the relevant constituencies and draw up a document which had the approval of all academics.

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Nine Wits workers dismissed

Nine protesting workers who held the Wits University administration registrar and its buyer hostage for 10 hours last year have been dismissed.

Wits said yesterday that the workers had been dismissed on Friday after mediation which included Wits administration, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union and the SA Students' Congress failed.

Thirty other workers received sentences of suspended dismissals covering varying periods, or suspensions without pay, while some students were still to face disciplinary action.

The hostage drama was among the first of several incidents on the Johannesburg campus last year which heightened divisions at the university.

During the siege, registrar Bruce Dickson and university buyer Keith Hobson were held hostage by toyi-toying Nehawu and Sasco members after a disagreement about a disciplinary hearing for two cafeteria staff members who were caught slipping free food to students. — Staff Reporter.

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Nine fired from Wits after hostage drama

ERICA JANKOWITZ (54)

WITS University has fired nine service division staff in connection with the hostage drama on campus last year.

The dismissals, plus strong disciplinary action against 30 workers, sparked threats of a student and trade union backlash.

National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) president Vusi Nhlapo said he expected "chaos" when students returned to campus on February 13. "We don't expect the SA Students' Congress to accept this and start studying."

After mediation deadlocked, the university instituted disciplinary action and found 39 workers guilty. Those who were not dismissed were suspended for varying periods without pay. Disciplinary action was continuing against 11 students.

Last year protesters, unhappy with disciplinary proceedings against canteen staff, damaged buildings and equipment and held two staff members hostage.

Nhlapo said Nehawu would appeal against the decision. "We will do all we can to bring the council to its senses." Fundamental transformation of the university was necessary to end disruptions.

He said mediation failed when the council dismissed a union proposal that it should have the right to appeal to "a higher mechanism" against the council's decision on the outcome of the mediation.

The proposed mechanism would be a future council without the current council's "right-wing reactionaries", he said.

NEWS President is special guest of Indian business

University 'warned'

Sometan 27/1/95 (54)

By Claire Keeton

THE Students' Representative Council at the University of the Witwatersrand has warned the campus could be plunged into chaos if the administration suspends or expels students for disciplinary offences.

The administration announced this week it was proceeding with disciplinary actions against students involved in a "hostage incident" on campus last October.

"After attempts at mediation to resolve differences between Nehawu, Sasco and the university administration had failed, normal university disciplinary action was instituted," Wits spokesperson Mrs Valerie Diesel said.

Nine employees involved in the

incident were summarily dismissed and 30 others received sentences of dismissals, coupled with suspensions without pay, for varying periods.

Disciplinary committee

South African Students Congress spokesman Mr Makhukhu Mampuru said the disciplinary committee had recommended eight of ten students involved in a march on campus last August be suspended, two permanently.

The Executive Committee of Council meets on Wednesday to ratify or reject these recommendations.

Mampuru said Sasco would not appeal since the Council "rubberstamped" such decisions.

Wits SRC president Mr Muzi Sikhakhane said: "Suspensions mixed with the deadlock in mediation and

financial exclusions could result in a serious situation. It could plunge Wits into a crisis.

"We are not saying the students are not guilty. But the SRC's position is that the administration is acting legally when there could be alternative ways of dealing with the situation.

"The administration must review its position," he said.

Mampuru said: "Sasco is deeply concerned about the high-handed manner in which the administration is acting. We are busy consulting as widely as possible about intervention in this."

He said Sasco felt the administration was not blameless.

"The situation on campus was exacerbated by the actions of the administration," said Mampuru.

DAVID BREIER

Weekend Argus Political Staff

A FLOOD of applications from abroad has been received for the University of the Western Cape's top posts including the position of the new rector to replace Jakes Gerwel.

In a highly unusual move, the selection committee will ask those on the shortlist for the rector's job to deliver public lectures on their vision for UWC before the final choice is made to fill Professor Gerwel's shoes.

This is likely to result in a series of highly competitive speeches as the top candidates vie with each other to impress all sectors of the university including students, academic and non-academic staff. The successful applicant could be announced late next month.

Professor Gerwel, who led the university through the anti-apartheid turmoil years when he declared UWC was the intellectual home of the Left, was last year appointed director-general of President Nelson Mandela's office.

UWC's Rector's Selection Committee this week met to select a three-person shortlist to compete for the top job. The names on the shortlist are likely to be announced shortly.

About 45 people have applied for the jobs of rector (who is also vice-chancellor) and two or three posts of deputy, which will also be selected soon.

A large proportion of these applications came from abroad, including prominent South African academics who left the country to flee apartheid. Many established themselves in countries like Canada.

About 10 of the applicants are vying for the position of rector. The rest

■ UWC is to choose its new rector over the next few weeks after a series of public lectures in which top applicants will present their vision for the university.

have applied for the positions of deputy. It is still to be decided whether there will be two or three deputies.

The selection committee to choose the new rector consists of five representatives from each of five constituencies — the UWC Senate, Council, Students Representative Council (SRC), academic staff and non-academic staff such as cleaners and service officials.

The new rector will be invited to make an input into the selection of the deputies, said publicity convener of the selection committee, Wally Morrow who is Dean of Education at UWC.

Professor Morrow said interviews with applicants would begin soon.

"We are now on the threshold of agreeing to the shortlisting," he said.

There would be a shortlist of three for each of the jobs, but names of applicants were not being announced yet as this could embarrass applicants.

"After the shortlist has been agreed to, the process of interviews and public lectures by those on the shortlist will begin," he added.

The selection committee would be able to assess applicants at the public lectures to see how they present themselves and what their aspirations for UWC are.

The theme of the lectures will be "my view on the future of the university".

The current acting rector is Daan Cloete, Dean of Theology.

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Stormy ride ahead for new SRC leader

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By GEORGE GALANAKIS

MAXWELL FUZANI looks remarkably relaxed for someone about to lead the University of Cape Town into probably the most crucial period of its history.

Mr Fuzani, as the new chairperson of the Student Representatives Council, will play a pivotal role in shaping the UCT of the future.

The pressures on him, however, as a black student leading a predominantly white campus into negotiations on the transformation of UCT, will be intense.

"I think the manner in which problems have so far been handled, shows that although UCT is going through a very difficult period, things are not so bleak that we can't overcome these problems," he said.

Student participation in the University Transformation Forum, set up to overhaul UCT policy, would be crucial over the coming months, Mr Fuzani said. Working group reports were expected as early as April.

The university needed to place much more emphasis on the country's reconstruction and development, as well as gender inequalities.

He admitted the negotiations in UCT's transformation would be tough and while "the relationship (between the university administration and the SRC) is not hostile, we do differ on the way we view democracy.

"The curriculum is still Eurocentric and it needs to be transformed into one that is based on the African society that we live in."

The SRC would also actively encourage students to participate in, and expand, the university's students outreach structures — RAG and Shawco. However, the fact that black students did not see themselves as part of these structures still needed to be addressed, Mr Fuzani said.

Mr Fuzani said the issue of student fees, "which are inextricably linked to access to the university," also urgently needed to be dealt with. The government subsidy had fallen from 80 to 53 percent of cost.



MAXWELL FUZANI

R200m for needy students

ABOUT R200m in emergency financing for poor students at universities and technikons this year had been raised from various donors, delegates at a conference on higher education funding in Midrand heard at the weekend.

The money would be distributed in the form of loans of up to R8 250 a student, Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu said. Students could convert up to 40% of this into a grant by succeeding in their studies.

The Education Ministry decided to seek additional funding after a crisis committee reported that a lack of financing for fees for destitute, talented students was likely to be one of the "flashpoints" in tertiary education this year.

MICHAEL MOON

The fundraising began on November 14 last year. Money had been collected from local and international donors, universities and technikons, which trimmed budgets to put up R55m; the RDP fund, which contributed R50m; and the Education Department, which added R20m.

Crisis committee head Cheryl Carolus said means tests would be applied by the tertiary institutions to determine who would receive loans. Only students with a gross family income of less than R45 000 a year would be considered for support. Married students and those older than 25 would

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be ineligible. Students with the greatest potential to succeed would be first in line.

Carolus expressed disappointment that the banking sector had not been willing to contribute. Banks had been unwilling to provide loans unless government provided a 100% guarantee.

The mobilising of extra money for this academic year was not part of the envisaged national loan and bursary fund but an attempt to "top up" existing funding mechanisms, Carolus said.

Disadvantaged students had a right to expect a chance in higher education, as well as redress for apartheid inequities.

The estimated financing need for the year was R403m, of which only R125m was available from traditional sources.

Bengu acknowledged that the emergency funds collected fell far short of making up the shortfall, but said the matter would be

investigated further.

Opening the conference, organised by the Education Ministry and funded by the US Agency for International Development, Bengu said higher education institutions would not be able to spend government funding at their own discretion. They would be funded according to the role they played in meeting the objectives of higher education policy. Government funding would be subject to the constraints and requirements of the reconstruction and development programme.

"Questions will have to be asked about the national reconstruction and development goals of our higher education institutions."

Bengu warned that no extra money would be available for higher education from the education budget. Legitimate demands were being made by other sectors, particularly the schools.

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Vista council refuses to step down

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■ **STUDENTS ANGRY** Protest at rejection of Dr Kekana as rector:

By Josias Charle

THE council of the Mamelodi campus of Vista University has vowed not to resign in spite of calls from students and administrative staff for them to step down.

Senior council member Mr Alan Tonkin told *Sowetan* yesterday that there was no way they would resign, as they had a legal responsibility to run the university in the absence of a rector and registrars.

He said the council was prepared to meet with disgruntled students as long as they behaved in an acceptable manner. He said lives of senior staff members had been threatened and there had been instances of boycotts.

"This is not the way we want to work. We are happy to meet people any time and discuss these matters in the proper fashion."

Reacting to allegations that the council had turned down Dr NS Kekana's

application as rector, Tonkin said there were reasons for their actions.

"This university has an annual budget of more R300 million and we believe that Dr Kekana — who runs Sebokeng campus which has 900 students, thus making it the smallest — does not have sufficient working experience to deal with a huge institution comprising more than 30 000 students, including our further training campus."

He said the process of electing a new rector was in progress.

The newly established crisis committee at Mamelodi campus has also alleged that council chairman Mr LP Bartel had "appointed himself" as consultant to the university at a fee of R500 an hour. This was disputed by Tonkin. "Council appointed Mr Bartel. There is no way he could have appointed himself. As for his consulting fees, you will have to speak to him, but I can assure you that whatever he earns is in line with other consultants in a similar situation."

The crisis committee has called a meeting scheduled for Monday.

Tech students in protest

BLOEMFONTEIN. — About 300 black students at the Free State Technikon in Bloemfontein yesterday staged a protest march, deflated car tyres and disrupted lessons at the campus.

The students pulled other black students from classes and toyi-toyed in front of the main administration block, where they handed a list of grievances to vice-rector Chris van Rensburg.

They demanded the immediate resignation of rector Japie van Lill and student bureau director George Nel, dissolution of the Student Representative Council, recognition of new student bodies and resolution of language and accommodation problems.

Gun-toting ⁽⁵⁴⁾ students ^{CP5/2/95} 'trying to force colleges to register them'

By SIPHO KHUMALO

CHAOS reigns at some KwaZulu-Natal colleges where rectors and staff members have been held hostage at gunpoint by irate students demanding to be registered at institutions already bursting at the seams.

This week students who registered at Umbumbulu College of Education, near KwaMakhu-tha on the South Coast, were advised to stay home until the security crisis had been resolved.

This follows an incident in which more than 250 pupils forced the college rector, D M Sibisi, to register them at gunpoint.

More than 50 frightened lecturers travelled to the offices of the Interim Provincial Strategic Planning and Management Committee (IPSPMC) to seek the body's intervention.

The IPSPMC was set up to oversee the integration of various education departments and monitor registration in the region.

When City Press visited the college this week the atmosphere was very

tense with two groups fighting over who should be admitted.

There were various other education crises in the province this week:

■ At the Natal College of Education in Pietermaritzburg the staff and the rector of the college were locked into an office for an hour by pupils who wanted the college to be converted into a full-time training institution.

■ Adams College of Education in Amanzimtoti on the South Coast had similar problems this week.

Addressing a media briefing, IPSPMC head Lampies Cornelius said the colleges were already hopelessly overcrowded.

Cornelius said students who had already registered had undergone comprehensive assessment programmes before admission and thousands had been turned away.

He pointed out that students who were currently battling to gain admission might not be the best candidates and that some of them had not passed matric.

'Varsity must pay us more'

By DAN DHLAMINI

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THE first Afrikaans university to open its doors to black students, some 23 years ago, is involved in an ongoing labour dispute with its black workers.

This week about 250 National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) members picketed outside the Potchefstroom University demanding that the university management answer their grievances.

Placards reading "After 17 years of slavery at Potch University I am still earning R655 a month" and "Rector! We want a living wage!" were displayed during a lunch hour picket.

Some white students who watched the picketing proceedings, told City Press it was hard to understand how their university fees were so high, yet workers were still earning such low wages.

According to Nehawu's Potchef-

stroom branch secretary, Do Kgoadi, the workers were demanding an R850 minimum living wage, permanent status for all workers, a six months' fully paid maternity leave and 30 days' fully paid paternity leave.

Kgoadi told City Press that Nehawu members initially proposed a minimum wage of R1 300, but during negotiations with management the workers compromised and reduced the amount to R900, but both parties reached a deadlock when the university refused to grant them "even R850".

He said management had indicated that they wouldn't budge from the R800 they had offered, but workers felt this "intransigent position" could well lead to the disrupting of the university's operations.

University spokesman Prof Chris van der Watt told City Press that "substantive negotiations" were "still continuing".

University criticised

By Sibusiso Mabaso

THE University of the Witwatersrand was yesterday urged to immediately lift the suspensions on and dismissal of students and workers following a lecture boycott in August last year.

The call was made at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday hosted by the Gauteng branch of the African National Congress, the SA Students Congress, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and Congress of SA Trade Unions.

About 40 workers and eight students were dismissed as a result of the boycott.

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No interest

The groups yesterday strongly condemned the university for allegedly showing no interest in resolving the crisis.

They said they believed that a solution could be found through constructive dialogue and not by resorting to strong-arm tactics.

The ANC's Gauteng deputy general secretary, Mr Obed Bapela, said the groups — calling themselves the Mass Democratic Movement — had shown their commitment to resolving the crisis but their efforts were frustrated by the university's authorities.

Wits opens with troubled campus

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WITS University students begin the academic year today, with the continuing row between the university's administration and student/worker bodies over the transformation process far from resolved.

The ANC's Gauteng region joined the fray yesterday, calling on the university to lift suspensions and dismissals of workers and students involved in taking two staff members hostage last October.

ANC regional secretary-general Obed Bapela said he hoped the commitment

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of the SA Students' Congress (Sasco) to further negotiations would be well received by the administration and that transformation would begin in earnest.

In a joint statement, the ANC Gauteng region, Sasco, Cosatu and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) said they had shown their commitment to resolving the crisis.

Nehawu and Sasco would report back to constituents

today after a meeting with the administration broke down on Friday.

Nine workers were dismissed, five of whom were shop stewards' council members. A further 33 had their dismissals suspended for two years and were suspended without pay for periods ranging from two to three months.

Of the 10 students accused of being party to the hostage incident, two were permanently expelled, two were acquitted and the rest were expelled for between one and two years.

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Campus battle *(54)*
averted

Bloemfontein — Riot police were deployed on the Free State Technikon campus in Bloemfontein yesterday to prevent a confrontation between armed white and black students.

The 200 or so blacks were mostly armed with crude weapons, while the 120 or so whites had spanners and hand guns.

Bloemfontein police internal stability division commander Major Obie Oberholzer said 40 unit members formed a buffer between the two groups yesterday.

Yesterday black students gathered in the Japie van Lill auditorium where they spoke to Free State Speaker and member of the technikon board, the Rev Motlalepule Chabaku.

Meanwhile, white students had gathered in the Boet Troskie Hall.

The technikon's African Students' Union spokesman Leon Sebolai said white students had sprayed a black student with teargas on Sunday.

The blacks were demanding the resignation of rector Dr Japie van Lill and student bureau senior director George Nel, and that attention be given to the technikon's admission policy and the use of more English. — Sapa.



Making a point or two ... some of the hundreds of students who descended on the Daveyton College of Education to demand admission yesterday. PICTURE: DUJF DU TOIT

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MEC Metcalfe hammers out compromise

Deal struck for students

BY LEE-ANN ALFRED'S
 EDUCATION REPORTER

Gauteng education officials brokered a compromise yesterday afternoon with 264 students demanding admission to the Daveyton College of Education.

The agreement averted a potential clash with the students — some of whom were threatening to burn down the college.

The compromise is for at least 30 of the would-be students to be admit-

ted while the remainder will be assisted in finding alternative study facilities.

Tension had mounted earlier in the day after the would-be students arrived at Daveyton College, near Benoni, and were told they could not register at the teacher training institution.

The students claim they were promised places last week.

A meeting to resolve the crisis was initially unsuccessful, with sugges-

tions by Gauteng Education MEC Mary Metcalfe being booted.

The militant students also refused to allow the college's student representative council to address them, saying they had come to register, not negotiate. Several students also threatened to burn down the college.

They eventually agreed to a compromise.

Metcalfe said after the meeting that while she had great respect for the maturity and reasonable-

ness of the student delegation, she was not prepared to accept that every student had to be admitted to the college.

"I was determined to set a precedent here. We want to work towards making education viable. We won't compromise that by compromising the training of teachers," she said.

She denied that she had been held hostage by the angry students. Confusion had arisen when she attempted to leave

the hall to address another gathering of students.

"The students thought I was going away, but I would not walk out on a meeting this important," she said.

The crisis at Daveyton College began three weeks ago when the students demanded admission.

They ignored reports that the college was full, threatening to invade other colleges in the area if they were not admitted.

University council in control, chairman says

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VISTA University's council chairman said yesterday his council was running the university, despite a dispute with the national transformation forum which claims Afrikaner councillors are acting unilaterally and disregarding forum proposals.

The forum was formed last year to work with the management committee and local education structures to formulate policy on transforming the university.

Forum members claimed their objectives had been thwarted by council members. They said the council had told administrative staff not to co-operate with forum members, slashed their operating budget and refused to ratify forum decisions.

The issue came to a head last week when students at the Mamelodi campus demanded the council's resignation and that Simon Kekana, who runs the Sebokeng campus, be instated as rector.

Forum executive member Frank Wilderson said the divisions started showing last year when council chairman Leon Bartel and councillors Alan Tonkin and Sakhile Bam failed to respond to invitations to take up seats on the forum.

This was followed by resignations from the forum by senior management members Schalk Engelbrecht, At Lubbe, Chris van Niekerk and Ernst Neulan.

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He said tactics were used to render the forum powerless. "We were deprived from seeing any of the university financial statements. Whenever we wanted information, we reached a dead end with administration workers telling us council is in charge."

He claimed this was followed by the council's refusal to renew work contracts for three lecturers — Wilderson, Heinrich Bohmke and Steve Greenberg — who are at the forefront of the forum. This was despite the contracts being approved by departmental heads, he said.

But Bartel said: "As far as I am concerned there is no battle for power."

"The council is running the university as a caretaker until a new management is put in place." The authority was granted by the Universities Act and interim constitution.

He said members had resigned from the forum because some groups at the meetings insisted the council should be subservient to the forum.

"It is not true that we refused to renew contracts. These people are temporary staff and their contracts have expired."

Even though the two factions met a delegation from Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu's office no solution was reached.

Tension high at OFS Tech

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BLOEMFONTEIN. —
Riot police kept watch
yesterday over a tense
Technikon OFS campus
disrupted since Thurs-
day by student violence.

The trouble appar-
ently started when
some students were ex-
cluded because of fail-
ure or because they had
not paid tuition fees.

On Monday night po-
lice were called in to
keep "warring" black
and white students
apart. — Sapa

Wits offers union arbitration

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Cosas will lead protest at Orange Farm school

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THE regional leadership of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) will lead a march to the Voice of the Black Nation school at Orange Farm to demand that it reinstate 200 boys expelled at the beginning of the term.

The expulsions followed a decision by the school's director Mzwandile Khumalo to convert the school into one for girls only. Cosas says this was done unilaterally.

Among allegations made by Cosas was that Khumalo — pupils say he owns six schools in the area — had accepted fees and not refunded them to expelled pupils.

He was accused, too, of hiring unqualified and under-qualified teachers.

Cosas spokesman Mahlomola Kekana said: "We are calling on Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale and the education minister to act immediately."

Attempts made to contact Khumalo yesterday proved unsuccessful.

Another conflict is looming in Soweto, between an estimated 300 pupils who have not been placed at schools, school principals and district management teams. These students are some of an estimated 6 000 Gauteng students still not placed at schools.

Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee spokesman Jolly Mantongo accused some principals of saying their schools were overcrowded when they were not, and of turning away pupils.

Mantongo said, also, that part of the problem was the non-cooperation of the district management teams. "They are not accessible to us. We were supposed to work as a team, but out of four planned teams only one has been functioning. The only centre where pupils can report their problems is at old Vista."

Gauteng education ministry spokesman Robinson Ramate said: "There are many schools with empty classes.

"It is just a matter of finding the schools which are overcrowded and relocating pupils to schools which are empty," he said.

Changes at Unisa faculty

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By Josias Charle

THE faculty of education at the University of South Africa faces a major revamp with three courses being dropped.

The move is to ensure that courses at Unisa are in line with the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

Recommendations were made by a commission of inquiry into the faculty after allegations that it was perpetuating apartheid.

Announcing the changes at a Press conference yesterday, Unisa principal Professor Marinus Wiechers and vice-principal Professor Simon Maimela said they expected other faculties to follow. As a result of the commission's recommendations, certain existing curriculums would be phased out and replaced by new material.

Maimela said allegations and complaints had been made about the faculty and it was decided to set up the commission to investigate all allegations and "sift the truth from innuendoe". He said members of the faculty were respected members of various communities and were highly qualified.

"To describe them as evil would be very wrong. A lot of good work had been done by the faculty in producing graduates who had studied and achieved their degrees at Unisa under trying circumstances.

"To now suggest that those degrees are worthless would be to do a grave injustice to the dignity of our graduates and to many lecturers who have sacrificed time and energy and devoted their entire lives to the teaching profession," Maimela said.

Wiechers said that in transforming and restructuring the faculty, previous mistakes would not be repeated.

"Human resources development, which is at the heart of the RDP and which is a prime task of the faculty of education, must be comprehensive, development orientated, realistic, practical and evolutionary. "We owe it to our students, past and present, to build on the solid foundation of the past without neglecting the urgent demands of the present and future," he said.

Turfloop students want fees scrapped

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THE University of the North students' representative council plans to disrupt academic activities and registration if its demand that upfront payment of registration fees be scrapped is not met.

It is demanding that the upfront registration fee of R4 500 and R2 500 for residence and day students respectively be done away with.

SRC spokesman Blessing Manale said the administration had reneged on a previous agreement.

"Parents who could not afford to pay the fees upfront were told to sign stop orders and others were told to sign affidavits committing themselves to pay fees in instalments."

But at the end of the year many students had failed to pay their fees.

Students say the university is R36m in debt.

At a meeting last week students demanded to be registered without paying upfront, but the administration refused and raised fees 15%.

Turfloop vice-chancellor Njabulo Ndebele said the university was trying its best to accommodate needy students but there were problems. Donors had raised R200m to help needy students and this would be distributed initially in forms of loans of up to R8 250 a student. If students were successful, up to 40% of the loan could be converted into a grant.

Meanwhile in the Eastern Transvaal, the Siyabuswa residents' committee allegedly forced students of the KwaNdebele College of Education and pupils from surrounding schools to join a protest march aimed at forcing college rector Carel van Rensburg to register 750 students who had not been placed.

Van Rensburg said: "The Development Bank

of SA which financed us did a feasibility study and recommended that, to produce quality teachers, we will need 250 part-time students and 750 full-time students. Accepting an additional 750 students is impossible."

Regional ANC secretary-general Peter Mello claimed the protest was politically motivated.

□ Sapa reports an independent commission of inquiry is to investigate the circumstances of events at the Technikon OFS in Bloemfontein between February 2 and 7 when there were demonstrations and confrontations between students.

It was agreed that the independent commission should enjoy legitimacy, have legal competence, and produce a report for all interest groups, and that management should react to the findings of the commission, which should be convened by February 15.

□ A woman lecturer was taken hostage yesterday for a few hours by people demanding admission to Daveyton College of Education on the East Rand.

She was taken hostage in protest against advice by Gauteng education minister Mary Metcalfe that the college was full and the crowd should seek admission at other institutions.

On Wednesday about 200 people stormed the office of college registrar Jan van Heerden and forced him to enrol them. The enrolments were cancelled by Metcalfe later in the day.

In Pretoria, high school pupils in Mamelodi township are threatening to prevent Metcalfe from entering the area today if textbooks are not delivered.

College hostage drama ends (54)

JOHANNESBURG. — A hostage drama at the Dav-eyton College of Education ended late yesterday after negotiations with about 200 youths seeking enrolment at the institution.

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No exit . . . students block the gate of the Daveyton College of Education yesterday.

PICTURE: PETER MOGAKI

Hostage dramas at

Daveyton College

BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

Students held negotiators, including ANC executive member Obed Bapela, hostage for an hour at Daveyton College of Education yesterday.

They said they would not release the group until they were admitted to the college.

Bapela, education department spokesman Robinson Ramate and Mondli Ngungubla, acting rector Jan van den Heever and his staff were preparing to end negotiations when about 200 would-be students blocked the exit. They were released

after Ramate promised that their names would appear on the college's enrolment list next year. The students also agreed to write a selection test.

Earlier, lecturer Lindy Mbokazi was also held hostage after the students discovered they would not be allowed to enter the college. She was released an hour later.

The second hostage drama occurred shortly before 5 pm when Bapela indicated they were not prepared to allow the students to register.

The students blocked the exit and told Bapela he would not be allowed to leave until they were admitted.

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Students threaten boycott

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■ **INFORM US** Turfloop SRC hits

out at university's decisions:

By Montsho Matlala

STUDENTS at the University of the North in the Northern Transvaal have threatened to disrupt lectures and chase away the academic registrar unless financial crisis facing some of them is not resolved urgently.

Students demand the scrapping of the registration fee of R4 500 and R2 500 for boarding and day students respectively, according to the general secretary of the students' representative council, Mr Blessing Manale. He said university authorities should "develop an acceptable variable ratio based on the financial state of groups of students".

The university's authorities could not be reached for comment. Other recommendations which the stu-

dents want the university administration to implement include:

- Postponement of the resumption of academic activities from today to February 20; and

- Provisional registration of all students who qualify to study, pending the release of financial loans from various institutions and from their families. Manale warned that if these demands were not met immediately, students were likely to disrupt the registration process and all essential services at the university.

"Students may resolve at the meeting (scheduled for February 19) to advise the registrar Dr Minyuku to vacate the campus," he said.

Students are alleging that Minyuku is not consistent in implementing solutions to address the financial crisis agreed upon between the students and the university authorities.

Turfloop dispute ends

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(54)

THE students' representative council of the University of the North has reached agreement with the administration on the issue of registration fees.

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The SRC at the weekend called off plans to disrupt academic activity and registration, announced last week, after the administration agreed to reduce upfront registration fees by R1 000 from R4 500.

The remainder would be paid in instalments.

SRC spokesman Aubrey Sibaya said after a meeting was held between the administration and students an agreement was reached. "Our initial demand was for the upfront fees to be cut by R2 000, but after discussions with all the student political formations on campus, it was agreed that we would pay R3 500."

He said they had also agreed that students would be allowed to register while awaiting the release of loans and financial support from various aid organisations. A committee would be set up to look at each case.

Private schools to be scrutinised

THE Gauteng education ministry is to tighten up legislation for private schools in the next few months.

Reforms could include parents being involved in the running of the schools and the publication of financial records.

Ministry spokesman Robinson Ramaite said some private schools were being run without a board or governing council, and there was no way of checking the viability of the school.

The ministry was investigating certain schools which were charging exorbitant fees and not producing good results.

"There are schools charging up to R800 a month, but at the end of the year they have a less than 5% matric pass rate."

Schools with a bad track record would be shut down.

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Ramaite said current regulations covering applications to own schools were inadequate.

"As long as a person has a building, money and students, they can own a school," he said.

The only requirements applicants needed to observe were registration of the school and maintenance of health standards.

When new legislation was implemented later this year, transparency would be paramount. The owner or owners of a school would have to be known and the financial records of the school would have to be made public. Parents would be given greater powers in the running of private schools as board members.

Meanwhile Northern Transvaal

education minister Aaron Motsoaledi has shut down MOG private school in Nirvana because it was operating under unacceptable conditions and circumstances. He said the place was a health hazard. Also, it had no certificate of registration.

Motsoaledi said although the province faced a serious shortage of classrooms, he rejected any scrupulous attempts to make money out of the desperate situation.

But, at a meeting last week, parents told Motsoaledi they would not accept the closure of the school until an alternative was found.

"I told them I would draw up a list and place their children in schools, but they were angry and told me it was their democratic right to choose where their children should go to school," Motsoaledi said.

Turfloop dispute ends

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THE students' representative council of the University of the North has reached agreement with the administration on the issue of registration fees.

The SRC at the weekend called off plans to disrupt academic activity and registration, announced last week, after the administration agreed to reduce upfront registration fees by R1 000 from R4 500.

The remainder would be paid in instalments.

SRC spokesman Aubrey Sibaya said after a meeting was held between the administration and students an agreement was reached. "Our initial demand was for the upfront fees to be cut by R2 000, but after discussions with all the student political formations on campus, it was agreed that we would pay R3 500."

He said they had also agreed that students would be allowed to register while awaiting the release of loans and financial support from various aid organisations. A committee would be set up to look at each case.

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MEET THE MINISTER ... National Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu shakes hands with SRC member Mr Tim Leher (right) and others after speaking at the University of Cape Town's annual opening yesterday.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

University funds 'must suit RDP'

By PETER DENNEHY

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FUTURE funding of universities and technikons would be subject to the requirements of the government's Reconstruction and Development Programme, National Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu said yesterday.

Addressing hundreds of UCT students on campus at the beginning of the academic year, he said the funding would be "subject to the constraints and requirements of the RDP". Government funding could no longer be assigned to higher educational institutions to be spent solely at the discretion of the institutions themselves, he said.

"Bringing higher education spending into line with the RDP could change, in radical ways, the relationship between the government and the institutions, and the way government funds are allocated."

He said the government was committed not only to a high quality tertiary education "but to one which increasingly represents South Africa's society as a whole, and one which redresses the inequities of the past system."

Institutions would have to do this redressing and come into line with the RDP within their current resources. They would have to do more with less, and place increasing emphasis on the extent to which they were meeting national higher education goals, he said. All this did not affect the government's commitment to upholding the autonomy of higher educational institutions, Professor Bengu said.

In his speech Prof Bengu said the government and other funders would financially assist 700 000 students countrywide in the forthcoming year. Afterwards he told reporters this was a mistake — the figure was in fact 250 000 from both universities and technikons.

Professor David Woods, acting vice-chancellor of UCT, said later yesterday that the present university funding formula would surely go. But he added that any university funding system would have to contain some sort of quality audit, in which the university would be accountable. He believed the criteria of the new funding formula — which would be of crucial importance — had not yet been decided upon.

Bengu warns universities on state subsidies

CAPE TOWN — Universities and technikons could not continue to spend their state subsidies solely at their own discretion, Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu said yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of Cape Town University's new academic year, he said future government funding for higher education would be subject to the constraints and priorities of the reconstruction and development programme.

Stakeholders in education had a

responsibility to build a just and equitable system with a common culture of disciplined commitment to learning and teaching. (54)

Government was committed to developing a high-quality higher education system which redressed the inequities of apartheid.

The reconstruction and development programme compelled everyone in education and training to accept the challenge of creating a system which cultivated and liberated people's talents, he said.

Appropriate education and training would empower people to participate effectively in all processes of a democratic society and help citizens to build a nation free of race and gender discrimination.

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Alluding to problems dogging universities last year, he said most sectors of society had accepted the need for a negotiated change, but institutions of higher learning were struggling to accept the principle of a negotiated transformation. — Sapa.

Police patrol Wits after workers riot

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WITS University vice-chancellor Bob Charlton has called in the SA Police Service to patrol his campus.

This follows workers' rampage through the institution last week, breaking windows and assaulting security personnel.

Thirty members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) were arrested in connection with Friday's rampage and released on bail.

Charlton said: "After members of campus security were assaulted I had no choice but to call in the police."

Police would remain on campus until the situation calmed down.

Nehawu was attempting to force the university administration to reinstate nine dismissed staff members and withdraw disciplinary action against 39 workers and 11 students linked to a hostage drama on campus in October.

Charlton said workers stormed the university campus, breaking glass in the catering department and stealing food and money.

The disciplinary action against the workers and students would not be reversed.

"The union is trying to bully us. The disciplinary procedure was legal, just and in line with the Labour Relations Act," Charlton said.

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Students' Representative Council president Muzi Sikhakhane said most students were not clear on what the union members were demanding and did not support them.

Meanwhile, negotiations between Nehawu and the university are continuing. Both parties have selected arbitrators to look into the issue.

Nehawu secretary-general Neal Thobejane confirmed the arrest of 30 members of his organisation.

"It was completely wrong for the police to be called," Thobejane said.

The union had been called on to the campus when workers went on the rampage, he said.

"We talked to shop stewards who assured us our members were not involved," he said.

Nehawu was investigating the circumstances of the destruction of property and would act against members who were found to have been involved.

However, it was considering other forms of action to force the university administration to reinstate the workers who had been fired.

"Mass action will stop only when management decides to adopt a reasonable approach," Thobejane said.

Taxi industry 'not deregulated'

THE invasion of the taxi industry by illegal operators gave the incorrect impression that government had deregulated the industry when all it had done was invite the pirates to acquire permits, the Transport Department said yesterday.

Responding to claims that deregulation had caused the taxi glut, Transport chief director Theo Naeder said: "All that happened was that at one time government invited the pirates to apply for permits to get them into the process. Statistics show that few permits have been issued lately."

Meanwhile, tension between Soweto taxi bodies persists. However, Sapa reports, Gauteng transport and roads standing committee chairman Mathole Motshekga said the truce agreed at a meeting he

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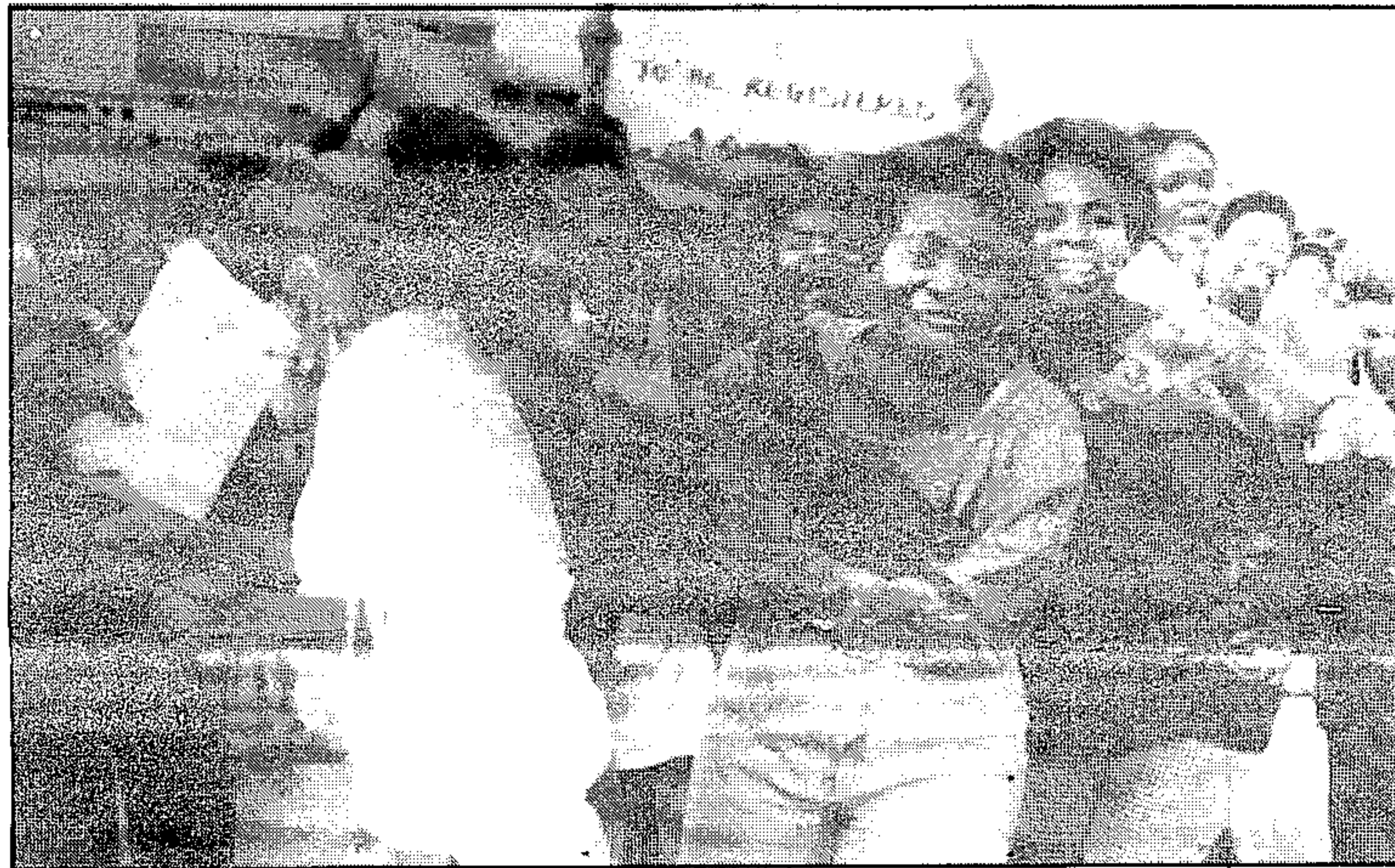
organised was not in danger.

Motshekga was responding to allegations by Soweto Transport Services (STS) spokesman Sam Masemola that Soweto Taxi Association members had prevented STS taxis from operating at the weekend — even after Friday's meeting where both taxi bodies agreed to end violence and intimidation immediately.

Motshekga said the meeting had recognised that isolated conflict could not be ruled out. Commitment to the truce at a leadership level was what mattered.

he said the agreement would be finalised at a follow-up meeting tomorrow and monitoring mechanisms agreed on.

NEWS FEATURE *Daveyton education institute faces national problem — too little for too many*



Students registered their protest at the government's refusal to have them admitted to the school.

PICS: JOE MOLEFE



Gauteng Education Minister, Mrs Mary Metcalfe.

By Mokgadi Pela

THE RAGING DISPUTE between 239 students seeking admission to the Daveyton College of Education and authorities has given the newly-opened institute a real baptism of fire.

The institute has seen it all — toy-tossing, stormy meetings and lately, hostage taking.

Since the school was opened four weeks ago, it has been the scene of endless stormy meetings in which students have told authorities that they will not accept anything short of unconditional admission.

College faces 'fire baptism'

■ HOSTAGE TAKING *Chairperson of selection committee held by students:*

Twice the authorities have bowed to students' demands although they claim they did so under duress. Legal theorists would call such agreements voidable. "Although the agreement is valid, the circumstances under which it was entered made it invalid," Hosten et al say in their book: *Introduction to South*

African Law and Legal Theory.

At one meeting held in the college's main hall on February 3, Gauteng Ministry of Education representatives who had been mediating in the dispute, read the mood that "unless we promise students admission, we will not leave the hall unscathed."

On February 8, acting rector Mr Jan Van den Heever conceded to students' pressure and advised them to register forthwith. A few hours later Education Minister Mrs Mary Metcalfe nullified his decision.

This more than anything else annoyed students and brought education to a virtual standstill for the fourth day running.

"These officials are chameleons. How do they justify treating us like this. Is it because we are black that we get this contemptuous treatment. They should know that we will stick to our demands until they comply," student leader Mr Richard Tsosane said.

On Thursday last week Metcalfe reiterated they could only admit an additional 30 students and advised students to consider alternatives such as:

- Registering with the University of South Africa for courses that could help them achieve similar results.

- Enrolling with Technikon RSA for courses other than teaching. Opening centres throughout the province to advise students about other possibili-

ties they can pursue after having passed their matric. The intention is to ensure that none is left frustrated by the lack of opportunities, but that more routes to learning be opened.

Metcalfe added: "We would be an irresponsible government to allow too many people into teacher training colleges without a clear plan for teacher supply in the province and the country as a whole.

"We have a lot of unemployed teachers and would not like to train teachers who cannot be absorbed into jobs afterwards. That would be a waste of students' time and state resources."

Students have however poured cold water over such suggestions saying "we are here to be admitted and not to negotiate."

In meetings with school and government officials, the students pointed out that refusal to admit them could lead to their frustration — something the country does not need. They stressed that all of them should be admitted unconditionally.

Another worrying feature in this scenario is the tension which is building up between registered students and those seeking admission.

Registered students have accused those seeking admission of disrupting tuition and the normal programme of the school. The 239 have on the other hand accused registered students of insensitivity to their plight.

On Thursday last week timely intervention by school authorities ended the stand-off between the two groups who were hurling insults at each other.

In that drama-filled day, chairperson of the students selection committee Mrs Lindi Mbokazi was held hostage for almost two hours as angry students protested against Metcalfe's decision to nullify the rector's promise to register all 239 students.

Mbokazi was not the only victim of the students' wrath. Metcalfe conceded at a media briefing that she had become one of the most unpopular people in the saga. "Although that could be so, sometimes we have to take unpopular decisions because of the reality facing us."

Supporting her, deputy general secretary of the African National Congress in Gauteng Mr Obed Bapela condemned students' behavior and said the school could do without such incidents.

Observers believe it is a situation which needs to be treated with maximum caution lest it develops into undesirable consequences.

Some of the students who spoke on condition of anonymity say unless they are admitted, schooling could come to a virtual standstill at the college. Others feel the authorities would need to make police a permanent feature at the school to ensure that there is no disruption of classes. Metcalfe, however, said police would be the last resort. "We will do all in our power to resolve the issue through negotiations," she told the media on Thursday last week.

Judging by the diverse views both parties adopt towards this issue, it seems a solution at the college could still be a long way away. While all this goes on, education will surely suffer, with no obvious winner in sight.

Wits workers rearrested after entering campus

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POLICE rearrested six Wits University workers yesterday after they contravened their bail applications and entered the campus. **ED 15/2/95**

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) chairman Dan Modau was yesterday afternoon in a meeting with Gauteng safety and security minister Jessie Duarte in an effort to resolve the issue.

The workers arrested were among 30 Nehawu members arrested on Friday in connection with a rampage on the campus.

The six were arrested for allegedly disobeying a court interdict handed down on Friday preventing them from going within 100m of the campus.

Nehawu is attempting to force the university administration to reinstate nine people dismissed from the staff and withdraw disciplinary action against the 39 workers and 11 students linked to the stage drama on campus in October.

University vice-chancellor Prof Robert Charlton said yesterday the administration had offered to go to arbitration in an attempt to short-circuit the disciplinary process.

While Nehawu had turned down this offer, negotiations between the university administration and the union were continuing.

Lawyers' body wants truth commission Bill amended

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were unconstitutional.

Lawyers for Human Rights national director Ahmed Motala said further controversial areas included the Bill's coherence with international law, its denial of the constitutional right to protection against self-incrimination, and insufficient powers and resources for units investigating human rights violations.

While his organisation had not formulated a possible budget for protecting and relocating witnesses, this would need to be considered carefully by legislators.

NP MP Sheila Camerer said witness protection cost the US government about R600 000 a person.

Motala said relative anonymity and effective security for witnesses could be achieved without expensive plastic surgery, new identities and relocation.

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Many of the concerns raised by the organisation have been expressed by other interest groups.

The political parties represented on the National Assembly and Senate justice committees, which have as yet only listened to submissions, begin debating the Bill next week.

Co-chairman Johnny de Lange said that without wishing to pre-empt the work of the committees, Lawyers for Human Rights should not be surprised if a substantial proportion of its suggestions were incorporated into the legislation.

However, others who had appeared before the committees — including Justice Department adviser and one of the Bill's drafters, George Bizos — had disagreed that some of the clauses opposed by the organisation

CAPE TOWN — Lawyers for Human Rights said yesterday it would challenge draft truth commission legislation in the constitutional court and would campaign against its adoption if certain provisions were not amended.

Clauses of the Bill, which granted total impunity to human rights violators, prevented victims from filing civil claims, closed amnesty committee hearings to the public and failed to protect witnesses, should all be amended, the group said in a public hearing on the draft legislation.

"Our principled opposition to a number of the provisions in the Bill is such that failure to alter these will result in us not only not supporting the commission but actively campaigning against it," the organisation submitted.

Wits chaotic as six workers arrested

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

Wits University was thrown into chaos yesterday when a group of National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members tried to prevent police from arresting six colleagues.

The group of 50 Nehawu members had been toyi-toying in the concourse of Wits' Senate House for two hours when police moved in to arrest four workers on the campus in defiance of their bail conditions.

The four workers had been part of a group of 32 arrested last week for trashing the campus. They were released on R500 bail and banned from coming within 100 m of the campus.

Fellow Nehawu members rushed to their colleagues' aid but were forced to withdraw when police threw a teargas canister into their midst.

Police came under verbal attack when workers saw one of

their colleagues allegedly being beaten by university security guards. Police responded by arresting two more Nehawu members.

Police said six workers were taken to Hillbrow police station. They are expected to appear in court soon.

Earlier in the day, Wits public relations officer Valerie Diesel confirmed that the university had beefed up its security "enormously" last week.

She said police patrols would be on hand to monitor the situation for the entire week.

"The police were only called in after the workers broke windows and damaged property last Friday and they will only patrol the campus as long as they are needed," Diesel said.

■ Wits has set up a hotline to keep members of the public informed about the situation on campus. For information, phone 716-8008 between 7 am and 5 pm.

Student marchers to demand Wits forum

WITS University students will march on campus today to demand that vice-chancellor Bob Charlton comply with a request to set up the forum for further accelerated and comprehensive transformation to find ways of solving the university's problems.

The crisis started with protests on campus when National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union members demanded the reinstatement of nine dismissed staff members, and the withdrawal of disciplinary action against 39 workers and students linked to a hostage drama last year.

Last week, 30 union members were arrested and released on bail in connection with a campus rampage. Six of the union members were rearrested after allegedly breaching their bail conditions, which prohibited them from approaching within 100m of the university.

SA Students Congress spokesman Dan Motaung disagreed with Charlton's statement this week that the disciplinary hearings were legal, just and fair.

"We question the rules applicable in the hearings. We are saying that if the university has to transform, these laws also need to be transformed," said Motaung.

"If the ANC could forgive people who have murdered in the past and be willing to forgive in the spirit of change, why can't

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the university?"

Students Representative Council president Muzi Sikhakhane said the planned march would not create problems. "We have spoken to all student formations about marshalling the march, and we have told students our code of conduct does not condone trashing and damaging property."

Other student demands include a commission of inquiry to investigate the crisis, and ensure democratic and fair disciplinary procedures are implemented.

Students also want the university and government to look for solutions to students' financial problems, undertake an investigation into university finances, withdraw police from the campus and implement university adherence to the "new Labour Relations Act".

Charlton said he was not expecting trouble, but he would call in the police if required. He had no problem with the establishment of the forum and with working under the new labour legislation.

University financial statements were audited and the accounts were readily available for scrutiny.

Students with financial problems had been given R16m from university funds in 1994 and this assistance would continue.

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Sasco plans action against the State

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By Claire Keeton

■ CAMPUS CAMPAIGN Pressure on for cash allocation to loan scheme:

THE SOUTH African Students Congress will target the Government rather than academic institutions in its campaign for tertiary funding, Sasco president Mr David Makhuru said yesterday.

Makhuru said a number of campuses, such as the universities of the Western Cape, Turfloop and Vista, had agreed to negotiate with students about financial difficulties.

Technikons, including Wits Technikon, Natal Technikon and Peninsula Technikon, have also started negotiations to find ways of not excluding students with financial problems.

Makhuru said, however, other campuses, such as Wits University, had hardly made any progress on the matter. But he said: "Increasingly we

are getting reports that most institutions are doing what they can. These institutions are insisting that Government distribute the millions it has raised according to the amount owed by students to each institution."

Sasco said no money had yet been set aside for the National Bursary and Loan Scheme, which is expected to cost around R2,5 billion for five years.

"This equals the amount set aside for defence and we must put pressure on the Government if this money is really available," said Makhuru.

The student leader said Sasco has been advised by other sectors, for example the civics and trade unions.

"They support our cause but they want a stake for housing projects," said Makhuru. He said Sasco regions were planning local action in areas like the Orange Free State later this week.

"Action will only be directed against the Government, particularly the Ministries of Defence and Education."

Meanwhile, a march is planned at the University of Witwatersrand today by the campus leadership forum.

Wits Student Representative Council president Mr Muzi Sikhakhane said yesterday the administration had agreed to extend the deadline for late payment and appeal of results to February 23. Sikhakhane said this would ease the crisis at Wits, which he compared to a time bomb.

C A D I O

'Wits not dragging its heels'

UNIVERSITIES are struggling, writes Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton

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South African universities are having to make diminishing resources go further to keep producing the high-grade graduates the country needs.

Student numbers are rising and university incomes are falling in real terms.

Since 1987 the Government subsidy actually received by universities has shrunk from 80 percent of entitlement in terms of the subsidy formula to 50 percent.

We cannot continue to compensate for subsidy reductions by increasing fees more than the inflation adjustment, as more and more students are unable to pay unless they get financial aid.

Some universities are in deep financial trouble because of unpaid fees.

The Minister of Education has had some success in obtaining additional funds for student loans, but much more are needed.

At Wits, students don't get their results and cannot re-register until their accounts have been settled.

We have managed to help all our students whose family incomes qualify them for financial aid, who applied for assistance before the deadline and who are doing well academically. Wits has allocated R18 million for loans, bursaries and scholarships in 1995.

Sasco, the militant student organisation, is still ignoring the financial realities and is pressing for free university education. They unfortunately think that disruptive behaviour — such as "trashing" the campus — is the way to get what they want.

Held hostage

Recently we have seen Nehawu workers resorting to similar methods, to try to force Wits to reverse the dismissal of workers who held senior university officials hostage.

Offers to refer the dismissal to arbitration have not been accepted.

Underlying these tactics is a bid for power. There is pressure on the university to "transform". But we have been leaders on that road. In 1991, Wits was first to admit students as members of senate and council.

Nevertheless, the council does acknowledge it is not fully representative of the university's stakeholders. The minister will consider proposals for reconstructing it only if these have been endorsed by a "transformation forum" representing all stakeholders.

Talks to set up this Forum for Further Accelerated Comprehensive Transformation (FFACT) have been slow because Sasco and Nehawu want it to have wide powers.

I nevertheless consider that sufficient agreement has been reached for it to be established and I have written to the other parties (ANC, NECC, the SRC and the academic staff association Asawu as well as Sasco and Nehawu) proposing that we should set up FFACT to resolve the remaining details.

(Note: Professor Charlton, vice-chancellor and principal of the University of the Witwatersrand, wrote this article in response to an editorial in The Star last week.)

Wits SRC to stage march on campus

■ STAFF REPORTERS

Students at the University of the Witwatersrand were planning a march on campus today to demand the immediate establishment of a transformation forum as well as the unification of all the structures on campus, said Wits Students Representative Council.

And the SRC has come out in support of members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) who were dismissed earlier in the year for taking two officials hostage.

SRC president Muzi Sikhakhane today criticised the university administration for "not act-

ing within the framework of the new Labour Relations Bill" when disciplining Nehawu members.

He said the administration was incapable of handling the transformation of the university because it had not consulted all stakeholders.

Sikhakhane said the march, to which all organisations on the campus had been invited, would take place at 1 pm.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said he had written to the president of the SRC last week to suggest a "forum for further accelerated and comprehensive transformation".

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MALEGAPURU MAKGOBA

Cool cat among the pigeons

Behind his grins and giggles, Wits University's new deputy vice-chancellor, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba (42), is fiercely determined it shall become an African university. And as well as having a racially more representative student population, he aims to make the university's system and practice of governance far more broadly consultative.

"Whites are used to an autocratic, top-down system," he maintains, "which, traditionally, is not Africa's way."

That remark could rile more than just conservative white colleagues. Universities pride themselves on being collegiate, and therefore inherently democratic. Makgoba, however, stands his ground. Power at Wits, he insists, is "concentrated in the hands of a small, highly inbred elite. It is a mockery of democracy — a junta."

He therefore hopes to see created soon a new body, comprised of academics, students and "workers," responsible for deciding whether, in order to achieve major transformation of the university, its present governance structures need replacing.

His other major aim is to achieve "a diversity of culture." That means greatly diluting Wits's "Anglo Saxon attitudes," which he sees as arrogant and patronising towards Africans, and therefore alienating.

"For example," he says, "Africans are employed here as academics, but 90% of them are in temporary and mostly junior posts. That is where the biggest battle will be fought, enabling blacks at the university to have their demands met, because it is seen by whites as a loss of power. There are great tensions among white intellectuals here — across the board — centred around transformation of the university."

Many fear accepting those with inadequate schooling as students will lower standards. Makgoba is scornful: "I would be the last to want to see a lowering of academic standards here. I have tested my own internationally. A significant majority of the academics here have no international experience or recognition. They have been tested only in this institution, so their standards are merely their own."

It's difficult to argue that point with



Makgoba ... down with the junta, power to the people

someone whose professional success is so impressive. Son of a schoolmaster, Makgoba attended a highly motivated black high school in Pietersburg, then went, with several of his classmates, to Natal University's medical school.

After completing his MB ChB, he won a Nuffield fellowship to Oxford where he obtained a doctorate in human immunogenetics. Immediately prior to his present post, he was deputy head of Chemical Pathology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School of Hammersmith Hospital in London, teaching and pursuing a special interest in cell interactions and signalling.

His research papers have been published in top journals worldwide, as well as in specialist medical volumes. All of which has led to honorary positions at august British medical institutions, as well as membership of arcane medical societies and associations.

But what makes him think he has leadership skills? "When I was a child," he smiles, "I was a shepherd. Getting the sheep and goats to do what you wanted taught you planning, organising, and how to understand the behaviour of animals different from yourself."

That should go down well in Senate.

Makgoba and his wife, Sindi, have two daughters and a son — the oldest of whom, a daughter, is at Wits. The family live in Kensington, where Makgoba has started breeding koi.

John Collings

CHRIS PEARCE

Polishing the profile

Merchant banks are entering a new era — the JSE is opening its doors to them and so is the world. Competition is hotting up as foreigners start up shop onshore. And exchange controls will soon be phased out, creating a new investment environment.

UAL is planning to take advantage of the challenges and opportunities in the different environment — with new CE Chris Pearce (50) at the helm.

The change comes about as former CE

Geoff Richardson moves to the 13th floor to take on executive responsibilities in the Nedcor group, as well as become UAL's deputy chairman. And, though new to the job, Pearce is certainly not new to UAL — he's been there for 23 years.

Nor is he in any hurry to change for change's sake. "UAL's formula works well," he says. "Change will be dictated by changes in the environment." The bank's contribution to the RDP will also dictate change.

One immediate alteration Pearce will make will be to put UAL back on the map. "We aim to give UAL and its people a higher profile," he says. But he also intends to keep the conservative, professional and innovative image which has been carefully generated over the years.

In terms of knowing the business, Pearce has what it takes. He was involved in corporate finance and the capital markets, and ran the banking department in the early Eighties.

Though never actually a trader himself, he headed up the treasury from 1986 and was involved in some of the most exciting developments in the financial markets. "Our markets have come a long way."

Pearce travelled extensively when he was the treasury head, mainly to keep abreast of the international markets — something which will stand him in good stead in today's environment — and to develop and maintain existing client relationships. "We have to get used to open markets and a less controlled environment."

Pearce was educated at Christian Brothers College in Pretoria and at Wits, where he graduated with a BCom CA. He served articles with Alex Aiken & Carter.

He returned to university in 1993 and spent three months completing an Advanced Management Programme at Harvard. "It gave me a global perspective, some good contacts and excellent academic experience."

Pearce enjoys sport. He plays regular squash and tennis and is an avid spectator of cricket and rugby. Pearce also reads numerous financial journals and plays bridge.

In addition, he enjoys water sports, particularly when at the family's favourite holiday spot, Kenton. Pearce and his wife, Di, have two sons and a daughter. ■



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Transformation call at Wits

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By Claire Keeton

ABOUT 1 500 students marched at Wits University yesterday to highlight the urgency for "real transformation" of the campus administration.

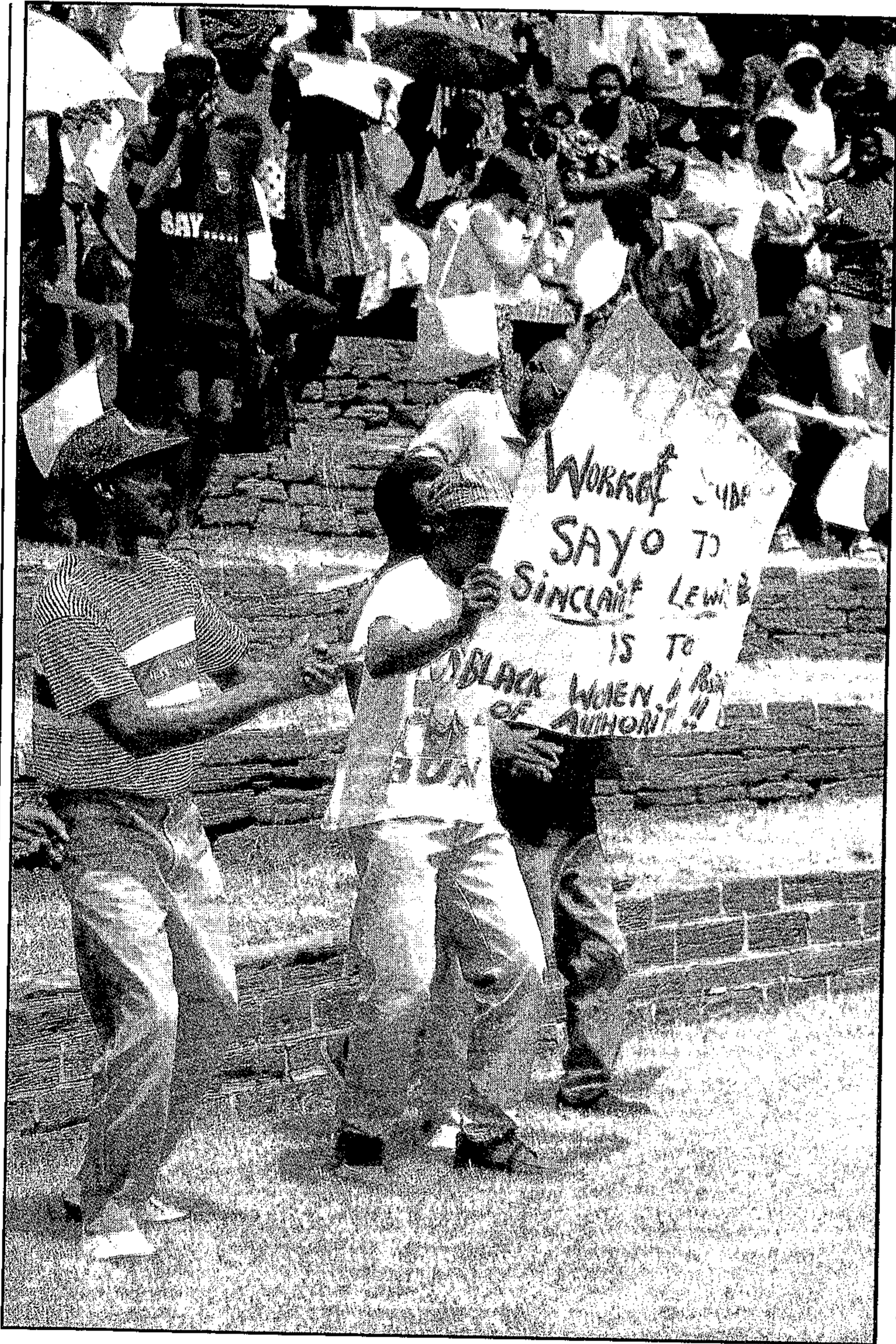
Before handing over a memorandum to vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton, Students Representative Council (SRC) president Mr Musi Sikhakhane said the peaceful demonstration showed that students of all races wanted transformation.

Leaders of the SRC, faculty councils, residence structures, and political and religious organisations led the march to Senate House. Top of the nine demands on their memorandum was the immediate establishment of a transformation forum at Wits.

Other demands include a democratic commission of inquiry into the crisis at Wits, solutions to the financial crisis, the use of university contingency funds to aid students facing financial exclusions and the lifting of a 20 percent upfront payment fee for residence.

Sikhakhane told *Sowetan* the SRC was calling on the university administration to grant amnesty to students and workers expelled from campus.

He said their actions must be understood in the context of the history of the university — and amnesty did not mean the actions were condoned. But Sikhakhane said this was the only way to "normalise" the university.



Wits student and worker protest ends peacefully

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■ EDUCATION REPORTER

About 1 500 students and workers marched peacefully on Wits University's Senate House yesterday, dispelling earlier fears that the demonstration would be violent.

A memorandum calling for the fundamental transformation of Wits was handed to Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Charlton at the end of the march.

The memorandum said a "forum for further accelerated and comprehensive transformation (FFACT)" must be established immediately and the university's mission statement suspended pending a review.

The memorandum also called for the establishment of a commission of inquiry to investigate what it called a crisis at the university, the immediate resolution of a financial crisis, the lifting of a 20 percent up-front payment for accommodation in residences and the withdrawal of the police from the campus.

Agreement

Earlier in the day, Charlton indicated he was happy at the prospect of the march as he had called on the SRC last week to set up FFACT.

He said the forum demanded by the students had been the subject of discussions for the past 18 months.

A substantial measure of agreement had already been reached on the composition, powers and name of the forum, but the university had suspended negotiations after a hostage-taking incident in October, according to Charlton.

During the march taunts directed at him were nipped in the bud and demands that he respond to the memorandum were stilled by the SRC, which indicated that it would be discussed in the talks which were to begin immediately.

Protest . . . students gather in the Wits amphitheatre for a march on Senate House where a memorandum calling for the fundamental transformation of the university was handed to Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Charlton.

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Maties face language dilemma

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Drastic cuts set for arts faculty staff

■ Stellenbosch University will attract fewer black students, leading to further subsidy cuts and staff reductions, unless it gives up its legal status as an Afrikaans institution, say academics.

JEAN LE MAY
Weekend Argus Reporter

STELLENBOSCH University is in an uproar following the announcement of staff cuts which could slash academic staff in arts faculties by up to 45 percent over the next four years.

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by the end of 1997 and by a further 9,8 percent by the end of 1998. This adds up to 44,5 percent.

Staff reduction is apparently not necessary in science departments because they get bigger subsidies.

The arts departments of English, German, education and theology were among those mentioned as being liable to staff cuts.

People who were at the faculty meeting say that they were told that some departments were heavily over-staffed according to a formula of staff-to-student ratios.

However, heads of departments have told Weekend Argus that the need to comply with this formula was not mentioned until November last year.

If they had known about it earlier, said Arnold Blumer of the department of German, they could have adjusted their staffing positions appropriately.

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They claimed that this policy was actively applied by the rector, Andreas van Wyk, who was director-general in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in the apartheid government, and the vice-rector (operations) Christo Viljoen, controversial former chairman of the SABC.

The staff cuts were necessary because the State subsidy this year will amount to only 62,8 percent of what it should be according to a formula worked out years ago, said a statement given to Weekend Argus yesterday from university public relations officer Hans Oosthuizen.

Student fees have been raised an average of 11 percent, but the university has had to introduce "savings and strategic planning programmes which will mean long-term financial security", said the statement.

"Figures which may have been mentioned are subsidy-based target figures which, as a result of cross-subsidisation, will undoubtedly look very different eventually."

He said that "Stellenbosch is an Afrikaans-language university in the inclusive sense and we resent the allegation that people of any colour are discouraged from enrolling".

Mr Oosthuizen said that introducing English as the language of instruction would "lead to discrimination against the majority of people in our traditional catchment area — the larger Western Cape — since 62 percent of the inhabitants of this region are Afrikaans-speaking".

Meanwhile there is great anxiety among academic staff following the announcement of staff cuts by the dean of the arts faculty, Bernard Lategan, at a closed faculty meeting.

A document on retrenchment procedures has already been distributed to them.

Professor Lategan would not disclose what was said at the meeting, but Weekend Argus understands that the drift of his announcement was that overstaffing in arts departments must be reduced by 25 percent by the end of 1996, by a further 9,7 percent

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"The university management has already burnt its fingers by trying to get rid of technical staff without considering the legal resources available to its employees, and attempts to retrench academic staff could lead to legal action," she said.

"South Africa needs more engineers and technicians, but it is absurd to assume that this will be achieved if there is shrinkage in the arts field which will provide teachers, civil servants, translators, performing and other artists, academics and diplomats."

Hans Müller of the department of religious studies said there should be "open public debate" about the future of the university.

Although Afrikaans was entrenched as the medium of instruction in the Broederbond-inspired University of Stellenbosch (Private) Act of 1992, in practice English is used in many faculties because close on 20 percent of students are English-speaking.

But the entrenchment of Afrikaans discourages black students, who number about 1 400 or 10 percent of the total, because many have problems with the language.

Sampie Terreblanche of the department of politics said that the real question was how to make Stellenbosch more attractive to English-speaking black students.

The paradox at the heart of the problem was that its stated twin goals of academic excellence and remaining an Afrikaans preserve were at odds, Mrs Gagiano said.

Academics said the staff cuts and the continued entrenchment of Afrikaans were giving rise to questions about the "narrowness of vision of the team running the university — Professor Van Wyk and Professor Viljoen".

Stories going around campus are that Professor van Wyk refused to utter a word other than Afrikaans at a recent Council of University Principals meeting and that Professor Viljoen telephoned the head office of a Stellenbosch bookshop to complain that too many signboards in the shop were in English.

'Admit all black matrices to UCT'

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Staff Reporter

ALL black students with matric exemption should be automatically admitted to UCT and none from "disadvantaged backgrounds" should be denied access for scoring insufficient academic points.

This was said yesterday by Mr Monwabisi Luxande, UCT president of the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) at a press conference as part of Sasco's nationwide Right to Learn Campaign aimed at pressuring the government into reforming tertiary education.

As part of the campaign, students plan to march to Parliament tomorrow.

Mr Luxande said there should be academic support programmes to gradually bring students up to standard after they had been admitted.

The racial composition of students at tertiary institutions should reflect the demographics of the country and UCT "was not enrolling sufficient black students", he said.

Sasco is negotiating with local universities, colleges and technikons to cancel lectures tomorrow in support of the campaign.

Wits crisis addressed

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THE crisis at Wits University could be resolved this week following Vice-Chancellor Bob Charlton's decision to address most of the students' demands.

The only issue in the way is the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) demand for the reinstatement of nine dismissed staff members and the withdrawal of disciplinary action against 39 workers linked to a hostage drama last year.

Student Representative Council president Muzi Sikhakhane said discussions between Nehawu and the university authorities were under way.

Charlton said a continuing strike by Nehawu members would be discussed at a Senate meeting today.

AWB informer knew about reward

AN AWB candidate officer who told police of the right-wing group's alleged involvement in pre-election bombings in Gauteng last year was aware of a R1m reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible before he contacted police, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Barend Houball, 28, a former member of the Ystergarde, the AWB's elite guard, said his girlfriend had told him about the reward a few hours before he had decided to inform police he believed the organisation was responsible for the blasts. Twenty people were killed and 46 wounded in the explosions.

Houball made his admission during cross-examination at the trial of 26 AWB members who had denied planting the bombs in Johannesburg; Germiston; Pretoria; Randfontein; Westosaria; and at Jan Smuts Airport in April.

Earlier he said he had joined the AWB special task team because he thought it intended carrying out community protection. It was only after the group had gathered at a Middelburg game farm that he suspected some of them might have been responsible for the bombings.

Shocked by the bombings, he had decided to abandon the AWB after the group moved from the farm to the Waterval shooting range in Westosaria. He had fled when members were given permis-

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sion to visit their families because they would soon "be going underground" and would not be able to return home for some time.

Members of the group had given him a lift to his girlfriend in Valhalla, where he had decided he "was in big trouble and could not keep quiet".

Asked by defence counsel Louisa van der Walt why he had left his car, firearm and personal belongings at the camp if he had not intended returning, Houball said he had just wanted to get away and "did not care" about his possessions.

Ystergarde major Johannes Smit had said anyone attempting to leave the group without permission would be shot, Houball had testified.

"But this time you had permission to leave. You could have made an excuse to take your car. And how could you just leave your firearm behind?" Van der Walt asked. **BD 22/2/95**

Houball conceded that he was not aware the task force had informed Rustenburg police, the army and the local election authorities of their presence at the shooting range.

Van der Walt submitted that the task force had intended visiting 16 different towns during the elections as part of their community protection plan.

New student code bans violence, vandalism

MDUDUZI KA HARVEY

corporal punishment did not imply that there should be no discipline or disciplinary measures at schools.

Serious cases would be dealt with by parent, teacher and student bodies where parents would play an active role in seeing to the discipline of their children.

Punishments envisaged by the code include a reprimand, which would be carried out during assembly as a reminder to all students of the standards of behaviour expected of them.

Students may also be called on to perform useful tasks at schools, such as preparing a class lesson or working in the school library. Suspension from school would not necessarily exclude students from academic activities but from other school activities, and exclusion would not exceed three months.

Expulsion from school would normally be followed by criminal charges and would be used for crimes committed at schools which included assaults, stabbing and the rape of students or teachers. Students would also be expelled for the deliberate burning or damaging of school property.

STUDENTS will be called on to reject acts of violence and vandalism and to work for education and economic growth in a disciplined manner, when the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) launches its code of conduct next week.

The code aims to create a harmonious relationship between teachers, students and parents. It also calls on all the parties to protect school property.

The code would be implemented through student, teacher and parent associations. It was drawn up in consultation with such bodies over nearly two years.

Both students and teachers would be expected to commit themselves to their school work, and students would be urged to refrain from victimising teachers.

Selling drugs, consuming and distributing alcohol, and bringing weapons or any instrument which would endanger the safety of students and teachers would not be permitted and harsh measures would be put in place to curb these acts.

Punctuality would be encouraged and students would be expected to leave their classes at times agreed on by their schools.

Cosas leaders said students should also understand that the call for an end to

XX 7 . 4 of economic development to the world, but in fact the CRP of EU grants to ACP members had been postponed as several ECU

New links between industry, academia

From LINDA ENSOR

LONDON: — Higher education institutions in the Western Cape are collaborating with their British and American counterparts to launch a foundation to facilitate relationships between academia and industry.

The inaugural meeting of the Capricorn Foundation was held in Cape Town two weeks ago.

When he is in South Africa next week, British Minister of Science and Public Service Mr David Hunt will attend a presentation on the Capricorn Research and Industrial Park.

The Muizenburg-based park will be the largest of its kind in Africa, with vast job-creating potential.

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The inaugural meeting was attended by representatives of the universities of Cape Town, the Western Cape and Stellenbosch, and of the Peninsula and Cape technikons.

Representatives from the University College London and Bristol University, and the shareholders of Capricorn Park also attended.

The foundation's acting chairman, Professor Stan Newman, who is head of the department of psychiatry at University College London, said yesterday the meeting agreed that the foundation would act as an agency linking academia and industry.

It would have two main functions, Prof Newman said.

It would attempt to place students with industries based in the park for training. It would also lobby the education institutions to introduce courses more suited to the needs of industry and commerce.

Riot police commander ⁽⁵⁴⁾ stoned in student protest

Bloemfontein — A riot police commander was stoned and taken to hospital in Bloemfontein yesterday when demonstrating students clashed at Technikon OFS.

Members of the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) marched on the technikon on their way to provincial government offices, where they later handed a list of demands to education MEC Saki Belot.

At the technikon another group of students reportedly attacked them with sjamboks and police were called. Shots were fired.

The officer commanding Bloemfontein's internal stability unit, Major "Obie" Oberholzer, was injured in a stone-throwing incident and taken to hospital.

Police later erected razor-wire cordons outside the technikon, where the pavement was littered with stones.

A group of between 200 and 300 Sasco students later delivered a petition to University of

the Free State vice-rector Professor E Boonstra.

Sasco's demands include a national student loan and bursary scheme, an end to "unjustified exclusions" and the establishment of a "broad transformation forum" to address the composition of university and technikon management bodies.

They also demanded immediate negotiations on fees, the removal of "language barriers", and democratic administration of the university.

Prof Boonstra said the university had noted the problems of students with great concern and had been addressing these obstacles for more than a year.

■ Students affiliated to the Sasco also marched on the Eastern Cape education offices in Bisho yesterday demanding funds for tertiary education, SABC radio news reports.

Sasco spokesman Andile Sihlala said the students were upset at the fees constantly being increased. — Sapa.

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Thousands of students on march

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Sowetan Reporters

THE South African Students Congress' campaign over funding for tertiary institutions kicked off yesterday with marches around the country — mostly peaceful except for racial clashes in the Free State.

A demonstration at the Free State Technikon turned ugly when black and white students clashed on campus. Students threw stones and other missiles at each other before police defused the situation.

Thousands of students marched on the Union Buildings in Pretoria, to Parliament in Cape Town, and on campuses in KwaZulu-Natal and the Northern Transvaal.

Sasco president Mr David Makhuru said the campaign was aimed at speeding up the establishment of a national Loan and Bursary Scheme.

"Thousands of students are currently facing exclusion and others not being allowed to register because they cannot afford fees charged by institutions," said Sasco.

Makhuru said around 15 000 students had marched in Pretoria and around 5 000 in Cape Town. He said the marches were peaceful and Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu spoke to the students at Parliament.

In Pietersburg, about 5 000 students marched on the offices of Northern Transvaal premier Mr Ngoako Ramatlhodi. Sasco regional chairman Mr Simon Boshielo, gave the premier three weeks to respond to their demands.

Around 900 marched to the Eastern Transvaal education ministry in Nelspruit.

At the University of Zululand, Sasco said around 1 500 students handed over a memorandum to the principal. In addition, Sasco KwaZulu-Natal region launched a signature campaign to petition the national and provincial governments to meet their demands.

Sasco's national campaign has the backing of other student organisations such as the Pan African Students Organisation and the Azanian Students Convention.

A key demand is the reallocation of part of the R2,5 billion budgeted for the purchase of corvettes from the defence to the education ministry.

Medical school gets R1,2-m

PRETORIA.— The Norwegian government and the Kellogg Foundation of America have donated R1,2 million to the medical faculty of the University of the North, the university said in statement yesterday.

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The Norwegian grant of R700 000 would pay for a joint programme with the medical faculty of the University of Oslo while the Kellogg Foundation gave R500 000 for a health promotion course. ARG 25/2/95

Technikon rector, staff held hostage

EAST LONDON. — Border/Kei Technikon vice-rector Allan Shaw and three officials have been held hostage at the East London campus by 18 protesting students (54)

Mr Shaw said the students barged into his office yesterday morning, demanding the immediate resignation of rector Charles Poole and the entire technikon council.

The other hostages are student affairs director Nozoli Nhlapho, the estate manager, known only as Mr Mckaya and a Mr Agnew, the development manager. The protesters claim the technikon council is "undemocratic and illegitimate".

Eastern Cape education MEC Nosimo Bahlindlela sent a delegation to the technikon late yesterday afternoon to negotiate the release of the hostages.

Police said they were monitoring the situation.

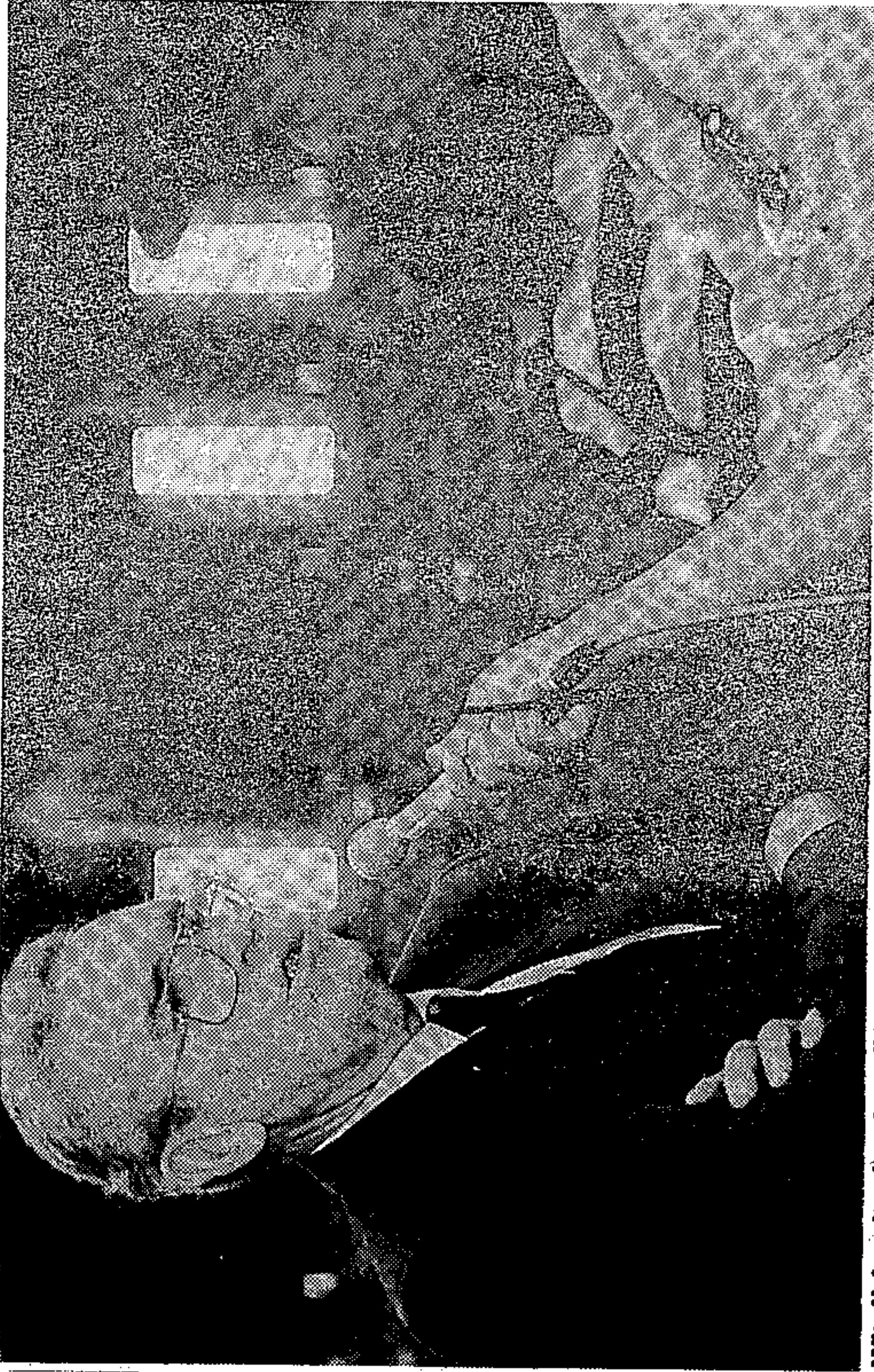
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Wits calls education experts

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EDUCATION experts would be called by Wits University to try and solve the crisis at the institution, vice-chancellor Bob Charlton said at the weekend. He was resisting demands to reinstate dismissed workers and students before a campus transformation forum could be established. The forum set up last week would not operate until the administration acceded to National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and SA Congress of Students demands.

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Wits University vice-chancellor Bob Charlton outlines plans for the establishment of a forum for further accelerated and comprehensive transformation, which will look at ways of solving the crisis at the institution. Picture: NICKY DE BLOIS

Wits forum finally set up

Jan 27/2/95

■ EDUCATION REPORTER ■

A transformation forum which will chart Wits University's future was established on Friday, bringing to an end 18 months of tumultuous negotiations over the nature of the body.

The Forum for Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation (Ffact) was set up after a meeting between the administration, the students' representative council, the SA Students' Congress, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union, and Wits' Staff Association. (54)

The forum will not replace the university council or senate, but its decisions will be binding on the administration.

Professor Robert Charlton, vice-chancellor of the university, said the working group which set up Ffact had made slow progress because of disputes with students and workers. The forum will decide on the restructuring of the university council and make recommendations to the minister of education.

"I was hoping that we could convene our first meeting on March 10, but Sasco, Nehawu and the SRC will not agree to a date until the current dispute concerning disciplinary action that has been taken against certain of their members has been resolved," Charlton said.

Current programmes 'do not suit social and economic needs'

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Political Staff

CURRENT higher education programmes do not suit the country's social and economic needs, says the White Paper on education and training.

Noting that post-apartheid change is proceeding at different rates in different parts of the system and creating stress, the White Paper says short- and long-term policies are required.

The document says the system as a whole is dealing with the effects of rapid enrolment growth and simultaneous decline in the real value of subsidy from the state.

Students are under chronic financial pressure, which is transferred to their institutions. The resulting actions and counter-actions have become a serious source of instability for the institutions and interrupt the students' work.

Student bodies are increasingly representative of the broader population and bring into the system the learning deficits accumulated in the black schools.

"The structure of higher education programmes is the inverse of what is required by the society and economy, with a small technikon sector, a relatively large university sector, and a poorly developed and

fragmented post-secondary college system.

"Higher education institutions are compelled to grapple with the consequences of poor secondary education among an increasing proportion of the students they admit."

The document specifies the under-development of many students' language skills, science and mathematics, and the narrow range and often inappropriate combination of subjects they bring to their choice of tertiary courses.

The White Paper says the ministry of education is well aware of and upholds both the tradition and legal basis of autonomy in parts of the higher education sector, especially universities and technikons which fall within the sphere of the national government.

The ministry also has the responsibility to advise the government on whether the tertiary education system, substantially supported by public funds, is yielding a good return to the nation and how it may be helped to do better.

While no official probe into the entire post-secondary sector has been undertaken, the government has, after wide consultation, approved the minister of education's proposal to appoint a national commission on higher education, which has begun its work.

Wits and RAU agree that strong, quality education is the key to a successful 'new' South Africa. The question is how they see their respective roles.

Universities must lead



By Professor Bob Charlton
Vice-Chancellor
University of the Witwatersrand

As we approach the first anniversary of democracy in our country, I confidently expect another year of solid achievement at Wits.

In our transformation to meet the expectations of the new South Africa there will be no concessions in quality. Wits will continue to produce reflective, critical, knowledgeable, skilled and adaptable graduates.

First-year student enrolments for 1995 are 12 percent up overall.

I am particularly pleased to see a bigger intake in the faculties of engineering, science and commerce, since the Government's reconstruction and development programme emphasises that South Africa needs technologists, scientists and economists able to hold their own with the best in the world if our economy is to flourish.

Degree programmes in science and engineering are based on a foundation of matric higher grade maths. In fact, you need maths for commerce and most professional degrees.

Far too many matriculants find their choices restricted by their limited capability in maths, the result of the desperate shortage of good maths teachers in the schools. There are even fewer physical science teachers.

A major thrust at Wits will be to address this problem. Our Faculty of Education is introducing new diplomas in these subjects to upgrade teachers in service, and is increasing faculty links with colleges of education. The Radmaste Unit (Research and Development in Maths and Science Education) develops

and produces learning aids for teachers and pupils.

It will, unfortunately, be many years before the schools are sufficiently strong in these key subjects. Wits' College of Science is designed to widen the access of current matriculants. College students follow specially designed courses which cover in two years what they missed at school plus the first year university syllabuses.

They then enter the second year of study for the BSc or the BSc Engineering degrees.

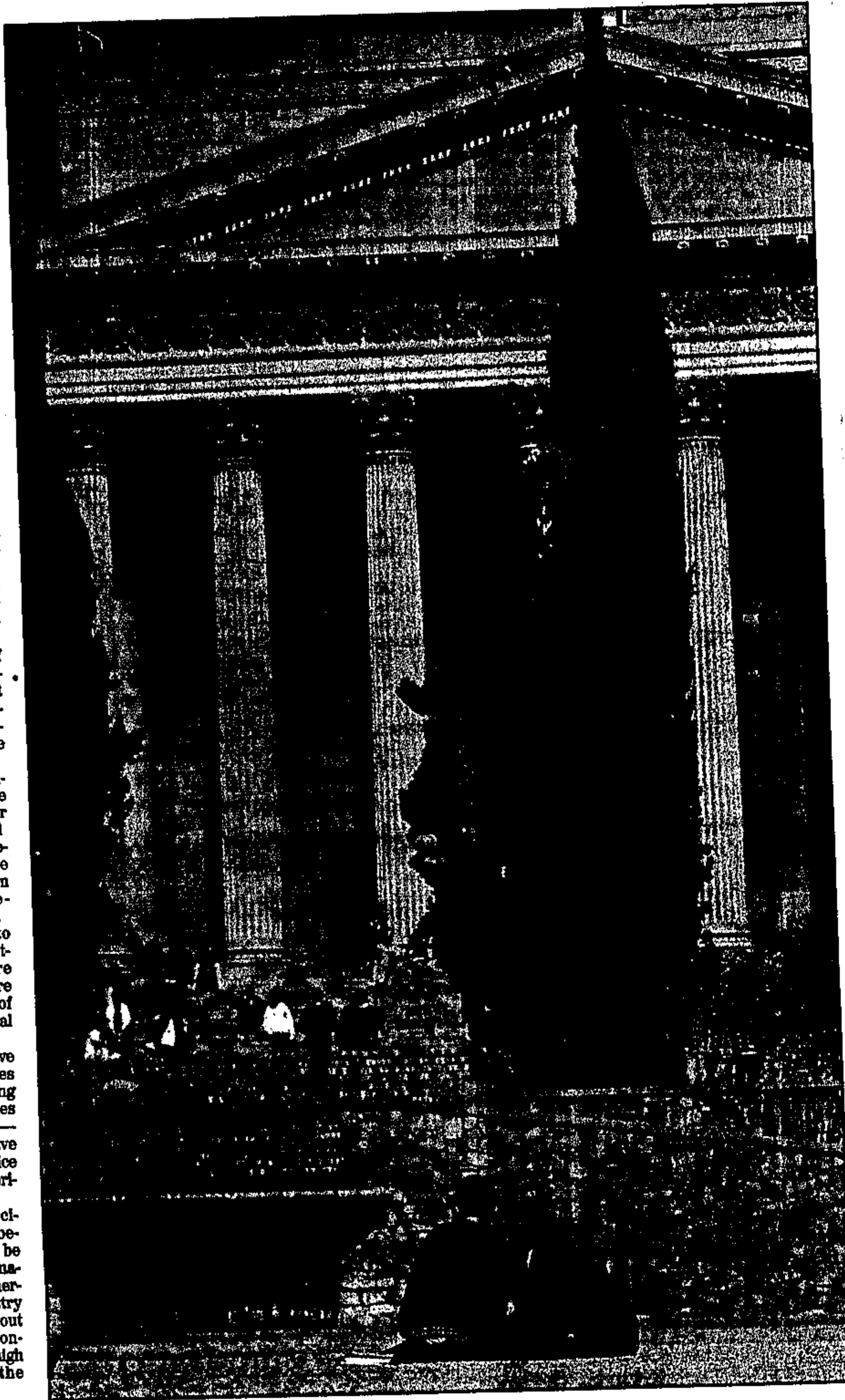
The first ex-College of Science students graduated at the end of last year. The college is funded by donations, particularly from the private sector.

Wits will also be emphasising postgraduate education, especially for under-represented groups. Universities provide the educators for the whole tertiary education sector and the researchers for the nation.

We are well placed to play our full part in meeting this need and are looking at ways to ensure that we retain some of the Masters and doctoral graduates on our staff.

The main challenge we and the other universities face in 1995 is shrinking resources. Staff salaries are dangerously low — academic salaries have fallen behind civil service salaries, let alone the private sector.

Engineering and science are expensive because equipment must be kept up to date. Fortunately, we enjoy the generous support of industry and commerce. Without that we could not continue to produce the high quality graduates the country must have.



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Strong universities which are financially sound and viable, offering high quality tuition, research and community development programmes are essential in our quest to become a winning nation.

We agree that economic growth and social upliftment is entirely dependant on the capacity of our educational system and in particular the universities, to develop and deliver graduates who have received quality and relevant education.

The RDP is doomed from the start if university standards and quality go into further decline due to ineffective and unwise policies.

The demise of African universities in past decades should serve as a warning to us. Many universities in Africa are in a crisis.

Enrolments rise as capacity for government support decline.

Talented staff are abandoning campuses, libraries are outdated, research output dropping, students protesting against overcrowded, inhospitable conditions and educational quality deteriorating. Many of these universities have declined to the point where they are just empty shells, providing students with little more than worthless certificates.

The decline can be ascribed to two factors:



By Professor Johannes 'JC' Van der Walt
Rector Designate, RAU.

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the declining financial support from governments and uncontrolled and unmanageable access to universities.

Increased enrolment and reduced funding is the unfailing recipe for a quick and painful death of tertiary education institutions. The "African way" is to be avoided at all costs.

The core problem facing us is undoubtedly the constantly declining State subsidies to the universities.

If the decline is not arrested, universities will very soon become financially unsustainable.

RAU is convinced that the introduction of a sta-

ble subsidy — for the maintenance of standards, survival and development — should be the first and highest priority of the Government.

From a historical perspective, RAU initially served mainly the needs of Afrikaans-speaking communities. This has changed dramatically and the university now aims to extend its services to the community as a whole: that is, to every cultural group in the country.

We have enrolled about 2 000 new full-time students for undergraduate study this year. There has been a significant increase in the num-

ber of English-speaking newcomers.

About 60 percent of our first-year students are Afrikaans-speaking and about 40 percent English-speaking.

Although we do not keep racial classification records we "guesstimate" that about 15 percent of these students are of Asian, coloured and African origin. Our enrolment of students, full-time and part-time, is in the region of 11 000.

To facilitate access for English-speaking students, the university has organised an evening lecture programme for undergraduate studies through the medium of English in the faculties of Arts and Letters, Economics and Management Science (our so-called Raunox programme).

This has resulted in an enrolment of more than 600 students, about 60 percent of whom we guess are non-white.

We maintain Afrikaans as our basic medium of instruction for full-time undergraduate students.

We have, however, implemented particular measures to accommodate English-speakers who have to follow Afrikaans lectures.

We accept the challenges which the new political dispensation has brought and hope to play a constructive role in complying with the educational needs of a community in transition.

Rector selection rears rifts

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Gaye Davis

A BID to democratise the selection of a new rector for the University of the Western Cape appears to have backfired. While a decision is expected next week, the process has sharply divided the campus community.

UWC's founding statute was specially amended to throw open the selection process to include workers, students, academics as well as Senate and Council through creating a 25-member Rectorate Selection Committee (RSC).

The RSC, after prolonged disputes over representation, has shortlisted two candidates for the post vacated by Professor Jakes Gerwel last July when he became director-general in the office of President Nelson Mandela.

Both South African-born academics, they will be interviewed by the RSC next week in hearings to be broadcast campus-wide on closed-circuit television.

They are Professor Mapule Ramashala, formerly of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, now with the Medical Research Council and Professor Cecil Abrahams, a literary scholar and provost of Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. UWC's council will endorse the final

decision next Thursday.

But senior academics say they are deeply concerned about the process. Citing a lack of a shared understanding on the RSC of what is required in a rector, political schisms and divisions within the UWC community and a lack of proper consultation, they say the process has been subverted into a political game.

Said one: "The process has made it possible for alliances so that people can vote en bloc and swing the vote. The notion of equal representation is a sham."

Another senior academic said: "A very serious problem is that people involved in the process have no idea about what is required. People seem to think choosing a rector is like a political election. Those taking the decisions do not properly understand that it is a very difficult job."

Sources said historian Professor Colin Bundy, favoured by academics as a prime candidate, had been sidelined on the basis of his colour. Bundy, currently acting vice-rector, is one of eight short-listed candidates for a deputy rectorship.

"Bundy was very much a part of UWC's transition. He's a brilliant academic and has the required vision to steer UWC into the future. As acting vice-rector, he's handled difficult disputes very well. But he doesn't stand

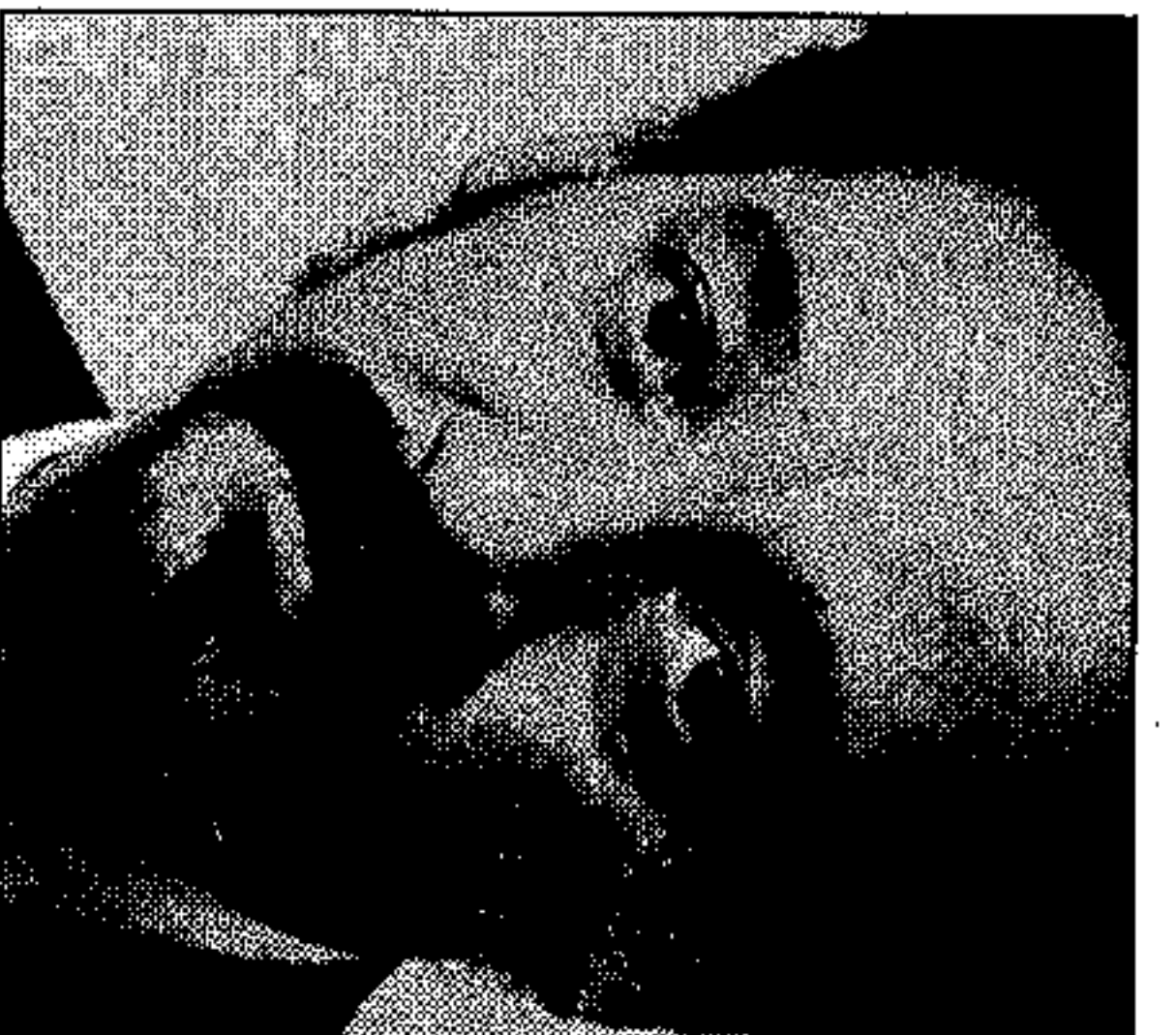
a chance," a senior academic said.

Some academics are understood to be so disillusioned that they are considering leaving. "If good academics feel the university's leadership is going to be decided in a political gamble then they are going to leave," one said.

"Students come and go — academics are permanent members of the community and they should have more say. UWC needs someone with academic and political vision. It is not a popularity contest," another academic said. "A lot of people feel impotent. Nobody dares confront or challenge the students or, to a lesser extent, the unions."

Academics are also concerned that no external advisors will be involved in the decision — standard procedure with any professorial appointment. There is also no final decision on whether UWC will have two or three deputy rectors. An RSC source said debate over this was reduced to the level of "workers wanting less managers", and that the real issues were being obscured.

RSC members comprise five representatives each of workers (through the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union), students (through the SRC), UWC's Council and academics (through Senate and an academic joblay group which



The president's man: Former UWC rector Jakes Gerwel left academia to work in Mandela's office

objected to Senate representing them).

Apart from Bundy, the candidates short-listed for posts of deputy rector, to be interviewed the week after the rectorship hearings, are: management studies specialist Mzamo Mangaliso, assistant professor at the Amherst School of Management in Massachusetts; Azapo leader Professor Itumeleng Mosala of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town; Barney Pitjana (Religious Studies, UCT); Dr Stephen Hendricks, UWC-educated, now studying at Harvard's dental school; Professor Aubrey Redlinghuis, UWC's dean of arts; Professor Ramashala and Professor Tharadabanthu Nhlapo, head of the department of private law at UCT.

Rhodes goes back to board

Bulelwa Payi in Grahamstown

IT'S back to square one for Rhodes University in its search for a vice-chancellor. When the university council met on Thursday, it was to be asked to reconstitute the selection process for the vice-chancellor, said a source who asked not to be named.

A senate meeting held on Wednesday "unanimously" accepted a recommendation by the old selection committee to appoint a small representative commission to explore the composition of a new selection committee.

The old selection committee dissolved at the weekend because it believed that the selection process had lost credibility and legitimacy among significant sectors of the interested community. It also believed that it was not in the interest of the university to pass any judgment on the suitability of the last remaining candidate, vice-principal Dr Michael Smout, at that stage.

A source said on Thursday that the commission will consist of five people, one of whom would be an independent, non-voting chairman. The other four will represent the senate, the council, the Students' Representative Council and the Grahamstown Transitional Local Council.

Poke in the eye for ⁵⁴ optometry department

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Mapula Sibanda

A ONE-MAN strike by a University of the North (Turfloop) academic has plunged the university's optometry faculty into a crisis.

Deputy dean Siphon Ndlela, who has worked in the department for 21 years, was suspended in the middle of January after refusing to mark 1994 third and final year examination papers.

His strike was a protest against university authorities who "bowed to white pressure" and prevented him assuming a senior departmental post.

Ndlela's action has resulted in:

- Third year students still waiting for their results and who cannot register for fourth year or receive academic and administrative services.

- Some final year students losing jobs as their qualifications cannot be confirmed.

Both third and final year students are unsure about possible supplementary exams.

According to a source, the saga dates back to 1991 when several white staff members resigned after an announcement that Ndlela was to assume a post as acting head of optometry.

But deputy vice-chancellor John Malatji prevented Ndlela from taking up the post without giving an official reason.

"The rumour was that whites were not prepared to work under a black HOD. And we believe Malatji's decision was made to appease the situation," the source said.

He added that Ndlela had tried various protest actions, including suspending his lectures, to force management to clarify his position. A Nigerian doctor appointed as head of department did not assume his post on January 9. No explanation has been given.

The student's faculty representative, Goliath Tjia, said students only learned of Ndlela's suspension when management called them in late January to vote in a new acting deputy dean.

"Health faculty students and staff demanded he be immediately reinstated but were told the issue was *sub judice* as it was being handled by the disciplinary board," said Tjia.

Students marched on campus last week, calling for the lifting of Ndlela's conditional suspension, his reinstatement and an open inquiry.

"It is regrettable that we suffer most by this situation, but we are aware of the harassment and problems encountered especially by the black staff," Tjia added.

University spokesman John Wirtshire said Turfloop was doing its best to see students received their results.

Professor Servid Mashego, the deputy vice-chancellor for teaching and research, refused to comment. "Both sides are represented by their lawyers, and I cannot say anything for fear of prejudicing any side."

Ndlela concurred: "It would not be prudent for me to give you the story as my hands are handcuffed, and the matter is with the lawyers."

Wits academics present petition

ACADEMICS at the University of the Witwatersrand presented a petition to vice-chancellor Bob Charlton yesterday, blaming the administration for dragging its feet on transformation and condemning violent and disruptive action on the part of students and workers. (54)

Signed by 250 academics, it was a symbolic action by members of the Academic Staff Association, showing their commitment to transformation, association president Russell Ally said.

He said the university administration, the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) and the SA Students Congress (Sasco), were polarising the university on a racial basis.

Transformation talks deadlocked last year when Nehawu demanded nine dismissed employees be reinstated and disciplinary against 30 suspended members be withdrawn after a hostage drama last year. Sasco demanded 11 students facing similar charges should be reinstated.

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Ally said there was "very little support" among lecturers for reinstatement. "This action is counter productive, because people will do the same thing again and expect to solve it by demonstrating."

He warned the administration not to cling on to power. The solution to the crisis was compromise. Nehawu and Sasco should admit their actions were unacceptable, he said.

He called on the administration to realise transformation could be put in place on their conditions. BD 3/3/95

Nehawu and Sasco should participate in setting up the transformation forum, which would choose a new university council. The workers could appeal to the new council, he said.

Charlton said the university council committee would meet this weekend and by then they would have consulted the broad university community with the aim of reporting to council next week.

Arm Scor man could be facing criminal charges

SUSPENDED Arm Scor official Marius Vermaak faces criminal charges after refusing to answer questions during cross examination at the Cameron Commission yesterday about his transactions with Lebanese arms dealer, Eli Wazan.

The Arm Scor marketing manager and Wazan are central figures in the aborted AK47 shipment to the Middle East last year which prompted government to appoint the commission to investigate the deal and all other Arm Scor transactions since February 1990.

The cross-examination of Vermaak was halted yesterday when he refused to tell Arm Scor counsel S van Nieuwenhuisen SC where and when he had met Wazan.

He has consistently refused to answer any questions relating to Wazan or his transactions with him, claiming privilege against possible self-incrimination for a number of offences, including fraud.

Van Nieuwenhuisen argued the question could not, as claimed by Vermaak, be a link in a chain leading to self-incrimination, and insisted Vermaak answer.

He said Vermaak had answered the question in an unsigned statement reflecting an interview between Vermaak and an Arm Scor lawyer late last year.

The statement reflects Vermaak as saying he met Wazan eight years ago at Arm Scor. Van Nieuwenhuisen argued that Vermaak had had no difficulty in making the statement at the time, nor did he now

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claim it was made under duress. Vermaak's claim of privilege now was therefore *male fides*, van Nieuwenhuisen said.

He said Vermaak did not have to confirm the veracity of what he had said in the statement, but merely confirm whether or not it accurately reflected the interview which it recorded.

Vermaak's attorney, L. Wessels, said his client was not prepared to answer questions on either basis because it would still amount to self-incrimination.

Wessels conceded the statement was made voluntarily, but said his client had not been warned of his rights at the time.

Judge Cameron said the commission had given Vermaak an excessively wide degree of latitude in claiming privilege to date and ruled he was obliged to answer van Nieuwenhuisen's question on the basis of confirming the accuracy of the interview reflected in the unsigned statement.

He said by disallowing van Nieuwenhuisen's question the commission "ran the risk of making an ass of the law".

Vermaak again refused to answer van Nieuwenhuisen's question and Cameron informed him the commission would now "take the matter further". After another adjournment Wessels asked for a postponement so Vermaak and his lawyers could consider his position. A postponement until next Wednesday was granted.

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Wits academics break silence

Wits academics handed a petition to the university administration yesterday in a symbolic gesture aimed at demonstrating their "responsibility to make their voices heard".

A march, attended by about 150 academics, was the first time academics on the campus had broken their silence on the issues confronting Wits.

The petition, which was signed by about 250 of the 300-odd academics on the campus, called for a definite date to be set for the first meeting of the Forum for the Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation.

It seeks an immediate end to "all disruptive behaviour and marginalisation of the broader academic community from the decision-making process".

A university staff association spokesman said academics had a right to insist on an environment which promoted learning, teaching and research. — Education Reporter.

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Universities 'are not sufficiently accessible'

Political Staff

(54) ARG 3/3/95
THE government will protect the autonomy of universities but will not allow these institutions to undermine the demands of the new democracy, says Blade Nzimande, chairman of the parliamentary select committee on education.

Dr Nzimande said in a briefing yesterday the government believed in the autonomy of universities but did not believe they were "sufficiently accessible" at the moment.

The select committee wanted to know what universities were doing to implement affirmative action and to change curricula in line with change throughout the country. He urged traditionally Afrikaans institutions to teach in at least two languages.

Dr Nzimande said the higher education sector required complete restructuring, particularly "democratic governance structures", as a matter of urgency.

"Of particular urgency also is the question of funding of these institutions and the financing of students."

The select committee was eagerly awaiting the outcome of the national

commission on higher education.

Dr Nzimande was concerned about the continuing education crisis in the Western Cape, "particularly as it seems that the provincial education department is not prepared to break with the past and make adequate provision for those sectors previously deprived of decent educational opportunities".

Asked if the government was targeting Western Cape Education Minister Martha Olckers purely because she represented the only National Party-controlled provincial legislature, Dr Nzimande said: "We are committed to government of provincial unity in the same way we are to a government of national unity."

"We don't want to play with the lives and opportunities of our students by playing political games at the expense of education."

Asked for his thoughts on the way the National Education Co-ordinating Committee had handled the Ruyterwacht Primary School affair, Dr Nzimande said: "Without the NECC this situation would just have exploded."

Competition for leading UWC posts hotting up

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Growing tension over selection process

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Weekend Argus Reporter

THE University of the Western Cape, in the process of selecting a new rector and three deputies, faces tension along racial and ideological lines over the appointments.

The new rector is to replace Jakes Gerwel, now rector-general of President Mandela's office.

A technical working group was established to determine the process for a transparent, legitimate and legal selection of the new rectorate in line with democratic systems in the country.

The main contenders for the job of rector are Cecil Anthony Abrahams, a professor and senior vice-president of Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada, who comes from South Africa, and Mapule Francis Ramashala, the group executive in charge of research at the Medical Research Council in Tygerberg.

Eight academics and administrators are running for the three posts of vice-rector.

They are Colin Bundy, already working as vice-rector on campus; Stephen Hendricks, who graduates in June with a doctorate of medical science at Harvard University; Mzamo Mangaliso, who turned down his appointment as deputy vice-chancellor and vice-rector of Fort Hare in 1992, and Itsheleng Mosala, former Azapo president who is professor of religious studies at the University of Cape Town.

Others are Ronald Thandabantu Nhlapo, head of the private law department at UWC; Nyameko Pityana, former national co-ordinator of the World Council of Churches theology of life study and research project in Geneva; Aubrey Redlinghuis, dean of the arts faculty at UWC, and Mapule Ramashala, who is also running for the job of rector.

In keeping with the democratisation of the selection process, all the candidates will be interviewed next week by a selection

■ The departure of Jakes Gerwel to higher politics has left a large gap at UWC and his successor may be hard-pressed to deal with increasing racial rifts.

panel consisting of, among others, the academic and non-academic staff, as well as students.

The interviews will be watched on a closed-circuit television at UWC's Great Hall and the candidates will each hold 30-minute public lectures in the same building. Another 30 minutes will be allocated for questions.

Professor Ramashala will kick off the debates on Monday from 1 to 2pm, followed by Professor Abrahams the following day in the same venue and at the same time.

Candidates for deputy rectors will be interviewed and will hold their lectures from March 8 to 14.

Student sources, described as having the power to "make or break the candidates," and other interested parties on campus believe the process of selection will be heated.

"People had hoped that in line with the democratic changes in the society as a whole the selection of leadership for the university would reflect the current demographics, considering the fact that African students are now in the majority.

"In line with this it would have been fair and democratic if the rector chosen was African. But this may not be the case," said one staff member who did not want to be identified.

She said all white academic staff members, from right, centre and left of the ideological spectrum, were united behind Bundy, who is white. The had been lobbying intensely for the "abortion" of the transparent selection process that has already chosen professors Ramashala and Abrahams as top candidates for the rector post.

"The thinking here is that once this procedure has been aborted Professor Bundy would emerge

with their backing to become the new rector," she said.

A student, who seemed troubled by alleged racial skirmishes on campus, said the sadness of the whole thing was the split of the African students who could not agree on the candidates because of political party affiliations.

He said these differences might result in none of the African candidates being selected and a move by African students towards supporting Professor Bundy's candidature.

Other sources pointed to the difficulties Professor Ramashala might have in being selected because of being a woman and an African. This, the sources said, may tip the balance of scales towards Professor Abrahams.

They said if Professor Abrahams won, it might give Professor Ramashala a good chance of getting one of the deputy rectorships because she had "an impeccable academic track record" in her own right.

"But the African and woman thing might still emerge, and a racist instead of a merit and democratic choice may become the main impediment preventing her from selection," the sources predicted.

Some African students, who are bent on correcting regular complaints they have had against some white lecturers, have hinted that they might resort to strikes and possible toy-toting if their expectations of a fairly representative selection are not realised.

There is regret among some students and academic staff that former rector Gerwel had had to leave because he is still highly regarded as one person who worked above racial considerations.

The final results of the selection will probably be known by the end of the month when the selection panel, likely to be heated in its deliberations, reveals its decision.

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Sleep-in at Wits University

By Claire Keeton

ABOUT 80 University of the Witwatersrand workers are holding a sleep-in on campus in protest against the dismissal of nine colleagues and the suspension of 30 others.

The sleep-in, at Senate House, organised by the National Health and Allied Workers' Union with support of the South African Students' Congress started on Friday.

Nehawu member Mr Bonisile Botile said workers affected by the

disciplinary action had not been paid for February and were desperate. Their dismissals followed disruptive action on the campus.

Show our plight

"This is a way to show our plight. Some workers don't have money to drive up and down, and they need food. We have to pay school fees for our children and some of us have bonds which are being threatened," he said.

Nehawu embarked on the sleep-in

because it said it was not satisfied with the Wits Council's response to demands that the workers be reinstated.

Yesterday the council met with Nehawu and Sasco to hear their side of the dispute.

Nehawu spokesman Mr Dan Motaung said the sleep-in could be suspended today in view of a planned meeting on Thursday between the Wits Council and workers' representatives.

Bring back police, say crime-hit UCT students

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□ *Campus parliament ratifies 62% poll*

JILYAN PITMAN

MORE than 60 percent of University of Cape Town students, approached in a survey, want the police to return to the campus to fight crime.

More than 2 000 students were consulted in the survey, conducted by the SRC, and 62,5 percent of them said they were in favour of the police returning to the campus because crime had increased and UCT's campus control officers could not cope.

The last time police regularly patrolled UCT's campus was in 1986.

Police could be asked to investigate the theft of motor-cars on campus as well as thefts from motor vehicles and burglaries in university buildings.

The university administration called in the police last November but students had to be canvassed for their opinion first before regular patrols could begin.

Now many students and the

administration agree that police should return and details of the types of patrols will be ironed out soon.

However, several political organisations — including Sasco, Azasco, Paso and the Socialist Students' Action Committee — are not happy with the decision.

Don Qwelane, a second year L LB student at UCT and secretary to Paso, said his organisation did not want the police back on campus.

"For certain reasons we do not want police back," he said. "Campus control personnel should be better trained and more people should be hired. Students should take responsibility, too. The rationale behind all this is black students are inherently criminals. I know the other three organisations also don't want police back on campus."

Darryl Cooke, on behalf of SRC president Maxwell Fuzani, said in a faxed statement "the Student Parliament, which is the highest decision-making

student body, ratified the poll. A working group has been set up to iron out the details of how, where and when patrols should take place and then to take proposals to the Rondebosch police via a liaison group."

Mr Cooke also said in the statement that "reasons for opening up this issue include the high levels of crime on campus and the transformation occurring nationally and within the SAPS."

The poll was held on March 1 and 2 and the question asked of students was "until recently SRC policy opposed police presence on campus except in cases where students requested police assistance in emergencies. Do you want this policy changed so that police can control campus?"

Rondebosch station commander Captain Henry Hubbard said: "We will patrol the campus on a regular basis, night and day. The type of patrols will be decided by the SRC and the university administration."

Varsity to start processing students

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Durban — The University of Zululand, which closed down last week because of continued student boycotts of lectures, will start processing students tomorrow.

Students have to report at Bhekuzulu Hall

between 7.30 am and 3.45 pm, spokesman Dirk Rezelman announced. Only registered students will be accommodated in the residences.

Those awaiting registration and who qualified to register should report

at the hall on Thursday from 7.30 am.

Parents and the university administration agreed to the reopening of the university at a special meeting at the campus on Saturday. — Own Correspondent.

AIDS 'to cripple Africa if West does not help'

HEATHER PARKER

CAPE TOWN — The number of HIV-positive people in SA had doubled every year since records were opened in 1990, Health Minister Nkosazana Zuma said yesterday.

She told a news conference at the opening of an international HIV/AIDS conference there were now more than 8-million known HIV cases in SA, compared with 1,2 million in 1990.

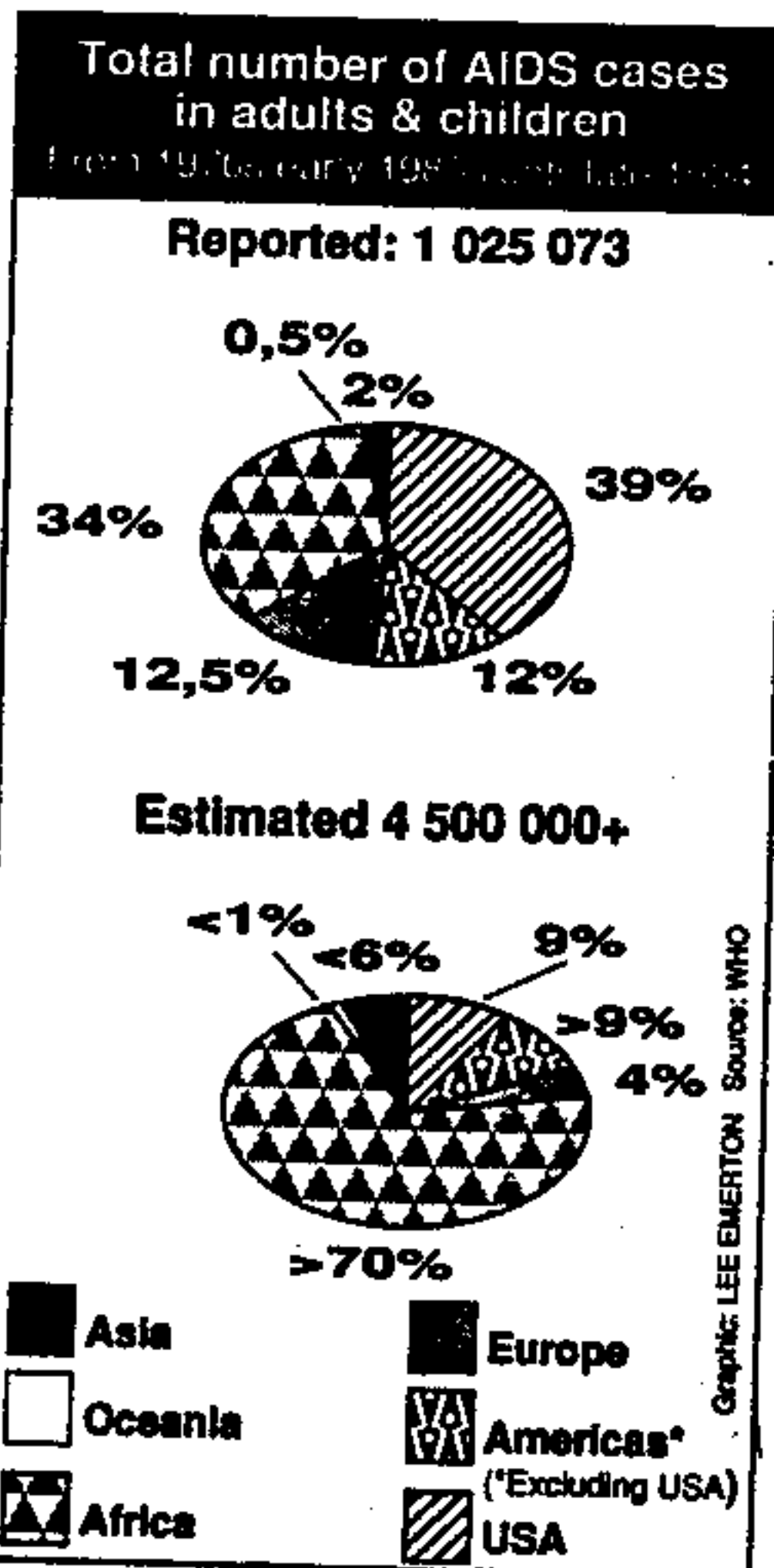
"We believe 500 people are infected every day," she said.

The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) conference is designed to draw attention to the economic and social position of people who are HIV-positive.

In his opening speech, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki said the spread of HIV/AIDS posed perhaps the single most ominous and immediate threat to global and socio-economic prosperity.

"The impact of the spread has begun to cut deep into the socioeconomic fabric of some societies. A substantial number of the people affected are drawn from the young and able-bodied work force as well as from the young intellectual section of our society."

President Nelson Mandela had made HIV/AIDS "one of his main presidential projects," said Mbeki, through promoting the country's capacity to provide primary health care. This was one of the starting points in the offensive against the



spread of the virus.

The European Union's envoy to SA, Erwan Fouere, took advantage of the conference, attended by around 550 people with HIV or AIDS, to announce a donation of R50m to The SA HIV/AIDS programme.

The executive director of the new Joint UN Programme on AIDS, Peter Piot, said Africa was the world's most severely hit region.

According to the World Health Organisation, as much as 70% of the world's estimated 4,5-million AIDS cases are in Africa, mostly sub-Saharan Africa.

The effect of AIDS was not yet quantified at GNP level, Piot said, but was felt at household and at business level.

For example Uganda Railways was losing 3% of its total work force to AIDS each year, and the consequent necessary spending on recruitment and training was proving crippling.

In Tanzania, so many teachers had died it would take decades to replace them. There were so many AIDS orphans in Africa that the usual mechanisms by which orphans were absorbed into society had failed altogether. Food production was down because farmers were dying.

As Africa sunk deeper, the developed world was withdrawing.

"There is a general climate of abandoning Africa. Somalia, Rwanda, Liberia have had a generally very negative effect, and this is being felt in declining aid," Piot said. "It is our top priority to enlist the support of the developed world in the fight against AIDS."

The Cape Town conference is Piot's inaugural outing as head of the new UN task group. It is co-sponsored by the World Bank, the World Health Organisation, and four UN bodies: the Children's Fund (Unicef), the Development Programme (UNDP), the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), and the Population Fund (UNFPA)

Power struggle hinders varsity changes

MDUDUZI KA HARVEY

TRANSFORMATION at universities is plagued by a power struggle, with councillors claiming they are in control legally and students demanding decision-making capacity on councils. *BD 7/3/95*

Research by Nazeema Mohamed of the education policy unit at Cape Town University identified in-fighting as the main threat to transformation forums at tertiary institutions. The forums were aimed at bringing about change in the governance of universities and involving all stakeholders, lecturers, management, workers and students.

Forums at Cape Town, Northwest,

Free State, Port Elizabeth, Witwatersrand, Venda, Turfloop and Vista Universities were studied to draft a strategy for transformation.

Educationalists had realised the forums had no common principles and attempted to find ways for them to support each other.

Research at Wits University showed disagreement over the name of the forum and the criteria for selecting members onto it.

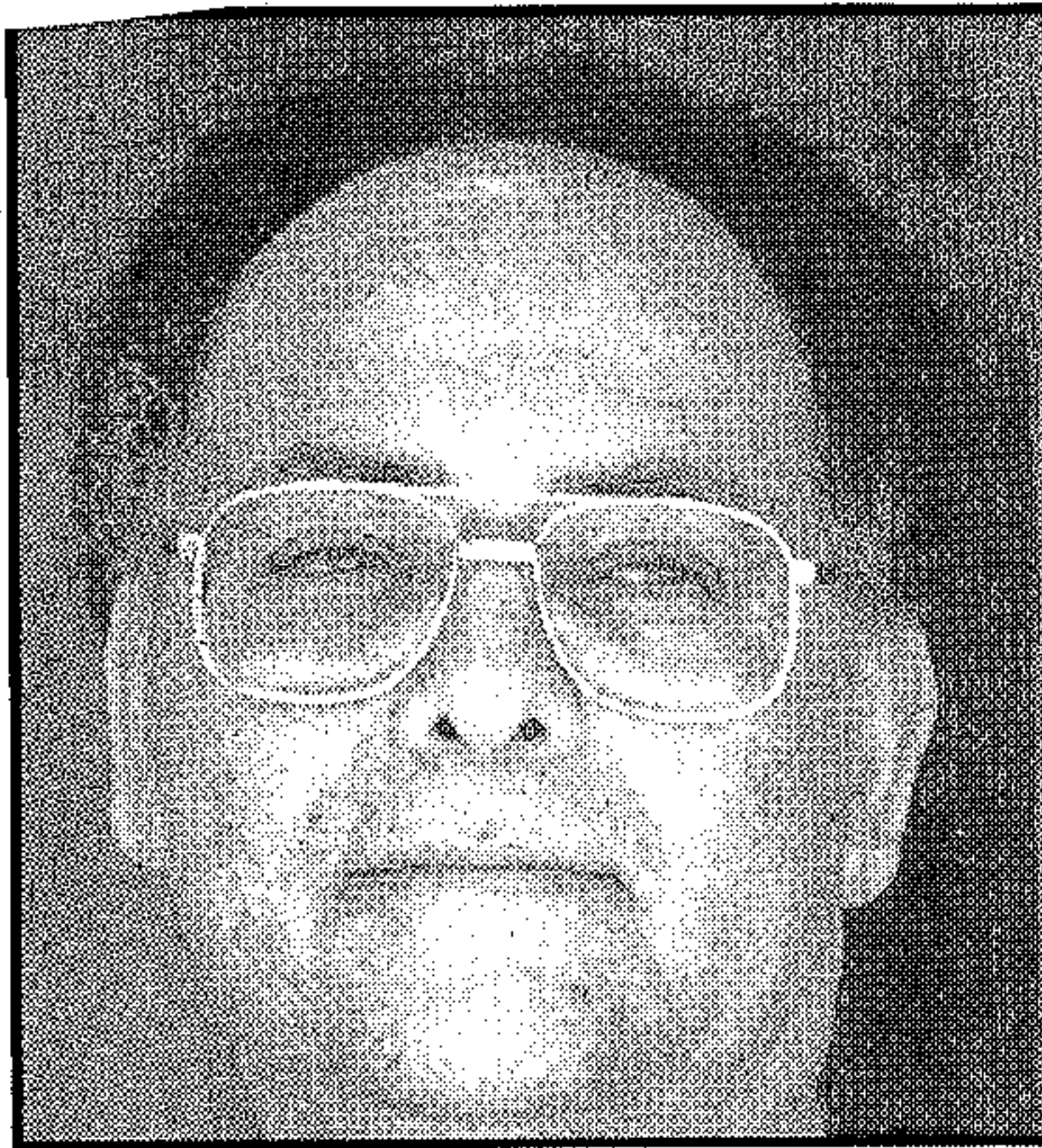
There was uncertainty about the powers forums should have. Students called for powers of the forum to be

legislated and for the council to rubber stamp decisions.

Black students experienced problems at predominantly Afrikaans universities like Free State where most students were satisfied with the running of the campus.

At Northwest, Turfloop and Natal Universities things had been different since the councils had been changed. Students at these institutions were members of council and participated in decision making.

At Cape Town and Western Cape Universities students were setting up subcommittees but did not want forums to act as advisers to council.



CECIL ABRAHAMS: Candidate for high office at UWC.

'South Africa needs boldness'

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Staff Reporter

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THE new South Africa called for boldness and for universities to be responsive, innovative, accountable and creative in every facet of their activities, according to Cecil Abrahams.

Professor Abrahams is one of two candidates for the position of rector and vice-chancellor at the University of the Western Cape, and was delivering his "visionary statement" on campus yesterday before appearing before a selection panel.

South African-born Professor Abrahams is an English professor and senior vice-president of Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

The other candidate, Mapule Ramashala, who is in charge of research at the SA Medical Research Council, addressed students on Monday.

Professor Abrahams said yesterday that universities were notorious for their hierarchical structures and for their exclusivity.

Even though the political times had changed he regarded the independent spirit of the university to be essential in carrying out its important tasks.

In an evolutionary manner, the university must continue to support the objectives of the majority of the people. UWC should be at the very pinnacle of this development.

He believed there should be a spectrum of opportunities for qualified students at the post-secondary level of education.

The need to have a properly equipped, staffed and managed computer centre was critical.

The rector of UWC must be a visible and articulate presence both on and off campus in a dynamic country like South Africa.

The rector should, as matter of habit, encourage democratic decision making. Universities were complex places where indecisiveness and procrastination only made matters worse. He was not interested in being a "caretaker" rector or seeking consensus merely to avoid making hard decisions.

"My track record will show I am a fair but firm negotiator," he said.

NEWS

No decision on residential costs

Bulk water users face 8% price rise

BY PAULA FRAY

The price of water supplied by Rand Water to its bulk consumers — municipalities and mines — will increase by 8% next month, it was announced on Monday.

However, local authorities have yet to meet to decide whether to increase residential water prices immediately or absorb the increases until the start of the new financial year in July.

The price of purified water has been increased from 101,81c/kl to 109,95c/kl.

In a statement yesterday, Rand Water said an average family of five in its area of supply used about 1 000 litres of water a day for domestic purposes.

It said the full effect of the increased tariff — if passed on to end consumers without any changes by municipalities — would increase the monthly water bill of the average household by R2,44, assuming an average monthly consumption of 30kl.

Municipalities will them-

MINES and municipalities will have to pay about 8c/kl more for their water, but residential users could get a reprieve

selves decide on the tariffs they will charge individual end consumers after considering their respective budgets," said Rand Water.

Midrand metropolitan sub-structure chief executive officer Henry Lubbe told The Star that as soon as the MSS received official notification of the increase, the matter would be referred to the council for a decision.

Boksburg Transitional Local Council chief executive Blitz Coetzee said that as several townships were still on a service boycott, the low levels of payments might make it difficult for council to absorb the increases.

But it would remain a council decision whether to increase residents' tariffs.

The acting head of the

Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council's metropolitan service delivery, Dr Emile Horak, said he could not comment on the increases as the council had not yet received official notification.

Rand Water chief executive Vincent Bath said the bulk water tariff increase had been kept well below the inflation rate for the fourth successive year as a result of general containment of working costs.

The new tariff covered the rising loan finance costs incurred by the implementation of Rand Water's 1992 scheme to supply an additional 1 200 million litres of water a day between September 1996 and July 2003.

The project will underpin Reconstruction and Development Programme efforts to supply water to an additional 5-million people in parts of the Gauteng, North-West, Free State and Eastern Transvaal provinces.

The tariff increase also covers a future Water Affairs and Forestry Department levy increase of 4c/kl to finance South Africa's portion of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

Call for Wits suspensions moratorium

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EDUCATION REPORTER

The administration of the University of the Witwatersrand should declare a moratorium on the expulsion or suspension of students and workers accused of taking two senior university officials hostage, the Wits Black Staff Forum said yesterday.

The WBSF also called on the administration to expand the ad hoc council committee to make it more representative, and for all parties to try and resolve the crisis so that the Forum for Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation (Ffact) could meet.

A WBSF spokesman said the organisation had called for a moratorium because it believed that "neither workers, students or the administration can claim to have a clear mind".

He said the administration had been guilty of not co-operating with students, while on the other hand the actions of demonstrators had not always been acceptable.

The WBSF membership is made up of senior black administrators, black academics and black support services staff. The group has applied for 10 of its members to represent their interests on fact.

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Corruption and theft hits Unisa

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■ CRIME REPORTER

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Three University of South Africa (Unisa) employees were recently arrested after an internal investigation revealed corruption and theft of high-tech equipment worth close to R1 million in a department at the institute.

Professional Services registrar Wynand Steyn said the administration had noticed the equipment — mostly television monitors, cameras, lenses and other electronic equipment — steadily disappearing from the department of educational technology over the past year.

The internal investigation resulted in two departmental employees being charged with theft and corruption, one with theft and a fourth person from outside the university with both theft and corruption.

Steyn said charges against one of the employees would probably be withdrawn as this was "more a case of petty theft".

Workers and students hold sit-in over ousted colleagues

Wits target of 'squatter' demo

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BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

At first glance, "Charltonville" is no different from any of the hundreds of squatter camps dotted around the country. Bright underwear hangs limply on makeshift washing lines, blankets lie folded on the ground and piles of dirt are scattered everywhere.

But, unlike other squatter settlements, "Charltonville" is not the home of displaced citizens. Since Friday, the tiny camp has actually been home to about 100 University of the Witwatersrand workers and students who have embarked on a sit-in at the university's Senate House to put pressure on the administration to reverse the dismissal and expulsion of about 48 colleagues.

The 48 members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) and SA Students' Congress (Sasco) were dismissed and expelled early in January after talks with the administration deadlocked.

"We decided to sit in after the university's council and senate reneged on a promise to resolve the matter and instead appointed another committee to deal with the problem. This decision led us to believe that the university was applying time-delaying



Chaos . . . two Wits students sit in Senate House's new protest squatter camp, "Charltonville", seemingly unperturbed by the mess. PICTURE: ANTON HAMMERL

practices in the hope that we would become frustrated and stop protesting," Nehawu spokesman Dan Motaung said. Trouble at the university began in August when students and workers trashed the campus during protests to demand the immediate establishment of a transformation forum.

This tension was later heightened when two senior administrative staff were taken hostage after a dispute over the handling of the disciplinary hearing of two Nehawu members accused of not charging certain students for food.

Despite several rounds of negotiations and an attempt at mediation, the workers and students were given their marching papers.

"It is not Nehawu's policy to take hostages or vandalise buildings and we believe action should be taken against our members when they behave in an unacceptable manner.

"However, we also believe that the underlying problems which led to this are the frustrations caused by the unrepresentative nature of the decision-making bodies on this campus. Therefore, the only way to address this problem is through the fundamental transformation of this university," Motaung said.

He said the workers would be reconsidering their sit-in today once they received a reportback from a special council meeting.

A university spokesman yesterday indicated that the workers were dismissed because Nehawu and Sasco had refused to co-operate in mediation and arbitration attempts, withdrawing from the former and refusing to consider the latter until their colleagues had been reinstated.

Meanwhile, Sasco has embarked on a class boycott, according to the organisation's chairman Sibusiso Zulu.

Mandela chastens 'scared' whites

Sowetan Correspondent

■ UNIVERSITY RECTORS Kid

PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA yesterday lashed out at white university rectors, condemning their failure to clamp down on a disruptive minority of black students as an insult to black people.

Speaking to a high-powered audience at the launch of the National Business Initiative in Johannesburg, Mandela observed that white rectors seemed "scared" to deal with those causing chaos on campus, simply because the students and workers involved were black.

University heads should realise that they were insulting black people. Their actions implied that blacks could not be expected to "be sufficiently disciplined" and this was "racism in reverse".

gloves for chaos is insult to blacks:

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Mandela said he was asking all university authorities to take strong disciplinary action. They did not need to bring members of the South African Police Services onto campus to achieve this, university security staff would suffice as the militants were few in number.

Mandela also issued a pointed warning at what he termed dissidents in the African National Congress and in its allied organisations, the South African National Civics Organisation, the South African Communist Party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

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Wits standing firm on dismissals

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

Wits University's embattled council yesterday stood by its refusal to reinstate 39 workers accused of taking two senior officials hostage, but agreed that the dismissals could be reviewed.

The 39 National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members, as well as nine

SA Students' Congress members, were given their marching orders on January 6.

After the dismissals, the administration came under increasing pressure to reverse its decision in the interests of proceeding with the university's transformation.

Students or workers seeking a review of their cases must now apply in writing to an independent board within two weeks.

Grievances about the administration could also be taken to the review board.

The council also resolved that the Forum for Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation should hold its first meeting within three weeks and work towards appointing a representative council by June.

A code of conduct for students, staff and the administration would be investigated.

White varsity rectors 'scared' of militant blacks - Mandela

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the South African Police Service on to the campus to achieve this; university security staff would suffice as the militants were few in number.

In the Cape, according to UWC development and public affairs director Professor Stan Ridge last night, the dissident students were demanding the unconditional re-registration of all 1994 students regardless of their academic record or the extent of their debt to the university.

The students prevented acting rector Professor Daan Cloete, acting vice-rectors Professor Colin Bundy and Professor Nazeema Badsha, registrar Dr Julian Smith, finance and services registrar A de Wet, campus co-ordinator Mr Smowser and student financial aid administrator L Losper leaving Cloete's office.

Sapa reports a spokesman for the students said they supported Mandela's call not to take violent action as this would move the focus of attention away from their problem.

The spokesman said students would guard against vandalism.

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The National Business Initiative for Growth, Development and Democracy (NBI) is the successor to the Urban Foundation (UF) and the Consultative Business Movement.

It sees its job as marshalling business resources and skills.

Chairman Mike Rosholt said yesterday the NBI was being launched with significant assets.



TOP COP: Newly appointed Western Cape police commissioner André van Heerden Beukes with his wife Berta.

Picture: NIC BOTHMA.

"These are all nice-sounding theories and philosophies, but it will take a very committed effort by everybody to achieve common objectives."

Change was inevitably slow and difficult, "like turning a huge ship at sea". He was also in favour of much closer liaison between the police, the courts and the prisons.

UWC
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SHARKEY ISAACS
Staff Reporter

THE University of the Western Cape has offered the post of rector and vice-chancellor to Cecil Anthony Abrahams, a South African-born professor of English working in Canada.

The post became vacant when Jakes Gerwel resigned to head President Mandela's office. He is also cabinet secretary. *ARG 10/3/95*

A statement by the selection panel, consisting of academics, the council, senate, campus workers and students, said Professor Abrahams would bring mature experience at senior management level to UWC.

Professor Abrahams, senior vice-president of Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada, was one of two candidates for the position.

The other was Mapule Ramashala, head of research capacity development at the SA Medical Research Council in Parow.

Before accepting the offer, he would discuss it with his family and his present university, Professor Abrahams said.

"I am naturally pleased, but first have to examine my options. The post becomes available only on July 1," he said.

UWC rectorship for illustrious exile



TOP MAN: Cecil Abrahams, who has been offered the post of rector of the University of the Western Cape.

Professor Abrahams delivered his "vision statement" on Tuesday before appearing before the selection panel.

He was a member of the African National Congress in exile and the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc). His citizenship was revoked by the apartheid regime and returned only in 1992.

He left South Africa in 1963 to further his post-graduate studies after obtaining a BA degree at Roma University, Lesotho.

This followed his failure to secure a government permit to study at the University of Cape Town — he was advised by a government spokesman to attend UWC which was still in the embryo stage and unable to train post-graduate students.

In his address this week he said the new South Africa called for boldness and for universities to be responsive, innovative, accountable and creative.

Even though political times had changed it was still essential for universities to have an independent spirit.

He believed there should be a spectrum of opportunities for qualified students at the post-secondary level of education.

Professor Abrahams said the rector should encourage democratic decision-making.

Universities were complex places where indecisiveness and procrastination only made matters worse. He was not interested in being a "caretaker" rector or seeking consensus merely to avoid making tough decisions.

RE-REGISTRATION OF ALL '94 STUDENTS DEMANDED

Seven officials at UWC held hostage

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UWC students are holding seven officials hostage to press home demands. **WILLEM STEENKAMP** reports.

SEVEN top UWC officials, including the acting rector, Prof Daan Cloete, were early this morning still being held hostage by about 100 students led by the Student Representative Council.

UWC spokesman Prof Stan Ridge said the students were demanding "the unconditional re-registration of all 1994 students regardless of their academic record or the extent of their debt".

"In effect, they are protesting on behalf of between 70 and 100 students with very large debts and/or very poor academic records."

He said the SRC had "renege" on an agreement reached in January to resolve the problem.

In a statement, Prof Cloete said the SRC had agreed then that all

students in debt to UWC would receive a loan to cover 70% of their debts on condition they raised the other 30%.

UWC had registered a "significant number" of students despite their failure to raise the 30%, had offered financial aid to 4 359 students, had extended the registration closing date "several times" and had made other concessions, "despite which a number of students with large debts have fallen well outside the terms of the agreement".

The university executive could not consider the students' demand, he said. However, it would consult the council and other university structures.

Further, the executive told students that their demands could

threaten the financial sustainability of the university.

Prof Ridge would not speculate on possible disciplinary action against the students concerned.

A police spokesman last night said they were aware of the situation at UWC, and were "standing by" should the university require intervention.

The other hostages are acting vice-rectors Prof Colin Bundy and Prof Nazeema Badsha, registrar Dr Julian Smith, finance and services registrar Mr A de Wet, campus coordinator Mr S Mowser and student financial aid administrator Mr L Losper.

Early this morning, Prof Cloete refused to confirm a report that he was planning to call in the police.

He said negotiations with the students were continuing, and there were "signs" that agreement would be reached.

English professor new rector for UWC

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STAFF REPORTER

PROFESSOR Cecil Anthony Abrahams, Johannesburg-born literary critic and nephew of protest novelist Peter Abrahams, was yesterday elected Rector of the University of the Western Cape.

This followed a heated electoral process involving students, workers, academics and members of the university council.

Prof Abrahams, an English professor and senior vice-president of the Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada, won his rectorship by running a gruelling public race where he was interrogated by all "stakeholders" in the university community after a public lecture and televised interview procedure earlier this week.

His rival, clinical psychologist Prof Mapule Ramashala, is still in

the running for one of the vice-rector's posts, expected to be announced later this month.

On Tuesday, Prof Abrahams had to face aggressive questions from students who wanted to know what he would do from his "comfortable rector's chair" about aspirant students who had been "excluded" from enrolment at UWC because they could not meet fee payment requirements.

He was also challenged about his ability to handle the post, given his long period in exile.

Some academic observers believe that the appointment of Prof Abrahams and the process which resulted in his getting the job could set patterns for other academic institutions, such as the University of Cape Town, which will soon have to appoint a principal to replace Dr Stuart Saunders.

Body found on building site

THE remains of someone believed to have been murdered about six years ago were discovered in a plastic bag in a shallow grave in Crawford late yesterday.

A state pathologist told police at the Camberwell Street home the person was about 18.

Hit-and-run: Reward increase

THE reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a hit-and-run motorist who killed one schoolboy and critically injured another has been increased to R50 000.

Byron Norwitz, of Pretoria, died and Shaun Vos, of Constantia, was seriously injured at the intersection of Campground and Sandown roads on January 8.

Anyone who can assist is asked to contact 689-9321.

Crime Reporter

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FREE AT LAST: University of the Western Cape acting-rector Daan Cloete is allowed to go home after being held

Emergency talk

ROGER FRIEDMAN and
LIBBY PEACOCK
Staff Reporters

A CRISIS meeting between the University of the Western Cape executive senate and students is under way after an 11-hour hostage drama which resolved at 2.10am today.

Seven top UWC officials, including the acting rector Daan Cloete, vice rector Nasima Badsha and Professor Colin Bundy, were taken hostage by students about 3pm yesterday, demanding that all students be allowed

Crisis meeting set for noon today

to register, regardless of their debt to the university.

Registration closes today.

Police, who were called to the scene about 2am, opened kidnapping dockets.

The university's executive stumbled blearily into the darkness after Trevor Abrahams, an adviser to national Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu, had negotiated their release.

The university's executive was under the impression today's meeting would include Professor Bengu, but Mr Abrahams said it was up to UWC to resolve its own

crisis — "I only went there this morning with a message from Professor Bengu telling the students to behave themselves."

The hostage drama came hours after President Mandela lashed out at white university rectors for their failure to clamp down on disruptive students — and a day after Mr Mandela delivered a strong appeal to universities and technicians to use force if necessary to enforce stricter discipline.

Yesterday the university offered the post of rector to South African-born Canadian professor Cecil Abrahams.

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protesters face stern action

ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

THE president's office has reacted with anger to news of the hostage drama at the University of the Western Cape, and warned today that lawlessness during protest action would be met with the full might of the State.

Mr Mandela's executive spokesman Joel Netshitenzha said the president would be "extremely concerned" to learn of the hostage drama at UWC. Mr Mandela is in Denmark.

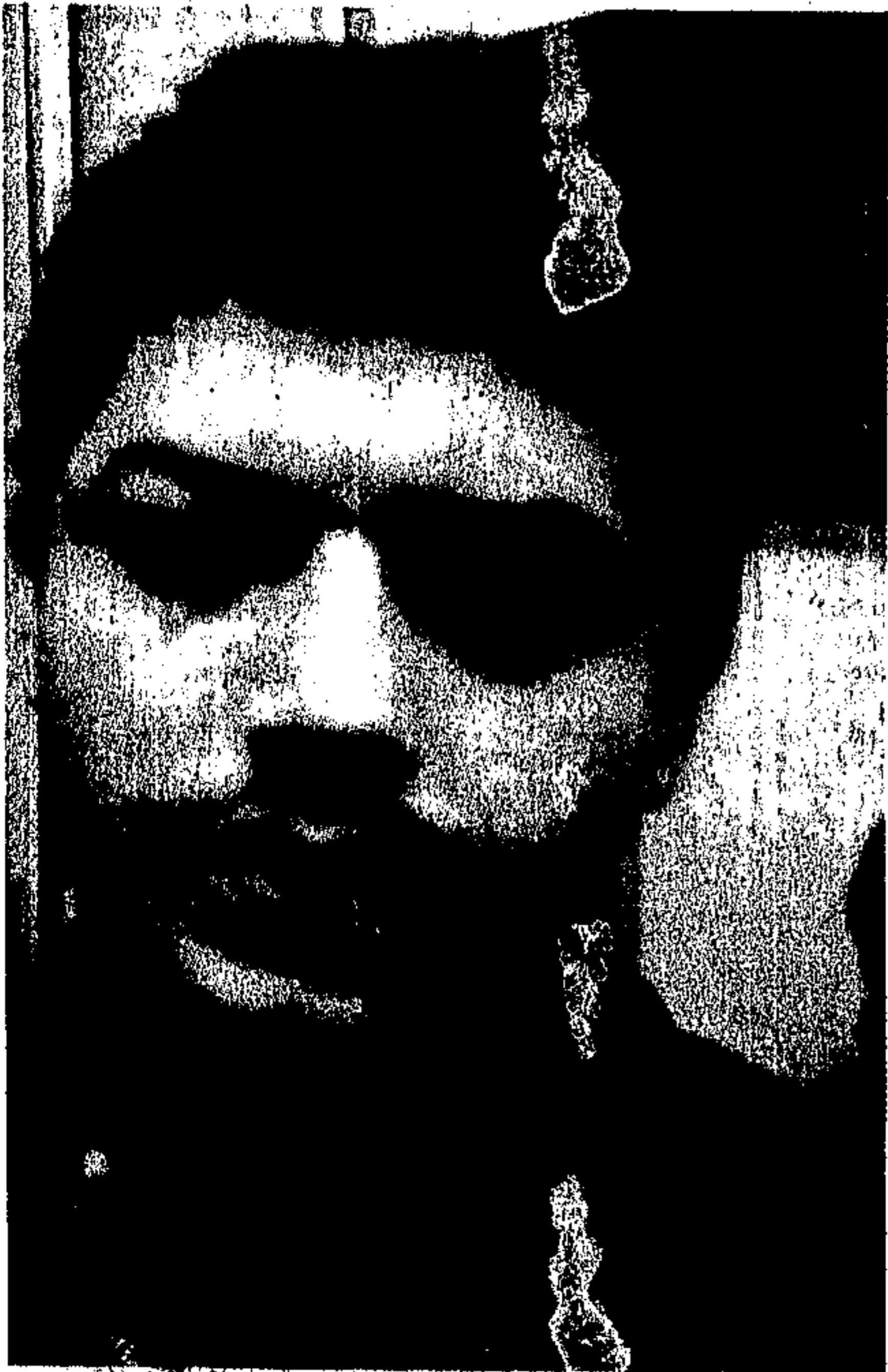
"He has made the point over and over, and on making it he was also giving instructions to the relevant ministries including Justice and Safety and Security," Mr Netshitenzha said.

"The government is not against legitimate and lawful protest, but when it entails lawlessness, it will be dealt with firmly."

Before flying to Copenhagen to attend a United Nations conference on poverty yesterday, Mr Mandela lashed out at white university rectors, condemning their failure to act against a disruptive minority of black students.

And on Wednesday, during his tour of Peninsula schools, Mr Mandela delivered a strong appeal to universities and technikons to use force if necessary to enforce stricter discipline.

Adviser to Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu, Trevor Abrahams, said the right to protest "should not be confused with the right to engage in lawless activities".



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Students toyed and sang outside the office where the staff members, who included vice-rectors Colin Bundy and Nazeema Badhsa, had locked themselves in. The student said they would not budge until their demands were met.

The university's executive had gathered in Professor Cloess's office to discuss indebted students when the drama began.

The door to the office was guarded by campus control officers - until police were called.

Mr Abrahams had negotiated between management and students since midnight.

It followed continuing negotiations between the administration and the Student Representative Council over the plight of

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THE WORLD

Deal on nuclear reactors

NEW YORK. - The United States, South Korea and Japan have established a consortium to provide Pyongyang with nuclear reactors of a type not usable in making nuclear weapons.

● Reports by Reuter.

THE NATION

Evicted residents' threat

JOHANNESBURG. - A small group of inner-city tenants evicted from a block of flats here threatened to invade other apartments unless the government enforced a deal to place a moratorium on evictions. Six families were evicted from the run-down La Grande flats in Joubert Park by court officials acting on a Supreme Court eviction notice.

THE CAPE

Mystery Umtata posters

UMTATA. - A Press cutting of a speech made by President Mandela, in which he confirmed that he gave orders to the army to use live ammunition during recent protests by police in Umtata, has been reproduced into large posters and pasted up in government buildings here. It is not known who put the posters up.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

In Southern Argus today:

● POLICE have released an identikit picture of a suspected rapist who used the same method to attack and rape two women in Wynberg.

"One of the world's great tastes - superbly matured brandy."



Talks over hostage (54) drama at UWC

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students who could not afford to pay outstanding fees.

This led to a mass meeting yesterday, called by the SRC, at which it was resolved that the administration should register all students regardless of their debt.

Other resolutions were that "joint processes be initiated urgently" to acquire additional funds to register students who were still excluded; and that a mass action campaign be initiated to pressure the administration into agreeing to the demands.

Gilbert Thomas, chairman of the council, said the university had so far financially helped nearly 4 000 students.

Loans of up to 70 percent of outstanding fees had been provided and students had to find the other 30 percent.

"We have secured loans from banks and our own funds. We are practically exhausted."

There was still "a small number" — between 40 and 80 students — who were excluded from registering on financial grounds. The SRC had not responded to the administration's request for an exact figure.

Professor Stanley Ridge said UWC had "bent over backwards" to help cash-strapped students. Those who could not be accommodated either owed "in excess of R7 000", or were "academically unsound".

Professor Cloete said he did not want to exclude students who could not pay, but the students' demand was "impossible" and "not acceptable".

"If we do what they ask, it will cost the university millions of rands."



Pictures: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE: Campus security officers, above, guard the door to the rector's office as seemingly relaxed students prevent UWC officials from leaving until their demands are met. Right: Nasima Badsha, the UWC acting vice-rector, is led to freedom by a university official after being held captive by students.

He said negotiations had broken down because the two positions became "irreconcilable".

But speaking as the hostage drama unfolded, Musa Madlala, general secretary of the SRC, said the students would stay outside the office until a response which addressed "their basic demands".

The university had offered loans of a maximum of R7 000, but some students

owed up to R12 000, "as a result of the expensive nature of tertiary education".

Responding to Professor Cloete's claim that it would cost millions of rands to give the students what they demanded, Mr Madlala said the administration was "inflating the figures" and this was "a deliberate exaggeration".

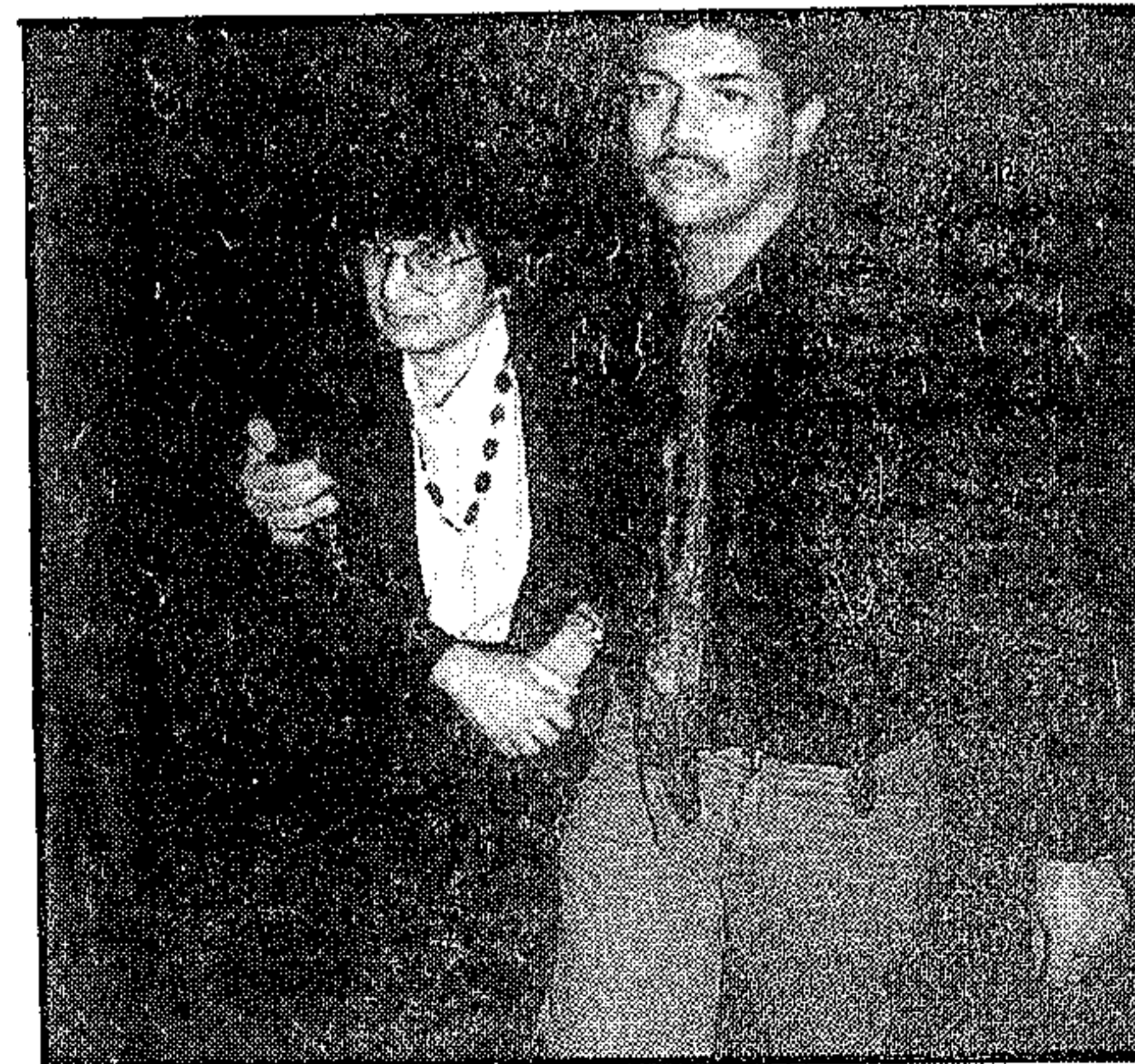
He agreed that about 4 000 students — among them

some SRC members — had already been helped.

Sasco national education officer Ayanda Nkuhlu said: "On a national level we have resolved that there must be a moratorium across the board, until a national loan scheme is set in place."

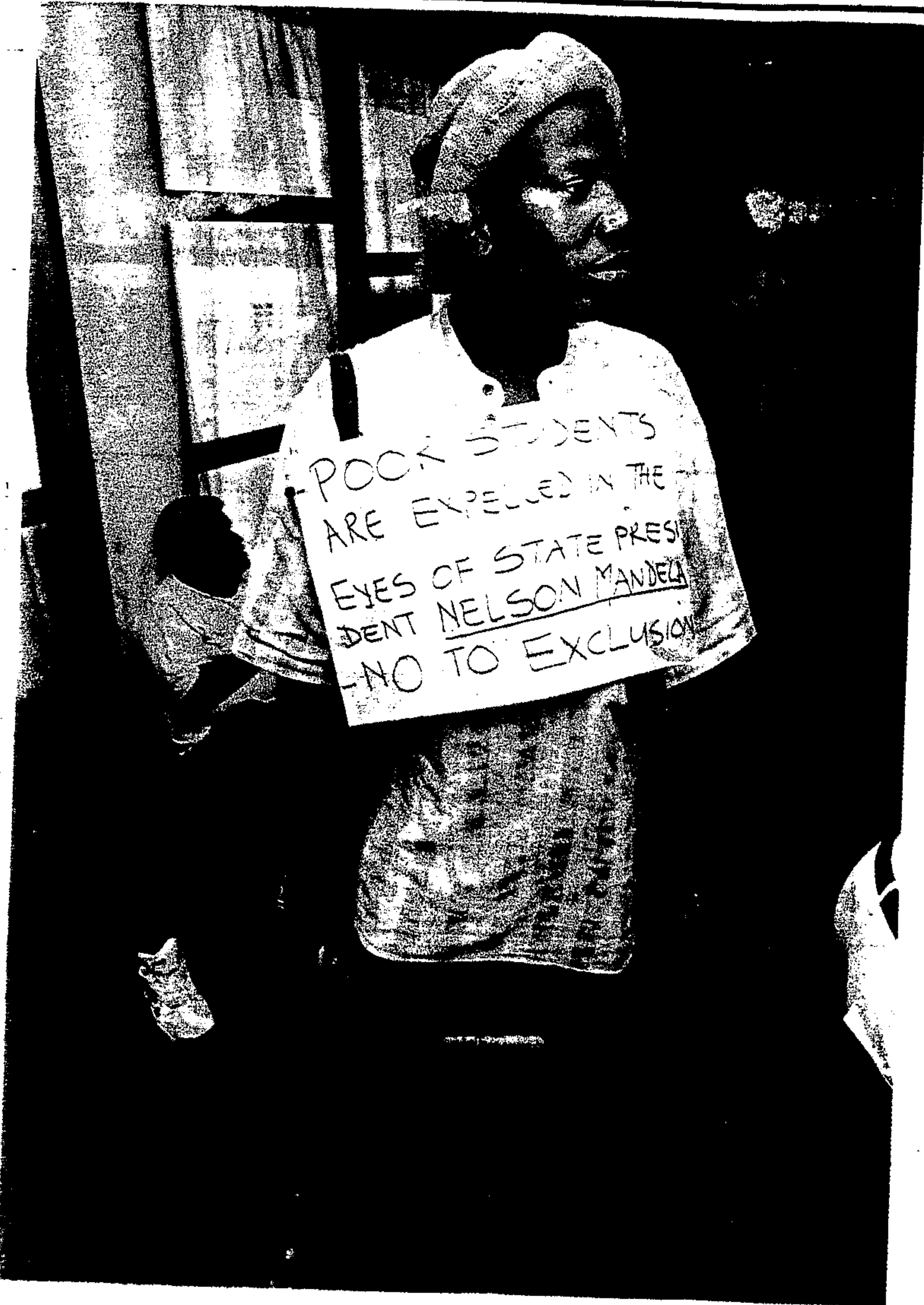
There was "no moral justification" for excluding students on financial grounds.

"We'll support disciplined mass action," he said.



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THE student crisis at the University of Western Cape calls for a class boycott as fellow-students in a protest were allowed to register. The demand followed several UWC officials, including Daan Cloete, were prevented from entering campus for hours.

The administration says around 70 students in need of money to the university. Some students have "no records," according to university officials.

Irate students yesterday boycotted classes from 8am until their demands were met. The students were protesting against their financial and fee demands. According to student records officer Lindy Dlamini, the students' demands were not met.

Mr Cloete confirmed that the university has not been reached. "We cannot reach the students because of the financial implications of the situation. UWC would have to be involved," he said.

Students yesterday said that some students who had not registered because of their impoverished backgrounds had tried to register but were not allowed to do so. They had tried to contact the Tygerberg Hospital but this had not been confirmed.

Sasco branch executive Chris Jamda said that the students were taken as hostages.

"It was a sit-in and we did not keep the students. We were a hostage situation. We took their offices and taken them out of the office and they called us."

PROTEST ACTION: Many UWC students voiced their disappointment yesterday when fellow-students were prevented from registering because of their debt to the university.

Picture: LEON MÜLLER, Weekend Argus.

ONE OF THE LAST AGOON ADDRESSES

UWC class boycott call as row flares

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE student crisis at the University of the Western Cape continued yesterday with a call for a class boycott from Monday until fellow-students in debt to the university were allowed to register.

The demand followed a night of drama when several UWC officials, including the acting-rector Daan Cloete, were held hostage until the early hours.

The administration has refused to register around 78 students it claims owe large amounts of money to the university in outstanding fees. Some students have "very poor academic records," according to acting-rector Daan Cloete.

Irate students yesterday afternoon vowed to boycott classes from Monday until their demands were met. The students called for a moratorium on financial and fee exclusion of students, according to student representative council media officer Lindy Dlamini.

Mr Cloete confirmed that a "deadlock" had been reached. "We cannot offer a blanket registration for all students because it would have financial implications for the university," he said.

UWC would have to see how much money was involved, he said.

Students yesterday told Weekend Argus the students who had not been allowed to register — who they believe number only 40 — were from impoverished backgrounds. One student, who had not been able to register because of a lack of funds, had tried to commit suicide and was now in Tygerberg Hospital, they said. This could not be confirmed.

Sasco branch executive and deputy chairman Chris Jamda said staff officials had never been taken hostages.

"It was a sit-in and never a hostage situation. We did not keep the administration hostage. If it was a hostage situation we would have entered their offices and taken the keys. We left them in the office and they came out and got food," he said.

The situation should be seen against a background of "anxiety" on the part of students with yesterday's registration deadline.

"We feel we can never allow some of our students, who are from the poorest backgrounds, to be excluded," said Mr Jamda.

A group of academic staff staged a march around the university grounds yesterday to show their disapproval of taking staff hostage.

A junior lecturer, who asked not to be named for fear of intimidation, said hostage-taking was strongly condemned by all staff.

"We are trying to stay no to the taking of hostages. Doing it this way is not right. We cannot allow people to study for years and years and not pay their fees," she said.

Some of the students who had not been allowed to register had failed repeatedly, the lecturer said.

Cecil Abrahams, the man who has been offered the challenging post of rector and vice-chancellor at the University of the Western Cape, said ad-

Police target varsity crime

PRETORIA. — The South African Police Service will pay more attention in future to law enforcement on university campuses, said police Commissioner George Fivaz.

"This process will form part of the national plan against crime and violence — recently announced by President Mandela — and which is now in an advanced stage of formulation by the SA Police Service," he said yesterday.

Hostage-taking on campuses and threats by students to block highways could not be tolerated under any circumstances, he said. — Sapa.

administration staff could not be held responsible for the financial problems of students by being taken hostage.

"The people involved were very dedicated university staff and there is no one there who would like to exclude any students," he said.

It was not acceptable to "hold individuals hostage to an issue," he said.

Professor Abrahams said he would immediately tackle the "difficult issue" if he took up the post in July. The student crisis at UWC had not been resolved as he flew to Johannesburg on his way home to Canada to consider the job offer and contract.

The mildly spoken academic, a South African-born professor of English working in Canada, said UWC had been under-funded for many years and this was a priority issue he would take up with the government.

He would study the existing loan schemes and would look at the first-year bridging programmes to assist disadvantaged students.

Professor Abrahams said he had been "longing" to return to South Africa and had been waiting for the right post to come up.

■ Sapa reports that acting-President Thabo Mbeki and Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu warned that illegal actions by protesting students at UWC would be dealt with "firmly and unequivocally".

While both recognised the inalienable right to dissent and protest, this did not include breaking the law.

■ More than 1000 students at Vista University's Sebokeng campus in the Vaal Triangle staged a sit-in at the administrative block yesterday, following the suspension of three students and a senior university official.

Viva winners

This week's winning number in the Viva Draw is: 3244103

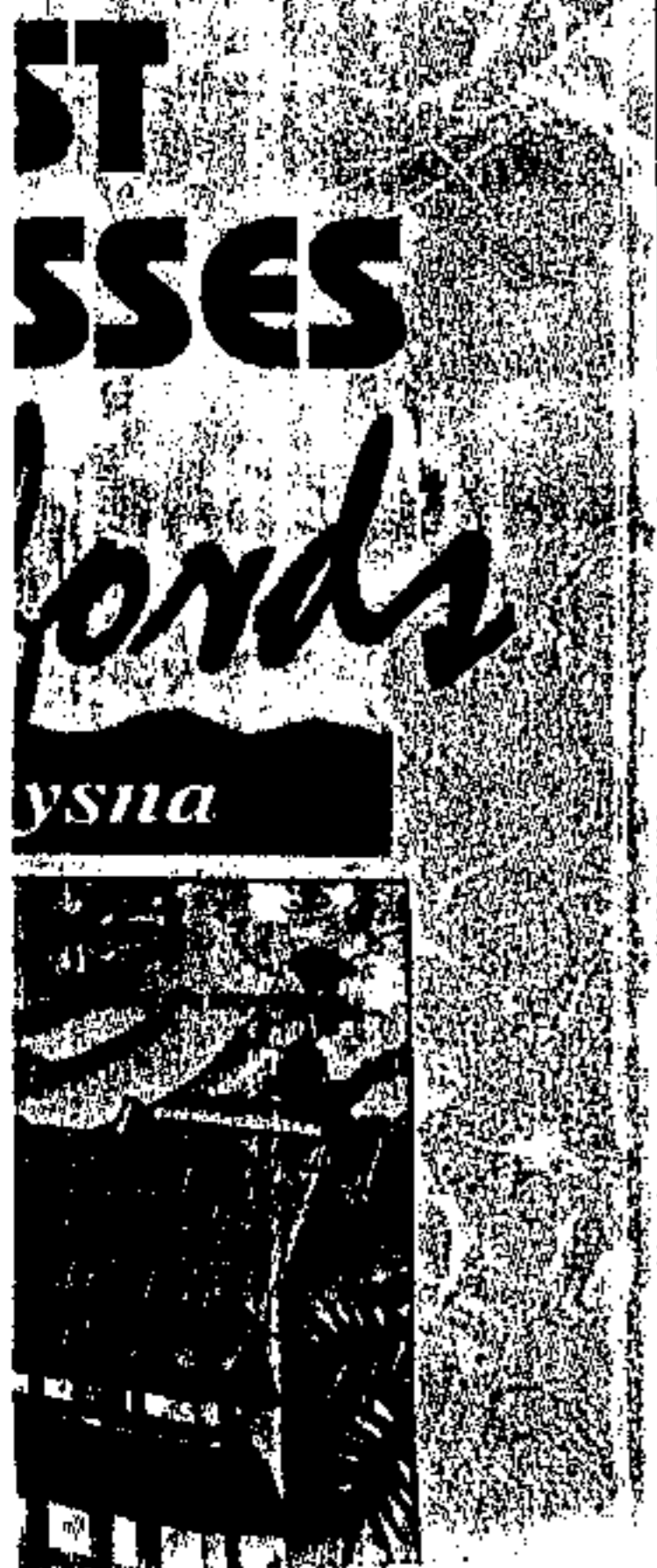
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UWC student boycott starts tomorrow

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By WILLIAM-MERVIN
GUMEDE

A BOYCOTT of classes by students at the University of the Western Cape begins tomorrow following demonstrations late this week against the exclusion of students who are in arrears with fees totalling over R10-million.

The students, led by the SRC, took members of the university administration hostage on Thursday and held them until the early hours of Friday morning. They were freed after Ministry of Education members intervened.

The UWC administration is adamant that they will not give in to the SRC's demand that all students unable to pay outstanding fees be allowed to register.

"It would seem that about 70 students owing very large sums to the university, or with very poor academic records, are the people at issue," acting rector Professor Daan Cloete said.

"As a result of negotiations between the administration and the SRC the students have been able to secure an agreement that will see them qualify for registration if they are able to pay 30 percent of their outstanding debt. Students were able to obtain loans from Standard Bank and the Tertiary Education Foundation of SA covering the remaining 70 percent of the debt," he said.

A further 2566 students who either got promoted, completed their studies or failed their final year, were also able to apply for financial assistance. They owe R10 158 618, while the total debt at the beginning of the year was R16 585 459.

"Loans granted to students amounted to R6-million but students owing the university more than R7 000 cannot be accommodated in this arrangement," Prof Cloete said.

Late on Friday night, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu warned protesters against breaking the law.

SRC split over UWC boycott

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

THE University of Western Cape Students Representative Council is divided over its call for a class boycott.

At a meeting today SRC president Yolisa Pokie was hissed by students when he presented "the minority view" to the packed meeting of about 2 500 students.

Mr Pokie said students had "lost the initiative" in their struggle for democracy on the campus. He had been around "many" classes today and many were full — "We must ask why."

Mr Pokie said that the SRC and students had not fully acknowledged that the agreements reached with the university about student admissions meant that some students could not be admitted. "Was that a strategic mistake or should we just deny it?" Mr Pokie asked

He said a boycott was not necessarily the solution and warned of in-fighting.

The meeting, called by the SRC, must decide on the future of the class boycott.

Earlier, security officers at the main entrance handed leaflets to students explaining the university's positions on the right to protest and learning.

"UWC has a record, second to none, of giving students every support in finishing their studies," said acting rector Daan Cloete.

"If you wish to continue attending lectures, know that your rights will be upheld, and that no disruption of classes or intimidation of students or staff will be tolerated," he said.

Students started gathering outside the great hall about 10am. By the time the meeting began there were about 2 500 students packed into the hall.

NEWS Mandela 'wrong' about protes

Wits students 'not at fault'

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By Mathatha Tsedu
Political Editor

PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA WAS wrong in describing unrest at the University of Witwatersrand as the work of a minority, Natal University lecturer Mr Ashwin Desai said at the weekend.

Addressing the biannual regional congress of the Media Workers Association of South Africa in Durban, Desai said the black students represented the aspirations of a large majority who wanted that university to open up.

"How can students who come from a disadvantaged background — faced with an institution that has previously excluded the majority — suddenly be a minority when they call for that institution to open up and face to the realities of this country?" asked Desai.

"Numerically they may be small, but that is not their fault. They were excluded in the past.

"The aspirations they represent are the majority view and it is unfortunate and wrong for President Mandela to say they

represent the minority."

Mandela called for stern action against protesting students at Wits last week.

Desai told the congress that workers had only themselves to rely on for the betterment of their lot, as politicians who are now in Parliament have been co-opted into the capitalist system which wanted to continue to exploit workers.

Affirmative action

He said affirmative action was being used to employ blacks who would now be used to carry out the white capitalist system's decisions.

"When you are a worker, does it make it any better that the person who is telling you your job is over is doing so in Zulu? Is that not what it all really boils down to?"

Desai called on workers to organise more as the struggle for their rights is going to have to intensify.

The congress elected a new leadership comprising Mr Bongani Bophela, an SABC employee, as chairman and Ms Ferhana Ismail, a journalist at the *Sunday Tribune*, as his deputy.

Mr Stanley Ngiba of the SABC was elected secretary while Mr Clover Maistry of Natal Newspapers is treasurer.

Mandela knocked for get-tough stance

■ STAFF REPORTER

Wits University SRC chairman Muzi Sikhakhane has lashed out at President Mandela for urging university rectors to clamp down on disruptive black students.

Sikhakhane said in a statement at the weekend that Mandela failed to see the students' point of view and was trying to satisfy only the white rectors

and their unrepresentative staff.

Mandela's speech, given at the launching of the National Business Initiative in Johannesburg last week, was made as a hostage drama unfolded at the University of the Western Cape.

In his speech, Mandela observed that rectors were scared of militant black students and that rectors thought blacks could not be expected to be "suf-

ficiently disciplined" and called this "racism in reverse".

Sikhakhane called Mandela's statement "ignorant" and added: "We have been trying since October to get the president to Wits to address us, but been told of his busy schedule.

"While the president has fitted a number of soccer games into his busy schedule, he could not fit a university facing a crisis on to his agenda."

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UWC students expected to boycott classes today

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STUDENTS at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) are expected to boycott classes today, following the university's refusal to back down on demands to re-register students who are in arrears or have not met academic requirements.

Some 100 students led by the Student Representative Council (SRC) on Thursday last week held acting rector Professor Daan Cloete and six other top officials hostage over the issue.

But UWC spokesman Professor Stanley Ridge said last night that lectures would proceed with or without recalcitrant students, and he warned that UWC would not protect the SRC "if they fall foul of the law".

Prof Ridge said UWC supported President Nelson Mandela's call for strong action against students who broke the law.

He said: "The democratic rights of the university community will be protected by the police if necessary."

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UWC student show down

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UWC officials, determined not to allow students to disrupt classes in their bid to force the university to register students with excessive debt or poor academic records, will appeal to the Supreme Court for a restraining order. **CLAIRE BISSEKER** reports.

BOVOCOTTING students at the University of the Western Cape occupied lecture theatres and chased out students and staff yesterday in defiance of acting rector Professor Daan Cloete, who told students that disruption of classes and intimidation would not be tolerated.

UWC is set for a showdown today when defiant students embark on a class boycott to strengthen their demands for a moratorium on all financial exclusions.

The university administration will seek a Supreme Court restraining order today against possible disruptive action by boycotters.

UWC spokesman Professor Stan Ridge said lectures would be held and the university was prepared to call in the police if necessary.

The administration's tough stance comes after seven officials were held hostage by about 100 students and the SRC for 10 hours last week.

About 50 students claim they have been discriminated against on academic or financial grounds.

In a meeting between the SRC and the administration last night it emerged that 40 of the 50 had been offered financial assistance but could not raise the portion of outstanding fees (about 30%) themselves.

Prof Ridge said eight students on the list had already registered but three had been excluded outright for failing any year more than twice.

All of those on the list who owed up to R7 000 could be accommodated, he said. Those who owed the university between R7 000 and R10 000 but had good academic records could probably be accommodated, and the university would petition the education authorities on behalf of those with excellent records who owed more than R10 000, he said.

Yesterday more than 2 000 students crammed into the Main Hall and voted to boycott lectures in a

volatile meeting which split the SRC.

A motion by SRC president Mr Yolisa Pkikie not to boycott but to take the matter to a university forum comprising workers, students, academics, administration and even government representatives, was defeated.

Mr Pkikie said he represented only four members of the council of 11 when he accused the SRC of calling the boycott to save face after losing the initiative in its struggle against the administration.

After the meeting, students attending afternoon lectures were chased out by about 80 marchers who danced on desks, turned off the lights and drowned out the lecturers.

In the chaos a video machine was knocked over and a lecturer tussled with a student over a rubbish bag which was ripped open.

'Reneged'

In a statement to students, Prof Cloete said that although they had the right to boycott: "President Nelson Mandela has spoken specifically about the situation at UWC. He has indicated that firm measures will be taken against disruptive boycotters and that the democratic, constitutional rights of members of the UWC community will be defended by the police if necessary".

He accused the SRC of having reneged on an agreement it signed with the administration in January in terms of which UWC had raised more than R6 million in aid for 4 359 students who were in debt.

The SRC was now rigidly insisting that the university offer blanket registration of all students no matter how much they owed, he said.

Mr Pkikie was heckled by students when he said the SRC had made a "strategic mistake" by negotiating on the basis of what was within the university's resources, as this meant



CLASSES HALTED: UWC acting rector Prof Daan Cloete (right) watches as students move from lecture hall to lecture hall, disrupting classes yesterday. UWC is to appeal the Supreme Court for a restraining order today.

the potential for financial exclusions had always existed.

He said a boycott would divide students—as well as cause some polarisation on racial lines, and would not solve the problem of financial exclusions which was a national one.

Prof Cloete said UWC could not afford a policy of blanket readmission, "even if that were desirable".

He said the university would not negotiate with the SRC under duress and "would not tolerate the disruption of classes or intimidation of students or staff".

● The universities of the Witwatersrand and UCT endorsed President Mandela's condemnation of lawlessness among students and his promise of "strong action" in future.

Failed because of work for SRC

STAFF REPORTER

A GROUP of about 50 students is at the centre of the row that has led to thousands of UWC students embarking on a class boycott.

One of those 50-odd students feels the university is discriminating against him on financial grounds and that he has been treated "unfairly and insensitively".

Willing to be identified

only as "Bibi", the 32-year-old student said he had been studying six years for his three-year BSc degree.

"Owing to my involvement in the SRC in 1991 and 1992 I didn't pay much attention to my work," he said.

He said he had failed first, second and third year once each and had accumulated debt from the time he began his studies in 1990.

He said he had owed

the university about R13 000 when he completed first year at the end of 1991, but a bursary had later enabled him to clear the slate.

Excluded

The bursary was withdrawn when he failed his second year.

He has managed to raise only R300 of the R13 040 he needs to complete his studies.

The students have been excluded from the university because of large debts or poor academic records, in line with an agreement made between the Students' Representative Council and the university administration in January.

The agreement was that students in debt to the university would receive a loan to cover 70% of their debts on condition that they raised the other 30%.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Mandela's discipline call rebuffed as 'simplistic, unsc-

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turmoil grows ^{insulting}

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The education crisis is seen to be deepening only days after President Mandela's call for strict discipline at institutions of higher learning.

Disruption continues at universities around the country and campus violence is increasing, with students running wild in Pretoria yesterday. A number were held briefly after their violent confrontation with security guards at the headquarters of Vista University in the city.

At least one shot was fired when the students from the university's Sebokeng campus demonstrated in Pretoria with a list of demands.

In Johannesburg, about 250 students from the University of the Witwatersrand marched peacefully on the ANC's national headquarters yesterday to protest against Mandela's call on white rectors to clamp down strongly on disruptive black students.

The University of the Western Cape braced itself for chaos today as students planned to embark on a full boycott to strengthen their demands for a moratorium on financial exclusions. Yesterday, some students occupied lecture theatres and chased out staff and other students.

The University of South Africa (Unisa) is faced with problems as well. Its council has rebuffed student demands for drastic changes to the university's setup which would in effect lead to a "study now, pay some time later" situation.

The university unrest appears to have increased since last Thursday when President Mandela criticised white university rectors on lax discipline. Wits marchers said yesterday his remarks that the

ANGRY students run wild in Pretoria, demonstrate in Johannesburg and Western Cape

rectors were not strict enough with unruly black students was "an insult to all black people".

Gauteng education MEC Mary Metcalfe also entered the fray saying Mandela's remarks had been problematic because the Wits dispute was "deeper and more broad. This statement is simplistic, and I am particularly concerned".

Wits SRC president Muzi Sikhakhane said Mandela's statements had been irresponsible and unsophisticated.

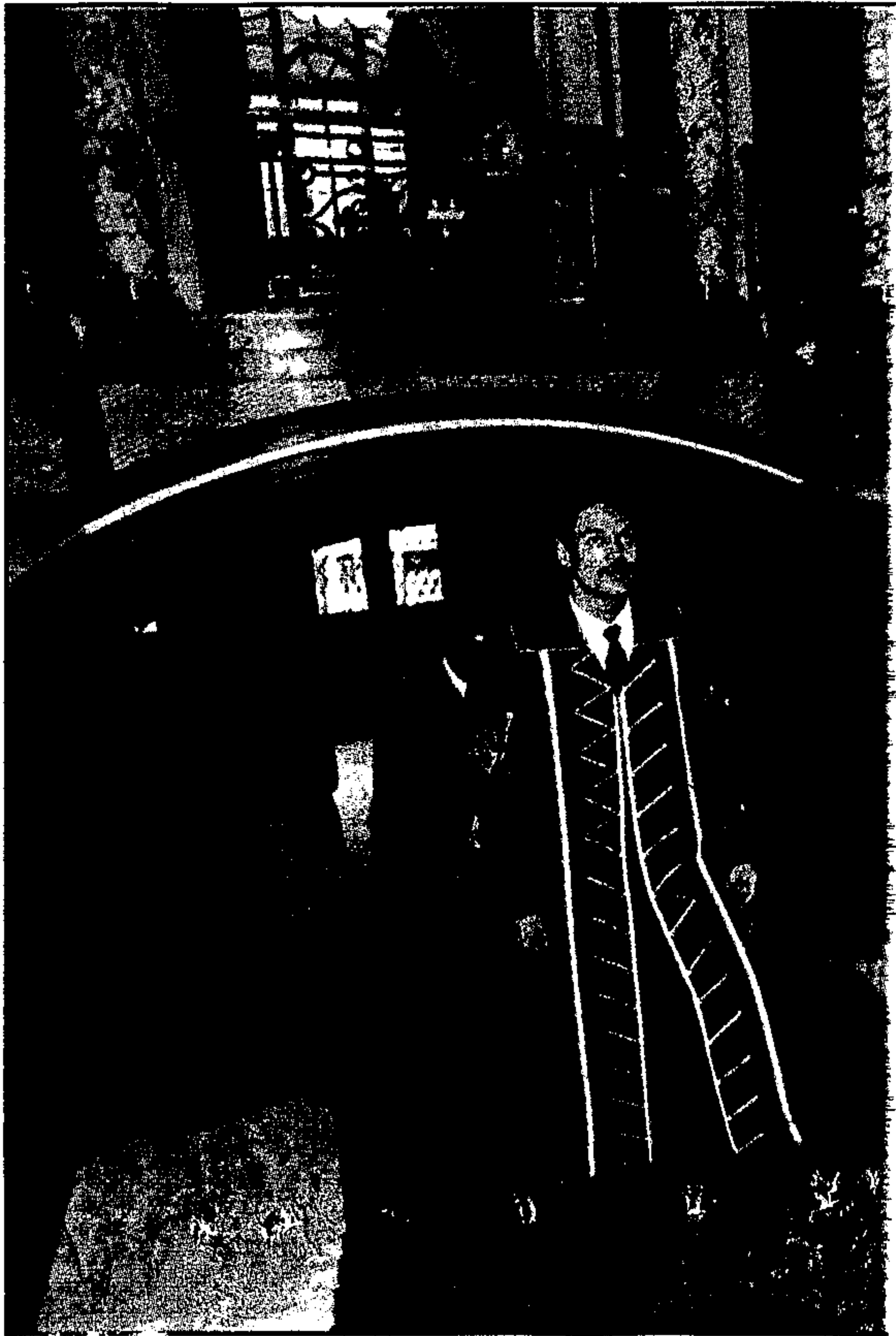
At UWC spokesman Professor Stan Ridge said normal classes would be held and the university was prepared to call in the police if necessary.

At the centre of the row are about 50 students who claim they have been unfairly discriminated against on academic or financial grounds. About 40 had been offered assistance but cannot raise even a 30 per cent portion of outstanding fees themselves.

Yesterday more than 2 000 students crammed into the Main Hall at lunchtime and voted almost unanimously to boycott lectures in a volatile three-hour meeting which split the SRC. The entire UWC student population is about 14 000.

A motion by SRC president Yolisa Pokie not to boycott but to take the matter to a university forum comprising workers, students, academics, administration and even Government representatives, was soundly defeated.

Leading the way



Pomp . . . with the provincial mace in hand, Gauteng sergeant-at-law, to the chamber for the start of the legislature's second s



ELATED: Students disrupt a class after a students' representative council call for a class boycott was endorsed by a mass meeting on campus.

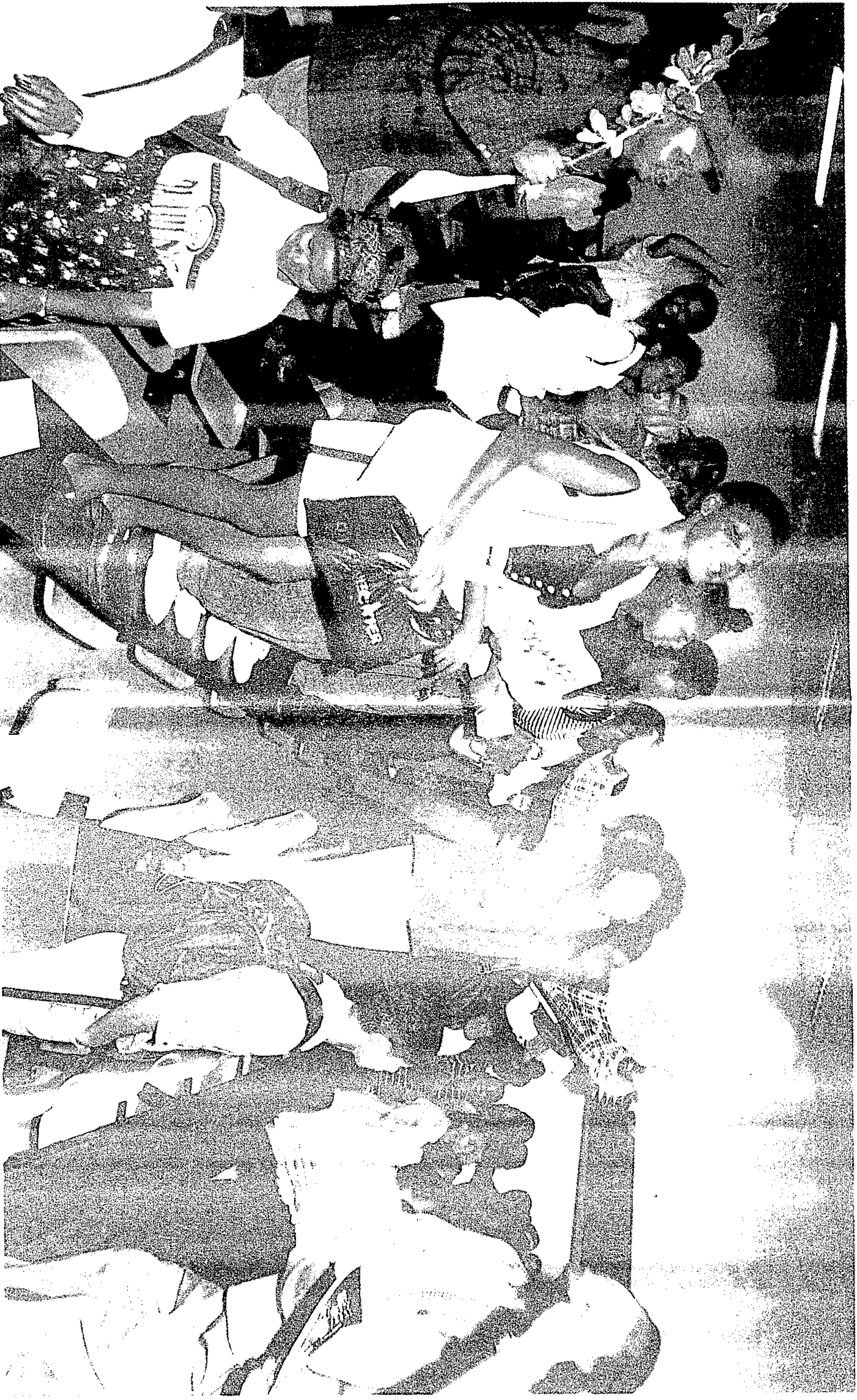
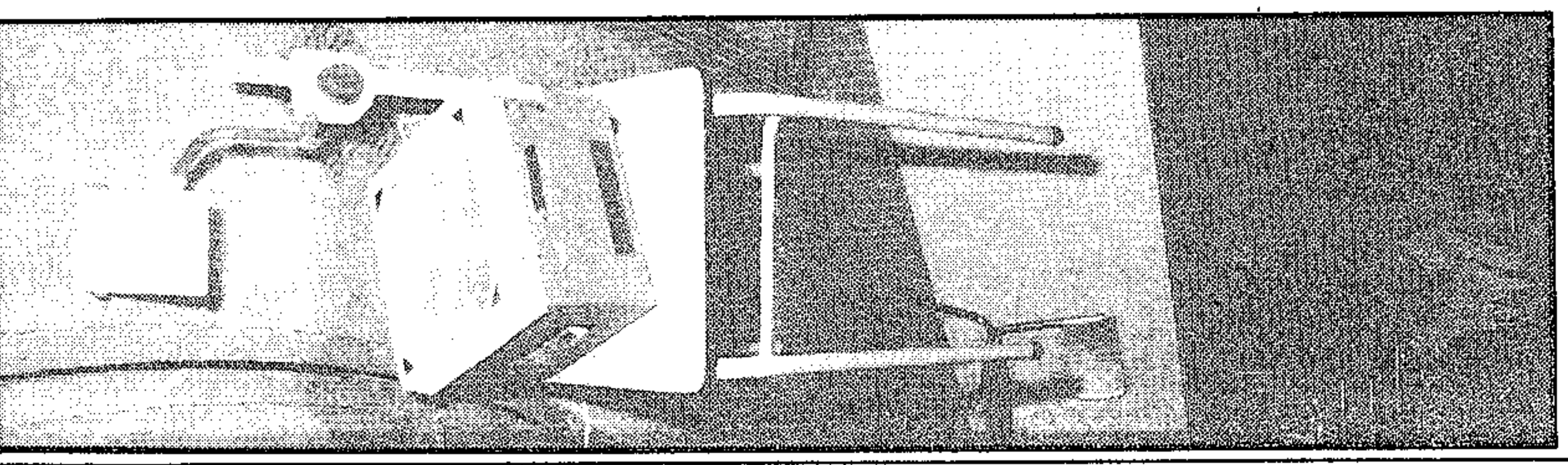
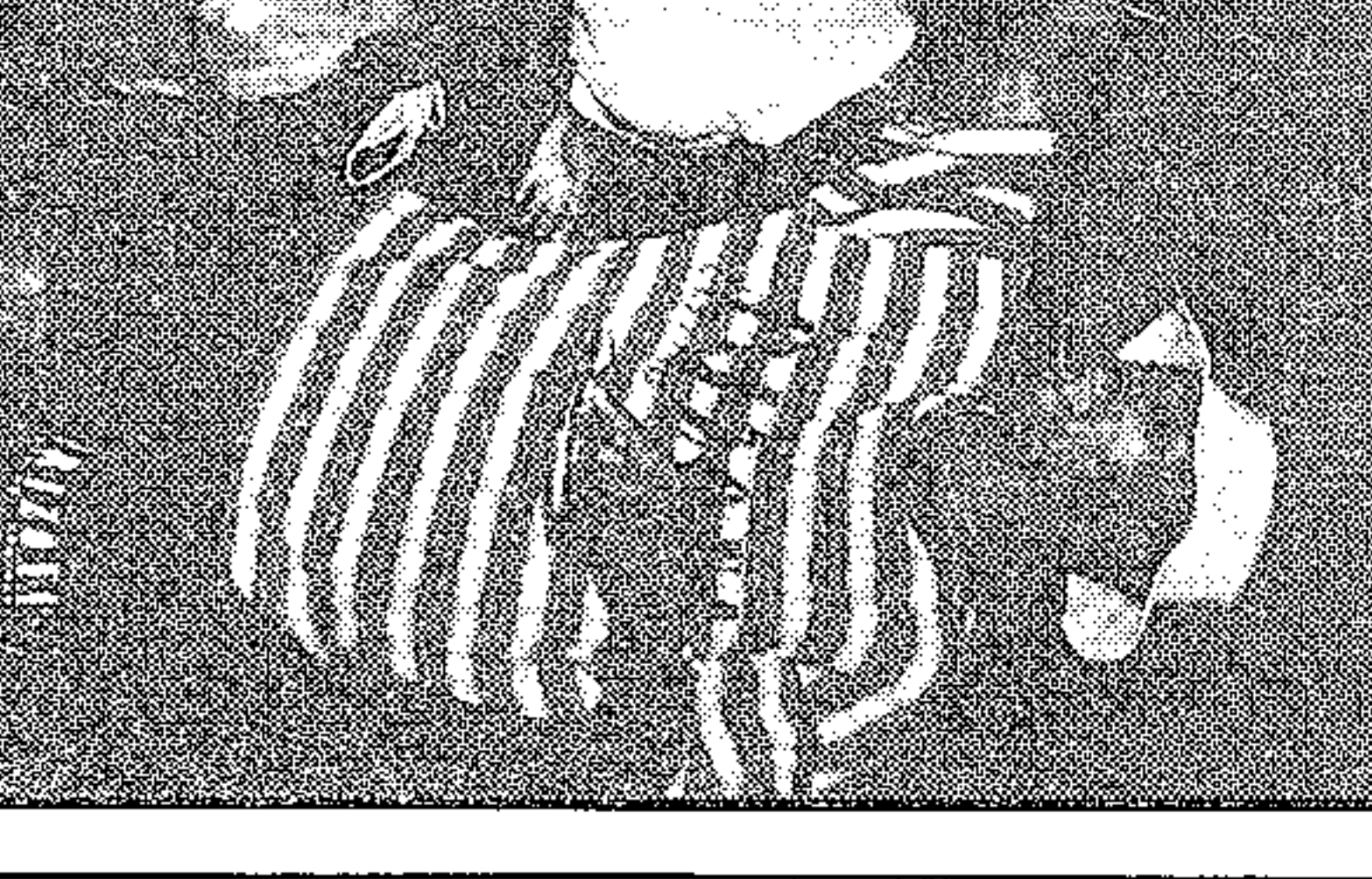
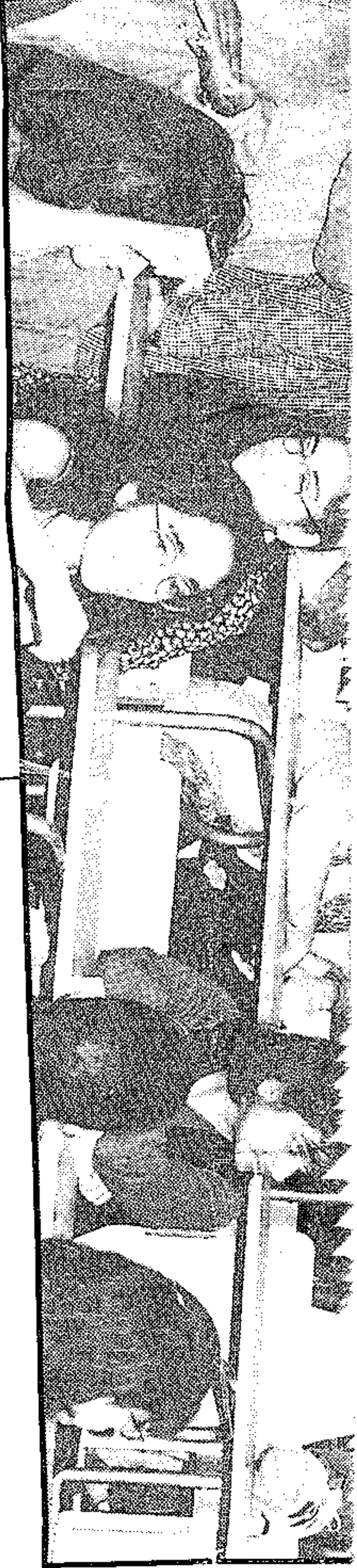


TABLE-TOP TANGO: University of the Western Cape students rampage through lecture halls, overturning tables and chairs and scurrying other students scurrying for safety.



VICTIM: An overhead projector is overturned as students rampage in one of the lecture halls at UWC.





Pictures: DOUG PITHEV, The Argus. DON'T MESS WITH ME: A group of University of the Western Cape students, above, try to disrupt a lecture, but meet with opposition from students who want lectures to continue.

About 100 University of the Western Cape students rampaged through lecture theatres to enforce a class boycott endorsed by a mass meeting called by the Students' Representative Council. Staff Reporter ROGER FRIEDMAN was there.

SRC interdicted from calling boycott

PATRICK FARRELL
Supreme Court Reporter

THE Students' Representative Council of the University of the Western Cape has been interdicted in the Supreme Court from calling a class boycott on campus.

The council of UWC and its acting rector, Daan Cloete, brought a successful application against 11 individual members of the SRC to stop them from "calling for or supporting any disruption of academic activities".

A temporary interdict was granted by Mr Acting Justice Albertus, restraining the SRC members from taking any staff or student members of UWC hostage.

The SRC was also restrained from intimidating any member or "unlawfully interfering" with UWC property.

In an affidavit explaining the background to the present campus unrest, Professor Cloete said an agreement was signed with the SRC in January this year "concerning students whose tuition fees were in arrears."

In terms of the agreement, these students would be afforded financial assistance, subject to the proviso that they qualified on academic grounds and did not owe UWC more than R7 000.

On March 10 some of the SRC members demanded that all students who were eligible on academic grounds should be

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It's a matter of principle

FOR the militant faction in the University of the Western Cape's students' representative council and its followers, it is a simple matter of principle.

The Freedom Charter stated: "The doors of learning and culture shall be opened." Some students interpret this clause as meaning that no student should be excluded on financial grounds — no matter what the size of their debt to the university.

For the university's administration it's a matter of principle too.

The SRC signed an agreement on behalf of students in January as to who qualified for financial assistance, and therefore re-admission to the university.

And now the SRC was trying to change the rules.

About 2 500 students — out of a total population of around 13 500 — jammed the Great Hall yesterday for a meeting called by the SRC to discuss the class boycott called for by the SRC last week, and put into effect yesterday.

It quickly emerged that the SRC was split down the middle over the issue — as were ordinary students, many of whom

attended lectures in defiance of the boycott call.

The students at the meeting voted overwhelmingly in favour of continuing the boycott until tomorrow, when the situation will be re-assessed at a follow-up mass meeting.

But not before SRC president Yolisa Pikie had argued eloquently against the boycott.

Mr Pikie acknowledged he represented the "minority" view within the SRC.

The boycott was a dangerous course as it threatened to divide students, he said.

The SRC had signed an agreement with administration as to who qualified for re-admission and who not — and students had to acknowledge this agreement.

The issue of financial exclusion was a national one. Student demands should be shifted away from UWC's administration and taken up by democratic structures instead.

"We have lost the initiative in the struggle we have led... but not all is lost, we can salvage our gains.

"The boycott is going to be divisive and could lead to intestine fighting."

Mr Pikie proposed the estab-

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the wayside as the group toyed through several buildings, dancing on desks and scribbling "the boycott is on" on blackboards.

In some lecture theatres, students attending classes in defiance of the boycott scrambled under their desks as the singing mob approached.

The administration was upset.

Acting rector Daan Cloete had circulated a notice yesterday at the university's entrance, assuring students: "If you wish to continue attending lectures, know that your rights will be upheld, and that no disruption of classes or staff will be tolerated."

The SRC and administration met again in another urgent attempt to resolve the crisis.

They agreed to the formation of a sectors forum but appear to have agreed on little else.

Professor Cloete said they had not discussed the question of the class boycott. The university recognised the students' right to protest.

The SRC had breached its promise that the university's academic programme would not be disrupted.

"The day arrived when tough decisions had to be taken, the SRC explained in a pamphlet circulated to students yesterday.

"The negotiations over the students with 'huge debts' — the so-called 'extreme cases' — those who have little or nothing to contribute, reached an unbearable stage and today we sit with

SITTING TIGHT: Students are determined to keep attending lectures, left, while others try to disrupt them. The dispute has split the campus largely along racial lines.

The students say...

'The future of students hanging in the balance'

Staff Reporter

THE Students' Representative Council, with the mandate of students attending several mass meetings in January, signed an agreement with the University of the Western Cape whereby students owing less than R7 000 would be re-admitted if they came up with 30 percent of their debt.

Students who could not afford to pay the 30 percent would have their cases considered on individual merit — including their academic records.

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"The negotiations over the students with 'huge debts' — the so-called 'extreme cases' — those who have little or nothing to contribute, reached an unbearable stage and today we sit with

a deadlock with the administration clearly saying they are not going to assist these students.

"The future of these — our fellow students — is hanging in the balance."

"The SRC's interpretation of the above process is unambiguous."

"Our agreements with the administration were geared towards nothing but the registration of all students who were facing possible exclusion."

"Negotiations with the administration on these questions were protracted and by no means easy going."

"We reached deadlock several times."

"On Friday, following the administration's refusal to budge on the matter, a mass meeting of students decided on a more advanced offensive — a total and effective class boycott from Monday."

All parties concerned agreed to postponement had been agreed to by Mrs Mandelala's lawyer, Tem-Tleton Mageza, said the post-

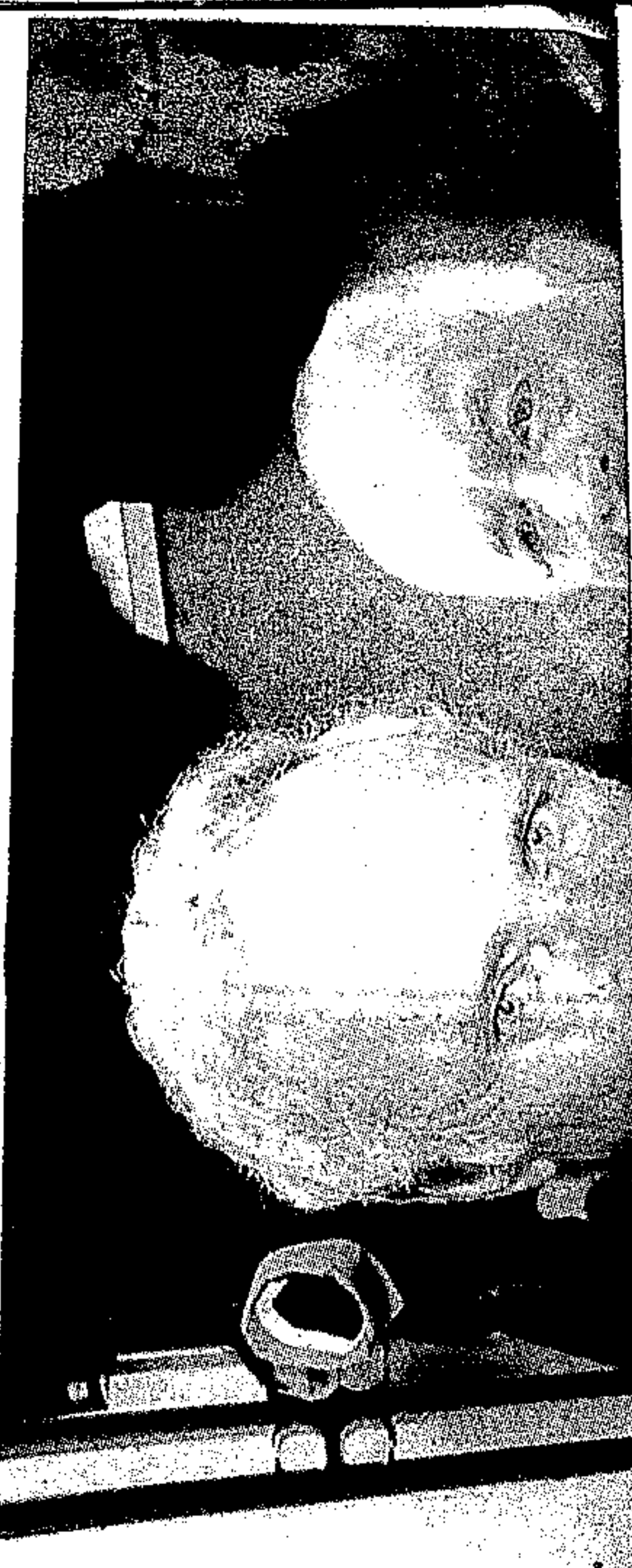
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"I believe, by reason of the volatile situation on the campus, that it is likely the class boycott will degenerate to a situation where persons are threatened and assaulted, and the orderly pursuit of academic study completely undermined."

Professor Cloete said UWC had no other remedy than to approach the court for the interdict.

Nono Goso appeared for the university. The SRC was not represented.



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Winnie's court hearing put off to Friday

Winnie Mandela's court hearing put off to Friday. The hearing was postponed because of a police search warrant in her home and offices has been postponed. The hearing was postponed because of a police search warrant in her home and offices has been postponed.

Court clamp on student protests

Window smashed in reaction to police presence

ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

A GROUP of students at the University of the Western Cape smashed a large laboratory window in an angry reaction to the deployment of police on campus today.

The university administration today won a Supreme Court interdict it had sought to prevent students disrupting classes.

And the Students' Representative Council said that if blood was spilled as a result of the police being on campus acting rector Daan Cloete, on whose authority the police were called, would have to shoulder the blame.



Do you think the UWC student protest action is justified? Tell us YES or NO on 488 4074 or 488 4218 until 9pm.

As the group of students rampaged through the campus disrupting lectures, a platoon of riot police was assembled in Modderdam Road outside the main gates.

Police said they would only act to enforce the court interdict the administration had won against the students.

The university applied to the Supreme Court for the interdict to prevent students disrupting classes for the second day running.

Two third-year B Proc students laid charges with the police after their lectures were disrupted today.

Crying bitterly, Carmen Daniels of Kensington said: "I'm so afraid, these people know our faces, I just want to attend lectures ... I'm not asking for the world."

Miss Daniels said she and a friend had been "victimised, harassed, assaulted and abused" by a group of pro-class boycott

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NO WORK TODAY: University of the Western Cape students celebrate the endorsement by the student body of a Students' Representative Council call for a class boycott.

Militant UWC students smash window in protest at presence of police

On Friday in support of their demand for the blanket re-registration of students, regardless of their debt to the university. An SRC spokesman dismissed both the police presence and the university's seeking an interdict as "provocation" and "confrontational". "They are playing to the emotions of the students. The 11 members of the SRC will not be able to stand in front of the masses when they respond to the provocation." The university's administration was insensitive and fanning the fires of the conflict, he said. "If there is any physical violence the acting rector must take the blame for any loss of blood. "We will not be deterred by the police presence. Our de-

mands will not stop at the police. It is a deeper, national, crisis." In science laboratories they turned on the gas used for experiments, forcing students and staff to vacate the building. Professor Ridge said the university executive was not considering closing the campus as this stage. This was a step that had never been taken in the university's history.

12.30pm. "So, with great reluctance, the executive asked for the assistance of the police in securing the constitutional rights of students who wish to study." The administration decided to apply for the interdict after 100 students rampaged through lecture theatres yesterday. The students had just voted in favour of continuing the class boycott called by the SRC

There was a heavy police presence all over the campus and police guarded the doors to the administration building where the executive was held hostage last week. Professor Ridge said the court order restraining students from disrupting classes had not been granted in time for morning classes today. The interdict was granted about

students who burst into their mercantile law lecture about 11.10am. "If our two lecturers had not been there to help us, I don't know what would have happened. Justice must be done," Ms Daniels said. Director of Development and Public Affairs Stan Ridge said the university executive had called in the police as a "proac-

Mandela firm on students

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela warned students and workers from Wits University yesterday that government was determined to deal firmly with all acts of criminality such as hostage-taking, destruction of property, looting and blockades.

An ANC delegation led by Mandela met SA Students' Congress (Sasco) and National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) representatives to discuss the crisis at Wits. (54) BD 15/3/95

Wits SRC president Muzi Sikhahane commended his statement: "We cannot tolerate violence and anarchy and this is the framework we should work under."

Another meeting between the President and the national executive of Sasco is in the pipeline. Sasco president David Makhura said the meeting would look into the

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overall state of tertiary institutions countrywide and strategies of solving problems at the institutions.

Yesterday's meeting follows a Sasco organised march on Monday to the ANC headquarters in central Johannesburg where students petitioned Mandela and the ANC's national executive to clarify their position on the Wits crisis and to support the transformation of the university.

Mandela told the delegation he supported the right to peaceful and effective protest and it was their right to choose the form of protest. He added that the ANC supported inclusive transformation where all parties had equal status.

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Two sit-ins are still under way at Wits. Makhura said the sit-ins were not criminal and would continue until issues at the campus were addressed. He said Sasco supported students' protests at the University of Zululand, Border Technikon, University of Natal, Technikon Free State and the University of the Western Cape. However, a directive had been sent from his office to provinces condemning criminal activity.

Sapa reports a group of students at the University of the Western Cape smashed a large laboratory window in an angry reaction to the deployment of police on campus yesterday after the university administra-

tion won a Supreme Court interdict preventing students from disrupting classes.

Unrest at Vista University campuses continued. In Port Elizabeth students staged a sit-in at the campus' administration offices. They are demanding the university council be disbanded and a rector of their choice installed.

Students from Vista's Sebokeng campus clashed with police at Vista's Pretoria offices. The action follows the dismissal of Sebokeng campus director S Kekana and three students pending an investigation into missing university funds.

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Mandela willing to rescue campuses

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By Claire Keeton and Sapa

■ **IN CHAOS** Students at technikon

and four universities in protests:

PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA would be willing to play a role in defusing crises at tertiary institutions, he indicated at a meeting with the South African Students Congress yesterday.

The universities of Vista, Wits, the Western Cape and Zululand and Technikon Free State have been hit by student protest actions over the past few days and tensions are escalating.

Sasco national president Mr David Makhuru said the meeting with Mandela was held to discuss his reported call on white rectors to clamp down on criminal activity by unruly black students.

He said Sasco took exception to this report — believing it would embolden conservative administrations and weaken those working for transforma-

tion. Makhuru said: "The President said his statement reflected a general call to all provinces that the governments should make an effort to clamp down on lawlessness. He was not referring to particular institutions.

"Sasco supports his condemnation of hostage-taking and destruction of property but in doing so, legitimate struggles should not be criminalised." Meanwhile, police were deployed at the University of the Western Cape to prevent students from disrupting classes. This was after a Supreme Court interdict restraining the students representative council from calling a boycott of classes.

Vista students at the Soweto and Port Elizabeth campuses continued to boycott classes yesterday in protest at the

action by the Vista University council. They students are demanding the immediate resignation of all members of the council.

The students will march to the Vista head offices and Union Buildings today to hand over memorandums.

The South African University Student Representative Council said in Cape Town yesterday it viewed the spiralling national crisis in tertiary education "with great concern".

They said financial exclusions continued unabated, even after an appeal from the Education Ministry-led funding conference in January that no academically capable and financially needy students should be denied access to education.

UWC classes suspended as chaos angers non-boycotters

BY CLAIRE BISSEKER

CLASSES at the University of the Western Cape will be suspended today following disruptions on campus by about 100 boycotting students yesterday — and police, called in to enforce a court interdict, will be withdrawn.

Anger mounted among students who do not support a class boycott yesterday as they were forced to flee in the face of a hardcore mob of the boycotters who rampaged across campus and brought classes to a standstill.

Widespread disruption occurred, despite the presence of police who were called in by the university executive to enforce a court interdict prohibiting boycotters from intimidating students or disrupting lectures.

Lecturers were forced to come to the rescue of several students who were in tears after being assaulted by the toyi-toying group who combed the campus to rout out dissenters.

In one incident Professor Walter Veith withstood repeated charges from the mob when he made a stand outside the locked doors to his lecture theatre while

fearful students remained inside. Chemistry lecturer Dr Selwin Mapolie had to be rescued by campus security when the mob stormed his classroom and manhandled him when he stood his ground.

About two thousand students, out of a total student population of 14 000, voted on Monday to boycott classes after the university failed to accede to the demands of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) to register all students — regardless of their debt position.

Pummelled

Yesterday students not in favour of the boycott circulated a petition calling on the administration to guarantee their safety and right to attend lectures.

Twenty policemen under Captain Nelson de la Querra kept a low profile for most of the day.

Officials who attempted to serve the interdict on the mob in a car fitted with loudhailers, were forced to beat a hasty retreat when the car was pummelled with fists and they were drowned out by screams of defiance. (54)

SRC general secretary Mr Musa Madlala said the group had acted to "remind those in class that a popular decision had been taken".

He said it was "unfortunate" that the boycott seemed to be a coloured/African issue, as this was not the case.

However, he confirmed that black boycotters were in the majority.

In a statement released last night, Professor S Ridge, director of development and public affairs, said it had been decided to suspend classes "to further a climate conducive to consultation and engagement with the issues in dispute at the university".

The disruption of classes, as well as financial assistance to students, would be discussed.

While talks take place between the university executive and the SRC, the police would be asked to withdraw, the university announced last night.

Prof Ridge said an interdict restraining the SRC from disrupting academic activities would remain in force and classes would resume tomorrow.

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BOYCOTT HORROR: A UWC student cowers in terror as about 100 boycotting students invade her lecture theatre on a march through campus yesterday. **Picture: BENNY GOOL**

New UWC body meets ⁽⁵⁴⁾

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

FORMER rector of the University of the Western Cape Richard van der Ross has warned that the campus disruptions could cause the university "severe academic and financial loss" and a loss of standing in the academic world.

Dr Van der Ross, the Democratic Party's education spokesman in the provincial legislature, said he had this warning after a meeting with the new UWC body which "sprang from a distorted conception of democracy."

"Quite apart from the merits or otherwise of the students' case, they should take heed that the authority with which democratic institutions are vested does not simply derive from numbers and opinions, but from the consent of those who are affected by their decisions."

"It is not democratic to make demands and then resort to violence if they were not met."

"If there is unhappiness at decisions taken, the constitutional methods, according to the rule of law, must be followed to seek redress, or to remove those in authority."

"The alternative ... is revolution and those who take this route must consider whether they wish to subject the university to the possibility of severe academic and financial loss, as well as to loss of its standing in the academic world," he said.

Dr Van der Ross said he hoped the opposing parties would "solve their problems in a spirit of reconciliation".



Pictures: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

SCANT RESPECT: When campus security staff, above, read the contents of a court interdict to students over a megaphone, their car was surrounded, banged on and the megaphone wiring pulled out. Below, a student who was adamant she would continue to attend lectures was "victimised, harassed, assaulted and abused", she later told police when laying a charge.

ROGER FRIEDMAN and JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporters

STUDENTS milled about aimlessly on the campus of the University of the Western Cape today after the decision by the university administration to suspend all classes.

This comes after two days of disruption of classes by a group of about 100 students intent on enforcing a student decision to boycott classes.

The boycott was called by a meeting of about 2 000 students angry that some colleagues were being turned away because they owed the university money.

No police were present today.

Classes were suspended today in terms of an agreement between students and the administration last night.

Students hope the consultative forum will endorse their call for the blanket readmission of their fellows, regardless of their debt to the university.

The Students' Representative Council will report back to students on the consultative forum at 1pm today, when it will be

decided whether to continue with or suspend the class boycott, which began on Monday.

SRC secretary-general Musa Madlala said today that the SRC had asked for the suspension of classes at a meeting with the university executive yesterday, after the second day of a class boycott characterised by disruption of classes and intimidation of students.

"The suspension of classes today allows for a situation of harmony on campus and cools down the tensions witnessed yesterday," said Mr Madlala.

"It will give us time to negotiate the unethical situation with them the administration."

The SRC is demanding that the university allow all students to re-register, regardless of their debt to the university — and in flagrant disregard of prior agreements over admissions between the SRC and the administration.

"The last time we held discussions with the administration they were not prepared to consider our requests. If the forum decides that all students should be registered, the administration will be forced to act," said Mr Madlala.

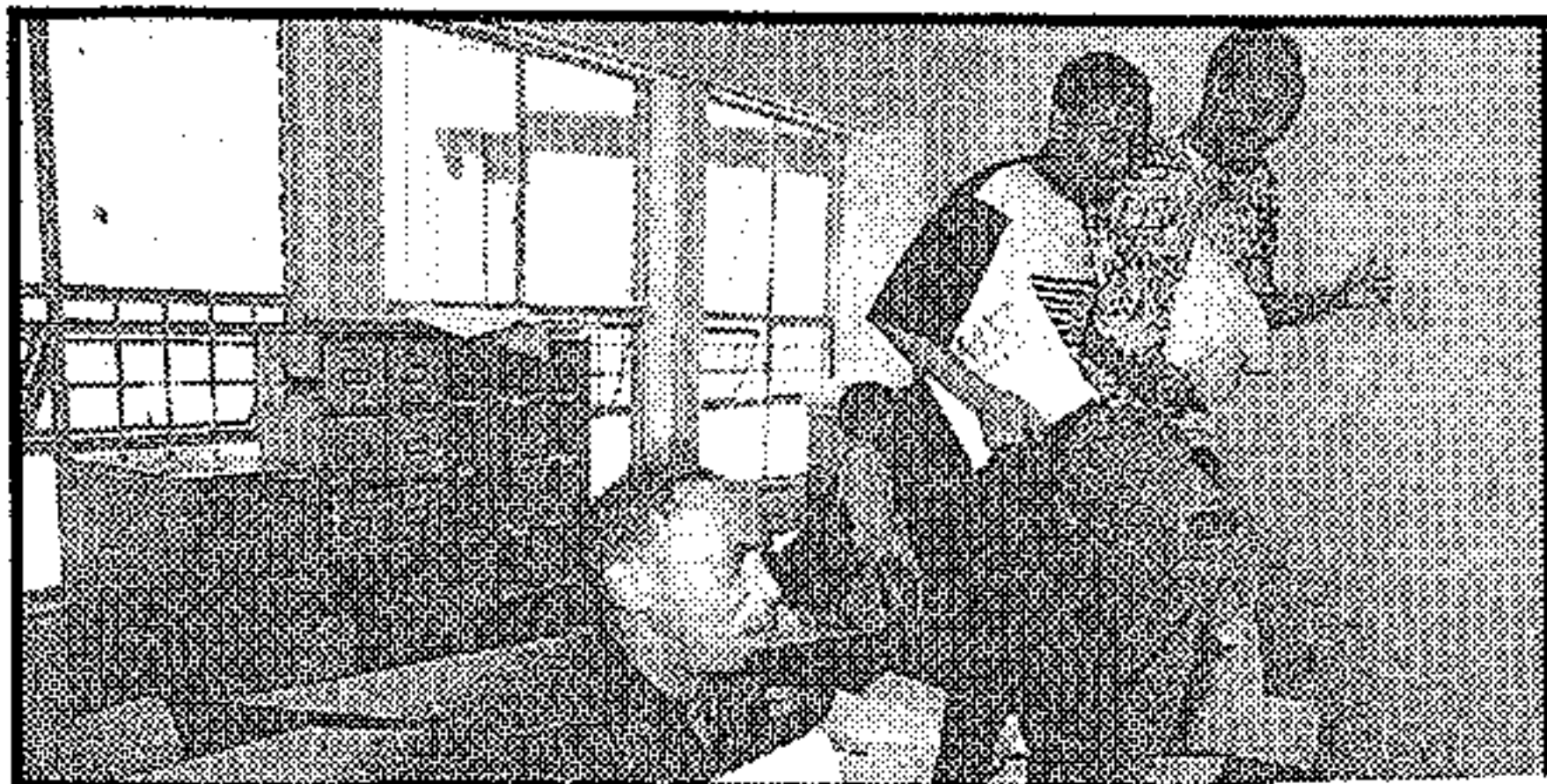
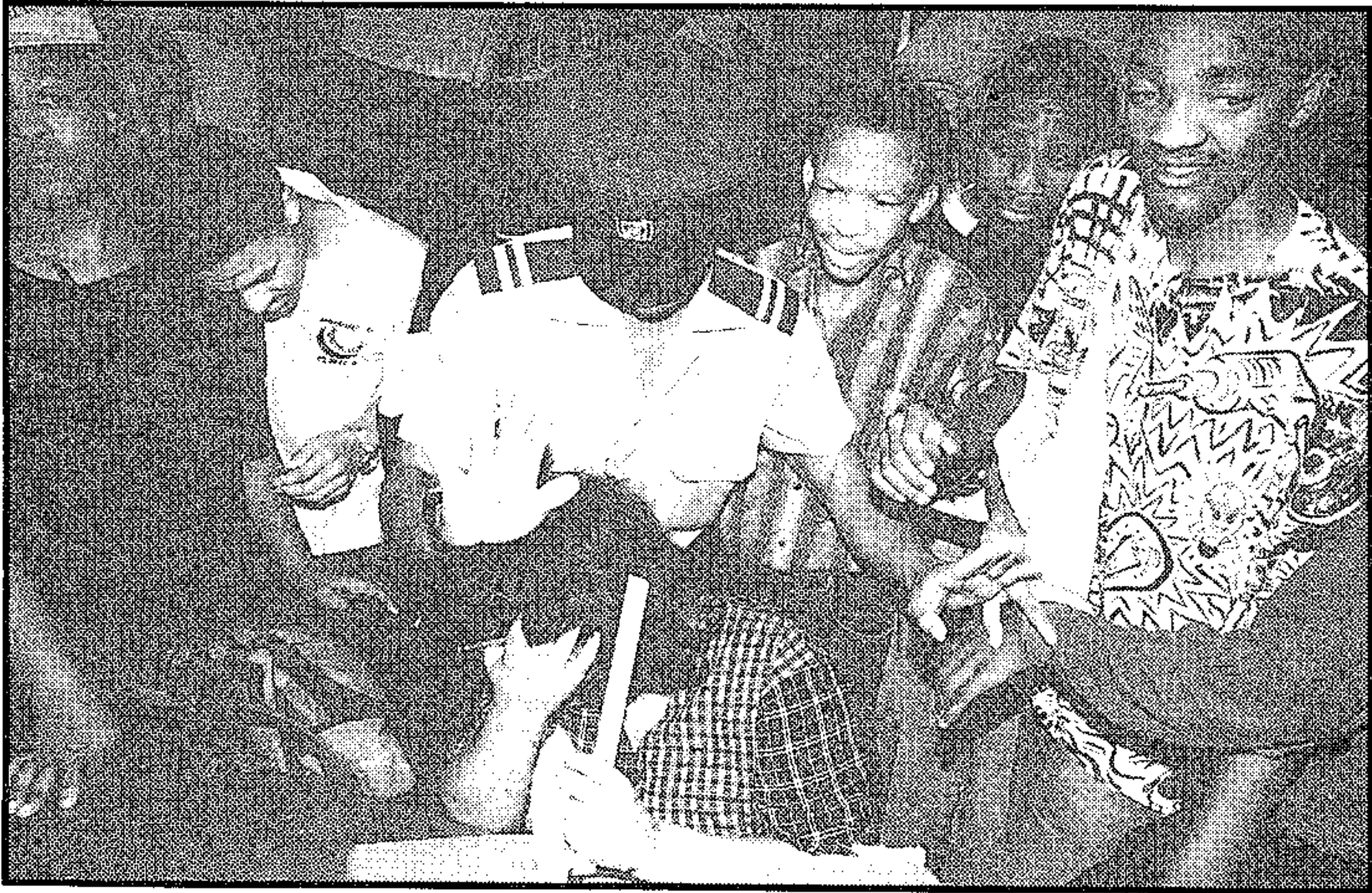
Last night the SRC met a member of the African National Congress's regional executive to explain the situation, while meetings with the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) to discuss a co-ordinated approach to the education crisis in the Western Cape are in the pipeline.

UWC's director of development and public affairs Stan Ridge said last night that the suspension of classes today did not apply to the dental faculty or to health-related programmes involving the community.

Professor Ridge said the university hoped to use today to further a climate conducive to consultation and engagement on issues in dispute at the university.

"To address the issue of disruption of classes, as well as financial assistance to students, a consultative forum has been called by the university executive.

"In addition to the executive, the forum will consist of representatives of students, workers, the general academic staff, the senate and council. The Ministry of Education will also be invited and it is hoped the forum will contribute substantially to ending disruptions and the deadlock."



MAYHEM: Students, left, demonstrate their support for the class boycott called on Monday.

Strong opposition to student actions

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Staff Reporters

RESPONDENTS to an Argus phone-in poll were overwhelmingly opposed to student protest action at the University of the Western Cape.

Some irate readers urged that the police use dogs or shotguns while others said the students had no backbone or character and should be jam-bokked.

Of the 513 readers who called to say whether they thought the student protest actions were justified, 501 felt the students' behaviour was destructive and disgraceful.

Only 12 callers were in agreement with the student representative council's decision to call for a class boycott to support a demand for the readmission of students irrespective of debts to the university or poor academic records.

Joan Clemo, 75, of Rondebosch, supported the students and said: "Everyone should have the right to make a statement — the protest is justified but

destruction is not on.

"There is a correct way of doing things ... the remnants of the apartheid system are also to blame."

Peter Jack, of Retreat, agreed that the students were well within their rights but said their protests should be peaceful.

"University fees are generally too high and the government should link them to their RDP programme to take the burden off the students."

A Langa housewife said President Mandela should use the funds being "squandered" by certain politicians to help finance the students' education costs.

Some UWC students and staff called to express

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their opinions and all felt the SRC's action was divisive and not representative of all students on the campus.

Student Netessa Daniels felt the behaviour was not justified because the SRC was split and its action on campus was creating racial division.

"There has been harassment and neither Campus Control, the administration nor the police have intervened. I was punched for no reason ... this is an infringement of my democratic rights."

A lecturer called for negotiations between the administration and the students to resolve the crisis.

"UWC needs a code of conduct to allow students the right to boycott but not to disrupt others."

Most of the callers were unsympathetic to the protesting students and said their actions were unfair and undemocratic.

Karen du Plessis of Rosebank said tertiary education was expensive and could not be offered free especially if students were taking six years to complete a three-year course.

"If they can't pay or make the grade they should move on and make way for others."

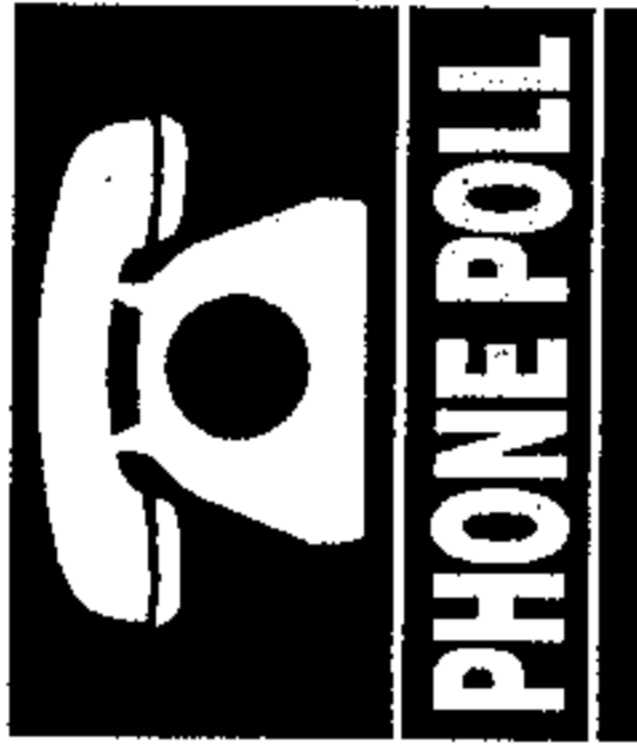
Sieraaj Ahmed agreed and said anyone getting tertiary education was privileged. "Abusers should be kicked out."

Melanie Fredericks of Diep River said: "It's nonsense that students should disrupt others. Some students do casual work to pay for their fees — if education is free for some, it should be free for all."

M R H Pegler of Pinelands said that if the university allowed the students back without paying, it would instill a culture of non-payment like that seen with rates and service charges.

J Stoffberg of Hanover Park was adamant that the UWC protesters were the "students of Sodom", as in the Biblical Sodom and Gomorrah.

"These people have no character or backbone and should be whipped because they are wicked."



ANC hits at UWC 'thuggery'

CHRIS BATEMAN
POLITICAL STAFF

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WESTERN CAPE Economic Affairs Minister and local ANC chief Mr Chris Nissen yesterday condemned the "blatant thuggery" that disrupted lectures at UWC this week and expressed concern that "even now it boils down to a coloured/African thing".

Commenting on media images of mainly African students victimising coloured fellow students, Mr Nissen said his organisation, "contrary to what is often projected," wanted to resolve the racial tensions "as speedily as possible".

The university administration had a right to operate normally as did students to attend lectures.

He said police should take action against "anyone who seeks to destroy the legitimate demands of our people through criminal behaviour and the disruption of classes".

Of the implications local black/coloured racism had on the ANC's election prospects, Mr Nissen said it would obviously have an impact, as tension was already building. "It's going to be difficult, knowing what we suffered in the past election because of the legacy of racism and vicious rumours that sought to divide coloured and black people," he admitted.

The ANC would do all in its power to "root out thuggery".

UNSPECIFIED 'PRESSURE' THREATENED

Fee increase protest by Pentech students

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TECHNIKON students have issued an ultimatum to the authorities, reports **PETER DENNEHY**

AS calm returned to the University of the Western Cape campus yesterday with the calling-off of the class boycott, tensions rose at the adjoining Peninsula Technikon, where students issued an ultimatum to their administration.

The fee increases that have already been registered on students' running loan accounts must be taken off by Monday, the Pentech students said, or they will apply unspecified pressure to get

their way.

The ultimatum was issued at a lunchtime meeting organised by the SRC and attended by about 2 000 of 8 000 students.

The administration says it told the then-interim SRC about the proposed increases in September last year.

According to Mr Brian O'Connell, the acting vice-rector of student affairs, the increase for first-year students is 15% on fees and 7,5% on residence fees. For other students the increase is 11,5%.

Mr O'Connell cautioned students to be careful not to "destroy the academic capacity of this institution to support the disadvantaged".

He mentioned 20 higher educational institutions in South Africa of which Pentech was the lowest with a R2 265 average annual fee. UCT was highest at R7 800 a year and Natal Tech charged R7 400.

A large number of students at the tech received bursaries.

If fees were kept too low, the technikon would be giving each student a top-up bursary from money needed to help disadvantaged students after they had been admitted.

Mr Godfrey Gafane, Western Cape treasurer of the SA Students' Congress, said his organisation did not want violence but "classes could be disrupted if the administration does not move at all".

Pickets over Olckers

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CHRIS BATEMAN
POLITICAL STAFF

PLANS to blockade roads in support of demands for the resignation of Western Cape Education Minister Mrs Martha Olckers were shelved yesterday by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

Instead, selected pickets will be staged and a petition campaign launched.

The pickets, to begin on Wednesday, will consist of groups of up to 40 pupils picketing the racial education department headquarters in Bellville, Buitenkant Street and on the Foreshore, Cosas

president Mr Songezo Mjongile said yesterday.

He conceded President Nelson Mandela's stern warning to students and pupils that criminal and disruptive behaviour would not be tolerated had "some impact" on the downscaling of protest plans.

Although Cosas agreed with Mr Mandela that studying was "a priority", it was faced with the problem of being unable to organise protests outside of school hours as insisted by Mr Mandela, he said.

Mr Mjongile, who said mass meetings would also be held at Cape Flats schools, gave the assurance the protests would be orderly.

Crackdown

OWN CORRESPONDENT

PORT ELIZABETH: The government is to clamp down on vehicle licence testing centres around the country following the recent discovery of widespread fraud among examiners.

And another clamp down will be launched in kwaZulu/Natal to punish civil servants who use state vehicles for unofficial trips.

The Department of Transport said yesterday that it has set up a national hot line for the public to report cases of corruption and fraud in the issuing of driver's

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UCT student wins top prize

UCT economics honours student Mr Adrian Cronje (right) has won the Nedbank-Old Mutual Cambridge scholarship, it was announced at a banquet last night.

His prize is a R90 000 scholarship to read for a M Phil degree in the faculty of economics and politics at Cambridge University.

Mr Cronje was one of 12 graduates from all over the country to reach the finals of the competition this year.



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African Students Congress pledges to continue with ma

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Students and staff march on Vista HQ

By McKeed Kotlolo and Claire Keeton

■ **CRISIS SPREADING** Calls for the immediate resignation of council:

STUDENTS and staff from six campuses of Vista University marched on the university's head office and the Union Buildings in Pretoria to submit memorandums demanding the resignation of the institution's national council yesterday.

Supporting the protest, the South African Students Congress said yesterday they would not stand by and watch as the crisis deepened at the universities of Vista, Wits, the Western Cape, Zululand and the technikons of the Border and Free State.

The crisis has also spread to colleges of education, particularly in the Northern Transvaal.

Sasco called on the Government to support popular struggles for transformation and said it would continue with national mass action.

The march to the Union Buildings

was incident-free. It started from Caledonian Stadium in the city and proceeded to the head office in Skinner Street, where the first memorandum was delivered to two university officials, including head of the liaison department Mr Gerrie Hartman.

The marchers are demanding the council's immediate resignation, the recalling of all Government-seconded council members and that the Government appoint two administrators to facilitate the establishment of a university management committee to replace the council.

They also called for the immediate cancellation of the suspension of director of Sebokeng campus Dr Simon Kekana and three local SRC members, and the appointment of a commission of inquiry into allegations of maladmini-

stration and misappropriation of funds by university authorities.

In addition, the memo submitted to the President's office urged Mr Nelson Mandela to speed up the amended Vista University Act. The call followed Mandela's recent statement in which he announced his willingness to defuse the crises at tertiary institutions.

Spokesman for the protesters Mr Julius Chiloane said the boycott of lectures would continue until the "illegitimate, unrepresentative and male-dominated council" had resigned. He said the boycott would be reviewed depending on the council's response to the call.

Vista public relations director Mr Gerrie Hartman condemned the demonstrators, claiming they represented less than one percent of the institution's total enrolment.

'No more payouts'

GAVIN STAFFORD

ANGRY Star readers attacked newspaper vendors, tore up copies of the newspaper and littered the pavement outside the paper's offices yesterday when they realised they would not receive consolation prizes following the publication of an incorrect competition winning number.

Police prevented the crowd from entering the building and cordoned off one lane in Sauer Street.

The Star editor Peter Sullivan said yesterday the noon deadline on Tuesday by which people had to claim consolation prizes was final.

The paper had calculated that if it paid out all claimants who "won" because of the error, it would have cost R4m. Such a loss would have put jobs in jeopardy, Sullivan said.

The Star had decided to pay out consolation prizes after one of the winning numbers in the paper's Jokers Wild competition appeared incorrectly in early editions of Monday's paper.

The paper had paid out R350 000 in prizes resulting from the mistake.

Sapa reports Sullivan said a meeting would be held to decide whether to proceed with a disciplinary hearing. The person responsible, who had worked at The Star for about 20 years, might have been "quite severely tired" after working 10-hour days recently. The Star was reassessing plans for future competitions, but could not say whether the paper would run the Joker's Wild competition again.

Wits principal receives ultimatum on expulsions

MDUDUZI KA HARVEY

STUDENTS, academics and workers at Wits University have given vice-chancellor Bob Charlton until 1pm today to reinstate expelled and suspended colleagues or face intensified mass action on campus.

This follows an SA Students' Congress and National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union march on campus yesterday where students presented a memorandum to Charlton demanding the setting up of a transformation forum.

Students also demanded that Charlton make available the full text of recommendations by a committee of external councillors, and that the recommendations be discussed by all stakeholders as equal partners.

Sasco and the Students' Representative Council claim the administration has not given them full documents.

Charlton denied this, but he said certain annexures from Sasco, the SRC, Nehawu and deans of faculties were withheld as the council felt these did not fully represent campus opinion.

He said if students and workers wanted to discuss the the committee report with all parties, they could suggest this to the committee they were meeting today.

Charlton said he could not reinstate dismissed and suspended workers and students as this could only be done by council.

Meanwhile, Sasco president David Mak-

hura told students that his organisation was deeply concerned about the crisis. He said students may embark on intensified mass action if Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu did not address grievances. Bengu said yesterday he would meet Sasco leaders today.

In Pretoria, troops and police kept a close watch yesterday as more than 1 500 Vista University students delivered a memorandum at the Union Buildings in Pretoria to press for the resignation of the university's council.

Sapa reports that they also demanded the reinstatement of the director of Vista's Sebokeng campus, Simon Kekane, and three students suspended pending an investigation into missing funds.

Students demanded an inquiry into the university council "in relation to maladministration, misappropriation and embezzlement of funds and looting of university resources by high-ranking officials".

Also yesterday, the University of the Western Cape suspended classes for a day after Tuesday's campus disturbances.

Management and the SRC were to discuss the disruption of classes and financial assistance to students yesterday. Police would be asked to withdraw from the campus during the talks. *SH*

Board works on its demarcation report

WILSON ZWANE

GAUTENG's demarcation board has received representations on how municipal boundaries should be demarcated and will submit its report on the matter to the provincial government next month.

Board chairman Pieter Smith said yesterday the report would be an "important link in the chain of preparations" for the October local elections.

The report would make recommendations on the demarcation of jurisdiction of, among others, transitional metropolitan councils and their substructures; transi-

tional rural councils; and services councils.

He said the board's work had been expedited by co-operation from transitional municipalities, political parties and residents' organisations. *BD 16/3/95*

"Such contributions enabled the board to obtain sound knowledge and information about particular areas." Areas of dispute would be surveyed by helicopter today. Smith could not be reached yesterday to find out which areas were in dispute.

Smoke-free sponsorship demanded

KATHRYN STRACHAN

measures were taken, he said.

Sports sponsorship was also an effective way of circumventing the industry's voluntary agreement with the SABC not to advertise tobacco on TV. It also made a mockery of the Advertising Standards Authority provision that "no tobacco advertising will depict, or use as endorsers, celebrities in the sporting and entertainment world".

Yach said sports sponsorship was an extremely pervasive form of advertising, reaching large sectors of the community. Research had indicated that sports sponsorship was a strong factor in encouraging children to start smoking.

He said by banning tobacco sports

WITH hard-hitting health warnings and other limits being placed on direct tobacco advertising, it was expected that the industry would move deeper into sponsoring sports events, the Medical Research Council said.

The spotlight fell on the tobacco industry's role in sport sponsorship when Rembrandt caused a stir by announcing this week it was putting its decision to sponsor the Cape Town Olympics 2004 Bid on hold.

Council spokesman Derek Yach said in the US, sports sponsorships and other forms of tobacco promotion accounted for a greater proportion of the total marketing budget of the tobacco industry than that dedicated to direct tobacco advertising.

The same trend was likely to occur in SA unless stringent counter-

sponsorship, SA would be better placed to win the bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games. All Olympic Games since 1988 have been declared smoke-free. In addition to there being no tobacco sponsorships, tobacco advertising was not permitted within several kilometres of the sports events and smoking was prohibited in the stadiums. *BD 16/3/95*

The bans were a result of co-operation between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Last year the IOC and the WHO strengthened their ties, signing an agreement to promote "sport for all and health for all". The IOC will co-sponsor World No-Tobacco Day next year and will encourage champions to act as role models for health.

UWC drops hard line on students' outstanding fees

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Education Reporter

THE University of the Western Cape has backed down from its confrontation with students over outstanding fees and will now register 52 students who, until yesterday, were refused readmission.

The students were previously refused permission to re-register because they had fallen foul of an agreement between the administration and students' representative council over financial assistance and student debt.

Stan Ridge, director of development and public affairs, said the university authorities decided to heed a national call for blanket re-registration of students when it agreed to re-admit 52 "academically sound" students to the university yesterday.

Professor Ridge said the university was "sympathetic" to the number of UWC students involved in the call for re-admission. But he emphasised that only the 52 students with "sound academic records" would be readmitted.

The decision to readmit the students followed a meeting on campus between a newly constituted consultative forum and the university executive to try to resolve this week's crisis, which included a class boycott, disruption, vandalism and intimidation of students.

The administration respond-

ed by suspending classes.

Professor Ridge said the SRC earlier called for the re-admission of more than 100 students, but agreed in yesterday's meeting that only those with sound academic records should be readmitted.

"The SRC also accepted that the university cannot help all students and that is a huge step forward.

"It has distanced itself from the disruption of classes and has accepted that everyone should work together towards a code of conduct for the university."

Earlier this week the university administration stood firmly on the principle that the SRC had reneged on the agreement on the readmission of students, and that the SRC was breaking a promise not to disrupt the academic programme.

Yesterday's backdown by the administration was welcomed by the SRC. Spokesman Siphon Jonas said he was "satisfied with the manner in which the crisis on the UWC campus was resolved".

Commenting on the behaviour of protesting students on campus, Mr Jonas said the SRC did not condone protest action on campus "which turned ugly and resulted in assaults", but that he felt students had the legitimate right to protest and boycott.

And they had "the right to remind other students of the popular decision" taken by the SRC to boycott lectures in pro-

test against the exclusion of the 52 students.

Pressure began building up on campus when about 2 000 students (of a university population of more than 13 000) decided at a meeting to boycott classes in an effort to force the administration to re-admit the excluded students. Some owe more than R7 000.

The student body split, partly on racial lines, as many students tried to continue going to lectures while their classes were forcibly disrupted by a group of about 100 students.

Mr Jonas said the SRC had not, as had been reported, reneged on its agreement with the university over re-registration of students.

"The position of the SRC has, right from the start, been that the individual cases of those students who could not come up with a 30 percent contribution to help cover outstanding fees should be addressed by the university and SRC.

"Our objective was that each and every student should be re-registered and their financial situation looked at, and this was where the administration differed from us."

In terms of the agreement, students who owed large sums of money could be re-registered provided they came up with 30 percent of the fees owing.

After yesterday's meeting, the SRC decided to call off the class boycott.

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UCT receives record number of applications from students ⁽⁵⁴⁾

Education Reporter

FIVE times more first-year students applied for places at the University of Cape Town than could be accommodated this year — and there were 14 times too many applications for the Faculty of Medicine.

A record number of 13 000 prospective students applied for 2 900 first-year openings.

This translates to about five applications for each first-year undergraduate place.

In the faculty of medicine competition was particularly stiff, with 14 applicants for each of the 190 places in the first-year class.

With the academic year currently underway at UCT, provisional registration figures show an increase of new undergraduate students and in the student body as a whole.

Last month, 2 866 first-year undergraduates registered — 8,6 percent more than at the same time last year.

Targets for new commerce students have been exceeded by more than 20 percent, with 310 students registering for business science degrees and 370 for B Com.

The total number of undergraduates registered increased by 5,4 percent to 10 208.

Not all postgraduate students have registered yet, but indications are postgraduate registrations will also be higher than last year.

Police angry over Budget

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PRETORIA — Policemen upset about the "decreased" police budget were threatening to refuse duty during the Rugby World Cup tournament later this year, the SA Police Union said yesterday.

It also expressed fears that its members would embark on spontaneous wild-cat strikes.

"Our offices countrywide are being inundated with calls from members expressing their anger and disappointment," union president Hamilton Ngidi said. He said the union and its members had been shocked by the police budget "which shows a 2,2% real decrease".

Policemen's working and living conditions were "deteriorating daily". — Sapa.

Defence questions fair trial

FORMER Boumat CEO Adam Klein's privacy rights had been so fundamentally breached that no legal remedy could create conditions whereby he could have a fair trial, his counsel Hiram Slomowitz SC told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Slomowitz made the submission during an application to have Klein's prosecution on fraud, theft and forgery charges quashed on the grounds he could not receive a fair trial because the State had been given privileged documents regarding his defence strategy. Klein is accused of defrauding Boumat of \$320m.

It is common cause that personal letters and correspondence to his attorney was printed from Klein's computer and handed to the Witwatersrand attorney-

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general's office.

State advocate Jan Henning SC has submitted that Klein can suffer no prejudice because all the information contained in the documents had already been revealed in bail proceedings and a civil matter.

The prosecution against him could still proceed with the remedy of a new State team which had no knowledge of the privileged information.

Slomowitz argued that so many parties, including State witnesses, had gained access to the information that even a new and "sanitised" State team could not ensure Klein received a fair trial. The case continues before Judge R van Schalkwyk.

Unrest intensifies on SA campuses

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AS STUDENT unrest shut down Free State Technikon yesterday, students ran amok at Wits University in Johannesburg, Natal Technikon students demonstrated in Durban and Vista University students delivered an ultimatum to Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu in Port Elizabeth.

The closure of Free State Technikon followed days of racial conflict on campus.

MDUDUZI KA HARVEY reports that Wits students and workers — minutes after committing themselves to peaceful protest — trashed campus premises, flooding lecture halls and dumping litter in a swimming pool. The incidents occurred after an SA Students' Congress (Sasco) call for action to force reinstatement of dismissed union members, and withdrawal of disciplinary action against workers and students who took staff hostage last year.

Earlier, at a meeting with students, workers and academics, ANC deputy general secretary Cheryl Carolus said the solution to the crisis at Wits would have to

come from all stakeholders in the campus community. The ANC would offer only to act as a facilitator between the administration, workers and students.

Sasco and union members had expected the ANC to demand that vice-chancellor Bob Charlton accede to their demands — something Charlton said he could not do.

In Port Elizabeth, more than 200 Vista University students handed a list of demands to a conflict management team at Education Department offices, saying Bengu had until Monday to reply.

Hundreds of students from Technikon Natal's Maritzburg campus demonstrated outside the institution's main campus in Durban, demanding a cut in fees and disbandment of its governing council.

Eastern Cape director-general Thozamile Botha defused conflict at Fort Hare on Wednesday night after management and administration staff were taken hostage. He promised to convey a memorandum on the financial crisis at the university to the Education Department. — Sapa.

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NEWS FEATURE *Financial exclusions spark unrest at most tertiary institutions*

Turmoil hits SA universities

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By Claire Keeton

■ **NOT FAIR** *The root of conflict, not symptoms needs attention:*

SOUTH Africa's tertiary institutions have been hit by conflict over the past week, sparked off largely by the financial exclusion of students from campuses across the country.

Behind this concern about exclusions, runs a far deeper concern about the transformation of these institutions, many of which have unrepresentative governing bodies.

Wits University reflects these tensions, triggered there by the dismissal, expulsion and suspension of students and workers after disruptive actions on campus.

Key stakeholders — the university council on the one hand and the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union along with its ally the South African Students Congress on the other — present opposing viewpoints on how to proceed with the lasting resolution of conflict.

In the middle, mediating diverse interests, is the students representative council.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bob Charlton:

"I see the present tension at Wits related to the dismissals, expulsions and suspension of students and workers from Wits. Council was divided initially about what action to take and appointed a representative four-person committee from council to look into it," said Charlton.

The members of the committee were Mr Bobby Godsell, Mr James Motlatsi, Mr Aggrey Klaaste and Dr Elizabeth Bradley.

Following submissions, the Godsell committee presented unanimous recommendations to the Wits council last week, several of which were adopted.

Charlton said: "They were saying in effect the students and workers can't just be reinstated. However, any student or worker who feels unjustly treated could have his-her case reviewed and if they have any grievances against the administration these can be put to the same review board."

The names of the board will be made public once the nominees have agreed to serve on it.

The Godsell committee said much of the conflict at Wits has centred on the nature of protest and a Code of Conduct that should be drawn up through direct negotiations between the administration, student and staff groups.

The committee was willing to assist in drafting this code, which would lay down guidelines for disciplined and peaceful protest.

Charlton said the committee only heard select submissions but he hoped their recommendations would get "the transformation forum well up and running".

The Forum for Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation is seen as a vital body to facilitate transformation at the university, with representatives from a wide range of interests internal and external to Wits.

These include delegates from the staff, unions, student and educational organisations, donors, alumni, employers, labour and civics.

The first meeting will only be convened after agreement within the FFACT working group, which

Charlton chairs. He said he hoped FFACT would meet before the end of March but it could take longer to get off the ground.

An invitation has been sent to participants to meet on March 22 but this is unlikely to go ahead until Sasco and Nehawu agree to attend.

"Top of FFACT's agenda is the composition of council." But FFACT itself is not seen as an executive structure replacing Senate and Council, rather as a representative structure with limited binding powers on its members.

One thorny problem which FFACT will not be able to solve, however, is the question of financial aid for students and exclusions.

Charlton said subsidies to Wits had been cut by an effective six percent since funds were needed most at pre-primary, primary and secondary levels of education.

"With increasing students needing financial aid and the universities being in huge debts, there will never be enough money to accommodate all students."

Charlton said Wits did not exclude any students on financial grounds at the end of 94 but he added: "We are facing a difficult financial situation indefinitely."

Nehawu Wits chairman, Mr Dan Motaung and Sasco Wits chairman Mr Sibusiso Zulu:

Motaung said: "As far as Nehawu is concerned the fundamental problem at Wits today is the issue of transformation at Wits University. The Wits administration is largely white and not representative of broader society."

"Historically Wits was designed to cater for white students and now South Africa has changed. But the same people that ran Wits during the apartheid era are still here and find it difficult to give up the advantages they enjoyed."

Sasco chairman Zulu agreed: "The conflict is not about hostage-taking or littering on campus. It is a reflection of a far deeper problem — that the administration lacks legitimacy."

Motaung said the disputes at Wits have arisen in the context of an administration which is intransigent.

"They are only willing to address the symptoms and not the root of the problems."

Zulu said it is unacceptable that an administration which is party to the problems and has admitted mistakes still tries to resolve the conflict on its own terms.

"We are not trying to sweep our actions under the carpet but we want to be part of a fair process," he said, discussing disciplinary action. He said the administration's approach has been legalistic and inappropriate.

For the past fortnight Nehawu members have been holding a sleep-in on campus to draw attention to the plight of their dismissed members.

Zulu charged the Godsell committee did not address the proposal — supported by Sasco, Nehawu, the SRC, and Wits Black Staff Forum — that the dispute over reinstatement be referred to a technical committee of FFACT once it was established.

"Those students and workers are the victims of transformation," said Zulu. "We are talking about a white administration against black students."

He criticised council's decision not to release the committee's full report plus the annexures as an example of its lack of transparency.

Sasco and Nehawu were meeting with the Godsell committee late yesterday to discuss these concerns.

Zulu said Sasco and Nehawu supported a negotiated Code of Conduct for Wits. "The ground rules are that it would be binding on us. That might sound unpopular but it is necessary."

Zulu said the organisations are demanding full information on the financial capacity of Wits before they accept its responses to financially disadvantaged students.

He said Sasco was meeting the Minister of Education yesterday to discuss these issues.

Students Representative Council president, Mr Muzi Sikhakhane:

"The conflict did not arise in the last few years or months but is a symptom of a long struggle within the university. I think before Wits can find a lasting solution to the present crisis the workers and students need to be given amnesty and reinstated."

"We need a moratorium and provisional registration until FFACT is in place."

"The administration does not want to allow this as they will look weak in front of some of their constituents — those who believe that by having increasing numbers of black students Wits is lowering standards."

Sikhakhane said: "We are talking about a chance to start on a clean slate, not about condoning past actions. All parties must commit themselves to a new Code of Conduct in which they refrain from unacceptable forms of protest, but may engage in disciplined mass action."

The SRC president called on Nehawu and Sasco to reconsider their tactics, which he believed had not been adapted to the changed conditions in South Africa.

"They have a legitimate struggle and we support this. But we differ regarding tactics. They have made technical errors."

Sikhakhane said: "The SRC is not biased towards Sasco. Yes we are biased, but not to Sasco. We are biased in favour of transformation."

"The process has been delayed by internal problems in the student and labour movement and by the administration wanting to determine the pace and direction of change. The administration is not blameless."

He said the SRC is opposed to the exclusion of capable students on financial grounds.

"We are not saying education should be free but there should be the granting of loans. Students must be responsible about repaying loans and pay what they can afford, but they need assistance."

● **On Monday the view of the newly constituted Wits Black Staff Forum will be published in Sowetan.**



Wits University Vice-Chancellor ... Professor Bob Charlton.

Wits protesters ignore Carolus

STUDENTS AND WORKERS trashed the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday afternoon soon after being addressed by African National Congress deputy general-secretary Miss Cheryl Carolus.

Carolus told the students the ANC was "sick and tired" of the situation at Wits. "Every time the situation at the university becomes explosive, the ANC is called in."

She said the solution lay with the parties involved, and added that she saw the ANC's role at best as facilitator.

The South African Students' Congress and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union are demanding the reinstatement of 39 workers and nine students who were dismissed or expelled after two administration officials were taken hostage and the cafeteria was trashed last year.

Vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said earlier yesterday he could not agree to the reinstatement.

Carolus told students and workers

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■ TERTIARY CRISIS Continues

despite President's firm line:

Every time the situation at the university becomes explosive, the ANC is called in

the ANC was distressed the situation had been on-going for such a long time which in turn caused a hardening of attitudes towards transformation. Government and the ANC would not tolerate violence, destruction and violation of human rights.

Soon after Carolus's address, a breakaway group of workers and students overturned dustbins and switched on hosepipes on campus.

Meanwhile, Mpikeleni Duma re-

ports that the Free State Technikon in Bloemfontein was yesterday closed until next Wednesday after police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse fighting black and white students.

At least six students were reportedly injured.

The violence erupted after a white student, who allegedly tried to stab a black student, was handed to technikon authorities.

The incident comes a day prior to the sitting of the institution's disciplinary hearing in which 40 black students will face charges of misconduct.

Students at the University of the Western Cape yesterday called off their boycott of lectures after agreement was reached at a consultative forum meeting that the university would register 52 named students who did not meet the registration criteria. — Sapa

OVER 50 'ACADEMICALLY SOUND' STUDENTS CAN REGISTER

UWC agrees to re-admissions appeals for govt assistance

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THE CRISIS at UWC has been resolved with an agreement to re-admit some students, but the problems have begun to spread, reports **YVETTE VAN BREDA**.

The University of the Western Cape has capitulated on the issue of outstanding fees and allowed 52 "academically sound" students to register.

A joint statement by a consultative forum convened by the university executive said there had been an agreement that UWC would proceed with the registration of 52 named students.

The students could not be registered previously as they fell outside the terms of an agreement between students and the administration regarding financial assistance and student indebtedness.

The meeting also agreed with

the university executive's position that UWC could not register all students regardless of debt.

The forum recognised that student indebtedness in tertiary education was a national problem, and appealed to the Ministry of Education for assistance.

The forum also welcomed the SRC's agreement to call off its recent class boycott, which saw vandalism, intimidation and large-scale disruption.

Yesterday Professor Stanley Ridge, director of development and public affairs, stressed the university had "bent over backwards" to help academically sound stu-

dents and not send them away.

He denied that the university had yielded to the South African Students Congress' call for a blanket re-admission.

The SRC had presented the forum with a list of 55 students. Three re-admissions had been turned down, Prof Ridge said.

In a statement the SRC said yesterday the move signified a major victory in their struggle to defend the right to learn.

The statement said the university community had a duty to develop a clear policy on student financial aid.

● Meanwhile at the adjoining Peninsula Technikon, SRC president Mr Sipho Mbatha said the SRC had held a meeting with the acting vice-rector Mr Brian O'Connell, heads of various faculties, and all the chairpersons of faculty

councils over their fees issue.

The administration was earlier issued with an ultimatum to take off fee increases, already registered on student's accounts, by Monday.

Yesterday management agreed to consult with all its structures and report back to students at 11am on Monday.

Mass action

The SRC planned a mass meeting for 12 noon that day and depending on management's decision, will either negotiate or embark on mass action.

● The SA Democratic Teacher's Union resolved at a mass meeting yesterday to call for the removal of local Education Minister Mrs Martha Olckers, whom many blamed for "the present mess" in local education.



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Student Unrest Grows

CAMPUSES around the country have been affected by student unrest. Yesterday the Free State Technikon was closed with immediate effect for a week after clashes between black and white students. In the Western Cape students at the University of the Western Cape and Peninsula Technikon have been protesting against increased fees and the exclusion of students on financial grounds our **STAFF REPORTERS** and **SAPA** report.

STUDENT unrest erupted on campuses across the country yesterday — forcing the closure of the Free State Technikon after two students hurt in racial violence were hospitalised.

Major Piet de Necker said police had fired a stun-grenade and used dogs to disperse the two protesting groups, and seven students had been arrested.

Protests also took place at the Peninsula Technikon in Bellville, the University of the Witwatersrand, Vista University, Technikon Natal's Maritzburg campus and the University of Fort Hare.

The University of the Western Cape capitulated on the issue of outstanding fees in an attempt to stem the student protests that closed the campus on Wednesday.

The immediate closure of the Free State Technikon was announced by spokesman Mr Cas Vorster following days of racial conflict at the campus.

He said the campus would be closed for a week.

Major De Necker said several students had been hurt when stones were thrown in the crowd. Five cars had been damaged.

Racial tension has simmered at the technikon since October when black students complained that the SRC election was undemocratic, after a white majority won.

The black students have also launched demonstrations to force the administration to "democratise" the institution.

On the Wits campus students and workers trashed the campus soon after being addressed by African National Congress deputy secretary-general Ms Cheryl Carolus.

The students had been expecting a decision from a meeting between Ms Carolus, former ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu and Prof Charlton.

Ms Carolus said students' behaviour undermined an attempt to resolve what all parties agreed was an unacceptable situation at the university. The ANC also reiterated its

stand against lawless elements detracting from students' real grievances.

Late last night Ms Carolus said it was only a minority of students that had been involved in "destructive behaviour".

The South African Students' Congress and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union are demanding the reinstatement of 39 employees and nine students dismissed or expelled after two administrators were taken hostage and the cafeteria was wrecked last year.

At the Peninsula Technikon the SRC met the administration concerning fees issues.

Following on a mass meeting attended by about 2 000 students yesterday, the Pen-tech students issued their administration with an ultimatum to take off fee increases, already registered on student's running accounts, by Monday.

On the Vista campus in Port Elizabeth, Education Minister Prof Sibusiso Bengu was given an ultimatum by students who demanded he reply to their demands by Monday. They want the minister to influence

the university council to co-operate with the National Transformation Forum or disband, the election of a democratically-elected council and for Vista Sebokeng official Dr S Kekana to be re-instated.

In Durban, hundreds of students from Technikon Natal's Maritzburg campus staged a demonstration outside the main campus, demanding a reduction in fees, disbandment of the governing council and complained of poor residential facilities.

The University of Fort Hare in Ciskei was reportedly calm yesterday, although boycotting students had not returned to classes.

Last night the Freedom Front warned that parents were losing patience with the authorities. There was a danger that these parents could take the law into their hands. "The time for talking and kid-gloved negotiations with irresponsible challengers of authorities is over," a spokesman said.

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Black students angry over 'ultra-rightist tendencies'

High noon at Vaal Technikon

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A SHOWDOWN is looming between Vaal Triangle Technikon management and black students following a dispute over the way the institution should be transformed.

The technikon's embittered broad transformation forum (BTF) — comprising campus structures of the PAC-aligned Pan Africanist Students' Organisation, the ANC-aligned South African Students' Congress, the AZAPO-aligned Azanian Students' Congress and the non-aligned Students for Human Rights — have all accused campus management of intransigence in dealing with the issue of transformation.

Resignation

The alliance was given full support by students during a campus mass meeting on Thursday. The forum is demanding the dissolution of the existing techni-

MANAGEMENT is intransigent, says students' forum, which demands dissolution of the council, writes TEFO MOTHIBELL.

kon council.

The council, it claims, is made up of people with "ultra-rightist tendencies" and can't be charged with the responsibility of "genuinely transforming the institution".

The forum also rejected a council decision that four people be nominated to serve on the council following the recent resignation of five members.

In a memorandum to Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu, the BTF demanded the establishment of a transitional technikon council which would include four nominees from each student po-

litical organisation, after the dissolution of the incumbent council.

The technikon's media liaison officer, Marieta Herselman, confirmed that the BTF had appealed to the Education Ministry for intervention.

However, she said: "The BTF and other participants in the process wished to nominate their own four people to the council and not leave that prerogative to the minister as the new Technikon Act provides."

This was denied by the forum. Vaal Education Transformation Forum chairman Aubrey Mokadi told WeekendStar his organisation would not be submitting nominations for the four vacant posts.

"We have written to the minister, informing him there is no way we would be participating in the process until the question of illegitimacy of the present council is resolved, and we recom-

mend its disbandment as a prerequisite for our involvement."

In the memorandum, the BTF called for the immediate resignation of the institution's rector, Pieter du Plessis, whom they accused of racism.

The students are also demanding that the technikon's language policy be changed to conform to student population figures.

Clashes

They alleged Afrikaans had been given an elevated status for the benefit of white students, who constituted 49% of the student body, at the expense of the black students who made up the remainder.

Studies at Vaal Technikon have been disrupted by racial clashes, which led to its temporary closure in the middle of the last academic year "to defuse deepening tensions" and avert damage to property.

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'Wits chaos ahead'

THE Democratic Party has warned that the situation at the University of the Witwatersrand, where militant students are rebelling over staff dismissals, was heading for chaos. "Wits University, one of South Africa's national assets, is heading towards chaos as a result of disruptive activities of a tiny minority of students and workers," said DP leader in the Gauteng legislature Peter Leon. — Sapa.

Wits vandals face charges

WEEKENDSTAR REPORTERS
and SAPA

THE University of the Witwatersrand's administration will prosecute those responsible for the trashing of the campus on Thursday, vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said yesterday.

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Charlton said those involved were mainly students and workers dismissed or expelled after last year's hostage-taking and vandalism incidents.

Carolus, who met South African Students' Congress and National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union representatives yesterday, condemned the

trashing of Wits.

Speaking after the meeting at ANC headquarters in Johannesburg, Carolus said those responsible were a small minority intent on sabotaging the transformation process at the university.

The Wits students' representative council yesterday added its voice to condemnation of Thursday's mayhem.

Minister of Education Sibusiso Bengu met student and worker representatives

See Page 3

and Charlton yesterday afternoon in an attempt to resolve the situation at Wits. He, however, declined to comment.

Meanwhile, our Cape Town correspondent reports universities in South Africa are bracing themselves for a flood of demands for free education following the University of the Western Cape's ca-

pitulation to student demands this week.

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◆ Anger over trashing

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This week Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale urged South Africans to abandon the "mahala" mentality.

UWC rule sets fees precedent

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DAVID BREIER

Weekend Argus Political Staff

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This package includes a loan of R6 500, parental contributions ranging from nothing to R4 000 depending on parental income and a bursary of between R8 500 and R9 000. Students who benefit must take part-time jobs at the university or off-campus to pay a shortfall of R4 500.

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"If universities such as UWC cannot use academic excellence or ability as a criterion for admitting students, they might as well close down or call them something else, maybe even community centres.

"But, community centres are

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not places which produce engineers, lawyers or other competent graduates."

Mr Leon said Mr Mandela's call for universities to clamp down on criminal behaviour by students was being "undermined at every turn".

Mr Leon was himself a victim of campus violence last year when he was run out of UWC during the election campaign.

Mr Leon said universities were, by definition, elitist institutions and centres of excellence.

Mr Leon said the government already subsidised university students to the tune of 60 percent of costs, and the state was simply not in a position to carry students throughout their school careers, and through university as well.

A national loan and bursary scheme was due to be established next year, but UWC's SRC, fresh from its triumph over the university authorities, demanded it be established this year.

But UCT spokeswoman Helen Zille was adamant the university would not compromise on academic standards.

"We don't readmit people on the basis of poor academic performance, because an academic place at UCT is a very scarce resource," she said.

But, while UWC caved in on admitting students in debt, it still is resisting demands for readmission of students who have failed their exams.

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Whites 'blocking change at Vista' (54)

TEFO MOTHIBELI

AT THE heart of this week's violent eruptions at Vista University campuses and at its headquarters in Pretoria lies a steadfast resistance to change by white members of the institution, according to suspended Sebokeng campus students' representative council deputy president Moeketsi Motsiri (20).

Motsiri, his colleagues in the SRC Moruti Setonka and Rhoo Sefatsa, and Vista rector Dr NS Kekana were suspended by the university management last week for allegedly "embezzling university funds, and misconduct".

Motsiri denied the charges and said the university's administration had used the allegations to cover up the real issue, which was resistance to change.

"We did nothing wrong. The management took us to court and we won the case. The problem is that the people in the top echelon of this university fear change because they know they would not survive the axe because of their questionable conduct."

Motsiri claimed Kekana was fired mainly because he was "a champion of transformation".

A well-placed university source said: "Dr Kekana had started on a pro-

gramme of ensuring that Vista moved away from its verkramppte-controlled image.

"He had already begun employing black people in positions of power and giving others deserved promotions."

The source said it was believed Kekana and the Vista National Transformation Forum and its substructures at all campuses were seen by the university council as their "enemy", and the funding of the transformation process was frozen.

'Struggle not derailed'

A third-year BA student, who did not wish to be named, said: "The management of Vista is unbelievably intransigent and unco-operative."

Meanwhile, Motsiri believes the struggle for change at Vista will not be derailed by things like "barbaric acts of the policemen in Pretoria on Monday during which our comrades . . . had dogs set on them, were baton-charged and shot at."

At least 19 students were arrested for trespassing and one was charged with indecent conduct.

■ Motsiri, Kekana and Sefatsa were acquitted of charges of embezzlement by a Vaal magistrate earlier this year.

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Shocked Wits aims to thrash the campus

trashers

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Professor Charlton said those involved were largely students and

workers dismissed or expelled following last year's hostage-taking and vandalism.

Miss Carolus, who yesterday met South African Student Congress and National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union representatives, condemned the vandalism.

Speaking after the meeting at ANC headquarters here, she said those responsible were a small minority intent on sabotaging the transformation process at the university.

She said academic institutions had difficulty mobilising financial re-

sources and destruction of property was "taking money away from needy and deserving students".

She stressed, however, that the administration, workers and students all shared responsibility for the crisis.

"There are elements within the administration resisting the legitimate aims of students and workers," she said.

There was a need for a new code of conduct. The ANC could not impose a solution from the outside, but as an organisation representing a large por-

tion of the population, it had a responsibility to lead people through transformation.

"We hope to step out as soon as possible," she said.

The Wits student representative council yesterday added its voice: "We do not, and will never support action which leads to the destruction of our university and the harming of its members," the SRC said.

It reiterated its call for a moratorium on all suspensions, but said those responsible for Thursday's vandalism should be severely disciplined.

It supported the establishment of a code of conduct, but this would have to apply to the administration in addition to students and workers.

Minister of Education Professor Sibusiso Bengu met student and worker representatives and Professor Charlton yesterday in an attempt to resolve the situation at Wits.

Professor Bengu, however, declined to comment.

Sasco and Nehawu have also declined to comment on Thursday's incident. — Sapa

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Racial divide⁽⁵⁴⁾ after UWC^{ST(CM) 19/3/95} clash

By **AYESHA ISMAIL** and **WILLIAM-MERVIN GUMEDE**

THE showdown between the University of the Western Cape's Student Representative Council and the administration, which resulted in the disruption of lectures and university officials being taken hostage, has seriously damaged race relations between black and coloured students.

The university was brought to a standstill earlier this week following an SRC demand to allow students, regardless of their debts, to register for 1995.

The university has backed down on its insistence not to re-register the students, some of whom owe more than R7 000 in fees, and agreed to register 52 students. Seven others were refused readmission on the basis of their poor academic records.

Coloured students complain they were intimidated by black students who "called us traitors and sell-outs".

Many coloured students said it was "unfair" of the university to allow students to re-register if they already owed the university so much money. They would now boycott the payment of fees "as we also come from disadvantaged backgrounds".

"This university is only willing to listen to the demands of blacks. They bend over backwards to help blacks, but when it comes to coloureds and Indians, they are not prepared to listen," an honours student said.

Coloured students also believe they are being disadvantaged by the affirmative action policy.

UWC, which began as a coloureds-only university, now has more black than coloured students.

Coloured students say this is not representative of the population in the Western Cape.

Statistics show that in 1980 3 920 students were coloured and 53 black. But the number of black students increased gradually; in 1993 there were 6 751 coloured and 4 981 black students. Last year there was a drop in coloured student registration, with blacks totalling 6 617 and coloureds 6 596.



For some, it's a closed book

STUDENT INTIMIDATION

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Sunday Times Reporters

WITS UNIVERSITY on Friday turned down an offer by Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu to mediate in the long-running dispute between the administration and students and workers.

The South African Students' Congress (Sasco) and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) are demanding reinstatement of 39 workers and nine students who were suspended for taking hostage two administration officials and trashing a cafeteria last year.

Dr Bengu made his offer after nothing came of an ANC attempt to resolve the dispute. Vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said his arbitration could be seen as government intervention.

Professor Charlton said no students or workers would be reinstated unconditionally, but his offer to refer grievances to a review board still stood.

He also said the university would lay criminal charges against students and workers who trashed the campus on Thursday.

A group of students overturned dustbins and sprayed water in the corridors when they heard that no progress had been made at a meeting between Professor Charlton, ANC deputy secretary general Cheryl Carolus and ANC member Walter Sisulu.

VISTA CAMPUSES

STUDENTS at all seven Vista campuses continued to boycott classes this week in protest against the suspension of Sebokeng campus director Dr Simon Kekana.

On Wednesday more than 4 000 students, workers and lecturers from all over the country marched to Vista head office in Pretoria to demand the immediate resignation of the council.

The students also marched to the Union Buildings where they handed a memorandum to Professor Bengu asking him to intervene.

The university council suspended Dr Kekana after three members of the students' representative council removed more than R150 000 from the cashier's office during registration in February and deposited it in a bank.

The council accused Dr Kekana of involvement in the affair and obtained a court interdict preventing him and the three students from interfering in regis-

physically prevent another student from attending lectures (above) at the University of the Western Cape this week following racial tension between black and coloured students while (right) the distraught woman student is helped by a campus security guard after being rescued



A member of Vista's university council, Dr Alan Tonkin, said the students removed the money after the council refused to bow to student demands to appoint Dr Kekana as rector, after Professor Schalk Engelbrecht, his deputy and two registrars, resigned in September.

Dr Kekana said he tried to prevent the students from taking the money. To avoid a confrontation, he had suggested that they deposit it in a bank.

All the money has since been returned.

Dr Kekana said he planned to challenge his suspension in the Supreme Court.

Students at the Port Elizabeth campus, in a spirit of compromise, have offered to suspend protests when Queen Elizabeth II attends a lunch on campus on Wednesday.

Students' representative council president Lungile Dick said: "We have decided to honour the day. I will attend the lunch because I have been invited."

The lunch appeared in jeopardy when about 200 students displayed placards hostile to the royal visit during a peaceful march on Thursday.

The students also staged a brief sit-in at the administration offices.

CAPE TOWN

STUDENTS took several university officials hostage at the University of the Western Cape last week after racial tensions flared between black and coloured students.

Earlier, protests paralysed the university following a demand by the SRC to allow students who had not paid their fees to register for 1995.

The university began as a coloureds-only university. It now has more black than coloured students. This, say black students, is representative of the composition of the South African population.

However, coloured students, who refused to join the protests, say that while this might be the case on a

President Nelson Mandela has called for students to act with discipline. But a wave of protest, some of it violent, continued to spread at university and technikon campuses across the country this week. Cape Town University students took lecturers hostage. Pretoria Vista students marched on the university's head office and the Union Buildings. Wits students flooded lecture halls and vanda-

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lised premises. Black and white Free State Technikon students attacked each other. Fort Hare students took management staff hostage. Disruptions forced Cato Manor Technical College to close. Technikon Natal students hosed down others attending classes. But the University of Zululand returned to classes and Port Elizabeth Vista students agreed to suspend protests during the royal tour of the city.

turned to class on Friday's after negotiations with authorities and a promise that first-year registration fees would be reduced. In the middle of the week, protesting students held some management staff hostage for several hours.

Week of turmoil in tertiary education

BLOEMFONTEIN

THE Free State Technikon closed its doors on Thursday after months of racial tension erupted into a bloody free-for-all.

Six black students — one with a broken leg — were taken to the Universitas Hospital for treatment. A white student sustained injuries after being hit over the head with a spade.

Members of the Internal Stability Unit used a shock grenade and dogs as hundreds of students — split into clear "white" and "black" groups — attacked each other with stones.

Two white students and five black students were arrested on public violence charges, and damage was caused to three police and two private vehicles, said police spokesman Major Piet de Necker.

Six charges of assault, 13 of malicious damage to property, one of public violence, one of crimen injuria and one of intimidation were laid by white students.

"This is not just a Free State Technikon thing — it's part of a tendency to revolutionise tertiary education," said technikon liaison officer Cas Vorster, who says he climbed on to the roof of the main building and watched as students attacked each other.

Those who refused to join the demonstration were hosed with water while attending class.

On Thursday, hundreds of protesters staged a peaceful demonstration outside the technikon's main campus in Durban and presented a memorandum to rector Professor Andre du Preez. He will respond to students' demands at a meeting tomorrow.

Students are also demanding bursaries and loans, and want the technikon to provide security guards at hostels.

ULUNDI

The University of Zululand re-opened last week after closing for a week following lecture boycotts.

Among the students' demands is the scrapping of R20-million in outstanding fees and the disbandment of the "illegitimate" university council.

In an open letter to staff and students this week, rector Professor Charles Dlamini warned that "lawlessness, vandalism and ungovernability" would not be tolerated.

DURBAN

CATO Manor Technical College was forced to close this week after demonstrating students occupied the campus.

Police were called in on Friday to remove about 20 students who occupied the administration offices and damaged property.

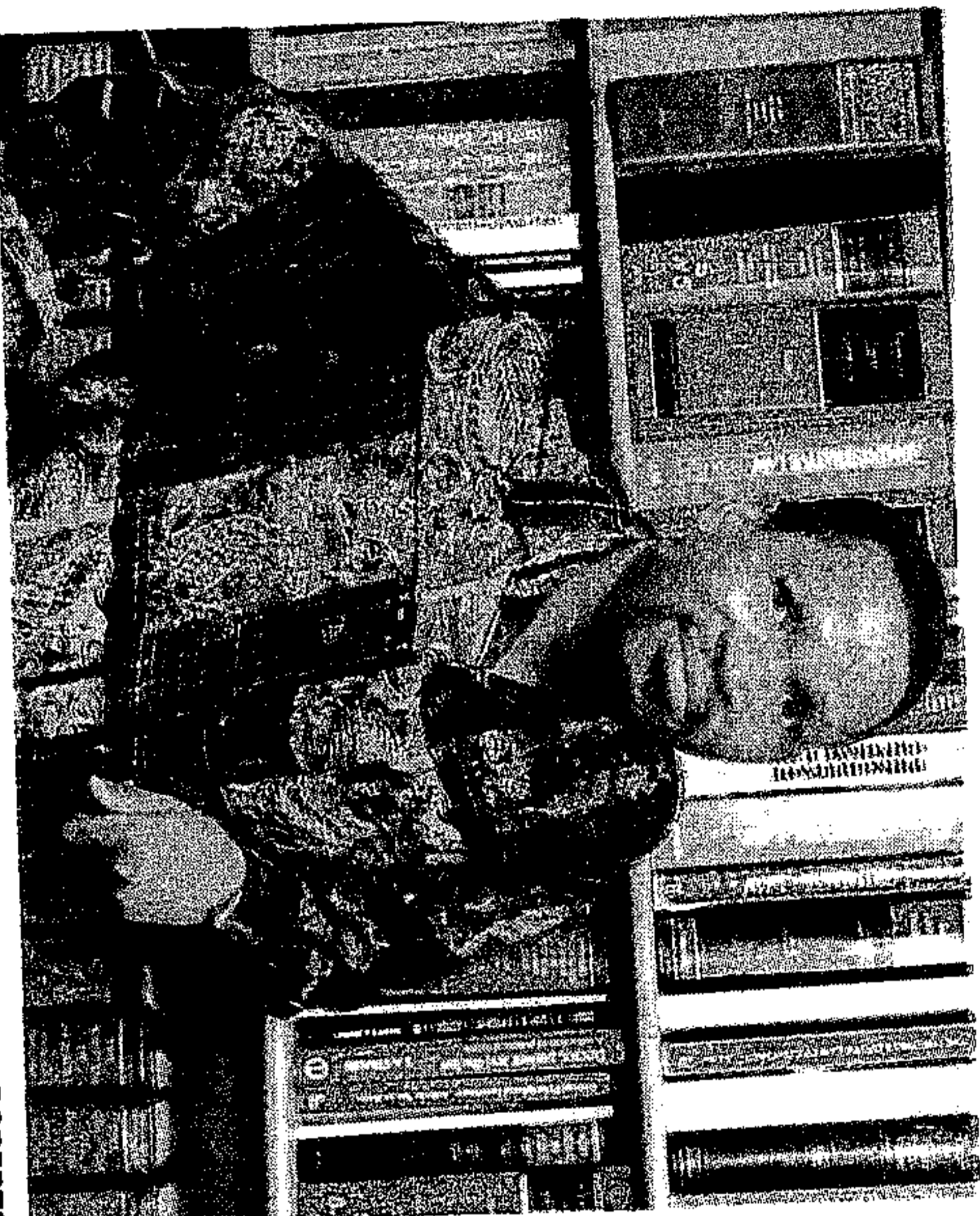
The students were demanding to see the college's financial records and details about its government subsidy.

A number of cases of intimidation and clashes between protesting and non-protesting students were also reported.

Principal Richard de Stadler said that he planned to re-open the college tomorrow.

FORT HARE

BOYCOTTING students on the university campus re-



SUSPENDED ... Dr Simon Kekana

Picture: RUSSELL ROBERTS

national level, it is not representative of the population in the Western Cape.

This week the coloured students said they were intimidated by black students who "called us traitors and sell-outs because

we did not want to join them in their boycott".

Lectures resumed later this week after the university agreed to register academically qualified students able to raise loans to pay their fees.

MARITZBURG

STUDENTS on the Technikon Natal campus embarked on a class boycott, demanding a reduction in fees.

BLOOD TOWNS IN CAMPUS WARS

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By CITY PRESS REPORTERS and Sapa

A WEEK after President Nelson Mandela's call for strong action against vandalism and hostage-taking by protesting students, the turmoil in higher education has worsened — with chaos erupting at universities and technikons countrywide.

Several top institutions resembled battlegrounds this week as protesting students clashed not only with the authorities but also fellow students — pointing to deep political and racial rifts.

As the crisis deepened, Education Minister Sibusiso Bhengu expressed his grave concern and said he would meet the leadership of the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) to discuss the matter.

"The acts of violence, intimidation, damage to property and taking of hostages have the potential of plunging the higher education system into a crisis that the country can ill afford at this critical time of rebuilding and reconstruction," Bhengu said.

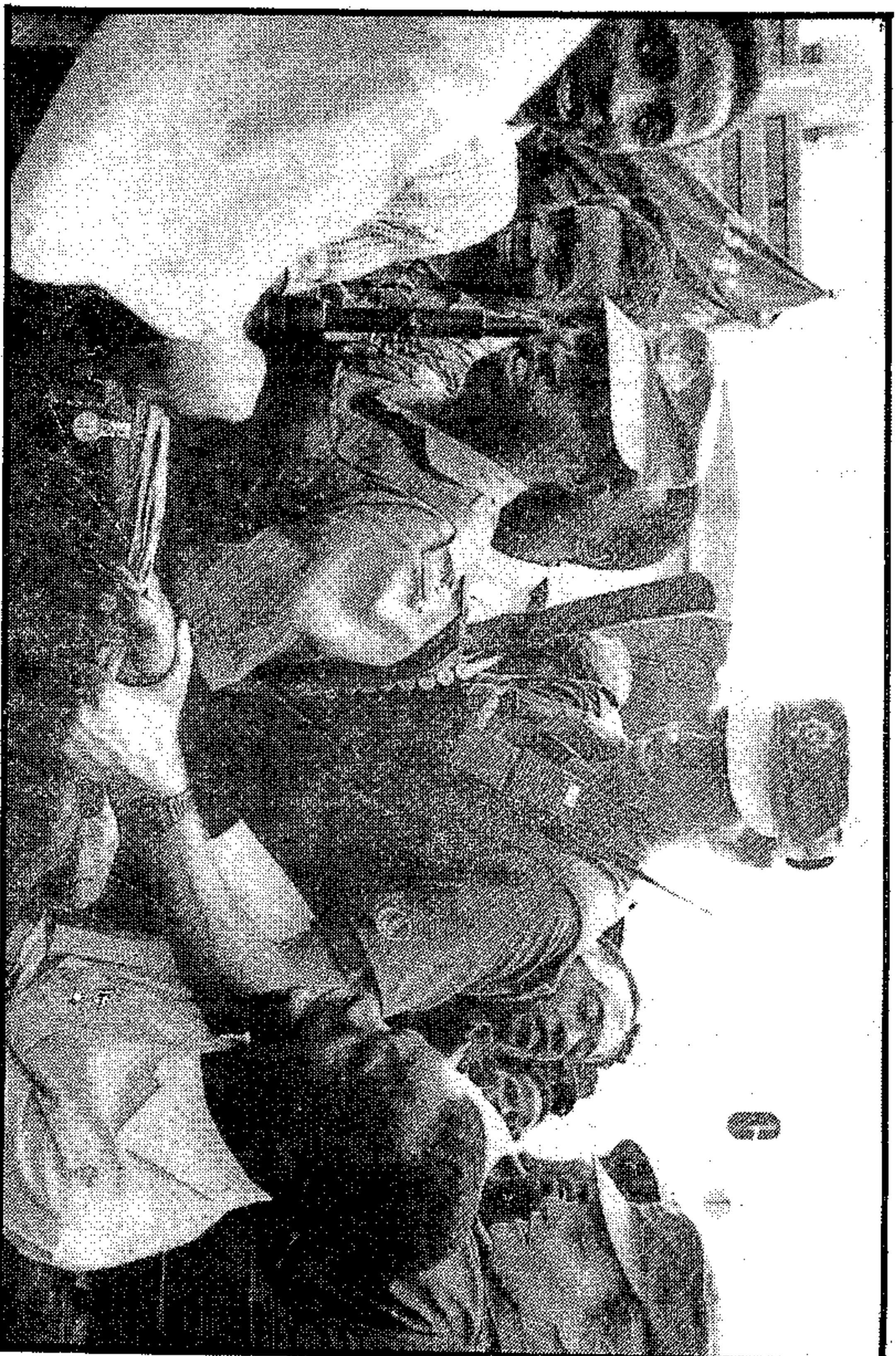
The Wits University campus was trashed on Thursday by a break-away group of dismissed workers and students demanding reinstatement. They overturned bins and opened taps shortly after ANC deputy secretary general Cheryl Carolus had addressed about 150 students and workers following her earlier meeting with university administration officials.

Condemning the incident, Carolus said acts of vandalism by criminal elements detracted from

transformation process. Carolus said the university administration was not blameless as elements within it were resisting the legitimate aims of students.

The Technikon OFS was closed until March apart. A shock grenade was used to disperse stone-throwing students. Seven students appeared in court on charges of public violence on Thursday.

On Friday Free State ANC deputy chairman normality, he said. At the University of the Western Cape anger over the exclusion of certain students for outstanding fees this week set ANC supporting students against each other. The student body



EDUCATION STORM... Vista University staff and students face police during their march to Pretoria.

Picture: TLADI KHUELE

students' real grievances and the destruction of property "took money away from needy and deserving students".

She said all parties at Wits had agreed on the need for transformation. The vandalism was carried out by people who wished to disrupt the

22 after violence erupted between black and white students on Thursday. Seven students were treated in hospital for injuries.

Police, armed with shotguns and batons, used razor wire and dogs to keep the stone-throwing and armed students

Ace Magashule called the situation "totally unacceptable", saying the ANC would not tolerate racism and anarchy.

The ANC would meet with leaders of both the black and white students, the technikon administration, and the police tomorrow to restore

was split, partly along racial lines, as many students tried to continue lectures while classes were forcibly disrupted by a group of about 100 toyi-toying students led by activists of the ANC-aligned Sasco.

The university executive called in the police

to enforce a court interdict prohibiting intimidation of students and disruption of classes. On Thursday the SRC called off the boycott after the administration backed down and agreed to register 52 students who did not meet the registration criteria.

The Vista head office in Pretoria was closed until further notice this week after more than 2 000 staff members and students from seven campuses countrywide stopped Pretoria traffic when they marched to hand over a grievance list, first to the Vista head offices and then to Education Minister Sibusiso Bhengu at the Union Buildings.

Meanwhile, all black school students in the Western Cape are to march to Parliament tomorrow, Cosas spokesman in Cape Town Ndoda Ngenmtu said.

The march follows President Nelson Mandela's visit to black schools in the Western Cape this week, which Cosas says failed to address their demands for more teachers, alleviation of overcrowding, provision of desks and books and the resignation of Western Cape MEC for Education Martha Olicker.

A four-day campaign dubbed "Vutha" is planned in which students have vowed to destroy and burn all government properties.

President lacks statesmanship - Azasco

JOHANNESBURG. — The Azanian Student Convention (Azasco) has called for a commission of inquiry to probe the crisis at tertiary institutions.

It also called for the formation of a consultative conference on education and warned protest action by students would continue until transformation had been achieved.

Azasco said the trashing of the Witwatersrand University campus by students last week was "moderate" protest action and serious protest action could follow if problems were not addressed soon. (54)

Azasco also called for the immediate reinstatement of expelled students and fired workers at Wits University.

Addressing a press conference, Azasco publicity secretary Moemedi Kepadisa slammed President Nelson Mandela and Education Minister Sibusiso Bhengu for their "lack of statesmanship" regarding student protest action.

He said they had given "unjustified" instructions to "white racist and conservative management to discipline black students while we are fighting a morally justifiable cause".

"Azasco views this as an attempt by Mr Mandela to preserve an insipid government whose wheels are starting to come off. ARU 20/3/95

"This fact is borne out by the government's willingness to haul fighters like comrades 'Skaap' Motsau of Azapo and Azanla cadre before the courts for crimes they committed against apartheid.

"Meanwhile, the real culprits and perpetrators of violence like (Deputy President) F W de Klerk and Gatsha (Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu)

Buthelezi sit comfortably insulated within the ranks of government," Mr Kepadisa said.

He said crime against apartheid was not a crime and Azasco would resist any attempt by the government to turn heroes into villains.

Mr Kepadisa said in an endeavour to stop the escalating crisis, Azasco was proposing the establishment of a tertiary education consultative forum.

He said all interested parties would use the forum to resolve their differences and problems. — Sapa.

Gift of a royal scholarship

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A SCHOLARSHIP scheme for South African graduate students was one of three gifts given by Queen Elizabeth II to President Mandela today.

The scheme, the "Queen's Scholarship for South Africa", will provide an annual one-year scholarship at the London School of Economics for a South African graduate to study towards a masters degree.

The first scholarship will be for the 1996/97 academic year.

The Queen also gave Mr Mandela a leather-covered desk set

and silver-framed photographs of herself and the Duke.

● President Mandela is to lend his name to scholarships for South Africans to attend Magdalene College at Cambridge University, reports Sapa.

The "Mandela Magdalene College Scholarships" will be awarded to outstanding students with leadership potential for post-graduate study in fields relevant to South Africa's needs.

The founding benefactor is Mr Chris von Christierson, a South African businessman resident in Britain.

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Mandela warns students to halt vandalism

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POLITICAL STAFF

THE ANC supports the transformation of universities and technikons controlled by a mere 14% of the population, but would not tolerate the vandalising of property and the disturbance of learning students, President Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Speaking at a rally in Khayelitsha to encourage residents to register for the

local government elections, he warned that no one should undermine his efforts to crush criminal activities.

"The government wants to avoid resorting to the use of force in solving problems, but where it is convinced there is no other way, it will come down heavily on those dragging the country into chaos and anarchy."

His warning comes after a week of growing protest by students and vio-

lence at mainly white-controlled tertiary institutions around the country.

Mr Mandela, who publicly registered for the local elections, so making himself a voter in the Cape Town metropolitan district, also said democratisation and its fruits would remain a "hollow shell" unless people voted at grassroots level because local government was the instrument for delivering homes, water and electricity.

Tech crisis team set up

(54) *Lowetian*
20/3/95
THE Free State Technikon in Bloemfontein has appointed three groups to recommend ways to tackle problems on the campus, SABC radio news reported at the weekend.

The institution was last week closed until this Wednesday following clashes between black and white students.

The groups are to meet for their first round of talks this morning and report back later in the day. — *Sapa*.

UWC student deal 'was a compromise'

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AN APPARENT about-face by the University of the Western Cape was really a two-way compromise, reports **PETER DENNEHY**.

THE University of the Western Cape administration has not capitulated to student pressure, as many people seem to think, says its development and public affairs director Professor Stanley Ridge.

His denial follows an apparent about-face by the university that enabled 52 students to register, even although they were not covered by the then existing agreement between the administration and SRC on who qualified for aid.

Before the about-face some 100 students at one stage held the entire executive of the university hostage.

Prof Ridge said some student groupings were claiming victory, but "we don't want to get down to that level".

Prof Ridge said 40 of the 52 students had received offers of aid from the university before the class boycott. All 52 were academically acceptable.

The original agreement with the SRC had been that the university would help

those who owed it less than R7 000 and could raise 30% of this themselves.

There had been 55 students demanding re-admission who could not meet this requirement. Three had been academically unacceptable.

The university had used its own resources for the last 10 of the students "on the understanding we will get the money back reasonably quickly from the state".

Prof Ridge said the university had insisted that debts be paid. It had assisted debtors to obtain loans which must be repaid in full after graduation. Many of these loans were from commercial banks, or from the Ministry of Education.

UWC academic Professor Willem Landman commented yesterday that there seemed to have been compromise on both sides. If the university administration had accepted a shift of the goalposts, that amounted to a compromise.

The students had also compromised by putting forward a list of specific names, after they had earlier held a "re-admit all" position.

He felt the committee of university principals should discuss the exclusion crisis with the government, because it was a nationwide problem.

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Mandela warns campus thugs

Cape Town — The ANC supports the transformation of universities and technikons controlled by a mere 14% of the population, but would not tolerate the vandalising of property and the disturbance of learning students, President Mandela said yesterday.

"The Government wants to avoid force, but where it is convinced that there is no other way, it will come down on those dragging the country into chaos and anarchy." — Sapa, he said.

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NEWS FEATURE *WBSF argues that tertiary education strife mirrors that in general society*



Nazim Randera, Nomsa Ncqalay, Yvonne Phalane, Banzi Lisa, Tsepo Lekgele, Mandla Mavimbela and Nezi Sathekge.

Wits' silent majority speaks

By Ruth Bhengu

■ BRUISING BATTLE *Black staff*

decide to get off the sidelines:

ON THE SURFACE the conflict at the University of the Witwatersrand, which has been dragging on for two years, has battered only the black students, workers and management.

But on closer inspection all the stakeholders, including academics, have been bruised in the battle for the democratisation of this institution that some describe as a "preserve of the elite".

It is the realisation that no one connected with the university can afford to be aloof which led to the formation of the Wits Black Staff Forum.

Increasing apprehension

The independent pressure group, which perceived itself as "the silent minority" for years, has realised that standing on the sidelines and watching with increasing apprehension the unfolding events would neither resolve the conflict nor absolve it from responsibility to bring rationality to the institution.

"We thought it was a shame that an institution like Wits was unable to resolve the conflict," said executive member Mr Mandla Mavimbela.

"Instead of resolving the conflict, management was resisting and delaying until it had virtually painted itself into a corner."

The current skirmishes between the university administration and the South African Students Congress and Nehawu were sparked off by the university's insistence on proceeding with discipli-

nary action against students who took officials "hostage" last October.

Students and workers have vented their anger and frustration in ways that have evoked bewilderment and even revulsion from the general public.

They have smashed windows and doors, wrecked equipment, set off fire extinguishers in lecture halls, emptied garbage cans in offices, held some university administrators hostage and barricaded roads.

The management's strong-arm tactics of calling in the police, suspending workers and obtaining court interdicts has not earned it any friends either.

Last week President Nelson Mandela rebuked university and technikon principals who allowed black students to create chaos and earned himself the ire of students.

The latest protest action of the workers and students has been to stage sit-ins at the university.

The university is sticking to its disciplinary action where nine employees involved in the incident were summarily dismissed and 30 others received sentences of dismissals, coupled with suspension without pay for varying periods.

The most pressing issues for the WBSF is to accelerate the resolution of the conflict so that normal activities can resume.

It is also to gain recognition for the forum and to have it represented on the

“The tendency has been to respond to challenges of transformation by looking at symptoms rather than addressing the actual cause that give rise to conflict”

recently established Forum For Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation.

"We are the only body with enough common sense to consult all the parties who are in conflict so that we can have a whole picture of the situation" said Mr Tsepo Lekgele.

"We also see ourselves as pro-active because we do not see our role as putting out fires," said Mr Thembi Nkacha.

"We intend to deal with issues before they become problematic and reach crisis proportions," he said.

In a culture of conformity where academics have always refrained from confronting university authority, the WBSF

sees breaking that pattern as a major step in transforming tertiary institutions.

"One of the reasons we decided to stand up and voice our opinion was that our silence was misconstrued as a sign of contentment," said Yvonne Phalane.

"But that is not true because we also have our grievances."

The WBSF covers a wide sector of the black staff, including senior administrators, academics and support services staff.

Its objectives are:

- To unite the interests of all black staff including academics, administrators and support staff; and

- To ensure that black staff play a visible and effective role as major stakeholders in the transformation process.

Transformation process

"The whole transformation process is about us as the historically marginalised majority but who remain an insignificant minority at Wits," said chairman of the WBSF Mr Canzi Lisa.

Lisa maintains the university should reflect the society it serves.

"We believe that Wits is a national asset and belongs to all the people. It should serve community needs.

"There are many people who are seeking education in this region. The university should not serve only the elite who want degrees and diplomas."

The pressure group also believes that the university is comprised of a divided community reflecting the reality of the past which the transformation process must address.

The current crisis, it maintains, is typical of the broader society which is in

transition and should be handled in a way that reflects a new system of government and democratic values.

"But the administration of Wits is recalcitrant and stubborn," says coordinator Mr Nazeem Randera.

"The tendency has been to respond to challenges of transformation by looking at symptoms rather than addressing the actual causes that give rise to conflict."

Part of the letter sent by the forum to the university's *ad hoc* council states that:

- The university leadership has failed in providing creative mechanisms and change management strategies to the specific and wider problems on campus.

- Has resorted to condemnations and adopted rigid legalistic approaches instead of recognising the human resources capacities within the institution; and

- Has not assisted in resolving the conflict but instead has created a culture of reacting to crises.

Although the WBSF does not support some of the tactics of the students and workers, it believes that management has frustrated the students and workers by resorting to the law.

"The conflict is about power relations," said Randera. "The imbalances have to be redressed and a democratic process should come into place."

The WBSF has had a meeting with the vice-chancellor of Wits. It has also urged the authorities to halt disciplinary action against students and workers.

The university has not budged. Meanwhile, the crisis at tertiary institutions is engulfing the entire country and the general public is watching in bewilderment.

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Fund to aid 40 000 students

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MORE than 40 000 needy students disadvantaged by apartheid will be in a position to enter university through the Tertiary Education Fund of SA (Tefsa) this year, fund executive director Roy Jackson says.

Tefsa has allocated R133,5m to help black students make it into university. The aim is to increase the number of black graduates to play a role in SA's development.

The organisation was the brainchild of the Independent Development Trust (IDT) and has grown since its inception in 1991, when it catered for 7 240 students.

The Tefsa board has representatives from student movements, labour organisations, the private sector, universities, technikons, the Education Ministry, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, academic staffers, the Kagiso Trust and the Bursary Council of SA.

In 1992 Tefsa helped 14 133 students. The IDT and European Union contributed R25m and R14m respec-

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tively. In 1993, 18 430 students were helped.

Tefsa executive director Roy Jackson said the money was contributed to universities which implemented affirmative action policies and practices in their admission of students, academic development programmes and environmental support.

He said funds would be administered by financial aid bureaux on the campuses.

To qualify, students had to prove that they were financially disadvantaged. They also had to display the academic potential to succeed.

Out of 37 tertiary institutions in SA, only 27 qualified for aid, Jackson said. The rest had been excluded because they had not made an effort to change.

"They want our funds, but they cannot get them until they ... implement transformation and affirmative action," he said.

Mandela ready to crush student violence

CAPE TOWN — President Nelson Mandela warned yesterday that nobody should undermine his determination to crush criminal activities resulting from protests at tertiary institutions.

Sapa reports that Mandela, at a Khayelitsha voter registration rally, said the ANC supported the transformation of tertiary institutions, but would not tolerate the vandalism and disturbance of studies.

"The government wants to avoid resorting to the use of force in solving problems but where it is convinced that there is no other way it will come down heavily on

those dragging the country into chaos and anarchy," he said.

Mandela's warning came after a week of protests and violence at universities and technikons.

At Wits University, where the SA Students' Congress (Sasco) was demanding the reinstatement of dismissed workers and withdrawal of disciplinary action against workers and students who took staff members hostage last year, the university council committee on Friday proposed an independent review panel to consider grievances (54) BD 20/3/95

The same panel could consider complaints against the university's administration, vice-chancellor Robert Charlton said. He said representatives of Sasco and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union had failed to attend a meeting with the committee.

Charlton rejected an offer from Education Minister Prof Sibusiso Bengu to mediate in the dispute. "The university believes a mutually acceptable independent arbitrator would be preferable to a ministerial nominee since the latter could be per-

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Student violence

ceived as government intervention."

The university was ransacked by students on Thursday.

Meanwhile, SUSAN RUSSELL reports that Azanian Students' Convention (Azasco) spokesman Moemedi Kepadisa described the "trashing" as peaceful protest, saying "more serious protest actions" had been carried out in the past.

At a news conference on campus, Kepadisa warned that the failure of campus authorities to address student demands for financial assistance and democratic governing structures would compel students to use more "stringent" means of protest.

Protests would continue on campuses countrywide this week, he said.

At the Free State Technikon in Bloem-

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fontein, three groups have been appointed to make recommendations on ways to tackle problems on campus.

The institution was closed last week until Wednesday this week after racial clashes spilt onto the streets of the city. The groups are to meet for their first round of talks this morning.

In reaction to protest action on campuses around the country, National Party Women's Action leader Marike de Klerk said yesterday SA could not afford disruption and violence in education.

"The students are the future of the country and what SA needs is not lawlessness and indiscipline, but an educated and knowledgeable workforce which can build and develop the country," she said.

Spar workers join in fracas

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Wits takes tough line after campus trashed once more

■ STAFF REPORTERS

The University of the Witwatersrand is taking a tough stand against those involved in the trashing of the campus last week and will lay charges with the police today or tomorrow.

Wits spokesman Valerie Diesel said vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton had called on witnesses to Thursday's incidents to come forward and assist in prosecution of those responsible.

A small group of Wits students and a number of National, Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members went on the rampage shortly after they were addressed by ANC deputy secretary-general Cheryl Carolus.

Diesel said last week's mayhem mainly involved Nehawu members who are demanding the reinstatement of nine work-

ers who were dismissed after taking hostages on campus last year.

Spar workers, involved in a months-long strike with their employers, joined in last week's protest on campus.

Diesel said Nehawu had called in Spar workers because the union appeared to have minimal support among students themselves.

Talks continue

In a letter issued to staff and students last week, Charlton said the administration would take action against anyone involved in violent activities on campus.

Diesel said talks with SA Students' Congress (Sasco) members over their demands for transformation of the university and related issues would continue.

The drama at Wits is part of countrywide turmoil. At least five universities — Wits, Fort Hare

in the Eastern Cape, Vista's Sebokeng campus, the University of the Western Cape and the University of Port Elizabeth — are embroiled in student protests over demands for the transformation of administrations' traditional value systems, access to university education and assistance with fees.

Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu, who visited Wits on Friday, and Sasco's national executive committee agreed to set up a working group to resolve the crisis at tertiary institutions.

Carolus on Friday condemned the trashing of the Wits campus and said the destruction of property took money away from needy and deserving students.

Wits students' representative council president Muzi Sikhakhane blamed the violence on criminal elements within the student body.

Mandela slams student violence

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■ SUPPORTS CHANGE Criminal activity will not be tolerated:

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL Congress supported the transformation of universities and technikons controlled by a mere 14 percent of the population. But it would not tolerate the vandalising of property and disturbance of students eager to learn, President Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Speaking at a rally to woo residents to register for the local government elections at Khayelitsha near Cape Town, Mandela warned that nobody should undermine his determination to crush criminal activities.

"The Government wants to avoid resorting to the use of force in solving problems but where it was convinced that there was no other way it would come down heavily on those dragging the country into chaos and anarchy," he said.

His warning comes after a week of increasing protests by university students and violence at mainly white-

controlled tertiary institutions.

In another reaction to the crisis, the Democratic Party Youth yesterday urged university authorities nationwide to close those universities that were consistently hampered by violence and protests.

"The DP Youth maintains that universities are there for students to learn and not for students to violate the most basic human rights of others.

Tertiary education is a privilege and not a right," it said.

Meanwhile, the Azanian Students Convention yesterday called for a commission of inquiry to probe the crisis at tertiary institutions.

It also called for the formation of a consultative conference on education

and warned that protest action by students would continue until transformation had been achieved.

Azasco also gave its "unsolicited support to the unity and purpose shown by students across institutional and ideological lines in the current crisis".

The National Party Federal Youth Action yesterday criticised campus violence.

It urged Education Minister Sibuso Bengu to stop meeting "radical students".

The youth group condemned the actions of student protesters who "resorted to violence, intimidation and destruction of property", the NPFYA said in a statement. — Sapa.

ANC afraid to act against students - NP

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JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress-led government is hesitant to act against unruly students and communities who do not pay for services because it is scared of losing votes in local government elections, the National Party has charged.

Johan Kilian told the Gauteng legislature that local government was on the verge of total collapse. He said uncertainty from the government's indecisiveness on campus violence was blamed for the lack-lustre performance of the rand. (54)

Mr Kilian asked the ANC to cut services to those who did not pay, even its own supporters. — Sapa.

Vista council says it will not resign

PRETORIA. — Vista University's council had no intention of bowing to student pressure for its resignation, but it would embark on a "bold new transformation process", council chairman Leon Bartel said here.

He told a news briefing at Midrand the strategy would move beyond present student boycotts and "system versus struggle" conflicts.

"Vista will be co-designed by its various constituencies to enable the university to meet the needs of students, both today and in the future."

Mr Bartel was commenting on demonstrations by students in recent weeks to demand the removal of what they described as a "Broederbond" council. (54) ARG 21/3/95

They complained that 99 percent of the university's students were black, yet about 80 percent of senior and management positions were occupied by Afrikaners.

Mr Bartel said the "Broederbond" accusations were not worth a comment. — Sapa.

Peninsula Technikon class boycott sought

PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

STUDENTS at the Peninsula Technikon have called a class boycott until negotiations between the administration and students — to establish academic fee increases for 1995 — are complete.

Yesterday hundreds of students occupied the administration building in protest against fee increases in spite of the administration's assurance that this year's increase would be negotiated with students.

Some toyi-toying students occupied rector Brian Figaji's office, but left after being ordered out by technikon officials. Mr Figaji was not in the office at the time.

At a meeting last week the students resolved to give the administration until yesterday to shelve plans for an 11,5 per cent increase for senior students and an average 17 per cent increase for first years.

They demanded to be involved in setting future academic fees.

The administration agreed and declared the 1994 increase "null and void".

In a letter addressed to the students' representative council, acting vice-rector Brian O'Connell said: "We hope this will allow students to participate in a process for determining student fees for 1995."

Yesterday students vowed not to leave the administration



STUDENT DEMONSTRATION: Peninsula Technikon students gather around an African National Congress flag in the foyer of the administration building during yesterday's protest.

tion building until they had been given documentary proof that their 1995 accounts reflected last year's fee structures.

Students' representative council president Sipho Mbattha

said student representatives and administration officials had agreed to begin "all-inclusive" negotiations on the new fee increase tomorrow.

He hoped negotiations would be complete by Thursday and



REDUCE OUR FEES! Peninsula Technikon students toyi-toyi in support of their demand that their accounts reflect a previously agreed reduction in fees.

called for a class boycott until then. No student choosing to attend classes would be intimidated, he said.

In a statement late yesterday, Mr Figaji said he had considered the students' original demand reasonable and that

the technikon was prepared to provide students with documentary proof that their accounts had been adjusted, reflecting no fee increase.

"However, what we find unacceptable is the way in which

students' demands have changed almost by the hour.

"The institution has in no uncertain terms demonstrated its willingness to negotiate with students, but we have difficulty with the constant moving of

the goalposts.

"The technikon is prepared to honour its agreement with students, but we believe today's student action in no way contributes to the successful resolution of this matter," the statement said.

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University council won't resign, says chairman

Vista plans bold change

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STAFF REPORTER and SAPA

Vista University's council had no intention of bowing to student pressure for its resignation, but it would embark on a "bold new transformation process", council chairman Leon Bartel said yesterday.

He was reacting to student warnings after a meeting in Bloemfontein at the weekend that the boycott of lectures on Vista campuses across the country would not be lifted until the university council had resigned.

The unrest at Vista campuses has spread to other universities. Yesterday, students and workers marched at the Potchefstroom University campus, the first time an Afrikaans-language universi-

STUDENTS say they will intensify their campaign to force troubled institution

ty has been affected.

Potch students have called for a transformation of the university administration, while members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union were calling for better salaries and working conditions.

After the Bloemfontein meeting, Thami Phatlifile, of the Vista East Rand campus, said students were looking "for a speedy resolution of the crisis" but that

this was impossible until the council had resigned.

A student delegation is seeking a meeting with President Mandela and Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu.

But the anti-council campaign is to be intensified, with student marches on respective provincial education ministries tomorrow as well as a march by Vista academics on the university's head office in Pretoria the same day.

Bartel told a news briefing at Midrand that the strategy would move beyond current student boycotts and "system vs struggle" conflicts.

"Vista will be co-designed by its various constituencies to enable the university to meet the needs of students, both today, and in the future."

Students complained that 99% of the university's students were black, yet about 80% of senior positions were occupied by Afrikaners.

They also demanded the reinstatement of Vista's Sebokeng campus director Dr Simon Kekane and three students suspended pending an investigation into missing funds.

Bartel said the "Broederbond" accusations were not worth comment. He said the investigation into Kekane's position was continuing and denied that three students had been suspended.

Meanwhile the Peninsula Technikon in Cape Town suspended this year's tuition fee increase as part of its transformation process, according to rector Brian Figaji.

SANDF promotions 'not consistent with new SA'

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Cape Town — Recent promotions in the SA National Defence Force were inconsistent with the new South Africa and the interim constitution, Tony Yengeni (ANC) chairman of the joint parliamentary committee on defence, said yesterday.

In a statement bound to cause a stir in political circles, he said the nine senior promotions and six appointments announced recently by SANDF chief General Georg Meiring "reinforced the unfortunate and unacceptable notion of white officers and black soldiers in the national defence force".

The promotions were incon-

sistent with the letter and spirit of the new South Africa and the interim constitution, which stated that the new national defence force had to reflect the racial composition of SA's people at all levels.

"These kinds of one-sided promotions and appointments are completely unacceptable precisely because they neglect the non-statutory forces that have recently been integrated into the SANDF.

"This will no doubt undermine the morale and professionalism of the rank-and-file soldier and create an unnecessary resentment in the defence force," Yengeni said. — Sapa.

Vista staff back action

THE Vista University Staff Union sent an urgent open letter to Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu requesting him to take a "strong stand against the intimidation and abuse of students by self-seeking staff who do not have the interests of the students, Vista or the country at heart". (54)

The letter was signed by university union chairman Chris Whittle. BD22/3/95

The union wanted to make it clear it did not support the protest march planned for today at the Bloemfontein campus.

The letter said students were entitled to representation on the Vista Council as it was constituted now. The council had already been transformed.

A separate statement by the Combined Staff Organisations also condemned today's march. — Sapa.

Africa '95 arts festival set to explode in UK

LONDON — An explosion of African art, film, drama, dance and literature is scheduled to rock British society later this year as the five-month Africa '95 season gets under way.

Three years in the planning, the festival is the biggest yet showcase of African arts to be held in the UK. Simultaneously, workshops and events will be staged throughout Africa.

Queen Elizabeth announced her patronage of the festival during her speech at a state banquet in Cape Town on Monday, and President Nelson Mandela has agreed to be a co-patron.

Events featuring African artists will take place in galleries, theatres, cinemas, museums, universities and community centres throughout the UK from

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August 12 to December. Radio and television programmes will also highlight the events, which will feature work of artists from the African continent as well as from African communities elsewhere.

Well-known SA artists participating in the events in the UK include Kaloana, Ezrom Legae, Paul Stophorth, Kevin Atkinson, William Kentridge, Penny Siopsis, Pat Mautloa and Norman Catherine.

Lucky Dube and The Wonderful, Wonderful Prophets of Da City — who have been a huge hit in Britain — will be among the African musicians.

The sequel to the immensely popular musical Sarafina, called Sheila's Day, is due to be staged.

New 'Mandela' scholarship announced

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela has agreed to lend his name to scholarships for South Africans to attend Magdalene College of the University of Cambridge in England, according to a statement yesterday.

The scholarships, to be known as the Mandela Magdalene College Scholarships, would be awarded to resident South African graduates to pursue post-graduate courses at Cambridge University in subjects relevant to the needs of SA.

Founding benefactor Chris von Christierson — a South African businessman resident in the UK — said the scholarships

would be granted to applicants who could not afford to attend the university.

"I am delighted that what started with an approach last year from Magdalene has resulted in an initiative which will benefit the new SA and to which President Mandela has agreed to lend his name," Christierson said. (54) BD22/3/95

The Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, chaired by Prince Charles, had agreed to double-match the income earned on the capital raised for the scholarships. The average annual value of each scholarship was estimated at about R75 000. — Sapa.

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Tighter security at technikon

By Mpikeleli Duma

SECURITY around Technikon Free State in Bloemfontein will be tightened to curb further student unrest on campus when lectures resume today.

Spokesman for the technikon Mr Cas Vorster said yesterday the police, assisted by various private security companies, will patrol the premises.

The technikon was closed last Thursday after a racial fight broke out between black and white students.

Several students were injured during the fighting.

Vorster said the unrest at the campus had led to various donors threatening to pull out their resources.

However, he said the institution had managed to convince the donors that concerted efforts were being made to resolve the crisis.

Rally behind colleagues

In another development, a large number of black students at the technikon said they would rally behind four of their

colleagues who were barred from disrupting classes and attending lectures.

Last Friday's temporary magistrate's court interdict prevents Mr LS Mokgethi, Mr DL Gaomphe, Mr SG Cezula and Mr LM Sebolai from disturbing the administration of the institution and the smooth running of classes.

The court also ruled that they should not incite other students to boycott lectures.

The four students have until April 6 to give reasons why the court should not make the interdict permanent.

Vista's vision of the future

ISTA UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL HAD NO intention of bowing to student pressure for its resignation and would embark on a "bold new transformation process", council chairman Leon Bartel said this week.

He told a news briefing at Midrand that the strategy would move beyond current student boycotts and "system vs struggle" conflicts. The council said the tactic was aimed at transcending "years of distrust" between students and administrations.

"Vista will be co-designed by its various constituencies to enable the university to meet the needs of students, both today and in the

NEW STRATEGY Vista to be

transformed to meet students' needs:

future."

Bartel was reacting to recent demonstrations by students, who were demanding the removal of what they described as a "Broederbond" council. The students complained that although 99 percent of the university's students were black, about 80 percent of senior and management positions

were occupied by Afrikaners.

Transparency

Bartel said: "I am also a member of the SABC board and I went through a transparent process to get into that position. I see no reason to respond to claims that this is a 'Broederbond' council."

Another council member, Mr Fikile Bam, said the body was not intransigent, adding that it invited all interested parties to take part in a team effort to transform the university.

United States consultant Dr Don Beck, who was introduced as an expert on transformation, said the council was a "transformed, progressive group subjected to allegations by irresponsible and ambitious elements whose sole aim has been to hijack the transformation process and take over the R300 million budget of the university". — *Sapa*.

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STUDENTS PREVENTED FROM LEAVING CAMPUS

Violence as Pentech closes for fees talks

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CLASSES were suspended at the Peninsula Technikon yesterday as students and management negotiated controversial fee increases. **YVETTE VAN BREDA** reports.

INCIDENTS of violence and intimidation erupted at Peninsula Technikon yesterday morning and classes were suspended for the day while students and management negotiated controversial fee increases.

Students said yesterday that there were incidents of intimidation at the railway station when some students tried to persuade others to remain on the campus as a show of strength to help meet their demands.

"We didn't want students to leave while we were negotiating," said third-year student Ms Vatiswa Ndawo.

There were disruptions on the

campus on Monday after a well-attended mass meeting at which students demanded an across-the-board fee increase as opposed to the proposed 25% increase for first-year students and 11,5% increase for others.

Rector Mr Brian Figaji expressed the hope that negotiations would reach an early and amicable agreement.

Student Representative Council president Mr Sipho Mbatha said they were very happy with the progress of negotiations thus far and reiterated that classes would remain suspended pending the outcome of the negotiations.

The privately owned cafeteria

on the campus was also closed yesterday, he said, as a small group of students went on a "hunger strike" to emphasise their demands.

A group of the hunger-striking students gathered in the foyer of the administration building during the negotiations, sometimes marching to the door of the conference centre where discussions were taking place.

There were some reports of intimidation of students who were "playing cards" in the cafeteria. Commenting on the disruptions, Mr Mbatha stressed that the SRC was totally against violence and said that students had respected that except "for a few isolated incidents".

The SRC was investigating all allegations of intimidation.

Negotiations are scheduled to continue today.

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Students hurt in Technikon OFS riot

BLOEMFONTEIN: Eleven students were injured, two seriously, when security guards fired bird-shot at about 200 students storming the student bureau of Technikon OFS here yesterday.

The students caused damage worth several thousand rand, breaking washbasins and toilets.

The technikon was granted an interdict against the protesting students by the Supreme Court here last night.

The interdict prohibits disruption of academic and administrative functions on the campus.

On Vista campus in Port Elizabeth, police prevented about 700 students from entering a hall where a luncheon was being held for Queen Elizabeth II yesterday.

The students tried to force their way through a police cordon, demanding to "dine with the Queen".

They rejected an explanation that Vista Hall was too small to accommodate them. — Sapa

Technikon students injured as guards shoot birdshot at protesters

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ELEVEN Free State Technikon students were wounded, two seriously, when security guards fired birdshot at protesters on campus yesterday.

The action highlighted the deepening crisis at tertiary institutions countrywide. Technikon spokesman Cas Vorster said black students had marched to the students' bureau where they were confronted by security guards who tried to stop the march. Warning shots were fired, but students continued to march.

The guards fired birdshot into the ground and the shots ricocheted off the

ground, injuring students. Two were admitted to hospital.

Racial tensions flared between black and white students at the technikon campus last week, with white students demanding to continue with their studies undisturbed, while black students were calling for the speeding up of transformation. The institution was closed last Thursday and reopened yesterday.

Sapa reports that late yesterday the Bloemfontein Supreme Court granted the technikon a temporary interdict against protesting students which prohibited the

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disruption of academic and administrative activities. Thousands of rands' damage was caused when the students rioted, breaking washbasins and toilets. They were demanding more funds for needy students, as well as the resignation of the technikon's student bureau head, George Nel. Nel returned to the campus on Monday after being absent since February after receiving advice that he was not safe at the technikon.

In another development yesterday, po-

lice prevented about 700 students from entering a hall at Port Elizabeth's Vista University where a luncheon was being held for Queen Elizabeth.

The students tried to force their way through a police cordon, demanding to "dine with the queen". They rejected an explanation that Vista Hall was too small to accommodate them. ANC leaders and police addressed the unruly students.

Vorster said after the Free State Technikon shooting yesterday that legal action was being considered against those who had damaged campus property.

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versity would support anyone who wanted to take legal action against intimidators.

Students at Vista campuses are demanding the resignation of the Vista council, claiming the council is a Broederbond council. They have also complained that 99% of students are black, yet about 80% of senior management positions are occupied by Afrikaners.

Tonkin said the council would not bow to student pressure and resign.

Bloemfontein Vista students also marched to the office of Free State education minister Sakhiso Belot yesterday, accusing the provincial government of bias in handling matters at tertiary institutions. They also blamed the national government

of giving first priority to white-dominated universities, such as Wits University, in solving the education crisis.

At Vista's Soweto campus students have embarked on a class boycott to demand speedy transformation. In Sebokeng, students have embarked on protest action to demand the reinstatement of campus rector Simon Kekana. Kekana was suspended pending an inquiry into missing funds.

Bengu yesterday responded to demands for his intervention in the crisis, saying the Vista council and some stakeholders had reached consensus on democratising the institution. A proposal would be presented to his office at a meeting between the stakeholders and his Ministry on March 29.

Free State police services minister Papi Kgare said he would establish a public commission to investigate police actions against the technikon students.

Meanwhile, Vista University's staff union called yesterday on Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu to crack down on intimidation at tertiary institutions. They objected to the fact that Bloemfontein campus staff had been threatened by students wanting them to join a march.

Vista councillor Alan Tonkin said he had received reports of intimidation. The uni-

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11 students wounded

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By Mpikeleni Duma and Sapa 23/3/95

ELEVEN students were wounded, two seriously, yesterday morning when security guards at Free State Technikon fired birdshot at protesting black students.

Police spokesman Major Johlene van der Merwe said the two seriously wounded students were admitted to Universitas Hospital in Bloemfontein.

The students apparently tried to force their way into the Students' Bureau and security guards intervened.

The incident has further deepened the crisis at the institution which has been plagued by racial incidents during the past weeks.

Pandemonium broke out when students tried to force open the locked gate leading to the office of the *Volksblad* newspaper.

They accused it of being biased and only showing pictures of black students carrying stones and dangerous weapons.

The ugly face of student protests

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By Vuyo Bavuma
Political Reporter

■ SELF-DESTRUCTIVE

Violent protests are unacceptable:

IT is not your archetypical rightwing fascists who are wreaking havoc in the country's tertiary education sector. And neither is it apartheid agents who are furious because of the demise of Dr Hendrik Verwoerd's racist bantu education philosophy.

The culprits are anarchists who are hell-bent on doing their damndest to get rid of remnants of old-style apartheid. Few will argue that this is a noble task — but innocent people should not suffer.

The students' campaigns cut a swathe of violence and do not seem to spare anyone — including those who ignore the wishes of the proverbial masses.

Should be in line

Not that the protesters' demands are not genuine. They include much-needed transformation of universities and technikons so that the institutions should be in line with the country's political climate.

No one disputes that but it is the protesters' *modus operandi* that is utterly reprehensible.

Like in the Hollywood movies, the students hold officials hostage to strengthen their hand during negotiations with officialdom. They also religiously vent out their anger on university properties — forgetting that the institutions' resources will have to be used to repair the damage.

Violence unacceptable

Seemingly, the protagonists of these campaigns have not graduated from the confrontational mentality which was prominent during the anti-apartheid struggle. This does not mean they should be meek in the face of wrongs, but the use of violence is not acceptable.

Ironically, some of these anarchists claim allegiance to the political philosophy of the major party in the Government — the African National Congress. Yet they are oblivious to the fact that their actions seriously threaten to sabotage the reform process of the ANC-led Government.

Like the administrations who are bearing the brunt of the protests, the ANC supports the principle of peaceful protests but is vehemently opposed to violent criminal acts.

Interestingly, these unsavoury actions are carried out by people who pass themselves off as democrats. Their actions bring back bitter memories of previous years and how people imposed their ideas on others.

Democratic right

But to contemporary "comrade students" this *modus operandi* is fine because they believe they have a licence to use whatever means as their demands are legitimate. In fact, they seem to be using a "tried and tested" formula of "too much chaos leads to success". The fact that the democratic right of other students is trampled does not seem to matter.

Significantly, the tactics used by students fly in the face of a warning by President Nelson Mandela that such criminal behaviour cannot be accepted by the Government. But sadly, so far, the Government has



Nelson Mandela

been unable to follow up its rhetoric with stern action.

The by-product of this indecisiveness is that it sends messages that those who display a propensity for creating havoc can get away with it.

Recently a leader of the South African Health and Public Workers Union threatened on national television to kidnap cabinet ministers and white civil servants if his union's wage increase demands were not met. This flagrant threat was not followed up by the authorities despite pleas from the ANC that the unionist be brought to book.

Held hostage

This week the radical Congress of South Africa Students in Cape Town threatened to unleash "Operation Vutha" — a campaign of setting alight Government properties in support of their demands. Cosas' demands include the resignation of Western Cape MEC for education Mrs Martha Olickers, a National Party MP the organisation accuses of inefficiency.

Last week angry supporters of the South African Students Congress trashed Wits campus in protest against the administration's decision not to readmit 39 workers and nine students who were expelled last year because of discipline.

Overtured dustbins

They also sprayed water in the corridors and overturned dustbins.

This action took place hours after the students were addressed by ANC deputy general secretary Ms Cheryl Carolus, who tried to intervene in the conflict.

Meanwhile, a representative apparatus is in place to look at the question of transformation at Wits — an issue the university's top management acknowledges should be addressed. But the authorities are refusing to readmit the expelled ones.

At Fort Hare University in Alice students held staff and management hostage as they demanded that first-year fees be decreased.

Last week the University of the Western Cape was the target of violent protests because it refused to readmit students who owed high fees and those who were academically



Cheryl Carolus

unfit. The administration argued that the latter, sometimes derisively known as professional students, had to be excluded because they had failed their courses on numerous occasions.

Held hostage

But the protesting students wanted none of that. Amid widespread warnings that their actions were counter-productive, they held university officials hostage for more than 17 hours. They also attacked students — most of whom were coloureds — for refusing to join their protests.

They openly flouted a court interdict restraining them from interfering with the running on the university. They had evicted students from lecture rooms and the library to ensure no one was busy with academic work.

Cause tarnished

A few days later the university buckled down to the demands of the uncompromising students, but cause of the struggle lay tarnished.

At the University of Zululand, students — who are demanding the scrapping of R20 million fees and the election of representative structures — were accused of embarking on a vandalism campaign. As in other university conflicts, there were pitched battles between striking and non-striking students.

In Durban, Cato Manor Technical College was closed after rampaging students damaged property and occupied administration offices. There were also skirmishes between striking students and those who opted to attend classes.

Six injured

Other conflicts are at the Vista University and Technikon Free State, where racial clashes last week left six students injured.

But despite the problems, the attempts to solve the turmoil in education are set to continue.

Unlike in the past, the political environment for the successful resolution of these conflicts is much more positive.

Campus upheaval continues to boil

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■ EDUCATION REPORTER

The Free State Technikon administration said classes were expected to return to normal today after at least 11 students were injured in clashes with security guards yesterday.

Security guards opened fire with birdshot after students refused to heed warnings not to approach the technikon's student bureau, which houses senior director George Nel.

A technikon spokesman said several warnings given by the guards had been ignored, forcing them to fire birdshot into the ground. The pellets ricocheted, hitting several students. Two seriously wounded students were taken to hospital.

A spokesman said although there had been a racial element to the violence, only about 300 black and white radicals of the total 6 000 technikon complement had been in-

involved.

The Bloemfontein Supreme Court yesterday granted the technikon a temporary interdict prohibiting disruption of academic and administrative functioning on the campus.

In Gauteng, Vista University students marched peacefully on the provincial administration offices in Johannesburg to demand transformation forums and the resignation of a member of council.

Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu said he intended appointing a new executive for Vista, even though he would not accept the immediate resignation of the present governing body.

All classes at Peninsula Technikon in Cape Town were suspended yesterday while talks on fees continued.

The University of the Witwatersrand was quiet yesterday as students and the administration voiced their grievances during a public debate.

UNIVERSITIES

Give in now, pay later

President Nelson Mandela's intervention in the disputes at universities and technikons is significant, but also puzzling. First he suggested that white principals and rectors are scared to discipline blacks and are therefore guilty of racism in reverse. He continued his hard line in a speech at Khayelitsha, saying that while government is reluctant to use force to quell the disruptions, it will do so if necessary.

For embattled tertiary authorities, the first hint could not have been stronger. Mandela was making it clear that disruptive students and unionists are in the minority and do not enjoy the support of his government, even though under the National Party they could invariably be sure of enthusiastic encouragement from the ANC.

What Mandela did not make clear was how exactly the government intended to act against violent protestors. As things stand, universities are autonomous: if a principal has a law and order problem, he is entitled to call the police, and to institute both internal disciplinary hearings and actions in an ordinary court. What other methods can Mandela have in mind? And would they not risk infringing university autonomy?

The Wits University administration was doubtless relieved by the presidential bolstering of its moral authority, but it had in any case maintained a consistent position all along. Certain students and workers were dismissed or suspended last year, after due process under agreed disciplinary procedures, for offences that included hostage-taking and theft.

This is the convenient rallying point for the present disruptions, but Wits has refused to rescind the dismissals and suspensions. In addition, principal Robert Charlton says the university will prosecute those identified as responsible for trashing parts of the campus in the past week. The administration has also shown a willingness to call the police on to campus if necessary.

It is hard to think of any other measures that can be taken by a university acting on its own, however hardline it wishes to be. Access to a campus cannot — and should not — be controlled by methods common at corporate headquarters like Eskom's Megawatt Park. To erect barbed wire and electronic security gates would be an admission of failure, an indication that the university sees itself as needing protection from the surrounding community.

And if a handful of people cause trouble on a campus which houses more than 20 000 students and staff, it is difficult to catch them and even more difficult (in an intimidatory climate) to find witnesses prepared to give evidence. Calling the police

may restore order, but it cannot solve the problem — which, although it is the work of only a few dozen disaffected students and workers, causes a wasteful diversion of energy and funds — and is bad for the university's image.

The solution can only be political. In the Wits context, it means that all politicians must cease to meddle in university affairs — particularly provincial politicians, who have no constitutional jurisdiction over universities. The legitimacy of the university council must be explicitly upheld by the national government and ANC members should be prohibited by Mandela from getting involved, even in the easily blurred capacity of mediator.



**Wits's Charlton . . . playing it
by the book**

It is not as if universities like Wits are resisting change — though it is not clear exactly what those calling for "transformation" want. All parties agree that more black staff members are required, but potential recruits are snapped up by private sector firms which are eager to boost their black* staff. All parties agree that universities, while making some money available for bursaries, cannot be expected to pay for degrees for all indigent students, and therefore that a national bursary and loan scheme is needed. But it will take time and money is short. All parties agree that exit standards must remain at their present high level, while affirmative action may be necessary when admitting students with potential who have had to endure appalling schooling. (Universities like Wits, UCT, Rhodes and Natal have done excellent work

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in this area for at least a decade.)

Mandela's intervention is revealing about ANC internal politics. His impatience was arguably directed not only at unruly students, but also at Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu, whose attempts to achieve calm in the tertiary sector range from ineffective to embarrassing. Apparently Bengu offered to mediate between the Wits administration and the protestors; the offer was politely refused by Wits, but it reveals a lack of understanding of the concept of university autonomy, of the politics of the situation, and of how a Minister should behave.

Unfortunately it appears that Mandela's moral support either came too late or was not understood by the authorities at the University of the Western Cape, which (after a week of protests and intimidation) reportedly gave in to demands that students who cannot pay fees should be registered anyway. Whereas Wits seems likely to weather the storm, it will not be easy for the UWC administration to restore its authority. Other universities must consider which way they want to go. ■

STUDENTS, STAFF PRAISE EACH OTHER

Students arrested, others trash office

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Bloemfontein: Student protests in various cities continued yesterday, but the Peninsula Technikon is calm again.

About 100 students were arrested at Free State Technikon yesterday as student unrest continued to rock the campus.

Students at Natal Technikon, Berea, also went on the rampage and a boycott continued at Vista University in Port Elizabeth.

But classes at the Peninsula Technikon are set to resume today after successful negotiations between students and the administration.

On the OFS campus, a group of about 200 students gathered in front of Boet Troskie Hall in spite of an interim interdict that students should not be on campus for reasons other than technikon activities. Students who refused to disperse were arrested.

The Congress of South Africa Students said black students had been on the receiving end of attacks by the police and "white right-wing student thugs", but added that unruly student protests, looting, hostage-taking and destruction of property were equally unacceptable.

Office trashed

At Natal Technikon's Berea campus about 400 students went on the rampage yesterday, trashing the rector's office. It is believed the students wanted to present demands to rector Professor Andre du Preez who was in Pretoria, however.

Classes at Peninsula Technikon will resume today after agreement

was reached on a 10% across-the-board fee increase for 1995.

The agreement follows three days of negotiations between student representatives and the technikon's administration.

Incidents of violence and intimidation erupted at the campus after students demanded that the proposed 25% increase for first-year students and the 11,5% increase for other students be levelled and lowered.

In a statement yesterday the technikon announced that the original five percent increase in residence fees would remain unchanged. Students supported by pensioner parents would receive special financial help.

Both the administration and the student body praised each other for the way in which the negotiation process unfolded. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

Campus politics: A look into what has become of good old liberal university education ...

A ticket out of the townships

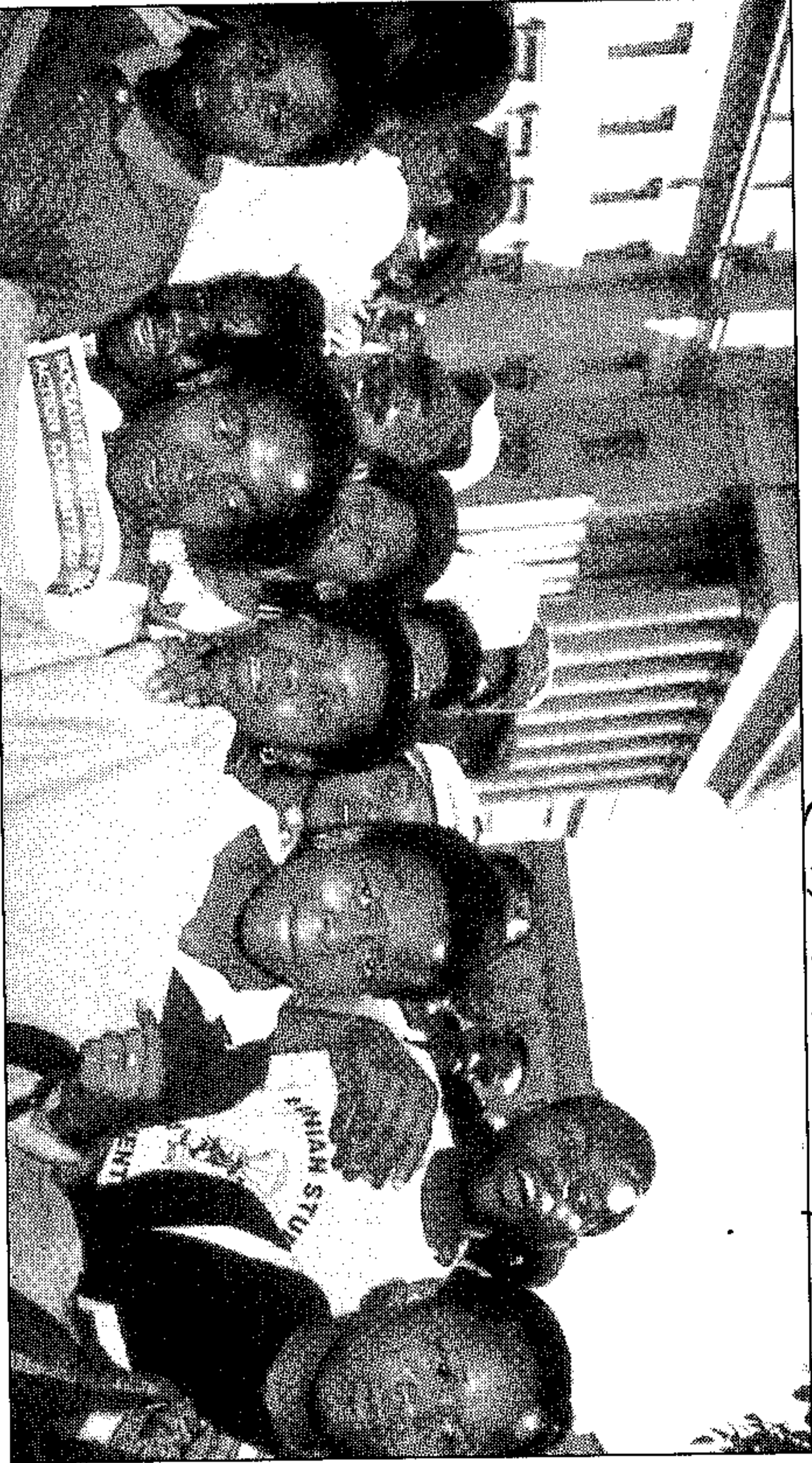
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Justin Pearce asks why democracy has worsened the conflict on our campuses

THE annual row over student fees has become as regular an event on the calendars of some universities as the intervarsity rugby match at others. Students invoke their right to education — the university invokes dwindling government subsidies and rising costs. Usually, everything is sorted out by April, and life and lectures go on.

But this year has seen unprecedented tensions between certain students and the authorities at the University of the Western Cape. And at the University of the Witwatersrand, some academics are talking as though the very life of the university is at stake. At the heart of the conflict lies a deep-seated difference of opinion on what university education is for — and who it is for.

The first year of democratic government in South Africa has done nothing to ease the situation. In fact, it has exacerbated it, by leaving universities in an interregnum — they are under pressure to change along with the rest of South African society, yet the government, which has overseen the democratisation of everything else in the country, has still to come up with a policy on tertiary education. And in the absence of policy,



New radicals: Are they fighting for a deserved place in the future or are they just lowering standards?

words like democratisation and transformation have as many meanings as there are political persuasions on campus.

This is nowhere better illustrated than at Wits, where an administration which expresses commitment to transformation is nevertheless branded as "reactionary" and accused of delaying tactics by students calling for faster and more far-reaching change.

One view, articulated by the South

African Students' Congress (Sasco) among others, is that a university is a society in miniature, with a right to democratic governance. Students, academic staff and workers should all have a say in who runs it and how it is run. The more established view, as expressed by Wits senior lecturer Nicholas Smith, is that "senior academics have to run a university, otherwise it is not a university — it is a political compromise".

As far as many students are con-

cerned, universities are not that different from how they were in the old South Africa — so it's business as usual for those trying to change the system by whatever means necessary.

"The protests are a legacy of the way students have operated in the past," says University of the Western Cape SRC president Yolisa Pikie. Pikie, himself not a Sasco member, is sceptical of the widely-held notion that the protests have been stirred up

by Sasco or any other body.

"You have to put student demands in the context of the character of the liberation struggle," says Professor Harold Wolpe, director of the Education Policy Unit at UWC.

"There is a tension that is not generally recognised between meeting equality demands and development demands. If we had ample resources we could cover both — but we do not."

Academics and planners from across the political spectrum agree that students are trying to get into universities — and to stay there — for the wrong reasons. "University is seen as a ticket out of a township," as one put it.

Role models for youth are more likely to be university graduates than skilled fitters and turners. With a Baruti Education matric certificate being worth little more than the paper it is printed on, universities come to be seen as kinds of finishing schools to provide a leg-up in the job market.

And then there is the question of racial equality. A perception that all white youth go to university leads to the feeling that in a non-racial society all black youth must as well.

"The problem can only be solved in the longer term," Wolpe says. He points to the Commission on Higher Education which is to present a report to Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu later this year, which will provide the basis for the White Paper on tertiary education.

"Do you create a policy that says anyone who wants higher education

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Weekly Mail & Guardian editor **Anton Harber**, a former Wits student, believes the university administration has been too clever for its own good

THE University of the Witwatersrand is providing an early-warning barometer of pressures we can expect in the rest of our society.

The campus has often served this role. In the 1970s, it provided hints of the resurgence of anti-apartheid resistance. In the 1980s, it provided valuable signs of the direction that resistance was taking.

In the 1990s, Wits is the testing ground for the ability of liberal institutions to deal with the swift political change that has happened around it.

Can they establish new codes of behaviour for protests appropriate to the liberal democracy we now live in — allowing protests and boycotts, but stopping the kinds of activities that have become common in the 1990s, such as hostage-taking?

And is the growing racial divide on campus inevitable? Can these things be managed in a way that prevents a deterioration into conflicts with an ugly racial tinge? Does an affirmative action programme have to leave a bad taste in the mouths of many of those involved in it?

The campus conflict is being presented by some as a battle to maintain university standards against demands for democratisation — and by others as an attempt to keep at bay the hordes that do things like trashing the campus.

But both of these are crude characterisations. Wits standards, after

all, have had their ups and downs.

Anyone who has studied there knows a few professors whose tenure can only be explained by a tradition of affirmative action for Oxford and Cambridge graduates.

And nobody but a tiny, and largely irrelevant, minority is demanding the radical democratisation of the campus. The vast majority of students want to get on with their studies in an atmosphere in which they feel they belong and in an institution that deals with the special needs created by our education system.

What is being demanded is change — and no-one is really arguing against it. The fight is over the nature, degree and timing of this change.

So far, the signs are not good. The administration has been a little too clever for its own good: it is playing a strategic game with student activists, outwitting them and isolating militants, rather than ensuring that the process of change is kept on course and is moving ahead despite the day-to-day disruptions and conflicts.

● Both sides have allowed day-to-day disputes to get in the way of long-term change

... This was both shortsighted and foolish

It is reactive, setting up transformation committees when under pressure, but doing little when the pressure is off.

For example, the administration pulled out of a transformation committee last year because students had insulted Deputy Vice-Chancellor June Sinclair and upset her chances of being named to the Constitutional Court.

But it was short-sighted and foolish. They personalised the issue, broke down a negotiations process that it would have been in their interests to continue, further embittering

the situation.

Both sides, in fact, have allowed day-to-day disputes to get in the way of long-term change. There is now a push among at least some of the parties to separate long-term discussions about transformation from those structures that deal with short-term disputes.

Why, one needs to ask, is Vice-Chancellor Robert Charlton unable to mobilise the majority of student and staff against the handful of people who are trashing the campus?

It is because the university leadership has been slow to deal with the fact that it has a major problem — a growing number of alienated black students with little respect for a university leadership more at home in the Rand Club than in student hostels.

This alienation — as more black students have to grapple with educational and financial disadvantage — was predictable. What is striking is how half-heartedly

and inadequately the university has dealt with it.

The end result is that most students and staff are almost as contemptuous of the university administration as they are of those who are taking hostages and destroying the campus.

The plain truth is that the university has become a model of poor change management — and this in a place that is filled with experts in labour law, conflict management, dispute resolution and education.

It is also, like so many institutions of this kind, hoist by its own liberal petard. The commitment to due process, fair hearings and freedom of association and expression allows those accused of illegal behaviour —

now with little to lose and angrier than ever — to remain on campus and continue their activities.

But most worrying of all is that the conflict inevitably takes on a racial tinge. Black students stand on one side, believing they are the victims of a deeply entrenched institutional racism; white staff feel threatened by affirmative action often implemented crudely and even destructively.

While no-one has praise for the university's handling of the problems, it must also be said that the administration does not have an easy task. With resources squeezed, and salaries lower than any other university, the staff must look with anger at Afrikaans campuses that were given preferential state funding for years and now have much better financial reserves to cope with.

The university is also having to try to solve national problems in relative isolation. The lack of bursary or loan support for needy students is not a problem that Wits can solve on its own. It is a national problem, and a solution is a matter of government policy and action.

Some progress has been made to develop a rational solution to this issue. The government is making available over R200-m for a scheme that will provide loans to students, and allow 40 percent of this loan to be converted to a bursary after successful graduation.

Wits faces a tough task, made worse by the fact that it is run by academics with limited management skills. Which is why those who trashed the campus last Friday are both thugs and fools. There can be little doubt that people who behave this way are thugs; but they are also fools to have given the administration the opportunity to deflect the issues with a new round of finger-pointing.

will need proper planning of the higher education system. Such an approach has been adopted in very few countries."

The commission is more likely to aim for a broader strategy that will take in technikon, technical high schools and community colleges, as well as universities — and aim at developing those institutions which offer the advanced practical skills that South Africa requires.

The commission is also known to be giving a high priority to the establishment of a national student loan scheme, and a reassessment of the present subsidy formula for educational institutions.

But for this system to work it will require a change in attitude away from the currently prevailing view that a university education is to be prized above all else.

What is more, there are doubts as to what extent the universities — particularly the older ones, which were established as bastions of learnedness — will be prepared to fall in line with government strategy on higher education.

The White Paper might take pressure off these universities by moving the responsibility for practically-oriented education elsewhere.

But considering that South Africa currently has a disproportionately high number of universities as opposed to technikon, it is unlikely that every one of the current universities will be able to indulge solely in ivy league academia.

There may be a consensus that the higher education system as a whole needs to change — but it is the universities themselves that are on the front line of protest.

Ironically, it is the liberal and left-aligned universities that are bearing the brunt of protest. "UWC and Wits are soft targets because they are committed to precisely those things students are fighting for," says UWC senior lecturer Faried Esack.

Rioting students hit rector's office

DURBAN — About 400 students went on the rampage at Natal Technikon's Berea campus yesterday, damaging the rector's office.

A Natal Technikon spokesman said it was believed the students wanted to present demands to the rector, Prof Andre du Preez. However, Du Preez was in Pretoria, and the students left without presenting their demands.

At Free State Technikon in Bloemfontein, about 100 students were arrested after they failed to respond to a police order to disperse.

MDUDUZI KA HARVEY reports that Natal Technikon spokesman Kim Roderick said students had met Du Preez on Wednesday to complain about a fee increase, bursaries, accommodation and the institution's council.

Although they were told he would be in Pretoria yesterday, they decided to demand that he address them again. Then they ran amok.

Du Preez will meet the students today to address their demands.

At Free State Technikon 200 students gathered on campus at 10am and began singing and chanting.

Free State Technikon spokesman Cas Vorster said a messenger of the court was called and conditions of an interdict barring them from certain activities on campus were explained to students before they were asked to disperse.

Students who refused to disperse were arrested. The conditions of the interdict were explained to them again, and they were released.

A police spokesman said that if the same students were arrested again, they would be charged.

In Port Elizabeth, students at Vista University renewed a class boycott after suspending their protest for Queen Elizabeth's visit to the campus on Wednesday. Vista students' representative council president Lungile Dick said the SRC would review its actions on Saturday.

The national class boycott would continue until students "thoroughly understood the meaning of a letter" sent to them by national Education Minister Prof Sibusiso Bengu.

In Cape Town, NP Senator David Malatsi said drastic action was needed urgently to combat unrealistic demands and exaggerated expectations resulting in lawless disruption and intimidation at colleges and universities. The arrogance springing from an attitude of "demand" rather than "deserving" was making a joke of tertiary education.

The ANC had cultivated this attitude and should take responsibility for the lack of discipline and the lack of a learning culture, Malatsi said.

It also had to take responsibility for the vandalism and intimidation on campuses. The legitimacy of universities as autonomous institutions was being discredited and, as a result, SA was losing valuable expertise and leadership.

Funds essential to the RDP were now being spent on repairing the results of campus vandalism, Malatsi said.

Classes at Peninsula Technikon in Bellville, near Cape Town, resume today after a 10% across-the-board fee increase and a 5% residence fee increase were negotiated by students and the institution. Agreement was also reached on a number of measures to provide support for students needing financial assistance. — Sapa.

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Townships plan 'toyi-toyi' tourist trade

EIGHTY former self-defence unit members may change the face of SA tourism when they announce plans to integrate "toyi-toyi" into township tourism at their graduation from the Thuso Tourism and Hospitality Academy tomorrow.

Recruited from units in the East Rand townships of Theboza, Katlehong and Vosloorus last year, the cadets have completed phase one of the academy's programme, an "introduction to tourism".

They are expected to announce the formation of a co-ordinating body for tourism in these townships at the ceremony.

The Pretoria-based academy was formed in November with the aim of empowering the largely unemployed and

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marginalised self-defence unit members. It was felt that curbing violence would bring tourists to the East Rand and members were in a strong position to do so.

"The first phase of our training programme has been tremendously successful," academy chairman Busi Radebe said.

"The primary aim was to create an awareness of tourism and motivate participants to come up with workable ideas for tourism developments in their own areas."

After graduation, they have the opportunity of completing phase two, which focuses on practical aspects, such as setting up a business and tourism structures.

Mandela's promise on students

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TYRONE SEALE
Political Staff

EDUCATION Minister Sibusiso Bengu has been given an assurance by President Mandela that reckless elements in the student movement will be dealt with severely.

Mr Bengu said Mr Mandela had told him last night he had given instructions to national police commissioner George Fivaz and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi on ways to deal with problem students.

Some of these measures were already being implemented.

Mr Bengu said sufficient warnings had been issued to emphasise that the government would not allow institutions of higher learning to be destroyed, "particularly at this time".

He said the government had extracted promises from some of the student bodies to the effect that the intimidation of administrators and the destruction of property would be banned.

He called on the student movement to re-evaluate its strategies and tactics in the light of the new political dispensation which required all individuals and organisations to lobby for support for their positions and not to resort to coercion, intimidation and the destruction of property.

He said he would support students' constitutionally guaranteed right to protest but would not tolerate any abuse of that right by ill-disciplined and reckless elements within the student movement.

He also appealed to authorities at tertiary institutions not only to accept the need for change, but also to play an active role in transformation.

Free State, Peninsula campuses quiet

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Students trash Natal Technikon

■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

Free State Technikon was quiet yesterday afternoon, but trouble flared at Natal Technikon for the first time when about 400 students trashed the campus after failing to secure a meeting with the rector.

All lectures at Natal Technikon were also cancelled today and a meeting between the protesting students and rector Professor Andre' du Preez was called this morning.

Natal Technikon spokesman Kim Roderick said chaos had erupted yesterday after students marched on Du Preez's office to present a memorandum to him.

They became angry at finding that he was not available and threw litter over the council chamber and campus before they left.

First time

She said the actions had been the first trouble experienced on the campus since disruptions broke out at other institutions around the country.

The students had also indicated that they would attempt to set up a meeting with Du Preez today.

CHAOS erupts following march on rector's office to present a memorandum to him

The Free State and Peninsula technikons, where protesting students clashed with their administrations earlier this week, were quiet yesterday afternoon.

About 100 students, who had been arrested at Free State Technikon for defying a court order, were released on warning after being held briefly, campus spokesman Cas Vorster said.

The arrests had followed an earlier confrontation between mainly black students and security guards which had left 11 students injured, two seriously.

Vorster said the students who had been removed from the campus for protesting on Wednesday would not be charged.

Although tensions had been simmering late yesterday afternoon when students tore up copies of a court interdict banning protests after their release, the campus was quiet this morning.

Tensions at Peninsula Technikon in Cape Town had abated,

however, and classes resumed today following an agreement between the administration and students on a 10% fee increase yesterday.

Universities around the country appeared to be quiet with only Vista reporting class boycotts on some of its campuses.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu published a statement in The Star today, repeating the Government's commitment to act against ill-disciplined students.

He said the Government had raised R207-million to help needy and deserving students, as he was aware and sympathetic to their financial plight.

Appealed

But Bengu stressed that free tertiary education was not possible and that while the Government would assist students, students would also be expected to pay for the educational services they use.

Finally, he appealed to both the authorities, students and other stakeholders to take part in forums and to "approach the transformation debate with openness and a willingness to constructively debate the changes that are needed".

TYRONE SEALE
Weekend Argus Reporter

STUDENT bursaries and loans — issues which have been at the centre of recent university and technikon unrest — are to be investigated by a State commission.

A bursary and loans scheme for students at tertiary institutions is one of the pressing priorities of the National Commission on Higher Education which will investigate all aspects of higher learning during the next year or two.

National Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu introduced the commission at a press conference in Cape Town yesterday.

Mr Bengu said no official enquiry into the higher education sector had been undertaken in

State commission to investigate higher education

this country.

The new democracy needed to have confidence in its senior institutions of learning, especially given the massive influence of higher education on the cultural, social, scientific, technological and professional formation of the country's leadership.

Mr Bengu said that after prolonged investigation and consultation, the government had approved the National

Commission on Higher Education (NCHE), which had begun work in January.

The commission will advise Mr Bengu on what constitutes higher education, the national goals of this system of education, the types of institutions required, the structures required to govern and administer higher education and funding mechanisms for institutions and students in higher education.

Mr Bengu said post-apartheid transformation was proceeding at different rates in different parts of the higher education system, creating substantial stress.

"The system as a whole is dealing with the effects of rapid enrolment growth and simultaneous decline in the real value of subsidy from the state.

"Students are under chronic financial pressure, which is transferred to their institutions.

Other commissioners are Nasima Badsha, Adrienne Bird, Brian Figaji, Jon File, Chris Garbers, Bobby Godsell, Peliwe Lolwana, Daniel Ncayiyana, Teboho Moja, Reginald Ngcobo and Roelf Strumpf.

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Debate about the role of universities rages on

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SHOULD universities cater for the masses or should they concentrate on research and educating the intellectual elite?

This question became the subject of hot debate in academic circles this week after a provocative article by a University of the Western Cape lecturer argued turmoil on campuses was the result of the admission of "thousands of disadvantaged young people, many of whom had a minimal chance of graduating unless standards were lowered".

But other educationists challenged this view and said it ignored the inequities caused by apartheid.

The present wave of unrest on university and technikon campuses — which has been roundly condemned by President Nelson Mandela — began in August at the Vaal Technikon in Gauteng and spread rapidly. Students have demanded a halt to exclusions based on lack of finance and "democratisation" of the institutions.

The University of Cape Town, which has a strong financial aid scheme for disadvantaged students, has been unaffected.

Protests at UWC turned ugly earlier this month when a group of students took several top officials hostage. Protests also took place at the Peninsula Technikon but were resolved after negotiations this week.

Yesterday Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu said he had been assured by Mr Mandela that reckless elements in the student movement would be dealt with severely.

The opening salvo in the debate was fired this week by Anthony Holiday, lecturer in philosophy in the University of the Western Cape's School of Government. Dr Holiday said any institution which deserved to be called a university was a community dedicated to research — not to social betterment, the advancement of political goals, the raising of funds "or even the instruction of the young". All other activities, however worthy and legitimate, were peripheral to pushing back the frontiers of knowledge.

He said universities were the home of an elite of scholars, scientists, writers and thinkers, not of the "left" and still less of "the people".

It was this failure to remember what was essential that had led to the turmoil, he said.

CURRING THE CAMPUS

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Why have we not learnt from the lessons of the past?

THE protests at various universities highlight the urgent need for fundamental transformation of the education system from elementary to tertiary level.

If we examine the socialisation process that the students have undergone throughout their schooling we will conclude that, while we disapprove of the violence accompanying the process, this behaviour is hardly surprising.

Violence in primary and secondary schools is an acceptable form of conflict resolution.

When a pupil misbehaves, or in some cases provides a wrong answer to a teacher's question, he or she may be caned. The pupil is defenceless under these circumstances – and the message we are delivering with this form of punishment is that problems are solved by inflicting physical pain to the weaker party. In some cases such corporal punishment is delivered in public, adding humiliation – and sending a message that psychological abuse is acceptable.

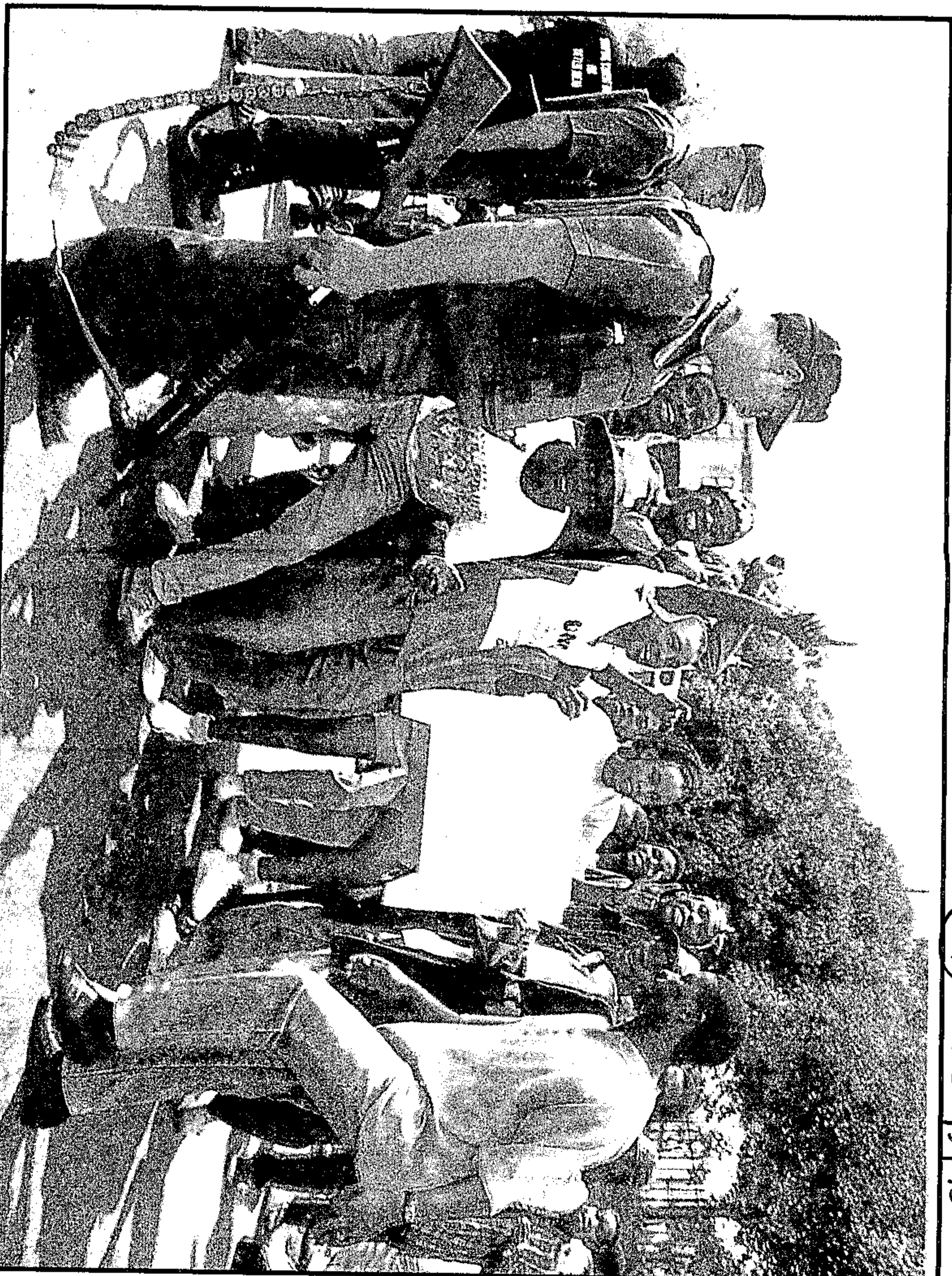
Pupils and students through their challenge to the apartheid system contributed significantly to

AS INSTITUTIONS of higher learning throughout the country are racked by civil unrest, few black academics have come to the fore to address the growing crisis. This deafening silence worries WILLIAM SHISANA, a lecturer in industrial psychology at the University of the Western Cape – who urges universities to stop wasting time and actively involve themselves in establishing a democratic culture on their campuses.

the situation of ungovernability that led to the collapse of the previous government. Many of their protests included violence and we hailed them as the vanguards of the struggle.

While the transformation of parliament is very visible, students find themselves confronted with the same problems that prevailed in the education system of the apartheid government. It is not surprising that they see the old medicine which they have tested successfully as being the correct one. In response to their behaviour they have been characterised as lacking a culture of learning and of late as lacking a rights culture. If we view the problem from a cultural perspective, we must accept that changing the students' behav-

our is going to be a long and difficult process. Culture develops and evolves over time, rather than come and go at the flipping of a switch. The education system needs to change so that it can be a catalyst to the realisation of democracy. Education institutions have to transform from being sterile institutions that serve as conveyor belts for the transfer of theories and formulae to entities that are actively engaged in human development for the improvement of the quality of life. Curricula and teaching methods have to be strategically designed so that while acquiring technical skills, students are also socialised into a culture consistent with democracy and the respect for just law.



CAMPUS CONFRONTATION . . . Both students and cops are used to this. It's time to change the picture.

We need not increase the education budget by inventing special courses for socialisation. As educators we can embed democratic values and beliefs in all aspects of our relationships with students.

Complicating our task is that one of the factors we have to contend with

police and one said this was a "déjà vu" situation. The deployment of police in this manner suggests that the police did not learn from the backlash related to the raid on Mrs Mandela's home. One shudders to think of what could have happened if there had been confrontation leading to a white policeman beating or even shooting a black student. Such a scene would have sent a shockwave throughout the world.

The media also need to examine their role in terms of their potential to exacerbate racial problems. For example, the Argus conducted a poll which required a yes or no response as to whether the protest action was justified. The question begs the following:

■ What is the racial distribution of the Argus readership? Will the distribution give us a fairly representative cross-section of our population?
 ■ Did the general public know exactly what the students' demands and positions were versus those of administration?
 ■ Is access to telephones evenly distributed across racial groups?

Even though in phoning the Argus I pointed out these methodological problems – which, I was informed, other callers had raised – the newspaper went ahead with its poll. The results were published in the Wednesday March 15 edition including a sample of responses and the respondents' names and geographic location. Judging by the geo-

graphical names, the so-called "Strong opposition to student action" poll seemed to reinforce the coloured-black division. Moreover, even though when class disruptions occurred some black students were in classes, the newspapers' cameras seem to have been only able to capture coloured-black confrontation. This type of shaping of events discredits the media's role as an impartial disseminator of information and renders news to be viewed as editorial comment.

We need not waste time in embarking on transformation. Whether our history is that of being for or against apartheid, we have been debating education for too many years and one more debate is unlikely to improve the quality of the product we could produce now. Many of the solutions to the problems lie within the various educational institutions themselves. For example, there is no reason for a high school not to eliminate corporal punishment.

Equally, it is the task of institutions to ensure the establishment of democratic structures and processes. For example, UWC has instituted a democratic process of electing the rectorate and this did not have to come from higher powers. Unless we engage in a rapid yet systematic transformation of the educational endeavour, we run the risk of running out of the bandages which we are currently using to deal with the symptoms of our problems.

Black students' sensitivities 'should be accommodated'

A COMMISSION of inquiry into racial clashes at the Free State Technikon in the past month has recommended that the sensitivities of black students should be accommodated, but not in a manner that would drop academic values and standards at the institution. (54)

The commission consisted of the technikon management, the white-dominated Technikon Student Union, the black Technikon OFS African Students' Union and the students' representative council. It was set up last month to investigate the circumstances that led to physical assaults and mass action on campus.

White students demanded to continue with their studies undisturbed, while black students affiliated to the African Students' Union embarked on protests calling for transformation and the resignation of rector Japie van Lill and Students' Bureau director George Nel. BD 27/3/95

Physical assaults had ensued, but the commission found that it was not possible to identify individuals responsible for the acts of violence.

Last week, 11 students at the technikon were wounded, two seriously, when security guards fired birdshot at students. Students were trying to force their way into the Students' Bureau. The guards had fired

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warning shots which went unheeded.

On Thursday, 200 students defied a Supreme Court interdict barring them from certain activities on campus by holding a meeting on campus.

The inquiry found that even though the African Students' Union wanted speedy democratisation, it would not be the solution to simply accede to black student demands as the future of the institution had to be considered. The inquiry recommended that all the stakeholders should as far as possible agree to develop a common academic system of values. It also recommended that communication be intensified.

A commission consisting of the technikon management and other stakeholders would have to be established to determine who had final legal authority on campus.

The technikon management was called on to apply rules consistently because it had been applying them arbitrarily which had created uncertainty.

The union was criticised for its disorganisation and lack of accountability. The commission called on the union to affiliate with the students' representative council and be bound by the rules that governed other student organisations.

'Only way to end unrest'

Call for shake-up of varsity councils

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS
EDUCATION REPORTER

The ANC and its allies would seek to replace "illegitimate" university councils with representative governing bodies by the end of the year to resolve the crises facing tertiary institutions, ANC deputy secretary-general Cheryl Carolus said yesterday.

She said the ANC and its allies in the Mass Democratic Movement had resolved that urgent transformation of institutions was the answer to the current unrest sweeping universi-

ties and technikons.

The deputy secretary-general also said the summit — attended by members of the SA Students' Congress, Congress of SA Students, Cosatu, SA Democratic Teachers' Union and Government — had reaffirmed its commitment to act against criminal and right-wing elements seeking to hijack the transformation process.

Transformation could be achieved only if forums were in place by the end of May and legitimate university councils by the end of the year, she said.

Carolus stressed that trans-

formation could be brought about only through the participation of all stakeholders, saying the summit had resolved to start convening university assemblies so that the public, and not just adversarial parties, could debate the issues.

An education charter outlining a series of actions to be adopted in response to current unrest at institutions was also adopted and was to be released this week.

Carolus said a subcommittee to look at the budget had also been established, and proposals would be submitted to the Government as soon as possible.

War on campus chaos

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By Claire Keeton

TOP EDUCATIONISTS JOINED FORCES at the weekend to declare war on criminal and rightwing elements trying to hijack the process of transformation at all levels of education.

They attended an education summit in Johannesburg convened by the African National Congress to discuss the current crises in tertiary education and to respond to the Government's White Paper on education. For the first time participants were able to co-ordinate their plans for the way forward. They all agreed on the importance of speedy transformation accompanied by disciplined conduct. They also adopted principles outlined in the Education Charter.

The summit devised a plan of action which would deal with flashpoints in education and with essential elements of transformation. ANC deputy secretary-general Ms Cheryl Carolus said it was decided that university assemblies should take place as soon as possible with all major role players to discuss crises at tertiary institutions.

She said they would like to see transformation forums in place by May and legitimate councils at tertiary institutions by the end of the year.

South African Students Congress president Mr David Makhura admitted sporadic incidents initiated by Sasco branches had taken place at local level which did not have support at national level.

"We must go down to campuses and discuss this. Students must not resort to actions which will discredit the goal of transformation," he said.

He said the summit had "placed transformation at the top of the public agenda".

Carolus said firm proposals had emerged from

the summit. These would be taken to the Government but would not be disclosed until the Government had been briefed.

The establishment of a national loan and bursary scheme by next year is one of the recommendations. In addition a budget sub-committee was set up to look primarily at the 1996/7 budget allocation for education. The summit agreed on four main points. The first was the acceleration of a process to rid education of apartheid inequalities.

This was linked to the need for equal access to quality education for all and, third, to support democratic transformation. The fourth task was seen as building a culture of learning and teaching.

Congress of South African Students president Mr Songezo Mjongile said students had declared war on crime, gangsterism and vandalism at schools. "We will not allow education to be transformed into another Bosnia."

Gauteng MEC for education Mrs Mary Metcalfe supported Cosas and urged all community structures, led by parents, to protect their schools.

● Meanwhile, a National Party student leaders' conference at the weekend slammed recent student violence as part of an orchestrated disruption campaign.

NP student leader Mr Nils Fløtten said they had resolved that the Government should take decisive action to restore law and order on campuses.

The conference felt the Ministry of Education should establish a comprehensive national financial aid scheme and warned that if the present decline in State subsidies to institutions of higher education continued, they would face collapse.

The NP youth accepted certain principles such as higher education institutions being autonomous and exempt from political intervention.

OFS student protest over

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG: Protesting Free State Technikon students agreed to return to classes yesterday after an agreement was reached with the institution's administration.

The deal was brokered at a meeting of all the stakeholders at the technikon, which came under the spotlight when tension led to clashes between black and white students about a month ago.

Subsequent clashes between black students and security staff left 12 protesters injured. At least 100 students at the technikon were

arrested last week.

In terms of yesterday's deal, the students would return to classes and lecturers would be on hand to help those who had missed classes because of the protests.

Further demands that an interdict granted against students be rescinded and that all students due to face disciplinary action be pardoned were to be discussed at a technikon council meeting late yesterday afternoon.

The results of this meeting will be made known today.

Meanwhile, the Azanian Student Convention (Azasco) said yes-

terday unless the Education Ministry acted swiftly to end the crisis in tertiary institutions, it would call for a national student stay-away within a week if no action was taken.

Azasco spokesman Mr Phillip Kepadisa said at a news conference here university authorities, police and the courts were colluding to suppress legitimate student protest.

He called on Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu to institute a commission of inquiry to investigate the national tertiary education crisis. — Sapa

Student strike call slammed

PRETORIA: The South African Students' Congress yesterday condemned plans by the Azanian Students' Convention to organise a national student strike.

"Although we agree with their grievances, we are against a strike, as it would have a negative influence on our students' academic progress," Sasco's Gauteng branch said in a statement here.

They also accused Azasco of following the "anti-government political agenda" of its parent body, the Azanian People's Organisation. **CT 30/3/95**

"Azasco should not use students as political pawns for its own ends," Sasco said.

Meanwhile, thousands of teachers from the Mabopane district north of here left their classrooms unattended to protest yesterday against what they called the clampdown on union activities by senior education officials. — Sapa

Meeting: UWC, UCT unsure

STAFF REPORTER

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THE University of the Western Cape and UCT have not yet decided whether they will attend the meeting tomorrow between Police Commissioner George Fivaz and other university and technikon principals to discuss the problem of violence on campuses.

UWC spokesman Professor Stanley Ridge said yesterday the university had a meeting sched-

uled for tomorrow with Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu.

"No way will all the principals be there. It is not a major issue. It's not a high noon situation. It is simply a consultation between university leaders and police to establish proper procedures to deal with violence on campus," he said.

A UCT spokesman said the principal, Dr Stuart Saunders, was away and no decision had yet been taken on whether to attend.

Task force for campus peace

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THE cabinet yesterday authorised the establishment of a special mediation team to settle disputes on tertiary education campuses, a spokesman said.

Cabinet secretary Professor Jakes Gerwel said the cabinet did not discuss who would serve on the team, but he expected it would comprise officials and experts in conflict resolution.

At the same time, he said, the cabinet reaffirmed its commitment to strong action against campus anarchy and violence, which has affected universities, colleges and technikons around the country this year.

Prof Gerwel said the mediation team, co-ordinated by Education Minister Prof Sibusiso Bengu, would act only on the invitation of an education institution and would not undermine the independence of universities and technikons. — Reuter

Vista council is dissolved

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THE Vista University council has been dissolved and is to be replaced by an interim council within three months, Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu announced yesterday.

Prof Bengu said he had met a council delegation yesterday to discuss unrest on Vista campuses.

It had been agreed that the council should dissolve.

The council would leave office within three months and the interim council would be appointed in terms of the Vista Act.

Nominations can be made by interested parties.

Prof Bengu said he will, in consultation with the council and interested parties, appoint an acting rector within a month.

Nominations for acting rector should be sent to the Minister of Education and Vista council within two weeks. — Sapa

Team for educational disputes

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Political Correspondent

THE cabinet has ordered the setting up of a task team to mediate in disputes at tertiary education institutions.

A firm stand was taken following a briefing to the cabinet by Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu. ARG 30/3/95

"It is recognised by the government that for South Africa to become a winning nation, human resources development is crucial," said cabinet secretary Jakes Gerwel.

Mr Bengu would continue to give attention to the "burning question" of financing higher education for students, Dr Gerwel said.

The government also expressed its unequivocal opposition to all intimidation.

Govt backs firm hand on students

CAPE TOWN — Government yesterday endorsed firm action against students involved in campus unrest, but said it would establish mediation teams to interyene in disputes.

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Cabinet secretary Jakes Gerwel said the Cabinet discussed campus disruptions yesterday but was keen not to interfere with the autonomous functioning of university administrations. However, the Cabinet had endorsed firm action against students who disrupted lectures. Teams would be established to mediate in disputes should university administrations require them.

MDUDUZI KA HARVEY reports that it was decided at a meeting between Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu and the Vista council yesterday that the council would continue to function for the next three months while an interim council was nomi-

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nated. Within a month Bengu would, in consultation with the council and other parties, appoint an acting rector.

Councillor Alan Tonkin said the Minister had made it clear that he would not like to interfere with the autonomy of any university. The route taken at the meeting was in line with a decision taken by council earlier this year.

Vista councillor Leon Bartel said the decision to transform the university stemmed from staff recommendations.

Wits University vice-chancellor Bob Charlton said he welcomed initiatives by the Wits transformation front in formulating proposals to speed up change. It was intolerable that a disciplinary dispute had been allowed to obstruct transformation.



Amalgamated Beverage Industries sales manager George McKenzie gives an R80 000 cheque to Wits University financial aid and scholarships registrar Liz Fick, watched by a benefactor, Charlotte Kgamedl.

Picture: ROBERT BOMBA

Coca-Cola donates R1,2m to needy students

BLACK needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds at tertiary institutions countrywide have been given a helping hand with a R1,2m donation from Coca-Cola for the education of undergraduates in the fields of science, engineering, chemistry and commerce.

The company this week donated R80 000 to assist 10 undergraduate students at Wits University. The remaining funds would be donated to 19 universities, 15 technicals and 53 technical colleges.

An additional R96 000 had been set aside for special awards to be given to outstanding students at the various tertiary institutions. The awards would not only focus on

academic achievements, but on students' participation in campus activities and commitment to community work.

Wits registrar for financial aid and scholarships Liz Fick said the money had been donated since 1989, and that it catered specifically for black undergraduate students from poor homes. She said the amount of money allocated to each student depended on how needy the student was.

Fick said students applied and her department looked into their academic merit to determine whether the student was academically successful.

Airport changes welcomed

THE Boerestant Party yesterday welcomed Transport Minister Mac Maharaj's recommendation that the names of Jan Smuts and Louis Botha be removed from SA's Johannesburg and Durban airports because the two were "British lackeys".

Maharaj announced this week that he would ask Cabinet to approve changing the names of SA's nine state airports, mostly named after past SA presidents. He has recommended the airports assume the names of the cities in which they were located, but was still consulting all stakeholders about this.

Party leader Robert van Tonger said he supported maintaining the name of Cape Town's DF Malan Airport, as Malan, a former NP president, was "at least a patriot who put the interests of South Africans above those of other countries".

In 1914, Smuts and Botha "stole German South West Africa from a friendly power and caused a bitter rebellion in their own country". This had resulted in the shooting

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from God" by the boer people "in spite of his Cape Dutch background". This was because he was outspokenly pro-Boer.

Maharaj's spokesman Elsa Kruger, said yesterday no decision had been taken about what to do with the statue of Smuts at Jan Smuts Airport. It could be relocated but would definitely not be destroyed.

She said it was expected that Cabinet would approve Maharaj's recommendations. The changes, which would include erecting new road signs, stationery and directory entries, could take up to a year to complete.

"We do not want to make expensive cosmetic changes, we don't want it to cost the taxpayer a lot of money. Once the recommendation is approved, the changes will be gradual," Kruger said.

Maharaj has been consulting the nine provincial transport ministers, the Airports Command, the relevant cities' mayors

TERTIARY EDUCATION

Behind the sound and fury

Calls for transformation reflect ignorance — or something much more sinister

The tide seems to have turned, just in time, on campus disruptions: the radical elements are being marginalised. But the real battle may just be starting.

There have been ominous signs that ANC politicians remain keen to interfere with the running of our universities. Admittedly, there is nothing new about this in SA. Successive National Party leaders were quite blunt about their resentment of university freedom. Hendrik Verwoerd legislated away the right of the universities to admit blacks. John Vorster was cavalier with his arbitrary bannings and detentions of troublesome students and lecturers. F W de Klerk, when Minister of Education in the late Eighties, tried to impose a racial quota system on student admissions.

What the present generation of interfering politicians do not appear to understand is that the protests by English-speaking universities against the Nats were not just directed against apartheid policies, but also in defence of university autonomy.

We must certainly be grateful that the Minister of Education, Sibusiso Bengu, has at last taken a stand on campus violence. In a long statement placed as an advertisement

in various major newspapers last week, Bengu says he supports the students' right to protest but "I will not tolerate any abuse of that right by ill-disciplined and reckless elements within the student movement."

It is heartening to hear a firm stance at last from the Minister, at least in principle. And it seems that the support given to dissenting students by ANC provincial

serious problems can be addressed through established disciplinary procedures. So why does government simply not uphold the right of tertiary authorities to run their own campuses?

Similar woolly thinking is evident in Bengu's views on "transformation" of tertiary institutions. He says they "must be increasingly representative of SA society as

a whole, redress the inequalities of the apartheid system and also fulfil the aims and goals of the RDP." It is worth pointing out that certain universities have for many years been fighting apartheid and trying to soften its effects. They have been trying to make their student and staff compositions more representative of the general society. They also have no quibble in principle with the RDP, which is really a

codeword for good government. It is not as if there is disagreement on these things, certainly among the four historically white liberal universities which have been targeted for "transformation." Wits, Cape Town, Natal and Rhodes. Yet they are the institutions that have come in for the most hammering from the ANC. Why?

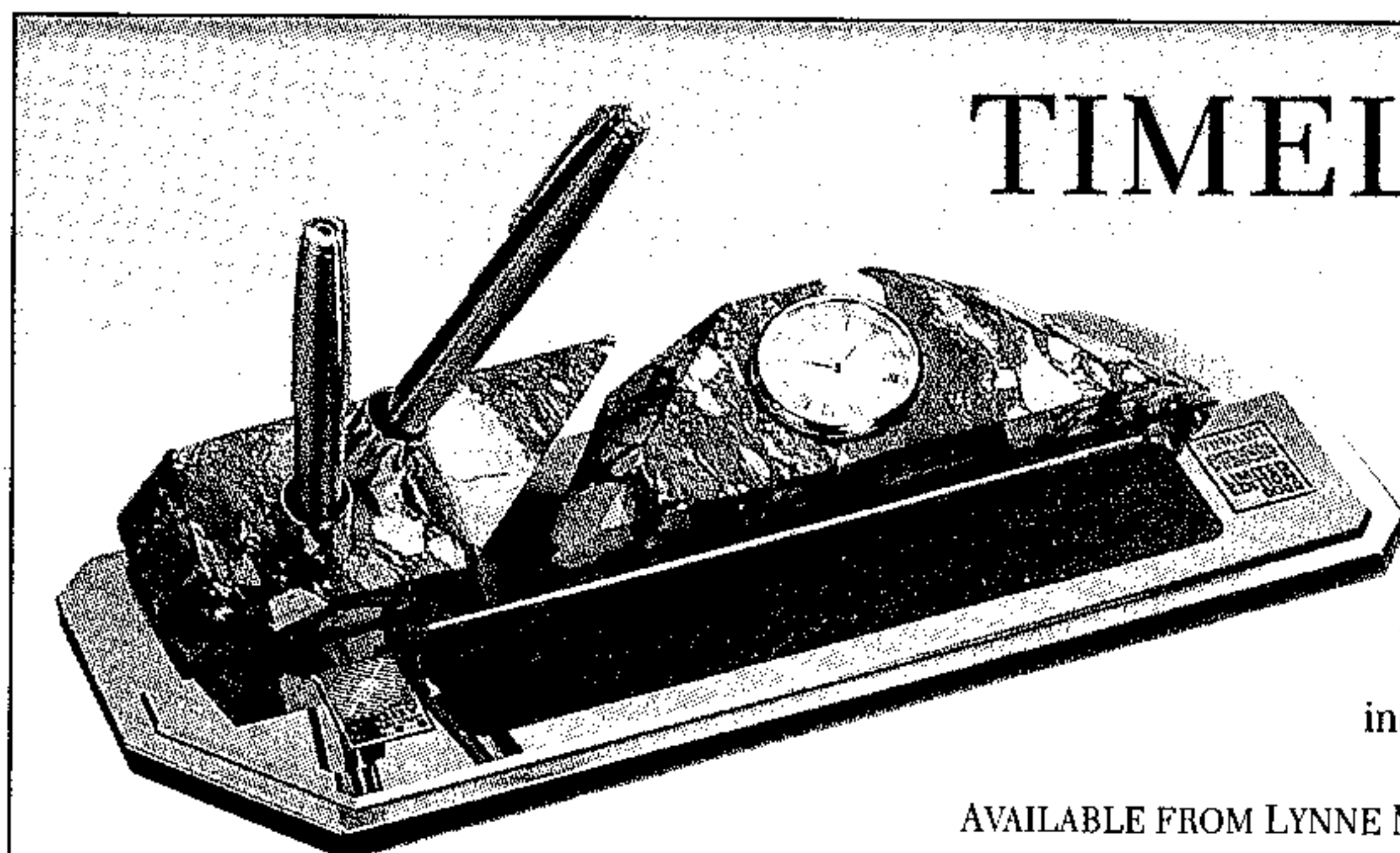
"We encourage all institutions," con-



The meddlers ... De Klerk, Vorster, Verwoerd

politicians — like Gauteng MECs Mary Metcalfe and Jessie Duarte — has been given a cold eye from the President himself.

Nobody has been able to explain, though, exactly how government will demonstrate its intolerance of unruly behaviour. The tertiary authorities themselves are both empowered and capable of calling the police if there is serious disruption; less



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tinues Bengu in his Ministerial advertisement, "to set up democratic and inclusive transformation forums, involving all stakeholders as equals, that will debate and formulate policy on both the direction and the pace of change in a particular institution." He urges authorities at universities and technikons "to not only accept the need for change, but also to play an active role in the transformation process . . . I appeal to you not to use the levers of power at your disposal to block the process of change and challenge you to take the initiative in the management of genuine and fundamental change."

Is Bengu talking about all tertiary institutions or just the universities? Is he lumping the historically white with the historically black? Wits with Pretoria? Natal with Fort Hare? Is he aware that 40% of the first-year intake at Free State University is black? Or that 15% of the Stellenbosch student body is black? No doubt there are some institutions which are resisting change — but others are actively embracing it. The point is that there are huge variations — in funding, ideology, culture — among the universities. Each has its own Private Act, establishing its academic status, political independence and the right to run its affairs as it sees fit. By and large, the legislation is sensible and practical; its good aspects have survived the Nats and it does indeed provide for extensive community and stakeholder involvement. These Acts do not, as the transformation lobby seems to think, automatically entrench white men as governors of our universities.

The Private Act of the University of the Witwatersrand, for instance, lays down that the council (a university's governing body) shall consist of a specific mixture of ex officio, appointed and elected members. Rather like a company board of directors, the council appoints the executive officers of the university and must ensure that it is financially viable and efficiently run. There are 42 places on the Wits Council and they are allocated as follows:

- Six ex officio members — the Vice-Chancellor and four Deputy Vice-Chancellors; the mayor of Johannesburg;
- Twenty-three appointed members — eight by the Minister of Education; four by the council itself; three by the Wits SRC; three by the Witwatersrand Council of Education; two by the Johannesburg City Council; two by the Chamber of Mines; one from commerce and industry; and

□ Thirteen elected members — seven members of Senate (professors and heads of department, therefore the supreme academic authority of the university), voted for by Senate; four members of Convocation (the graduates), voted for by Convocation; and two from the Constituency of Past Students and Donors.

Councils of other universities are similarly constituted, with appropriate local variations. Wits has special historical links with the mining industry, hence its two Chamber of Mines representatives. But under the 1990 statutes, Rand Afrikaans University had one member representing local high school boards and another the Afrikaans cultural organisations. The six Ministerial representatives for the University of Natal Council had to include one person nominated by the Minister of Agriculture and Water Affairs. The University of Port Elizabeth required one member to represent Afrikaans-medium high schools in the area. Rhodes has three to represent rural Eastern Cape towns.

Of course, a few anomalies have arisen in the past few years. There is no longer an authentic mayor of Johannesburg, for example; city councils have been replaced by transitional authorities. This means that university councils have indeed not yet caught up with political change.

But the vital point, surely, is that they have the capacity to do so. Take again the example of the Wits Council. Minister Bengu has the right to appoint eight of its members; new democratically elected local

council's own appointments since 1993 have included Judge Ismael Mohammed, *Sowetan* editor Aggrey Klaaste and Dr Nthatho Motlana.

That will bring the total of "non-establishment" council members up to around 50% of the total. It is hardly likely that the transformation lobby is questioning the credentials of this proportion of the council. Though many of the changes in personnel have not taken place as yet, they will follow naturally after the local government elections.

So where else in the structure of the Wits Council can changes be made? The Senate must be solidly represented; so must the Convocation; so must the senior executives of the university. That accounts for another 16 members, which leaves the transformers with less than half a dozen to play with. But these must include representatives of the donor community and organised business — vital stakeholders for any university.

Looked at in this light, the generalised cry for transformation sounds very hollow indeed. ANC deputy secretary-general Cheryl Carolus was reported earlier this month as saying that "legitimate" university councils must be in place by the end of the year, after debate and participation by all "stakeholders" including "the public" (whatever that is).

At the same time, a Commission on Higher Education has been appointed by Bengu to investigate all aspects of the tertiary sector — what if this commission produces recommendations which clash

with what Carolus wants?

It is also not clear what other "stakeholders" Carolus has in mind for institutions like Wits, UCT, Rhodes and Natal. They are desperate to employ more black academics, but candidates are scarce; they work hard to compensate for the educational ravages of apartheid; they pour money into bursary schemes. Their councils already provide for

the direct involvement of students, staff, graduates, elected community representatives, donors, business people and the appointees of a national government — a rich mixture in which "the public" are represented several times over.

It is time for the liberal universities to go on the offensive, to demand that the transformation enthusiasts explain exactly what it is they want. Can it be a hijack of the nation's intellectual treasure, culminating in total political control? Not even Verwoerd and Vorster managed to achieve that. ■



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authorities will provide another three. That means 11 out of 42 members — more than a quarter — will automatically reflect the new political alignment.

It can also be expected that the Witwatersrand Council of Education or its successor, in naming three appointments, will be sensitive to the new order; and the three SRC members can hardly be regarded as representing any old regime. The Chamber of Mines sent Anglo's Bobby Godsell — but its other nominee is James Motlatsi of the National Union of Mineworkers. The

'Money cause of unrest'

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□ Education boss says students are frustrated

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THE basic underlying cause of the unrest on South African university and technikon campuses is a financial one, says Chabani Manganyi, South African Director-General of Education.

Professor Manganyi was speaking at the opening in Somerset West of a seminar on Higher Education in South Africa: The Management of Change, attended by senior staff of De Montfort University in England.

"Many students are frustrated by their inability to pay tuition and residence fees.

"These fees have been increased from year to year as a

result of a variety of factors, including the inability of the state to provide adequate subsidisation."

Professor Manganyi said the solution to the problem lay in a possible increase in state subsidies, the more cost-effective management of existing subsidies by institutions, and the establishment of a national bursary and loan fund for South Africa.

"If these issues cannot be resolved, I am afraid that the important role that universities and technikons could play in the reconstruction and development of our country, will be undermined."

He said he believed higher education could make a substantial contribution to the

RDP by rethinking the focus of its traditional tasks, namely those of instruction, research and community service.

"The question that must be addressed is how these activities can be revitalised to contribute more to the RDP principles than is the case up till now."

Professor Manganyi pointed out the fundamental importance to the RDP of more high-level manpower, educated and trained in the natural sciences, and especially in science and technology.

He said only 33 percent of the subsidy students at South African universities this year were enrolled in the natural sciences.

This problem was exacerbated

ed by the fact that the percentage of students actually qualifying in the natural sciences was significantly lower than the enrolled percentages.

● The seminar, which ends today, is being attended by senior staff from De Montfort University in England who have spent the past two years studying the higher education needs of South Africa and the ability of the country's universities and technikons to address these.

The chief executive and vice chancellor, Kenneth Barker, is among those from De Montfort here to discuss with South African academics and technikon administrators the British university's experience in managing change.

Vista varsity council is disbanded

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By Claire Keeton

THE Vista University council has been disbanded following intervention by Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu.

Classes are expected to resume on Monday.

More than 16 000 students at seven Vista campuses nationwide are expected to be back at lectures after nearly three weeks of class boycotts.

Bengu yesterday met a delegation from the council which was at the centre of the crisis.

"We agreed that the present council would vacate office within three months and make room for an interim council to be appointed subject to the provisions of the Vista Act," Bengu said.

PRO of the Soweto Vista campus Mr Peter Maher said the provisions of the Act had been accepted by the Vista National Transformation Forum, a forum of major stakeholders which the council had refused to join.

Maher said students had agreed at a mass meeting yesterday to return to lectures.

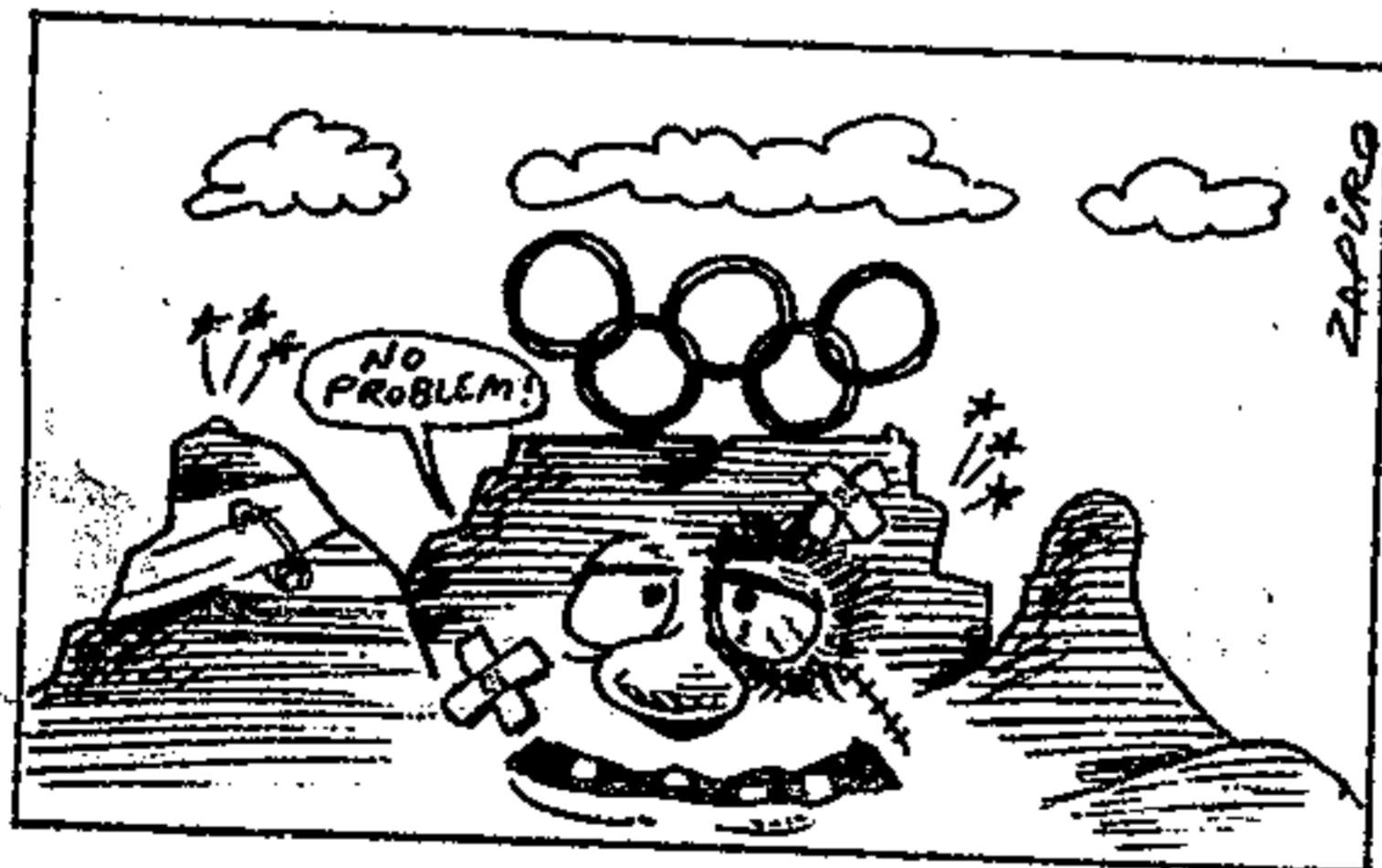
The president of the students representative council at Vista East Rand, Mr Oupa Bodibe, welcomed the turn of events and said this was what they were expecting.

It was also agreed at the meeting with Bengu that an acting rector be appointed within a month.

Nominations for the post should be made within the next two weeks and submitted to the Ministry of Education and the Vista Council.

Sebokeng Vista campus director Dr Simon Kekana was recently nominated by all seven campuses for the position of acting-rector. However, he was suspended by the council last week on allegations of corruption.

Bengu said the hearing into his case would be held on April 23.



Wits can be a model for Africa

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Eddie Webster suggests that Wits University academics would do well to look at other African universities for some hints on how to handle change

In his insightful article on his *alma mater* ("Wits — Barometer of Change", *Weekly Mail & Guardian* 24-30), Anton Harber concludes that Wits "has become a model of poor change management".

He concedes that it faces a "tough task" but this is "made worse by the fact that it is run by academics with limited management skills". He is especially harsh (but not unfairly so) on "those who trash the campus" for giving "the administration the opportunity to deflect the issues with a new round of finger-pointing".

This last comment gets to the heart of the matter; our failure to progress in discussions about the long-term future of the university. The need for concrete discussion on the future of the university in Africa was brought home to me sharply last week while on a visit to Dakar in Senegal.

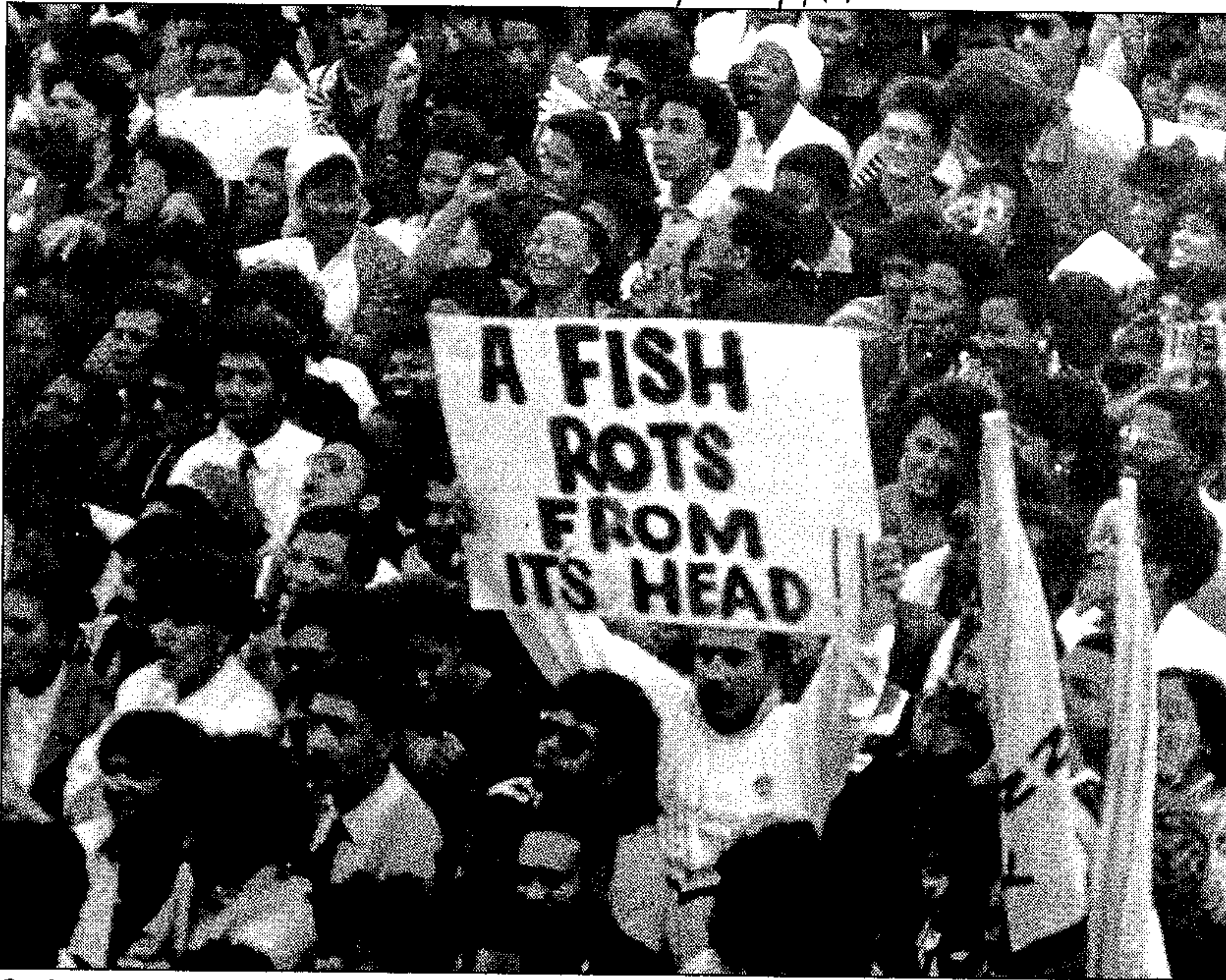
I had been invited to a workshop of African scholars organised by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (Codesria). I also visited the Sheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, the oldest university in West Africa, established by the French in 1958. Universities in Africa face two central challenges.

Firstly, there is the dramatic decline in resources available to universities. The results of this fiscal crisis were all too clear at the Sheikh Anta Diop University. The university is badly run down. It was designed for 12 000 students but currently houses 20 000.

The result is over-crowded residences with as many as 20 students to a room. Academics earn miserable salaries (in the region of R500 per month). There is little funding for research and virtually no books.

I visited the library. None of the journals vital in the field were available and the library seemed to have stopped ordering books in the 1970s.

Unlike South Africa, protests were being led by the academic staff association. Last year, they went out on a month-long strike over an attempt by the government to unilaterally



Student protests: Demonstrators have an educational message

PHOTOGRAPH: SEELAN NAIDOO

restructure the university.

That the university needs to restructure is accepted by responsible academics; what they objected to was the process — a top-down instruction from management. The result is that they lost the academic year through strike action.

After our visit to the library, I asked my host what they intended doing about the lack of resources in the library. Without much enthusiasm and a question mark on his face, he said, "Go out on strike again?"

The second issue facing universities in Africa is more fundamental. There are powerful interests who do not believe that universities have a function in Africa. The World Bank blueprints revealed at the 1986 Conference of African Vice-Chancellors in Harare stated that Africa did not need university education. According to this argument, Africa cannot afford universities and we should limit our resources to providing primary education.

On the surface, this argument is quite plausible; primary education is

more cost-effective and in countries with limited funds, the higher education budget should be the first to be cut.

Few would quarrel with the proposition that rewards to academics

Today, many of the key policy directions of the new government are being shaped by the policy research done by these academics and institutes

need to become more performance-linked. But what this argument misses is that a workforce able to participate in the new global economy requires flexibility and adaptability. This means increased investment in human resource allocation, especially at the higher level, if Africa is ever going to compete.

Instead of developing this vision,

many universities in Africa are stuck in a struggle for university autonomy and academic freedom against authoritarian states.

In Kenya, for example, academics from four universities have been on strike over registration of the Universities' Academic Staff Association (Uasa). At the centre of the strikers' demands are issues that call into question the role of the International Monetary Fund's and the World Bank's structural adjustment programme in the shaping of Kenya's education system.

Most alarming of all is the random assassinations of academics by Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria. The professor of sociology at the University of Algiers, for example, has been forced into exile in neighbouring Tunisia, in fear of his life.

In his book, *Algeria: The Challenge of Modernity*, he attributes the vulnerability of academics to the failure of intellectuals to structure an autonomous environment during the period of national liberation. Instead, they reinforced the tradition of con-

sensus, content to work as specialised technicians in service of the movement and later the state. The name of the game, he said, was not freedom, but social mobility.

It was out of this dual threat to universities — the fiscal crisis and state authoritarianism — that academics have discovered their own weakness and isolation. Universities could find neither alternative funding sources at a time of shrinking state budgets, nor effective allies in their struggle for autonomy.

In the words of Ugandan political scientist Mahmood Mamdani: "Driven into a corner, they discovered the local communities that had hitherto seemed no more than a natural setting and were compelled to look at themselves from the standpoint of these very communities. Against growing odds, they came to discover their own oddity: universities seemed to have little relevance to communities preoccupied with day-to-day questions of survival. Whether viewed as potted plants of questionable aesthetic value, or simply as mere anthropological oddities, academics were hard put to justify the priority of their claims."

Paradoxically, many South African universities have been ahead of their colleagues to the north in developing links with community organisations. In the 1970s and 1980s many academics developed close links with the new social movements that emerged in the workplaces and townships in the anti-apartheid struggle. They set up research institutes and service organisations designed to help these movements through applied research.

In fact, Wits University sponsored a research project in 1985, *Perspectives of Wits*, designed to undertake precisely what Mamdani is pleading for.

Today, many of the key policy directions of the new government are being shaped by the policy research done by these academics and institutes.

This is the kind of activity that will ensure the long-term future of universities in Africa. It would be a great tragedy if, as African scholars to the north of us start to look to us for a lead, we became preoccupied, in Harber's words, "in playing a strategic game with students activists, outwitting them and isolating militants, rather than ensuring that the process of change is kept on course and is moving ahead despite the day-to-day disruptions and conflicts".

I sense a reawakening among our colleagues to the north. Donors, especially progressives ones such as the Ford Foundation and belatedly even the World Bank, have come to recognise the role of independent research and critical thinking in African universities. More importantly, academics are starting to organise collectively in defence of their vocation and their right to teach and research under favourable conditions.

But they are expecting solidarity and guidance, not political point-scoring, from their better-off colleagues from Africa's newest democracy. The best way of providing this guidance is by making the transformation forum — an ideal put forward first by the students and the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations (Udusa) some years ago — work efficiently.

This would make Wits a model of a new type of university governance, not a symbol of the past.

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'Good old boys' are ruining Rhodes

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The major problem at Rhodes University is not 'unruly' students, but the old boys' club that runs the place, argues lecturer **Colm Allan**

UNRULY students have provided a convenient scapegoat at our crisis-ridden universities.

But the focus should shift to the slow pace of transformation at these institutions. The source of the crisis lies in the unaccountable and undemocratic governance of these institutions.

Rhodes University is a case in point.

The insular and conservative views of the Rhodes council were forged during the era of high apartheid and have not changed since. The acrimonious shambles to which the vice-chancellor selection process was reduced illustrates the incompatibility

of their "old boys" network style of management with the demands of transparency and accountability in the "new" South Africa.

The blatant and bungled efforts of council to manipulate the composition of the selection committee by packing it with "good old boys" were directly responsible for the process being disbanded. Council's actions called the good name of the university into disrepute and cost us the best potential leaders we were likely to attract.

At a crucial juncture in the history of education within this country, Rhodes is without effective leadership.

The failure to speedily resolve the present crisis of leadership holds serious long-term consequences for institutions like Rhodes. The Minister of Education has already warned that "in future the funding of universities will be directed towards influencing the direction of their work and to redressing sectoral and insti-

tutional inequalities."

The Rhodes council's flouting of calls for democratisation betray their inability to comprehend the implications of the university's dependence on a state subsidy — for up to 70 per cent of its annual budget.

Instead of making a commitment to the reconstruction and development of education so as to secure this subsidy, the Rhodes administration is preparing for the alternative of punitive retribution. In an ill-judged effort to pre-empt financial cuts, Rhodes management has embarked on a rationalisation programme which will cut the university's staff by up to 10 percent across the board, and by as much as 16 percent in the arts faculty.

Effectively, this means that Rhodes University is in the process of cutting its capacity to provide education at a time when a lack of access to education is the country's most pressing problem.

The inept reading of the present

political climate by the Rhodes Council will only serve to realise their worst fears. Their disastrous leadership is set to procure the university's financial ruin.

This same lack of leadership and corporate vision that has thrown Rhodes into a crisis can be held responsible for a good deal of the turmoil within other tertiary institutions. Instead of scapegoating students, national politicians should be working to facilitate an inclusive and wide-ranging debate around the pace and direction of change within these institutions.

Only by speeding up the pace of transformation will we be able to start addressing the causes of the present crisis as opposed to decrying its symptoms.

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Campuses quiet countrywide

■ EDUCATION REPORTER

College campuses were quiet yesterday with only problems at Wits University still unresolved.

Classes had been resumed and all protest action suspended this week following two weeks of upheaval at tertiary institutions nationwide.

Wits University, where students picketed to demand the immediate reinstatement of 48 students and workers earlier in the week, was also calm with no demonstrations expected to take

place.

But the stalemate between the administration and the South African Students Congress and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union regarding the reinstatement of the 39 workers and nine students dismissed and expelled for various disciplinary infractions was still unresolved.

Charges had not been laid against students who went on a rampage and trashed the campus a week ago as the transgressors had not been identified, Wits spokesman Valerie Diesel

said.

Meanwhile, a solution to the crisis at Vista University appeared to be on the horizon with an agreement by the Vista Council yesterday to dissolve within three months.

The announcement was made by Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu yesterday after a meeting with a council delegation in Cape Town.

An acting rector would also be appointed within a month following consultation with all stakeholders.

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Unisa editorial head is sacked

By PAT SIDLEY

UNISA'S whistle blower, Sam van den Berg, has been removed from his post as head of the university's editorial department, largely as a result of publicity given in the *Weekly Mail & Guardian* to problems in the Education Faculty.

A secret agreement between Van der Berg and the university resulted from an internal in-camera disciplinary hearing.

The disciplinary hearing followed a report in the *WM&G*, illustrated by extracts from textbooks, which indicated that the Education Faculty had not moved far from Verwoerdian

apartheid doctrine.

Mary Metcalfe, Gauteng's MEC for education, reacting to the outcome of the disciplinary hearing and the settlement, said she was distressed by what had happened, and would place the issue before the minister of education.

Although the *WM&G* relied on several sources for its information, Van den Berg was disciplined for insubordination and for having gone to the press.

This was despite assurances from the university rector, Professor Marinus Wiechers that staff of the university could exercise their freedom of expression and go to the press if they wanted.

The university, however, released a press statement,

before the disciplinary hearing had reached a determination, which said that Van den Berg had "decided to issue an apology to all concerned parties to the effect that the statement and impression created by these articles were wrong".

Unable to check the contents of the agreement because of an apparent secrecy clause, the registrar of professional services, Daniel W Steyn, told the *WM&G*

that the agreement was a "voluntary, amicable agreement reached without any coercion".

The last sentence of the two-page document says: "As part of an amicable settlement, Mr Van den Berg relinquished his position as head of the editorial department but retains his rank

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and status."

The move has come as something of a shock to his colleagues in the editorial department, who had written two petitions to the university expressing their support for Van den Berg.

Shocked staff in the department, who say they are disgusted, will also not be identified by name for fear of repercussions.

One staff member close to the issues said it was extremely difficult to oppose a system in which the "prosecutor, judge and executor are the same people".

Steyn said Van den Berg had taken leave and his new career would be worked out upon his return to the university. Van den Berg said he had no comment.

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Times are changing at Natal University

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By SIPHO KHUMALO

NATAL University has appointed a female professor, Professor Brenda Gourley, as its new principal and vice-chancellor charged with the task of ushering in a series of reforms aimed at changing the institution.

Gourley, the first woman to head a university in South Africa, has as one of her objectives to change the university's governing council to reflect the population balance of the country.

Towards the end of last year the university council accepted a report that outlined the council's restructuring to enable the institution to cope with the demands of the rapidly changing country.

Gourley's job will be to oversee these changes. The restructuring is expected to take a matter of months and by the end of the year the council will be quite different from the current one.



WOMAN POWER . . . New University of Natal principal Professor Brenda Gourley.

"In many ways the University of Natal is far more advanced in its restructuring than any other university in the country," said Gourley.

She said the fact that the university was now headed by a woman was

nothing compared to other major restructuring steps that had already been undertaken.

These include the restructuring of the council, which is expected to have a number of black people on board within the next

few months.

Gourley was a popular candidate for the position and she even received the approval of the trade unions operating on the campus.

She has a reputation for dealing with tough issues head-on and is not shy to speak her mind on issues others may consider sensitive.

"The university is surrounded by pressing human problems and to be relevant our research has to be into the real problems of the world we live in.

"I know that most students want to do well but I also know that all students want a degree that is worth something. An average education is not in anybody's interest," said Gourley.

She pointed out that her position had no real power, but it had influence, and without the support of the restructured council and senate she would not be able to operate effectively.

Wits defies Sasco disruption threat

WITS vice-chancellor and principal Robert Charlton yesterday expected university disciplinary hearings, following campus disruptions, to be concluded this week, despite SA Students' Congress (Sasco) calls for their scrapping and threats of further student protests.

"We will not back off from appropriate disciplinary actions because of threats of disruption," Charlton said.

Twenty-one students were charged with misconduct, including assault, disruption of classes, littering and occupying staff offices during campus protests in September last year. Thirteen students have pleaded guilty to the charges.

Charlton denied refusing to meet Sasco as the organi-

MARIANNE MERTEN

sation alleged in an open letter this week.

Sasco said it had put forward the idea of a transformation forum to include representatives of Sasco, Wits administration, academic staff, workers and other interested parties. The forum would deal with setting up "a new democratic Wits council" and would also restructure curricula. BIDON 12/1/94

Responding to the proposals, Charlton said council members were aware the council's structure was not representative of SA's population. (54)

However, it could be changed only by an Act of Parliament or when the bodies currently electing council members — among them the Chamber of Mines and the Johannesburg City Council — altered their selection criteria, he said.

Techs to the fore 'but need reform'

JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

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TECHNIKONS are set to play an increasingly important role in a restructured education system but need more reform, says researcher Harold Wolpe.

With the country crying out for more job-related training at tertiary level, technikons should flourish — especially now they are offering degree programmes.

There are about 300 000 students at South African universities and about 70 000 at 14 technikons.

All the major parties debating the country's future agree that what is needed is less academic education and more scientific, skills and vocation-oriented training.

These notions should eventually be reflected in student numbers, but this should be a gradual process, according to Professor Wolpe who heads the education policy unit at the University of the Western Cape.

The whole post-secondary sector should be geared toward achieving a development goal for this country.

This may not simply mean reversing the present 4:1 ratio of university to technikon students, but rather getting institutions and student numbers to

match the country's changing needs.

This could happen over a series of phases — starting with changes in the technikon make-up.

"Technikons are not catering properly for the needs of regenerating the South African economy and are still offering too many arts-oriented courses," he said.

Professor Wolpe advocates a formative first diploma or degree with courses in both the arts and sciences to ground students before they proceed with their career path.

What should perhaps also be compulsory are courses on academic reading and writing, he says.

Another concept is allowing students to move between different types of institutions. Technikon students could take their credits to a university — more radically, institutions could give people credit for skills learnt on the shop floor, he suggests.

He welcomes the introduction of degrees at technikons, saying this will do much to improve their status.

So far Professor Wolpe has not noted at universities a big swing away from general academic courses to degrees in the sciences.

Wits charts course for the future

Star 15/11/94

GUY JEPSON

ENSURING academic excellence while transforming itself so as to participate fully in national reconstruction: that's the University of the Witwatersrand's vision for the future. Contained in a 29-page report, Wits's interim mission statement overlaps on several fronts with the ANC's recently released education policy document, including a commitment to affirmative action — particularly for women — and a strong focus on technical and scientific education.

The report, unveiled by the Wits Council yesterday, was accompanied by the announcement of two key appointments.

Dr Malegapuru William Makgoba, an internationally

acclaimed London-based chemical pathologist, has been appointed deputy vice-chancellor (academic) and will take up the post later this year.

Dr Makaziwe Mandela, daughter of ANC president Nelson Mandela, has been appointed special projects development officer — a new position at Wits.

Recently returned from Kenya, where she worked as a programme officer at the African Academy of Sciences on a project to enhance the participation of African women in education, Mandela's work at

Wits will centre on gender issues, and the development of staff and post-graduate students.

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Among the key goals highlighted in the interim mission statement — produced after lengthy consultations with a range of education, political, research, labour and business organisations — are:

- Excellence in teaching and learning, including a commitment to high exit standards for all graduates.

- Continual re-examination and modification of courses and syllabi "to ensure that they continue to serve the multifarious long-term needs of the country, as well as the personal develop-

ment needs of Wits students"

- Continued commitment to increased access to the university by members of disadvantaged communities.

The report says it is essential for Wits "to commit itself" to the goal of considerably improved success rates for disadvantaged students" while not compromising the quality of the university's degrees.

On affirmative action, it states that although the university is an equal-opportunity employer, blacks and women are under-represented on its academic staff and the university should do "everything in its power" to correct the imbalances.

Election in UCT holiday

Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town has adjusted its first semester terms to prevent the April 27 election from interrupting lectures. C 118/1194

According to registrar Mr Hugh Amoore yesterday, the regular Easter break was moved "deliberately" to coincide with the election week when the term dates were set.

"It will be a day when most South Africans will be interested in going to the polls," he said, adding that UCT "doesn't want to lose a day of lectures" (54)

Picture: PIETER MALAN, The Argus.

BRICKING THEM IN: First-year students from the Cape Technikon are drilled by members of Sandnbergh residence's house committee. The bricks they carry are for "chairs."

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Brick initiation for rookies

Staff Reporter

FIRST-YEAR Cape Technikon students carrying bricks were marched military style through District Six at 10.30 at night by house committee members from Sandnbergh residence in an initiation ceremony this week.

One first-year was also marched on the spot, holding a brick above his head, by a senior student.

A young man introducing himself as head student Sakkie van der Merwe said the first-years were taken to a popular restaurant "for an outing" and to "meet some girls".

The squad of about 70 first-

year students was halted in the restaurant parking lot. After about five minutes they were told that "the girls did not pitch up" and they were marched back to their residence.

When asked why they had to carry bricks a first-year replied it was "for a chair".

Asked if he did this voluntarily, another first-year replied: "You must be joking."

One house committee member said the 10.30 pm march was to "build spirit" and to give the guys a chance to "meet each other". He said it was all "part of the tradition of the residence".

He said one could "ask any of these guys whether they enjoy this outing".

To prove his point he shouted to the group: "Do you like marching with bricks through the streets?"

The students then replied in unison: "Yes, we like it."

Initiation ceremonies at various universities and technikon have come under fire in recent years, because of first-years being seriously injured. At some institutions students have even died because of malpractices.

As a result most institutions have banned initiation ceremonies.

Council to continue R10 000 Unisa grant

Municipal Reporter

CONTINUATION of an annual grant of R10 000 to the University of South Africa has been recommended by the city council executive committee.

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg said Unisa had 4 705 students in the Cape Town municipal area.

The University of Cape Town had 14 195 and the University of Western Cape had 12 681.

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Good Hope College staff stoned, shot at

ARC 2/11/94

Education Reporter (54)
 GOOD Hope College lecturers have again come under attack in Khayelitsha.

Three cars carrying lecturers were stoned in Zola Budd Drive and a shot was fired at one of them. None of the lecturers was injured.

Rector Willie Scholtz said that since yesterday members of the Khayelitsha branch of the SA National Civics Organisation had escorted white Good Hope staff to and from work.

The three cars were hit in separate incidents between about 1.30pm and 2pm on Wednesday, said Mr Scholtz.

Police confirmed the stonings but could not confirm that a shot had been fired at one of the cars.

The cars were carrying two male lecturers on their way to Goodwood, a female lecturer driving to Somerset West and another on her way to the airport.

Shaken maths and languages lecturer Tertius Retief said a shot was fired at his car while he was travelling home with colleague Dana Matthee.

"I saw some youngsters on the left-hand side of the road. As we came nearer they suddenly jumped out.

"One was holding a half-brick. He caught my attention. Then Dana said: 'Duck. There's a gun!'"

"He saw one of them holding a .38 pistol," a shocked Mr Retief said.

The youth fired but his hand was unsteady and he shot over the car.

The half-brick shattered the windscreen, filling the car with glass.

"I just kept driving. After about 50 yards I looked in my rearview mirror and saw them running back to the shacks."

Mr Retief stopped the car alongside the N2 to get rid of

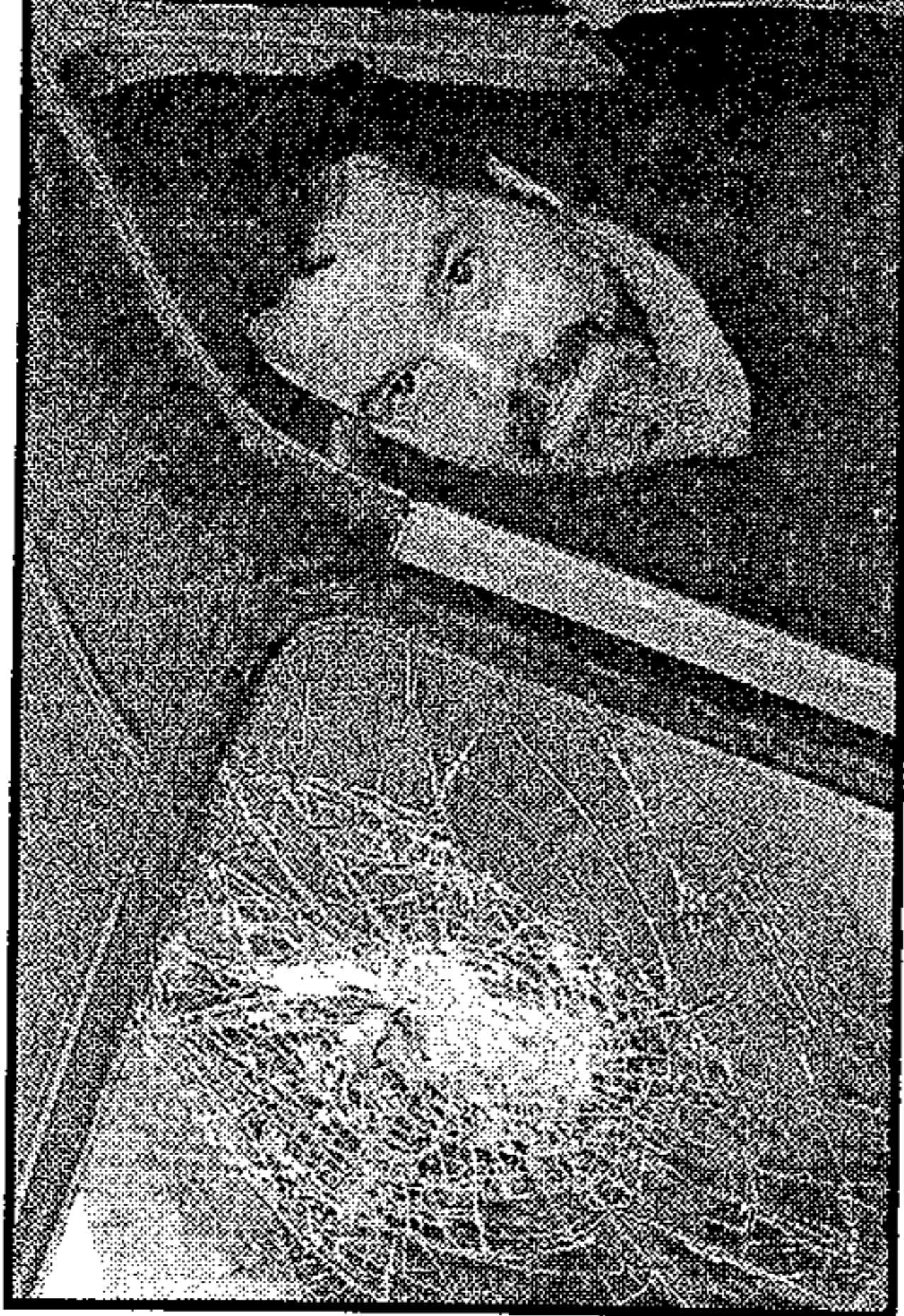
the glass that had covered him and his passenger.

It is the second time Good Hope College lecturers have been attacked in recent months.

Last September two men with AK-47s fired five shots at two lecturers at the intersection of Zola Budd Drive and Spine Road.

Mr Scholtz said he did not know what had motivated the attacks.

"We are a bit upset. But fortunately we are moving to our new campus on March 1, in a much safer area," he said yesterday.



Picture: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus
SMASHED: Good Hope College lecturer Tertius Retief with his windscreen, which was shattered by a half-brick

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Crime Reporter

The South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) wants to find and "discipline" the people who stoned and shot at two Good Hope College lecturers in Khayelitsha earlier this week.

Sanco is now escorting white lecturers to and from the college to ensure their safety.

Mr Freeman Nojaholo, chairman of Sanco's Elita Park branch, said Sanco was trying to inform Khayelitsha residents that the lecturers were doing good work for the community.

Lecturers Mr Tertius Retief and Mr Dana Mathee narrowly escaped when their vehicle was stoned in Zola Budd drive and a man fired a shot towards their heads — but missed.

Last September two men with AK-47s fired five shots at two Good Hope College lecturers in Zola Budd drive.

A bright yellow Sanco flag flies above the vehicle Mr Nojaholo drives at the head of the convoy of about 10 cars each morning and afternoon.

Several teachers in the convoy told the Cape Times yesterday that they felt a "great relief" at being escorted to work because they "loved" their jobs.

NEWS FEATURE Wiseman Nkuhlu — from deprived background to prominence



Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu making a point at a briefing on site.



IDT helps people develop themselves.

Nkuhlu servant, leader of people

By Joe Mdhlela

QUALIFYING AS A first African chartered accountant way back in 1976 would have made a lot of people develop airs, but not so with Transkei-born

Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu. His achievement has instead made him a humble servant of his people.

With no ambition for public office, Nkuhlu would rather spend his life "helping to make things happen" by going to the countryside and giving hope to people whose lives have been marginalised by apartheid.

Imbued with a strong sense of commitment to being close to the people, Nkuhlu left academic life, with calls to serve on the boards of the Development Bank of Southern Africa and the Independent Development Trust.

Last year he was appointed chief executive officer of IDT, a position he inherited from Mr Jan Steyn, a former Supreme Court judge.

It is in the position as CEO of the IDT that he believes his talents will best be served, developing people's skills so that they too can become self-sufficient, beginning to use their own mental resources to empower themselves.

"We need to focus on people, develop them so that in turn they can help themselves."

Developing people provides people with resources essential for their participation in shaping their destinies, he says.

Born in Cala, Nkuhlu grew up in a deprived environment. But that did not stop him becoming an achiever.

TOP LEADER *Commitment to helping makes things happen:*

At Lovedale School, Alice, Nkuhlu's perspective on life was influenced by what was happening at the neighbouring Fort Hare University, known at the time for producing the intelligentsia and political animals who were to have a bearing in the political resistance that was to follow.

This was in the early 1960s. Whatever political enthusiasm young Nkuhlu harboured at Lovedale was cut short when he was arrested and served a term on Robben Island.

On his release he went to Lorraine Gold Mines in the Orange Free State. There he burnt the midnight oil, finishing his matric through correspondence.

Legend has it that he often hid while going through his lecture notes as white miners at Lorraine did not particularly take kindly to blacks improving their studies.

He registered for a B Com degree at Fort Hare in 1967, finishing it in 1970.

Six years later, in 1976, he qualified as a chartered accountant.

Starting off as a lecturer at the University of Transkei, he established an accounting department at the university. While assuming a lectureship position, he simultaneously kept a private practice as a chartered accountant.

He was appointed principal of Unitra in 1987, a position he relinquished last year.

Talking about his new position at

UDT, Nkuhlu said his intention is really to put the development of his people above anything else. But then he does not believe that this should be imposed on people.

He says the communities IDT seeks to help should know that they are responsible for the projects on development. Their role at IDT is to facilitate things, with the rest being left for the communities to work on.

He says for development to succeed in South, "we need to get our policies right, be committed to democracy and human rights".

Nkuhlu is a fitness fanatic, jogging as often as possible.

His other strength as a leader lies in his ability to listen, evaluate and reflect, on what people have to say. Added to that, he does not easily get irritable.

Enviied by his colleagues, including IDT director of communication, Mr Jolyon Nuttal, who has this to say: "He gives the impression that he improves himself all the time. This rubs off on you ... he is really putting development on the map through his own initiative."

There is another side to Nkuhlu, in his attempt to assess the efficacy of socialism. "If you are not a socialist at 18, there is something wrong with you. However, if you become one at 30 I become concerned."

Another view on Nkuhlu can be seen on TSS at 9pm tonight.

Education colleges merge

CP 25/11/94
Political Staff

THE Athlone College of Education in Paarl has merged with the previously all-white Boland College in Wellington, the government said yesterday (54)

The Athlone College students and four teachers moved over to the Boland College.

This meant the facilities at Boland were being used more cost-effectively while the Athlone College facilities would be available for other education purposes, officials said.

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Student sex harassment 'common'

Staff Reporter

SEXUAL harassment in varying degrees of severity is widespread on the University of Natal campus — and students are dissatisfied with preventive action taken by the authorities. (54)

Speaking at a psychology conference at the University of the Western Cape yesterday, Ms Julia Braine said that of 1 082 students who responded to a questionnaire, 80% said they considered date rape, rape, intimidation and sexual pressure, touching and fondling and sexual assault to be forms of sexual harassment.

They perceived women under the influence of alcohol to be top of the list of "easy victims".

Senior and first-year students were considered to be the worst perpetrators of sexual harassment. Harassment was related to power issues. CT 28/1/94

IMPRESSIONS *Don't despair — help is*

**Ways to pay
for studies**

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■ FUTURE PREPARATION *Loans,*

scholarships and bursaries pave the way:

DONOT DESPAIR — there are many ways to finance your studies.

You can finance your studies in one of four ways:

- You can work before you study and pay for yourself. This method has the advantage of allowing you to pay the study off before you start and so you are not in debt to anyone once you qualify. In addition this method of financing gives you valuable work and life experience. This means that when you do get to school or university you are there because you want to be there, you are committed to your studies and have often been able to decide what it is that you really want to study.

- You can apply for a scholarship. A scholarship is awarded to a person on academic merit. There are more scholarships for science, engineering and commerce than there are for less technical subjects such as teaching and law. Scholarships do not usually have employment conditions attached. In addition, the amount of money available for each scholarship is different. Some scholarships only give money for tuition — others cover all expenses including pocket money.

- You can apply for a bursary. A bursary is financial assistance that is given to a student for studying or training, and is awarded on financial need and/ or academic merit. Bursaries are often awarded a year at a time and can be renewed.

More bursaries are awarded in the fields of science, mining, commerce, engineering and teaching. The employment conditions attached to bursaries usually require that the student work for the company that has given the bursary for the same number of years that the student studied. In addition some bursars expect the student to play an active role in their communities. Bursaries are more readily given to students with A, B, or C symbols.

Bursaries can be obtained from:

- Training institutions where you can study: schools, training colleges, universities and technikons. Institutions usually have lists of bursaries available for students who want to study with them.

- Your parents' employers
- Religious organisations
- Your municipality

- The Institute or Council of the career that you wish to follow

- The newspapers, library and career centres in your area.

When applying for a bursary remember the following: you must make sure that your application arrives before the closing date. If not your application WILL NOT be considered. It will be rejected immediately; do not send the original copies of your marks to the bursar. Send certified copies — that is photostat copies that have been signed, usually by the police, to prove that they are genuine; always tell the truth on your application form. Do not lie about your results or your family situation. The bursar can quite easily pick up these untruths and will reject your application outright.

Correct requirements

In addition, you will get a bad name among the bursars and this will jeopardise your getting any other bursaries; ensure that you have the correct requirements — subjects passed. If you do not have the correct requirements you are not eligible and will not even be considered.

Finally, you can finance your studies through a loan. A loan is a sum of money that is lent to a student to enable him/her to finance studies.

Loans have to be paid back. You usually have the same time to pay back the loan as the time that the loan was taken out for. Interest is charged on the loan each year. If you are able to, it is preferable to pay the interest back as soon as possible. If not, the interest accumulates and increases the amount that you have to pay back once you have completed your studies.

In order to get a loan you need somebody who is working to stand surety for you. This means that if you fail to pay back your loan they are then responsible for that money. Loans for study purposes are available from all the major banks, training institutions, Government departments and private institutions.

Finally check the conditions of your loan very carefully — some organisations expect you to pay back the loan immediately should you fail.

Thanks to Education Information Centre for making available the information used in this article.

at hand ● Few matric students will find jobs

Choosing the right subjects is critical for further studies

Sowetan 31/1/94

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OF THE students who passed their matric exams in 1993 fewer than 1% will find jobs in the formal sector. This is compounded by the fact that the majority of distinctions gained in those exams were in biblical studies.

Staff at the Education Information Centre (EIC) are very concerned about the subject choices that students are making. They are counselling and seeing students who want to be doctors and engineers but who have not taken any science subjects for matric.

"Students are not being informed about which subjects they need to take in order to be admitted in to the course or tertiary institution that they require."

Vocational guidance

The *Sowetan*/Standard Bank Preparation for Work Programme, which was developed by the EIC sets out to address this very problem by providing youth with a vocational guidance assessment. This assessment, guides the student in making suitable work and career choices which match their personality profile as well as their education level. In order to complete an assessment call the *Sowetan* Help Centre on 0800-117-007 — Monday to Friday 6pm to 9pm.

The EIC explains that in order to get a matric exemption a full-time candi-

Students are not being informed about which subjects they need to take in order to be admitted in to the course or tertiary institution that they require

date should:

- Write exams in six subjects
- Pass at least five subjects
- Get at least a "G" symbol for the sixth subject
- Pass their first language on higher grade
- Pass one second language on higher grade
- Cover four different groups of subjects with the subjects that are passed. The groups are:
 - 1) First and second languages;
 - 2) Mathematics;
 - 3) Natural sciences (biology, physical science and physiology);

- 4) Third languages;
 - 5) Humanities (geography, biblical studies, economics and history);
 - 6) All other subjects.
- Pass three subjects on Higher Grade from three different groups
 - Get a total of at least 950 marks and an 'E' aggregate.

Getting an exemption, and being able to study in the field of their choice requires that students make the right subject choices.

In summary, "Double Science" (maths, physical science and biology) is needed to become an architect, doctor, engineer, land surveyor, optometrist, medical technologist, science or maths teacher or a homeopath.

"Science" (maths and biology) is required to study to be a biologist, pharmacist, dietitian, zoologist, oral hygienist, radiographer paramedic, biology or maths teacher or a registered nurse.

Finally in order to become a lawyer, economist, librarian, teacher, musician, journalist, or public relations person it is useful to have studied in the "humanities" field — history, languages, etc.

"Students are not being informed about which subjects they need to take in order to be admitted in to the course or tertiary institution that they require."

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21 students found guilty

The 21 Witwatersrand University students charged with misconduct after disruptions on the campus in August last year, have all been found guilty by an independent tribunal. (54)

A statement issued by Wits council's chairman of the executive committee, Steve Anderson, said punishment ranged from fines of R100 to a year's exclusion, suspensions and community service.

Anderson said his committee ratified the punishment recommended by presiding officers Mr Justice G P C Kotze and W H R Schreiner, SC.

Some students tendered apologies and agreed not to infringe on other people's rights during protests. — Staff Reporter.

Students owe UWC more than R9m in fees: Call for national financial code of conduct and a set of procedures to govern activities in the run-up to the election. He stressed the importance of respect for diversity of opinions and tolerance of the views of others.

JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

STUDENTS owe the University of the Western Cape more than R9 million in fees, emphasising the urgent need for a national financing scheme, according to UWC rector Jakes Gerwel.

Welcoming students yesterday at the start of the academic year, Professor Gerwel also referred to the coming elections, saying UWC would be "vigorously involved" within the bounds of a code of conduct.

Universities, specifically predominantly black institutions, continued to experience the effects of poverty through the inability of many stu-

dents to pay fees, he said.

The situation underscored the urgent need for a national scheme for the financing of tertiary students and he was confident a new government would give priority to this.

"As at closing of books yesterday, there was still an amount of nine and a half million rands outstanding on last year's fees, about half of which is owed by students who were successful in their studies last year.

"Most of this money will be recovered eventually, but the delay in payment is a sign of the problem of poverty."

The university was making available from its own resources, as well

as from financial institutions, various kinds of loans to enable students to continue their studies.

"We are confident that, if we tackle the matter in a concerted and coordinated way, we will find ways to accommodate most if not all.

"We are also confident that we can depend and call on parents as supporters, to assist by trying to find all means to meet student's obligations."

Professor Gerwel said 1994 stood in the same row of events in the country's history as the first European settlement, the wars of colonial dispossession spanning about 250 years, and the establishment of a single white-ruled state.

"We must always be respectful of the views of those South Africans who regard the negotiated constitutional deal as not meeting their expectations and demands and who therefore choose not to take part in the coming elections.

"That the majority of South Africans accept this interim constitution as an adequate vehicle for progress towards the establishment of non-racial democracy, is however not in doubt.

"And we can expect, and hope, that UWC will be vigorously involved and engaged in the historic process of elections ahead of us."

The university was working on a

code of conduct and a set of procedures to govern activities in the run-up to the election. He stressed the importance of respect for diversity of opinions and tolerance of the views of others.

"For us who have so long been excluded from genuine parliamentary politics and who have in the past actively campaigned against participation in sham elections, this will be something totally new."

UWC had over the past decade been noted for the principled stance it took against the repressiveness of apartheid and minority rule. Much of the spirit of UWC was captured in the phrase describing it as striving to

provide an intellectual home for the left.

Much had been achieved in this regard and one aspect of which he was particularly proud was that the university was able to accommodate people with a wide variety of opinions and political backgrounds.

The history of UWC was such that in its staff were, for example, white compatriots from relatively conservative political backgrounds.

"It is an excellent part of our achievement as an institution that persons like those could identify with, and work with and for the changes that the university sought within itself and in broader society."

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Media chair for ex-exile

Political Staff (54)

THE business manager and former editor of South, Dr Guy Berger, has been appointed professor of journalism at Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

Dr Berger, 38, who was jailed for two years for allegedly being a member of the ANC, will take up his new post in June.

He completed his doctorate through Rhodes University while in exile from 1985 to 1989.

He succeeds Prof Gavin Stewart, who was appointed editor of the East London Daily Dispatch at the end of last year. CT 3/2/94

Sowetan 3/2/94
Sasco slams Wits

THE South African Students' Congress has slated the executive committee of the Witwatersrand University Council for taking disciplinary action against students involved in disruptions at the campus last August.

A Sasco memorandum issued yesterday said Sasco had never taken any decision to disrupt classes.

Instead the organisation had decided to attend classes and to explain its campaign of "transforming the institution from an ivory tower to a people's university" to students, so that those who agreed could join the campaign.

While drastic transformation had to take place at the university, nobody should be disciplined for being "radical", Sasco said. — Sapa.

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Wits action negative

By Day 3/2/1994
KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE SA Students Congress (Sasco) yesterday condemned disciplinary action taken by the Wits University Council against 21 students guilty of various acts of misconduct during protests on the campus in August last year (54)

Sasco spokesman Peniel Mashele said the action would have a negative impact on negotiations on the establishment of a "transformation forum".

However, the university's SRC expressed support "in principle" for the university administration's right to discipline students responsible for disruptions.

ANC man under fire for neglecting UDW job

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Farouk Chothia

THE University of Durban-Westville has come under attack for retaining the services of a senior ANC leader accused of neglecting his job and certain to be elected to parliament in the April election.

ANC Southern Natal secretary Sibusiso Ndebele — in the top five on the ANC provincial list for kwaZulu/Natal — is the chief residence officer at UDW.

Campus sources said this week that since his

appointment two years ago, Ndebele had hardly been on the campus. He is said to earn an annual salary of about R100 000.

The sources said the issue came to a head at a University Forum on Monday in the wake of an accommodation crisis on the campus. They said a student had asked vice-rector Professor John Butler-Adam to reveal Ndebele's conditions of service. Butler-Adam had declined to do so. Students blamed Ndebele for the crisis, which saw students embark on a sit-in protest.

A hostel warden, Andrew Mogajane, allegedly

told the meeting that Ndebele had "neglected his duties for a considerable period of time". To boos and derisive laughter, Ndebele replied that "when I came out of prison I had only pair of socks — and I am prepared to go back to that", sources claimed.

He also argued that he worked full-time for the ANC — and as a "consultant" for the university — as he believed his primary role was to "transform society at large".

Ndebele had not responded to a request for comment at the time of writing.

Star 4/12/94

Protest over Vista fees

Academic and administrative work at Vista University in Soweto has come to a halt because of a student campaign of non-registration.

The drive involves all Vista campuses with the exception of Mamelodi, students' representative council general-secretary Themba Msipha said yesterday.

Students are demanding that registration fees be lowered from R620 to R220, and that a moratorium be placed on annual

fee increments as well as on "academic and financial exclusions", Msipha said.

Talks between the students and the university broke down on Monday.

In response to students' demands, the university released a press statement stating that lower registration fees would "seriously affect" its operating budget and cash flow. It added that fee increases had been kept to a "bare minimum". — Soweto Bureau.

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Varsity fees hike sit-in (54)

PIETERSBURG. — Students began a sit-in at the University of the North campus in Sovenga near here yesterday, demanding an explanation for a hike in class fees.

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ARC 9/2/94
**DP Youth to
lay complaint
against SRC**

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

THE Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) is being asked today to intervene on the campus of the University of the Western Cape to defend the Democratic Party's right to canvass support.

This is the first test for the IEC in applying the clearly defined terms of the Electoral Act in ensuring free and fair elections.

The Democratic Party Youth announced today that it was laying a formal complaint with the IEC against the Student's Representative Council at UWC.

The DP said despite the administration's approval of DP canvassing on the campus, the SRC had told party officials they were "not welcome". Members were ordered not to put up recruitment tables as it "went against" the SRC.

(News by Michael Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town.)

DP Youth in campus row

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CAMPUS VIOLENCE

Drawing a line

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All 21 Wits students charged with misconduct on the campus in August have been found guilty and sentenced. (54)

Two are excluded from the university for a year. One of them had threatened to kill a security official, disrupted lectures and occupied administration offices. The other — who disrupted a test, blocked a parking garage and scattered litter — has also been fined R200 and sentenced to 20 hours of community service. Both students were given a suspended sentence of another year's exclusion. A third student found guilty of "technical assault" of a staff member was fined R600. A fourth, who disrupted a test, was expelled, fined R400 and given 200 hours of community service, with the expulsion suspended.

Other students were convicted of disrupting lectures, littering, illegal occupation of offices, blocking a parking garage and refusing to obey a lawful order from a member of staff. Disciplinary action included: fines of R100-R400; suspended sentences of a year's exclusion or full expulsion from the university; and periods of community service. One

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case concerning assault of a university official must still be conferred by the executive committee of Council. (54)

Several of the convicted students tendered a formal apology, which included an undertaking that in the course of legitimate protests the bounds of acceptable conduct would not be exceeded and recognising that disruptive action which infringes the rights of others cannot be regarded as acceptable peaceful protest.

In the light of this apology, it is surprising that the SA Students' Congress, the radical student body to which the convicted students belong, still sees fit to question the legitimacy of the proceedings. The Wits SRC has supported the administration's right to discipline the students.

The students were legally represented; at first they asked for the hearings to be public but this request was withdrawn. The independent adjudicators were Judge G P C Kotze and advocate W H R Schreiner. Their recommended sentences were confirmed by the executive committee of council, the university's highest authority, except for one case where an exclusion of two years was reduced to one year with one year suspended.

At one stage, it seemed that disciplinary proceedings would not succeed because of the difficulty of getting witnesses to testify. That charges were successfully pressed is testimony to Wits' determination not to be intimidated and to maintain standards: a line was drawn and then defended with determination.

The August disruptions attracted bad publicity but they were largely local and few lectures had to be cancelled. ■

UWC row:
DP threat
to complain

CT #11/2/94

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Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party warned yesterday that it would lay a complaint with the Independent Electoral Commission against UWC unless the administration gave a commitment by today to protect the rights of DP Youth on campus.

The warning was contained in an open letter from DP Youth chairman, Mr Colin Douglas, to UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel.

Mr Douglas disputed claims by the university administration that the DP Youth had "gate-crashed" an event for registered student societies this week.

Professor Gerwel's office said he was not available for comment yesterday.

● Sapa reports that the SRC vowed yesterday to continue harassing political parties it did not favour.

Accommodation, admissions spark protests at UWC

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JOHN VILJOEN, Education Reporter

ARC 11/2/94

THE University of the Western Cape is facing a new wave of student protests over admissions, accommodation problems and financial exclusions.

Students adopted a set of demands at a mass rally on campus yesterday, Student Representative Council president P J Mnguni said.

They have threatened a programme of mass action — including pickets, demonstrations and sit-ins — if demands are not met. The UWC administration has been given until Monday to respond.

About 200 new students from all over the country who have not been admitted to first-year courses should be given places at UWC, Mr Mnguni said.

He said the admission procedure should be a joint one between students and the administration.

About 700 students were on waiting lists for accommodation.

UWC should rent accommodation and arrange catering to ease this "ever-deepening" crisis, said Mr Mnguni.

Students also demanded a moratorium on financial exclusions. A joint student-administration commission should investigate individual cases and consider fundraising methods, he said.

DP Youth complains about UWC

VUYO BAVUMA
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Democratic Party Youth has laid a complaint with the Independent Electoral Commission against the University of the Western Cape for allegedly violating the party's right to free political activity on campus.

This follows a war of words after the DP Youth allegedly was forced to pack up its information desk at the university because its presence broke an agreement that bodies not registered with the SRC could not operate on campus.

National chairman of DP Youth Colin Douglas gave the university a 24-hour ultimatum to register the DP Youth immediately, to state unequivocally that the party would be allowed to canvass without interference and to take disciplinary action against SRC president P J Mnguni for violating DP members' rights.

In response, UWC rector Jakes Gerwel said he rejected the strident tone of the DP's letter, saying the university did not take kindly to being given a 24-hour ultimatum that was intended to provoke a public confrontation.

Professor Gerwel said it was UWC's rule and custom not to interfere with internal SRC matters because it was an autonomous body.

"The DP Youth is required to obtain permission to hold events at the university.

"You (the DP Youth) have clearly no knowledge or understanding of UWC. This institution, at great sacrifice on the part of staff and students, has fought for the principles of free political association under severe repression."

(News by Vuyo Bavuma, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

Intimidation outlawed on UCT campus

LIBBY PEACOCK
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE University of Cape Town's senate and council have accepted a policy which allows equal access to the campus for all political parties abiding by the university's electoral rules and code of conduct.

And, last night a specially constituted selection committee appointed Professor of Public Law Hugh Corder as interim electoral ombudsman.

The committee also appointed an eight-person interim electoral commission consisting of four student and four staff representatives.

The special selection committee also approved a temporary system of accrediting canvassers from Monday morning.

UCT director of Development and Public Affairs Helen Zille said the senate and council had agreed to permit electioneering on the campus and endorsed various mechanisms to ensure a free and fair run-up to the polls.

Consensus was reached on the policy after three months of internal negotiations.

The election policy includes a code of conduct which prohibits interference with the

(54) ARCT 12/2/94
■ In a week during which the University of the Western Cape has squared up to allegations that certain political parties are not welcome on its campus, UCT has come up with a formula to ensure a free and fair run-up to the April elections.



UCT's interim electoral ombudsman Hugh Corder, professor of public law.

university's academic or administrative functions and requires all canvassers to be registered and carry accreditation cards.

The code of conduct outlaws all forms of harassment and intimidation.

A political party, wishing to

hold a political meeting on campus, must be prepared to take part in at least one debate organised by the electoral commission.

A key element of the policy is the establishment of a 10-person University Electoral Commission (UEC), appointed from inside the university, which is to manage the election process on the campus.

The UEC's weekly meetings will be open to any member of the university community and the UEC will maintain contact with the independent electoral commission.

A network of trained monitors, also, will be established.

The electoral ombudsman will be empowered to hear any complaint relating to the election process on campus and will have a range of powers, including the ability to bar an organisation or individual from campaigning on campus.

Professor Martin West, deputy vice-chancellor responsible for student affairs, said the electoral agreement was the culmination of months of negotiations.

US funds drift to black

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institutions: last month, Investec Bank pledged R1.5-million to help establish a business school at the University of the North.

The traditionally white, English-speaking institutions — self-styled "open universities" — have already had bursary funds cut in the past three years as money was channelled to black institutions.

"The challenge in South Africa was expressed most emphatically in a visionary way by Nelson Mandela (chancellor of the University of the North at Turfloop). He said we must stop thinking about historically white or black universities and concentrate on what we can do to create universities that meet the needs of all South Africans," said Dr Fehnel.

Under a programme devised by the American Council on Education, five presidents or chancellors from American colleges have begun a series of visits to the universities of Cape, Durban-Westville and the University of the North at Turfloop to advise them on strategic planning.

The academics are backed by teams of senior administrators and will receive computers and software programs designed to assist planning.

In the long term, American funders will concentrate on two tertiary education goals in South Africa: to address gender and race inequality and investigate ways to encourage a shift in emphasis and effort from universities to technicians.

South Africa has the very high ratio of three students in a university for every one in a technician, Dr Fehnel said.

in line for Ford money, but funding to the institutions themselves is under threat.

Dr Fehnel cited the "pretty grim" racial and gender composition of the open universities, staffed in the main by white males, as reason for concern.

On average, 93 percent of the academic and research staff at the four "open" universities of Natal, Rhodes, Cape Town and the Witwatersrand are white, according to figures supplied by the Committee of University Principals. Two of the Afrikaans universities do not employ a single black academic. The academic and research staff at these universities are 75 percent male.

UCT vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders defended his university's stance on race and gender issues, saying it was well known that "this university has an equal opportunity policy, undertakes active research in equal opportunity and is determined to correct imbalances in an appropriate and tangible way".

"Last year, when the university had serious financial problems, we allocated R1-million for masters, doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships for black South Africans." UCT's academic and research staff is 93 percent white and 76 percent male. The first-year student intake last year was 60 percent black. Dr Fehnel suggested this week that the white universities use their corporate connections to garner private sector grants.

But corporate priorities for funding appear to be shifting to the black

UNITED STATES private and public funders have targeted South Africa's black universities and technicians for grants of R170-million over the next 10 years.

While most of this is new funding, in some cases money will be diverted to historically black universities at the expense of other universities.

The message to formerly white universities is clear: engage in concerted affirmative action or lose US funding.

More than R5-million of the funds from the private Ford Foundation and the US Agency for International Development have already been allocated to an ambitious two-year programme to help the country's top five black universities draw up strategic plans.

This programme will lay the groundwork for the efficient use of part of a R165-million grant from USAID over the next 10 years. Ford Foundation education programme director Richard Fehnel said the institution planned to scale down donations to historically white universities. The foundation has donated some R180-million in South Africa in the past 20 years, about half of it to universities.

In 1991/92, the foundation donated R750 000 to the University of the Witwatersrand, R1-million to the University of Cape Town and R600 000 to Rhodes University.

Some of these grants were made to specific university programmes, usually those concerned with social issues.

These programmes could still be

SRC endorses UWC's code of conduct for election

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ARLT 18/2/94

Political Correspondent

THE Students Representative Council at the University of the Western Cape has unequivocally endorsed the university's far-reaching electoral code of conduct, which gives all registered parties the right to campaign on campus.

This follows an ongoing row between the SRC and the Democratic Party Youth, who claimed their bid to campaign on the campus was hampered by hostility from the SRC.

However, SRC president Peter Mnguni said the SRC fully endorsed the code, and would defend the right of the DP Youth to operate on the campus in terms of the code.

While the SRC would continue to "oppose and expose" the DP Youth, it would "motivate that the DP be given space" on campus, he said.

The code, which supersedes normal university procedures and rules only for the duration of the election campaign, was made public yesterday by rector Jakes Gerwel.

Professor Gerwel said it was important "to begin to institutionalise tolerance".

Professor of human rights law Kader Asmal, who co-ordinated the drafting of the code, said preparations for it pre-dated the controversy surrounding the DP Youth's activities at UWC.

The code — which will govern all political and electoral activity on the campus in the run-up to the election — prohibits threats, intimidation or violence among political opponents, and respects all parties' and organisations' right to free access to their members and supporters on campus.

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Maties (54) vice-rector fears fee increases

ARC 19/2/94
Education Reporter

INCLUDING Stellenbosch university in the Cape Metropolitan area could lead to added fee hikes — among other negative spin-offs, says Maties' vice-rector Christo Viljoen.

Stellenbosch had had no say in the decision that so-called fringe area towns should become part of the metropolitan region.

This was not in accordance with the spirit of democracy, negotiation and discussion, Professor Viljoen said.

Incorporation would lead to Stellenbosch losing its autonomy. It could lead to a claim by the metropolitan government to the sound infrastructure developed by fringe area towns.

It could also damage the traditional character of Stellenbosch and probably also result in higher taxation.

These factors could unnecessarily increase the costs of university study, Professor Viljoen said in a statement yesterday.

Any decision to incorporate the presently "unwilling fringe area towns can only be counter-productive and sour the relations between them and the Metropole at precisely the time when goodwill and co-operation are imperative".

The incorporation implied a greater metropolitan government of such scope that there was a real danger of centralisation of power. This meant a loss of objectivity, fairness, justice and impartiality in decision making on, for example, future policy and distribution of resources.

The university was not opposed to necessary reforms in local government and was not insensitive to the search for an appropriate government structure for the Western Cape.

Universities might veto electioneering

By RAY HARTLEY: Political Reporter

UNIVERSITIES will be asked to decide for themselves whether they will allow electioneering on their campuses in terms of regulations to be promulgated under the Electoral Act. *STimes 20/2/94*

Independent Electoral Commission investigations head Nicholas Tee said the regulations would insist that any decision on campaigning be applied equally to all political parties.

The regulations were scheduled to be promulgated on Friday, just weeks after the University of the Western Cape Students' Representative Council slapped a controversial ban on the Democratic Party.

Twenty-one organisations on the campus, including the SRC and the DP, agreed on Thursday to a code of conduct allowing free political activity on campus.

Mr Tee said the ban was one of 20 cases that had been earmarked for investigation. To date, five cases had been completed and not one violation of the Electoral Act had been discovered, he said. *(54) (2077)*

No details could be given on any of the other cases under investigation, as political parties had not made them known to the public, he said.

The commission's media and public relations head, Pieter Cronje, said its 9 000 monitors would try to resolve disputes on the ground. Disputes that remained unresolved would be referred to increasingly powerful review bodies.

The commission's 374 electoral tribunals, six electoral appeal tribunals and, ultimately, its special electoral court for adjudication, would be used if necessary, he said.

(News by Ray Hartley, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

DP to test election conduct at university

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Political Staff

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Report by Anthony Johnson, TML, 122 St George's St, Cape Town.

Committees to establish township policing forums

JOHANNES NGCOCO

TECHNICAL committees have been set up to establish community policing forums in the strife-ridden East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus next month.

East Rand police spokesman Nick Pretorius and Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA spokesman Bea Roberts said yesterday the committees had been formed by township residents.

The SAP, business, political groups, churches, community organisations and hostels were represented on the committees.

Roberts said the formation of the technical committees followed a workshop at which political organisations, local peace committees and the police had undertaken to facilitate the speedy establishment of three community policing forums.

She said the policing forums' duties would include ensuring that policing

in the three townships was improved and the community worked towards improving its relationship with the local police.

ANC PWV/East Rand subregion secretary-general Nxeba Soyaya said the forums' tasks would include helping police stations in the three townships acquire the necessary resources for normal policing.

He said that the forums would help local police stations to establish healthy communication lines between themselves and the people living in the townships.

They would also help to ensure that police operations were visible.

Soyaya added that the forums would help instil accountability in members of the police service and the community.

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Crime ring

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Involving millions of rands, in prison last year while both men were awaiting trial. He took a liking to Vermaas, but he denied ever conspiring to break him out of prison.

Coetsee introduced as evidence a video recording of an alleged stolen vehicle being handed to Erasmus by Maharaj. It also showed cash being handed to Maharaj.

"You live off the proceeds of crime. You keep yourself occupied all day, every day with crime," Coetsee said while cross-examining Maharaj.

Maharaj told the court: "I will not inter-

face with the court. I will not inter-

fering with witnesses. I will not leave the country, because where would I go?" He denied any knowledge of a Spanish bank account in his name.

His bail application was postponed to Monday.

MARIANNE MERTTEN reports that the alleged leader of the Boere Mafia in Johannesburg, John Weichselbaumer, was yesterday refused bail in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Weichselbaumer, who was arrested on February 8, is to face at least 99 charges of fraud. He was not asked to plead and the

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Comrades cheat wiring homicide annual

Other charges against him include four counts of at-

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Jail UWC law-breakers, says DP man

JOHN VILJOEN, Staff Reporter
MEMBERS of the University of the Western Cape student representative council should be jailed for breaking the Electoral Act, according to Democratic Party youth leader Colin Douglas. (54) ARG 24/2/14

Mr Douglas and DP Western Cape leader Hennie Bester addressed a meeting at UWC yesterday.

Billed as an act of defiance

against the council, the meeting passed without incident and was attended by less than 50 people.

The DP Youth is accusing the council of violating its right to free political activity on campus and of threatening and harassing its members.

On February 9 the SRC, backed by the university administration, forced DP Youth members to remove an information table on the grounds

that they were gatecrashing a closed meeting.

However, the DP Youth has lodged a complaint with the Independent Electoral Commission about the incident and has called for the imposition of heavy penalties on the SRC.

In terms of the Electoral Act, persons who threaten canvassers can be fined R60 000 or jailed for three years.

(News by J Viljoen, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

UWC SRC 'should ⁽⁵⁴⁾ be jailed'

CT 24/2/94
Staff Reporter

THE UWC SRC should be "jailed or removed" to ensure freedom of speech and association, DP Youth chairman Mr Colin Douglas said on the campus yesterday.

Addressing 50 students and lecturers, Mr Douglas said he "preferred the jail sentence option" for the SRC's "bunch of bully boys".

DP campus chairman Mr Eugene Damonse said the Independent Electoral Commission had given the SRC until noon today to explain why the DP had being singled out for harassment on campus.

Both speakers cited the Electoral Act which allows for fines of R60 000 or a three-year jail sentence for anyone intimidating or threatening canvassers.

● Historian Professor Colin Bundy was appointed yesterday as the university's electoral commissioner.

FREE SPEECH *FM 25/2/94*
Not at UWC

The tyranny of intolerance seems set to replace the tyranny of apartheid as the main focus of the Democratic Party's struggle for true democracy in SA (54) (3049)

The hounding, yet again, of DP youth organisers on the campus of the University of the Western Cape by the ANC-aligned students' representative council is symbolic of the disturbing lack of political tolerance that still sweeps the country at a relatively sophisticated level two months before the election.

DP youth wing national chairman Colin Douglas says formal complaints have been laid with the Independent Electoral Commission against the UWC SRC. He says the SRC has "consistently denied" registration of the DP's UWC youth branch, which would put it on a par with the ANC-aligned SA Students Congress (Sasco) and the PAC-aligned Pan African Students Organisation (Paso).

In the latest development, the SRC pub-

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lished a statement attacking the DP as one of the parties that "had stood at loggerheads with the oppressed." The statement said the DP was "a party of the ruling class" whereas students at UWC were "anti-ruling class".

Needless to say there has been no move by the SRC to reject the significant subsidy paid towards students' studies at UWC out of tax revenue collected from the private sector that generally supports the DP's policies.

Earlier, the SRC expelled DP youth organisers from a "closed" meeting for new students to meet representatives of "registered" student organisations. Douglas says the university administration refuses to intervene in the dispute.

"The DP Youth's position is clear: we insist that UWC recognise and protect our rights to free political activity and that it ensure that the terms of the Electoral Act are adhered to on its campus."

UWC rector Jakes Gerwel (who has openly aligned himself with the ANC) says the university is committed to promoting democracy and democratic practice. The right of the DP youth group to operate on campus is not and never was at issue. Similarly, the SRC does not have the right to prevent the group from "the legitimate exercise of its right to free political activity."

However, he supports the SRC's right to hold a closed meeting for new students. Gerwel says the desirability of registering the DP youth wing as a student organisation is another matter "being pursued seriously by a different route." Douglas says the DP's UWC youth branch has been trying to regis-

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ter as a university society since September last year. (54) (3049)

In August last year a DP information table was overturned, banners were torn down and party pamphlets burned on the campus.

The *FM* commented at the time that while the lack of a democratic culture in SA made intolerance understandable, it did not justify it. ■

UWC row to be mediated

CT 26/2/94

Staff Reporter

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THE Independent Election Commission (IEC) is coming to Cape Town to hear the Democratic Party's complaint that it was prevented from campaigning at the University of the Western Cape by its Student Representative Council.

Confirming this, IEC chief investigator and advocate Mr Nicholas Tee said he and fellow officials Mrs Kgomotso Moroka and Mr Jerome Ngwenya would host the meeting on Wednesday

at an as-yet undecided venue.

The DP would be asked to motivate its complaint and the SRC to respond.

The Electoral Act allows for fines of R60 000 or a three-year jail sentence for anyone intimidating or threatening canvassers.

UWC SRC general secretary Mr Adnaan Kariem said Mr Tee had agreed to extending the IEC deadline for an SRC response from noon yesterday to the 3pm meeting on Wednesday next week.

Unisa

gets a new vice

CIP Press

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THE news that Unisa is getting a black vice-rector for the first time in its history spread like wildfire through the university's campus this week. (54)

Soon after it was announced that 49-year-old Prof Simon Maimela, vice-deacon of the theological faculty, would become the university's new vice-rector next Tuesday, a large group of students started singing and dancing on campus.

Maimela was excited about his appointment. "It was a big surprise," he said. He was chosen from four candidates for the post.

Maimela will be succeeding Prof Sidney Harley, who is retiring.

Maimela was born in Dilokong near Lydenburg and completed his matric through distance education. In 1972 he obtained a BA degree at Unisa and a diploma in theology at the Lutheran Theological College in Natal.

Maimela then studied at Harvard University in the US, where he obtained a master's degree in theology in 1974 and a doctorate in philosophy in 1978.

After lecturing at several American universities, he was appointed senior lecturer in Unisa's department of systematic theology in 1981.

He is especially excited by the appointment as he has an emotional bond with Unisa, said Maimela. Not only did he obtain his first degree from Unisa, but he was also the first black person to be appointed in a department other than African languages at the university.

The change from an academic post to an administrative post will be a great challenge for him, said Maimela. —
Own Correspondent

Electoral tribunal to hear its first case

MICHAEL MORRIS (54)
Political Staff

A KEY test case under election law is imminent with the summoning of the Students' Representative Council of the University of the Western Cape by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) over a Democratic Party Youth complaint.

It is being seen as a major test of the effectiveness of the IEC and the new Electoral Act.

It is the first case to come before an IEC electoral tribunal.

The summoning of the SRC follows the failure of an IEC-brokered mediation attempt which broke down in the early hours yesterday after eight hours of talks.

The DP Youth — whose complaint about alleged intimidation on the campus prompted the investigation and subsequent mediation efforts — withdrew "when it became clear to us that the SRC was unwilling to make any tangible contribution to the proceedings and was mediating in bad faith".

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Initially, the SRC refused to mediate without a mandate from its constituency, but went ahead after securing a mandate at a campus meeting on Thursday.

Following its withdrawal from the mediation process, the party asked the IEC to activate a prosecution of the SRC and four of its office-bearers in terms of Sections 61 and 69 of the Electoral Act.

These sections make it a punishable offence to harass or threaten campaigners of a registered party.

A top IEC source confirmed the summons.

DP Youth chairman Colin Douglas said: "If there is to be any hope of democracy and liberty in a new South Africa, the rule of law must be vigorously upheld.

"The DP Youth will now make every effort to secure a successful prosecution of the SRC and its members. It is vital that nobody should be allowed to operate above the law and that the law should check the abuse of power."

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HUNGRY DEMANDS . . . Over 200 students occupied the administration offices at the Peninsula Technikon yesterday as part of a boycott of the food in the residences. Picture: CLIVE SMITH

Technikon residence students boycott food

Staff Reporter

MORE than 1 000 Peninsula Technikon students have been boycotting food in the residences for three days, and the administration has been paying out R20 000 a day to feed them.

The boycott began on Wednesday, and yesterday over 200 students occupied the administration offices.

They are complaining about the quality, quantity, price and hygiene of the food and demand that the administration end the contract with the caterers, said Mr Solly Lamani, general-secretary of the SRC Residence Committee. The administration has told the stu-

dents that a breach of contract with the caterers would cost R250 000, for which the students could be held responsible.

Students have been refunded the R20 a day budgeted into their fees for meals and have been eating in the cafeteria, which is under different caterers.

Mr Henry Ludski, a spokesman for the administration, said the administration was taking complaints about food seriously and was involved in negotiations with the caterers.

The question of who would pay the cost of a breach of contract still needed to be decided, he said. The payment of R20 a day to students would be renegotiated on Monday.

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SRC to
face DP
charges

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) will on Monday summons the University of the Western Cape's SRC to appear before it within five days to answer charges of intimidation laid by the Democratic Party Youth.

It will be the nation's first case to be heard by the Electoral Tribunal and will take place in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court.

This was confirmed last night by the IEC.

The IEC decision came after it evaluated evidence from eight hours of mediation between the SRC and the Democratic Party Youth League which ended in a DP walkout early yesterday.

Deputy director of mediation and monitoring for the IEC, Mr Jerome Ngwenya, confirmed last night that the DP had asked for a prosecution in terms of the Electoral Act, citing intimidation and harassment of their members by the SRC on the UWC campus.

UWC SRC president Mr Phumzile Mnguni labelled the DP walkout "a political ploy".

In terms of the electoral act the SRC could face a R60 000 fine or three years imprisonment of its members.

Harassment charge: SRC

faces IEC test case

Political Correspondent

THE Students Representative Council at the University of the Western Cape had until 5 pm today to respond to a summons by the Independent Electoral Commission following a complaint by the Democratic Party Youth.

The dispute is being seen as a key test case under election law, and will be the first to come before an IEC electoral tribunal.

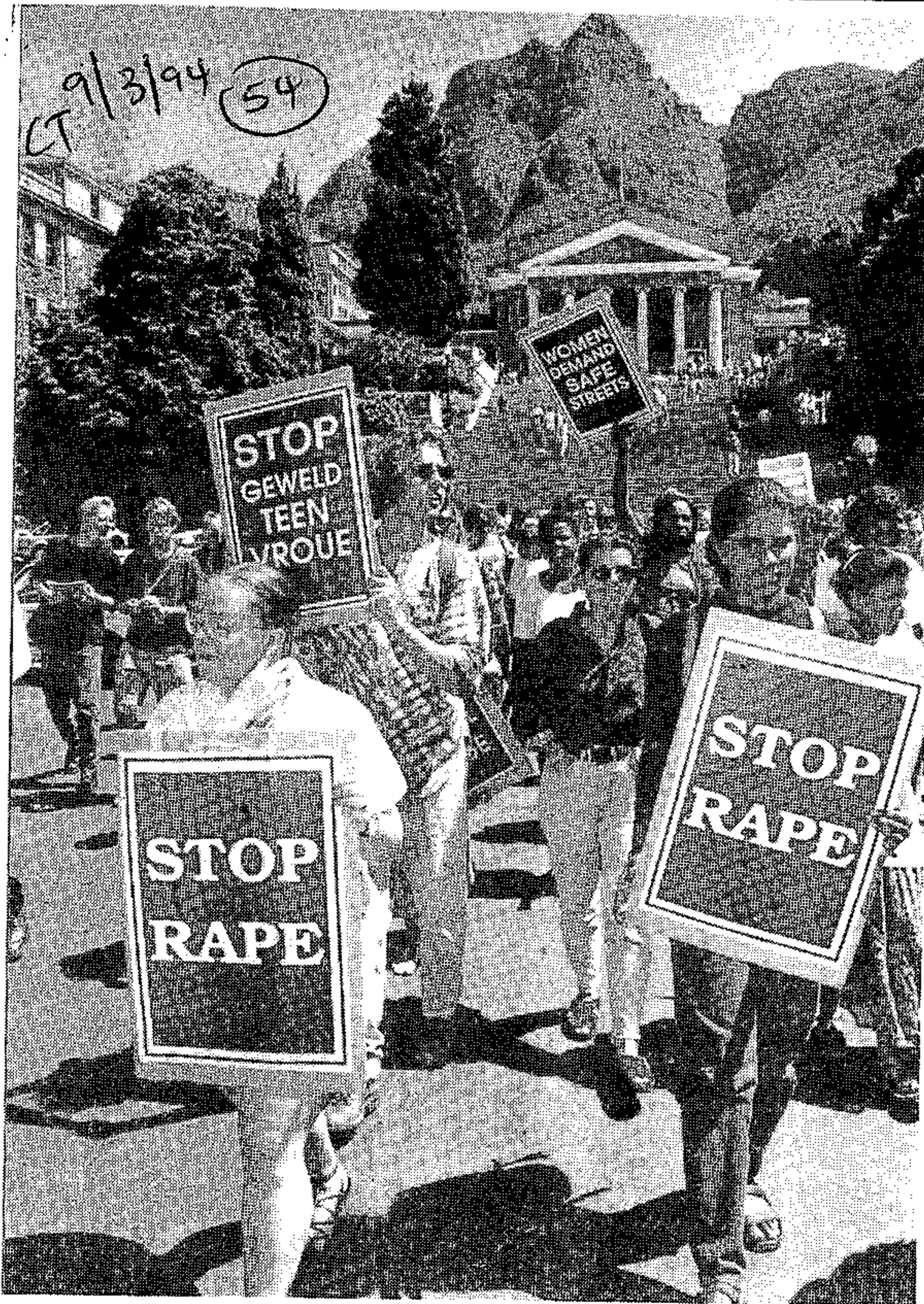
The summoning of the SRC and four office-bearers follows the failure of an IEC-brokered mediation attempt after more than eight hours last week.

The DP Youth, whose complaint about alleged SRC intimidation on the UWC campus prompted the IEC investigation and subsequent mediation efforts, withdrew because it believed the SRC was "unwilling to make any tangible contribution to the proceedings and was mediating in bad faith".

Meanwhile, the SRC has announced it will mount a week-long mass action campaign to "expose the opportunism" of the DP. It claims the DP is chiefly interested in securing affiliation to the SRC, thereby gaining access to a subsidy and resources.

Sections 61 and 69 of the Electoral Act make it a punishable offence to harass or threaten campaigners of a registered party.

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)



STOP RAPE ... Some of the 200 UCT students who marched on UCT administration to protest against campus rape. Picture: BENNY GOOL

Demand for safe campus

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 200 chanting University of Cape Town students yesterday marched from the upper campus to the administration building, where they handed over a petition and a list of demands in response to a recent rape on campus.

The rape, of a non-student on the upper campus during a UCT Rag "Big Bash" party last month, has led to demands that the campus be made a safer place.

Marking International Women's Day yesterday the march was organised by the UCT Women's Movement.

They were bearing placards and chanting slogans such as "Dead men don't rape" and "Where was Campus Control?"

Deputy vice-chancellor Professor Martin West emerged from the building to receive the 1 440-signature petition and a list of nine demands — including improved safety measures and reforms in campus structures.

He thanked the marchers for their contribution, saying a number of their demands were already being acted on.

"Your support will add weight to the issue."

Rape, stabbings shock UCT

Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town is reeling from a series of violent crimes on its upper campus since the academic year began, UCT student newspaper Varsity reported yesterday.

The words Rape, Stabbing and Armed Robbery are emblazoned across the front page of Varsity's latest issue.

Varsity interviewed the victim of the alleged rape, which occurred during a Rag party on February 19. Responding to reports she was drunk at the time, the non-student victim said: "I am not ashamed I was drunk when he raped me ... I was still a person and still had rights."

Varsity also reports on an armed robbery at a campus bank on March 1 and the stabbing of

two students on Jameson Hall steps during Orientation Week.

UCT spokeswoman Ms Helen Zille said in a statement yesterday the alleged rape was "tragic" and "unacceptable".

She said UCT had formed a committee of three senior staff to investigate, adding that the stabbings were also being investigated.

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DP 'misinformed' people — students

Staff Reporter (54)

THE University of the Western Cape Students Representative Council has accused the Democratic Party Youth of contravening the Electoral Act and misinforming people.

The SRC allegations follow a charge by the DP Youth to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) that the SRC was preventing it from electioneering on the campus.

At a mass meeting on campus yesterday UWC students gave the SRC a mandate for mass demonstrations against the DP Youth.

They also mandated the SRC to lay charges with the police and the IEC.

The SRC alleges that the DP Youth contravened the Electoral Act and misinformed people.

It also intends laying a charge of trespassing on university property with the police.

(News by D Cruywagen, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

Uncertainty provokes fourth brain drain

Hazel Friedman

WITH a new dispensation on our doorstep, many academics are beginning to seek greener pastures abroad. It's a sticky subject, probably one which many institutions would prefer to avoid, particularly those renowned for their long-standing struggle against apartheid. And there's sad irony to the issue, given that South Africa is on the brink of achieving a long awaited goal.

But right now, times are tough for academics. Faced with job overload, they're expected to help overcome the legacy of apartheid, assist the victims of Bantu Education and maintain global levels of academic excellence all at once. Universities are tightening their purse strings and posts are being frozen, which inevitably increases the workload. Their salaries cannot compete with their overseas counterparts. Then there are the recent cutbacks in health services, the effects of which are being strongly felt in medical schools, where it is now feared that essential technology will soon be out of reach.

Understandably, academics — like all South Africans — are uncertain about the future, and in particular about the future of the university institution itself.

And the response of some has been to move on to more secure pastures. The University of Cape Town Medical School at Groote Schuur has already lost both heads of thoracic and orthopaedic surgery. According to a senior lecturer at UCT, who requested anonymity, their departure is directly related to the financial cutbacks. At other tra-



Wits' Eddie Webster

ditionally liberal institutions such as the University of the Witwatersrand and University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, it is common knowledge among staff that several academics are applying for posts overseas.

Professor Arlem Forder, acting Dean of UCT's Medical School, acknowledges a sense of anxiety on the part of university staff. "The ANC document on health targets primary health care as a top priority, which is absolutely correct. But at the same time, core academic institutions should also be allowed to remain intact. At this stage, we're not quite sure what to expect. No one is."

"Traditionally, academics operate in a global labour market and their work is by nature international," says Professor Eddie Webster, head of the Sociology Department at Wits. "But uncertainty among the staff, even despondency, seems on the increase, and there certainly is the danger of another brain drain tak-

ing place." WM 11-17/3/94

Webster identifies three brain drain periods in recent South African history: after the Sharpeville massacre; in 1976 and from 1985-1987; during the state of emergency.

"We are about to enter a fourth phase," he says, "but this one, unlike the previous three, is not driven by moral abhorrence of apartheid. It constitutes, rather, a pragmatic, reactive approach to the situation."

Statistics, however, paint another picture: From the period 1989-1993, the turnover of white male academics from Wits rose substantially from 1990-1991 but is now at its lowest level in five years. Female staff statistics reveal a similar pattern.

Dr Derek Swemmer, deputy registrar of Wits, notes "an increase in the influx of exiled academics as well as expatriates from African countries."

But this influx also appears to be causing uncertainty and tensions within university circles. Says the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations' Dr John Lewis: "Third World academics are coming to South Africa, for economic reasons, for example from countries like Uganda where there are more academics than can be employed."

These academics have been met with a mixed reception. On the one hand, explains Lewis, they have been positively received in rural areas, where they bring with them the fruits of a UK-based education.

So whether they're going or coming, academic staff are feeling the strain of the not-quite-old-not-yet-new South Africa.

Makgoba's appointment a first for Wits

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ACADEMIC of international repute Dr Malegapuru William Makgoba is to take up his position as Wits University's first black deputy vice-chancellor (of administration) in October.

Makgoba is currently head of the Division of Molecular Endocrinology and deputy director of Chemical Pathology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School of the University of London, where he teaches clinical biochemistry and pathology.

Makgoba is no stranger to the field of development through education. He was one of the five founder members of the International Institute for Black Research — a think-tank set to identify common problems and solutions affecting Africans. He is also an adviser to the Washington DC-based Medical Education for Black South Africans, as well as the ANC Health Committee in London.

Born 42 years ago in the Northern Transvaal area of Sekhukhune, Makgoba graduated in 1976 with an MBChB from the University of Natal. After working in Natal for a few years, he went overseas where he later obtained a D Phil in Human Immunogenetics from Oxford University.

■ THE country now has its first woman vice-chancellor in Professor Brenda Gourley, who has been appointed principal of Natal University and its seventh vice-chancellor. Gourley, a chartered accountant, has a Master of Business Leadership degree from Unisa. After some years in practice she joined Natal University in 1974 and became dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management in 1983. In 1988 she was appointed deputy vice-chancellor and vice-principal (finance and technical services). She served as acting vice-chancellor and principal from April 1993. She has served on several professional committees including the Committee of University Principals.

Varsities' financial crisis puts a brake on

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Subsidy formulas, economic recession and the legacy of apartheid have placed universities and technicians in a financial bind. **MACIEJ PIECZOWSKI** and **KAREN CHISWELL** look at ways out of the fiscal dilemma

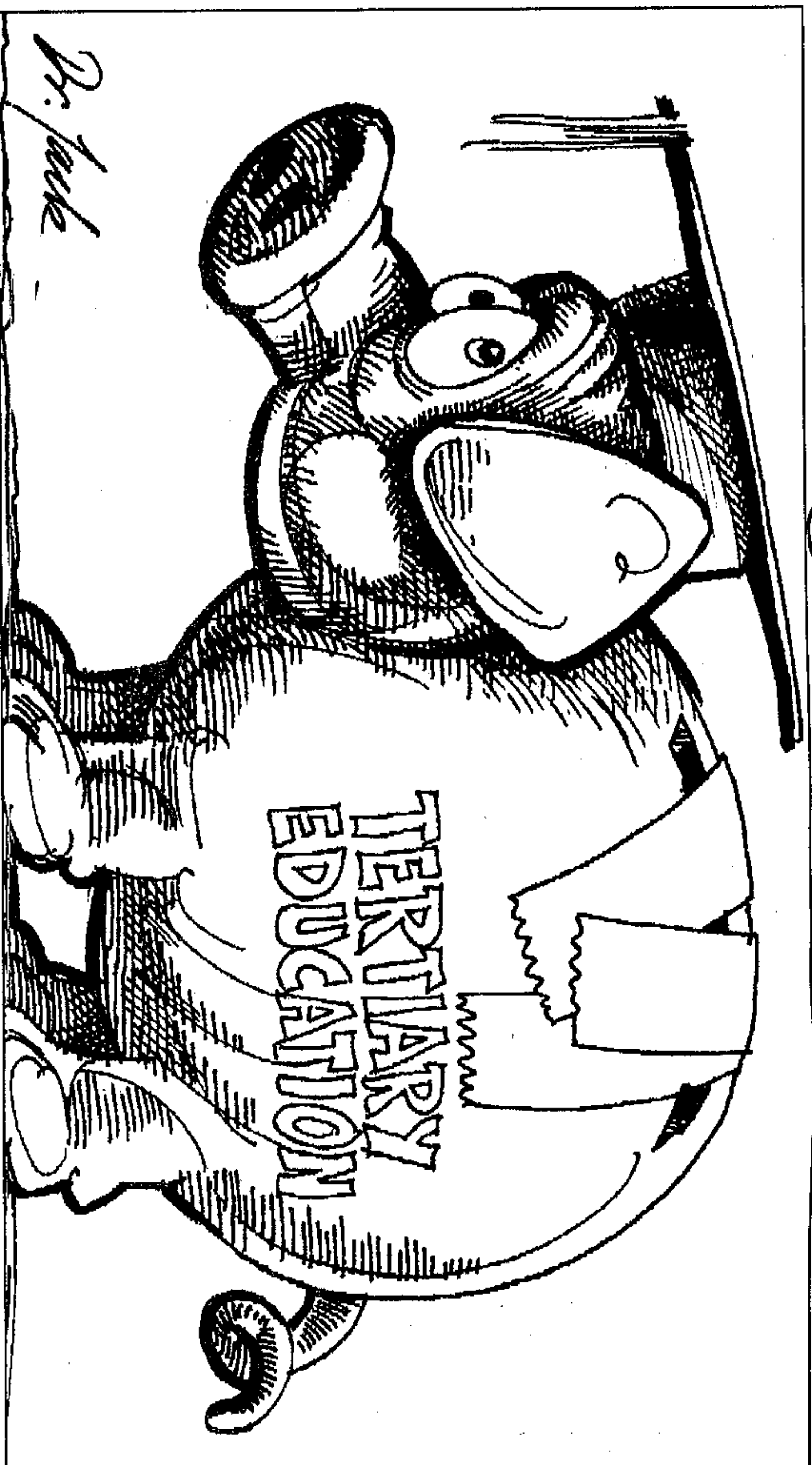
As far as the average black student is concerned, 1994 could have been 1948 or 1976: Despite moves away from apartheid, South African education still reeks of the past.

Nothing underscores this point more fervently than the current financial crisis in tertiary education. For many black students wishing to enrol at universities, technicians and colleges country-wide, 1994 has only brought with it endless disappointments and traumas as thousands of worthy students are turned away because of lack of funds.

The nature of the fiscal dilemma presently regarding enrolment at tertiary institutions is a product of racial bias espoused by the government during the past four decades. During this period, historically black universities (HBUs) were severely discriminated against and as a result are suffering most in the current predicament.

Figures for the 1980s reveal that the government pumped 10 times as much money into HBUs than HBUs. By failing to provide state subsidy commensurate with student growth, the government exposed many HBUs like Medunsa and UWC to a serious financial threat. Universities like Unizul had records of negative state subsidy growth rates alongside their booming student numbers.

White students received more aid partly because of the superior ability of HBUs to raise funds via donations and research contracts, enabling them to rely less on student fee increases. Black universities, however, unable to cash in on alternative pools of income, had no choice but to increase their student fees, thus deepening the financial burden felt by black students.



Furthermore, in 1984, the government adopted the so-called "subsidy formula", favouring institutions with superior records of published research, success rates and number of post-graduates and prejudicing those with high student growth rates. Again, HBUs were the winners. And even though the formula was abandoned in 1988, these criteria are still being applied.

With many black students ill-prepared to deal with the demands of higher education (especially in the fields of science and technology), with ill-qualified teachers and a system of racially inequitable allocation of physical and financial resources, it is not surprising that these institutions were riddled by low success

rates and high student fees.

Diminishing public resources and changing priorities in the spirit of the new South Africa have also had an impact on the predicament that higher education finds itself in.

The group of big donors of South African education like Kagiso Trust and Tertiary Education Fund of South Africa (Tetsa) have decided to prioritise formative and basic as well as black education and have thus redirected many funds from tertiary to primary and secondary education, and from HBUs to HBUs.

Tetsa has announced a reduction of 47 per cent from the amount allocated to the University of Natal in 1993, which in effect means a decrease of R1,54-million. Kagiso Trust has

made a similar cutback in funds, reducing its allocation by R1,8-million in 1994.

And although redirecting these funds is a logical move in the long run, tertiary education will feel the pinch, at least until the fruit of the new education system has begun to ripen.

Meanwhile, HBUs, with their low student rates, higher research capabilities and alternative sources of income, are better equipped to deal with the financial crisis.

Institution rather than student-based funding has also exacerbated the current fiscal crisis in education. Tertiary establishments have in the past and still do receive set amounts of aid from funding schemes which has basically given them total arbitration over the logistics of

learning

aid distribution. Subsequently, institutions could very easily disadvantage certain students, whether intentionally or not. Universities could also use the funds responsibly and without coherence to the spirit of affirmative action now prevalent.

The ANC suggests that all individuals should have "lifelong access to education and training irrespective of race, gender, creed or age" and that redressing historical imbalances will be a priority.

In the context of higher education, the ANC proposes that without compromising on the principle of academic freedom, individual institutions work with national development objectives.

But principles alone will not overhaul the ailing education system. The different options available to alleviate the financial burden, which still lies firmly within the system, must be examined.

One of the aforementioned problems of the financial aid crisis was the lack of a student-based system of fund allocation. The establishment of a student-based National Loan Scheme would give all worthy but underprivileged South Africans equal opportunity to higher education. All funds coming in from various donors would be fed into a centralised "student pool" which would prioritise needy students.

A National Loan Scheme could be utilised to facilitate and pursue such a development project as affirmative action directives, curriculum development initiatives, and so on.

Foreign donors would be far more attracted by a National Loan Scheme than institutionalised funding: putting their money into a national pool would eradicate competition with other donors, very likely to occur if they institutionalised their resources.

Initially, a National Loan Scheme would be difficult to get off the ground but after a few years would become self-sufficient with graduates repaying at least part of their loans.

There is, however, a counter argument to the establishment of a National Loan Scheme. *Work in Progress* (December 1993) suggests that the future of government-driven development schemes is still in the balance as a result of the continuing negotiations process and argues that a possible power-sharing government makes projections on development policy risky in that all developments will depend on how coalition parties relate to one-another.

The conclusion follows that it will be crucial for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) like Kagiso Trust to play a leading role in development.

To promote good financing within the sphere of higher education, the ANC suggests that there should be a process of "cost sharing" — partnership between business, local government, community organisations, NGOs, donors as well as some individual households in providing financial and human resources for development.

Admin hushing up rape, say UCT women

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By Quentin Wilson

WOMEN students at the University of Cape Town (UCT) are furious at the university administration's silence following an alleged rape at a student party last month.

Members of UCT's Women's Movement and the Student Representative Council (SRC) are adamant that the administration purposely kept quiet about the incident so as not to "tarnish the university's image".

"The initial response of the UCT administration to the news of the rape has been to suppress any publicity regarding the incident," said Ms Paula Kingwell, the Women's Movement media officer. "We find this distressing and consider the reaction to be both counterproductive and irresponsible."

Denying the claim, UCT administration spokesperson Ms Helen

Zille said UCT has "responded to each press query received so far" and has "given all available information on the questions asked".

But women students believe this has not been enough. (54)

"What we are asking," said Women's Movement member Ms Suzanne Woodward, "is for the administration to be pro-active in informing women on campus around the incidence of rape. It is not enough to merely field questions from the press, they should have called a meeting or released circulars telling us what had happened."

"It is dangerous for us to be lulled into a false sense of security"

SRC member Ms Joanna Taylor said the administration's attitude was symbolised by the manner in which it dealt with graffiti which appeared after the rape.

Somebody painted the words, "A woman was raped here, 19/02/94", on paving stones at UCT.

"While other graffiti lies untouched for years, the response of the administration to this was to dig up the paving stones and replace them with new ones," Taylor said.

Zille said a three person task group had been set up by the administration last week to investigate the incident and to "establish the facts of this case".

Captain Jan Swart, station commander at Rondebosch police station, has appealed to anyone who could assist the police's investigation to telephone him at (021) 685-2705 or at 689-9321.

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DP men 'removed'

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CT 11/3/74

By YVETTE VAN BREDA

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Ciskei coup fears quashed

BISHO. — Military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo was locked in talks with troops yesterday while South African Law and Order Minister Mr Herinus Kriel expressed concern about the possibility of a coup in Ciskei.

Mr Kriel cut short a speech in Berlin, saying there was talk of a coup in Ciskei.

Ciskei TEC member Mr Mickey Webb said the rumour was "devoid of truth". CT 11/3/74

He said troops had stopped work to discuss pension problems with Brig Gqozo. — Sapa

Boy dies in AK-47 attack

JOHANNESBURG. — A 12-year-old boy was killed and his mother and brother were critically injured when gunmen blasted their vehicle with AK47 rifle fire at a traffic light in Alberton last night.

Police said they were returning from visiting a hospital, where the mother's husband was being treated.

The woman and her two sons were hit several times. — Sapa

Lawyer to preside over UWC dispute

in magistrate's court

APR 11/3/94

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

A LAWYER will preside over the dispute between the Democratic Party Youth and the University of the Western Cape Students Representative Council in the Bellville Magistrate's Court on March 21.

The matter, the first to be heard by the Independent Electoral Commission, is a sequel to an application to the IEC by the DP Youth for an urgent interdict restraining the SRC from harassing its UWC branch in any way.

The DP Youth also wants full access to UWC's Bellville campus.

Yesterday, Athlone attorney Huxley Joshua, the IEC regional sub-director in charge of investigations, served a summons on the UWC SRC and its chairman P J Mnguni.

Mr Joshua said the SRC had until March 19 to respond to the DP's allegations.

He said the IEC would appoint a presiding officer from the legal profession to adjudicate in the matter.

"It won't be a magistrate. The process can't be seen as a

perpetuation of the old system. It's a new thing."

It was for this reason that lawyers and not the police were used to investigate allegations and IEC staff instead of the sheriffs delivered summonses.

DP Youth chairman Colin Douglas and Eugene Damonse, chairman of the organisation's UWC branch, accompanied Mr Joshua to the UWC campus yesterday.

"We wanted to witness the serving of the summons. We wanted to ensure it took place," Mr Douglas said.

He said the DP Youth was "pleased the IEC is taking the matter seriously".

He added that the IEC's "reputation rests on this case".

Mr Douglas said UWC SRC vice-president Lindokuhle Dlamini "pushed us out" of the SRC offices.

He said DP PWV leader Tony Leon would visit UWC's Bellville campus on Monday.

"One of our objectives is to show we won't be intimidated and will continue with our activities."

(News by D Cruywagen, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)



KEEN SUPPORTER: A boy holding a flag stands behind a De Klerk poster during a NP rally yesterday at Mooketsi, near Tzaneen.

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Eggs thrown at Meyer talk

PRETORIA. — Eggs were thrown at the stage from which Constitutional Minister Mr Roelf Meyer addressed a meeting at the University of Pretoria yesterday.

Parts of Mr Meyer's speech was almost drowned out by right-wingers' chants and singing of Die Stem. Students also heckled Mr Meyer.

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Campus security personnel handcuffed and arrested a number of students after scuffles broke out in the hall.

The eggs did not hit Mr Meyer who branded the behaviour as "scandalous". — Sapa (54)

FW and rain queen ignore the weather

By Day 11/3/94

PIETERSBURG — President FW de Klerk met Venda rain queen Modjadji at Mooketsi during his northern Transvaal roadshow yesterday, but they spent more time talking politics than discussing the weather.

The meeting with the rain queen, a position that has existed for centuries in the Venda culture, and with other traditional leaders was intended to demonstrate the NP's support for the maintenance of traditional values.

To this focus on traditionalism De Klerk added a new theme of "Christian values".

He told an audience at Tzaneen that the NP was against abortion on demand.

He also said his party was in favour of the retention of existing laws on homosexuality which outlawed sodomy.

However, he indicated that within the principles of Christian values, it was possible to "improve" the law governing abortion.

He did not say how.

De Klerk said the rain queen told him she was concerned about the possibility of an increase in violence in the area.

She said she would support any action that would lower the potential for violence.

Members of De Klerk's entourage regarded the audience as something of a coup for De Klerk as the rain queen did

not meet ANC leader Nelson Mandela during his visit to the area.

However, De Klerk said it was important not to politicise the role of traditional leaders, who had to play an important role in stabilising their communities and settling disputes.

On a farm in Hoedspruit, De Klerk was introduced to another traditional custom — that of throwing snuff on the ground and casting traditional marula beer on top of it.

According to Doctor Sibuyi, who performed the ritual in front of De Klerk, it was intended to appease the forefathers, who were angry with the white man for what he had done to blacks.

The ritual was performed to demonstrate that the NP was a new party which no longer supported discrimination.

De Klerk travelled to Sekhukhuneland on the last day of his northern Transvaal roadshow yesterday where he was due to meet traditional leaders, but the meeting was cancelled.

De Klerk aide Chris Fisser said the meeting had to be cancelled because about 200 ANC supporters were blocking the area where the meeting was to take place.

Security for the trip was scheduled to be provided by Lebowa policemen, but they were on strike, he said.

Report by T Cohen, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Red Cross to help voters

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE SA Red Cross will have 40 ambulances and 3 000 volunteers available 24 hours a day for the entire election week, said Vincent Nicod, head of the organisation's international committee in SA.

The idea was to maintain high visibility, especially in flashpoint areas such as the PWV, Eastern Cape and Natal. The Red Cross would spend R9m in preparation for the elections.

Nicod said he was not sure the organisation had enough volunteers, "but at this stage it is all that we can mobilise". It was hoped more volunteers would be trained.

The organisation would co-ordinate with other emergency services and the SAP during the election, he said, but it had to be perceived as fully independent and impartial.

Neutrality had given the Red Cross access to violent areas where even peace monitors were not allowed.

Report by K Strachan, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Tuks right-wingers hurl eggs at Roelf's meeting

By Day 11/3/94

PRETORIA — Right-wing University of Pretoria students hurled eggs and disrupted a meeting addressed by government chief negotiator and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer yesterday.

Campus security officials removed riotous students from the university's Aula auditorium after they attempted to storm the stage, where a visibly agitated Meyer battled to make himself heard above chants of "volkstaat".

At least one student was handcuffed and detained.

Meyer was rushed from the auditorium when a brawl broke out between NP supporters and the right-wingers.

University principal Prof Flip Smit yesterday "lamented" the actions of the right-wingers. The incident would be thoroughly investigated and steps would be taken against those responsible. Vice-rector Theuns Erasmus apologised to Meyer afterwards.

The CP Transvaal youth

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council said tempers flared after Meyer "blatantly insulted" the volkstaters.

At a news conference after the meeting Meyer condemned the intimidatory and disruptive tactics and called for disciplinary action, Sapa reports.

NP Tuks branch chairman Christo Els criticised the "barbarism" displayed and said the NP would lay a formal charge with the relevant structures.

Students' Representative Council chairman Anton Smit said this would be a test for the university authorities to act against right-wingers.

"Shock week" — during which politicians including Tony Leon (DP), Carl Niehaus (ANC), Themba Khoza (Inkatha Freedom Party), Schalk Pienaar (CP) and Patricia de Lille (PAC) would address students — would go ahead at the end of the month, he said.

Report by S Bothma, TML, 216 Vermeulen St, Pretoria; and E van Wyk, Sapa, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb.

UWC students urged to boycott DP meeting

Staff Reporter

MENTION of the Democratic Party brought loud, derisive hissing from a 3 000-strong crowd at the University of the Western Cape yesterday when a student leader said they should stay away from a DP meeting at the campus on Monday.

South African Students Congress (Sasco) president Mr Nale Mashapha told the students: "Free and fair elections are in the interests of the democratic forces of this country."

Mr Mashapha said staying away was part of the right to democratic protest.

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Probe into R1-m UWC computer 'irregularities'

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By CHIARA CARTER
AND NAZEEM HOWA

WIDESPREAD financial irregularities involving amounts in excess of R1-million have been revealed in a preliminary audit of the University of the Western Cape's Computer Centre.

Although the university this week refused to reveal details of the alleged irregularities, a spokesman confirmed that the university's auditors have now been instructed to undertake a more detailed audit. (54)

Described by university executives as a "cost overrun", the auditors are investigating the purchase of computer hardware over the past 18 months.

Well-placed sources say irregularities were first pointed out to them late last year by staff members at the Computer Centre.

Allegations by staff members centred around the manner in which computers were being ordered.

One source alleged that UWC was ordering full cost, completely made-up computers, but individual components were often delivered to the centre.

Staff then have to work overtime to assemble the computers.

Another source said allegations that it was possible to obtain, at discount rates, virtually any component from certain staff at the centre were also being investigated.

"I just mentioned to one staffer that I was looking for a mouse for my computer and he offered me one as a gift," a source said.

The seriousness of the complaints prompted UWC to call in its auditors to undertake an initial audit.

A senior official confirmed that those findings prompted UWC to call for a more in-depth audit.

Staff from Ernst and Young are now conducting a campus-wide audit focusing on computers.

It is understood that the university is considering handing the matter over to the police once the auditors have completed their probe.

Significant

Auditors are concentrating their inquiries on suppliers, the purchase by the university of computer components rather than assembled computers and the alleged role played by at least two senior employees at the university.

UWC spokesman Professor Stan Ridge said that when a "significant overrun" on the budget was spotted on the cost reports, the university had immediately commissioned its auditors to investigate.

Prof Ridge said that no allegations of fraud had been made and it would be "improper" to anticipate the auditors' final report.

He said that the auditors had been asked to focus on the overrun, "not any specific person". Nevertheless all staff involved with computers would be questioned.

DP lodges a third complaint

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tors to the technikon.

In terms of the law a party has to give five days' notice of its intention to canvass in an area.

Mr Coulson said that in the end it was decided not to have the table, although one there previously had not led to confrontation.

In other developments yesterday, DP leader Zac de Beer challenged ANC leader Nelson Mandela to control his followers and allow free speech.

And the DP called off an election "blitz" on the UWC campus because it feared for the safety of its members.

Mr Leon said resistance to free speech on the UWC campus was "ironic" since UWC itself "has felt the sting of oppression of free speech and intolerance".

A DP complaint to the IEC followed yesterday's visit to Good Hope College in Khayelitsha, where about 50 students, many with ANC placards and stickers, chanted "Down with the DP, down", before pushing Mr Leon and his campaigners towards their bus.

A group of IEC monitors linked arms to try to separate the demonstrators from the DP group.

A DP spokesman said the party had given five days' notice in terms of the Electoral Act that it intended campaigning at the Khayelitsha college.

But South African Students' Congress spokesman Monde Ngonyama said: "The DP must take responsibility for whatever happened."

The DP had broken an undertaking to discuss arrangements for the campaign with college authorities and student representatives.

College rector Willie Scholtz told Mr Leon that he had no objection in principle to parties coming to the college, but that the issue had first to be cleared with the college council, which was due to meet today.

Mr Leon, who is visiting the Western Cape on a two-day campus campaign, said at Stellenbosch University yesterday that it was ironic that the University of Stellenbosch was the only campus in the country where somebody could present a viewpoint with which the majority did not agree.

Referring to the harassment of DP canvassers at Western Cape campuses, Dr De Beer said at a public meeting in Plettenberg Bay: "Free speech is not much in the vocabulary of the ANC."

The DP's Western Cape candidate premier, Hennie Bester, said the ANC's commitment to human rights had to be seriously questioned.

Earlier yesterday DP canvassers were undeterred by a noisy ANC demonstration at the Peninsula Technikon at the beginning of the two-day campus campaign.

(News by M Morris, D Cruywagen and T Wentzel, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

The new
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tyranny



Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

CAMPUS CONFRONTATION: Top Democratic Party candidate Tony Leon locked in heated debate with a Pentech student during the DP election campaign at the technikon.

It's necessary to stand up to and confront the new tyrannies facing South Africa and people have to fearlessly confront authoritarianism and fascism. It is no use throwing up your hands in defeat. You will not be wasting your time confronting this type of behaviour because the new South Africa has to succeed on the basis of a spirit of persuasion.

— Democratic Party PWV leader Tony Leon

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DP Party campaign disrupted on Cape campuses

IEC can make parties toe line

Political Correspondent

THE Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has wide powers to ensure parties taking part in the election adhere to the principles of tolerance and democracy.

The code, contained in the Electoral Act, is backed by stiff penalties:

- A formal warning.
- A fine not exceeding R100 000.
- Forfeiture of deposits.
- Permanent or temporary prohibition from time on radio and TV.
- Prohibition from holding meetings, rallies or canvassing.
- Prohibition from receiving State electoral funds.

Infringements of the code will be adjudicated by an electoral tribunal appointed by the commission.

The first such case, based on a complaint by the DP Youth against the Students' Representative Council of the University of the Western Cape, will be heard at the Bellville magistrate's court on Monday.

DP claim to be probed

JOHANNESBURG. — The Independent Electoral Commission would verify reports that DP candidate Tony Leon was prevented from speaking by ANC supporters at three education institutions in the Western Cape, chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said today. — Sapa.

Asherson threatens to lead boycott

JOHANNESBURG city councillor Paul Asherson yesterday threatened to lead boycotts "on a scale never seen before" if the ANC went ahead with plans to cut rates rebates for residents. *Biday*

Asherson, who is a DP provincial candidate for the PWV region, was reacting to Civic Association of Johannesburg general secretary Cas Coovadia's statement that civics could advise the next government to scrap the rates rebate system.

A rates rebate is granted to residential property owners so that they do not pay as much property tax as businesses, which theoretically place a greater strain on roads and services.

Asherson said the call showed that Coovadia and the ANC were ignorant of municipal financing and were "meddling with Johannesburg's paying taxpayers at their peril".

"The rebate is purely a mechanism

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that ensures residents pay a reasonable and correct rate, but allows the city to collect twice that rate from business. There is no pressure from business for any alteration of the system." *15/3/94*

To start a "typically ANC campaign" now to punish those who pay their rates and for water, sewage, garbage collection and electricity would be to "ask for bigger trouble than they know", Asherson said. *(Scribbles)*

"I will personally lead a campaign by every Johannesburg resident (black, white, coloured or Indian) against any attempt to punish the payers. They will see boycotts on a scale never seen before in SA.

"If Coovadia wants the ANC brought to its knees he is embarking on the right course," Asherson said.

Report by T Rawana, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Call to revamp tertiary education

KATHRYN STRACHAN

NOTHING less than a radical reconstruction of higher education was needed to meet the developmental demands of the country, ANC education head John Samuel said yesterday. *(54)*

He told an Eskom education conference in Midrand there was an urgent need for a commission on higher education to be appointed after the election.

The commission would have to analyse the structure of the sector, the balance between universities and technicians, and between science and technology on the one hand and social sciences on the other.

Samuel said the proposal that the structure and function of higher education should be related to the overall development and reconstruction of the country had implications for institutions' autonomy.

It would be necessary to increase immediately the intake of women, blacks and other disadvantaged students and to redress institutional inequalities through financial and other measures.

There was no system of higher education in SA, he said, but rather an incoherent and fragmented conglomeration of sectors and institutions.

National Education Minister Piet Marais told the conference that the maintenance of universities' autonomy was necessary and should be supported by adequate state financing.

One option for improving access to tertiary institutions, while keeping within financial constraints and maintaining academic standards, was to restrict the state's subsidy for students to a specified maximum. Support mechanisms also should be provided for talented students from disadvantaged communities.

In this regard, an investigation had been launched into introducing community colleges which could offer students the chance to gain credits for tertiary study during bridging programmes.

Report by K Strachan, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Inkatha

"implemented within the next if we are going to have any stressed the plan had to have operation of government."

President F W de Klerk also day he found Inkatha's decision to participate in the election "astounding" and warned of a volatile situation in Natal, even while he defended "democratic" right not to participate.

He assured Buthelezi that he would not suffer the same fate as deposed Zulu king Zwelonke buthelezi. He said the government was trying to de-stabilise the KwaZulu region.

He called on Buthelezi to take measures to ensure other parties were not restricted from campaigning in the region.

Meanwhile, the rift within the Inkatha wing Afrikaner Volksfront and the CP widened yesterday.

Sexwale

Sexwale batho to honour an agreement with president Lucas Mangope made in 1986 to protect the homeland from communist takeover. *(Scribbles)*

He claimed the AWB had infiltrated Bophuthatswana by forcing Minister Rowan Cronje, whom he accused of betrayal.

During the day, Bophuthatswana administrator Tjaart van der Westhuizen addressed about 3 000 civil servants and told them that their salaries and pensions were safe and asking them to get back to Bophuthatswana running as soon as possible.

He also committed SA's government to bringing about salary parity between Bophuthatswana and SA civil servants soon.

ANC invites IEC to probe DP charges

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE ANC last night invited an Independent Election Commission (IEC) probe into the series of alleged ANC disruptions of Democratic Party meetings at city campuses and predicted that it would show cynical political manipulation by the DP.

IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler said that the IEC would verify the accuracy of reports that ANC supporters prevented DP election candidate Mr Tony Leon from speaking at three local campuses.

Judge Kriegler said that if the reports proved accurate he would call for an urgent meeting with the regional ANC leadership to find out what the organisation intended doing about the

matter.

Mr Leon said he would personally call Judge Kriegler about election disruptions after a "heavenly choir" of ANC supporters heckled him at the University of Cape Town yesterday.

Last night the ANC's regional publicity chief, Mr Bulelani Ngcuka, said the DP "seemed to go out of their way to ensure that their meetings are disrupted so they can get publicity".

The ANC's Western Cape leader, Dr Allan Boesak, said yesterday that university and technikon students would be "wrong" to exclude certain political parties and allow others on to their campuses.

"We are taking a very serious view of that. We cannot allow that to happen."

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Campus rowdies irk ANC

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UNIVERSITY and technikon students would be wrong to exclude certain political parties and allow others on to their campuses, western Cape ANC leader Allan Boesak said yesterday.

"Of course, there is a problem," he said at a news conference about free political campaigning on campuses.

"There is a problem when students say they will only allow certain political parties to campaign on their campus. That obviously is wrong. We are taking a very serious view of that.

"The campuses do not belong to the ANC. We will speak to SRCs and say to them that they must allow political parties to come on to the campus and put their political views."

DP PWV candidate Tony Leon told rowdy ANC hecklers at the Univers-

ity of Cape Town yesterday that SA could not be governed with freedom songs, Sapa reports. (17)

Yesterday's ANC disruption at UCT was the fifth in two days of Leon's campaign at western Cape educational institutions. (54)

Independent Electoral Commission chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said yesterday reports of DP meetings being disrupted in the western Cape would be investigated.

And an electoral tribunal set up in terms of the Electoral Act is to hear DP complaints about the University of the Western Cape Student Representative Council on Monday.

Report by B Streek, TML, 122 St George's St, Cape Town; and CC de Villiers, Sapa, Nedbank Centre, Strand St, Cape Town.

UCT rape investigators uncover serious flaws in security on campus

Staff Reporter

A UNIVERSITY of Cape Town investigation into a rape during a Rag party last month has identified serious deficiencies in campus policing.

Vice-chancellor Saunders announced a reward yesterday for information leading to the conviction of the assailant or assailants.

after the investigation found it "unlikely", they could be brought to book.

The woman was found naked, unconscious and apparently raped on campus on the night of February 18 during the annual Rag "Big Bash". Five male "friends" had earlier offered to take her home.

The university investigative committee found that as the woman "has no memory of the incident", prosecutions would be unlikely.

The committee found the Campus Control investigation had been inadequate because officers were either excluded by students or wanted to leave the investigation to students.

Recommendations included:

- Campus Control should be developed.
- Conflicts between the student administration and Campus Control had to be resolved.
- The relationship between students, Campus Control and the police should be clarified.
- The university should inform the campus community

openly of security problems, regardless of the university's "need to perfect its image".

According to a summary of events by the committee, a woman was found drunk in the Students' Union toilets about 11.30 pm and attended to by Rag officials and a member of the Buddy Campaign.

The five "friends" insisted they should take her home, ried her abusive and finally carried her off.

The woman was found two to three hours later in a dark area between the mathematics and botany buildings.

"She was not wearing any clothes and had obviously been very badly beaten up," said the summary.

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IEC to hear DP complaint

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AN Independent Electoral Commission tribunal is to hear a DP Youth complaint against the University of the Western Cape's SRC, which has effectively barred it from operating on campus.

ANC supporters also disrupted planned addresses by the DP's Tony Leon at Western Cape campuses. Leon cancelled his appearance at the UWC for fear of disruption and was chased out of Khayelitsha's Good Hope College. About 200 students also tried to drown him out at UCT.

The UWC SRC says the DP Youth is trying to force its affiliation to the SRC, giving it access to SRC-controlled facilities such as office equipment and halls. "You cannot have party youth wings affiliated to the SRC. Only student organisations can do that," said SRC president JP Mnguni.

At Good Hope College IEC monitors were overwhelmed by the protest, even requesting DP supporters to fold up their posters. Foreign monitors at the UCT meeting were "seriously disturbed", one said. Students bluntly refused to give their names to IEC monitors.

Leon later issued an impassioned warning against the "emergence of new tyrannies of intolerance".

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row in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Two complaints of violation of the Electoral Act will go to court next week, the Independent Electoral Commission announced yesterday.

The dispute between the DP and the University of the Western Cape Students' Representative Council will be heard in the Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday.

The IFP and the ANC disagreement over the IFP's occupation of Umlazi's King Zwelethini Stadium will be heard in the Umlazi Magistrate's Court next Friday. — Sapa

UCT rape: R10 000 for information

Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town, shocked that nobody has identified the alleged rapists of a woman on campus last month, yesterday took the unusual step of announcing a R10 000 reward for information about her attackers.

The announcement, by vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders, coincided with a report on the findings and 12 recommendations of a three-person investigative committee set up by UCT to probe the attack on the woman, a non-student, after a Rag "big bash" party on campus on February 18.

The crime has raised questions about UCT policy towards campus crime and dissemination of information, and the effectiveness of measures to ensure students' safety.

Dr Saunders said the reward was in response to a committee finding that "it is unlikely that the perpetrators of this crime can be brought to book because the survivor herself has no memory of the incident".

Twelve recommendations, many of them critical of UCT's Campus Control security and of its relationship with student bodies, were also made.

These include developing Campus Control "into a service which lives up to its goal of 'protecting life and property'", the resolution of "conflicts" between Campus Control and the student administration, and better relations between Campus Control and student bodies.

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UCT forges vital new links in Africa

JOHN VILJOEN (54)
Education Reporter ARCT 19/3/94

A NEW campaign against the blood-sucking tsetse fly is just one of the ways the people of sub-Saharan Africa stand to benefit from exciting links with South African universities.

A Kenyan researcher working at the University of Cape Town has isolated a natural toxin for use in a spray against the insect.

Joining the fight against the fly is just one of many aspects to UCT's new ties with some of Africa's top institutions.

Deputy vice-chancellor Martin West, charged with UCT's linkages and exchanges portfolio, says the university is not only looking abroad — links with other South African institutions are crucial.

A recent visit to Cape Town by a top-level group from eight African universities was a breakthrough.

Professor West serves on a new steering committee with the vice-chancellors of the universities of Zambia and Dar es Salaam and Jomo

Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. The body will plan future exchanges with UCT.

The door to Africa swung open for South African universities with their first invitation to the Association of African University's congress in Accra, Ghana, last year.

Professor West attended and described the experience as "exciting".

The association, which has well over a 100 member universities, gave its approval to links with institutions like UCT but full membership will have to wait until South Africa joins the Organisation of African Unity.

On the strength of this beginning Professor West travelled to Central and East Africa and met vice-chancellors and science deans at universities in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

"By and large, universities are in a very sorry state in sub-Saharan Africa. They have often suffered gross state interference and lost large numbers of qualified staff.

"Often universities have been instructed to take in large numbers of

students without getting the requisite resources."

Added to this, general economic deterioration has led to African universities being impoverished.

Everybody he met was keen for co-operation with South African universities. They stressed the need for a focus on science and engineering and the need to develop staff.

Most African universities, in an attempt to develop their own staff, have taken part in enormously expensive and only partly successful programmes by sending people to Europe and America. Not all have returned.

"There are a frightening number of African academics employed outside the continent," Professor West said.

UCT had the capacity to give post-graduate training as an alternative to more expensive destinations. Plus, the sort of training and research UCT could provide would be more appropriate to the continent's needs.

Although the situation in some of African universities was parlous, there were good people there doing

valuable work. "We have a lot to learn from experience elsewhere in the continent and from research there," he said.

An example of this was the research on the tsetse fly, UCT microbiology head Jenny Thomson said.

In another exciting project joint research with the University of Zimbabwe was developing a type of maize resistant to the maize streak virus, Professor Thomson said.

The virus is a major destroyer and the co-operation between UCT and other African institutions in developing disease-resistant crops could prove of great value.

"The research and co-operation is designed to improve the general quality of life on the continent — that's the central object of the exercise," Professor West said.

As an anthropologist, he is well aware of the costs of isolation. "Not to have been able to visit these countries has been a real impoverishment for all of us.

"To go there now and to be so warmly received is a very emotional experience."

Complaint for court

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ABOUT 300 University of the Western Cape students will march on the Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday where the Democratic Party has taken its fight against them for an Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) hearing.

Revealing this yesterday at the launch of the IEC's Western Cape branch, regional adjudication secretary Mr Norman Arendse said UWC had until midnight last night to file a response to the DP application.

● The Democratic Party Youth

League yesterday laid another five complaints against ANC-supporting students in the Peninsula — and against IEC monitors, the IEC revealed yesterday.

Mr Huxley Joshua, a Western Cape IEC investigator, said complaints arose out of incidents at Good Hope College, UCT and Cape Technikon.

The DP youth charged that IEC monitors failed to act impartially.

● About 30 complaints had been lodged with the IEC since the opening of its Cape Town office last week, Mr Joshua said yesterday.

DP Youth in deal with UWC students

JOHN YELD, Staff Reporter

THE dispute between the Democratic Party Youth and the UWC students' representative council has been settled, an Electoral Tribunal sitting at Bellville Magistrate's Court was told today.

The tribunal was the first set up by the Independent Electoral Commission and follows an application to the IEC by the DP youth for an urgent interdict restraining the SRC from harassing its University of the Western Cape branch.

The DP Youth also wanted full access to UWC's Bellville campus.

During today's hearing, tribunal adjudicator Piet Steyn twice adjourned proceedings for the settlement to be properly set out, saying: "This is not a Mickey Mouse court — it must be dealt with in the prescribed manner."

About 300 UWC students marched from the campus to the court, escorted by police in vans and on motorcycles. The students marched in front of a big banner reading "Down with the parties of the ruling class" and were watched by IEC monitors.

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When they arrived at the court the doors were locked and they were prevented from entering as the tribunal got under way.

Alistair Sholto-Douglas, representing the DP Youth, told Mr Steyn that the parties' legal representatives had brokered a settlement over the weekend.

Its basis was that DP youth accepted undertakings made by SRC president Pumzile Justice Mnguni in his affidavit.

Mr Steyn asked for agreement in writing, "otherwise tomorrow this case begins again".

The tribunal adjourned briefly but when it reconvened Mr Steyn said he was still not satisfied.

"I would like the documents to be drawn up properly," he insisted.

The tribunal then adjourned again.

In his affidavit, Mr Mnguni said the SRC gave an undertaking to allow the DP Youth to conduct political activities on campus and unreservedly accepted the code of conduct in the Electoral Act as well as UWC's code of conduct.



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

PROTEST: University of the Western Cape protesters tear up the South African flag outside Bellville Magistrate's Court during the electoral tribunal that sat there today to settle the dispute between the Democratic Party Youth and the UWC students' representative council.

DP-SRC settlement negated after 'attack'

Star 22/2/94

BY JOHN SODERLUND

An out-of-court settlement between the DP and the SRC of the University of the Western Cape was negated yesterday when DP members were allegedly assaulted and robbed minutes after dropping the case.

Charges had been laid on February 14 by the DP after it was allegedly barred from campaigning on the UWC campus by SRC members on February 7 and 8.

The case was expected to test the IEC's ability to enforce the Electoral Act's protection of the right of parties to campaign freely.

The DP withdrew its application for an interdict against the SRC at the last moment because it had reached a settlement with the SRC, said DP youth chairman Colin Douglas.

"We withdrew our complaint because the SRC un-

dertook under oath to abide by the Electoral Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a non-violent and non-intimidatory way," he said.

"The agreement was shattered the minute we walked out of court. We were kicked, hit and spat on by a large number of SRC students," Douglas added. (54)

A watch and numerous DP badges had been stolen and there had been cases of attempted theft of watches, handbags and briefcases, he said. A Bellville Police Station spokesman confirmed that assault and theft charges had been laid.

Douglas expressed disappointment with the IEC's conduct. He said he had asked the IEC to prosecute the SRC president for violating the Electoral Act by preventing the DP from campaigning on the campus. (54)

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DP and students launch war of words after peace deal

JOHN YELD
Staff Reporter

A FORMAL agreement between the Democratic Party Youth and the Students' Representative Council of the University of the Western Cape, confirming the right to unhindered political activity on the Bellville campus, has failed to ease tensions between the two.

The agreement was confirmed by their legal representatives at the first sitting of an Electoral Act tribunal at Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday but was contravened afterwards, the DP Youth alleged.

Angry DP Youth executives claimed at a news conference later that nine of their members had been hit, kicked, spat at and intimidated by SRC supporters who followed them from the court.

The executives accused the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and the Electoral Tribunal of lacking the will and the ability "to deliver justice in respect of violations of the Electoral Act".

They also hit out at IEC monitors for alleged bias, accused UWC management of applying procedures for political activity on campus unfairly, said the police had failed to

protect its members and claimed the SRC had failed to control its supporters.

But the SRC, in an affidavit by president Pumzile Justice Mnguni on which the settlement was based, hit out at the DP Youth, describing its members' behaviour as "arrogant and provocative".

In his affidavit, Mr Mnguni said the SRC unreservedly accepted the code of conduct in the Electoral Act as well as UWC's code of conduct.

"The SRC accepts that these codes of conduct are binding upon all parties and undertakes to comply with their provisions," said the affidavit.

"Since this particular matter revolves around an alleged contravention of Section 61 of the Electoral Act, the SRC states unequivocally that it accepts the need to work within the framework of the prohibitions contained therein and undertakes to comply with the said prohibitions now and in the future."

The SRC gave its undertaking to respect the prohibitions "because it genuinely desires that a climate for free political activity should exist and that the elections should be free and fair".



RUNNING THE GAUNTLET: Two Democratic Party Youth members, escorted by a University of the Western Cape campus control marshal, hurry from a group of students who allegedly assaulted them outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday. Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus. ARG 22/3/94

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Problems between the DP Youth and the SRC dated back to last year before the Electoral Act and the regulations of the IEC had been promulgated, Mr Mnguni said.

Problems had been caused by, among other factors:

- The "arrogant and provocative

behaviour" of the DP Youth on campus, and particularly of people like national chairman Colin Douglas who were not students at UWC.

● The refusal of the DP Youth to appreciate or accept the fact that as a youth or student wing of an outside political

party it could not enjoy the same rights as student societies and clubs on campus.

● The "clear perception" created by members of the DP Youth during incidents this year that their objective was to obtain maximum media publicity and coverage for cheap political gain.

process".

In future, it would lay charges with the Attorney-General in respect of any alleged criminal offences.

Widespread intolerance at campuses remained a fact of political life and a priority issue for the DP Youth, Mr Douglas said.

"We will continue to expose and fight this intolerance.

"We believe that the South African political environment encourages consensus at the expense of dissent and undermines firm belief in, and application of, basic justice.

"Too many of those on the political scene display a tendency to explain away or obscure injustice on the grounds that certain issues are too sensitive to withstand the rigours of hard-hitting, critical debate and the rule of law."

The DP Youth would not flinch from saying what it believed, "no matter how politically incorrect".

"There is no justification whatsoever for the kind of intolerance and narrow-mindedness displayed, particularly by the Left, at universities," said Mr Douglas.

(News by J Yeld, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

● The way in which the DP Youth, "supported by the English Press", tried to discredit UWC and the SRC with "misrepresentations and distortions".

Mr Mnguni said it was correct that the SRC and its student affiliates viewed the DP as "a ruling class party which bears historical co-responsibility for the oppression and exploitation of the black majority and that the SRC seeks through its campaigns to expose the DP as such".

"The SRC is, however, an independent structure representing students of various shades of opinion. It does not support any individual party.

"Insofar as it is necessary, then SRC undertakes to conduct its activities, including its mass action campaigns, in a peaceful and non-intimidatory way and one which respects the rights of parties as prescribed in the Electoral Act."


In a statement at the DP Youth news conference, Mr Douglas said the IEC proceedings had failed to address the original complaint against the SRC and the DP Youth believed it had made a mistake "in allowing ourselves to participate in this unsatisfactory

SRC agrees to let DP be

CAPE TOWN - The DP Youth will set up another information table at the University of the Western Cape on Wednesday after the university's students' representative council agreed not to disrupt DP campaigning on campus.

At an electoral tribunal hearing in the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday, the DP Youth withdrew its application for an interdict against the SRC after the SRC undertook to comply with the provisions of the Electoral Act as well as the Electoral Code of Conduct and the university's own code of conduct.

However, DP Youth chairman Colin Douglas claimed DP Youth members were punched, kicked and spat on by UWC students as they left the court building. Charges of assault and contravening the Electoral Act would be laid, he said.

Sapa. 
Report by E Kemp, Sapa, Nedbank House,
Strand Street, Cape Town.

Plans to challenge 'intolerant' UWC called off

Political Staff

THE Democratic Party Youth caught the University of the Western Cape by surprise when it called off plans to challenge the widespread "intolerance and narrow-mindedness" at universities.

DP Youth leader Colin Douglas said plans to man lunch-time information tables on the UWC campus were scuttled yesterday because "there's not much prospect of free

political activity on campus".

Mr Douglas said the DP Youth had asked police to keep a low profile on campus during yesterday's meeting.

They agreed, but UWC campus control authorities were unwilling to allow police on campus, Mr Douglas said.

He said the intolerance at UWC was "so great that members feared

for their safety".

But UWC information head Stan Ridge said: "There was no need for them to fear for their safety."

Mr Douglas was at the UWC student centre — around which campus control appeared to have thrown a heavy security blanket — to advise students of the DP Youth's change of plans.

(News by D Cruywagen, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

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Concessions by UniZul

THE University of Zululand has made major concessions in registering numbers of students who were previously excluded because of financial and academic reasons. (54)

But the UniZul council has appealed to all students who were not registered to leave the campus peacefully and for those who are registered to resume classes. Students at UniZul have been boycotting classes since Thursday last week over the fate of students who were not allowed to register because of financial, academic or other constraints.

The UniZul council on Tuesday made further concessions on the registration question

after lengthy discussions with the SRC. Students owing R4 000 or less can register provided they pay the minimum amount of R1 300 and other conditions are met. All registration must be completed by April 15.

This concession only applies to students who submitted their names to the SRC before March 8.

Students allowed to register under this concession must pay their outstanding 1993 debt by June 30 or they will be de-registered. —*Sowetan Correspondent.*

Cash crisis in tertiary education

CF 8/4/94

(54)

Staff Reporter

THERE is a critical lack of money to meet the costs of tertiary education — a major factor preventing access and success by impoverished or below-middle-income group South Africans, UCT vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting of The Institute of Citizenship in the city, he said that even for middle class South Africans the financial stresses could be severe.

"It is an issue which has reached crisis proportions. No university which is making a serious attempt to increase the enrolment of black South Africans can continue doing so unless this problem is met, because these institutions will simply go bankrupt."

He said universities and technikons could not carry substantial numbers of students who could not pay their fees given the present funding structure.

If the subsidy system was to continue to be based on this philosophy, then there was an urgent need to establish a national education bank with a capital sum which made it possible for that bank to adequately provide for the financial needs of stu-

dents either through loans or a mixture of loans and grants.

South Africa now had 20% of its national budget allocated to education and about 15% of that was allocated to universities and technikons, Dr Saunders said.

The ANC, he said, had proposed there should be 10 years of free, compulsory schooling.

Dr Saunders said the funding of universities assumed students could pay 20% of the general operating costs of the university, because the subsidy formula made allowance for the state to meet 80% of these costs. At present the state met only 66% of the costs on average, meaning students had to meet 34%.

In recent years, Dr Saunders said, some universities only received 48% of the cost and, coupled with the falling rand, this placed an enormous burden on students, almost doubling their fees.

More students, black and white, should be enrolled at technikons. At present there were three times as many students in universities as in technikons, which was not sensible, he said. Technikons must reverse the current trend that was seeing more students doing business and management courses and the humanities rather than science and technology.

Jobless future for those too proud to go to a technikon

SITimes (Buss)
10/4/94

By ADRIAN HERSCH

UNIVERSITY students in South Africa greatly outnumber their technikon counterparts — in sharp contrast to many economically successful nations.

In 1993, there were 329 926 students at universities and 137 377 at technikons.

The gap is steadily closing. But the National Manpower Commission (NMC) says that if the trend is not reinforced, a balance between student numbers at universities and technikons will be reached only by the year 2001.

Seifsa education and training head Janet Lopes says that in some prosperous countries technikon students outnumber those at universities by four to one.

Mrs Lopes says part of the problem is the haughty attitude adopted to technikon education.

"It is almost as if some would rather have a university degree in flower arranging than a technikon diploma in engineering."

Many students take "soft" courses because they did not pass mathematics and physical science at school.

The black matriculation pass rate is 39%, and most graduate without mathematics and science.

In 1992, 16% of black matriculation pupils studied physical science and 27% mathematics.

The respective figures for coloureds were 23% and 42% and for whites 41% and 72%.

The NMC says that if real economic growth averages 3% a year until 2000, there could be a shortage of high-level manpower of about 288 000 people. Hardest hit would be engineering and technology.

The NMC says "technikons provided market-oriented education to a greater extent than universities".

The NMC remarks on the high number of students at technikons qualifying in the natural sciences.

The latest figures available from the Department of National Education (DNE) are for 1991. In that year 57% of technikon students qualified in courses regarded by the DNE as natural sciences.

Mrs Lopes says lack of career guidance is a problem.

"Young people are not encouraged to look at career opportunities and the demands of industry. This results in huge enrolments, for example, in various law faculties at university and low enrolments in disciplines in demand by industry, such as physical metallurgy.

"High levels of graduate unemployment will certainly result."



IN FLIGHT . . . A poker-faced Democratic Party MP Mr Tony Leon, surrounded by bodyguards, leaves the University of the Western Cape campus yesterday after heckling students cut short his lunchtime address.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Anti-DP demo slammed

21/4/94 (54)

UNIVERSITY of the Western Cape authorities last night slammed students for hounding Democratic Party PWV leader Mr Tony Leon off the campus.

Abandoning a lunchtime speech after 10 minutes in front of a packed crowd, Mr Leon was hustled from the meeting by peace monitors as students closed in on the podium.

UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel and senior staff member Professor Kader Asmal had tried to call a hostile crowd of ANC and PAC supporters to order when they repeatedly shouted down Mr Leon.

He was bundled into a car but the exit was blocked by another vehicle. The DP vehicle raced across a lawn chased by dozens of students.

Mr Leon had to abandon the meeting despite repeated appeals for calm by UWC rector Prof Jakes Gerwel, electoral officer Prof Colin Bundy and ANC constitutional law expert Prof Kader Asmal.

Last night Prof Gerwel said the hounding of Mr Leon was "inexcusable. Part of a university's life and job is to hear different views. When that activity is obstructed, it is not good for the university."

Prof Sam Ridge, director of Development and Public Affairs, described their behaviour as despicable. "It reduces the meaning of democracy and undermines the freedom necessary for a university to operate properly."

Mr Adnaan Kariem, secretary-general of the Student's Representative Council, denied that the DP meeting had been disrupted as such. In each democratic set-up everyone reserved the right to protest and "that's what they did".

Mr Leon said the incident underlined the fact the ANC was unable to control its supporters. — Staff Reporter, Sapa

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Leon chased out of UWC

□ Rector says sorry for student behaviour

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

RECTOR of the University of the Western Cape Jakes Gerwel has apologised to the Democratic Party for the "inexcusable" behaviour of a mob of ANC and PAC supporting students who disrupted the party's campus meeting yesterday.

Visiting DP speaker Tony Leon had to flee as a mob of shrieking students threw stones, bottles and coldrink cans at his car shortly after closing the lunchtime meeting prematurely in the face of cacophonous protests.

The DP slammed the incident as "one of the most extreme displays of ANC intolerance" so far, adding that much of the problem was that the university had consistently failed to take action against "lawbreakers".

The university sharply criticised the "despicable" behaviour of the "undisciplined and disruptive" group of ANC and PAC supporters, accusing them of "reducing the meaning of democracy and undermining the freedom necessary for a university to operate".

The incident was being investigated.

University electoral commissioner Colin Bundy said the events on campus "clearly breach" the university's own electoral code.

But, in contrast to the university's position, the Students' Representative Council denied the meeting had been disrupted or that the campus electoral code had been breached and said students had merely exercised their right to protest.

Acknowledging that the SRC backed only "liberation" parties such as the ANC and PAC, secretary-general Adnaan Karriem rejected the DP's attempts to exercise its democratic rights on campus as "opportunism".

SRC vice-president Lindokuhle Dlamini said: "We would have condemned anything that was undemocratic, but in our view it was democratic."

He added: "We feel that what happened fell within the terms of the university's electoral code."

Mr Dlamini said he could not confirm stones and other things were thrown at the departing DP members, but if that had occurred, "we regret such action took place".

Mr Karriem said he believed that if Professor Gerwel and senior ANC member and academic Kader Asmal had not intervened, "the crowd would have quietened (unbidden) and allowed the DP to speak".

Earlier, in front of an audience of more than a 1 000 in the student centre, Mr Leon was given a chance to speak without interruption for a few minutes before the first blast of volatile protest.



FOR AND AGAINST: Rival posters are brandished in front of Democratic Party MP Tony Leon during a stormy meeting at the University of the Western Cape yesterday.

Ironically, he began his speech by thanking the student audience for giving him a chance to speak.

"The most important thing is that the hard-won freedom of South Africans throughout the country is not subverted by those who will not give others an opportunity to put their point of view.

"That is the principle issue, here and everywhere."

Shortly after this, as if at a signal, a deafening cacophony of shouts, chants and whistles burst from the crowd — most waving ANC flags or holding posters of Nelson Mandela — and continued for about 10 minutes.

Repeated attempts by Professor Bundy to halt the disruption and remind students of the terms of the electoral code failed.

Finally, Sasco national president Nale Mashapo — prefacing his remarks with a "Down with the DP" chant — restored a measure of calm to allow UWC rector Jakes Gerwel to explore the gathering and give the DP a hearing.

Mr Leon accused the demonstrators of emulating the approach of the Inkatha Freedom Party towards the ANC in Natal and spawning a new fascism in South Africa.

"You are creating a new form of oppression and fascism in South Africa and you are ignorant of the reality that sloganeering cannot solve one fundamental problem."

Finally, the DP closed the meeting under protest.

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

IEC, parties forced to retreat from Phola Park

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Operation Access became Operation Escape as Independent Electoral Commission members and representatives of five political parties beat a retreat inside armoured vehicles from the East Rand settlement of Phola Park.

The Phola Park meeting — part of the IEC's campaign to give safe access and a platform to parties in volatile areas — never got started.

Moments after the convoy of IEC vehicles and army trucks arrived at a clearing deep in the settlement, the large crowd that had gathered suddenly broke up and marched to a field at the entrance to the township.

Many chanted "ANC, ANC" as they walked away, and continued the chant as the convoy rolled out of Phola Park.

Jafta Chuwe, national co-ordinator of Operation Access, said local leaders had misinformed people in Phola Park that President De Klerk was coming to the settlement. People had then walked out "because they say they don't want anything to do with the National Party".

IEC commissioner Helen Suzman, who was in Phola Park, said it appeared the crowd had decided they would "manifestly show their support for the ANC".

She said this had not been in breach of the electoral code as there "was no

violence and no-one denied access to the other parties". But if the action was organised by any party this would be an offence.

The ANC, who had accepted an invitation to take part in the meeting, were not present — something which aroused suspicions. PAC representative Mosotho Petlane said he believed the walkout had been engineered.

Said Bob Mabena, PWV co-ordinator of Operation Access: "The ANC was invited. We can't speculate on why they didn't come. But this was a very cheap trick, whoever orchestrated it."

ANC representative Titus Mafolo said Bertha Gxowa, head of the ANC women's league in the region and a resident of nearby Kattlehong, had been standing by to join the convoy.

"We had her waiting but she was not picked up," he said.

Earlier the convoy had rolled through Tokoza at walking pace, with the party representatives each taking turns on the loudhailer to hit passers-by with three minutes of political sales talk.

"Personally, I don't think it's of any benefit," said William Mnisi of the DP.

"You can't really get to people by driving through. You have to have a man-to-man talk with a person. But if they want to waste money, well ..."

DP MP Tony Leon fled the University of Western Cape yesterday as cans, bottles and stones were flung at him by ANC and PAC supporters during an election rally.

Leon, monitors and security guards ran with bowed heads to a getaway car. They were pursued across a lawn, over a fence and into a parking lot by shouting students.

Leon accused his detractors of introducing a new form of fascism, likening their behaviour to that of the Inkatha Freedom Party towards the ANC in Natal.

Leon's appearance was marked by loud, sustained singing and chanting from about 100 ANC and PAC supporters who formed part of the 2 000-strong crowd.

Appeals for tolerance in the name of the ANC, made by UWC rector Prof Jakes Gerwel and senior law lecturer Prof Kader

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DP's Tony Leon
flees Cape campus

Asmal, were shouted down. UWC election officer Prof Colin Bundy was hissed at when he appealed for a minute's silence and referred to the university's code of electoral conduct. (54)

Leon was hustled through a glass sliding door as monitors held back the crowd. He was bundled into a waiting vehicle which sped off, but turned around and raced across the lawn when its exit was blocked.

Gerwel condemned the students' behaviour. "It is unfortunate; I can find no excuses for this." — Sapa.

Report by C de Villiers, Sapa, Strand St, Cape Town.

Leon chased from campus by students

Cape Town — Democratic Party MP Tony Leon fled the University of the Western Cape after a chaotic DP election meeting was disrupted by rowdy ANC and PAC supporters yesterday.

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UWC routing gives Leon the high ground

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Mondli waka Makhanya

DEMOCRATIC Party luminary Tony Leon's routing at the University of the Western Cape this week was another victory in the party's visibility strategy.

After the disruption, some student leaders — angry over the booing and stoning of Leon — voiced concern that UWC may be declared a no-go area by the Independent Electoral Commission. If this happened, no polling booths would be installed there and students would have to travel 10km to Bellville city centre.

What was most surprising about the shouting down and eventual stoning of Leon and his entourage was the ease with which the students fell into the DP's trap. By going to a hostile campus and getting thrown out, Leon achieved maximum media exposure for the DP.

The disruption began almost immediately Leon began speaking about "the threat of a new



Heckled ... The DP's Tony Leon make a point while UWC rector Jakes Gerwel looks on

PHOTO: RODGER BOSCH

tyranny and the DP's plan to stop it". A student representative council member failed to convince students chanting "Phuma Leon" (Get out Leon) and "settler settler, Leon Leon" to halt their "protest".

It took an emotional appeal from rector Professor Jakes Gerwel and an angry reprimand

from ANC constitutional adviser Kader Asmal to subdue the audience.

When he was finally allowed to speak, Leon delivered a ringing warning against "exchanging of one set of authoritarian rulers for another", prompting hisses. He was later chased out. UWC condemned the disruption.

Last all-white call-up begins

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Staff Reporter

WHAT might prove to be the last white army call-up is due to start taking place all over the country today — this time with the blessing of the ANC and the End Conscription Campaign.

SADF spokesman Colonel John Rolt said it was not possible to say at this stage what sort of response the army was getting to month-long call-ups, because citizen force men and commandos were only due to report from today.

In Cape Town the troops were due to muster slightly later, a spokesman in the Western Cape said. The first group is expected at Ysterplaat on Monday from 7am. Others must gather at Youngsfield and 9 SA Infantry Battalion (the former Cape Corps base) on Thursday next week, at Wingfield on Friday, and at Ysterplaat on Saturday.

Colonel Rolt said he was not at liberty to say how many units or men had been called up. Nor could he say how many of the "campers" from other areas were likely to go to troubled Natal.

Colonel Rolt said the Defence Act still applies, so reporting for a camp is compulsory.

"This will still be a white call-up," Colonel Rolt conceded. "But this call-up has been publicly supported by the ANC and the ECC."

UCT cracks down on campus raves

Staff Reporter

CT 20/4/94

IN an attempt to improve campus safety, UCT is to crack down on campus parties following a spate of crimes and an alleged rape there in the past year.

According to the UCT Monday Paper newsletter, vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said residence parties would have to be regulated by the use of torches, two-way radios and party lift schemes.

Culprits had to be arrested to make the campus a safer place, he said, while the Campus Control security force needed improvement.

Young guns clash at UCT quietly

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Political Correspondent

AFRICAN National Congress and Democratic Party youth leaders differed on plans for a youth ministry, but they agreed to differ at one of the most good-natured debates of the election campaign to date.

The number of empty seats in the University of Cape Town's Beattie Theatre indicated many students had had enough of the election jamboree.

Some wondered whether the same applied to the National Party ... its debater, Craig Morkel, pulled out at the last minute.

The theme of the debate was whether South Africa should have a youth ministry, an issue on which president of the ANC Youth League Lulu Johnson and national chairman of the DP Youth Colin Douglas struck sharply divergent positions.

Mr Johnson argued that the legacy of apartheid — chiefly the alienation of young people, and the depressed socio-economic conditions in which many of them lived — demanded decisive state action.

But Mr Douglas argued that creating a new bureaucracy would waste money that could be better spent on education and training and job creation.

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Debate at

UWC goes peacefully

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Political Staff

THE keenly-anticipated debate at the University of the Western Cape between the ANC's premiership candidate in the region, Dr Allan Boesak, and his Democratic Party rival, Mr Hennie Bester, took place without incident yesterday.

Although the crowd of about 3 000 students and lecturers was overwhelmingly supportive of Dr Boesak, Mr Bester was able to speak without interruption.

During the debate, organised after the DP's Mr Tony Leon was chased off the campus by students, both leaders were strongly critical of each other, but at the end of the meeting they were applauded when they both said it had been a truly democratic experience.

A large number of independent monitors, marshals and security personnel were present throughout the debate.

Vista staff, students strike

Star 22/4/94

■ BY RONNIE MAMBA
and BONGIWE MLANGENI

Lecturers and students at the Soweto campus of Vista University went on strike this week in a bid to force the university management council to improve facilities on campus.

Sipho Khumalo of the Vista Staff Association said in a press conference that the students' library was too small and under-

equipped, the lecture halls were not enough and each lecturer had to teach about 800 students at a time.

Khumalo said these demands were submitted to the university's management council (54)

"The students joined the lecturers in this mass action because most of the demands submitted to the management council affected us as well and we have been fighting this battle for

long on our own," said SRC member Themba Msipha.

The Vista head office in Pretoria confirmed that they met with the Soweto campus staff and students on Wednesday.

Public relations director Gerrie Hartman said the talks were positive, but pointed out that most of the demands could not be met immediately.

The staff association said they would carry on with the strike if their demands were not met.

New Matie row Over initiations

JOHN VILJOEN

Education Reporter

CLAIMS of a repulsive initiation ritual in which senior students allegedly abused first-years are again rocking the University of Stellenbosch.

Details of the humiliating ordeal at Huis Marais residence were splashed in this week's edition of the student newspaper, Die Matie.

During the ordeal, new students were allegedly forced to slide face-down through a mixture of dishwater, fish leftovers and some of their own vomit.

After meeting with rector Andreas van Wyk, a university spokesman told Weekend Argus the allegations would be investigated "immediately".

If the evidence justified it, the university disciplinary committee would regard the

■ A new initiation scandal has hit Stellenbosch University, just a year after authorities acted to "root out" this ordeal for some first-year students.

matter "with the necessary seriousness", he said.

The new scandal comes a year after three Maties were fined for subjecting first-years to initiation rituals.

In a scathing editorial, Die Matie said students who abused power in this way were "mentally disturbed (sielsiek) and perverse" and did not belong at an academic institution.

According to the report, apparently based on accounts from four first-year students, Huis Marais freshers had to attend a house meeting in the dining room.

They had to wear jackets and ties for the occasion, which lasted about three hours.

Much of the time was spent

sitting on upright bricks while senior students tried to push them over to achieve "a dominant effect".

While on the bricks, they were doused from behind and forced to pass crayfish shells, cigarette butts and used chewing gum from mouth to mouth.

At least one senior student allegedly walked behind the freshers, slapping their heads. Some had scratches and bruises.

The students also had to slide on their stomachs out of the dining room, where senior students had removed the in-laid doormat, filling the space with a mixture of dishwater, fishbones and vomit.

The new students had to

slide, with their faces submerged, through this mixture.

One student allegedly slipped and grazed his hip. The wound became infected and apparently still has not healed.

Some seniors also allegedly used mops, dipped in the liquid, to smear the new students' faces and backs.

The first-years were then forced to clean the mess. Huis Marais head student Attie Heyns told Die Matie the residence student committee had supervised orientation to ensure that events stayed within the rules.

The reported incident was "strongly condemned", he said. The university management had issued "a clear and unambiguous" warning that no unacceptable orientation practices would be tolerated.

"Overall this year, the residences played ball," he said.

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New black academics sooth old university

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□ **OUTSPOKEN:** Makaziwe ("I say what I think") Mandela.

■ **Two top new academics are making their presence felt at the University of the Witwatersrand, reports British commentator RICHARD DOWDEN.**

THERE is a slight frisson when a visitor asks for William Magkoba or Makaziwe Mandela at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Not that anyone in the country's largest English-speaking university, nearly 100 years old, academically excellent and avowedly liberal, actually would say anything.

But, there is fear of the new deputy vice-chancellor and the special projects development officer. They are the university's first two black senior staff members, recently appointed, and they trail after them the dreaded double-A word: Affirmative Action.

It would be difficult for anyone to suggest that Dr Makgoba got his job only because he was black.

At 41 he is MB, Ch B, D Phil (Oxon), FRCP, head of molecular endocrinology at London University's Royal Post-Graduate Medical School and deputy-director of chemical pathology at Queen Charlotte's and Hammersmith Special Health Authority in West London. He also holds the chair in the School of Pathology at Witwatersrand University.

Until he was 14, he was a shepherd boy, one of nine children of a schoolteacher in the Northern Transvaal.

• In 1976, he was South Africa's top medical student, but he left the country in 1979 because there were few openings for ambitious blacks, and Oxford offered him a Nuffield Fellowship.

• Since then, he has been offered various posts in South African universities.

"I would not have come back until things had changed," he said. "It was like kicking against stone."

His manner is quiet, but warm and very confident. "Black people ask if I think I am just a token, but I don't think I will operate in that fashion."

"I am quite independent and have strong views about what I am going to do," he says.

Ms Mandela is also an academic: She completed her Masters at the University of Massachusetts and worked recently at the African Academy of Sciences at Nairobi.

She is Nelson Mandela's daughter from his first marriage and says the name has sometimes helped and sometimes hindered her. There was a deep rift between father and daughter when he came out of jail and she admits to a lot of bitterness over her parents' divorce, when she was four years old.

She says that now they get on as "well as can be expected", but she was voting for the Democratic Party in the election.

The task facing these two is daunting. Although Witwatersrand University has made impeccable statements about its openness to all races, it has done little to implement them.

At present, the top administrators of the university are all white and male. About 50 out of 1 200 academic teaching staff are black and about 6 000 of the 19 500 students are not white — in a country where the national black-white ratio is about five to one.

Dr Makgoba says: "There is a big fear here and, to an extent, their fears are justified in the sense that they did not expect in their lifetime that we would be where we are today. We are not going to destroy the university, but we want the same access and we want to emphasise slightly different things. We don't want to kick anyone out; we want to help everyone feel involved."

Ms Mandela says: "There is a lot of anger and pain among black people and a sense of alienation in this white institution. And, there are fears on the part of whites who think affirmative action means they are going to lose their jobs."

The debate centres on the conflict between affirmative action and academic standards. Until recently, the government spent five times as much on educating a white child as a black one. Ms Mandela says: "There is no doubt a need for affirmative action in South Africa, but I can't argue against the academic-standards argument."

"Affirmative action is a numbers game, but that isn't where the debate should end... we have to create a balance. We want to maintain the quality, but we have to recognise that other people have been left out."

Ms Mandela has already visited all departments and drawn up a profile in terms of sex and race, but she denies that she aims to force the departments to achieve a racial balance reflective of the national average.

Dr Makgoba says: "My role is to give a vision for academic matters in the new South Africa. It's my fundamental belief that the university has to have an African cultural component."

He adds: "In terms of the vision of the university, we must ask: Do we want a little Oxford in Africa or something relevant to the people here?"

"It's a question of culture. In the new South Africa, it is not so much who is going to rule as to which culture is going to dominate." — Independent News Service.

Gerwel (54)
CE 13/5/94
'would be
honoured'

Staff Reporter

UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel said yesterday it would be a "great honour" to serve as head of President Nelson Mandela's office.

It is reliably understood that Professor Gerwel's appointment is now a mere formality. He said he had not yet quit his academic job but he would be discussing matters with his present employers this week.

"I have not been employed elsewhere yet," he said.

Prof Gerwel said he would be making a statement soon.

He said the opportunity to head President Mandela's office would be the only offer which would make him change the plans he had had to take up a research post when his present term of office ended in 1995.

"It will be a change in the sense that I would now become a grey civil servant," he added.

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Varsities lose key figures

By Tyrone August

SEVERAL tertiary institutions have lost key individuals to the civil service and other arms of government as the new administration takes shape.

The latest loss is Professor Jakes Gerwel, rector of the University of Western Cape, who will move to President Nelson Mandela's office as its chief of staff.

UWC has already lost Professor Kadar Asmal, head of human rights, and

advocate Mr Dullah Omar, head of community law, to the new Cabinet.

Professor Rob Davis, co-director of UWC's Centre for Southern African Studies and Mr Thozamile Botha of its School for Local Government are now both MPs.

University of Fort Hare rector Professor Sibusiso Bhengu is the new Minister of Education. Fort Hare's head of public relations, the Reverend Arnold Stoffie, is now chief whip of the ANC in Parliament.

The University of Natal lost politics lecturer Dr Ian Phillips to the National Assembly. But the head of the department, Professor Mervyn Frost, is not unduly concerned.

"Providing skills and expertise to government is important," he said.

"And there is quite a pool of people to draw on who want to enter academia. Also, nobody is indispensable." But he conceded it would be "fair more difficult" to replace university heads.

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Gerwel to work for the President

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 UWC rector resigns to take up 'an opportunity of a lifetime'

■ Jakes Gerwel has drawn the curtain on an "eventful" 7½ years as rector of the University of the Western Cape and accepted a top government post.

JOHN VILJOEN
 Weekend Argus Reporter

DAYS of rumour and well-informed speculation have been ended by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki with the announcement of Professor Jakes Gerwel's appointment



Picture: LEON MULLER, Weekend Argus.

to be acting deputy vice-chancellor.

Professor Gerwel told a Press conference yesterday he had accepted the post in President Mandela's office with mixed feelings.

He left UWC, where he had spent most of his adult life as a student, academic and administrator, with sadness. But, he saw his new job as "a tremendous challenge and an undeserved honour".

He recently had been approached and even pressured to accept a political position in the new government, but had turned this down.

□ **MOVING ON:** Outgoing rector Jakes Gerwel shares a smile with UWC chancellor Desmond Tutu after announcing his move to President Nelson Mandela's office.

But, in Pretoria last week, he was approached again, in a move he said came as a surprise.

"This offer was very unexpected. I must say it is the kind of opportunity a person gets very seldom in one's lifetime.

"Our president is an exceptional person in the history of humankind and particularly in the history of our country.

"We stand at the start of an exceptional period of our country's development and to be asked to be part of that is the sort of honour and opportunity one does not get every day."

It would have been arrogant of him to turn it down, said Professor Gerwel.

He was as unsure of what the job involved as he was when made UWC rector in

1985, he said.

He believed he would have a role to play in areas such as reconstruction and development and nation building which would be high on President Mandela's priority list.

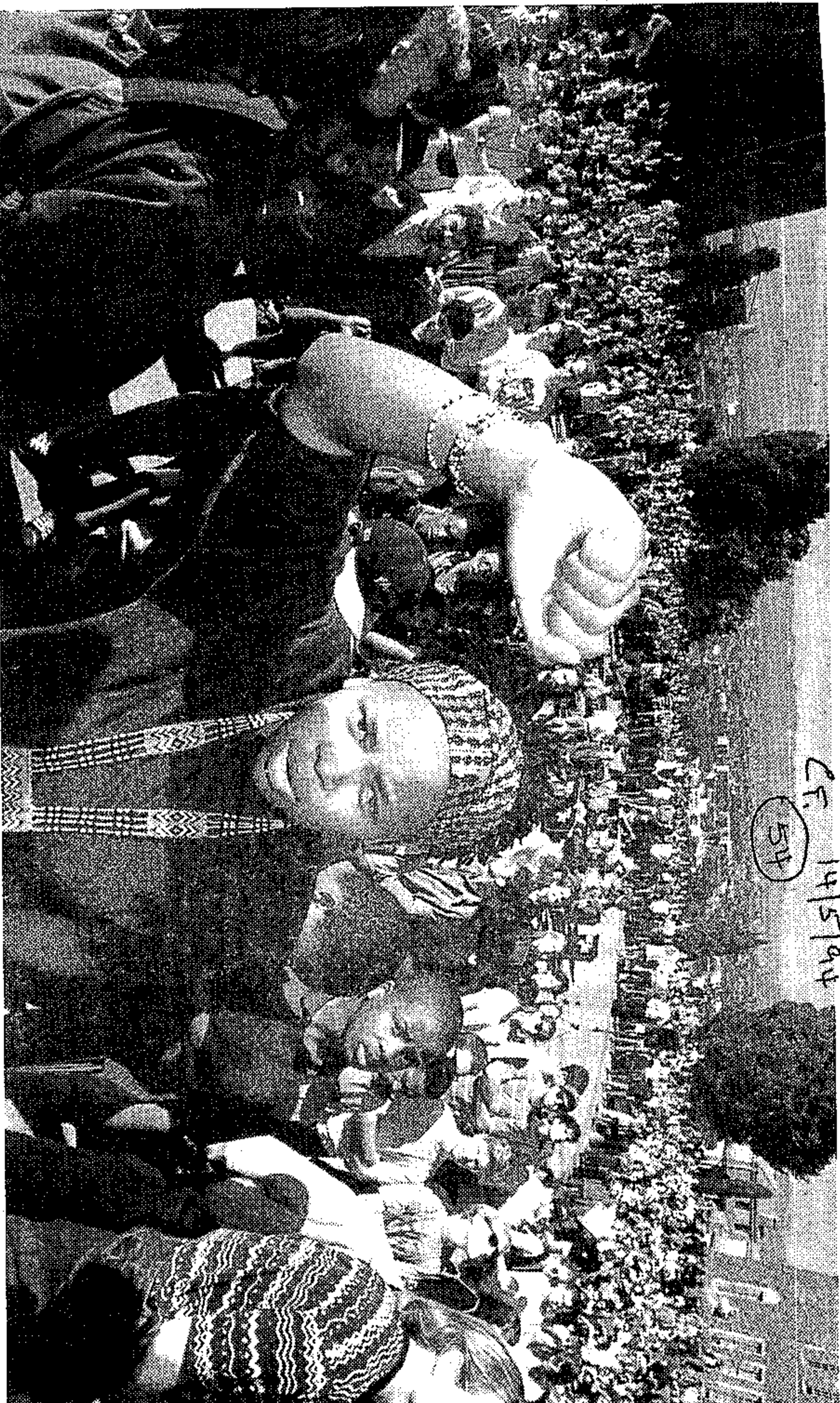
Professor Gerwel said he would not be the president's spokesperson or "social secretary", and hoped to have close personal contact with Mr Mandela.

"I have a sense that the president is not going to be involved to the same extent in the day-to-day running of the state," he said.

He believed he would be working with minister without portfolio Jay Naidoo in the reconstruction and development and nation-building arenas.

"This is the last thing I expected."

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UCT raises flag — first in 30 years

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 2 000 students and staff gathered at UCT yesterday as the new flag was raised above Jameson Hall — the first time a South African flag has flown at the university in more than 30 years.

The flag was raised to the strains of both Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika and Die Stem "in deference to President Nelson Mandela's request", UCT vice-principal Dr Marty West told the crowd.

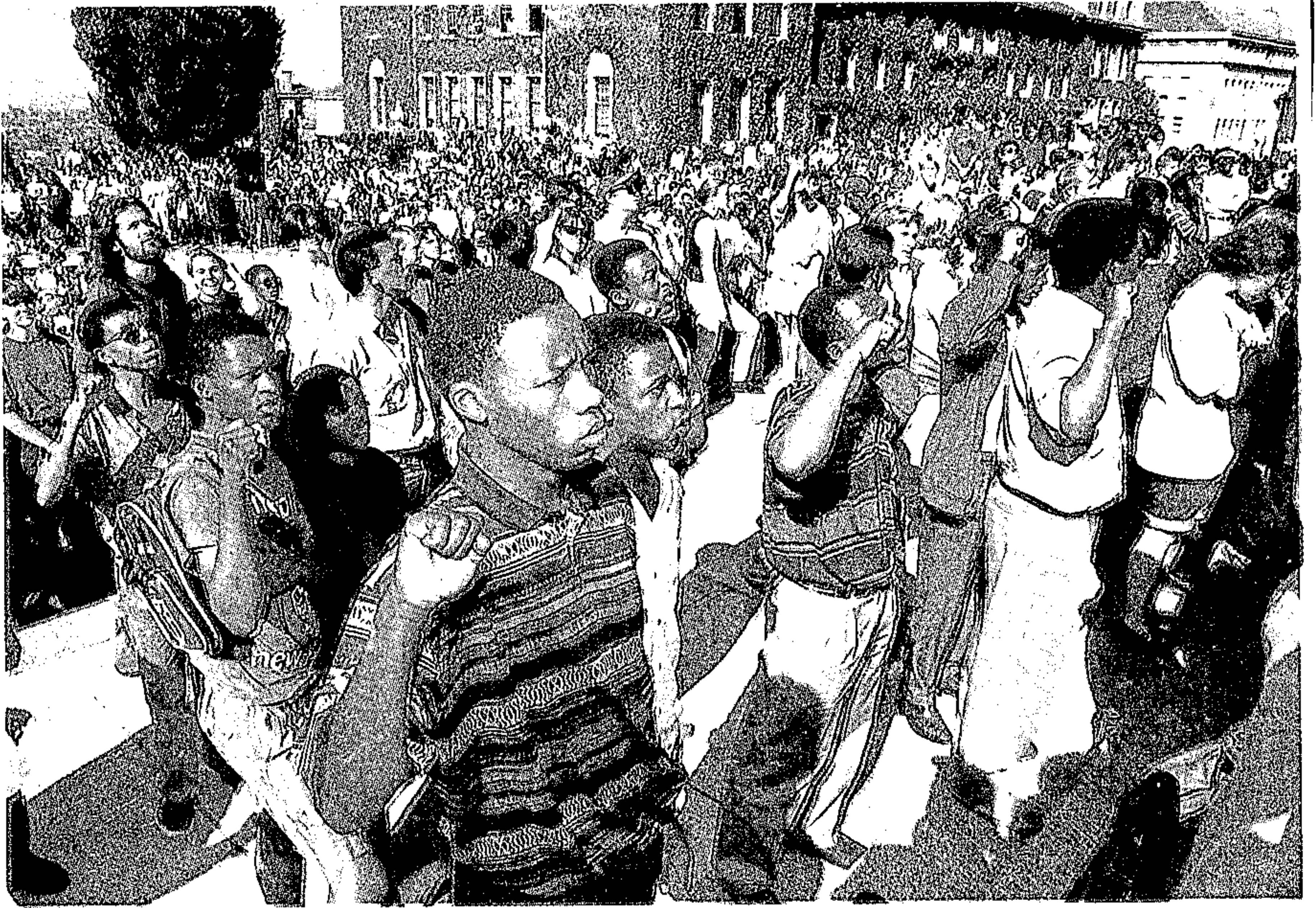
Vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said the raising of the flag was symbolic of the birth of a new nation. **CT 14/5/94**
He said that when

President Mandela was inaugurated on Tuesday, South Africans felt a weight lift from their shoulders.

"Indeed, a yoke lifted from their shoulders. A yoke of mistrust, oppression and fear. Today we unfurl the national flag to symbolise this momentous event," he said.

ONE NATION! . . . A UCT student raises her fist to show support for the raising of the South African flag on campus yesterday. The Student Representative Council called on students to play a part in transforming the country and the university.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

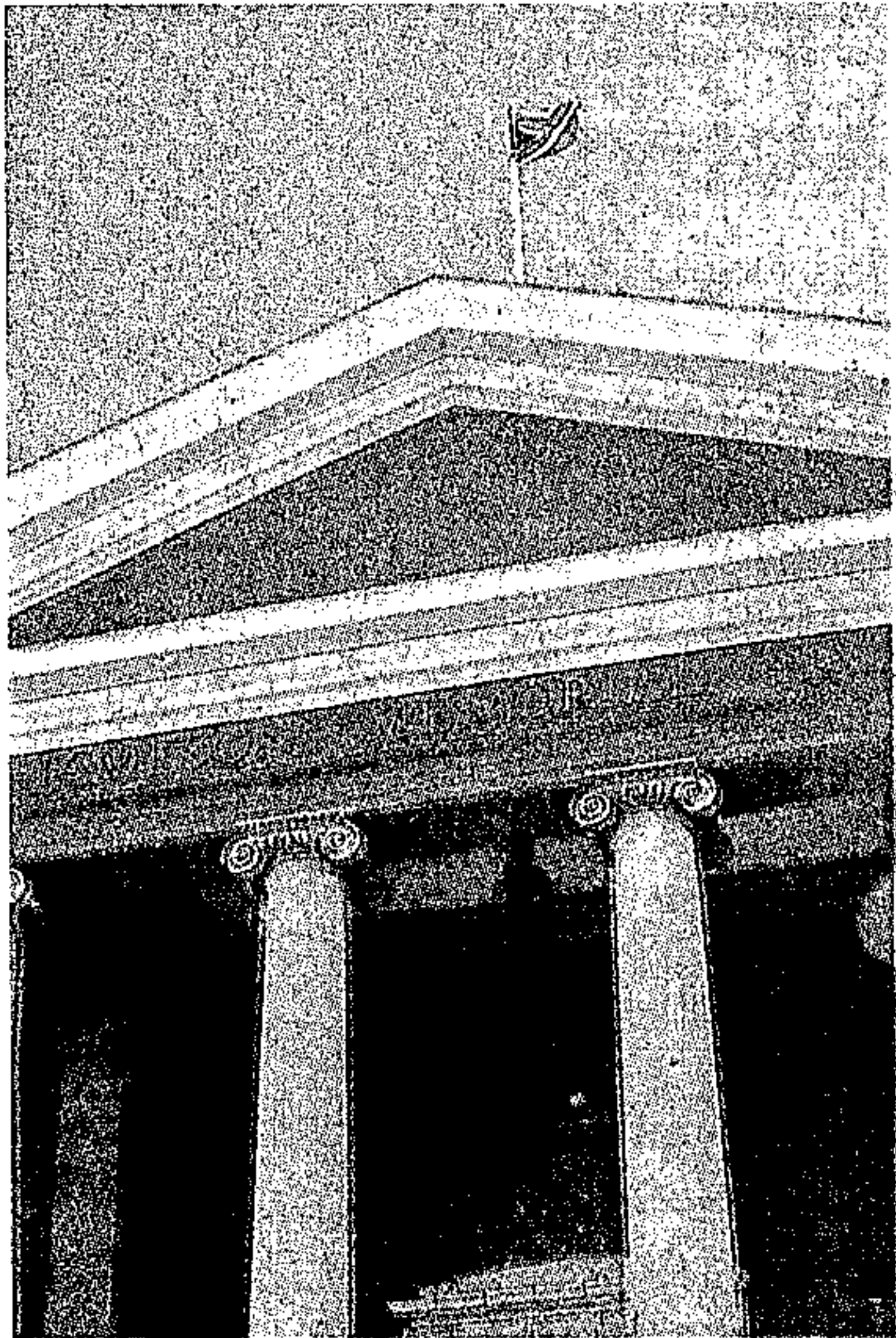


Picture: LEON MÜLLER, The Argus.

NEW DAY: Students cheer as the new South African flag is hoisted at the University of Cape Town for the first time.

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Flag of freedom flies as UCT students jazz up the new era



FLAG UNFURLED: The new flag flies atop Jameson Hall.

Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of students at the University of Cape Town cheered as the new South African flag was hoisted on the campus for the first time at a ceremony to mark the country's transition to democracy.

In a short speech before the flag was hoisted, vice-chancellor Stuart Saunders said the events of the past few days had been shown to the world and they saw a new nation being born.

"We can hold our heads up high because we showed the world that a new democratic, nonracial and non-sexist order was established in our country through negotiations.

"Today we raise this flag to celebrate this momentous occasion and we all can now

say that our country belongs to all of us," Dr Saunders said.

In his address vice-president of the students representative council Anthony Geard said the day was a triumph for all.

"We all played a role in seeing that this day was born and we must continue in the future to build on those foundations."

To the slow beating of a drum, the flag was hoisted up the pole mounted at the top of the Jameson Memorial Hall. The students cheered loudly.

After both the national anthems were played by the university's jazzband, the musicians entertained the crowd.

UWC's top 3 posts vacant

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By Edwina Booysen

NOT only will the University of the Western Cape (UWC) have to find a new rector following Professor Jakes Gerwel's appointment as director general in the state president's office, but the university will also have to appoint

two new vice-rectors.

Newly-appointed acting rector, Professor Jaap Durand, retires at the end of the year and Professor Njabulo Ndebele's post as vice-rector was left vacant when he was appointed rector of the University of the North last year.

First deputy president Thabo Mbeki announced Gerwel's appointment to the state president's office last week. Gerwel started his new job in Pretoria on Tuesday. (54)

At a press conference on Friday the chairperson of the University Council, Mr Gilbert Thomas, said the council had decided at a special sitting on Friday morning to grant Gerwel's request to be relieved of his rectorship.

He said current vice-rector, Professor Jaap Durand, has been appointed as acting rector

until the end of the year. Professor Colin Bundy has been appointed acting vice-rector.

"I would have retired as rector at the end of 1995 and taken up a post at the university researching literature, society and culture," Gerwel said.

"This (appointment) came as such a surprise. This is the start of an exciting time in our country and it is an honour and a privilege to be part of it. It would have been arrogant of me not to accept the offer," he said.

Gerwel, who had been at UWC for over 22 years, said he is approaching his new position with "strong mixed emotions".

"I am looking forward to the new post but I am also sad to leave the university where I have spent most of my adult life."

Gerwel said he would not know what his new job involves until President Nelson Mandela returns from leave later this week.

Unibo urged • Two men on murder charges

Find jobs for fired staff — Makgoro

FORMER Bophuthatswana joint administrator Mr Job Makgoro has told the interim council of the University of Bophuthatswana that one of its first duties should be to offer employment to lecturers who had been deported or dismissed by the former homeland government.

Speaking at the first meeting of the university's interim council on Tuesday, Makgoro called on the council to redress the wrongs of the past.

Freed of political control, Makgoro said he believed Unibo would have a crucial role to play in the broader development of the region. (54)

Among the members of the new council — which includes Unibo management as well as nominations from government, Senate and student and staff representatives — is Solly Bokaba, the student leader who was beaten senseless by Bop security forces in full view of the world media last year.

Former deportee Dr Jon Lewis was elected vice-chairman of the council.

Dr Teboho Moja, president of the Union of Democratic University Staff

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CRUCIAL ROLE Bop police victim

Solly Bokaba on university council:

Members of the council also expressed grave concern at the actions of students who on May 3 invaded the office of the Dean of Law and ordered his expulsion from campus

Associations, was elected chairman.

The new council, in one of its first acts, recommended the immediate suspension on full pay of Professor EJ Setshedi, the deputy vice-chancellor (student affairs), pending the outcome

of a committee of inquiry into charges of misconduct during his period as acting vice-chancellor.

The council also accepted the resignation of the present vice-chancellor, Professor MR Malope, and recommended that the chancellor, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, South Africa's former ambassador to Bophuthatswana and co-administrator, resign in the light of recurrent student objections to his presence at university graduation ceremonies.

Members of the council also expressed grave concern at the actions of students who on May 3 invaded the office of the Dean of Law and ordered his expulsion from campus. This issue will receive priority attention from the council at its next meeting on June 10.

It was also decided to call for nominations from the university community for an interim vice-chancellor. — Sapa.

'Misconduct' by UCT poet

By CLAIRE BISSEKER

OUTSPOKEN gay Afrikaans poet Dr Joan Hambidge is the UCT lecturer found guilty two weeks ago of "serious misconduct" for harassing a woman student.

Sexual harassment charges were filed by the 25-year-old student last year when she finished her final exams and was no longer under Dr Hambidge's tutelage.

But the poet, columnist and literary critic yesterday scoffed at the definition of the case as sexual harassment.

Dr Hambidge received a warning, and her three-year lecturing probation was extended by two years after the review committee found she had "failed to exercise the appropriate degree of sensitivity and restraint".

A source close to her department said a lengthy love relationship between the women had turned sour early last year but Dr Hambidge had refused to stop contacting the student.

Dr Hambidge would not comment on the hearing yesterday, saying UCT had told her it was "an internal matter".



WARNED
Dr Joan Hambidge

Student intake increases at UWC

THE total number of students registered at the University of the Western Cape this year is a record 14 076.

It is 1 522 more than last year and 276 more than the previous highest total of 13 800 in 1991, according to Mr Michael Doman, of the university's public relations department.

He said 51,7% or 7 247 of this year's total number of students were women while male students totalled only 43,8% or 6 802.

Of the total of 2 129 post-graduate students 6,57% or 925 were women and 1 204 or 8,55% are men.

The full-time students comprise 11 567, part-time students 2 509 while first-time registrations number 4 070.

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Black students now make up 47% (6 617) of the total number, coloured students 6 596 or 46,85%, Indians 696 or 4,9% and whites 167 or 1,2%.

Mr Doman said arts was still the largest faculty with 5 546 students, but had nevertheless dropped from 40 to 39%.

"Education, with its total of 1 099 students, this year has dropped from 10 to 8% and Community Health Sciences with a total of 1 154 students has dropped from nine to 8%.

"The Law faculty has increased from nine to 12% and has 1 729 students this year," Mr Doman said.

He added that the percentages at the rest of the faculties, with 12% for Science, Economics, Dentistry and Theology, had remained unchanged.

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Warning after financial loss for UCT

Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town made a loss of R15 million last year, following another state subsidy cut, and warns tertiary education faces a national crisis unless it is made affordable to the average student.

In his introduction to the 1993 annual report, vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said: "A needy student

should be funded to go to the institution of his/her choice."

In the report, UCT calls for the urgent creation of a national student financial aid scheme and reveals that its own subsidy programme has become "increasingly difficult" to fund and is under review.

"One of the major challenges facing higher education is how students without adequate private means will

be able to meet the costs of their education. Unless an effective solution is found soon, this problem will assume the proportion of a national crisis," Dr Saunders said.

Last year, 350 of the 2 500 first year students were classed as "educationally disadvantaged" and enrolled through UCT's special admissions policy.

About half the enrolled in the

for 23% of the first year intake compared to less than 1% in 1981.

UCT's state subsidy has declined as a percentage of its operating budget from 75,3% in 1985 to 57,2% in 1993.

In October the government demanded an increased pension contribution of R4,8 million and at the same time UCT was faced with R1,5 million

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A university gets a new lease on life

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Unibo will now be able to play a decisive role in the broader development of the North-West and the Northern Cape regions, reports **Vuyo Mvoko**

WHEN civilian mass action deposed former president of Bophuthatswana Lucas Mangope in April, followed by the formal reincorporation of the homeland into South Africa, a new era was signalled for the University of Bophuthatswana (Unibo).

With its state-of-the-art buildings, under-utilised infrastructure, and ability to attract skilled professional staff, the university is well placed to prove its relevance to the impoverished and remote areas of the North-West and Northern Cape regions surrounding it.

Hopes are now high that if the newly-appointed interim council of the university has its way and will be true to its word, the dream of a truly transformed university is bound to be realised.

After the coup, the Office of the Joint Administrators set up by the Transitional Executive Council to govern the former homeland, was also authorised to dismiss the old Council of the University, and to facilitate the appointment of an interim replacement structure.

The interim council was appointed by representatives from the university senate, the government, the community, student and staff associations. In the past, 15 of the 24 members of the council were elected by the deposed Mangope. Several of those people persecuted during Mangope's reign have been appointed to the university's new administration.

At the interim council's first sitting two weeks ago, Bophuthatswana's joint administrator Job Mokgoro spoke of the need to "comprehensively (reposition) Unibo".

The old council, he said, was perceived to be Mangope's creation and as such "lacked legitimacy among the students and staff at the university, and within the broader university community".

Students at Unibo were constantly at the receiving end of brutal security force action. Perhaps more than at any other homeland university, fundamental freedoms of speech, association and movement were simply non-existent. Mangope's security forces — often deployed in large contingents to confront young people armed only with books and pens — would besiege the campus with tedious regularity, leaving behind those students not arrested, frustrated and helpless.

The disruptions on campus saw tremendous losses in learning and exam

time, aborted academic pursuits, damage to expensive university property, and even loss of life. The situation was compounded by an exodus of professionals who were reluctant to continue associating with the university.

But all this is now history, with a new set of faces governing the university. Because of existing university legislation, key administrators could not simply be displaced. However, chancellor Tjaart van der Walt and vice-chancellor Melato Malope, Mangope's former chief lieutenants in his battle to keep control over Unibo, have left of their own accord.

The university's controversial deputy vice-chancellor (student affairs), Jacob Setshedi, has been suspended. Setshedi is known to have had sweet relations with Mangope. He has been accused in the past of collaborating with the ousted president in his ill-fated attempts to control the university.

According to interim council vice-chairman John Lewis, a disciplinary hearing will take place to "test the veracity of the allegations" contained in a report on Setshedi currently in possession of the council.

Some of the interim council members, including Lewis, are former victims of Mangope's tyrannical reign: Lewis was deported by the Mangope regime in 1990 after "instigating" students and colleagues and being perceived as a "threat" to stability and maintenance of "law and order". The prodigal son was elected vice-chairman, on his first return since his deportation.

Other members include:

●Solly Bokaba, the student leader who was last year beaten by the security forces inside the university campus, in full view of the world media during a march to the homeland authorities.

●Teboho Moja, Union of Democratic University Staff Associations president, who is chairman of the interim body.

As a matter of urgency several committees will be established by the interim council in its second meeting today. These include committees on research and development, community development and an internal committee on an improved curriculum for the university.

In anticipation of new university legislation passed by the government, the interim council's reign has been extended from the initially envisaged period of three months, up to when the new legislation eventually comes into effect.

Lewis said the search was on for suitable candidates to fill crucial posts left by Mangope's surrogates, but active recruitment has not yet taken place. He said the "broadest possible consultation and transparency" would be ensured when the time came.

Row over budget cuts for varsities

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Universities have criticised the slashing of their budgets to foot the IEC bill. But government claims the money will fund the RDP, reports **Farouk Chothia**

UNIVERSITIES across the country complained this week that they face massive budget cuts — in some cases of more than R2-million — in order to finance over-spending by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC).

But Deputy Finance Minister Alec Erwin said the cuts were introduced to fund the government's Reconstruction and Development Programme — and not to foot the IEC bill.

He said government departments other than education had had their budgets "streamlined" to make contributions to a special fund created to implement the RDP.

The University of Witwatersrand's budget has been slashed by just over R2-million, the University of the Orange Free State's by R1.1-million, and the University of Zululand's by R400 000, the *Mail & Guardian* was told by campus representatives.

A spokesman for the University of Natal said the university would no longer receive an "additional subsidy" of R1.66-million, while Helen Zille, director of development and public affairs at the University of Cape Town, said UCT's budget cut was of the same order of magnitude.

Spokesman for all the campuses said they had been informed the government had cut their budgets in order to finance IEC overspending.

Weekend press reports said the IEC bill stood at just above R1-billion, compared to the R7 000-million initially allocated to the electoral body.

In a scathing critique of the cuts, University of Zululand spokesman Carl de Villiers said: "The principle of taking money from education is shocking — universities are already struggling and need to expand."

The general manager of finance and information at OFS University, Professor Arrie Schoonwinkel, said that while the university would have liked its budget to remain intact, it understood the need to contribute to IEC expenditure.

"If this is to be the price that we must pay for the blessing of a peaceful and successful election, than everybody must be prepared to contribute," Schoonwinkel added.

The principal of Natal University's Pietermaritzburg campus, Professor David Maughan Brown, described the university's R1.66-million budget cut as "serious". He said the money could have paid the salaries and benefits of at least 20 lecturers for the year or for the purchase of 16 600 library books at a cost of R100 each.

Erwin said the universities were under the "erroneous" impression that the budget cuts were linked to IEC overspending after a letter had been sent out to government departments informing them of the need to slash budgets to meet "transitional costs". In fact, the cuts arose from "savings" that various government departments were making in order to contribute to a fund created to finance "priority" RDP projects.

The money would be used, for instance, to finance government plans to provide free education to school pupils for the first 10 years.

State slashes UCT budget by R1,6m to fund IEC debt

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Staff Reporter

THE University of Cape Town's 1994 budget has been cut by R1,6 million to help pay for the Independent Electoral Commission's budget over-expenditure in the recent elections, vice-chancellor Dr S J Saunders said last night.

He was speaking at a press preview to today's opening of UCT's research exhibition, UCT and You, held at the South African museum, which demonstrates

how quality of life can be improved.

Dr Saunders said UCT had received a letter from the Department of Education a few days ago stating that its 1994 government subsidy would be cut by R1,6 million, as the state would have to foot the IEC's election bill.

He said all universities and technikons would suffer cuts proportional to their subsidies.

Dr Saunders said he was not sure what percentage of the total

UCT budget the R1,6m constituted.

Meanwhile Western Cape Minister of Education, Training and Cultural Affairs Mrs Martha Olckers said last night that all government departments had been asked to cut their budgets by four percent to allow for the IEC's expenditure.

Education budgets would be slashed by a total of R200 million and this would affect all educational institutions, she said.

Cash-strapped UCT records a loss of R15m

THE University of Cape Town recorded an accumulated loss of R15 million last year, according to its annual report.

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The loss was mainly due to the reduction of the state subsidy and increased spending due to external factors.

Vice-chancellor Stuart Saunders said in his introduction to the annual report that universities will be expected to play a crucial role in human resource development and in research.

He said UCT's successes last year were an indication of its ability to meet the challenges which lay ahead.

"These challenges will probably have to be met, as they are now, against a background of serious shortage of financial resources," Dr Saunders said.

A major challenge faced by the higher education system as a whole is how students without adequate private means will be able to meet the cost of their education, he said. — Sapa.

UCT to lose R1,6 million

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Weekend Argus Reporter

THE University of Cape Town will lose R1,6 million of its state subsidy to help pay for the independent electoral commission's budget over-runs in the recent election.

This was announced last night by UCT's vice-chancellor Stuart Saunders, at the opening of the university's research exhibition at the South African Museum, where he expressed deep concern at the decision.

It follows the news yesterday from Western Cape regional minister of Education, Training and Cultural Affairs, Martha Olckers, who said education budgets would have to be cut

by as much as R240 million to cover overspending on the election and the inauguration ceremony of the new president.

Ms Olckers said R41 million had to be cut from the education budget of the former Department of Education and Culture, and R200 million from the Department of Education and Training. The budget cuts meant more than 150 schools on a priority list would not be built.

Questioned last night on what percentage of UCT's overall budget the R1,6 million cut comprised, Dr Saunders said he had no specific figures but that it was "a lot of money, particularly at this time of the year".

'Unfair' for education cuts to subsidise IEC

Staff Reporter

IT was not fair to cut the budgets of educational institutions "because of someone else's mismanagement", the acting rector of the Peninsula Technikon said yesterday.

Professor Brian Figaji was commenting on notifications received by Pentech and other tertiary institutions that their budgets for the

forthcoming year would be cut to deal with the Inedependent Electoral Commission's over-expenditure.

Education budgets are set to be slashed by a total of R200 million, which will affect all educational institutions in order to subsidise the IEC's over-expenditure.

Prof Figaji said he was unsure of the total reduction affecting Pentech, but he understood a percent-

age would be taken off each institution's budget by the state.

He added that "there have been indications that tertiary institutions will have a harder time under the new government, and some of the money saved will go towards school education.

"But this cut is not part of that. It is something very different. It is not fair to draw up education bud-

gets, and then cut them back because the state has overspent elsewhere," he said.

Professor Jaap Durand, acting rector of the University of the Western Cape, said yesterday that the budget cut in the case of his institution would be in the region of R1 million.

"It came as a surprise," said Prof Durand. "It is difficult to com-

ment.

Professor Stuart Saunders, rector and vice-chancellor of UCT, said last week that the UCT budget had been cut by R1,6m.

Regional Education Minister Mrs Martha Olickers has said that all government departments have been asked to cut their budgets by four percent to compensate for the IEC's over-expenditure.

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DP deplures education budget cuts

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Political Correspondent

THE state should cut defence expenditure and MPs salaries instead of the national and provincial education budgets, the DP Youth said yesterday.

"Once again the youth must suffer because of financial restrictions which have been placed on education departments," DP Youth vice-chairperson Mr Colin Hobanie said.

He questioned whether ANC and NP election promises to improve education had been empty ones.

Mr Hobanie said budget cuts of four percent would result in the University of Cape Town losing R1,6 million of its state subsidy. "This will mean that student fees will have to increase next year to cover that loss."

He said standards at universities had already dropped.

"The building of 156 schools will not see the light of day. This means a further decline in the quality of South African education," he said.

'Subsidy cuts may force rise in Matie fees'

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JOHN VILJOEN, Education Reporter

CUTS in state subsidies to tertiary institutions to help foot the election bill could raise next year's study fee increases, Matie vice-rector Christo Viljoen has warned.

Professor Viljoen, vice-rector for operations at Stellenbosch, said the sudden R1,68 million cut in his university's subsidy had "serious implications" and came as "a bolt out of the blue".

"It's bad news. I have to find that amount in the budget to make ends meet," he said yesterday.

The cut in the subsidy was a blow to Stellenbosch's plans to keep next year's fee increases below inflation.

Based on rough calculations, the subsidy cut could add three percent to any fee increase. The alternative was to rationalise 15 lecturing posts. The university would not consider that option because it would hamper its academic objectives, he said.

"This comes down to an additional tax on education which students will have to pay.

"I have a great fear that fees will become prohibitively high for the average student. University study is already very expensive."

It cost around R15 000 a year to study at university, he estimated.

The subsidy cut was "certainly something which overtaxes our ability to provide affordable education".

The University of the Western Cape is to lose more than R900 000 of its subsidy, but spokesman Stan Ridge said that in the long run a democratically elected government might repay the costs of its election.

University of Cape Town vice-chancellor Stuart Saunders said UCT was still considering the implications of the R1,6 million cut in its subsidy.

"A subsidy cut at any time is a problem. At this time of year it is a particular problem," Dr Saunders said.

UCT departments were already operating within "very tight" budgets, he said.

More cuts for higher education looming

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Education Reporter

STATE subsidies to tertiary institutions could be cut again later this year, according to Cape Technikon rector Theo Shippey.

The state has cut R562 000 from the technikon's subsidy as part of moves to pay for the election.

The late announcement of government subsidies coupled with the subsidy cut had not made sensible budgeting easy, Dr Shippey said.

"At the moment the Technikon is effectively only receiving 61 per cent of that which we are entitled to, based on the present government subsidy formula.

"So a further cut in our subsidy will most definitely have a tremendous effect on the running of the campus and also on the students," he said.

"We have been told that there is a strong possibility of a further subsidy cut later this year.

"It is this possible second cut which worries me as it could have a drastic effect on the finances of the Technikon.

"Of all places that the government could have cut the budget, higher education is certainly not the appropriate place," Dr Shippey said.

'Review varsity pay'

(54)
JOHANNESBURG. — University of the Witwatersrand staff demanded yesterday the government undertake a "proper review" of salaries in the university sector and reinstate the R220 million cut from the state education budget. CT 16/6/94

At a lunchtime meeting of staff associations at the university here, over 500 academic, administrative and technical staff unanimously endorsed resolutions protesting against the government's budget cuts affecting educational institutions.

"The feeling was one of dissatisfac-

~~tion~~ with the government's 5,1% increase.

"Also, the university did not consult anyone before summarily deciding to fund its R2 million budget cut from staff salary increases," a spokesman for the alliance of staff associations said.

One speaker described the staff mood as "incredibly low at the moment".

The associations also objected to "arbitrary cuts in the university's budget of R2 million" and demanded that salary increases be backdated to April 1. — Sapa

† robberies ● Rightwingers found guilty

Campus allegedly used as hideout

By Khathu Mamaila

THE ARREST of five men on the University of the North campus on Sunday strengthened claims that the institution was used as a springboard for criminal activities. The five, all in their 20s, were held following two robberies around Turfloop.

The suspects were being driven to the police station in a minibus when they allegedly opened the door of the moving vehicle and escaped.

One of them, Andrew Khoza (24), was seriously injured and was taken to Mankweng Hospital where he died shortly afterwards. Two other suspects were later arrested. Two others are still at large. According to residents of surrounding areas, thugs ex-

■ **QUICK REACTION** Claims that university was used as springboard for criminal activities: (54)

ploited the fact that police could not enter the campus without the permission of the university authorities. The thugs went into hiding at the university after committing crimes.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Ernest Setati said the five men, including two students, were allegedly involved in two armed robberies last Friday. In the first incident, which occurred at about 7.30am, five men allegedly robbed a bakery van driver of R4 300. At about 4pm the same

day, the same group allegedly staged another armed robbery at Mankweng post office and got away with R5 000.

Setati said police spotted the getaway car, a white Honda Ballade, driving onto the campus and then alerted the university's security personnel.

On Sunday evening university personnel received a report from a student that occupants of a car were abducting a woman student. Quick reaction led to the arrest of the five suspects. A Z88 pistol was confiscated.

Wits staff lash budget cut, pay rise

Stat 17/10/94

■ BY ALBERT MORI
and JUSTICE MALALA

The Government's R220 million education budget cut to finance "hidden costs" incurred during the April election came under fire this week when staff at the University of the Witwatersrand demanded that the money be returned.

Organisations representing academic, technical and administrative staff at the university rejected a 5,1 percent salary increase. They demanded to know what the "hidden costs incurred in the election" were.

At a meeting in the Wits Great Hall, the Academic Staff Association; the Administration and Library Staff Association; the Municipal, Education, State, Health and Allied Workers' Union; and the Technical Staff Association expressed concern, saying the cut was a recipe for disaster and could lead to industrial action, student unrest and a "brain drain"

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PE university faces major policy changes

PORT ELIZABETH. — The signing of an historic agreement at the University of Port Elizabeth at the weekend will bring about far-reaching changes affecting admission policies, staff appointments and even the university curriculum. (54)

The university could see black heads of departments being appointed and Xhosa soon being considered a medium of tuition. CT 20/6/94

The formal agreement between UPE, the Broad Democratic Movement (BDM), and other stakeholders has brought into existence the Broad Negotiating Forum (BNF), which will be responsible for the transformation of the university.

More than

300 UCT

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degrees

Education Reporter

THE University of Cape Town will award more than 300 degrees during its two mid-year graduation ceremonies tomorrow.

UCT will also award several honorary degrees.

An honorary master's degree in social science will be awarded to Black Sash founder member Noël Robb for her years of "dedicated service to the disenfranchised, particularly to victims of the pass law system".

Jack Simons will receive an honorary law doctorate in recognition of a life "devoted to scholarship and active engagement in pursuit of political transformation in South Africa".

Makhonza "Prince" Ngambu will be honoured with a master's in education for distinguished services to the advancement of education.

Nomvula "Ray" Mtetwa will be awarded an honorary doctorate in education for a long and illustrious career in community development.

Big day for Kathy who's on way to an internship

SHARON SOROUR
Weekend Argus Reporter

IN a brave triumph over adversity, Kathy Mallory, paralysed in a Ceres mountain fall nearly two years ago, has graduated from the University of Cape Town.

An excited Miss Mallory, 24, who broke her back in October 1992 in the Skurweberg mountains, received her MB Ch B at the university's mid-year graduation ceremony yesterday.

Her father, John, an engineer, and mother Jennifer, a retired doctor, were on hand to witness the special moment.

Katharine said she had taken an extra six months to complete her degree after the accident left her with the use of her arms, but paralysed from the waist down.

"I am very proud and excited at graduating. I will start my internship in January at the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital in Welkom.

"For the next six months I'll be working at the university's department of pharmacology," she said.

She praised the faculty of medicine for its support and for never doubting she could complete her degree.

"I would like to stay in clinical medicine, working with people. I am not sure whether I will specialise."

Miss Mallory was confident she would not encounter any problems doing her internship.

"Surgery would be difficult, but I am not doing it as part of my internship. I will be working in a very accessible environment."

She was a fifth-year student when she was paralysed and wrote — and passed — her pharmacology and psychiatry exams while lying on her back in Conradie Hospital's spinal unit.



PROUD MOMENT: University of Cape Town medical student graduate Katharine Mallory, paralysed in a freak accident two years ago, is congratulated by her proud parents, Jennifer and John.

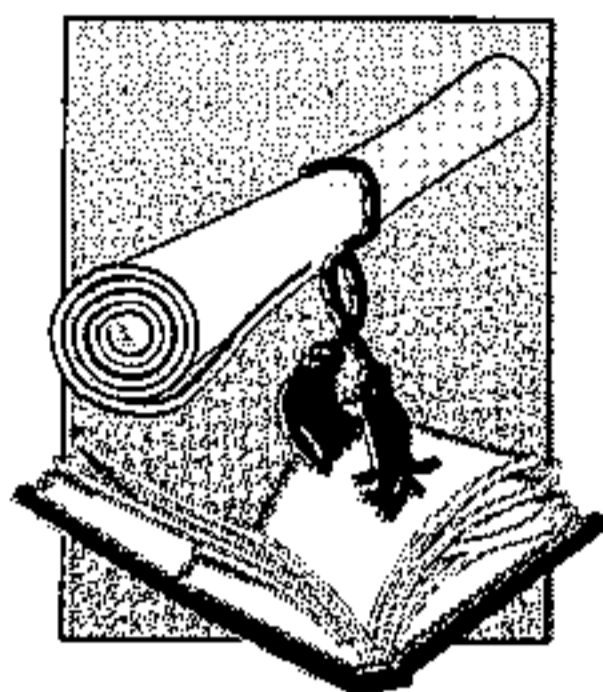
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Protecting the jewels

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If our world-class universities are allowed to decay, nothing will replace them



There has been no democracy dividend for universities. In particular, the four historically white liberal universities — Witswatersrand (Wits), Cape Town (UCT), Natal and Rhodes — are hard

put to maintain the standards of excellence while battling to accommodate the demands of the new SA.

This is ironic. After all, these were the institutions which fought apartheid from within the white establishment — and which were vilified for their principles. Then, the enemy was racist oppression; now, it is crippling spending cuts.

There is deep anxiety that a national intellectual resource — the best in Africa — will be allowed slowly to degenerate beyond repair. And not only national: as UCT principal Dr Stuart Saunders expresses it: "If the university is not adequately supported, it will be a deadly blow to sub-Saharan Africa."

Financial pressure is greatest on Wits, UCT and Natal, the three liberal universities which have long offered excellence not only in the humanities, law and commerce but in the "hard" faculties such as engineering, mining, science, medicine and dentistry. Rhodes has a top-notch science faculty. These facilities can be horrendously expensive to run — but they are also vital if we are to have a competitive economy.

The essence of the problem is that these universities have been faced since 1986 with steadily declining real subsidies from the State — and this money forms the decisive part of their budgets. Wits, for instance, derived 65% of its 1993 income from the State (see graph). But it was over precisely the same period, after 1986, that the demand among disadvantaged blacks for university places rose dramatically — and is still rising.

Many of these students are indigent; most have been badly served by their schools and, while they may have academic potential, are unprepared for the demands of university. As a result, the liberal universities have felt bound to devote precious resources to bringing them up to speed — with each year being more challenging than the last (see graph).

Of course the other universities are also feeling the financial pinch. But historically Afrikaans institutions with high-cost scientific facilities have (for cultural reasons) not been much in demand among blacks. Nor have they, until recently, encouraged a broadening of their student populations. Their turn to accommodate disadvantaged students will come, whether they are willing

or not — their subsidies may depend on it. But beyond a certain point the Afrikaans universities could also become a kind of protected game, simply because an ANC government may feel sensitive about possible accusations of Afrikaner-bashing.

The historically African universities like Fort Hare, the North, Venda, Transkei and Zululand weren't intended or allowed by apartheid planners to develop strong scientific faculties. So their all-round academic reputations were stunted. Recent populist impulses have led them to take more students than they can afford; they now expect government and private donors to come to the rescue.

This expectation may be disturbing but not unfounded. After all, the argument goes, these were the stepchildren of apartheid, stuck out in the bush, disadvantaged by social engineering as well as a funding formula which favoured research stars at the likes of Wits, UCT and Natal. And because the latter are automatically regarded as privileged and elitist, it is now time to take from the rich and pay the poor.

It's a fallacious argument, but it may be presented to even greater effect by the more reputable universities of Durban-Westville (created for Indians) and the Western Cape (originally for coloureds). Both arguably have more political clout with the ANC.

This funding situation is naturally causing much anxiety at Wits, UCT, Rhodes and Natal. They know how tight finances are —

as long as they remain determined to keep up standards of excellence.

For example: Wits principal Prof Robert Charlton has just been informed of an immediate R2m cut in this year's State subsidy. All universities are affected proportionately and R2m may not sound much, with the total Wits subsidy at about R200m, but it had already budgeted for a R3m deficit.

"In any case, our 1993 budget was basically unsound," says Charlton, "because it did

not make enough provision for nonrecurring expenditure. This means we already didn't have enough money for the necessary books, equipment, journal subscriptions and new academic enterprises. We were forced to cut back in these areas and we felt we couldn't do so again without compromis-

ing standards. And we can't reduce recurrent expenditure in areas like maintenance, electricity and rates. So that leaves staff salaries, which make up 66% of our expenditure."

The R2m cut had to be absorbed by delaying the introduction of a 5% salary increase from April to July. Of course this was an unpopular solution among staff. In one form or another, it is a painful process that will be repeated (with union agitation) at other campuses — and because of their so-called positions of privilege, the historically white liberal universities could get least sympathy.

If these universities were isolated from society, engaged in esoteric debate and meaningless research, the perception might have some validity. But the reverse is true. In the last decade, and in particular the past five years, their best minds have concentrated planning energies on how to serve a changing and complex society. They have each arrived at roughly the same conclusion: curricular content should be locally relevant but quality of research and teaching must be equal to the best in the world.

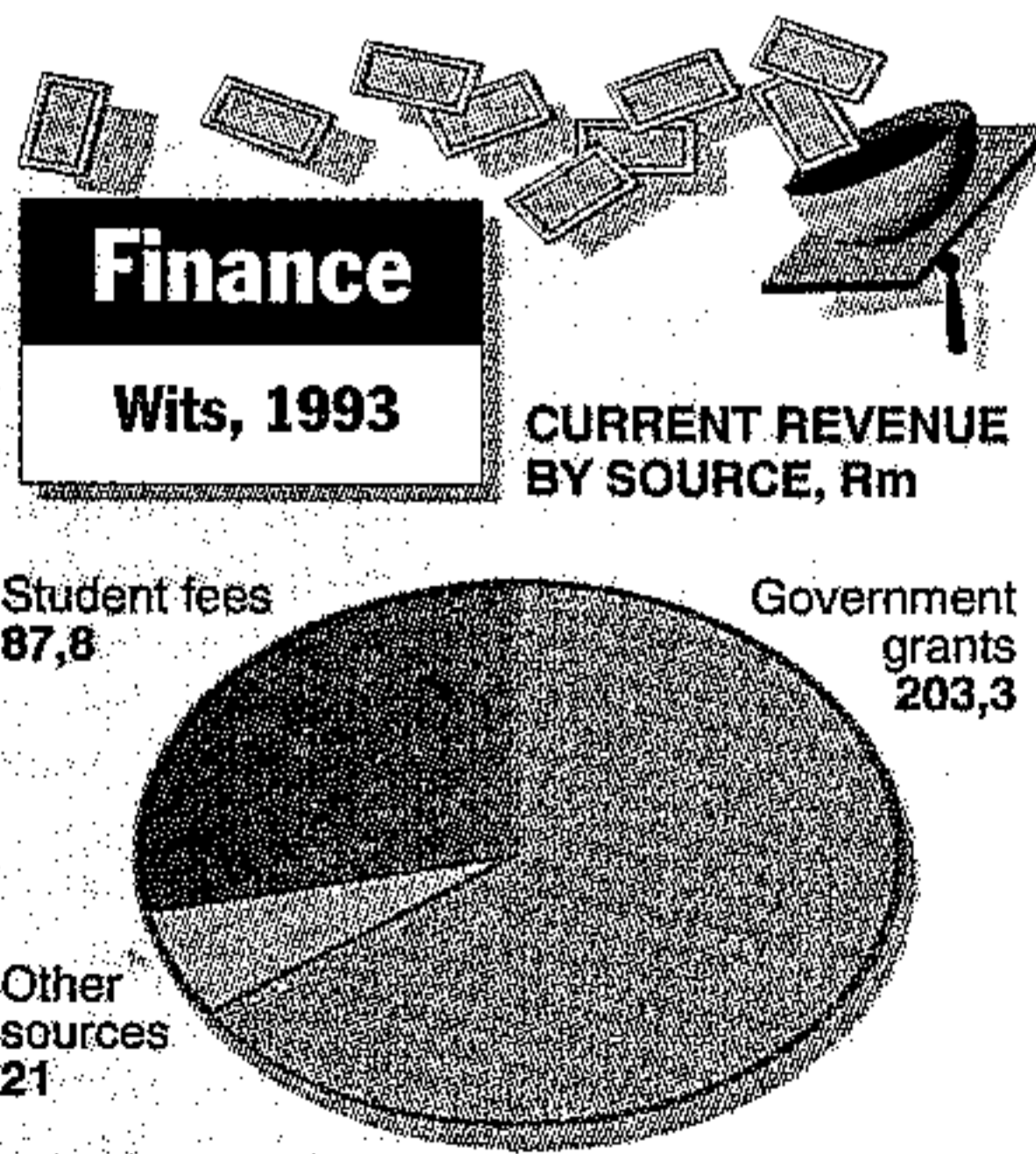
The University of Natal, for instance, has identified particular needs in KwaZulu/Natal. Through its proven strengths in agriculture, life sciences and water research, it will give priority to environmental protection and farming practices. Maritime law is a natural focus; so is medical research in malnutrition and tropical diseases, along with pioneering work in community health. As a physical expression of its relationship with society, Natal has built the Education & Innovation



Charlton



Saunders



Source: UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

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Foundation, whose objective is described as "the encouragement of wealth creation in the community," while also enhancing university income through consultations and equity in new companies.

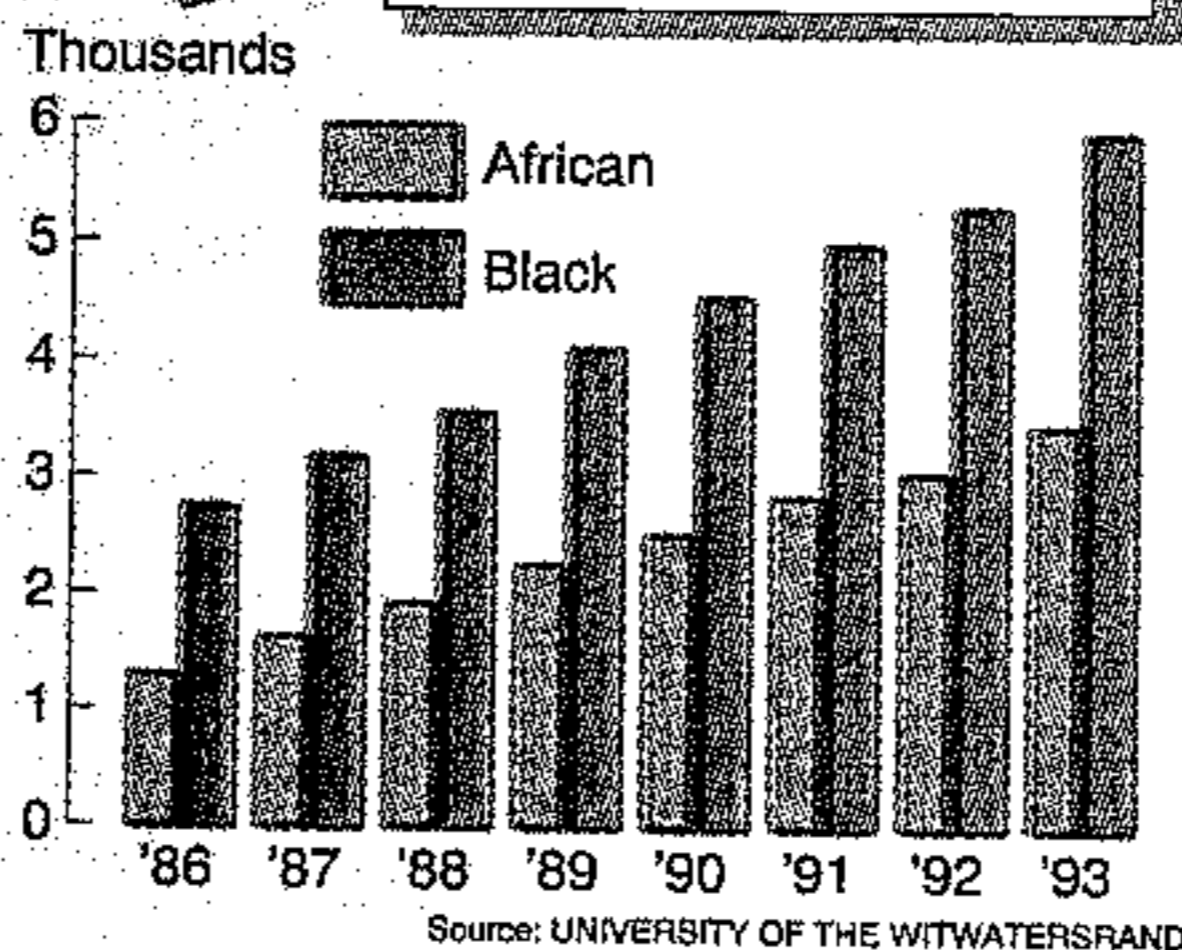
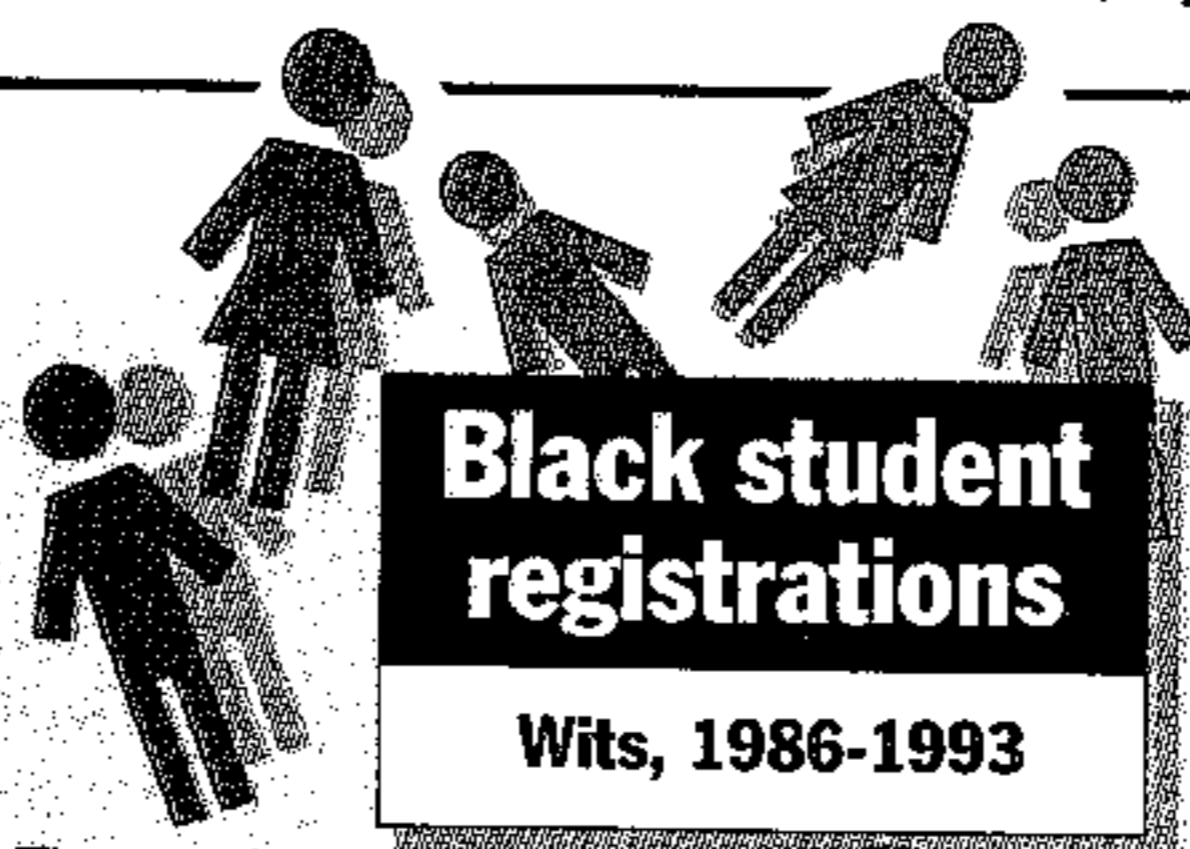
Wits has recently completed an exhaustive investigation into a strategy for the future. In the process, it identified more than 70 academic activities already in place which also have a substantial outreach component. These include a schools language programme; Aids research; literacy work; upgrading of science and maths teaching in schools; water pollution studies; legal advice centres; the study of violence in society; continuing engineering education; and remedial education. Many of these activities are found in equally effective form at UCT, while Rhodes is especially strong in humanities and social science outreach work.

All four universities are adamant, however, that social service cannot be allowed to compromise academic standards. Alongside the community work, much research of international repute continues.

In 1991 (the latest year for which figures are available) Wits and UCT — our big two research universities — between them boasted 27 natural scientists in the A category of ratings produced by the Foundation for Research Development (FRD). These researchers are defined as "unquestionably accepted by the international academic community as leaders in their field." A further 69 scientists (41 at UCT, 28 at Wits) are in the FRD's B category, which means they enjoy "considerable international recognition as independent researchers." Natal has six A category researchers and 23 in the B category; for its size, Rhodes is doing equally well.

There is little evidence here of declining academic standards, yet a perception persists that standards have dropped. What outsiders sometimes forget is that it is hardly in the interests of a university to compromise. Academics need to protect their reputations; students want quality degrees.

The four liberal universities have been pioneers in accepting disadvantaged students in large numbers — but they all insist that



their exit standards are not affected by any affirmative action that may be necessary during the degree. These exit standards are also guarded by external examiners, South African and international.

Guilt money

But for how much longer can the integrity of the degrees be defended? The quality of research and teaching are vitally linked and it all costs money. In 1992, for instance, Wits allocated R12,8m for research. It is true that staff members attracted another R9,9m from statutory research bodies such as the FRD and the Medical Research Council, with R16m coming from other grants and contracts — but this is all dedicated money, not available for distribution elsewhere.

Thus most of the research money cannot be seen as a potential top-up for the Wits student support budget, which has increased dramatically with over R12m allocated to bursaries and scholarships in the past seven years. Over R2m went on scholarships in 1992 alone — and the State subsidy formula makes no provision whatsoever for academic development of students.

There is some scope for further savings. It

is acknowledged that the country has too many universities. Logically, where there is extravagance as a result of apartheid's duplication, it should be rooted out. The trouble is that the universities with the weakest case for surviving are precisely those that are now counting on State and donor guilt money.

So politics will make rationalisation difficult, causing even greater financial pressure on UCT, Natal, Rhodes and Wits. What is required is a national bursary and loan scheme, under which individual students rather than institutions are funded. This way the market will decide which universities are in demand and therefore deserving of more State support.

Unless such a scheme is started — and it could cost at least R500m a year initially — subsidies to the old liberal universities will continue to decline, while their intake of disadvantaged students will increase. The number of bad debts among fee-paying students will rise. Local and foreign donors, especially in the US, may naively switch funds to the historically black universities.

It is a terrifying prospect and one conclusion is inescapable: if Wits, UCT, Natal and Rhodes go to the wall financially and are forced to offer second-rate degrees and research, no other university will take their place. As UCT's Saunders points out: "A university culture is fragile. Pouring money into an institution will not necessarily result in good research. For that a certain culture is needed and usually only evolves over decades; it is not easily transplanted."

If government allows the destruction of the academic integrity of our great universities, it will be signing our certificate of permanent Third World status. We will not become the economic locomotive of the region or the continent — of anything, for that matter. If our academics and graduates are not exportable, they will be of no use to us.

Our new rulers need to be persuaded of this. A useful way to concentrate their minds might be to ask them at which university they would prefer their children or grandchildren to take a degree — and whether that university will have retained its world status a decade from now. ■

LIBERTY LIFE

Still blazing a trail

Donald Gordon's world vision is good for investors and the country

Picture Donald Gordon, 64-year-old chairman of Liberty Life, racing from city to city across the US at the head of a hotel-a-night roadshow aimed at raising up to US\$500m from international investors.

Living out of suitcases with Gordon are Liberty MD Alan Romanis and director Roy McAlpine, while at the same time, vice-chairman Dorian Wharton-Hood and Lon-

don director Farrel Sher lead a team making presentations to investors in Singapore, before moving on to Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Next week, the Gordon roadshow moves to the capitals of Europe and the UK to conclude, on July 8, a gruelling two-week international marketing exercise.

Sounds more like a rock 'n roll band on tour than some of the country's leading in-

surance men undertaking the largest capital-raising issue conducted by a SA corporation.

But besides being a tribute to the stamina of Liberty's chairman, the fact that Gordon has taken his senior directors with him shows the importance he attaches to the convertible bond issue. To put it into perspective, it would rank with the largest capital issues yet seen in this country. Last year,

Varsities 'overreact' to budget cuts

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Phillippa Garson

THE wail of dismay from universities over subsidy cuts in the Budget may be an overreaction, say commentators in the education field.

They stress that of the R200-million taken to boost the government's Reconstruction and Development Programme from the 1994/95 education budget of R30-billion, only R20-million has been drawn from universities, and a further R6-million from technikons.

The college and schooling sector will absorb the greater part of the blow — roughly R175-million. Universities and technikons have taken a one percent cut from their subsidies, amounting to an average of R1-million for universities, and about half that for technikons.

These institutions have the autonomy to decide where to swing the axe. Most have cut back on maintenance funds and new development projects.

The remaining R175-million will be trimmed from the plethora of education departments which will continue to exist until the regions create their own departments. None of these cuts, according to the Department of National Education's finance director, Gert Steyn, will affect teachers or civil servants, whose salaries swallow 80 percent

of the entire education budget. Instead they will eat into capital and maintenance budgets for schools and could, for example, affect bursary allocations for students at model C schools.

A powerful constituency, universities have the capacity to make a lot of noise, comments Pundy Pillay of the University of the Western Cape's education policy unit. "But they're going over the top on this one."

Although the increase in this year's education budget is negligible in real terms, the education sector is likely to gain more from the RDP than it has given out this year. Little, if any, of this will go to the tertiary sector, although the sector is entitled to approach the "minister of intervention" with suitable projects for the RDP.

Most RDP spending will be ploughed into classroom construction, adult basic education and early childhood educare, for which the education budget — drawn up by the old government — makes scant provision.

Jos Grobbelaar, chief director of the Committee of University Principals, argues that "universities are strapped for cash. Any cut that wasn't anticipated earlier this year creates a very difficult situation for them." While most universities were whittling away at their maintenance and development budgets, student

fees, particularly in the light of further subsidy cuts next year, were likely to go up. In addition, some institutions had been unable to buy new books for several years.

University of Cape Town registrar Hugh Amoore acknowledges that the latest cut is insignificant. However, "this comes after many years of cuts which have seen the level of state subsidy reduced year by year. We are getting less than two thirds of the subsidy formula (a scaled developed in the early 1980s)."

Academic and research staff at Wits University have been up in arms. Their salary increases of 5,1 percent were not backdated by two months as usual and will instead only be effective from this month.

According to Tebogo Mojo, national president of the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations, the organisation's branches are "very concerned about the cuts", and Udusa has written to the minister concerned, Jay Naidoo, requesting that the money be ploughed back into the tertiary sector.

Historically, black universities have been harder hit than white-dominated institutions, says Turfloop vice-principal, MJ Malatjie. "They can fall back on other resources that we simply don't have. We cannot contemplate even a small increase in student fees, since they cannot cope with present levels."

Students in march on Unisa

Star 7/7/94

Students yesterday marched on Unisa in Pretoria in protest against alleged discrimination against black people studying with the institution.

Members of the South African Students Congress presented a memorandum to acting principal Professor Marks Dockel and threatened mass action if demands were not met. (S.A.)

They demanded recognition of the Students' Representative Council, employment of students during the December-February holidays, and for students to help decide who obtained bursaries. — Pretoria Bureau.

Union canes ex-HoR man for 'cut down teacher intake' call

JOHN VILJOEN

Education Reporter

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PUBLICATION in The Argus of an official circular calling for stricter control on student teacher numbers has provoked a stinging response from the South African Democratic Teachers' Union.

The circular, issued in the name of Awie Muller, one-time executive director of Education and Culture Services in the former House of Representatives, said only a limited number of people could be enrolled at teacher-training colleges.

It was essential that the number of candidates ap-

proved for teacher training be reduced urgently, the circular said.

In its angry reaction yesterday, Sadtu said Mr Muller's call for fewer prospective teachers smacked of "blatant disregard of the acute shortage of teachers countrywide."

The union said it was surprised such a senior official as Mr Muller still perceived education within the narrow confines of own affairs.

The training and appointment of teachers should be viewed within a broad framework of a single, nonracial education system.

It was regrettable that the

ex-House of Representatives still found it convenient to make such "racist and offensive" suggestions in the face of national reconstruction.

It was unacceptable that principals and inspectors be used to approve teacher trainee applicants, as the circular set out, the union said.

"We view this as an attempt to disqualify thousands of aspirant teacher trainees on the basis of their critical attitude toward the ex-House of Representatives."

This arbitrary selection procedure would undoubtedly put students on a collision course with principals and inspectors, Sadtu claimed.

Putting the chosen career

paths of potential teacher trainees at the mercy of individual principals and inspectors was a violation of transparent and all-inclusive procedures.

The union called on the department to suspend these procedures immediately pending meetings with the national minister and the regional MECs for education.

Responding yesterday, Mr Muller said he was well aware of the need for teachers on a national level.

But he was accountable to his department which had to deliver an education service to the community within a budget. **ARC 16/7/94**

The need for teachers in his

department had shown signs of dropping recently.

But, as departments were reconstructed and needs on a regional and national level re-assessed, policies regarding student teacher selection, admission to colleges and optimal use of training facilities would be reformulated, Mr Muller said.

He and his officials were closely involved in education reconstruction and he would act transparently and implement democracy.

Sadtu had taken the contents of the circular out of context, he said. Anyone who met standards stood an equal chance of acceptance, regardless of colour or creed.

UCT fuming over spy revelations

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE University of Cape Town is fuming following revelations of how government spies tried to smear some of the country's most distinguished academics at UCT. (S4) ARG 30/7/94

This follows the release by African National Congress cabinet minister Mac Maharaj of secret National Intelligence Service (NIS) dossiers written by NIS spy, Karl Edwards.

These revealed that NIS spies regarded UCT in the 1970s as a breeding ground for leftist revolutionaries.

Acting UCT vice-chancellor

David Woods said UCT would have dismissed Mr Edwards' comments as a "joke" had they not revealed just how sinister NIS activities were at UCT and other campuses.

"The Maharaj dossier confirms what we always strongly suspected: That the NIS established a network of amateur spies on university campuses, who manufactured the 'evidence' their masters needed to act against effective opponents of apartheid," Professor Woods said.

"Apart from their spying activities, NIS agents on campus also acted as *agents provocateurs*,

initiating campus violence during legitimate and peaceful student protest.

"It is outrageous to think that these agents were formulating unsubstantiated allegations against some of South Africa's best-known and internationally-recognised academics urging the State to find people 'guilty' of unspecified crimes before giving them a chance to prove their innocence," Professor Woods added.

Among those mentioned in the documents are top academics Francis Wilson, David Welsh, Martin West and Mike Savage.

'Improve access to higher education'

Education Reporter

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SOUTH Africa's tertiary education sector should respond to the country's economic needs and to the reconstruction and development programme, Peninsula Technikon acting-rector Brian Figaji said.

Strong leadership from the National Education Ministry was needed to achieve this, Mr Figaji told a student work exchange conference in Cape Town yesterday.

The imminent White Paper on the new education and training system would hopefully deal with a national qualification framework and a South African qualification authority, he said.

This was an important strategy for overcoming the major divisions inherited from the apartheid system.

The proportion of students enrolled at universities in relation to technikons was far too high.

The ratio was nearly 3:1, while the country had to strive towards

the international figure of 1:1 if it wished to compete and meet its human resource needs.

Community colleges may provide a cost-effective way to improve access to higher or tertiary education for a larger percentage of South Africans.

Their establishment appeared to be a formidable task, but "we owe it to the disadvantaged people of South Africa and to the economy to create opportunities, a skills' base and a revitalised education system," Mr Figaji said.

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Danes give R100 000 boost to student travel

Education Reporter

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SOUTH African student travel has been given a R100 000 boost from a Denmark-based organisation.

The donation — from the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) to the non-profit South African Students' Travel Service (SASTS) — will be used to improve discounts and con-

cessions for ISIC holders travelling in South Africa.

A potential spin-off of the card's closer ties with South Africa is millions of rands in tourism spending by increasing numbers of visiting overseas students.

The card provides discounts on travel, products and ser-

vices and links South African students to a network of 120 organisations in 77 countries.

It is the only universally-recognised student identity document, with over two million users in 83 countries.

ISIC secretary general Roger Charles presented the money to SASTS in Cape Town this

week and said historic developments here had created the opportunity for more South African students to become card-users.

The card's stronger links with South Africa would have a two-fold benefit, he said. South African students with the means to go overseas would have access to cheaper travel.

HING ON THE ROAD WILL GIVE YOU BETTER MILEAGE,



'Volkstaat' declared at Vaal tech

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Armed white students at the Vaal Triangle Technikon are terrorising their black college mates and have declared a white "volkstaat" at a hostel within the campus.

This is the claim from black students who say life at the technikon has become a misery.

Black students say the white students — mainly from Vanderbijlpark — have declared "whites-only territories within the campus" and brandished fire-arms threateningly at them. ARG 6/8/94

The black students said Decima hostel had been identified as a "source of terror, humiliation and misery". They said block L had been designated a white "volkstaat".

"Only those who are tired of living can pass by Block L at night," said a female student who chose to be identified only as Mantwa.

The black students said white students said "there is no kaffir who will come into this place alive and leave alive". They also alleged that white students brandished fire-arms at black students.

One black female student, who lives in a hostel adjacent to Decima, said: "I am scared of that place, particularly when those white boys are drunk."

Student attacked by 'a racist mob'

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — An Eastern Cape student leader was recovering from injuries yesterday after being baton-charged and beaten up by alleged right-wingers on the University of the Orange Free State (UOFS) campus in Bloemfontein at the weekend.

South African Students' Congress (Sasco) Eastern Cape general-secretary Mr Chris Khonkwane is a municipal administration student at PE Technikon.

He was part of a Sasco delegation attending the National Student Rag Conference in Bloemfontein, aimed at curbing students from drinking and driving.

He said he and four fellow students were walking to their residences "when a mob of white male students baton-charged and kicked us without provocation".

UOFS Rag executive member Ms Irma Cronje said members were not aware of the incident, but they would investigate as the attack "is not in the best interests of the new emerging nation".

Protest succeeds in 'unfreezing' posts

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JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

A PROTEST at parliament and an urgent meeting with Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu bore fruit for a group of Khayelitsha lecturers.

About 30 lecturers from the Good Hope College of Education demonstrated outside parliament yesterday, calling for 11 colleagues in temporary posts to be appointed permanently.

Professor Bengu left a cabinet meeting for a 30-minute discussion with a delegation of the protesters, eventually agreeing to "unfreeze" 11 posts at the college.

Lecturers said earlier that the 11 had been waiting for six months for their appointments to be finalised.

They accused the Department of Education and Training of putting them through six months of "uncertainty and misinformation" about the status of the posts.

This had generated grave uncertainty for the 11 lecturers and had had a destabilising effect on the college as a whole, lecturers said.

Ministry spokesman Lincoln Mali said Professor Bengu in-

formed the delegation that the issue of the appointments had already been resolved and that the filling of the posts was proceeding.

"The minister reiterated his open-door policy and added that proper communication would have prevented a demonstration on an issue that had already been resolved," said Mr Mali.

"The ministry is therefore happy to announce that a potentially volatile situation has been satisfactorily settled and both parties have expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting."

Lingering temporary appointments are not a new problem for Good Hope College staff — a lecturer has been interviewed three times for the same post, while being temporarily employed for the past 30 months.

About 40 percent of staff were employed on a temporary basis, the protesters said.

Attempts to economise on the Good Hope staff wage bill showed a blatant disregard of both educational and humane considerations and flew in the face of changing practices in the labour field, lecturers said.

Dispute at UWC resolved

Labour Reporter

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ARC 18/8/74

THE National Education Health and Allied Workers Union has resolved its disputes with the University of the Western Cape and Libertas Hospital in Goodwood.

Union organiser Dale Forbes said today UWC had agreed to suspend campus control head Piet du Toit while allegations of corruption, racism and issuing unlawful instructions were being investigated.

UWC also agreed to reinstate a worker and investigate how she was dismissed.

At Libertas, where the union has been demanding recognition for three years, about 60 members occupied the hospital yesterday.

"Management eventually agreed to a verification process which will commence on Monday," Mr Forbes said.

Matrics face bad marks - again!

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address the issues of the culture of learning, matric results and catch-up programmes.

"Due to the date of installation of the new government, our ministry has not been able to alter the fact that the 1994 results will still be conducted by the respective departments of the past," Mali said.

Although there was a slight improvement on the situation last year, this year there was little attendance prior to and during the elections in April.

Mali said although they had been involved in a number of consultations, the major thrust of the work will be contained in the White Paper which will be delivered by Bhengu next month.

"People should realise that this is the most difficult of all the departments because education has been the hardest hit by the apartheid system and just imagine the task of having to reduce the nine departments to one,"

Owing to the expected overcrowding, especially in previously black schools, because of free and maybe compulsory education, it is expected that the Minister will deal with the question of occupation of schools in other areas.

This includes Model "C", empty and farm schools.

If the department is to balance the equation they would have to seriously look at the question of providing transport to ferry the less privileged from townships to the towns and suburbs where empty schools are situated.

An Interim Strategic Management Committee (ISMC), comprising advisers and officials of relevant departments, has been established by the Minister charged with the task of restructuring the education system.

The government has set as its D-day the beginning of next year for the establishment of a unified national department of education.

Matrics face bad marks - again!

By KHANGALE MAKHADO

BLACK pupils are faced with another disastrous matric pass rate this year following the new government's failure to restructure education in time.

The department of education this week said although work has started on establishing a common education system, the plan could only be introduced next year.

A spokesman for the department of education, Lincoln Mali, expressed Education Minister Sibusiso Bhengu's concern about the matric situation, but said he would only announce a campaign next month to

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UWC to fill top management posts

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THE University of the Western Cape has invited applications for its four top management positions, four months after the departure of rector and vice-chancellor Jakes Gerwel.

Professor Gerwel left UWC in May to become director-general in the office of President Mandela. Since then

Jaap Durand has been acting-rector.

UWC is also recruiting three vice-rectors and deputy vice-chancellors.

One vice-rectorship is new. The others have fallen vacant because of the appointment of Njabulo Ndebele as rector of the University of the North, and Professor Durand's retirement at the end of the year.

Initiations: Maties fined

By PETER DENNEHY

STELLENBOSCH University residence Huis Marais has been collectively found guilty of infringing a ban on initiation practices in March.

Thirty-eight of the 45 students from the residence who appeared before a central disciplinary committee, chaired by Professor Christó Viljoen, vice-rector (operations) of the university, were individually found guilty, the university announced last night.

Fines imposed on them ranged from R250 to R800 and expulsion from the residence, but parts of the sentences were suspended.

University spokesman Mr Douglas Davis was unable to say last night whether any of the students had been expelled from the residence.

Mr Davis was unable to say last night what the initiation ritual involved or whether the students had been forced to slide around in water and fish leftovers as originally alleged.

In six cases, those involved have been forbidden from being elected to any position of authority within the residence—specifically as house committee members—for a year.

The residence itself was found guilty, and banned from taking part in inter-residence sports activities, "in particular the residence rugby league Sauer Cup competition". But this punishment was suspended for 18 months.

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Prof Viljoen sharply criticised Die Matie student magazine, which broke the story of the initiation practices. He said its reporting was "sensational and inaccurate".

Allegations that students had to crawl around in vomit were devoid of all truth, Prof Viljoen said.

According to the original reports, new students were forced to slide out of a dining room face-down through a mixture of dishwasher, fish leftovers "and some of their own vomit" (54)

They had had to wear jackets and ties to the house meeting in the dining room. The "meeting" had lasted three hours.

"Much of the time was spent sitting on bricks while seniors tried to push them over to achieve a domino effect."

They were forced to pass crayfish shells, cigarette butts and chewing gum from mouth to mouth. Water was thrown over them. Some were slapped, some had scratches and bruises.

Stellenbosch cracks down on initiations

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JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

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STELLENBOSCH University has come down hard on students who forced first-year students to go through illegal initiation ceremonies to show it is serious about stamping out the practice, said vice-rector Christo Viljoen today.

Professor Viljoen earlier announced that a Matie residence, its house committee and senior students had been found guilty of breaking university rules prohibiting initiation.

In all, 38 seniors and seven house committee members from Huis Marais appeared before the university's central disciplinary committee last week following an incident in March.

Seven students were acquitted and others fined between R250 and R800. Two students were expelled from the residence, but this was suspended for a year.

Some students guilty of "serious infringement" were barred from being elected as house committee members for a year.

The disciplinary committee regarded it as undesirable that six students guilty of a serious infringement of the university's anti-initiation rules could occupy any position of authority in the residence, Professor Viljoen said.

The residence itself was banned from playing inter-residence sport, in particular the residence Paul Sauer rugby league, but this was suspended for 18 months.

The residence was prohibited from allowing former residents from attending house meetings and ordered not to appoint a so-called "initiation committee".

Disciplinary steps against the Huis Marais house committee have been postponed pending the submission of a proper and acceptable plan for corrective steps "toward a new ethos and reception programme for first-years".

The house committee must compile this by September 18.

"This was a difficult and time-consuming investigation," Professor Viljoen said. "In the process the university was largely supported by the residence itself, whose members decided to be open and frank.

"They were completely co-operative and gave statements which led to the suspension of parts of the punishments by way of mitigation."

The firm action against the students was intended as a strong deterrent to others.

"We want to show we are serious about eradicating unacceptable practices during the orientation and welcoming of our first-year students.

"The university authorities are firmly resolved to root out inadmissible practices and any further infringements of this nature will undoubtedly lead to more drastic action."

No other cases of initiation were being investigated, Professor Viljoen said.

Police called in to Unisa protest

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The Argus
Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Police were called to the Unisa campus here today after a group of Unisa students invaded campus buildings to press for the recognition of a newly-formed Student Representative Council.

Teargas and dogs were used to evict the students. A student was bitten by a police dog.

After the confrontation the situation appeared to calm down, but sporadic incidents continued.

About 10.30am today, some 50 students stormed Unisa's administration building, leaving overturned litter bins in the foyer and lifts.

The university's security personnel tried to bar them from entering the building by locking the main door, but the rampaging students forced their way in.

Some Unisa staff members who refused them entry to the lifts were forcibly told to get out.

Police spokesman André Venter, of the Internal Stability Division, confirmed that police moved in to restore order on the campus.

According to Lieutenant-Colonel Venter, about 300 students were involved in the disruptions. No arrests were made.

A Press conference was scheduled to be held by Unisa rector Marinus Wiechers later today.

At Vista University, matters appeared calmer, with students meeting to negotiate the situation.

At the Vaal Triangle Technikon, spokesman A J Kempen said the technikon had been shut down until August 29.

The technikon has experienced conflict between black and white students over the past two days.

Police and soldiers were patrolling the campus last night.

Good planning or fluke timings?

A WAVE of violent protests swept through universities and colleges across the PWV and Free State this week as students staged sit-ins and demonstrations.

Claims that the protests at the 10 institutions are co-ordinated have been denied by the South African Students Organisation (Sasco), which last year launched a campaign to transform educational institutions

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into "people's institutions".

"These are spontaneous actions organised at ground level," a spokesman said. "There was no plan to disrupt education on a wide scale."

However, University of South Africa spokesman Christo Cilliers, said: "It is very funny that it is happening all over at the same time." Wits University vice-chancellor

Robert Charlton said his students had started marching after attending a meeting addressed by Vista University lecturer Frank Wilderson.

American-born Mr Wilderson is a member of the Vista Soweto Action Committee, which is in the forefront of the campaign to transform that university's management.

During a week of turmoil, ● Fifty members of the Society for African Students were arrested and later released at the University

of the Orange Free State on Friday. The society claimed a provision in the SRC constitution that a candidate had to pass at least half his subjects to be able to stand for election discriminated against blacks.

● Unisa students were banned from the Pretoria and Johannesburg campuses following riots in which at least six people were injured.

The students' simmering dissatisfaction with the pace of negotiations about change boiled over on Wednes-

day and they rampaged through the administration block in Pretoria, strewn rubbish on floors and attacking staff members.

Unisa students are demanding the recognition of the SRC, which represents 1 000 out of more than 120 000 registered students, and that they be allowed to write supplementary examinations for any number of subjects.

● In a desperate attempt to stem massive class disruptions, Vista Uni-

versity's management committee resigned on Friday to allow a democratic council to run its seven campuses across the country.

The dramatic decision comes into effect on September 30.

On Wednesday, 1 200 staff and students from the Soweto, Mamelodi and Daveyton campuses marched on Vista's Pretoria headquarters to demand the transformation of the university.

This was followed on Friday by a demonstration at the Bloemfontein campus. During the protest, students went on a rampage, vandalising the registrar's office and flooding the number of lecture rooms with water.

● At Wits University, a militant Sasco faction scattered litter, sprayed fire-extinguishers and overturned SRC voting tables. The "Operation Litter" campaign followed the group's failed attempt to disrupt last week's SRC elections.

The militants are protesting against alleged financial irregularities by the administration and the exclusion of certain students from the university.

Professor Charlton said students affected by exclusion had been invited to call at the students affairs office for help.

Opposition to the militant campaign is growing, especially among black students, who are the backbone of Sasco's support base.

The militant faction consists of about 80 Sasco members.

However, yesterday the ANC came out in support of Sasco and said the university had to reflect the changes in the country.

But former SRC and Sasco executive member Khotso Khumalo said the campaign was "ill-timed and led by a faction of the organisation that had adopted a socialist programme".

Sasco suffered a major blow on Friday when Mark Weinberg resigned his position as assistant secretary general of the Sasco Wits branch.

He cited the "undemocratic and unconsultative manner in which decisions have been taken by members of the executive committee" as the main reason for his resignation.

● Meanwhile, Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu announced yesterday he would soon be meeting university and technikon principals to deal with "the conflicts erupting in the tertiary sector".

SAPA reports Professor Bengu met leaders of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee yesterday to discuss progress in the reconstruction of the education system in South Africa.



RALLY ROUND A DONKEY . . . Decima hostel students Henning Loots (front) and (from left) Louis Jacobs, Robert Ungerer and Pieter 'Spike' Cronje with the model animal. Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

Campuses told to avoid conflict

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Professor Bengu also announced that education director-general Chabani Manganyi would head a task group to advise him on the regionalisation of education.

Riot: Unisa
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bans students

PRETORIA. — The University of South Africa yesterday banned students from its buildings here and in Johannesburg after more violence on its campus here.

The management committee said only students with appointments would be allowed on university premises.

Students had attacked staff after invading the administration building, pressing for recognition of the Student Representative Council.

Four staff members were injured. — Sapa

UWC staff restrained

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STRIKING University of the Western Cape security guards and kitchen workers were last night ordered to stop vandalising university property and occupying offices, in an urgent application brought to the Supreme Court by the university.

According to papers before the court the 172 National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union strikers have been protesting on the campus since early August.

Last week they held a 48-hour "wild-cat" strike to protest against the appointment of a security department head they allege is "racist" and "worked for the military". More strikes would follow, they warned.

Mr Justice D Scott granted an urgent temporary interdict yesterday and ordered that "the rumpus on the campus" cease to allow talks.

He ordered the workers to show cause by September 19 why the order should not be made permanent.

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Prison for awaiting-trial children to be outlawed

CAPE TOWN — The detention of awaiting-trial children in prison is to be outlawed — unless there is no alternative and even then they cannot be held in prison for longer than 48 hours.

The detention of any awaiting-trial youth under 18 will also have to be specifically ordered by the courts.

The new provisions follow a statement on May 24 by President Nelson Mandela when he opened Parliament that the detention of children in prison was unacceptable.

Correctional Services Minister Siphon Mzimela said earlier this year that on May 26 this year about 800 unsentenced children under 18 were in prison. Last week, he said, there were still 732 children under 18 being held as awaiting trial prisoners.

Mzimela said he had ordered an urgent investigation into the situation, emphasising the need for alternative detention facilities.

The Correctional Services Amendment Bill, tabled in Parliament yesterday, forbids the detention of any

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unconvicted children in prison.

However, it provides for the detention of an unconvicted child where his or her admission to a place of safety cannot immediately take place.

In this case, this detention would be only an emergency measure for not longer than 48 hours and would be allowed only if a court ordered this.

The amendment to section 29 of the existing law will be proclaimed on different dates in different areas when places of safety become available for the detention of children.

This provision could mean that it will take some time before detention of awaiting-trial children is finally scrapped because places of safety will have to be built in rural areas.

JOHANNES NGCOBO reports that the SA Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights said yesterday building more prisons would exacerbate levels of criminality. The organisation was reacting to a call by Mandela for more prisons to be built.

It said it would appeal to Mandela

to reconsider his position on new prisons. "Building more prisons and making harsher laws are the solutions taken by the short-sighted and ill-informed and we would beg the President to consider the implications," said organisation spokesman Golden Miles Bhudu.

Increasing the number of prisons was not the answer to crime and inhumane and overcrowded prisons.

Correctional Services spokesman Lt Rudi Potgieter said prisons were overpopulated by about 14 000 people.

He said the Western Cape had accommodation for 14 748 prisoners, but held 20 645, while the Eastern Cape held 10 613, though the approved number was 10 406.

Potgieter added that Free State prisons were supposed to accommodate 11 273 but held 11 790 and the central Transvaal, while accommodating 19 450, should take 16 380.

This followed a remark made by Mandela at Pollsmoor prison on Tuesday that prisons were overcrowded.

Unisa shuts offices after riot by protesting students

UNISA has closed the university's Johannesburg and Pretoria offices following clashes yesterday between staff members and demonstrating students' representative council members in Pretoria.

Unisa's management committee said the behaviour of students over the past few days "in respect of littering buildings, vandalism, insulting behaviour and disruption of the institution's activities was unacceptable and not fitting the dignity and image of Unisa students in general".

The committee said the closure of the facilities, including the library in Pretoria and the Johannesburg study centre, remained in force until student representatives met the management committee.

Closure of the centres follows a demonstration by SRC members in Pretoria yesterday. The students were agitating for the recognition of the student body.

Sapa reports that a toyi-toying group of students stormed the university's administration building and clashed with security personnel inside.

Four staff members and three students were injured in the fracas. Among staff members injured were Leon Bezuidenhout, who sustained a suspected fractured skull, and Thinus Prinsloo who had a heart attack. A female student was taken to hospital suffering from a broken ankle. The

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crowd was driven out by police who arrested and later released a student.

Unisa rector Marinus Wiechers addressed the demonstrators after requesting police to leave the campus. He denied having summoned police and said he was saddened by the way the students had dishonoured the university.

Wiechers also denied having being under the influence of alcohol when he addressed a group of students at an earlier meeting. He had only had a glass of wine at a business lunch earlier that day.

SRC chairman William Mphilo called for student representation on the university's council and senate.

The SA Parastatal and Tertiary Institutions Union said it "deeply regretted the barbaric conduct of students on the Unisa campus". The union criticised the management committee for the lack of adequate security, saying it had ignored a security plan of action submitted to it by the union last year.

The union demanded disciplinary action against all students involved and steps taken to protect staff members and property against violation and vandalism. It also called for the provision of a student centre on the Sunnyside campus in Pretoria.

Legal Aid Board report

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Only 10% of the 703 455 people accused in district courts were represented by lawyers, the Legal Aid Board said yesterday.

And 61,05% of those accused in the regional courts were unrepresented, it said.

The board said in its 1992/93 report, tabled in Parliament, the majority of South Africans could not afford lawyers.

"It is self-evident that such a situation is not compatible with a democratic society."

The board said it was faced with the greatest challenge in its history as a result of the new dispensation. It planned to expand its services in the criminal law field to provide legal representation annually to a minimum of a further 150 000 adult accused and to all juvenile offenders.

During the 1992/93 financial year the board spent R52,1m, a 62% increase on the previous year, it said.

Striking UWC workers call for student support

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Education Reporter

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STRIKING workers at the University of the Western Cape today called on students to support their demands.

The UWC administration has refused a workers' request to suspend Campus Control head Piet Du Toit. Catering workers are protesting over the dismissal of a worker after 12 years' service.

UWC yesterday obtained an urgent Supreme Court interdict against the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) and 173 illegally striking workers.

The court order interdicted campus catering and security staff from occupying university offices and from vandalising

UWC property.

Today workers distributed pamphlets on campus calling for students to support the strikers by not using other private food vendors when university food kitchens closed down.

"We ask students to march side by side with workers to demand an end to corruption," the Nehawu pamphlet said.

In response UWC acting vice-rector Colin Bundy issued a pamphlet to "all members of the campus community". He accused Nehawu of distributing a one-sided leaflet and misleading workers and students into supporting "unprocedural protest action".

An allegation by strikers that UWC campus control head Piet du Toit served in the SADF was untrue, he said.



Trashed . . . this is the battered face of parts of the University of the Witwatersrand campus yesterday after rampaging Sasco members littered the area and disrupted lectures.

PICTURE: DUIF DU TOIT

Students rampage

at Wits

Star 26/18/94

BY STAFF REPORTERS

The turmoil at PWV higher education centres spread to the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday when students scattered litter on campus and let off fire extinguishers.

Members of the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) threatened further action today while Professor Robert Charlton, the vice-chancellor, said this morning that disciplinary measures would be taken against the students.

"We are happy with people protesting, but not with the interference which they wreaked," he said. (S4)

The students are believed to be protesting over financial problems, and the "dominance of white males" in the university's management. The protesters were allegedly joined by students from Unisa and Vista universities where there has been campus unrest in recent weeks.

Charlton said Sasco feels that "the money spent by the university on disciplinary procedural fees and on the closed circuit television security system we have installed should be spent on loans and bursaries to students".

He added that the university has so far spent R16 million of its own funds on loans and bursaries, supported by a fur-

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Students rampage

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ther R4 million from donors. It was policy to offer advice to students who were R1 000 or more in arrears with their fees.

"If by the end of the year they, or any other student, are unable to find the money, they will not be allowed to register for tuition next year," he said.

Charlton added that the university would, as a result of the retirement of a senior member of staff later this year, be appointing a black person to a senior post. He did not elaborate but it's known that a South African now working in London will be joining the university's senior staff.

Students boycott classes, embark on litter campaign

Chaos at Wits 'will spread'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Student organisations have warned that the chaos which erupted at the University of the Witwatersrand this week will spread to other institutions in spite of the university vowing to take disciplinary action against all students involved in vandalism.

South African Students' Congress (Sasco) Wits branch leaders yesterday said the class boycott and the litter campaign would be intensified next week and students from other universities also would join the protests.

The university has been in turmoil since Thursday when about 100 Sasco members embarked on a litter campaign and disrupted lectures.

And, students of Vista University's Bloemfontein campus yesterday vandalised the registrar's office and cafeteria and flooded a number of lecture halls.

Security staff said the students threatened to burn the

buildings if police were allowed on to the premises.

Events took a dramatic turn last night, however, with the resignation of four members of top management at Vista.

Chairman of Vista's Council Leon Bartel said a connection between the spate of protests against the university management and the resignations could not be denied.

Meanwhile, Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said disciplinary hearings would be held against all students involved in vandalism.

Sasco yesterday began its class boycott and, after obstructing traffic, started trashing the campus, overturning dustbins, setting off fire hydrants and in some buildings opening taps.

Wits spokesman Cathy Jennings said most faculties reported a near-normal attendance, but some buildings were locked as early as 11.30am.

Sasco spokesman Heinrich Bohmke said the organisation was demanding that all exclusions from the university based on lack of finances be halted. He said all university expenditures should be accounted for.

Professor Charlton said the university had a policy of advising students who were R1 000 or more in arrears with their fees to discuss the matter with administrative officers.

"If by the end of the year they, or any other student, are unable to find the money, they will not be allowed to register for tuition next year," he said.

Almost exactly a year ago, Wits experienced similar upheavals and two students were expelled this year after being found guilty of several offences. After the upheavals, the Forum for Accelerated Transformation at Wits (Ffact) was set up with both the administration and Sasco represented.

Sasco Wits deputy president Xolani Mthabela said the present campaign was meant to speed up and highlight some of the issues which would have an impact on students if not addressed immediately.

"The speed at which Ffact has been moving is too slow," he said.

Professor Charlton said the university was ready to meet the students, but Sasco leaders called for him to be dismissed.

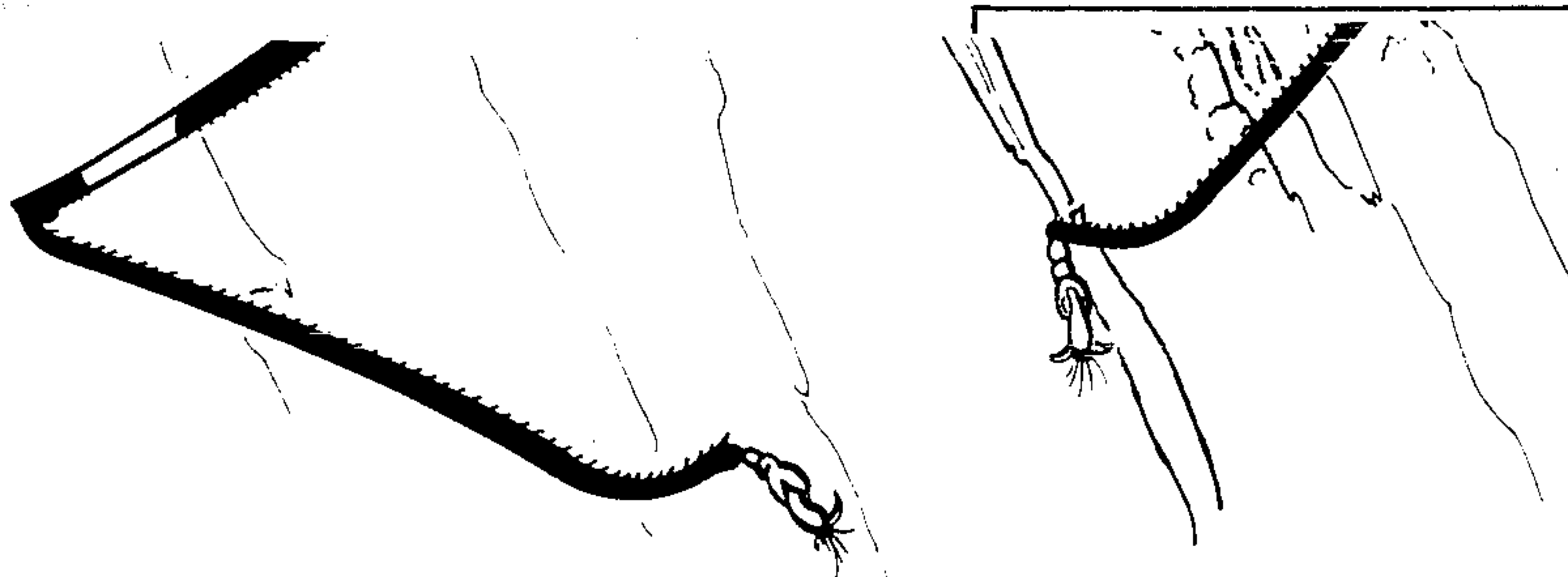
Hopes for ending the crisis will hinge on meetings this weekend between Sasco and PWV Minister of Education Mary Metcalfe and a delegation of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee with Minister of Education Sibusiso Bengu.

An African National Congress delegation yesterday held discussions with students and said it was "throwing its weight behind the campaign to democratise the university".

Although the ANC was against violent protest, it said the university had to mirror the changes permeating South African society.

"The ANC expresses its disappointment with the Wits administration in failing to resolve the matter."

It said it supported democratisation of the university, transparency regarding all university funds, an end to the exclusion of students from admission on the basis of finance and an end to the use of university funds for security measures and litigation. — Sapa.



SASCO fans campus

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WITS University again finds itself at loggerheads with a section of its student body, which is threatening more mayhem in the coming weeks. JUSTICE MALALA reports.

STUDENTS have vowed that the protests which erupted at the University of the Witwatersrand this week will be intensified, and will spread to other institutions despite the university's pledge of disciplinary action against all students involved in acts of vandalism.

South African Students' Congress (SASCO) tranch leaders at Wits yesterday said the class boycott and the litter campaign, which one student said left the university campus "looking like a pig sty", would be intensified next week, with students from Vista University and the University of South Africa joining the protests.

Wits University has been in turmoil since Thursday, when about 100 SASCO members decided at a lunch-hour meeting to embark on a litter campaign and to disrupt lectures.

Interference

But yesterday a wave of outrage at the tactics used by SASCO members started to emerge from other students, who felt that the university was not being firm enough on the protesters.

Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said disciplinary hearings would be held against all students involved in acts of vandalism.

"We are happy with people protesting, but not with the interference which they wreaked," he said.

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prosecution of students after unrest at the university last year, should be accounted for.

Charlton said many students were having difficulty paying for their studies, and that the university — which has so far spent R16 million of its own funds on loans and bursaries, supported by a further R4 million from donors — had a policy of advising students, who were R1 000 or more in arrears with their fees, to discuss the matter with administrative officers.

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Almost exactly a year ago, Wits experienced similar upheavals and two students were expelled this year after being found guilty of several offences. After the upheavals, a forum — the Forum for Accelerated Transformation at Wits (FFACT), was set up to look into all matters concerned with the transformation of the university. Both the administration and SASCO are represented on it.

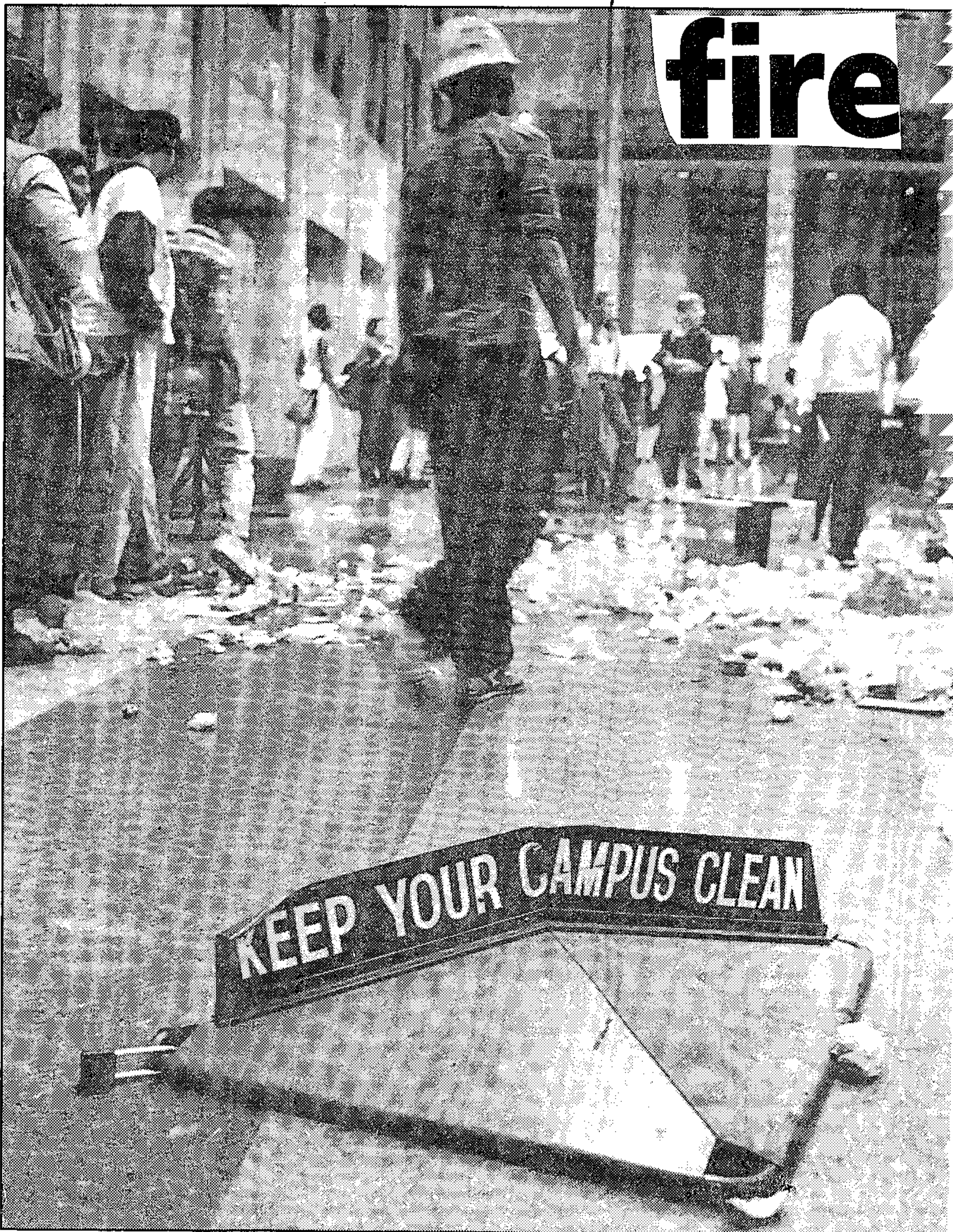
SASCO Wits deputy president Xolani Mthabela said the current campaign was not an alternative to FFACT but was meant to speed up and highlight some of the issues which would impact on students if not addressed immediately.

Ready to meet

"The speed at which FFACT has been moving is too slow. In fact it was not constituted until only a few months ago. We do not want to see people expelled while we are busy trying to set up FFACT," he said.

Charlton said yesterday the university was ready to meet the students anytime. SASCO leaders, however, said he had to come and address the students as a group.

Hopes of ending the crisis will hinge on meetings at the weekend involving Minister of Education Sibusiso Bengu, SASCO, PWV Education and Culture MEC Mary Metcalfe and a delegation of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee.



Varsity chaos: This was the scene at Wits University this week as SASCO students began their boycott and litter campaign. PHOTOGRAPH: MYKEL NICOLAOU.

UCT bars student for harassment

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Staff Reporters

TWO University of Cape Town students have been fined, and one has been expelled from residence, after incidents of abuse, assault and harassment.

At a recent hearing of the university court Velile Gqotso was suspended from UCT and expelled from one of the residences on three charges of assault and two of harassment.

The court heard that Gqotso had assaulted a woman student on numerous occasions after she had "disobeyed his instructions".

He had tried to beat a confession from her that she was a "whore".

Gqotso pleaded guilty to the charges of assault but not guilty to those of harassment. The university court found him guilty on all counts.

His expulsion from the university

has been suspended on condition that he does not contact the woman and either pays a R300 fine or renders 60 hours' community service.

His expulsion from residence remains in force, however, and he was given four weeks to leave. His conviction has been endorsed in his academic record.

In another incident the court fined SRC candidate Richard Tate R500 after he pleaded guilty to a charge of abuse.

The court heard that he shouted obscene words at a woman student at the Waterfront, creating a "hostile and demeaning environment" for her.

The director of Development and Public Affairs at UCT, Ms Helen Zille, said: "We regard these incidents in a very serious light and we want to make it clear that we will not tolerate abusive or insulting behaviour at UCT."

Degrees of concern at university ⁽⁵⁴⁾

Farouk Chothia

THE University of Durban-Westville awarded degrees to 16 students at a graduation ceremony earlier this year — despite the fact that the students had not completed their courses.

In a statement distributed on the campus last week, deputy vice-chancellor Professor John Butler-Adam said initial investigations had found that 11 students had been awarded degrees "improperly", but the figure has since risen to 16.

Butler-Adam said that of the initial 11 students, nine had re-registered for their outstanding courses more than two months before their "graduation" in May. He did not disclose how the students had been falsely awarded degrees.

In another damaging disclosure, Butler-Adam suggested there had been mismanagement in the university's Financial Aid Bureau.

Butler-Adam said the bureau's head, Thandi Kgosidistsi, was on sick leave.

He identified among the problems the fact that "payments for students board-

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ing privately were made without ensuring that the students were in receipt of financial aid" and that some landlords had received double payments.

He added that the university's auditors had been alerted and would submit a full report. Steps had already been taken to ensure the problems did not recur.

Campus sources revealed this week that the problem was so acute a donor group, the University Scholarships for South African Students, had severed ties with the bureau earlier this year.

UCT students tell of assault by Matie

Staff Reporter

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A STELLENBOSCH University student is facing two charges of assault after he allegedly tarred and feathered two UCT students who shouted the insulting "bekluitjie" (mouth organ) in front of Wilgenhof residence on the campus.

The word has historically angered Wilgenhoffers, who regard it as a slur on their residence which other students say resembles a mouth organ.

Mr Pieter de Klerk, 21, pleaded not guilty in the Stellenbosch Magistrate's Court to assaulting Mr Kevin Mundy and Mr Mark Gray, both UCT students, on June 14 last year.

The court heard they were visiting friends in another residence at Stellenbosch University and were told that a visit to the campus would not be complete if you did not shout "bekluitjie" in front of Wilgenhof. They told the court they were

smacked about by about 40 students, forced to undress, made to do press ups till they dropped and were tarred and feathered.

Students also apparently tried to administer an enema with a garden hose, Mr Mundy testified.

Mr Gray said the paint on their bodies was so sticky the two walked to the local police station in the nude. At Groote Schuur Hospital it took

four hours to get the paint off. Mr De Klerk said a senior had handed him a paint brush and told him to give Mr Mundy and Mr Gray a "wet suit". He explained that a wet suit meant they would be painted from neck to feet.

The hearing was postponed to September 1 when judgment is expected.

Mr S W Engelbrecht was the magistrate. Mrs M van Heerden prosecuted. Mr P Grobbelaar appeared for Mr De Klerk.

Protesting students will mass at Wits

By Day 30/8/94
KATHRYN STRACHAN

PROTESTING students from campuses around Johannesburg are to converge on Wits University today for a mass meeting to find ways to coordinate their campaigns. (54)

Heinrich Bohmke, spokesman for the SA Students' Congress (Sasco) Wits branch, said students from Unisa, Vista University and other institutions shared similar problems regarding lack of access to bursaries and a lack of accountability from their administrations.

Sasco believed the littering campaign was the only way it could draw media interest to its demands. Littering catered to the "perverse palate of the liberal media", he said. Although protests at Wits last year had secured their demand for a transformation forum, there was still too little student involvement.

Bohmke said the administration made unnecessary projects such as publicity campaigns and the installation of security systems a priority ahead of students' need for financial help.

Sasco said the areas in which the closed-circuit television system was installed pointed to protests being the target of surveillance.

Wits vice-chancellor Robert Charlton said yesterday that to try to assist students who were unable to pay their fees by the end of the year, each student who owed more than R1 000 had been sent a letter asking them to call at the student affairs office. Posters explaining the arrear fees loan roll-over programme were displayed around the campus.

He feared that the R16m currently allocated to bursaries could diminish next year. There was "simply not enough money" to help all disadvantaged students. He called for the establishment of a national bursary and loan scheme, with the loan portion to be repayable after graduation.

The expenses incurred through disciplinary hearings on last year's protests were paid for from donated funds which could not be used for financial aid to students, Charlton said.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that Unisa's campuses in Pretoria and Johannesburg have been re-opened to students after an agreement on student councils was signed in Pretoria.

Rector Prof Marinus Wiechers said Unisa recognised a need for representative student councils and undertook to assist with the formation of such structures.

Team to address campus conflict

PRETORIA. — In response to recent conflict at universities and technikons countrywide, Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu yesterday announced the establishment of an Interim Assistance Group to facilitate the transformation of tertiary education. (54)

It will be chaired Ms Cheryl Carolus of the ANC. (54) CT 31/8/94

The decision to establish the group was taken after consultation with the chairpersons of the Committee of University Principals and the Committee for Technikon Principals. — Sapa

Govt acts on student loans

A COMMISSION for higher education would be established soon and would deal with the issue of a national loan scheme for disadvantaged students as a priority, the Education Ministry said yesterday.

This follows disruptions on the Witwatersrand University campus as a result of student protests over the unavailability of bursaries and scholarships. *B. Day*

A spokesman for Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu said the SA Students' Congress (Sasco) was demanding the immediate establishment of a loan scheme, but the commission had still to be approved by Cabinet and its terms of reference set.

Wits University vice-chancellor Prof Robert Charlton said the pool of money available for bursaries and loans was diminishing. The organisations making donations to Wits had dropped over the past two years from 14 to 10, and four of those said their support would be phased out from next year. Another had said that no further support would be given.

Donations for undergraduate bursaries and loans, from foreign government trusts

KATHRYN STRACHAN

and private companies, had dropped from R9,4m in 1992 to R7,8m this year. With inflation it was uncertain whether the university could match next year the R16m it had made available this year for bursaries.

Over the past three years the black student intake had grown from 26% to 36%.

Meanwhile, students and the Wits administration said they had "invited" police to accompany the "friendly march" by students from Wits, Vista University's Soweto, Sebokeng and Mamelodi campuses, and Unisa local branches from the Wits campus to the office of PWV education minister Mary Metcalfe. *318194*

Sasco spokesman Peniel Mashele said police had been called in to prevent negative elements from bringing students' actions into disrepute. *(54)*

Bengu also announced an interim assistance group, headed by Cheryl Carolus, to deal with the "conflict in some universities and technikons".

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Students, ministry set for funds clash

Stat 318/94

■ BY JUSTICE MALALA

The South African Students' Congress (Sasco) and the national Ministry of Education are headed for a confrontation after it emerged that serious differences exist between the two over funding of students in tertiary institutions.

This emerged yesterday as three more organisations put their weight behind Sasco's demand for a moratorium on financial exclusions at the University of the Witwatersrand.

The newly elected Wits SRC, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union and the Azanian Students' Convention yesterday expressed solidarity with Sasco's demand for a moratorium on financial exclusion of students owing the university more than R1 000.

Sasco executive member Peniel Mashela said the Ministry of Education

had indicated in meetings at the weekend that there were no emergency funds available to halt the exclusions at tertiary institutions.

"We simply cannot accept that the Government has no money. The Government must intervene on the current exclusions and make emergency funding available," he said.

(54)
The student organisations, including students from various campuses of crisis-ridden institutions, plan to march to the PWV legislature today to hand in a memorandum demanding intervention in the crises plaguing them and the establishment of a national loan and bursary scheme.

Jo-Anne Collinge reports that PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale yesterday appealed to students to uphold the law and exercise their right to protest in a way that did not infringe the rights of others.

Task group to probe causes of violence at SA universities

Star 2/18/94

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — National Education Minister Sibiso Bengu announced this morning that an emergency task group would investigate the conflict on some South African campuses.

Professor Bengu said Cheryl Carolus of the Government's Reconstruction and Development office, would chair the group.

Bengu said he had decided to appoint an "interim assistance group" in the light of "serious manifestations" of conflict in some universities and technikons in the past week.

His move followed meetings with heads of the Committee of University Principals and the Committee of Technikon Principals.

The group's brief was to assist the ministry in resolving problems in the tertiary education sector,

he said.

The step should not in any way be seen as a reduction of the autonomy of these institutions, but should be seen as a step to facilitate the transformation process. (54)

Professor Bengu said he hoped the various parties in conflict at campuses would discuss their problems with the group "in order that we can find satisfactory solutions to these problems".

Students at the University of the Witwatersrand have embarked on a litter campaign in protest at financial exclusions.

There have been disturbances in recent weeks at Unisa's Johannesburg and Pretoria campuses.

The Vaal Technikon was also affected, when conflict between black and white students resulted in the campus being closed for a few days.

► Funds clash — Page 9

1 000 students march on PWV legislature

JOHANNESBURG. — More than 1 000 students from Wits University, Unisa, Vaal Technikon and Vista's Soweto campus marched from Wits to the PWV legislature yesterday demanding changes at these institutions.

Students, accompanied by police vehicles, handed a memorandum to PWV Education Minister Ms Mary Metcalfe, Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton and Unisa rector Professor Marinus Wiechlers at the PWV legislature.

Ms Metcalfe undertook to approach Education Minister Mr Sibusiso Bengu for more funding for the tertiary sector.

SA Students Congress spokesman Mr Heinrich Bohmke told students after the march that the administrations had conceded various student demands. — Sapa

(54) CT 1/9/94

Tarring, feathering: Matie fined

ARG 1/9/94

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Staff Reporter

A third-year BComm student at the University of Stellenbosch has been fined R700 (or four months) for assaulting two University of Cape Town students by tarring and feathering them.

A Stellenbosch magistrate suspended the fine he imposed on agricultural economics student Pieter de Klerk for three years.

The case arose from an incident in June 1993 when UCT students Kevin Mundy and Mark Grey were assaulted after shouting "bekfluitjie" (mouthorgan) while walking past Stellenbosch residence Wilgenhof.

The court heard earlier that students in the residence found the name abusive and people who shouted it "had to be punished".

The UCT students were caught, stripped naked and made to stand on boxes while garden hoses were turned on them before they were covered in black paint and feathers.

Magistrate S W Engelbrecht said the argument that it was "tradition" in the residence to tar and feather people who shouted "bekfluitjie" was no excuse.

He said the UCT students had not found the experience amusing.

He rejected De Klerk's defence that it had not been his intention to assault the two. This conflicted with his statement made after the incident that "the residents of Wilgenhof accepted it (tarring and feathering) as a right".

This statement also conflicted with his evidence in court on several instances.

Urgent measures for tertiary education

BIDENY 11/9/94

EDUCATION Minister Prof Sibusiso Bengu had announced emergency measures to investigate the crisis in tertiary education, PWV education minister Mary Metcalfe said yesterday.

Sapa reports that she told students outside the PWV government offices in Johannesburg that Bengu had given the assurance that an interim assistance group, chaired by ANC MP Cheryl Carolus, would be established to investigate student grievances at tertiary level.

Metcalfe said this group, and the establishment of a commission on higher education to deal with a national loan scheme, announced on Tuesday, signified "significant progress".

KATHRYN STRACHAN reports that more than 1 000 students from Wits University, Unisa, Vaal Technikon and Vista's Soweto campus yesterday marched from Wits to the PWV legislature demanding transformation at these institutions.

Students, accompanied by police vehicles, handed a memorandum to Metcalfe, Wits vice-chancellor Robert Charlton and Unisa rector Marinus Wiechers.

Metcalfe gave an undertaking that she would approach Bengu for more funding for the tertiary sector so the problems of financial exclusions could be addressed.

SA Students Congress (Sasco) spokesman Heinrich Bohmke said Metcalfe also gave an undertaking that there would be no disciplinary action following the protests at these institutions except where property was damaged or people were hurt.

Bohmke told students after the march that various student demands had been accepted by the administrations.

At Unisa, student representative councils — which were recognised this week — would be included in transitional forums at the university within 48 hours. He said Metcalfe had also agreed to address the demands of students at Vaal Technikon. Students demanded that the four officials heading the administration, who they claimed were Broederbond members, resign within the next month.

Metcalfe also undertook to address the problem of accreditation at the Pretoria-based Malapa Technikon.

Bohmke earlier told students at a meeting on the campus that urgent funding was needed to address the problem of financial exclusions on campuses.

Students disagreed with Bengu's position that, although a national loan scheme was part of the reconstruction and development programme, it was a long-term project.

Bohmke said that if such a scheme were to be set up next year, students should not be excluded at the end of this year simply because of a technical hitch in the timing of the scheme.

He said Wits students also opposed unilateral restructuring at Wits, particularly since a forum had been established for all sectors of the university to participate in future planning.

However, the administration said the forum had not yet been set up because Sasco had repeatedly delayed its establishment.

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Students from tertiary institutions in the PWV marched from Wits University to the PWV legislature yesterday. Picture: NICKY DE BLOIS

Biehl's alleged killer was proud, court told

CAPE TOWN — One of Amy Biehl's alleged killers stabbed her repeatedly while she was lying on the ground and said afterwards he was "proud to have killed a white person", the Cape Town Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mongezi Manqina, Mzikhona Nofemela and Vusumzi Ntamo have pleaded not guilty to murdering Biehl in Guguletu last August. In the statement read out in court by Ntamo, he said: "We met a car, a Mazda 323, with a white woman driving and two black women as passengers. We tried to stop it but when it would not stop we threw stones."

"Mongezi Manqina asked for a knife from one of the comrades. Mongezi stabbed the white woman. He was kneeling over her, stabbing her. I threw stones at the car. I also threw bricks at the woman lying on the ground. I hit her three times on the head. Then the police arrived and we ran away. Mongezi still had the knife and he said he was proud to have killed a white person." — Sapa.

Students in city

Soweto 11/9/94

demo

By Bongani Mavuso

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS marched from the University of the Witwatersrand to the PWV education ministry in Johannesburg yesterday where a memorandum was handed to MEC for education Ms Mary McCallie.

Students from Wits, Vista University, University of South Africa, Vaal Triangle Technikon and Soweto's Molapo Technical College took part in the march. Some streets in the city centre were closed to traffic.

In the memorandum, addressed to Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu, the students said the march was an act of empowering the Education Ministry to act quickly to ensure that the "deep-seated" crises at their institutions did not escalate.

"It would be unfortunate for the new Government to be helpless when the ship is sinking. It is of serious concern to us that the ministry seems to hold the view that the National Loan and Bursary Scheme — contrary to what has been agreed in the RDP — is a long-term

project," the memorandum said.

They demanded that the Government make available emergency funding for all "disadvantaged" students facing financial problems.

Referring to Wits University, the students said there should be transparency and financial accountability at the institution. They called for an end to "unilateral restructuring since the administration has agreed to the setting up of a transformation forum".

Other demands included:

- The recognition of Molapo Technical College by universities and technikon; that governing structures be restructured and democratised; and that a commission be appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the college.

- The establishment of a broadly representative forum at Unisa to spearhead the transformation and the setting up of a bursary infrastructure and a commitment to affirmative action to ensure that students have access to funding.

Bengu yesterday announced the appointment of an interim assistance group to advise his ministry on "appropriate strategies" to be used to address the crisis at these institutions.

Students rethink Wits protest drive

Star 11/9/94

■ BY JUSTICE MALALA

The South African Students' Congress will review its mass action campaign at the University of the Witwatersrand following the establishment of a task team to address problems in tertiary institutions.

Sasco publicity secretary Heinrich Bohmke said yesterday the organisation was "greatly encouraged by Minister of Education Sibusiso Bengu's move", and the appointment of Cheryl Carolus to lead the team gave the students "confidence that the issues will be addressed".

Yesterday more than 1 000 students from 11 tertiary institutions marched from the Wits campus and handed a memorandum to PWV MEC for Education Mary Metcalfe.

The students came from the University of South Africa's Pretoria and Johannesburg campuses, Vista University's Soweto and East Rand campus, the Vaal

Triangle Technikon, Saint Monica's Training College and Mola-po Technical College.

They demanded that institutions declare a moratorium on financial exclusions and that the national Ministry of Education make emergency funds available. They said a national loan and bursary scheme should be set up by next year and should apply retrospectively. (54)

Metcalfe accepted the memorandum along with Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton and Unisa rector Professor Marinus Wiechers.

Charlton said students who owed money would not be forced to pay immediately. He said the university had written off about R2 million as bad debt last year after most of those who had owed money left the university when they received bad results and decided not to pay.

The ANC yesterday called on the Government and the authorities to ensure that no students are excluded this year because they cannot afford to pay fees.

ANC urges loans for any student

□ Party in funding call

Education Reporter

THE African National Congress says "not a single student" should be excluded from a tertiary institution this year for not being able to pay fees.

It urged National Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu yesterday to help to establish a national student bursary and loan scheme.

The party called for funding to ensure the survival and viability of tertiary institutions.

The new government had inherited many of the problems created by the National Party, the ANC said in a statement.

The education system was "fundamentally racist" in terms of its structure, funding and access.

The structures governing educational institutions were anti-democratic, racist and sexist. They were totally unsuitable for the challenge of transformation, the ANC said.

The party shared the concerns of students and others about these issues and was throwing its weight behind the efforts to ensure fair representation.

Democratic structures had to be set up to oversee the process of transforming all institutions.

"We call on the government and the authorities at the various institutions to ensure that not a single student is excluded this year because they cannot afford to pay their fees," said the ANC.

"We commend the government for the progress it has made in consulting the different stakeholders this past weekend.

"We urge Mr Bengu to provide a framework for funding tertiary education that will ensure access for all through loans and bursaries, and which will ensure the financial viability of the various institutions."

The party also called for an urgent review of the funding formula, and added: "We call on students to maintain the unity among themselves. We will continue to support the right to mobilise for their demands.

"We unequivocally condemn the use of violence and destruction, and the damaging of facilities and resources that will be sorely needed in the future."

STUDENT PROTESTS

The Minister is concerned

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The politics of protest and anarchy have again surfaced on some tertiary campuses. In most cases a tiny minority of students is involved; what is disturbing is the reluctance of government to condemn the protests, thus isolating and making more vulnerable those university authorities (and most students) who want to resist anarchy.

Without condemning the violent tactics of the protesters, Education Minister Sibiso Bengu expressed "concern at the crisis issues" and committed himself "to the need for fundamental transformation across all sectors in education." No doubt he is also in favour of motherhood and the national flag.

Bengu's pusillanimous approach drew an angry response from Wits University vice-chancellor Robert Charlton, whose campus was disrupted last Thursday and Friday by groups of radicals from the SA Students' Congress (Sasco). Said Charlton: "I deplore the fact that the Minister did not use the

Their other demands seemed less clear. Wits Sasco spokesman Heinrich Bohmke accused the university management of "corruption" and "maladministration" and called for Charlton's dismissal. Students wanted a greater share in the administration of the university, he said, and were demanding to know the identity of an anonymous donor to the university of what they believed was a "secret fund" used to discipline and spy on students. (54)

Charlton dismissed the accusations as ridiculous. The so-called secret fund he said, was in fact money donated many years ago for unbudgeted nonrecurrent expenditure, such as the acquisition of property or the installation of a TV surveillance system.

The system had been purchased as an anti-crime measure, he said, and had nothing to do with spying on students. More recently, another donor had provided money to build a residence on condition he remained anonymous. It had nothing to do with spying on or disciplining students.

The university had indeed set up a forum last year to give students a greater say in administration. But its progress was continually being hampered by Sasco's apparent unwillingness to participate, he said.

Bohmke admitted that the forum did address many of the student demands but there were "some issues that go beyond (the forum) and are so urgent that they need to be addressed urgently."

The students, he said, had rebelled only because their demands were being ignored. "We are quite happy to negotiate in a 'tea and scones' spirit," Bohmke said. "But if the university is recalcitrant then we are quite prepared to take the struggle on to an even more militant level." The university, admirably, has made it clear it is quite prepared to resist such militancy.

Spokesmen at Wits, Unisa and Vista universities all said this week they believed the protests that hit their campuses last week were orchestrated for maximum publicity and timed to coincide with SRC elections and a major conference to decide the future management of Vista.

Ominously, Vista (which had violent protests at campuses in Welkom, Bloemfontein and Soweto) bowed to student

demands last week to fire its entire management committee, comprising the rector, vice-rector and two registrars, whom students had described as "representatives of the old apartheid order."

Vista's three-day "transformation forum," comprising representatives of all constituencies at the university — students, unions and staff — decided on a new university council which will for the first time have not only student and faculty members, but also representatives of administrative and service personnel. The proposals must be forwarded to the Education Minister and be enacted by parliament before taking effect.

As the forum began in Midrand, protests erupted at Vista's Welkom and Bloemfontein campuses. The Welkom campus director's car was set on fire and destroyed. No-one was injured in the attacks. At the Bloemfontein campus students destroyed goods and furnishings worth R350 000.

A spokesman for the university said he believed the protests were timed to influence the transformation forum. He said some of Vista's Soweto students were seen participating in the violent protests that broke out on the main campus at Unisa on Wednesday last week. Though Unisa is a correspondence university, more than 1 000 students visit the library.

The students were demanding representation on the university council, transformation of management structures and recognition of their SRC. At least three members of the university staff were injured in scuffles that broke out and the library was closed for several days.

Unisa reopened on Monday, after rector Marinus Wiechers signed a "declaration of intent" to recognise the SRC in exchange for the students' agreeing not to engage in violent protests.

Just as it is not fair to expect doctors to deal with hospital strikes, so it is not fair to sit mute while university staff are exposed to insulting behaviour by a mindless minority of students. The vast majority of students (including the vast majority of the 6 000 black students) at Wits have continued with their studies: it is high time the government of the day had the courage to respect their views and rights. ■

PARLIAMENT

The great debate

With a flood of legislation waiting to wash over parliament within two months, questions are being asked about whether MPs



opportunity to condemn the tactics used by students on my campus."

The only substantive issue at Wits, he said, was the shortage of funds for bursaries and loans to assist poorer students. "This in any case cannot be solved by the university, but must be addressed at national level by government," he said.

Wits has itself made available R16m to assist underprivileged students — which is too little but it cannot afford more, he added.

Nevertheless, the issue is emotive and therefore a wonderful peg on which a few dozen restless students, sensing the ambivalence of government, can hang their nihilistic protests. At Wits they overturned rubbish baskets and burned tyres on public streets to punctuate their demand for a moratorium on the university's decision to bar students next year who owe more than R1 000 in fees.

Behind the campus conflict: a cash crisis

Students want to change the university, but there is less and less money to do so, writes **Drew Forrest**

SOUTH AFRICA'S universities are hurtling towards a cash crunch engendered by rising costs, sharply escalating student indebtedness and falling state subsidies.

For the new government, beset by the clamorous needs of other educational sectors and bent on holding down university spending, this poses an acute political dilemma.

Education Ministry adviser Theboho Moja this week told the *Weekly Mail & Guardian* that unpaid university fees had risen from R48-million in 1992 to R71-million at only 13 of

the country's 21 universities last year. This year, student debts stood at R236-million, while R48-million was outstanding at technikons.

At the same time, there have been strong indications that state subsidies to universities — which have fallen 20 percent in the recent past — will be further cut next year. "We believe the subsidy will be substantially less, and this will mean sharp belt-tightening," said Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton, who added that unpaid fees at Wits alone totalled R2-million in 1993.

The demand for a moratorium on the financial exclusion of students has been central to the upheavals at Wits University over the past fortnight.

On Wednesday the South African Students' Congress marched on the

offices of regional education minister Mary Metcalfe to demand the establishment of a national loan and bursary fund.

They have the support of university administrations, who see no alternative solution to their worsening cash crisis. And National Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu has lent his support to such a scheme.

But how it is to be financed is unclear. To meet the burgeoning needs of lower-income black students — 43 percent of the national university intake is now black — a fund containing hundreds of millions of rands will be necessary, Charlton estimates. It would have to make loans, repayable once students started earning, to ensure that funds were recycled.

But the ANC has pledged to hold

down state spending on universities in the interests of expanding technikon education.

At talks with Sasco at the weekend, it reportedly said emergency funds were simply not available to halt financial exclusions. Foreign donors, according to Charlton, have been reluctant to fund students now that a democratic government is in power.

"This leaves the government with a difficult political problem," Charlton said. "And I'm very keen that the government should take the rap and not me." Saying that no students had been excluded from Wits this year on financial grounds, Charlton stressed that the university's capacity was "not infinite".

In an effort to hold down costs, departments had already been

phased out, library services rationalised and resources shared with other institutions.

In terms of the university's mission project — which set priorities "if funding became short" — Wits' traditional strengths of mining, the sciences and engineering would be maintained, Charlton said. There was also a commitment to producing more managers for the private and public sector. But the threatened subsidy cut would inevitably mean the downscaling or closure of further departments.

It would also mean a harder line on students who failed, as 50 percent of the government subsidy was earned as students accumulated credits. "We have been lenient in the past, but we cannot continue to be so indefinitely," Charlton said.

Split in Sasco over

executive's tactics

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Guardian. Weinberg said while he felt

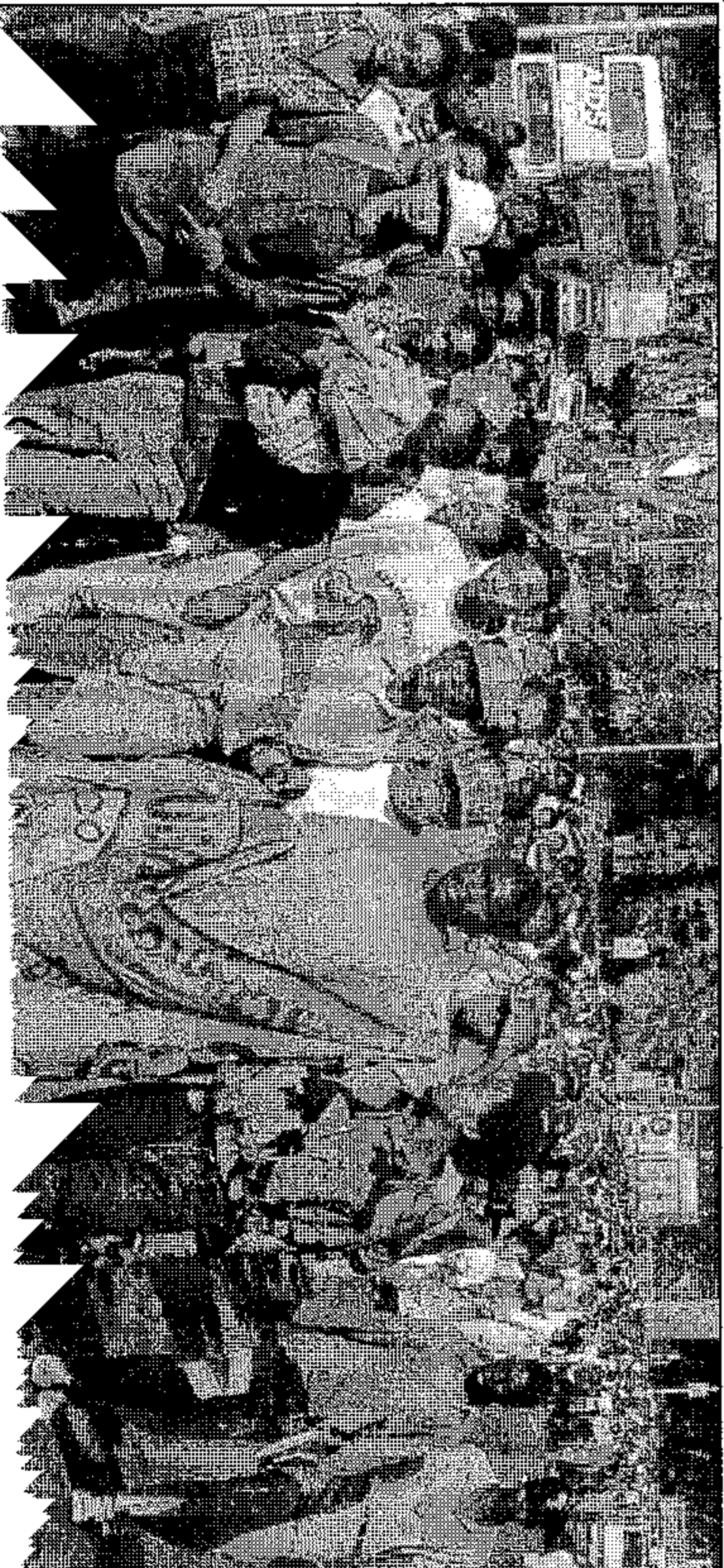
the issues raised by the student movement were legitimate, he did not agree with the tactics used.

In the letter, Weinberg also alleges that the issues were "found" in order to embark on mass action. He says the Sasco campaign was originally centred on Wits' administration's refusal to give decision-making powers to the transformation forum — a body of staff, students and workers geared to bring about real change on the campus.

Sibusiso Nxumalo

DIFFERENCES on strategy and accusations of undemocratic practices in the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) branch at the University of the Witwatersrand have led to a split in the organisation, the resignation of an executive committee member and dwindling support.

The split can be traced back to the violent protests that rocked Wits last



...cell members resigned in apparent disagreement with the tactics adopted by the student organisation. But it is the recent resignation of the organisation's assistant general secretary that has brought into focus dissatisfaction with the campaign among some of its membership and other students.

In an open letter of resignation addressed to Wits Sasco chair Makhukhu Mampuru, outgoing assistant general secretary Mark Weinberg accuses the executive council of taking decisions undemocratically and without consultation. Weinberg questions the *modus operandi* of members of the executive and questions how some of Sasco's decisions are made.

"I was surprised when embarking on 'operation litter' was presented as an executive decision. We had not come to any such decision and I do not know where it came from," Weinberg said in an interview with the *Weekly Mail &*

When the administration conceded on this issue, Sasco was left with an "issueless campaign" so issues to deadlock on were "found", Weinberg says.

Sasco's executive has been blamed by students for Sasco's dwindling membership and lack of support among Wits students for its current campaign. Activists felt no effort was made to explain the issues of the campaign and that coercion was used to get support for last week's protest.

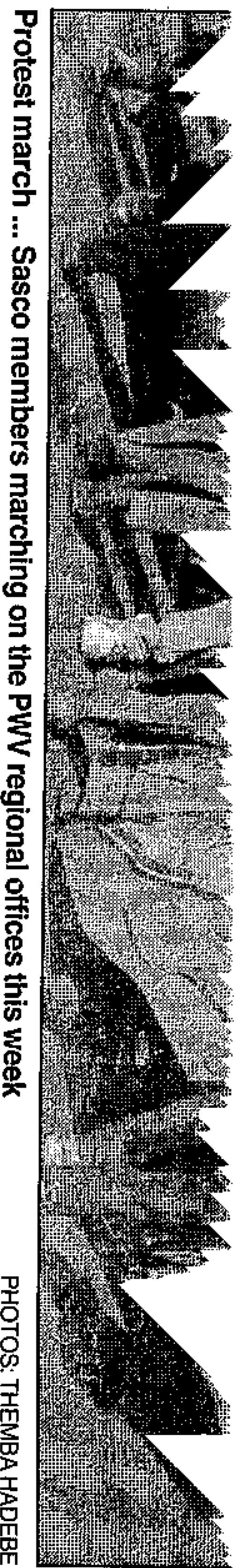
"Because we have failed to mobilise students we have been pushed into a corner and have inevitably had to resort to more militant action," said Weinberg. Wits students have alleged that some protesters in last week's action were not from the university.

Disgruntled Sasco members claimed that most members did not agree with the organisation's present direction. "There is a cabal that is running the organisation and undermining the organisation and undermining collective decision-making process-

es," said one source.

Citing the close co-operation between Sasco and the "ultra-left" Students' Socialist Action Committee (SSAC), sources said they feared the organisation had been infiltrated. Said one: "The question we ask is whether Sasco is still congress-aligned or belongs to Wosa (Workers' Organisation for Socialist Action)".

The organisation's strategy over the recent SRC elections on the campus is another bone of contention. After Sasco took a branch position not to contest the elections, some members broke ranks and stood as individuals. Sasco's executive now intends disciplining them for what Sasco chair



PHOTOS: THEMBA HADEBE

Mampuru calls "conscious violation of organisational discipline".

The conflict has drawn in prominent members of the ANC and SACP who endorsed the election campaigns of candidates now facing disciplinary action. ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa, the Youth League's Lulu Johnson and the SACP's Jeremy Cronin endorsed the candidates.

Mampuru denied that disciplining those who stood for elections was intended to silence opposition. "They are being disciplined in terms of our code of conduct."

However, he confirmed that the disciplinary committee was appointed by Sasco's executive.

'Problems not insurmountable'

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Sibusiso Nxumalo

MUZI SIKHAKHANE, newly elected president of the Wits SRC, has the daunting task of uniting a racially polarised student body. By his own admission, Wits students voted on racial lines last week — for the first time since black student involvement in the student governing body.

But Sikhakhane believes the situation can be salvaged. "Even though nine of the top 10 candidates were white, the SRC has made a commitment not to vote its executive council in racially," he said.

At its first sitting, the new SRC voted him in as its president.

His status as a second-year student belies the 28-year-old former teacher's experience.

Sikhakhane, who grew up in the rural area of Bulwer, has come a long way since his days as a

refugee from United Democratic Front/Inkatha conflict in Natal.

"I spent a week sleeping with hoboes in Joubert Park after deciding that my life was in danger in Natal and fleeing to Johannesburg," he said.

In Natal he organised in rural areas for the UDF. After a stint as a teacher at a Catholic school in Soweto, which included run-ins with education authorities, Sikhakhane decided to abandon the classroom for a career in law.

This week, on his first day at the head of Wits' student government, he had to deal with the conflict that has ripped the university apart — a tussle between Sasco and the Wits administration.

"The problems are not insurmountable," he said. "The administration must learn that, like the RDP, the process of transformation must be people-driven and the student movement must learn

that even though our demands are legitimate we cannot impose them."

Sikhakhane says he can understand students' frustration with an administration reluctant to change — but does not condone acts of violence.

"The only measure of how achievable our demands are depends on whether we can mobilise the support of all stakeholders at this university. No one must be left behind," he said.

Above all, Sikhakhane believes the administration and the new SRC should not fall into the trap of wanting to "help" students.

"We must not want to be messiahs. We must take students with us; fail with them, or succeed with them. If students depend on us to succeed for them, then I believe we have disempowered them and have thus done them a disservice."



Muzi Sikhakhane ... Daunting task of uniting a racially divided campus

FWW's tussle over intelligence

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A tussle for control is holding up integration of the intelligence services, reports **Chris Louw**

EFFORTS to integrate South Africa's 12 officially recognised intelligence networks ran aground this week when deputy president FW de Klerk refused to relinquish executive control.

De Klerk was put in charge of the intelligence services as part of the pre-election horse-trading when the NP was not granted the Defence portfolio he wanted. A tussle has developed between De Klerk and ANC-appointed deputy president Thabo Mbeki about who should be in charge of the country's intelligence network.

Both the ANC and the NP closed ranks this week, describing the issue as "highly sensitive". The government has been accused of being "unnecessarily secretive" about the issue.

Two Bills allowing for the new dispensation to be put in place, facilitating the amalgamation of the various services into two new ones and placing them under parliamentary control, were discussed by the cabinet on Wednesday.

The secrecy surrounding the establishment of the two new intelligence forces originates from the Transitional Executive Council (TEC)-appointed Intelligence sub-council, which consisted primarily of NP and ANC representatives. Unlike other TEC sub-councils, the work of the intelligence sub-council was never disclosed.

Negotiations have since taken place in almost farcical secrecy — to the degree that when the parliamentary standing committees were announced earlier this month, the intelligence committee was conspicuous by its absence.

Parties not included in the negotiations, including the Inkatha Freedom Party, are now objecting to their total exclusion. "We do not even know where the Bills originated from," complained IFP senator Phillip Powell — admitting, however, that his party was now "reaping the whirlwind of our non-participation in the TEC".

Although it was easy to talk to both ANC and official intelligence sources, the veil of secrecy was maintained. "It is in our nature as 'spooks' not to divulge information,"

said an intelligence source.

It is understood, however, that the Bills discussed at Wednesday's meeting provided for the amalgamation of all intelligence agencies — including those of the former homelands and the ANC — into the two new agencies, one internal and one external.

A military expert said the two new agencies would be known as the South African Secret Service.

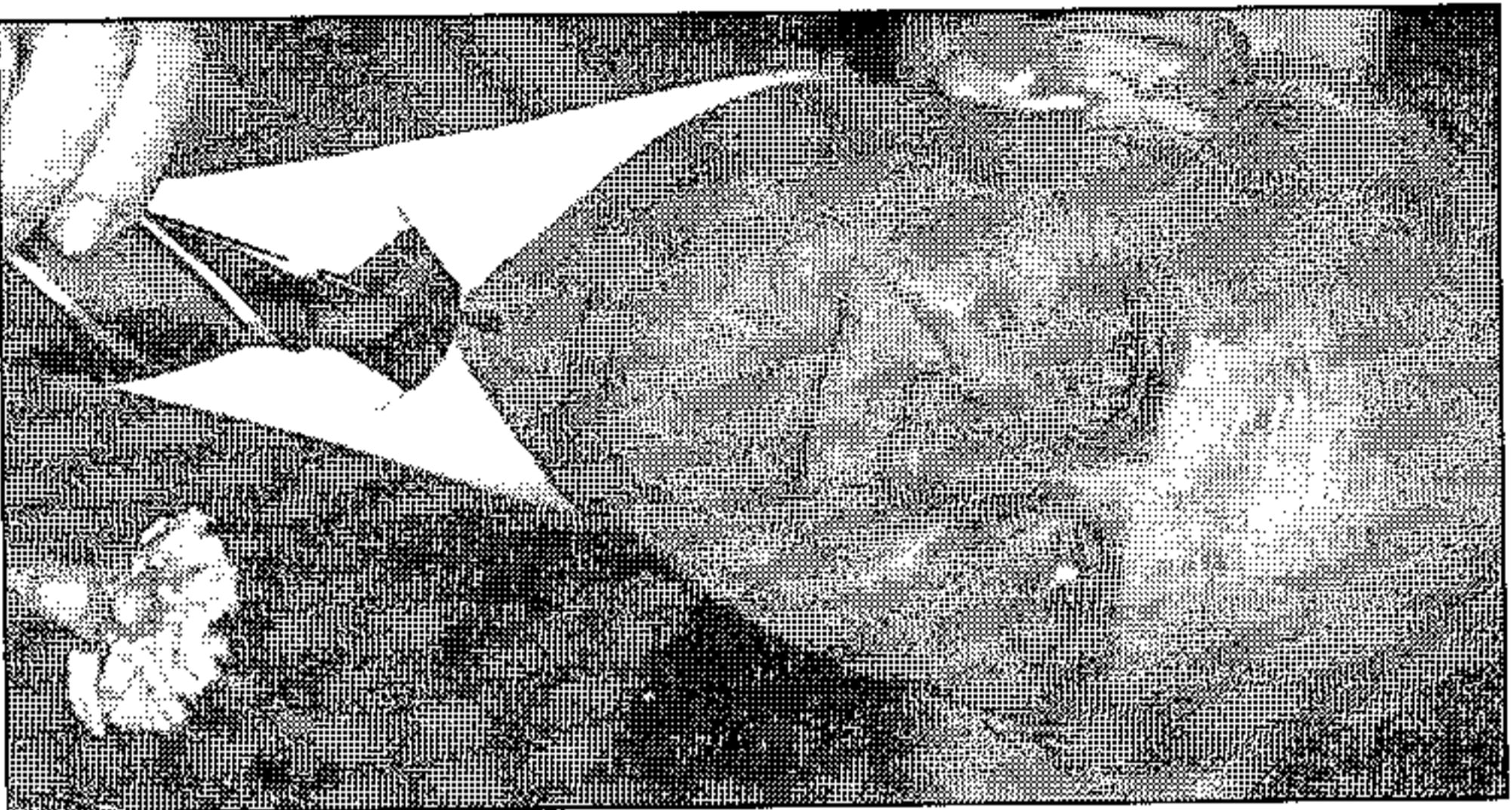
It was expected that the Bills would get cabinet approval this week and that they would be tabled in the national assembly before parliament goes into recess on September 20.

But ANC sources indicated that reallocating portfolios was "more complicated than originally thought". Although President Nelson Mandela as head of state is commander of the Defence Force, Section 88 (5) of the transitional constitution determines that portfolios must be allocated "in the spirit underlying the concept of national unity".

The president "and other functionaries" must endeavour to achieve consensus at all times.

De Klerk's refusal to relinquish the intelligence portfolio has thwarted efforts by Mandela to appoint former ANC department of intelligence and security (DIS) chief Joe Nhlanhla as deputy minister in the president's office responsible for intelligence.

The appointment was expected to be made at the beginning of August and Nhlanhla resigned from his



FW de Klerk... Holding on to control

Corvette or frigate, it's still a warship

Chris Louw

IN Denmark they are known as frigates, powerful battleships used in war. But South Africa's Minister of Defence, Joe Modise, insists that they are nothing more than corvettes, or patrol boats.

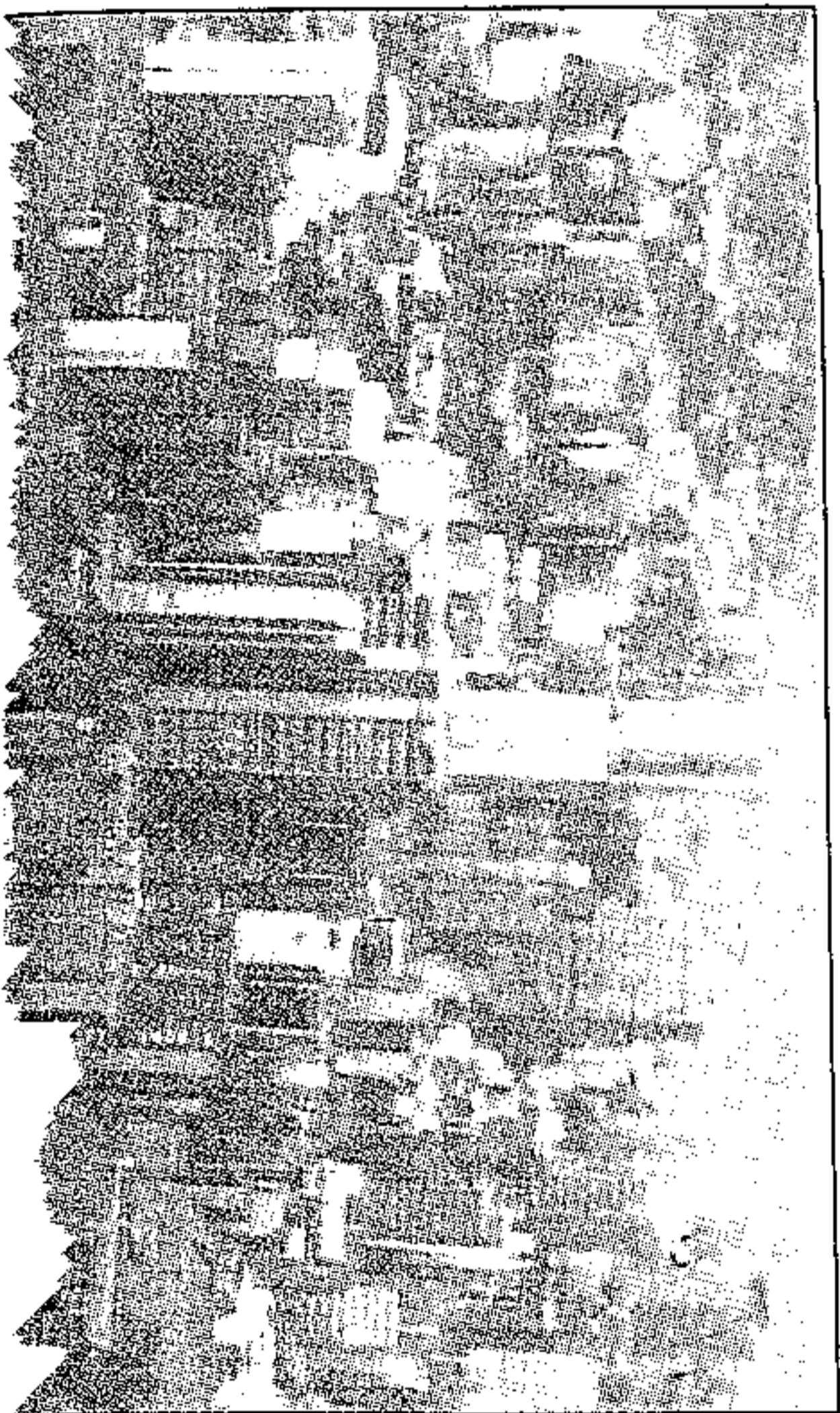
The South African Navy will soon acquire four "corvettes" from a foreign country, and indications are

The *Vaeddert* docked in Cape Town at a time when the navy chief, Vice-Admiral Robert Simpson-

Anderson, was being entertained by the government in Denmark. Rumours that Simpson-Anderson was secretly flown out by helicopter to inspect the *Vaeddert* before it docked in Cape Town could not be confirmed.

The ANC leaving strongly opposes

Burning childhood memories



that Denmark will be granted the tender in return for buying South African coal.

This week a Danish frigate, the *Vaadertrn*, docked in Cape Town's harbour and the public was allowed on board for a sneak preview. Modise was treated to a dinner on the *Vaadertrn* on Wednesday evening.

In a recent speech in parliament, Modise insisted that the navy intended buying corvettes "and not frigates". However, military sources disclosed this week that the Danish ships on offer and eyed by Modise are in fact frigates. This is confirmed by leaflets distributed by the Danes to visitors.

"All that is needed is to remove one container on the ship and replace it with missile guns to change the 'corvette' back to a frigate," an expert said.

Flack may still hit the fans

WILL singers Roberta Flack and Peabo Bryson actually arrive at Jan Smuts Airport on Friday afternoon? On Thursday, Cape Town promoters Farid H Promotions still insisted they were on their way.

It was a tale they had told once or twice earlier in the week. The first estimated arrival date was Sunday; it was rumoured Winnie Mandela would be there to meet them. In the event, Flack and Bryson stayed home. They also didn't arrive on Monday. Nor did they arrive on Wednesday, in time for a Cape Town concert which had to be cancelled.

Yesterday, Computicket was offering ticket holders refunds for any of the three concerts scheduled — in Cape Town on Wednesday, Johannesburg on Saturday and Pretoria on Sunday.

Booking had been suspended on Wednesday. "I really can't put the tickets back on sale until I get some proof that (Flack and Bryson) are on a plane," said Computicket entertainment director Bernard Jay.

The promoters moved quickly, announcing the tour hadn't been cancelled, just postponed. The weekend

the strengthening of South Africa's military capability. Permission has, however, been given to the National Defence Force (SANDF) to acquire patrol boats.

This is believed to be the reason why the frigates are now being disguised as "corvettes".

Deputy defence minister Ronnie Kasrils recently referred to the navy as the "cutting edge" of the SANDF. The navy hopes to be given the green light to purchase "corvettes" after years of behind-the-scenes lobbying. It is believed that naval officers were flown to Denmark during the sanction years to inspect the ships.

● Collins Dictionary describes frigates as: "Brit, a warship smaller than a destroyer; US, a warship larger than a destroyer." A corvette is described as "a lightly armed escort warship".

concerts would go ahead, and the Cape Town concert would too, a week later than scheduled.

It was, said a spokesman for the promoter, a question of fees: the two had not yet been paid in full, nor had airline tickets been paid for on time. But all was well, said Farid H Promotions. The Wednesday concert had been "officially postponed" to September 7, and the weekend performances "will be delivered as scheduled".

The last time this much tension surrounded a purported tour by an overseas star, the performer was megastar Michael Jackson — and he didn't make it.

But his sister came instead. LaToya Jackson arrived in November last year, several weeks after her brother's non-appearance, with a backing tape, two dancers, an excellent supporting act called Def Dannes Dope and a husband who insisted on several thousand rands for an interview.

She was booked into inappropriate venues, like the huge Saambou Arena in Pretoria, and attracted tiny audiences.

Her promoter? The then little-known Farid H Promotions.



anticipation. No announcement was made, however.

The tussle goes beyond the cabinet, with both Thabo Mbeki and ANC members

and intelligence officers vying for top positions. It is understood that a compromise has been reached allowing for two directors-general of intelligence. Mooted for the posts are former National Intelligence Service (NIS) head Mike Louw and DIS officials Mo Sheik and Billy Masetha.

The ANC's Lindiwe Sisulu will head the intelligence standing committee. Provision for the committee is made in one of the Bills discussed by the cabinet.

It will enjoy more power than most of the present standing committees, both in monitoring authority and in ability to scrutinise intelligence budgets.

Sandy Africa, who is linked to the Military Research Group and has made an input into the Bills, said the secrecy surrounding intelligence was "inexcusable".

A media liaison committee, consisting of the Heads of Civilian Services, was recently established to keep the press abreast of developments, but so far it has failed to provide any information. Represented in the committee are the heads of NIS, DIS and the former Venda, Bophuthatswana and Transkei intelligence agencies.

There is a cabinet Committee for Security and Intelligence, consisting of Dullah Omar (Justice), Alfred Nzo (Foreign Affairs), Mangosuthu Buthelezi (Home Affairs), Derek Keys (Finance), Joe Modise (Defence), Kader Asmal (Water Affairs and Forestry), Sidney Mlamadli (Safety and Security) and Sipho Mzimela (Correctional Services).

A meeting is planned in Cape Town next week to look at the consequences once the Bills are approved.

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Sasco on wane, say Wits students

Star 16/9/94

■ BY JUSTICE MALALA

Students at the University of the Witwatersrand who have witnessed the campus chaos in the past two weeks say the action was an irritant by a group that has lost most of its supporters.

As the SA Students' Congress (Sasco) embarked on its surprise marches on campus, turning over rubbish bins and disrupting lectures, its traditional supporters were attending class.

The Star interviewed several students on the campus and most said they were opposed to Sasco's tactics.

Not more than 100 students had been involved in the disruptive activities, perceived by former supporters to be undemocratic and "out of tune with the times".

Sasco's call for a class boycott had been ignored and classes broken up only after being disrupted.

"This latest campaign was the result of a belief within the Wits branch executive that it has to

lead all activities and have a high profile nationally," said a disenchanted Sasco member.

"When disruptions started at other institutions they just took the issue of financial exclusions and hyped it up."

A former radical activist in the early '90s said before last week's march on the PWV education MEC's office that he was attending lectures.

Fissures

"These guys came and woke me up at 10 at night and told me about the march. Then they expect me to call that democracy. All I want to do is learn."

Many students said they felt Sasco had moved closer to the Workers' Organisation of SA-inclined Socialist Students Action Committee (SSAC) and away from its ANC-Cosatu-SA Communist Party allies.

Serious fissures within Sasco started to emerge last year when the organisation embarked on a campaign to have the uni-

versity transformed.

Allegations surfaced that the campaign was being waged by militants headed by executive member Peniel Mashele. Mashele failed to arrive at several meetings of the Forum for Accelerated Transformation at Wits.

Mashele said yesterday that Sasco had set up a commission to look into allegations of a clique leading the organisation undemocratically.

If one was found to exist, disciplinary measures would be taken, he said, adding he was not aware of any clique.

He "definitely" did not agree with allegations that Sasco had lost support or that it was dominated by members of the SSAC.

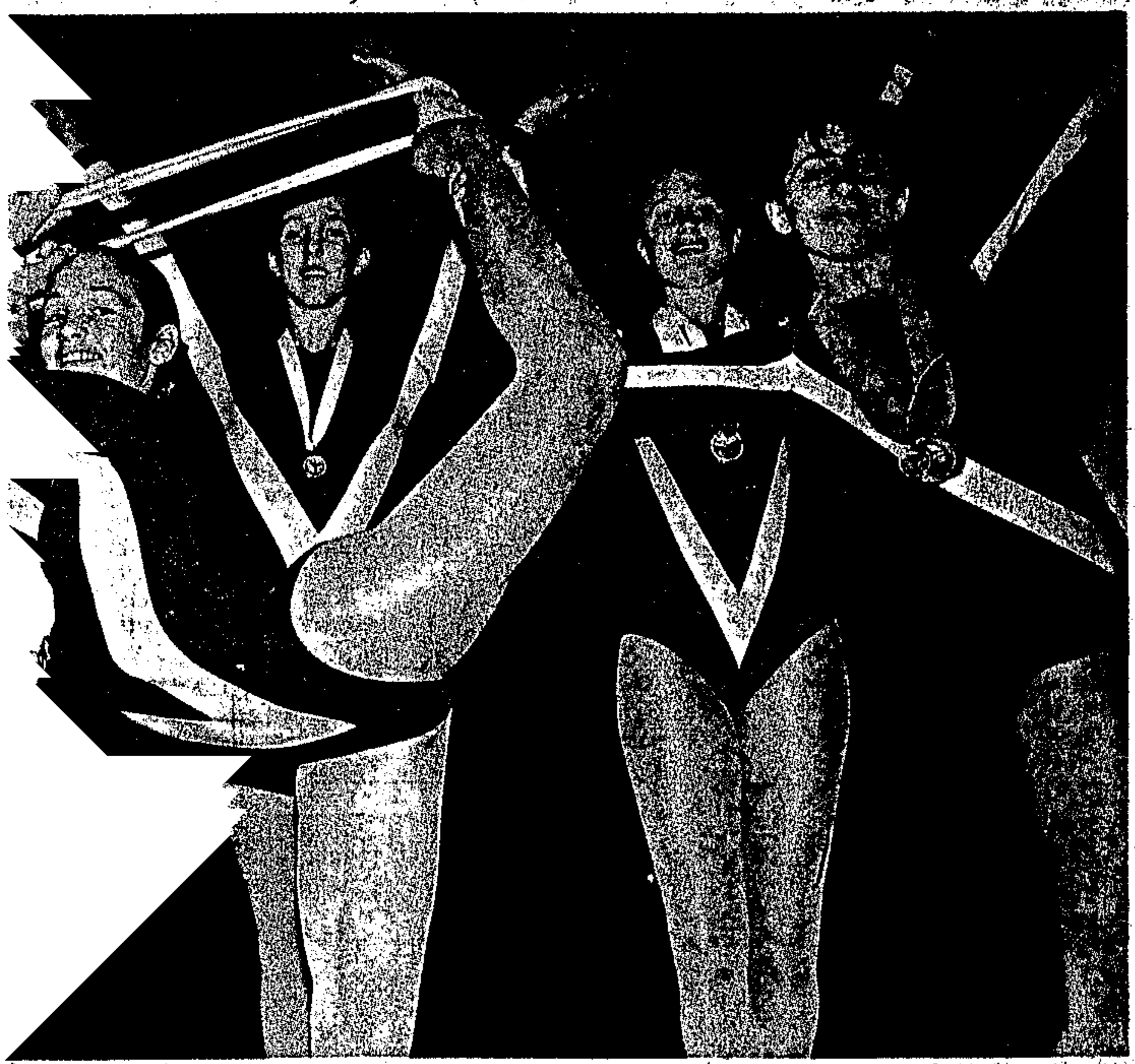
"The number of people who joined Sasco at the beginning of the year shows that our membership has grown. But in an environment where there is a surveillance system like here at Wits, it is only the bravest activists who will take part in actions like the litter campaign."

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Campus

is shake-up on the way

(57) ARG 7/9/94



□ National goals the yardstick

JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

SOUTH African campuses face far-reaching changes to meet national goals, says national education director general Noel Manganyi.

In the coming years, institutions and their graduates would be evaluated in terms of the contribution they made to the country's reconstruction and development, Professor Manganyi said yesterday.

Courses, teaching and learning methods and research had to be relevant to the country's needs, he told a management scientists conference in Bellville.

The way tertiary institutions were governed had to change so that campus structures reflected the human rights ethos contained in the new constitution.

Professor Manganyi said he wondered how many university councils had taken note of the full implications of the new constitution.

Tertiary institutions were national resources and were accountable to the people of South Africa, but this did not mean that the education ministry would interfere in their affairs.

"The minister has no appetite for meddling, and neither do I," Professor Manganyi said.

Minister Bengu had started investigations into transforming South African campuses and an announcement on the proposed Council for Higher Education would be made soon, Professor Manganyi said.

Universities had a crucial contribution to make toward good government and a robust democracy.

The entire education system had to be restructured to become better synchronised. A major weakness was that there had never been a national plan for tertiary education.

It was important that students be able to move between colleges, technikons and universities.



THEY'VE GOT RHYTHM: Among the local gymnasts who excelled at the National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship are, from left, Michelle Schemel, 17, two silver medals and overall champion Grade 4 high school; Lisa Lonero, 11, three gold medals and SA junior champion; Jessica Morgan, 15, one gold, one bronze and second in Grade 4 high school; Anne Cameron-Smith, three golds and overall champion Grade 3 high school, and Kathleen Haywood, 13, two bronzes, one silver and third overall.
Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

Province 'on song' in rhythmic gym champs

MAUREEN PITHEY
Staff Reporter

WESTERN Province gymnasts have rhythm that by far surpasses the efforts of their counterparts in the eight other provinces.

Local gymnasts made an excellent showing at the National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships at Coetzenberg at the weekend.

While only eight of the 156 gymnasts competing



R500 000 for pharmacy school

(54) ART 8/9/94

Health Reporter

THE SA Druggists group has contributed R500 000 to the University of the Western Cape's pharmacy school.

The money will go towards the extension of the school's facilities to enable the training of more pharmacists, promote research and facilitate collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry.

The new facilities will mean the intake of 36 students a year can be upped to 80 or more.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony yesterday, SA Druggists chief executive Peter Benningfield said the contribution was an investment in the future.

"South Africa's re-admission to the world has brought with it many opportunities, but also enormous challenges," he said.

"If we are to meet those challenges... we must review critically many of the standards and practices that we accepted in the isolation years."

UCT staff (54) threaten

action ARCT 8/9/94 over wages

Labour Reporter

SENIOR non-academic staff at the University of Cape Town have declared themselves in dispute with the university and threatened industrial action unless their 8,4 percent wage demand is met.

About 300 members of the UCT Staff Association marched on the university's administration building yesterday and handed a memorandum to chairman of the council Ian Simms.

"While the university strives to maintain standards of excellence in all facets of life, the living standards of non-academic staff are on the decline," the memorandum, signed by association president Mark Ramsden, said.

The staff association represents 1 374 clerks, secretaries, technicians, librarians and other non-academic staff.

They presently earn between R1 600 and R8 000 a month, excluding benefits.

The university is offering a 5,4 percent across-the-board wage increase.

Members of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) — which represents lower wage-earners than the association — are also in dispute with the university.



MORE MONEY . . . Some of the University of Cape Town's staff marched to the university's administrative buildings yesterday to demand more money. They were protesting against their proposed salary increases. Picture: BENNY GOOL

200 students in rampage

BLOEMFONTEIN. — About 200 black students went on the rampage at the college here on Tuesday, overturning furniture and causing damage to equipment.

The students stormed through the main building into the department of hairdressing, where they overturned models, ripped posters from the walls and scattered equipment and dyes on the floor. (54)

In the cafeteria they allegedly stole food and overturned furniture before leaving the building and gathering on the lawns outside.

Police were called to the campus and stood by while student representatives and college management discussed the situation. — Sapa

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UCT staff march to demand more money

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 300 non-academic UCT staff marched to the university's administrative buildings yesterday to protest against their proposed increases.

UCT Staff Association president Mr Mark Ramsden handed a petition to chairman of the university council, Mr Ian Simms, objecting to the 5,4% salary offer.

The staff are demanding an increase of 8,5%.

Mr Ramsden said staff were aware that UCT had severe financial constraints, but said the university has mismanaged their funds.

UCT spokeswoman Ms Helen Zille said in a statement yesterday that more than 64% of staff represented by the association had received salary increases of between 3,5% and 4,5% in April.

She said the average salary package

of staff in the four to 12 pay classes, who were involved in the protest, ranged from R1 600 to R8 038 a month, excluding benefits.

The positions ranged from senior cleaner to assistant registrar.

Benefits included a housing subsidy and the university's contribution to pension and medical aid.

The lower end of the salary scale included staff such as telephonists, junior lighting technicians and sports attendants.

Ms Zille said the government subsidy to universities and technikons for salary increases in 1994/95 was based on a projected 5,6% increase. Any expenditure above the subsidy has to be met from student fees.

She said 21% of undergraduate students at UCT came from families where the total family income fell below the average UCT salary package for staff in their lowest salary classes.

ART 13/9/94
**University
rules change**

(54)
Staff Reporter

ADMISSION rules for first degrees at universities are to be reviewed, says Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu.

He announced this after a meeting with representatives of the Committee of University Principals and the Committee of Technikon Principals.

Professor Bengu said the meeting had agreed that admission rules needed to be reviewed and there would be further discussion on how this would be done.

According to proposed changes, students will no longer be required to pass a compulsory first and second language for university admission.

It is likely that only one "medium of tuition" will be prescribed, which a student will have to pass at a higher grade.

Pledge on standards by Rhodes

GRAHAMSTOWN. — Rhodes University vice-chancellor Derek Henderson has emphasised that the institution will not accept sub-standard students. (54) AR 13/9/94

He was commenting on demonstrations that marred Rhodes's 90th anniversary celebrations when protesters demanded that the university admit 2 000 students from the black township of Rini.

Professor Henderson said the university was committed to integrating an increasing number of students from Rini but that they had to conform to the necessary standards.

Thousands of students, pupils, members of health and education workers' unions and the South African Democratic Teachers' Union marched through the streets of Grahamstown to the campus.

Council members, academics and university officials left the hall where a commemorative service had been held to encounter protesters screaming that the anniversary celebrations were a "farce". — Sapa.

New university entrance qualifications proposed

CAPE TOWN — University admission requirements are likely to be changed following discussions between Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu and university and technikon principals.

Committee of University Principals chief director Jos Grobler said the changes proposed by the committee would make university admission procedures more streamlined and flexible, while expanding access for students.

The major change is that students would no longer be required to pass a compulsory first and second language for university admission.

It is likely that only one "medium of tuition" language will be prescribed, which a student will have to pass at higher grade along with three other higher grade subjects.

In the current system, students

ADRIAN HADLAND

need to pass five of six subjects at an aggregate of 45%.

In the proposed scheme, students would have to receive a 50% average for the four subjects, including the medium of tuition, as well as a minimum of 40% in each to achieve university entrance.

The changes also provide for candidates to write their examinations in two sittings, where previously they had to complete them in one. (5/1)

"In order to qualify for a matriculation endorsement, senior certificate candidates will now be allowed to satisfy the requirements at two sittings," said a committee official.

Another proposal is that university senates would be able to award a limited number of discretionary places on grounds of special merit.

The awarding of subsidies to such

students, possibly on a retrospective basis following the successful completion of one academic year, was still being negotiated, Grobler said.

Bengu said yesterday that proposals for the amendment of the Universities Act would have to be submitted to the Commission for Higher Education. However, the commission, which would be an all-inclusive advisory body, had yet to be established.

University and technikon principals had been told government was attempting to secure additional funds from various donors in order to alleviate the student financing crisis facing tertiary institutions this year.

Funds secured would be distributed according to the needs of students, irrespective of the institution.

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University admission revamp

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Political Staff

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Candidates will also be able to write their examinations in two sittings, instead of one.

Private funds to go to all destitute students

MONEY raised from the private sector and donor agencies will be distributed to all destitute students, irrespective of which institution they are attending.

At a meeting on Friday, university and technikon principals pledged to resolve education problems in a spirit of negotiation. It was also agreed that funding adjustments would be needed to address problems facing black institutions. — Sapa (54) AT 13/9/94

Hostage drama on campus

(54) CT 14/9/94

JOHANNESBURG. — In a bid to defuse a hostage drama where 600 students are holding a manpower official, Labour Minister Mr Tito Mboweni last night agreed to address students and staff at the Odi Training Centre, Mobopane, today.

The students are demanding that the centre fall under the department of education and not labour.

In a late-night telephone conversation with staff and student

representatives Mr Mboweni said he would arrive at the campus "after lunch".

According to staff representative Mr Joseph Segwati, Mr

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Mboweni was told their hostage, North-West deputy-director of training services Mr Basil van Vuuren, 58, would be held on the

campus till Mr Mboweni arrived.

Mr Van Vuuren, who had earlier said "things aren't very good, nobody's helping us", greeted the news with relief.

He said two of his sons had visited him and he had spoken to his wife to tell her the news.

"She was very upset, but she's cooled off now," he added.

Student representatives said the decision to take Mr Van Vuuren hostage had been spontaneous. He was taken hostage at 10am yesterday. — Sapa

Minister intervenes in college hostage drama

PRETORIA. — Weary staff members and students at the besieged Odi Training College, where a manpower official is being held hostage, were preparing today to meet national Labour Minister Tito Mboweni to resolve the crisis.

Mr Mboweni is expected at the centre at 3pm to intervene in the dispute.

In the 24-hour sit-in at the premises in Mabopane, Basil van Vuren, 58, North-West deputy manpower director of training services, was taken hostage by staff and students yesterday after he apparently gave a non-committal response to a list of grievances handed to him two weeks ago.

Student and staff representative Gabriel Letlole said the drastic action taken by the students was the only way to call attention to their grievances.

About 600 students, supported by 65 multiracial staff

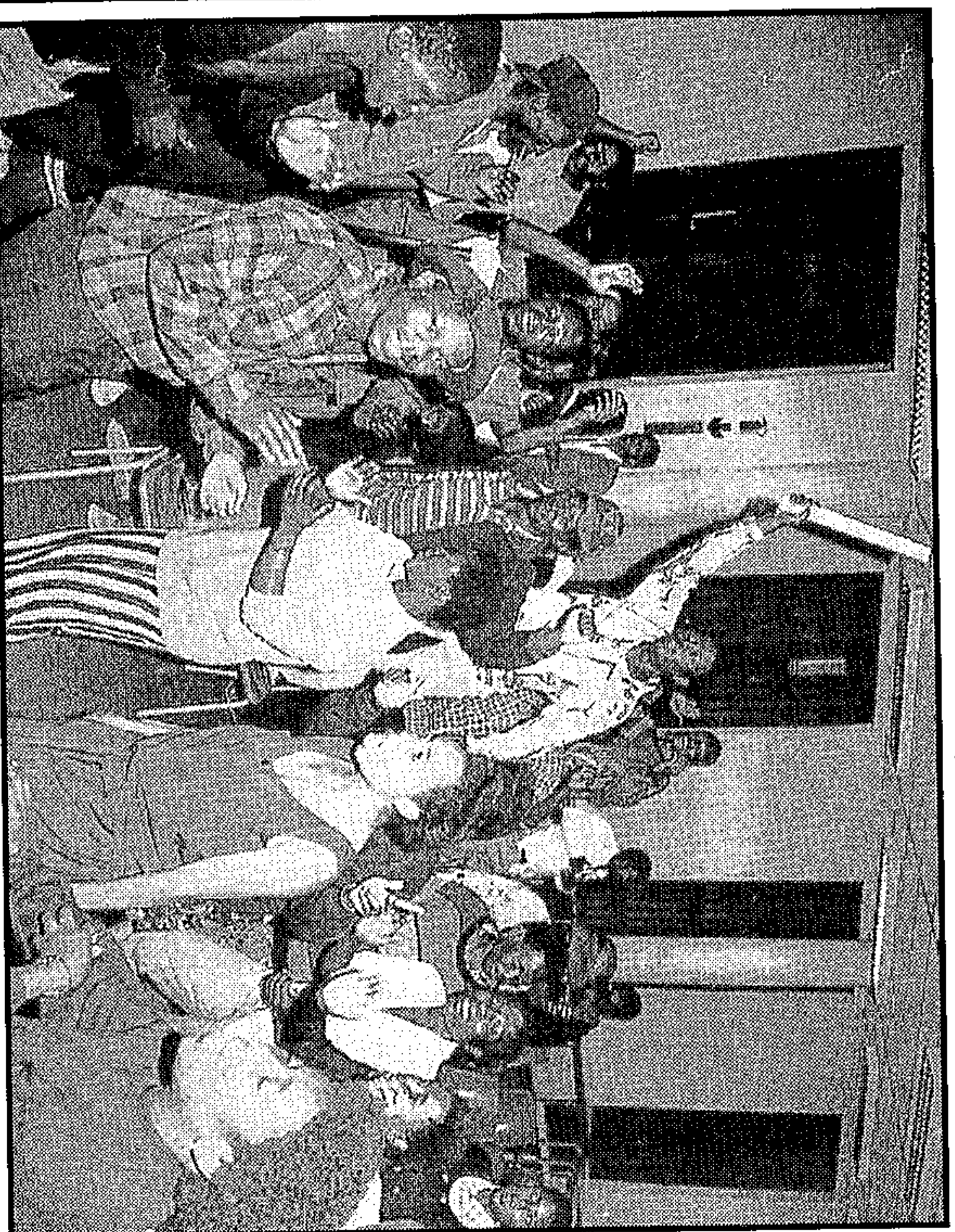
members, are demanding that the manpower training centres in Mabopane, Kudube and Mmabatho be controlled by the department of education and not the labour ministry.

Today staff from the Kudube Manpower Training Centre voluntarily joined the staff of the Odi Manpower Training Centre, and Kudube students joined the protesting Odi students.

Students from the Mmabatho training centre were expected to join the protest later in the day.

In a late-night telephone conversation with staff and student representatives, Mr Mboweni said he would arrive at the campus "after lunch on Wednesday".

According to staff representative Joseph Segwari, Mr Mboweni was told the protesters would remain on campus — with their hostage — until he arrived. — The Argus Correspondent and Sapa.



HAVING FUN: A group of students have a little fun outside the training centre while the hostage drama unfolds inside.

Report on UCT staff march is biased

CT. 14/9/94 (54)
From MARK RAMSDEN,
President, UCT Staff
Association, (Ronde-
bosch):

I AM disappointed that your report "UCT staff march to demand more money" (September 8 1994) displayed apparent bias towards the University of Cape Town.

The Staff Association's viewpoint was allocated four lines in the report, while the UCT view was allocated 30. Furthermore, the substance of the statement that we delivered to the UCT Council was not reported.

I am concerned that in view of the above your report creates an impression of well-paid staff who are unreasonably demanding higher salaries.

Statements such as Ms Zille's "more than 64% of staff represented by the

association had received salary increases of between 3,5% and 4,5% in April", ignore that a large number of our members received no such ("notch") increase, while all members of academic staff did. Her statement that "any expenditure (on salaries) above the government subsidy has to be met from student fees" makes no reference to the creative strategies that are being employed to raise money for academic staff only. Also, while she mentions that the salaries of our members range from R1 600 to R8 000 per month, it is disingenuous to exclude that the majority fall in the bottom third.

With reference to the financial difficulties facing the university, I trust that Ms Zille was not trying to justify

inequality by citing hardship.

Over the last few years student numbers at UCT have increased dramatically and additional lectures and tutors have been employed. However, the resulting increased workload for support staff has been completely disregarded and their numbers remain the same. We simply have to work much harder for less money!

Those staff who are not defined as "academic" experience that their range of contributions — teaching and research — is undervalued.

While the university strives to maintain standards of excellence in all facets of life and equity at all levels, "non-academic" staff are being placed first in line to shoulder the cuts in spending.

Universities continue to enjoy autonomy

Political Staff

CT 15/9/94 (54)

UNIVERSITIES continue to enjoy a high level of autonomy and the government would not be prescriptive about the promotion of African culture on the campuses, Minister of Education Mr Sibusiso Bengu said yesterday.

Many had also emphasised the African perspective, he said.

"Experience has made it clear autonomy and academic freedom are essential for the vitality and effective functioning of these institutions," Mr Bengu said.

Hostage part of Mboweni team

JOHANNESBURG. — The man taken hostage on Tuesday by students, Manpower deputy director Mr Basil van Vuuren, was named last night as part of Labour Minister Mr Tito Mboweni's negotiating team to end the crisis at the Odi Manpower Centre in Mabopane, north of Pretoria.

It was not clear, however, if he had actually been released by the students.

Mr Mboweni, North-West Minister of Education Mrs Mamakoene Gaoretelelwe, parents, teachers and trainees met from late yesterday to end the crisis.

About 600 students, supported by staff members, have demanded the training school and three others in the former homeland of Bophuthatswana fall under the department of education rather than the labour department. The change, they believe, would mean more pay.

Indications late last night were that talks could last through the night.

Those on the campus were calm and exhausted. — Sapa

Stellenbosch told to 'adapt' language policy to serve broader SA

MICHAEL MORRIS and SHARON SOROUR, Staff Reporters

STELLENBOSCH University's language policy would have to be "adapted" to ensure its resources were accessible to the broader South African community, President Nelson Mandela told university staff and students.

In an address to an invited University of Stellenbosch audience last night, the president challenged the university to re-position itself as an institution serving the broader South Africa, rather than the in-

terests of Afrikaners or whites.

"The predominantly white audience here today does not yet reflect this, but I am confident that you will face the challenge and work towards a situation where the distribution of students and lecturing personnel will become more representative of the South African population," he said.

It would not be "good enough" simply to await the arrival of new students from "oppressed" communities. There would have to be an "active and creative" process of working with communities that

were in the greatest need.

"Such an approach implies that your policy on Afrikaners as the medium of education will have to be adapted."

This was not to suggest there was no place for Afrikaners as a language of science and scholars.

But the university had a "specific responsibility towards the oppressed and disadvantaged community," Mr Mandela said.

University rector Andreas van Wyk — who delivered part of his speech in Xhosa — responded that the university was determined to

make a full contribution to developing South Africa and improving the lives of all communities.

"But we accept that this commitment will have to become even greater and that we will have to learn through listening."

He said the university already had a "significant proportion" — 10 percent — of black students and that this figure was "rising exponentially".

Professor Van Wyk said he did not regard the use of Afrikaners as the medium of instruction as an ob-

stacle, since the area the university served was more than 60 percent Afrikaners speaking.

"We have always been flexible in our language policy and we will remain so," he said.

● South Africa is a multi-lingual country and there is room for education in languages including Afrikaners, says Henno Cronje of the Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuurverenigings (FAK).

Mr Cronje said: "If Mr Mandela's statement applies to Afrikaners universities, surely it then applies to English universities as well?"

Buthelezi act: Probe wanted

CT 28/9/14

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — SABC chief executive Mr Zwiakhe Sisulu called on the cabinet yesterday to hold a public inquiry into Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's interruption of Sunday night's SABC television interview with Prince Sifiso Zulu in Durban.

"The cabinet (is) the appropriate body to deal with an incident involving one of its members," Mr Sisulu said.

His report of the incident rejects Chief Buthelezi's claim that he had not known the cameras were rolling in the studio.

Posts, Broadcasting and Telecommunications Minister Dr Pallo Jordan will present the re-

Chief of SABC calls on cabinet

port to the cabinet at its meeting in Pretoria today.
Mr Sisulu said the incident had undone months of work to transform the SABC into an independent, national broadcasting service. "If cabinet ministers can literally take over SABC programmes, the corporation's claims of independence are meaningless. We have asked the cabinet to act fast and firmly on this matter."

But Mr Sisulu accepted criticism from the Independent

Broadcasting Authority that the incident highlighted "the apparent lack of a responsible editorial judgment in the Durban studio".

Mr Sisulu's report does not corroborate the claim by the SABC's Natal regional manager, Mr Hawu Mbatha, that Prince Sifiso produced a gun during the fracas, but states that "a member of Buthelezi's entourage emerged from the melée with a firearm — and with a second visible under his cardigan".

Durban cameraman Graham Reardon is quoted as saying: "At no stage did I see a firearm being drawn by Prince Sifiso."

Chief Buthelezi is expected to be present throughout today's cabinet discussions, and will present his version of events to the cabinet, said President Nelson Mandela's spokesman, Mr Joel Netshitenzhe.

Maties wish to continue in Afrikaans

CT 28/9/14
By CHRIS BATEMAN

MATIE Rector Professor Andreas van Wyk has rebutted suggestions by President Nelson Mandela that the university's policy of Afrikaans as an educational medium be adjusted to broaden access to the campus. Speaking in Stellenbosch after President Mandela addressed students there in his first speech on an Afrikaans campus since his inauguration, he said more than 60% of the demographic student area was Afrikaans speaking.

The campus had also recently adopted policies aimed at recruiting more black academic and non-academic staff.

Afrikaans as a medium of instruction was regarded as an "opportunity" rather than an "obstacle", Prof Van Wyk said.

Nearly 20% of students on campus had home languages other than Afrikaans, he said.

The university had always been flexible in its language policy and would remain so, he contended.

He said: "Mr President, we wish to remain Afrikaans in an inclusive sense, as an open institution . . . not an exclusive one."

Mr Mandela told his 350-strong Matie audience that whatever language policy they followed, it should "enhance rather than limit this university's ability to share your resources with the broader community".



Cleaners litter UWC in strike

CT 29/9/94 (54)

By YVETTE VAN BREDA

STRIKING cleaning staff at the University of the Western Cape scattered piles of litter in several buildings on the campus yesterday.

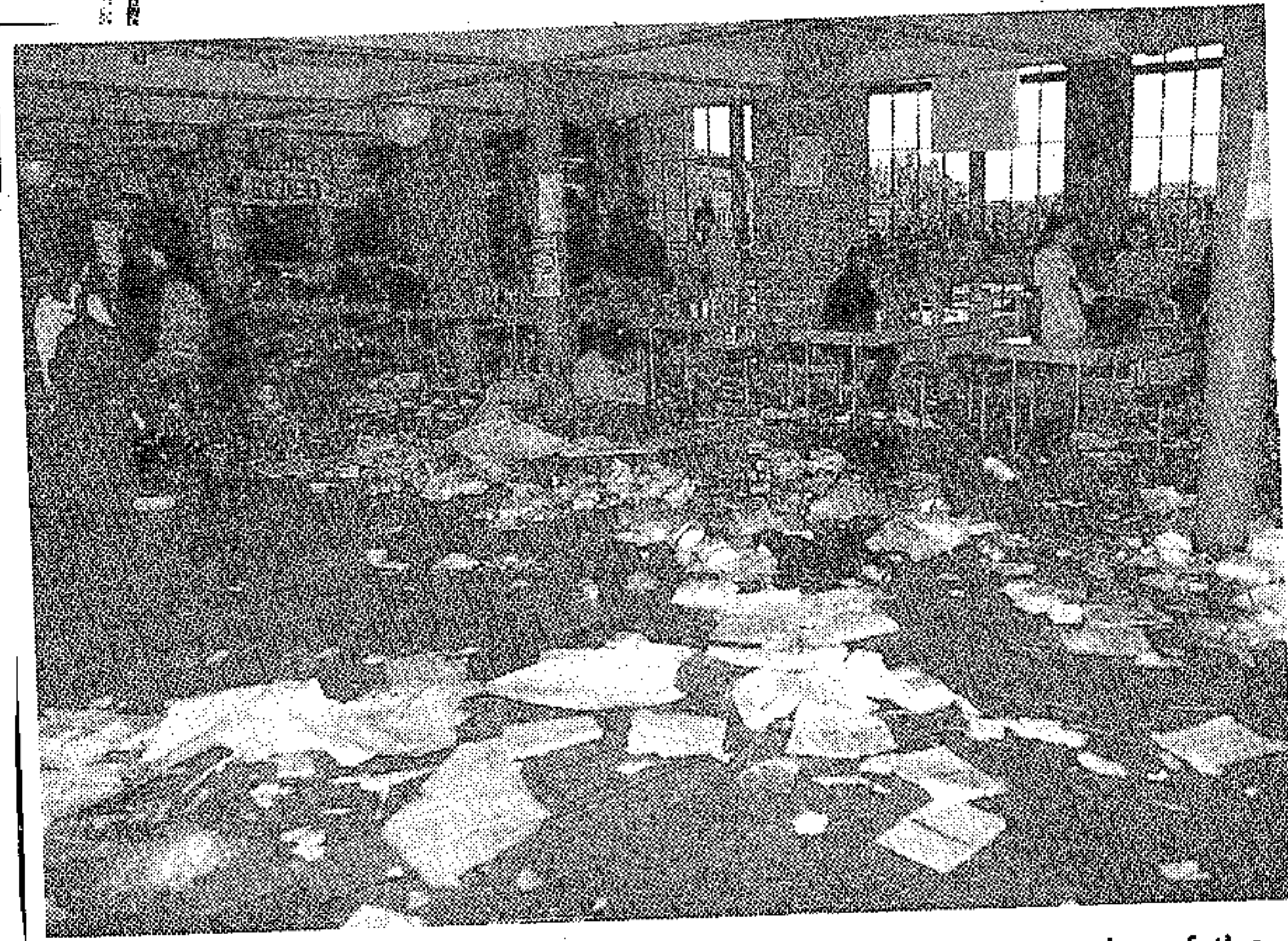
About 200 full-time and 30 part-time staff, employed by Cape Contract Cleaners (CCC), an outside concern which has a contract with the university, are demanding a minimum monthly wage of R1 500.

They have been on strike since Monday and have scattered rubbish in several campus buildings, including residences and offices.

About 100 workers had a meeting yesterday with their employer, Mr T Behrmann, who said the university registrar had warned that if the workers did not return to their duties the university would have to cancel its contract.

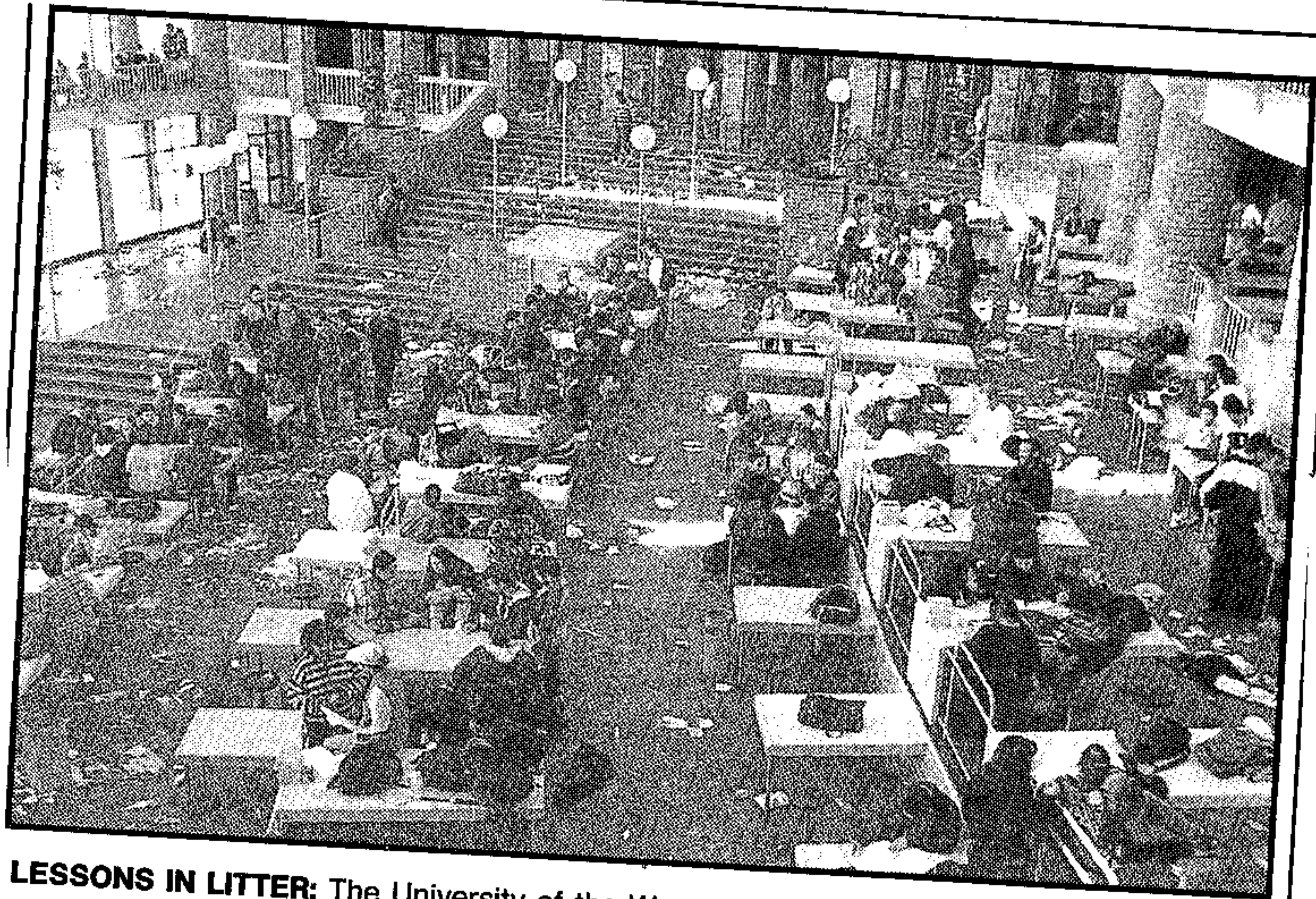
A university spokesman, Mr Michael Doman, said if Mr Behrmann acceded to their wage demand a new contract could mean almost R3 million a year more spent on cleaning.

● The University of Transkei was closed yesterday after more than 2 000 employees, including academic staff, went on strike over a pay dispute.



LITTER-STREWN . . . The university centre at the University of the Western Cape was strewn with litter yesterday by cleaning staff who have been on strike since Monday. Yesterday university staff had to clean up the mess.

Picture: ALAN TAYLOR



LESSONS IN LITTER: The University of the Western Cape is strewn with litter deposited by striking cleaning staff.

Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

UWC warning to striking cleaners

Labour Reporter

THE University of the Western Cape says "steps may be taken" to prevent striking cleaners from trashing the campus.

Protesting employees of Cape Contract Cleaners started an illegal strike on Monday, and the university says the 200 full-timers and 30 part-timers have strewn litter in several campus buildings.

A list of the workers' de-

mands handed to the university by Cape Contract Cleaners includes a demand for a R1 500 monthly minimum wage.

UWC spokesman Michael Doman said that if the company acceded to this demand it would add an extra R3 million to the university's annual cleaning bill.

"This extra expenditure on the contract cannot be borne by the university budget," he said.

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Mr Doman said that the workers also wanted to be included in the university staff, but this was impossible because of budgetary constraints.

He said: "While the university fully supports the right of workers to strike and protest, these litter-strewing actions are unacceptable.

"Steps may be taken to prevent a repeat of these actions." Cape Contract Cleaners was unavailable for comment.

WM 7-13/10/94 54 Rector under siege on UDW campus warzone

The man in the hot seat on the University of Durban-Westville's battlefield is playing a wait-and-see game, reports **Farouk Chothia**

THE University of Durban-Westville has turned into a battlefield: lecturers have come close to punching colleagues; death threats have been issued; court action has been taken; and smear pamphlets have saturated the campus.

The casualty toll is rising: registrar Professor Robyn Jacobson has been on sick leave since July after suffering a breakdown; vice-rector Professor John Butler-Adam was off the whole of last month after complaining of "exhaustion"; the head of the Financial Aid Bureau, Thandi Kgosiditsi, is also on "sick leave"; and a lecturer in the Department of Fine Arts, Erica Clarke, quit last week, fed up with the bitter in-fighting.

The man at the centre of the crisis, however, is still there: the rector, Professor Jairam Reddy, whom a significant faction of staff members and students want ousted.

Reddy accepted the rectorship four years ago amid popular support. He was then seen as the ideal person to transform the university from a "bush college" into a "people's university".

At a council meeting about three weeks ago, Reddy submitted his resignation rather than risk a debate over his future at the institution. One source said he had complained that the university had become "ungovernable" and it was time for him to make way for a new rector.

But as soon as he handed in his resignation, his allies — spread throughout the council, senate and sections of the academic fraternity and students — pushed for him to be offered a second term.

Now, Reddy is playing a wait-and-see game: if the vicious power struggles being waged lead to a weakening

of his opponents, he will remain in the hot seat, one source said.

In this context, sources said, it is vital that the pro-Reddy faction secures significant representation in the Combined Staff Association (Comsa) which is spearheading opposition against him.

Six professors launched a stinging attack against Comsa leaders last week, accusing them of being "undemocratic". This resulted in the Comsa executive calling a snap poll — even though it had been re-elected into office only a few weeks ago.

Comsa's role has led to court action between two sociology department staff members who fall on different sides of the dispute. Lecturer Dr Evangelos Mantzaris launched an urgent court application to prevent the head of the department, Professor Ronaldo Munck, from "assaulting, threatening and harassing" him.

Munck is also at the centre of another controversy: sociology students and staff members last week passed a "vote of no confidence" in him and replaced him as the head of the department with David Hemson — an appointment Reddy has refused to recognise.

In order to restore the university's "dignity", Reddy declared what one critic described as a "state of emergency" last Friday. He issued an "important notice" barring anyone from making media statements that bring the university into "disrepute"; he warned that "investigations" are under way to determine how "confidential documents" have landed in the hands of journalists; and stated that "disciplinary action" would be taken against anyone making "slandorous and defamatory" statements at any university forum.

Reddy added that the university council had decided to appoint a commission of inquiry to look into "certain problems". This move has heightened tensions: his critics fear that a "witch-hunt" is under way.

The battles have taken their toll on Reddy. He told the WM&G this week that he was "tired, at times under



Vicious power struggles: Professor Jairam Reddy

PHOTO: RAJESH JANTILAL

stress and tension", but "certainly not bitter and disillusioned". He regards the crisis as part of the transition phase: "The old is gone; the new is yet to be born; the interregnum remains problematic and uncertain, even if challenging."

On what guarantees he wanted before accepting a second term, he said: "I ask for none. None can be given (but) the university community must create a climate of governability. "Some members of Comsa have engaged in personal attacks and appear to have difficulty in distinguishing between protecting staff interests and posing as an alternative administration."

Reddy's opponents point to a "litany of scandals" that have rocked the university this year. These include:

●At the graduation ceremony, 11 students who did not complete their courses received degrees.

●Millions of rands have been unaccounted for in the Financial Aid Bureau. Students awarded bursaries have found the bureau could not pay their fees — and now the university will have to fork out the money from its own cash-strapped budget.

Reddy is also accused of dropping the "open door" policy that won him favour when he became rector. Reddy countered that there was "space for debate and criticism"; the council had been "restructured to include all constituencies"; and, where there had been problems, "corrective and preventative action" had been taken.

Pointing to the university's achievements during his first term, Reddy said the demographic profile of the formerly Indians-only institution had changed dramatically: the Indian and black population now stands at 45 percent each, the remaining 10 percent comprising coloureds and whites.

Universities 'should have a flexible language policy'

SA UNIVERSITIES had an obligation to promote social and political change and give value to all the country's languages, Pretoria University Afrikaans professor Vic Webb said yesterday. *B Day*

He said universities should not adopt rigid language policies but should adapt to the language needs of SA's changing student communities. *18/10/94*

Taking into account the increasing numbers of non-Afrikaans students at Pretoria University, Webb believed the university should consider gradually introducing more English, Zulu, Pedi and Tswana as mediums of instruction.

He stressed, however, that it was also important to continue to give value to Afrikaans as one of SA's many languages, and that Afrikaners were entitled to a university which continued to use Afrikaans as a teaching medium.

He said a newspaper report yesterday which quoted him as saying the university could become English-speaking in five years had been taken out of context. He had been trying to point out that the university might have to review its language policy because of an increase in the number of black, coloured and Indian students. From last year the number of black students had grown 124%; coloured students 25% and Indian students 71%. The number of white students had declined 1,9%.

The university said it would not become an English-speaking campus. It was an Afrikaans medium university which made

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provision for "a growing number of people not speaking Afrikaans".

Wits University academic registrar-designate Derek Swemmer said circumstances would compel exclusively Afrikaans universities to reassess their language policies. He said Wits would continue to use English as its sole medium of instruction because English was the international education language.

Potchefstroom University media officer Willie Louw said it was possible the university and its satellite Vaal Triangle campus could become dual-medium institutions if this best suited the needs of the student community. *(54)*

It was also possible the University of the Northwest — which catered for many Northern Sotho speakers — could offer part-time courses delivered in African languages, he said.

Rand Afrikaans University vice-chancellor Prof Cas Crause said RAU would remain an Afrikaans university because Wits — "4km away from us" — catered for English-speaking students in the PWV.

Wits African Languages Department head Prof Mzililazi Khumalo said he did not believe it was practical to teach tertiary education in African languages because the languages did not contain all the necessary terminology.

Attempting to translate psychological, sociological and scientific terms, for example, would "make life difficult".

Tech to offer degrees

Staff Reporter

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THE Cape Technikon will offer degree courses from January — placing it alongside universities.

The tech said the Minister of National Education had approved the technikon's request to offer four-year B-Technology degrees.

The statement said selected students who have completed their three-year National Diplomas will be able to register for a B-Tech degree.

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Workers want to know what UCT heads earn

Labour Reporter

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ARG 21/10/94

WORKERS at the University of Cape Town are furious that the university refuses to divulge the salaries of top executives.

The university, however, has published the salaries of lower-level employees in a pamphlet, which was distributed across the campus this week.

"If President Mandela's salary can be published in the press, and those of all the ministers and MPs, why can the university not tell us how much the vice-chancellor earns", a worker asked.

The worker was a member of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union.

The union is gearing up to strike after holding a strike ballot over wages this week.

"They say the vice-chancellor's salary is confidential. Then why are our salaries not confidential, too? Nobody gave the university permission to publish our salaries," he said.

But UCT spokeswoman Helen Zille said all academic salary scales were in the public domain.

The only salaries the university would not divulge were the vice-chancellor's and the four deputy vice-chancellors.

"We would be quite prepared to divulge our executive-officers' salaries if all the other universities did so too.

"In fact, we are keen that this should happen."

Urgent talks to avert UCT strike

Staff Reporter

AN 11th-hour meeting between the UCT administration and Nehawu was called yesterday in an attempt to avert a strike — but the possibility still looms if workers decide on industrial action on Monday.

This follows months of deadlocked negotiations which saw workers go to the ballot on Wednesday and Thursday in protest against small pay pack-

ages.

Shop steward Mr Raymond Jaftha said after the first ballots had been counted yesterday it was "already clear that it was a yes vote".

An emergency meeting was then called and the administration came up with a revised offer.

This would be taken to the 625 union members on Monday to decide whether to accept the

proposals or strike, he said.

Mr Jaftha said the university had taken "a very rigid attitude and dragged out negotiations for so long".

He said the university was "building an image that workers earn R3 500" but after deductions this was in fact much less.

As a cleaner he took home R800 and could not afford the housing subsidy, he said.

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Mr Jaftha said the union wanted a R300 across-the-board increase while the university has offered 6%.

Among Nehawu's other demands is a call for an end to privatisation, affirmative action and a 35-hour work week.

Registrar Mr Hugh Amoore said he hoped the workers did not strike.

He hoped that they would "negotiate to avoid any breakdown in communications".

Students hold staff hostage

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ET 21/10/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Two University of Witwatersrand administration officials were taken hostage by angry students who disrupted a university disciplinary hearing yesterday.

Administration registrar Mr Bruce Dickson and university buyer Mr Keith Hodgson were held hostage in a ninth floor office after workers and National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members had invaded a disciplinary hearing earlier in the day.

The university said the issue appeared to be about a dispute over whether videotapes relating to the disciplinary hearing had been made available to shop stewards before the hearings.

An earlier statement by the university said about 50 workers and several shop stewards from Nehawu disrupted an internal disciplinary hearing and would not allow it to proceed.

When Mr Dickson entered the room to discuss the matter, the workers refused to allow him and Mr Hodgson to leave.

Earlier vandals tried to set alight the office of a law lecturer.

Between 700 and 800 workers in all departments were on strike and the university's catering division had been substantially disrupted.

Mr Vusi Mabizela, the secretary of the university branch of Nehawu, said the workers were unhappy with the manner in which a disciplinary committee hearing for two workers was conducted earlier this week.

Mr Dickson had indicated an unwillingness to respond to workers' demands related to the disciplinary hearing, he added. — Sapa

'Probe financial help for tertiary education'

A COMMISSION on higher education should be appointed to investigate setting up a national system of financial assistance for tertiary students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the Bursary Council of South Africa has stated. (54) CT 21/10/94

"We would urge that a fundamental break is required from the short-term crisis management approach."

The council said the principles and policies for a national loan and bursary scheme should be thoroughly investigated, and a plan drawn up.

Wits admin quits talks (54)

JOHANNESBURG. —
The Wits University
administration with-
drew from negotiations
on the transformation of
the university on Friday.

Vice-chancellor Pro-
fessor Robert Charlton
said the conduct of the
SA Student's Congress
and National Education,
Health and Allied Work-
ers' Union had prompt-
ed the withdrawal.

He cited recent events
when two staff members
were held hostage and
Constitutional Court
candidates Professor
June Sinclair and Pro-
fessor Carole Lewis
were "defamed".

CT 24/10/94

Women now equal to men in SANDF

PRETORIA — Women in the SA National Defence Force would be trained and employed on the same basis as their male counterparts with immediate effect, SANDF chief Gen George Meiring has announced.

The move followed an instruction by the Defence Command Council after an investigation into the guidelines for employment of women in the SANDF.

But to ensure optimal employment of men and women in the SANDF the principle of "beneficial discrimination" between male and female was permitted and fully supported by the law.

This included examples such as "women may only be searched by women" and "separate ablution facilities for women", Meiring said.

To give effect to the decision, the Arms of Service and the Intelligence Division would ensure that the following guidelines be implemented:

- Standards in respect of training and employment of all SANDF members would be maintained;
- The requirements for each job would

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apply equally to any member of the SANDF; and

- Training and employment would be cost effective, safe and executed in a fair and disciplined manner without lowering the required standard.

The SANDF's combat ability and the operational preparedness would be maintained at all times, Meiring said.

In future, "taking improper advantage of an individual's sex is not permitted".

Although the principle of equal opportunities was accepted, Meiring said, the application of training methods would at all times be gender sensitive.

"Change and steps to rectify any imbalance must be taken progressively — a step at a time and should not be a forced issue," he added.

The inspector-general would monitor the implementation of the guidelines to ensure proper and fair employment of women in the SANDF.

Progress reports would be presented to the Defence Command Council.

Wits negotiations fall apart as administration withdraws

NEGOTIATIONS on the "transformation" of Wits University collapsed on Friday when the administration announced it was withdrawing from the forum because of the conduct of SA Student's Congress (Sasco) and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu).

Vice-chancellor Robert Charlton said the recent conduct of the two organisations, with which the administration had been negotiating, had forced the university to suspend its participation.

He said he was outraged by the behaviour of Nehawu and Sasco members who had held hostage two members of staff.

"The university has always placed the highest value possible on personal freedom, which it regards as indispensable to academic freedom."

Two of the university's representatives in the negotiations — professors

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June Sinclair and Carole Lewis — were, as candidates for appointment to the Constitutional Court, subjected by Sasco and Nehawu to a campaign of personal vilification.

The attacks on them were dishonest, defamatory and venomous, Charlton said.

Good faith negotiations were not compatible with witch hunts and hostage taking.

Police were at the university on Friday, but all was quiet except for about 30 students who toyed around the campus.

Student representative council member Ebrahim Hassen said the SRC was willing to continue negotiations, but was concerned that the administration called in police while the SRC was trying to broker a solution between parties.

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Students vandalise Wits again

Star 25/10/77

■ BY BRENDAN TEMPLETON

About 150 students rampaged through the University of the Witwatersrand last night, smashing windows and doors, wrecking equipment and setting off fire extinguishers in lecture halls.

They also emptied garbage cans, stoned vehicles and attempted to smash down a wall in Yale Road. They barricaded the road with boulders.

A Wits university security official said the First National Building had been extensively damaged.

This morning traffic was held up by two buses parked across the entrances to the West Campus and Senate House in Jorissen Street. The vehicles were moved by 8 am.

It is believed the latest incidents are related to ongoing

problems between a group of Sasco students and the university administration. The university suspended 53 students and workers after two senior campus officials were detained in a room for 10 hours last week. The administration has said it will press kidnapping charges against those responsible.

Dispersed

Students started marching at about 10 pm on East Campus and the march had been peaceful until they reached West Campus.

The students dispersed when police were called at about 10.20 pm. No one was reported to have been injured. Calm was restored but police vans continued to patrol both sides of the university.

After the university an-

nounced the suspension of the students and workers, vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said the affected students would not be able to write their final exams.

"But we do have a system of deferred examinations, so, if they are not suspended, they will be able to write at a later stage," Charlton added.

The workers were suspended on full pay and benefits pending the outcome of the hearing.

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Administration registrar Bruce Dickson and the university's buyer, Keith Hobson, were held in a campus office after workers disrupted a staff disciplinary hearing.

They were released only when armed policemen stormed the office and arrested the protesters.

National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union

branch chairman Dan Motaung yesterday accused the university of being high-handed by calling in the police. "Nothing was being done which was threatening to those gentlemen," he said.

He denied the two officials had been held hostage. "We interrupted the hearing and the workers decided that no one was going to leave the room until the matter was resolved."

Cashiers

The union is at loggerheads with the university over the procedure of two hearings involving canteen cashiers who allowed people to pass without paying for their food.

The cashiers were videotaped and the union claims it was not granted a proper opportunity to view the tapes, a claim Charlton disputes.

Wits chaos continues as students go on campus rampage

The Argus Correspondent

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University vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said the union did not take advantage of opportunities to view the tapes.

Chaos hits Wits

Sowetan 26/10/94

By Claire Keeton

MILITANT students at the University of the Witwatersrand have threatened to bring the university and impending examinations to a standstill if the suspension of their colleagues and workers is not lifted.

At least one student was injured yesterday when demonstrating students and bystanders clashed on campus. (54)

Intervention by the students' representative council averted further conflict between the hostile groups and about 1 000 students who attended a lunchtime meeting called by the SRC to restore calm.

Underlying the crisis appears to be a delay in establishing the Forum for Further Accelerated and Comprehensive Transformation.

Yesterday morning buses blockaded the entrance to the university and around 150 members of National Education Health and Allied Workers Union stopped work to march on campus.

The workers were protesting against the dismissal of two members and the suspension of several others. Fifty-three workers and students were arrested and suspended after two staff members were taken hostage last week. The suspensions apply until internal disciplinary hearings have been completed.

On Monday night more than 100 students from the South African Students Congress protested on the campus and littered and broke windows.

Sasco chairman Sibusiso Zulu said: "Those suspended are going to come back or else the university will come to a standstill. Exams are threatened unless there is intervention by the university."

Strikers in demo outside exam venues

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Labour Reporter

ROWDY seven-minute performances outside two examination centres aside, the strike by University of Cape Town workers got off to a quiet start today.

The workers, who rejected a final wage offer by management on Monday, gathered outside Jameson Hall and the Sports Centre today, where they toyi-toyed and sang protest songs for seven minutes,

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UCT public affairs director Helen Zille said.

Students writing examinations at those venues were given 10 minutes extra to make up for the disturbance.

The strike by more than 600 National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members promises to be more disciplined than the violence-racked strike of 1991, Nehawu regional secretary Shereen Samuel said today.

The workers, in the bottom

three pay classes, are demanding a R300 across-the-board increase and an end to privatisation of campus departments.

UCT registrar Hugh Amoore confirmed the strike today and said management had indicated to the union it was ready to re-enter negotiations when the union was ready. But the wage offer was final.

The current minimum salary for "pay-class one" workers was R1 503 a month plus a 13th cheque.

UCT workers geared to strike

Staff Reporter

A STRIKE looms at the University of Cape Town after National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members voted yesterday to reject a revised salary offer by university management.

University spokesmen said yesterday they had been told the majority of union members had voted in favour of strike action.

"Examinations will go ahead as scheduled and the campus community has been informed that any attempts at disruption will be dismissible offences." CT 26/10/94

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Wits protesters continue action

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JOHANNESBURG. —

Police clashed briefly with Wits University workers and students when they tried to storm the PWV legislature's offices here yesterday.

In the morning white students and SA Student's Congress (Sasco) members engaged in brief scuffles as Sasco continued its litter campaign on campus. One white student was reportedly assaulted.

The protesters are demanding the administration reverse its decision to suspend workers and students who allegedly held two staff members hostage. — Sapa (54)

UCT hopeful of settlement

Staff Reporters

(54) FRCT 27/10/96
DEADLOCKED negotiations between the University of Cape Town and the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union resume today with UCT "hopeful" of achieving settlement.

The 600-odd Nehawu members began a strike yesterday, but union leadership went back into negotiation after the university made it clear it was prepared to renegotiate.

The workers are demanding a R300 across-the-board wage increase, an end to privatisation of campus services and the right to hold hour-long meetings each month.

The university's offer was a six per cent increase plus a once-off payment of R500 and a feasibility study into the possibility of a co-operative of kitchen staff taking over the running of residence catering.

UCT public relations director Helen Zille said today the first day of the strike had been largely disciplined and peaceful.

Two windows were broken, alleged-

ly by workers, who also briefly disrupted examinations outside two venues.

Ms Zille said: "We condemn in the strongest terms damage to university property or disturbances to exams by singing outside examination venues. But on the whole, most workers exercised discipline and followed the directions of their shopstewards."

Damage and disrupting exams were both dismissable offences.

UCT registrar Hugh Amoore said the university was not surprised by the strike action as Nehawu distributed pamphlets on campus on Tuesday telling workers red flags would go up indicating their decision to strike.

"About 8.30am yesterday red flags were fluttering over most of the buildings and the workers congregated near Jameson Hall.

"During the day they marched around on the campus and windows were smashed but fortunatley none of the exams were disrupted

"But we approached the workers and both sides agreed to re-enter negotiations."

UCT

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27/10/94

STRIKERS yesterday wreaked havoc at the University of Cape Town during student examinations by smashing windows, overturning dustbins, breaking signs, setting off fire alarms and opening fire hydrants.

Examiners had to allow students extra writing time at several venues because of the disruptions, and in one centre where the examination was disturbed for more than 30 minutes the examiner allowed 40 minutes of extra time, said UCT registrar Dr Hugh Amoore.

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Wage offer

Amoore said the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union workers, who had rejected a final wage offer by management on Monday and had voted to go ahead with a strike pending a "red flag", had surprised UCT management when the signal — a red flag carried by Nehawu shop stewards — suddenly went up yesterday morning.

The inside of the P D Hahn building was littered and sodden and a signboard had been broken.

Non-striking employees said the strikers had stopped outside a door marked with the name of one of their union colleagues and hammered on it in an attempt to include him in their vandalism.

Rowdy strikers

Amoore confirmed that rowdy strikers had turned over rubbish bins, disturbed examinations, set off fire alarms and broken windows on the campus.

Vice-chancellor Dr. Stuart Saunders repeated a warning that damaging university property and disrupting examinations were dismissable offences.

He said salary packages for unskilled workers at UCT were "substantial" and compared favourably with wages offered to other unskilled Western Cape workers doing the same work. — Sapa

Students 'tried to steal bursary funds'

Star 27/10/94

■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

Three Unisa Students Representative Council members have been ordered to appear before the university's disciplinary committee for allegedly trying to steal more than R40 000 earmarked for needy students.

The alleged attempted fraud was uncovered after the SRC members repeatedly tried to have the balance of R50 000, donated to 20 students by Fundani Bursary Trust, deposited into the organisation's account.

Unisa spokesman Professor Simon Maimela said three students had been implicated in the scheme to defraud Fundani of R41 460. (54)

The students had apparently been part of a delegation from the Johannesburg/Pretoria SRC branches which had approached Fundani for bursaries for 20 students.

Fundani agreed to give each student R2 500, but stipulated that the balance of the money should be given to students once they had paid their outstanding fees, Maimela said.

"But they altered the letter so as to ensure that

the money was to be deposited in the SRC's account. The administration eventually became suspicious after they pestered them daily for the outstanding money. We made inquiries and discovered that the letter had been altered."

A date for the hearings has not been set.

He said the students had done a "great disservice" to other students.

Fundani co-ordinator J-Francois Bill said the trust had met with the SRC students on October 14, and had decided not to press charges.

Short-circuit

"The students told us that they had intended to short-circuit the bureaucracy of Unisa and pay the students themselves to prevent delays. They claimed that they realise with hindsight that their actions were quasi-criminal," he said.

Bill said the outstanding money had been returned to the trust.

He said Fundani condemned such behaviour and bursars who acted in a fraudulent manner would disqualify themselves from continued support by Fundani.

students and employees • Free State school's crisis

Mediator to decide

By Claire Keeton

■ **HOSTAGE DRAMA** Court will

judge on 'disruptive actions' of 52:

THE UNIVERSITY of the Witwatersrand has lifted the suspensions of 52 students and employees who were allegedly involved in holding two staff members hostage and taking part in "disruptive action" last Thursday.

The university said last night all suspended students would be allowed to sit for examinations and the workers to resume their duties "without victimisation" pending the findings of independent mediators into the crisis.

In a joint statement last night, the

university, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union and the South African Students Congress said: "In view of undertakings by Sasco and Nehawu that their members will not take hostages or engage in disruptive action, the suspension of students and workers resulting from last Thursday's incidents is lifted, pending the outcome of mediation, and that all suspended students be allowed to sit for examinations, and suspended workers be allowed to return to work without victimi-

sation." Earlier yesterday the university administration and representatives of the ANC, Cosatu and the National Education Crisis Committee met separately with Nehawu and Sasco in an attempt to resolve the crisis. It was agreed that the Independent Mediation Service of SA would be asked to intervene. (54)

The parties said last night: "We view the events of the past few days, starting from Thursday, as regrettable and unfortunate, and agree to work together to re-establish normal relationships."

Wits agrees to lift bans on students and workers

Star 28/10/94

Wits University's administration agreed yesterday to lift the suspension of students and workers involved in last week's campus disruptions in which two officials were held hostage.

A statement by the administration, the South African Students' Congress (Sasco) and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) said all suspended students would be able to sit examinations and workers could return.

Sasco and Nehawu undertook not to take hostages or engage in disruptive actions. The parties agreed the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa

would mediate the dispute.

Internal disciplinary hearings would be deferred pending the outcome of mediation.

In last Thursday's protest the two officials were taken hostage when Nehawu members invaded a disciplinary hearing.

■ Fifty-two Wits workers, who allegedly kidnapped and held the two Wits officials hostage, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday and were provisionally charged with kidnapping.

They were not asked to plead and released on warning.

The case was postponed to November 24.

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UCT workers call off strike

Staff Report

THE strike by University of Cape Town workers has been called off and a formal settlement will be signed today.

National Education and Allied Workers' Union (Nehwau) members went on strike after rejecting a final wage offer by the university's management. ARG 28/10/94

Announcing the settlement, UCT vice-chancellor Stuart Saunders said the university had repackaged its pre-strike offer to Nehwau and was not making any additional money available for salary increases.

On the second day of the strike yes-

terday, workers held lengthy meetings on the lower campus while their representatives resumed negotiations with UCT's management team.

Dr Saunders said the "no work, no pay" principle would apply to the two days lost in th strike.

The repackaging of UCT's offer was achieved by making this year's salary increase non-pensionable. This means the contribution UCT would have paid into the workers' pension fund will now be paid as cash.

UCT spokeswoman Helen Zille said today the minimum cash salary in the lowest pay class was now R1 610. In addition, all workers received a 13th cheque and benefits. (54) (13)

UCT offer ends strike by workers

By EUNICE RIDER

THE UCT workers' strike ended yesterday when university management offered to pay them their monthly pension benefits of R275 each in cash, instead of into their pension funds.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders said the university had not offered striking workers any more money but had "repackaged its pre-strike offer" to the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union members.

He said he "deplored" the fact that striking workers had been noisy close to four examination venues yesterday and viewed the littering and disruptive actions on campus "in a very serious light".

"The principle of 'No Work No Pay' will apply to the two days lost in the strike," Dr Saunders said.

UCT development and public affairs director Ms Helen Zille said no exams were disturbed or disrupted in any way.

On Wednesday the workers broke four windows, set off a fire alarm and turned a fire hose on in a building, tipped over dirt bins and screamed and shouted outside exam venues.

Ms Zille said the minimum cash wage paid to unskilled UCT workers in the lowest payclass was now R1 610. They also received a 13th cheque and medical aid worth R559 per month. Many also qualified for R465 housing subsidies. (54) (152)

"This package is higher than the wages earned by 90% of service workers in other sectors of the economy," Ms Zille said. ET 28/10/94

Campus crime crisis

ARG 29/10/94 (54)

DAVID BREIER
Weekend Argus Reporter

ENGLISH-speaking students are said to be queuing to attend the traditionally Afrikaans Stellenbosch University — and are giving some traditional English-speaking campuses the cold shoulder.

The reason is not hard to find, according to members of the Campus Protection Society of Southern Africa (Camprosa).

Some English-speaking students and academics would rather accept language difficulties in the relative tranquility of Stellenbosch than run a gauntlet of campus crime and militant violence at English-medium campuses.

As campus violence continues in the new South Africa, university authorities are growing con-

■ As campus turmoil continues, universities are beginning to realise they could lose the cream of their students and academics unless they create a more secure environment. Concerned that this could cost them their best students and staff.

Matie authorities report the demand from English-speaking students to enrol at Stellenbosch is "going through the roof" in spite of high profile incidents of crime in the university town including the Orffer family murder.

Recent Stellenbosch incidents include this week's knife attack on three women — two of them students — in a house off campus. There was also an incident in a university residence in which students shaved the head of a first-year student because he allowed a gay friend to visit his room.

But incidents at other campuses have had a high profile. Striking workers this week disturbed exams and caused damage at the University of Cape Town, which has been plagued by incidents such as rape, car-bashing and hijacking as well as violent demonstrations.

Militant students and workers at Wits University this week again trashed the campus and had scuffles with students after a hostage-taking incident.

Even the correspondence university Unisa had its Pretoria campus trashed by angry students this year.

A safe campus has now become as important a factor for many as academic excellence in choosing a university, campus protectors believe.

After a Camprosa conference held in Stellenbosch this month, campus protection staff around the country decided the answer did not lie in using force — small campus control forces had little chance against rampaging students.

They believe the answer lies in forming a partnership, including students, staff administrators and campus security, to promote safety at universities.

In reply to suggestions of an English-speaking exodus to Matieland, UCT director of public affairs Helen Zille denied the campus was unsafe.

"UCT attracts top students from throughout South Africa because of the quality of its programmes, and because of the quality of the environment it offers."

Campus protection officials say their job is easier at some campuses — such as Stellenbosch with its largely Afrikaans white elite culture. It has easily absorbed an increasing number of coloured students with a similar culture. "They are also Afrikaners" a university spokesman said.

However President Mandela recently warned the university to become more representative of the population — so Stellenbosch's days of tranquility may be numbered. But the university is determined changes will not disrupt the campus.

University authorities told Weekend Argus they were acutely aware that if the government regarded Stellenbosch as an elitist campus, it could reduce subsidies, costing the university "big money".

UCT deputy vice-chancellor Mamphela Ramphele told the Camprosa conference of South Africa's history in which security and protection had been associated with repression and control. She said this was a major stumbling block in efforts to develop effective campus policing.

Ivan Bester who heads the Maties' risk management division which includes campus control, told Weekend Argus: "It's a two-way street. We get a lot of meaningful input from students."

English students queueing for Maties

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DAVID BREIER

CAPE TOWN — English-speaking students are said to be queueing to attend the traditionally Afrikaans Stellenbosch University.

The reason is not hard to fathom, according to members of the Campus Protection Society of Southern Africa (CAMPROSA). Some English-speaking students and academics would rather face language difficulties in the relative tranquillity of Stellenbosch than run the gauntlet of crime and violence at English campuses.

University authorities fear campus violence could cost them their best students and staff.

Matie authorities report the demand from English-speaking students to enrol at Stellenbosch is rocketing in spite of crime — including a family murder — in the university town. Recent incidents include a knife attack on three women — two of them students — this week in a house off campus. In another incident, students shaved the head of a first-year student because he had allowed a gay friend to visit his room.

However, incidents at other campuses have received more publicity. Striking workers this week disrupted exams and caused damage at the University of Cape Town, which has been plagued by rape, car-bashing and hijacking as well as violent demonstrations.

Meanwhile, militant students and workers at Wits University again trashed the campus. There were scuffles with students after university officials were taken hostage. Even correspondence university UNISA has had its Pretoria campus trashed by students.

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Responding to suggestions of an English-speaking exodus to Matieland, UCT public affairs director Helen Zille denied her campus was unsafe.

"Young people who are serious about a quality university education are unlikely to be deflected to other universities by one rowdy workers' march across campus."

Safest

Similar marches had occurred at all other Western Cape campuses this year, she said.

"If one considers the general crime statistics in South Africa, one cannot escape the conclusion that campuses such as UCT are among the safest places in the country."

Campus protection officials say their job is easier at some campuses — notably Stellenbosch, with its largely Afrikaans white elite culture. It has easily absorbed coloured students with a similar culture. "They are also Afrikaners," a university spokesman said.

Stellenbosch students do not take kindly to campus disruptions. Co-operation with campus security is second nature and a formal partnership with campus control already exists. The Matie student

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◆ Campus crime

mix has not provided a fertile ground for the toyi-toyi culture.

As President Mandela recently warned the university to become more representative, Stellenbosch's days of tranquillity might be numbered. While university authorities are acutely aware that the Government could reduce subsidies if it regards Stellenbosch as an elitist campus, they are determined that changes will not disrupt the campus.

By contrast, the student mix at UCT and the University of the Western Cape is very different. Many students grew up with the struggle ethic, in which any sign of authority was a threat.

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had been associated with repression and control. This was a major obstacle in efforts to develop effective campus policing.

Ivan Bester, head of Maties' risk management division (including campus control), said the partnership with students began in the mid-'80s.

Stellenbosch campus control officers did not function as police, wearing firearms, as was the case at UWC. The emphasis was on service. (SIP)

"We don't only look after security but at the entire risk scene." This included fire, health and other risks. "What we are trying to do is create a risk culture with an infrastructure that is bottom-up rather than top-down."

The alternative — policing 14 000 students — would require thousands of campus control officers.

Tech to offer
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degree courses

Staff Reporter 54

THE Peninsula Technikon will offer three degree courses as of next year, following a go-ahead from Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu.

The National Higher Diploma, introduced at the technikon last year, will be phased out where degree courses are to be introduced.

The first degree courses will be offered in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering.

Past students could upgrade their diplomas to a B Tech, said vice-rector Dr Johan Tromp.

Strong position

Disciplinary action by Wits University against workers and students who allegedly took two staff members hostage recently has been deferred, not abandoned. Separate criminal charges of kidnapping have not been dropped. *fm 4/11/94*

The incident arose two weeks ago from protests by workers who resented a routine disciplinary action against some of their colleagues. The protesters refused to use appeal mechanisms and instead invaded a disciplinary hearing and then purportedly held two senior university officers hostage for nine hours until police were called to free them.

Charges were laid against more than 50 workers and students. The students were also suspended by the university.

In response Nehawu, the relevant union, started a strike. It was feared that further disruption and intimidation would interfere with the writing of examinations.

Formal mediation

Last Thursday the Wits administration agreed on a compromise with representatives of Nehawu and the radical student grouping Sasco, after separate meetings with a facilitating group from the ANC, Cosatu and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee. According to a joint statement, "formal mediation by an independent body will be sought to resolve differences," while "in view of the undertakings by Sasco and Nehawu, that their members will not take hostages or engage in disruptive action, the suspension . . . is lifted."

The statement also makes clear that internal university disciplinary procedures will merely be deferred, "pending the outcome of mediation." *(54)*

This indicates that if mediation (to be arranged by the Independent Mediation Service of SA) does not deliver a result that is satisfactory from the university's point of view, Wits will proceed with disciplinary hearings.

The administration is therefore in a strong position. It has averted further disruption at a crucial period in the university calendar; the criminal charges are in place; while the mediators are unlikely to condone the taking of hostages.

The protesters are also on weak ground because previously negotiated grievance channels were not used. ■

Medical school opens doors to white students

PETA LEE

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Durban's Medical School, previously open only to black, coloured and Indian students, will have white students on campus next year — for the first time in its 44-year history.

"In the spirit of reconciliation we have all agreed to open the doors to all races," said the dean, Professor James van Dellen.

Creating a faculty of health sciences and a new hospital at Cato Manor is a further aim.

Since its inception in the late 1950s the Medical School has earned a reputation as one of the finest of its kind. It has graduated four times more black doctors than any other school in the country. Past students and graduates include national Minister of Health Nkosazana Zuma, KwaZulu-Natal premier Frank Mdlalose, and Zweli Mkhize, provincial minister of health.

Professor Van Dellen intends to maintain the standards and continue to produce a medical fraternity with both integrity and humility.

Opening the doors to all races does not mean, however, that tokenism will feature.

"Natal, as always, looks to serve the disadvantaged student," Professor Van Dellen said, "regardless of colour. Our difficulty lies in identifying potential. Top class matric results aren't the only yardstick we should use. We're looking for humane, humble individuals who want to serve the community, who want to be part of a team, who aren't going into medicine for self-gratification or financial gain."

Universities donation (54) (28)

JOHANNESBURG. — Over R2 million would be paid in November to 15 universities participating in the Public Accountants and Auditors Board education scheme, the board said in a statement. Executive director Mr Lucas van Vuuren said the accounting profession had now donated over R15m.

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R20m for students in need

THE government has set aside R20 million to assist students in financial need, the Minister of Education, Professor Sibusiso Bengu said yesterday. (54)

He has also made numerous appeals to both local and international donors to assist students, to avert the financial crisis likely to face students next year.

Prof Bengu also emphatically

denied in a statement issued on his behalf by Dr Teboho Moja that he had indicated any plans to prohibit academic institutions from expelling students on financial grounds. 27/11/94

Dr Moja said Prof Bengu had expressed concern in a speech on Tuesday about the prospect of many students being expelled from institutions owing to their

inability to pay their fees.

The minister had sympathy with the plight of students but "he will not interfere in the internal processes of academic institutions", said Dr Moja.

The government hoped to host a funding conference next year to shape the funding policy for a national bursary and loan scheme for higher education.

Bhengu won't stop students' expulsion

Sowetan 11/11/94

MINISTER of Education Professor Sibusiso Bhengu will not stop educational institutions next year from expelling students who have not paid their fees.

Such a step would be a violation of the autonomy of institutions of higher education, ministerial adviser Dr Teboho Moja said in a statement issued on Bhengu's behalf yesterday.

Present at aid project

Moja said she was present at the launch of an aid project where Bhengu spoke last week and denied that the minister had indicated any plans to prohibit institutions from expelling students on financial grounds.

He had, however, expressed concern about the prospect of many students being expelled from institutions next year because of their inability to pay their fees.

Bhengu had appealed to institutions to seek creative ways of resolving the likely financial problems.

As a former vice-chancellor of a higher education institution, Bhengu was well aware of the negative consequences that such a prohibition could have on institutions.

The minister had set aside R20 million to help students and made many appeals to local and international donors to help students avert their financial crises next year, Moja said. — Sapa.

Varsity turmoil as locals try to oust 'alien' staff

By JACOB DLAMINI

THE University of Bophuthatswana is in turmoil after the staff association demanded the sacking of foreign staff and ordered the administration not to renew expatriates' contracts.

Last Friday, hundreds of workers and some academics marched around the campus to demand the expulsion of foreigners working at the university. The march was called by the 660-strong Unibo Staff Association.

The marchers called for the sacking of the registrar, Malawian John Banda, and demanded that the residence and work permits of about 85 expatriate staff members not be renewed.

With a student population of 3 900, Unibo is among the smallest universities in the country. It employs 1 158 staff, from senior lecturers and researchers to clerks and cleaners.

Only 110 of these are foreigners.

The protest march was the culmination of simmering tension over claims that foreigners were taking jobs that should go to locals.

In July, expatriate staff members were reminded to renew their residence and work permits before they expired on December 31.

The expatriates sent their applications to the local Home Affairs office accompanied by letters of motivation from the university — explaining that no South Africans could be found for their positions.

Tension reached boiling point when the staff association got wind of the contents of the letters of motivation. The letters said the posts had been widely advertised in South Africa but that no suitable local candidates could be found. The staff association disputed this.

The association sent a letter to the university administration demanding that the letters of motivation be withdrawn. The association also demanded that "all posts occupied by these aliens be advertised as soon as possible".

On October 31, the acting vice-chancellor, Professor Zakes Chuenyane, asked the Mmabatho Home Affairs office to stop processing expatriates' applications.

With only three weeks before the December vacation, expatriate staff are still unsure whether they will be allowed to work in the country next year.

Among those whose applications have been stopped is Professor Muhammad Maqsood, a Pakistani national who joined Unibo in 1987.

He said: "We are not hostile to local people. We came here to teach. We are guests of the host country. But a hostile environment has been created and our lives and property are in danger."

Professor Maqsood, head of the educational psychology department, holds a PhD in psychology from the University of London and served as a professor at a Nigerian university for 16 years.

"We don't know what our fate will be and many of us are in a difficult situation. But we are willing to leave provided the university meets its legal and contractual obligations," said Professor Maqsood, who is chairman of the steering committee of expatriate staff.

He said most of his colleagues had bought houses and cars and sent their children to local schools.

"If our permits are not renewed, we will automatically become illegal immigrants and we stand to lose all our possessions."

But the staff association claims the presence of the "aliens" is undermining the implementation of the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

Staff association president Moe-mise Dire said: "These foreigners must go. Foreigners should only come here if they have highly specialised skills. But, at Unibo, we have expatriates working as typists, clerks and secretaries, which is unacceptable."

Expatriates comprise 10 of the 60 secretaries in the employ of the university. Of the 45 typists, only one is a non-South African.

As a result of the dispute the Unibo Interim Council resolved to:

- Honour its contracts with expatriates;
- Appoint a committee to make recommendations on a future employment policy;
- Halt the employment of new expatriates pending the outcome of the above committee's recommendations; and
- Express support for the Registrar, Mr Banda, and allow him to keep his job.

Expatriates will also be helped to apply for the renewal of work and residence permits.

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R500-m plan to rescue tertiary institutions

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CHRIS WHITFIELD, Political Staff

THE government is considering a R500-million package as a short-term scheme to rescue some of the country's universities and technikons from financial ruin.

President Mandela has signalled that he will throw his weight behind an initial drive to raise R200 million, which will be used as a guarantee fund to mobilise private-sector funding.

The Advisory Committee on the Tertiary Sector Crisis — formed by Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu in September — yesterday tabled its report and painted a bleak picture of snowballing problems across the country.

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- Rising unpaid debts. In 1992, unpaid student fees amounted to R89 million, last year the figure increased to R137 million and this year there are indications of another substantial increase.

- Salaries which have declined in real terms for lecturing and support staff. Unionised staff were also making increasing demands.

- Language policy — "particularly at historically Afrikaans institutions".

- Demands by transformation forums, which have been created at most tertiary institutions.

The committee pointed out that the "plight of deserving, but financially disadvantaged, students has become more onerous and urgent".

It reported that at least three avenues of student funding were required: A bursary scheme, a private-sector loan scheme to a student who could provide collateral, and a private-sector loan scheme to deserving, but financially disadvantaged, students.



Sibusiso Bengu .

Student aid set to decline

By Claire Keeton

Sowetan
15/11/94

FINANCIAL aid to deserving students at Wits University could be reduced next year because of financial problems.

Vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said: "The university sees this problem as the main flashpoint next year."

However, he promised: "No student who passes will be excluded on financial grounds."

Charlton said this year the university contributed R16 million to financial aid. The balance of the R25 million total financial aid was received through donations.

But there were fewer donations this year than last year, and a concern that next year donations will drop further.

What makes this worse is that the Government subsidy to Wits is effectively decreasing, since it has not kept pace with inflation.

Last year Wits received R204 million and this year R210 million, roughly 3 percent increase, while inflation stands at 10 percent.

"With declining subsidies and rising costs, I don't know how much longer Wits can contribute R16 million to student aid," said Charlton.

He said the fee increase next year will not be a real increase, but equal to inflation.

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R500-m package considered

Govt bid to bail out varsities, technikons

■ BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Varsity Plan

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Govt bid to

raise R500 m

for education

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

A RESCUE plan to "save" South Africa's universities and technician's by raising R500 million in emergency funding and making admissions more flexible was unveiled in Cape Town yesterday but the education ministry immediately doubted whether it had the funds.

The plan, with President Nelson Mandela acting as fundraiser-in-chief, will be aimed mainly at historically black universities and technicians which face a growing financial crisis.

The plan is also aimed at relieving the mushrooming financial crisis confronting disadvantaged students. Unpaid student fees at tertiary institutions amounted to R226m in 1992 and 1993. This is nearly 10% of student fees levied at universities and nearly six percent of fees owed to the technicians last year.

The short-term tertiary education rescue plan was unveiled at a press conference of Education Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu's Advisory Committee for Tertiary Sector Crises.

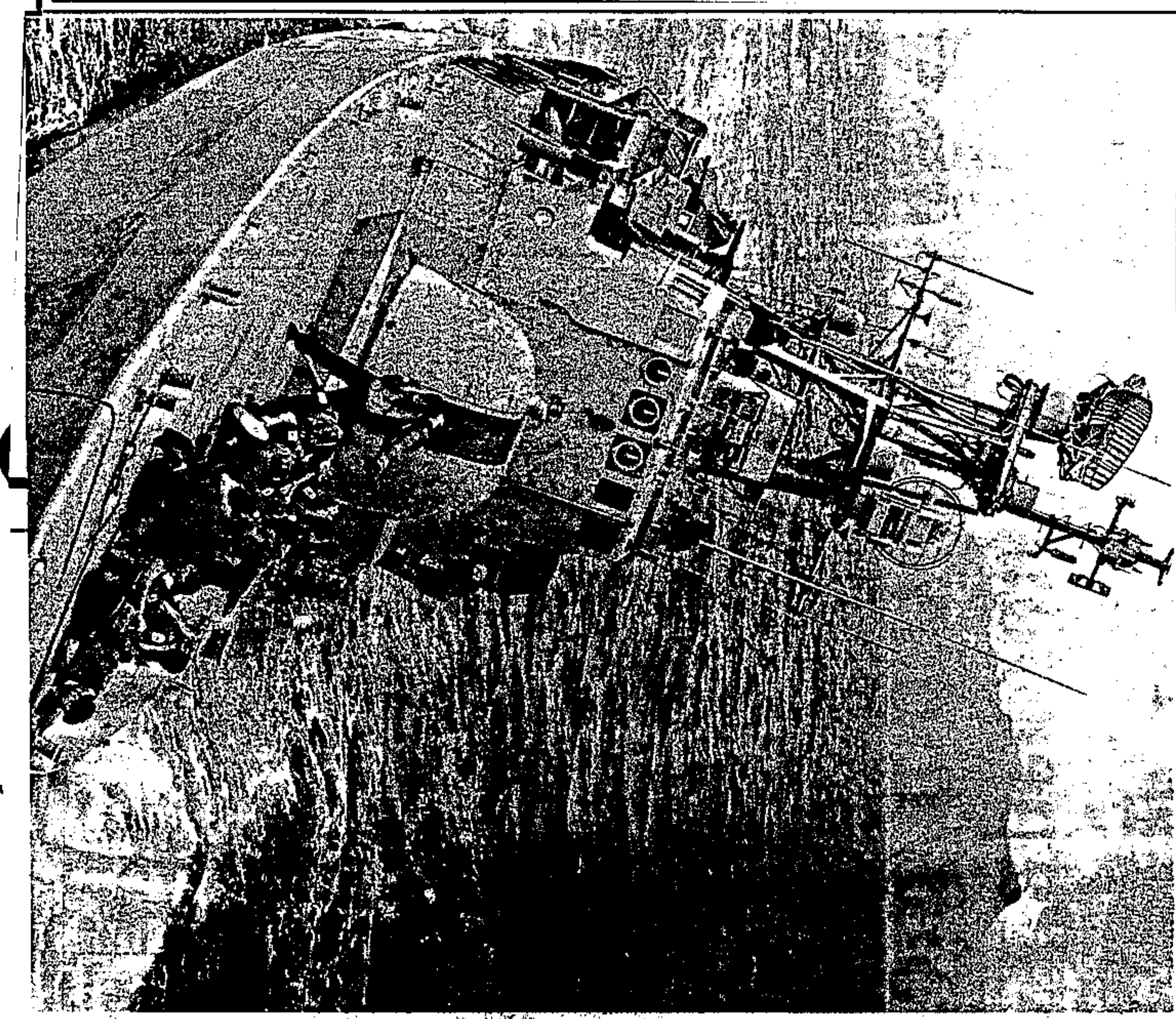
Prof Bengu said he had not had an opportunity to study the plan and no final decision had been taken on whether to support it. However, he doubted whether the education department could raise the funds alone.

Prof Bengu will meet a variety of education stakeholders during the parliamentary recess in a bid to finalise agreement on the criteria and mechanisms to dramatically transform the nation's cash-strapped and increasingly volatile tertiary education sector.

Guarantees

The rescue plan envisages raising R200m from the private sector, overseas donors and the RDP fund, with the state using the initial amount to secure further loans and guarantees for disadvantaged students.

Dr Stuart Saunders, vice-chancellor of UCT, last night lauded the announcement, saying the situation of disadvantaged students was "very serious" and the money was "urgently needed".



Rhodes goes for transparency

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RHODES UNIVERSITY has acted swiftly to defuse tension between itself and elements in the Grahamstown community regarding the appointment of a successor to vice-chancellor Dr Derek Henderson.

Henderson is retiring next year, and the Forum for a Democratic Transformation of Rhodes accused him of choosing his successor in secret, defying the policies of transparency.

The selection committee announced that four community members had been co-opted to the committee. The forum has been invited to submit nominations for the post. — Ecna

Varsities face deep

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CRISIS

By Claire Keeton



SOME OF SOUTH AFRICA'S leading universities face a major cash crisis next year because students have failed to pay millions of rands in fees.

With R60,6 million outstanding, the University of the North (Turfloop) is facing collapse.

Declining State subsidies have made the debt burden of Turfloop, Vista and Wits universities worse. State subsidy to tertiary institutions was cut from 80 percent to 53 percent.

Vista, Turfloop and Wits are collectively owed more than R88 million. The total owed to South African universities this year is unknown. Last year the debt burden stood at R137 million.

More than half the students at Turfloop have not paid their fees this year. Because of this the university intends withholding the results of students who have not paid.

Vista University public relations director Mr Gerrie Hartman said their students owed

R14,5 million in unpaid fees.

Wits University students owe R13 million. Wits public relations director Valerie Diesel said bursary students owing R1 000 or less were allowed loans but others had to contact the university's legal office to make mutually acceptable arrangements.

At the Rand Afrikaans University, R1,3 million in fees is outstanding. The Vaal Triangle Technikon is owed R3,8 million and will withhold results from students until outstanding fees are paid.

The Committee of University Principals has warned financial aid is required by the start of the 1995 academic year to avoid a deepening of the crisis. The committee proposes a task group be set up immediately to draw up a programme to get financial aid. One of the sources will be the R20 million in this year's Tertiary Education Fund which will be used to save "needy and deserving" students from exclusion next year.

However, the universities were unable to agree on a moratorium on financial exclusions.

The committee also welcomed President Nelson Mandela's support for a campaign to raise R500 million to assist needy students and universities in financial difficulties.

UNIVERSITIES and technikons are planning sweeping changes in the new year in line with the popular call for transformation, also backed by the Government.

At universities such as Vista and Turfloop, the whole system is under review. Meanwhile, Wits and the Rand Afrikaans University are going ahead with gradual transformation, a process they started years ago.

Transformation forums at the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle technikons are busy planning new structures in response to the new Technikon Act.

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WITS AT THE CROSSROADS

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RAY HARTLEY reports on the battle over the future of South Africa's premier place of learning

THE radio in Valerie Diesel's office in Wits University's administration block is chained to the wall and a notice in the corridor outside warns that valuables are not to be left unattended.

Outside, the graffiti-marked buildings and unwashed windows of South Africa's premier university exude an air of gradual deterioration. The passages of learning are lined with burglar gates.

Underlying the superficial signs of decline is what is known as "the funding crunch" — the relentless reduction in state money for university education.

The little things, like washing windows, have receded in importance as the administration fights a rearguard action to keep its most prized asset — its academic record — intact.

For Mrs Diesel, the head of media and publications, the immediate crisis is this year's R13-million in unpaid student fees, a 15 percent increase on last year's figure.

More and more students, she says, are waiting to see if they have passed before forking out the R15 000 or so it takes to go to Wits for a year.

Once peripheral to university income, student fees are growing in importance as government subsidies dropped to just 53 percent of the cost of education on the campus this year.

Against this backdrop, the university has plunged into "transformation" to bring it in line with the new South Africa.

In the process, its non-racial dreams have turned into faction-riven nightmares with administrators, academics, students and workers fighting with each other and among themselves over the future of Wits.

Seen through the eyes of Vice-Chancellor Bob Charlton, transformation means ring-fencing staff and student demographics in line with the national averages.

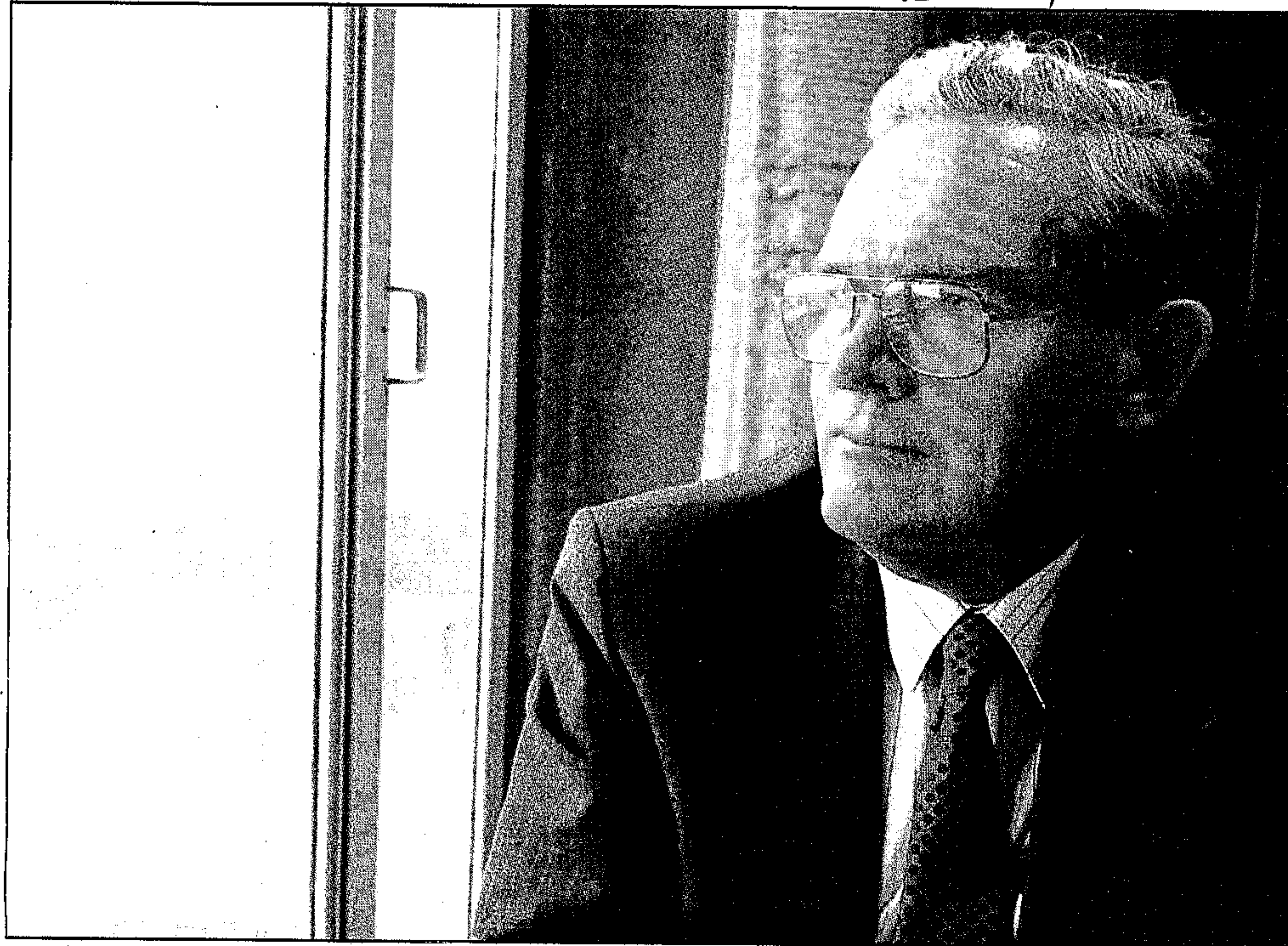
The biggest obstacles to this, he says, are the poor state of black secondary schooling and the lack of funds to attract sought-after black academics.

Already, 35 percent of the university's students are black — a figure that stood at just four percent in 1974. Attracting black academics has proved more difficult, with the private sector certain to outbid the universities.

"It's an absolute seller's market as far as black people are concerned," Professor Charlton says.

Already the university has seen the departure of international stars such as meteorologist Dr Janet Lindsay, who left for the better pay of an Australian university.

For a man in his position, Professor Charlton's office on the 11th floor of the university's Senate House is surprisingly modest, the chairs showing signs of wear and the windows recording the passage of several rainy weeks. Should state funding wors-



PENSIVE PROFESSOR . . . Robert Charlton says he might have to cut students numbers

Picture: JAMES SOULLIER

en, Wits will simply have to do with fewer students — a "political nettle" for the government to grasp, he says.

While lower entrance requirements, bridging courses and step-up colleges have brought more disadvantaged students to the campus, there has been no compromise on the university's degree requirements, he adds.

"There's still a prevalent white South African prejudice about what black people are capable of. They think that if black people are getting degrees, the standard must have dropped, particularly if their kiddie just failed," he says with more than a hint of bitterness.

Professor Charlton has an equally hard line on suggestions that the authority of the

transformation means consigning to the dustbin of history the "white male administration".

He says it should be replaced with a forum representative of the "class, race and gender" composition of the country. "It does not make sense to see whites dominating a university in South Africa. If I went to a university in India, I would not expect to find it dominated by Koreans."

Like generations of student radicals before him, Mr Zulu is extreme and proud of it. His sentences are dotted with scathing references to "big business" and criticisms of the "American" economics taught at the university.

But, unlike his more popular predecessors, he has found himself being taken se-

community," Mr Zulu says.

And, he adds, the movement's "shock tactics", such as its outrageous litter campaign, have yielded results — the opening of new black residences and better bridging education for black students.

"Professor Charlton represents an administration that has no conception of democracy. The man does not move until there's pressure."

SRC President Muzi Sikhakhane is more measured. Once a teacher in Soweto, the 28-year-old first-year student describes himself as independent.

"The student movement at Wits is in tatters, it is in a serious crisis. Is protest politics still the only way we can contribute to change? The moment you beat somebody up, they have defeated you intellectually," he says.

He is equally critical of the administration. "They would have been good administrators 20 years ago, but they are not capable of taking us through change now."

Blacks are reminded daily of their low status in the university, he adds. "You don't know what it feels like to be a black student where everyone who dispenses knowledge — professors, lecturers — is white," he says.

"We should ask who defined these academic standards and when? Is it correct to continue to define standards as they were defined in a period where racism ruled?" he asks.

If the words of the students are harsh, they pale, by comparison to those of the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union, which has shown a willingness to bring the university to a stop to back its demands.

Nehawu secretary-general Vusi Nhlapo says of the

churning out big philosophies," he says.

It is precisely these sorts of words that frustrate academics such as researcher Professor Charles van Onselen.

Caught in what he describes as a "cruel double de-clutching" — transformation amid funding cuts — the most important point has been missed: Should South Africa continue to have universities of international standard or should it opt for a "grey pastiche" of mediocre institutions.

"I'm not bitter, but I'm saddened by the lack of perspective in a debate about what the profile of a university should be," he says.

THE funding crunch and low salaries have taken their toll on morale, says Academic Staff Association official Russell Ally.

Although maintenance and security have declined, Dr Ally says it would be wrong to attribute the superficial decline in security to the admission of greater numbers of black students.

In fact, the funding crunch has been taking its toll for several years as the Nationalist government brought new funding formulas into operation.

He warns that funding biases in favour of historically black universities could ironically damage the chances of black students at Wits by increasing dependence on student fees — leading to a fees increase and reducing black student admissions.

The war over the future of Wits seems to continue for some time.

Meanwhile the university will continue to render South Africa one of its most profound ironies: An icon of liberalism that has become one of the few places where black and white barely talk to each other.

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university senate and council — the watchdogs of academic standards — be ceded to structures negotiated with students and workers.

"The Senate is the supreme body for academic matters and the council for everything else and this forum (negotiations with workers and students) won't replace them. The minister has said that and there's no question about that," he says.

A short walk from Senate House, in the office of the South Africa Students Congress, chairman Sibusiso Zulu has a different view. To him,

riously.

Representing a minority of the campus's black students, Sasco nonetheless has equal representation with the administration on the body established to guide the transition.

The reason: Sasco's real strength is not derived from student support, but from its association with the growing pressure for real change among black South Africans at large.

"Going to the polls did not resolve the national question — the domination of society by the privileged white com-

NEWS Medical university does well 'under most trying conditions'

Medunsa graduates approaching 1 000

By Josias Charle

EIGHTY four new doctors have graduated from the Medical University of Southern Africa near Garankuwa, bringing to 828 the total number of medics produced by the institution in 11 years.

Ninety percent of the class passed their examinations. There were 16 disfunctions with Dr I Kekana obtaining

four, and Dr N Chibakuli three.

In a population of more than 28-million black people in South Africa there are presently fewer than 1 150 qualified black doctors.

Former student

Addressing students at the weekend, North-West MEC for health Dr Paul Sefularo, who is a former student of Medunsa, reminded the students of their responsibility towards the community.

He warned them not to create another discriminatory class system — one based on income and not race.

Vice-chancellor and principal of Medunsa Professor ET Mkgokong said the university was producing doctors under the most trying circumstances. He said the nation owed the university gratitude.

"Because of the low rate of funding of Medunsa by successive governments, the university produced health workers

at the lowest cost a graduate of all medical schools," he said.

Primary health care

"The graduates of Medunsa also did not emigrate but remained in their country and in primary health care."

Mkgokong said Medunsa was Africa's first truly comprehensive health science centre and "our objective is still the training of health professionals". Medunsa was an independent univer-

sity at the forefront of meeting the health challenges in a changing South Africa. One of the highlights on Medunsa's 1994 calendar was the oath-taking ceremony by the university's 84 newly-qualified doctors on November 21. The ceremony was led by Professor M Bomele, head of the department of anaesthesiology.

The students will officially receive their MB Ch B degrees at a graduation ceremony in May next year.

NEWS Legal prosecution awaits some graduates who don't settle tuition fees

Universities act over unpaid fees

By Bongani Mavuso and
McKeed Kottolo

STUDENTS who have not fully paid their university tuition fees will not get their results and will also not be allowed to register for further courses. Vista University spokesman Mr Gerrie Hartman said yesterday unpaid tuition fees at the institution amounted to R14.5 million. The Soweto campus was owed

■ NO RESULTS Students' debts to campuses nationally run into millions:

more than R4 million, he said. University of the North senior deputy registrar of finance Mr Herman du Toit said the institution was owed about R60 million. He said students who were owing would not receive their results. "They will also not be allowed to

register for further courses," Du Toit said. Mr Carl de Villiers of the University of Zululand said students would not get their certificates until they had paid up. He said the university did not have a policy to deal with those students still

owing fees. The institution will have to adopt stricter methods to recover outstanding fees. "Previously we engaged the services of debt collecting firms, but that method was not very successful either," De Villiers said. Students still owe the university a total of R17 million. A spokesman for the Medical University of Southern Africa said their outstanding balance on tuition fees was R19 million. Medunsa would not withhold results of those students. "We will

wait for the students to complete their degrees and thereafter hand over their cases to an attorney," the spokesman said. Wits University spokesman Mrs Valerie Diesel said: "Students still owing fees will not get any results from us until they have paid or made arrangements to settle their accounts." She said Wits was owed a total of R13 million in residence and tuition fees. The University of South Africa said it did not allow students in arrears to sit for examinations.

Committee recommends universities be given additional R50m

A MINISTERIAL advisory committee has recommended that an additional R50m be allocated to universities next year for loans and bursaries.

Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu recently allocated R20m to the Tertiary Education Fund of SA to address the financial crisis facing universities because of outstanding fees.

The measures were interim ones aimed at averting the exclusion of students unable to pay fees. A more permanent loan and bursary scheme for tertiary students was being investigated by the National

Commission for Higher Education.

The advisory committee, headed by ANC national executive committee member Cheryl Carolus, said the R50m would be divided between universities according to a mechanism proposed by the Committee of University Principals. (SA)

Bengu will respond to the recommendations next week.

A ministerial source said there would have to be visible action before the start of the new academic year to ensure that the problems which disrupted campuses this year did not recur.

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The advisory committee suggested the loan scheme also should be used as a guarantee fund to commercial institutions to mobilise private sector funding.

Since a strong tertiary sector, which was financially sound and which produced quality tuition and research, was essential for a successful reconstruction and development programme, the committee recommended that RDP funds be allocated for seed money for a loan scheme.

Other avenues for student funding were

a private sector loan scheme to students who could provide collateral, as well as one to talented but financially disadvantaged students. 2112194

More than half the students at the University of the North near Pietersburg had not paid their fees, leaving the institution with a R60,6m debt. Vista University students owed R14,5m, Wits University students owed R16m, RAU students owed R1,3m and the Vaal Triangle Technikon was owed R3,8m. The University of the Western Cape said 5 167 of its 13 400 students owed R22,8m, while outstanding fees

at the University of Cape Town were R17,1m (14% of the total income) and R8m was owed to Stellenbosch University.

Last year unpaid student fees totalled R137m compared with R89m the previous year. Most universities have said they will withhold results from students until outstanding fees are paid, or financial arrangements are made.

The advisory committee warned that the financial sustainability of some tertiary institutions, particularly some historically black universities, had become a critical issue.

Stellenbosch to increase fees

TUITION fees at the University of Stellenbosch have been increased by an average of 11,4% for 1995.

A university statement at the weekend said the figure for individual courses varied between 10,5% and 13,5%.

Residential fees are being increased by 12%. State subsidies had been cut by another four per cent for 1995, compelling the university to implement the increase, vice-rector (operations) Professor Christo Viljoen said.

The 1995 fees for a BA degree would be R5 410, a BComm R5 620 and a BSc R5 990. — Sapa

R50m from subsidy to go to needy students

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The government has told universities it will redirect R50 million from the university subsidy budget to bursaries and loans for disadvantaged students.

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Wits University vice-chancellor Robert Charlton said the funds would be allocated according to the number of disadvantaged students at universities.

This meant that universities with more disadvantaged students would gain, while those with less disadvantaged students would lose.

Universities such as Wits would break even. The funds would, however, all be earmarked for student financial aid.

Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu was expected to comment last week on a report on the crisis in the tertiary sector, compiled by a committee headed by ANC national executive committee member Cheryl Carolus. He has not yet done so.

Education warning

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Staff Reporter

AN open-door admissions policy to higher education could lead to a lowering of academic standards, says Cape Technikon rector Dr Theo Shippey.

Dr Shippey was awarded the highest technikon qualification — a Laureatus in Technology at the Technikon's diploma ceremony yesterday.

His thesis, entitled "Standards and Quality in Higher Education", was prompted by the "great pressure to lower standards being exerted by political and social groups and the view among many educators that a decrease in standards was inevitable".

In an interview Dr Shippey said many applicants lacked the scholastic foundation to pursue higher education.

"We have to be very careful when we enrol students that they have real potential to complete their studies, and are also at the academic level required for tertiary education".
He said experience in other

countries had shown that open-door admission policies had led to a lowering of standards.

In his address to students, Arts, Culture, Science and

Technology Minister, Dr Ben Ngubane said the technikon population was "far too small".

He said South Africa had far too few technical personnel

and "the only way to remedy this situation is for more students, especially African students, to enter training for these vocations, in particular at technikons".



GRADUATES ALL . . . Cape Technikon rector Dr Theo Shippey (centre) was awarded the highest Technikon qualification, a Laureatus in Technology, when he graduated yesterday with fellow students Ms Prabha Chavda, 22 (left), and Ms Natasha Williams, 22. Picture: CLIVE SMITH

'No varsity subsidy cut'

Star

■ BY TARYN LAMBERTI

Committee of University Principals spokesman Johan Brink has denied that university subsidies for next year would be cut, but said an additional R50 million would be allocated to universities for bursaries.

He was responding to a report yesterday which said R50 million would be removed from the overall subsidy budget and redirected to bursary allocations.

He said the R50 million would be allocated by the Government over and above the annual disbursement.

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Education Department spokesman Gert Steyn said no decision in this regard had yet been made. An official announcement, due to be made later this week, would "clear the confusion up".

Brink said the confusion could be attributed to the fact that the R50 million grant had not been added to the subsidy total.

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Edited by Mike Siluma

The expectations of politically empowered, but indigent, would-be university students present a huge problem, reports Winnie Graham

Bright, talented but too poor for varsity

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Thomas Molefe (18) of Soweto has just written matric. He says he worked hard for that all-important final examination and has no doubts he will pass. Next year he wants to register for a BA degree: the first step in realising his dream of becoming a psychologist.

Like most young men on the brink of a new life, Thomas has spent many hours considering his future. The birth of a democratic South Africa has given him confidence — and great expectations. There is one obstacle — money.

His parents cannot afford the fees for a tertiary education and he has applied for a bursary. But will he get one? Engineering students, he has heard, stand a better chance, but who will sponsor a straightforward BA?

The question of career guidance (or, rather, the lack of it)

also arises. How many students understand the nuances of a chosen field — or the expensive consequences of a wrong choice?

Nonetheless, Thomas's dilemma epitomises the doubts and fears of literally thousands of young people in South Africa today. They know the country needs skilled people. They want to study and, frankly, cannot understand why a lack of money in the new scheme of things should be a deterrent. Surely universities could simply admit them?

Universities, on the other hand, are stretched to the limit. They can hardly cope. For every student who cannot afford the fees, financial aid must be found. To compound the problem, overseas funders have advised that they are reducing, even stopping, their allocations for next year.

Yet what's to be done about the thousands of eager young

people expectantly awaiting admission? The Ministry of Education has indicated that there can be no question of free tertiary education. The country cannot afford it. But whose job — if not the State's — is it to ensure that our talented young people obtain the qualifications our country so desperately needs?

Professor R W Charlton, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of the Witwatersrand, says it is not for universities to shoulder the burden of finding funds for indigent students.

"It is beyond the capacity of the institutions," he says.

Universities have, however, dug deeply into their own pockets to find money to subsidise disadvantaged students. (The University of the Witwatersrand, for instance, this year disbursed R23 million on bursaries, loans and scholarships, about R16 million from its own budget.)

The number of disadvantaged students qualifying for financial assistance will increase dramatically during the next few years. The predictions are that by the turn of the century 75 percent of all university students will be black — and most will undoubtedly need help in paying fees at tertiary institutions.

If the 50 000 students who now owe some R138 million in unpaid fees were unable to pay for tuition, there seems little likelihood that the situation will improve within the foreseeable future.

What can be done about this depressing scenario?

Charlton explains that the formula for subsidisation of universities is based on the assumption that 20 percent of its income will come from tuition fees (and, perhaps, donations or endowments).

The remaining 80 percent needed to run a university used to come from the State, but this has been steadily eroded over the last seven years to 53 percent in 1994.

Universities have had to tighten their their belts increasingly. At Wits, (and probably most other universities as well) stringent economies have been introduced, to the point where the maintenance of the buildings is now inadequate, library holdings eroded, staffing reduced and laboratory equipment aging.

There are fears that if the subsidy is further cut, there could be more retrenchments and a reduction in resources for teaching and research. To make ends meet, most universities are increasing fees next year so that salary increases along with the cost of services and goods can be met.

However, if the traditionally "white" universities are having a problem, the old "black" universities face an even greater crisis. Until 1986, universities such as Fort Hare, presented their budgets to the Department of Education and Training for approval. The procedure was changed in 1987, but with most black stu-

dents unable to pay fees, they too have been caught in the finance trap — and their resources do not shape up to those at white institutions (inadequate as these may have become).

It is unfortunate, perhaps, that white universities are perceived to be "rich". There is a feeling, among many black students, that with well-heeled whites paying high fees, all disadvantaged students should at least be subsidised.

Few appreciate the limitations of university resources — or that the shortfall will increase as the number of students qualifying for entry rises — even if the present level of subsidisation of the institutions is maintained.

Ten years ago there were about 212 000 university students in South Africa. Of these 142 000 were white, 39 700 black, 17 500 Indian and 12 900 coloured. Discriminatory legislation regarding university admission, inadequate secondary schooling and, of course, a lack of funds, excluded many from university.

Now the tables are turning. There are predictions that by the year 2009 there will be about 982 000 black school leavers in South Africa — an increase of 291 percent — many of whom will want, and qualify for, university education. Registrations at universities will then be predominantly black.

Though a World Bank classification places South Africa among the "upper middle income countries", it is well below the mean for the group — in terms of the proportion of population at all tertiary institutions and universities. In South Africa, there are ten students per 1 000 of the population, with the figure in other similar countries at 16. Ratios for South Africa are, in fact, closer to those for lower middle income countries such as Angola, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Lesotho (nine students per 1 000).

The statistics are relevant. If there is a financial crisis at uni-

Investigating then defining new role

The Government's White Paper on Education and Training calls on the National Commission on Higher Education — the official enquiry into tertiary education — to "investigate the entire sector, its identity, goals, demography, problems, structure, funding, governance, management, planning, programmes, size, qualification structure, articulation, intellectual and development role ... and make specific proposals on the way forward."

The commission will also define a role for universities in the new South Africa — a definition that could have far-reaching implications.

Probably the top concern will be finance. With the number of indigent students increasing, the ability to pay tuition fees must be a priority.

But autonomy will be no less important. Universities have always guarded their independence as jealously as the Press its freedom. Throughout the apartheid years the liberal English language universities resisted all attempts by government to control either their philosophy or decision-making. The world of academia is unlikely to forsake that stance now.

The demand for greater representation on the councils of universities has gathered momentum and some universities have moved to accommodate the aspirations of the disadvantaged.

Some academics view this as a move to manipulate the autonomy of universities, fearing that subsidies will be withheld unless universities "toe the line."

The Council of the

University of the Witwatersrand, on the other hand, informed staff and students more than a year ago that it was not fully representative "of the legitimate stakeholders" and invited proposals for restructuring.

It agreed to set up a forum which would address this issue and also any concerns members of the university community wished to put forward.

A working group was set up to establish the forum with Professor John Dugard the chairman. He has twice issued statements to the effect that progress was being hindered by the Sasco (SA Students Congress) representative in particular, and by disagreement among the members of the "Education Alliance" in general.



Storming the citadels of learning . . . cash-strapped South African universities are unable to subsidise more impoverished students without Government help.

versities now, the situation is likely to deteriorate in the next decade. Though the Government already subsidises universities to the tune of about R2,1 billion, it has been suggested that the only way in which the problem could be overcome would be the creation of a national bursary and loan scheme.

At the University of the Witwatersrand it costs about R15 000 annually to cover the costs of tuition, books, pocket money and accommodation. Even if only R10 000 per student were provided, and just 100 000

students at all universities were assisted, it would cost an additional R1 billion a year.

Because of the shortage of funding, family income levels for students qualifying for aid have been set very low. As a result, there are many students in financial difficulty. Then there are students who qualified for assistance, but who are not succeeding academically and have had their financial support reduced because it is considered that the money would be more productively allocated to others.

It has been suggested by Pro-

fessor Charlton that as an interim arrangement the government should consider underwriting three-quarters of the loans granted by universities up to specified limits.

"The amount the taxpayer can afford will determine the ceiling for the number of students who can be accommodated in residential tertiary institutions," he said. "Unfortunately, this is not understood by the vast majority of students and the government faces a very considerable problem in coping with their expectations."

Plea to open all education posts

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — All 261 positions in the national Department of Education should be considered new so that they could be advertised, Minister of Education Professor Sibusiso Bengu said yesterday.

He also announced that a national commission on higher education would be established shortly with a mandate to "develop comprehensive proposals for restructuring the tertiary educa-

tion sector within one year".

In a confidential document circulated to delegates to the ANC conference here, Prof Bengu said progress in the establishment of a new national and nine provincial departments of education had been "frustratingly slow".

"The task of amalgamating the 19 former departments into a single national and nine provincial departments has been severely retarded by the constitutional and legal constraints relating to restructuring the civil service..."

"While the national department recently re-

ceived approval to advertise some of the senior vacant posts, we are still strenuously arguing that all 261 posts in the national department should be considered part of a new department and should hence be publicly advertised."

Prof Bengu warned that the pace of change in the education system was "likely to be slower than expected among many of our constituents and the resulting frustration will certainly be exploited by various political forces".

"We need to engage our constituencies and other stakeholders in the process of change."

Varsity fees rocket out of parent's reach

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By Edwina Booysen

BY THE year 2000 the simplest university degree could cost more than R10 000 per year. That's the projection from the University of Cape Town.

Already tertiary education is costing parents an arm and a leg. The best option might be to select the institution with the lowest fees so that Junior can get that step up in life at the least expense.

The Western Cape has three universities: University of the Western Cape, University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University. The following is what parents can expect to pay in the new year.

Stellenbosch University

BA	- R5 450 p/a
BA Law	- R5 450 p/a
BSc: Engineering	- R6 400 p/a
Computer Science	- R5 650 p/a
Medical 1st year	- R6 280 p/a
2nd - 6th year	- R8 920 p/a
B Commerce	- R5 650 p/a
B Social Science	- R5 450 p/a
B Administration	- R5 450 p/a
MA	- R5 420 p/a

University of the Western Cape

BA	- R4 325 p/a
BA Law	- R4 325 p/a
BA HDE	- R4 325 p/a
BSc: Computer Science	- R4 710 p/a
B Commerce	- R4 325 p/a
B Social Science	- R4 325 p/a
B Administration	- R4 325 p/a
B Proc	- R4 325 p/a
MA	- R4 120 p/a
PhD	- R4 120 p/a
Theology	- R4 325 p/a
Dentistry: B ChD IIIIV	- R7 150 p/a
B ChD VI	- R3 575 p/a
Geology honours	- R4 850 p/a
Post basic Nursing programmes: (DNA, DNE & DNA (CN))	- R3 915 p/a

University of Cape Town

BA	- R7 100 p/a
BA Law	- R7 100 p/a
BA HDE	- R5 250 p/a full time or R3 000 part time
BSc: Engineering/Computer Science 1st year	- R7 550 p/a
2nd year onward	- R8 250 p/a
Medical 3 years	- R8 800 p/a
MBCHB	- R9 850 p/a
Occupational Therapy	- R8 200 p/a
B Commerce	- R7 950 p/a
B Social Science	- R7 100 p/a
B Administration	- N/A
B Proc	- N/A
MA	- R2 450 p/a

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