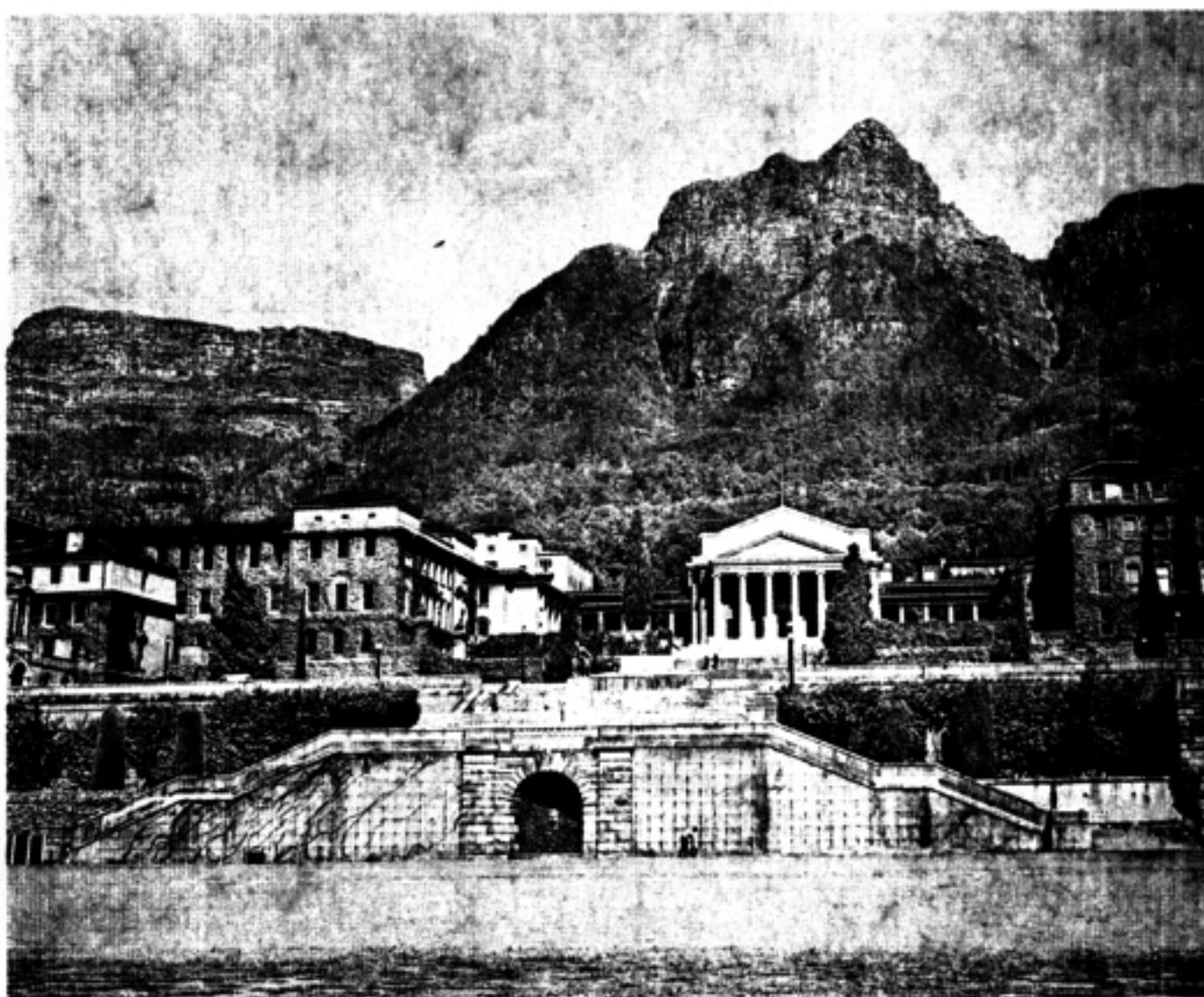


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INTRODUCTORY NOTE TO THIS SET OF MINUTES

Due to the cost, it was decided not to duplicate the printing of reports, position papers and other documents which every delegate to the 56th Congress had access to, during the course of congress. Consequently, this "abridged" set of minutes is simply a record of NSA proceedings. (i.e. motions and resolutions)

However, sets of minutes complete with all 14 appendices will be sent to the SRC's of every affiliated campus, and every other campus that sent a delegation to the 56th Congress. It is hoped that these will be made available to every interested student.

debby and pete.

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ABBREVIATIONS

S.R.C.	Students Representative Council
U.C.T.	University of Cape Town
Wits	University of the Witwatersrand
U.N.P./ PMB	University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg
U.N.D./ Durban	University of Natal, Durban
Rhodes	Rhodes University
NUSAS	National Union of South African Students
The National Union	NUSAS
SASTS	South African Students Travel Service
NUSED	National Union of Students Education Department
COMM COMM	Communities Commission
WAGES COMM	Wages and Economics Commission
ERC	Economic Research Commission
SDA	Social Democratic Association
SSD	Students for Social Democracy
ACT	Association for Critical Thought
SAM	Students African Movement
ModCon	Modern Conservative Student Movement
CSA	Conservative Students Alliance
Rationale	Alternative Conservative Association (wits)
CTS	Conservative Thinkers Society
SCA	Students Christian Association
CATHSOC	Catholic Society
Saujs	South African Union of Jewish Students
VARSIITY	S.R.C. newspaper, UCT
DOME	S.R.C. newspaper, UND
NUX	S.R.C. newspaper, UNP
WITS STUDENT	S.R.C. newspaper, Wits
RHODEO	S.R.C. newspaper, Rhodes
MATIE	S.R. newspaper, Stellenbosch
UPEN	S.R. newspaper, UPE
PERDEBY	S.R. newspaper, Pretoria
WAPAD	S.R. newspaper, Potchefstroom
IRWA	S.R. newspaper, UCOFS
HERAUT	S.R. newspaper, RAU
TTC	Christian newspaper, Durban: Through the Cross
SR	Studenteraad
U.P.E.	University of Port Elizabeth
U.C.O.F.S.	University of the Orange Free State
RAU	Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit
AFC	Arts Faculty Council
MSC	Medical Students Council
LSC	Law Students Council
SSC	Science Students Council
Envirac	Environmental Action Group
ASB	Afrikaanse Studente Bond
SASET	South African Students Education Trust
SAMST	South African Medical Scholarships Trust
SAPET	South African Prison Education Trust
SSPT	Students Services Project Trust
ASVS	Afrikaanse Studente Vereeniging van Stellenbosch
NSA	NUSAS Student Assembly
PLOT	Planning, Organization and Training
CNE	"Christian National Education"
FF	Fascist Federation
SABC TV	South African Broadcasting Corporation Television
SADF	South African Defence Force

DELEGATES AND STUDENT OBSERVERS TO THE 56TH NUSAS CONGRESS.

HEAD OFFICE.

- * Auret van Heerden
- Jane Barrett
- Gerald Kraak
- Mog Davids
- Steve Kahanowitz
- Patrick Flynn

Absent

- Max Price
- Des Kruger

Co-Ordinators

- * Robert Barge

Absent

- Gordon Cramb
- Hugh Cordev
- Rory Gogarty

- Pete Brits
- Debbi van Gas

} Seconded from WITS as Congress Secretaries.

- NUSAS President
- General Secretary
- Community Action Co-ordinator
- Media Officer
- NUSAS Clerk and SASTS sales Officer
- NUSAS Vice-President (1977/78 UCT SRC President)
- NUSAS Executive (1977/78 UND SRC President)

- NUSAS Executive (1977/78 WITS SRC President)
- NUSAS Executive (1977/78 PMB SRC President)

Labour (WITS SRC)

National Student Law Edcom

UCT DELEGATION.

- * Dave Hill
- * Avrom Goldberg
- * Steve Bowey
- * Andrew Thompson
- * Richard Wicksteed
- * Edwin Angless
- * Eric Atmore
- * Jeremy Dyspell
- * Jeremy Goldberg
- * Anthony Weaver
- * Bryan Hack

Juliet Addison
 Charles Boffard
 Pierre Chemaly
 Annette Griessel
 Michael Haddad
 Adam Harris
 Lindy King
 Vernon Matzopolous
 Barry Smit
 Peter Salmon
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 Alison Wilkes
 Chris Adam
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 Elizabeth Barratt
 Mark Kelley
 Matthew McNally
 Don Pinnock
 Deborah Bagnall
 Robin Bloch
 M.G. Blumberg
 Mary Boltman
 Don Bramwell
 Andrew Carney
 Dorothy Carney
 Diana Coertze
 Steve Drus
 Niki Dunckley
 Andy Durbach
 Elizabeth Everett
 Ingrid Falck
 Derrick Fine
 Sharla Green
 Geoffrey Green
 Jenny Grice
 Gareth Griffiths
 N. Heinrichsen
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 Tessa Katz
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 Eric Peltz
 Mike Phillips
 Devan Pillay
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 Diane Sandler
 Keith Scherzer
 David Schmidt
 Simon Sternberg
 Dave Stromberg
 Julian Stern
 Gavin Weir
 Charles Milward
 Steven Rabinowitz
 Nicola Rodgers
 Boris Ingram
 Michael Cherry
 Chippie Olver
 Dick Pitcher
 Caroline Cullinan
 Brett Myrdal
 Anthony Ingram
 Bibi Conradie
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 Martin Liefeldt
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 Steve Kesler
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- * Donald Rallis
- * Tony Leon
- * Charles Yeats
- * Hilary Joffe
- * Howard Radford

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- * SRC

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 * Peter Wentzel
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 Steffan Schneier
 Erich Roberts
 Steve Mosenthal
 Melinda Silverman
 Mike Roussos
 Virginia Zweigenthal
 Debbie Gill
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Sheena Stannard
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Jane Gamany
Peter Brooks

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Anne Leger
Simon Wells
Fiona Macleod
Alison Otto
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Nigel Ellway
Russell Halton
Dave Rogers
Marle Harrison
John Gultig
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Rob Taylor
Charlie Inggs
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Mike Mitchley (NLC)
Susan Myrdal (NLC)
Dave Forbes (NLC)
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Henry James
Melanie Wilson (NLC)
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Hercules Kruger

UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH.

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A. de Swardt
J. de Wet

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(President)
President, University of Pretoria
President, R.A.U.
On behalf of U.O.F.S.
President, University of Stellenbosch.

- NOTES:
1. * indicates a voting delegate. Each affiliated campus has nine votes, but some SRC's operated on a "rotating" system of delegates.
 2. The above is a list of registered delegates and observers. Other students attended at various times.

AGENDA

(as revised by the steering committee)

FRIDAY 24th

Arrival and registration of some delegates

SATURDAY 25th

All delegates present by midday.

3.00pm Executive meeting.

4.00pm Delegation meetings.

5.00pm Steering committee.

6.30pm Cocktail party. (Welcome - Sir Richard Luyt.)

8.00pm Opening address (Charles Nupen - ex NUSAS President)
Presidents address.

9.30pm NSA

Claiming of votes.

Committee elections.

Head Office reports - General Secretary
Publications Officer

SUNDAY 26th

7.30am Breakfast

8.45am NSA

President's report.

Centre reports.

Co-ordinators reports.

12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm NSA

Financial report - General Secretary

SASTS report - Laurine Platsky.

(SASET, SAMST, and SAPET reports to be delivered to National
Council)

COMMITTEES

Group A (1st session)

6.30pm Supper

8.00pm NSA

8.30pm Interest groups

Finance and structures committee

11.30pm Steering committee. (Thereafter on an adhoc basis.)

Agenda cont'd

MONDAY 27th

7.30am Breakfast

8.45am NSA
Administrative announcements

COMMITTEES

Group B (1st session)

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Paper on Planning, Organization and Training (PLOT).
Vice-president

COMMITTEES

Group C (only session)

5.00pm Special session Education Action
Finance and structures committee

6.00pm Supper

7.30pm "The Structure of the Universities" - Prof. Horn.

COMMITTEES

Group A (2nd session)

TUESDAY 28th

7.30am Breakfast

8.45am NSA
Administrative announcements

COMMITTEES

Group B (2nd session)

11.00pm Visit to Crossroads
Slide/tape show
Finance and structures committee

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm NSA
committee REPORTS

4.00pm Special session : Education action, Political action,
Social action, Research,
Finance and structures committees.

6.00pm Supper

Agenda cont'd

& 7.15pm Delegation meetings.

8.00pm NSA
Continuation of REPORTS
Motions arising out of reports

WEDNESDAY 29th

2.00am CONCERT.

7.30am Breakfast

8.45am NSA
Continuation of REPORTS
Motions arising out of reports

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm NSA
Continuation of REPORTS
Motions arising out of reports
Notified motions

6.00pm Supper

8.00pm NSA
Final REPORTS
Motions, arising out of reports
Notified motions
Election of Office Bearers
Motions of thanks
Closing.

THURSDAY 30th

4.00am Celebration until sunrise.

MINUTES OF THE 56TH NUSAS CONGRESS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
24TH NOVEMBER - 30TH NOVEMBER, 1978.

19h15 Saturday 25/11/78 Mr. Hill, President of the S.R.C. of the host university, welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked the Congress Organizing Committee for the efficient manner in which they had worked; and particularly Annette Griessel, Andy Durbach and Laura Levetan. Mr. Hill informed students of the banning of Laura Levetan the previous day and condemned this action. Finally, he introduced Sir Richard Luyt.

Sir Richard began by welcoming delegates, students and their guests at the cocktail party. Thereafter he expressed anger and regret at the banning of Ms. Levetan, particularly as it seemed that the purpose of her banning was to prevent her being present at NUSAS congress. Sir Richard expressed the opinion that when suppression spreads from the banning of student publications to the banning of persons from educational institutions, this became a matter of real concern. He noted that bannings were carried out in an effort to defend "something"; but doubted if that "something" was any longer worth defending in the light of the fact that it was no longer accountable to the courts, parliament or government auditors.

NUSAS President, Auret van Heerden, thanked Sir Richard Luyt for hosting the cocktail party and the Congress. Mr. van Heerden drew attention to the banning of Ms. Levetan, but stressed that students should not react to this latest banning emotionally but see it as part of a web of oppression in S.A. He stated that he believed that white students had a role, albeit minor, in the dismantling of this oppression.

20h10 with van Heerden in the chair NSA convened. The President declared the 56th NUSAS Congress open and welcomed Mr. Charles Nupen (NUSAS President 1974), the opening speaker.

In delivering the opening address, Mr. Nupen referred to Laura Levetan's banning and linked it to the governmental response of digging in its heels following upon the birth of the policy of Africanization, student reaction to the death in detention of Steve Biko, black consciousness organizations and escalating guerilla warfare. He made mention of two standard student responses to governmental action - viz to leave the country or to assert themselves as Africans. The latter involved adaptation to the present circumstances of restriction with a concomitant shift back to campus emphasis and a more acute political analysis. Mr. Nupen drew attention to the stifling of student publications, whose work he considered important in confronting students with the real issues of their African existence and exposing real differences between the privileged and the dispossessed. He stated that the S.A. situation was to be viewed in perspective and it did not only affect blacks. He was of the opinion that the entire system was corrupt and gave as an example the Dept. of Information scandal. Mr. Nupen said, "Practices that you sew into the fabric of your society you must expect to reap". He found it ironic that the Nationalists were demanding that both sides should be heard since a few years earlier NUSAS office-bearers and others had been banned on the basis of the evidence of the Schlebusch/van Wyk de Vries commission without having had a right to reply.

Turning to Course Reform and the proposed NUSAS theme for 1978, he stressed that course reform should not be for the sake of more efficient lecturing etc. but for the sake of bringing about an education more relevant to an African future.

On the subject of contact with Afrikaans universities, he quoted Leo Marquard's (first NUSAS President) reasons for the formation of NUSAS. He also expressed the opinion that NUSAS had achieved a degree of credibility in the black community and that this was to be fostered.

In summary, Mr. Nupen reminded delegates that NUSAS had a proud tradition of results in difficult circumstances and that "self respect demands that we do what is right, not what is safe".

Mr. van Heerden then handed the chair to Mr. Kahanowitz for the purpose of delivering his Presidential address.

Mr. van Heerden traced the history of state repression in SA with particular regard to the repression of student protest; drawing the conclusion that whites were encouraged not to think but to accept the dominant ideology. The indoctrinating effects of CNE, SABC TV and the SADF added to the difficulties of NUSAS in attempting to conscientize students. Financially, the position was severe for while NUSAS funds had been severely cut by its declaration as an affected organization, extreme right-wing organizations were backed by mysterious sources probably not unconnected with the Department of Information. The President estimated that during 1977-78 conservatives on English campuses had squandered not less than R25 000. The question now arose as to where this money had come from - applause. Another problem faced by NUSAS concerned its ability to avoid either resting on laurels or adopting an ethic of survival. These difficulties should be avoided by vigorous analysis of the potential and the limitations of NUSAS. In responding to apathy, NUSAS itself had to be careful to avoid either cynicism or defeatism, and to face the problem of communication with student bodies. However, in this process, NUSAS must not indulge in the politics of survival or unjustifiable compromise but must advance its goals and aspirations and in this process its supporters will have to accept the discipline and sacrifice of our role and the necessity for re-evaluation and planning after criticism. NUSAS must be democratic and allow for participation and must seek to inculcate these values in the student movement.

NUSAS cannot be totally consistent, but must not deviate from its principles - in this regard Mr. van Heerden apologised to the Women's Movement of PMB for compromising the principles of NUSAS by making use of the PMB Rag Queen in the PMB referendum - applause.

Finally, the President thanked Mr. Nupen for his address and Steve Bowey for his organization and expressed the opinion that NUSAS could go forward with hope.

Chair back to Mr. van Heerden.

Procedural announcements.

Congress adjourned 20h55 for the handing out and reading of reports.

Congress reconvened 21h30, Mr. van Heerden in the chair.

CLAIMING OF VOTES.

Wits	9
UCT	9
PMB	9
UND	9

RESOLUTION 1/79.

That this NSA ratify the voting strengths as claimed by each centre.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe
 SECONDED: Page

Carried Unanimously.

MOTION A.

That this NSA

Noting that:

- 1.) Laura Levetan was banned yesterday (24/11/78)
- 2.) Eight members of BPC or SASO were banned this week.

Believing that:

- 1) These persons were committed to the struggle for an equitable resolution of the S.A. conflict
- 2) Laura Levetan had accepted the responsibility to provide leadership to her fellow students under difficult circumstances.
- 3) That it is this type of leadership and commitment, both rational and critical, that the repressive state finds necessary to silence
- 4) That such conditions are the responses of an unrepresentative minority, bent on using any means, however violent, to repress the aspirations of the majority of South Africans.

Therefore Resolves:

- 1) To condemn such actions by the state.
- 2) To commit ourselves to continue to strive for that society that our banned colleague was committed to.

PROPOSED: Hill
 SECONDED: Goldsmith

The Chairman ruled that as notice of this motion had been given to the executive, 12 hours notice in terms of Rule 9.4 of the Standing Rules was not necessary.

There was no objection to this procedure from the delegates.

Hill - Laura is not the only person who has been victimised by the state, but because she was to have been one of the delegates to this congress, special attention is drawn to her.

Goldsmith - This motion calls for a critical rather than an emotional response. We must see this banning as part of a broader government plot to suppress all real opposition. We must take and use Laura's example of courage.

The Presidents of Cape Town, Wits and Durban identified with the motion on behalf of their delegations.

Chris Butler and Andre van Niekerk identified with the motion on behalf of the Rhodes and Stellenbosch observer delegations respectively - applause.

In reply to a question from the Durban delegation as to what type of future society was envisaged by Ms. Levetan, Mr. van Heerden replied from the chair that Ms. Levetan had sought a broadly socialistic future for S.A. which included inter alia a universal franchise.

Mr. Kahanowitz read out - Press Statement issued earlier during the day.

"STATEMENT BY NUSAS PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

The student leader banned today was a dedicated and committed young South African. She accepted the responsibility to provide leadership to her fellow students under difficult conditions. It is independent and critical activity of this kind which the state finds so threatening and so difficult to crush. Although this banning has touched all who know and worked with her, we stress that she should not be singled out for praise. At least six other people have been banned this week. Their sacrifice received little or no coverage in the country's newspapers. For black people, this has become a way of life, and one which they are determined to end. The UCT student leader banned today has contributed to that struggle, and her contribution will give us the courage and inspiration to go on."

NUSAS President: Auret van Heerden

Executive: UCT: Steve Kahanovitz

Wits: Max Price

UND: Patrick Flynn

UNP: Des Kruger

On behalf of the PMB delegation, some of whom had not arrived, Mr. Velchich requested a short adjournment in order that he might explain the situation to them.

Congress adjourned 21h45.

Congress reconvened 21h49 - Mr. van Heerden in the chair.

Mr. van Heerden welcomed the late arrivals from Wits and PMB.

Debate continued on the motion before the floor prior to the adjournment.

AMENDMENT A.

That the 2nd resolves clause be struck out and in its place be substituted:

2) To continue to strive for a just and free society as our colleague did.

PROPOSED: Velchich

SECONDED: Scrooby

The amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and unanimously became part of the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 2/79.

That this NSA

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Believing that:

- 1) These persons were committed to an equitable resolution of the S.A. conflict.
- 2) Laura Levetan had accepted the responsibility to provide leadership to her fellow students under difficult circumstances.
- 3) That is is this type of leadership and committment, both rational and critical, that the repressive state finds necessary to silence.
- 4) That such conditions are the responses of an unrepresentative minority, bent on using any means, however violent, to repress the aspirations of the majority of South Africans.

Therefore Resolves:

- 1) To condemn such actions by the state
- 2) To continue to strive for a just and free society as our colleague did.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried Unanimously with Acclaim.

Minuted Statement.

We would like to minute our acceptance of this motion in spirit, however, finding at the same time a number of clauses which are unsatisfactory in part and tone
- P.W. Wentzel (Wits) and B. Hack (U.C.T.).

RESOLUTION 3/79.

That this NSA ratify the minutes of the 55th NUSAS Congress.

PROPOSED: Radford
SECONDED: Waterson

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4/79.

That this NSA ratify the following agenda for the 56th NUSAS Congress subject to the organization of the Steering Committee.

SATURDAY 25th.

All delegates to be in Cape Town by midday. Go straight to SRC desk, top floor Students Union, for registration.

- 3.00 pm. Executive Meeting
4.00 pm. Delegation Meetings
5.00 pm. Steering Comm
6.30 pm. Cocktail Party
8.00 pm. Opening Address (Charles Nupen - ex NUSAS President)
9.30 pm. NSA

Claiming of votes
Committee Elections
Tabling of Head Office Reports - General Secretary
Publications Officer

SUNDAY 26TH.

- 7.30 - 8.30 am. Breakfast
9.00 a.m. NSA
President Report
Centre Reports
Co-ordinators' Reports
12 - 1 pm. Lunch
2.00 pm. NSA
Address by Peter Horn: "The Structure of the Universities"
Committees
Group A (1st session)
6 - 7 pm. Supper
8.00 pm. NSA
Interest Groups
Finances and Structures Committee Meeting

MONDAY 27th.

- 7.30 - 8.30 a.m. Breakfast
9 am. NSA
Group B Committees (1st session)
12 - 1 pm. Lunch
2 pm. NSA
Paper on Planning, Organisation and Training

- 3 pm. Group C Committees (only session)
- 5.30 pm. Finance and Structures Comm.
- 6 - 7 pm. Supper
- 8 pm. Group A Committees (final session)

TUESDAY 28TH.

- 7.30 - 8.30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9 am. NSA.
Group B Committees (final session)
- 11.30 am. Finance and Structures Committee
- 12 - 1 pm. Lunch
- 2.00 pm. NSA
A and C Committee Reports
- 6 - 7 pm. Supper
- 8 pm. NSA
Reports cont.
Notice of Motions
Concert

WEDNESDAY 29TH.

- 7.30 - 8.30 am. Breakfast
- 9 am. NSA
Committee Reports
- 12 - 1 pm. Lunch
- 2 pm. NSA
Deliberation of Motions
Election of Office-bearers and co-ordinators
- 6 - 7 pm. Supper
- 8 pm. NSA cont.
Motions of thanks and closing

PROPOSED: Barge
SECONDED: A. Goldberg

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 5/79.

That this NSA rescind policy on those aspects of policy covered by committees to be established by this NSA and that policy taken at the last congress on those aspects of policy which will not be covered by committees to be appointed by this congress be allowed to stand.

PROPOSED: McCormack
SECONDED: Laing

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 6/79.

That this NSA

Resolves to amend the Standing Rules for the conduct of NUSAS Student Assembly meetings as follows:

- 1) By changing the phrase "any of the Vice-Presidents" in clause 2.1 to "the Vice-President."
- 2) By deleting, in clause 5.1, all words from "including those" to "..... at Assembly".
- 3) By deleting, in clause 6.1, all words from "read together" to "..... proxy voters".
- 4) By adding the words "who shall be voting delegates of NSA" after the words "and seconder" in clause 9.3.
- 5) By substituting the word "committees" for the word "commissions" in clause 9.9.
- 6) By deleting the word "only" in clause 20.2.
- 7) By adding to clause 20.2 a section i) which shall read: "i) A summary of the debate of delegates."

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Thompson

Carried Unanimously.

Called upon by the Chairman to explain the motion, Mr. Brits stated that:-

- a) It was not possible in terms of Clause 3.1 of the Standing Rules to give one sitting's notice of this motion, however in lieu of such notice, notice was given to the executive this afternoon of the intention to move the above - the chairman ruled with the consent of NSA that the motion was admissable.
- b) Clauses 1) and 2) of the above motion required a two thirds majority to come into effect.
- c) Clauses 1) to 6) were intended to bring the Standing Rules up to date with the existing structure and situation within NUSAS.
- d) That Clause 7) allowed for the recording of debate.

MOTION B.

That this NSA establish the following committees in the following groups:-

GROUP A.

Media
Women
Education Action/Projects
Cultural Action
Alternative Employment
Student Benefits/Services

GROUP B.

Publications
Environmental Action
Residence Reform
Political Programmes/projects
Faculty Councils
Social Action

GROUP C.

Sport
Orientation Weeks
Contact
SVLTF/SVLO and Extra Mural Studies Units
Resource Centres
Planning Organization and Training
Labour
Research Projects

Further Committees (these to meet on an ad hoc basis)

Steering Committee
Congress Organising Committee
Finance and Structures Committee

PROPOSED: Radford
SECONDED: Barge

AMENDMENT A.

That the committee called "Women" under Group A have its name changed to "Sexism".

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Rallis

Leon - "Sexism" better expresses the aims of the committee.

Rallis - Calling the committee "Women" is itself sexist.

Van Heerden (from the chair) - the name "sexism" would unnecessarily restrict the committee.

Voting on the amendment

Against	24
Abstentions	5
For	8

Amendment lost.

RESOLUTION 7/79.

That this NSA establish the following committees in the following groups

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Steering Committee
Congress Organising Committee
Finance and Structures Committee.

PROPOSED: Radford
SECONDED: Barge

Carried Unanimously.

The Chairman called for nominations to the various committees to be handed in to the Steering Committee.

RESOLUTION 8/79.

That this NSA table the report of the General Secretary.

PROPOSED: Van Dyk
SECONDED: Dysell

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 9/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the General Secretary.

PROPOSED: Bowey
SECONDED: Wicksteed

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 10/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Publications Officer.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Velchich

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 11/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Publications Officer.

PROPOSED: Radford
SECONDED: J. Joffe

Carried Unanimously.

Recorded comment on the Publications Officer's Report by Mike Mitchley, (Rhodes SRC President 1978) - "On behalf of the 1978 Rhodes SRC, I would like it noted that 12.3 of the above report is considered inaccurate. Rhodes editors were dismissed because there was a long history of contract breaking on their part".

Congress adjourned 11h30.

Sunday 26/11/78 09h39 Congress convened.

Mr. Kahanowitz in the chair.

RESOLUTION 12/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Durban SRC Presidents.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Wentzel

Carried Unanimously.

Davis enlarged on controversial motions passed by the SRC and on resignations from the SRC due to graduation of SRC members when questioned on these topics.

RESOLUTION 13/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Durban SRC Presidents.

PROPOSED: Rallis
SECONDED: Pace.

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 14/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Durban Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Atmore

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 15/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Durban Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: Smail
SECONDED: Swart

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 16/79.

That this NSA table the report of the UCT President.

PROPOSED: Wicksteed
SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried Unanimously.

Caiger- objected to lack of prominence and explanation given to the collapse of Edcom and Commcomm the lack of contact with residence, or the failure of contact with other universities.

Hack - expressed the opinion that Mr. Hill's report contained broad sweeping statements and factual inaccuracies. He disputed the fact that Mr. Willmer was a member of the National Front. He asked what was meant by a 2 year period of consolidation and the term "far right" etc.

Hill - the 2 year period of consolidation is that during which the SRC was chaired first by Hayson then by Kahanowitz. "Far right" means CSA.

Weaver - clarified the situation in regard to residences and Ed Comm while explaining that a new infusion of blood was needed for Comm Comm.

Atmore - Varsity is easily distributed.

Kahanowitz - disappointed that Ed Comm was not progressing.

J. Goldberg - the tone of the report was incorrect - UCT was in fact still a liberal campus.

A dispute arose between Hack, Kaiger and van Heerden about Brendon Willmer's membership of the British National Front.

Davis - UCT should not wash its dirty linen in public.

Rallis - called for a greater degree of impartiality from the chair.

RESOLUTION 17/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the UCT President.

PROPOSED: Atmore
SECONDED: Radford

Voting on adoption	Against	1
	Abstaining	3
	For	27

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18/79.

That this NSA table the Wits Centre Report.

PROPOSED: J. Joffe
SECONDED: Seftel

Carried Unanimously.

Goldsmith - elaborated on the report.

Caiger- questioned the effectiveness of promoting course reform by means of class representatives.

Thompson - who funded Campus Independent before the SRC did so?

Goldsmith - Mr. Rhett Kahn (ex Wits SRC member) said that Louis Luyt funded Campus Independent, but later said that this had been said in jest.

RESOLUTION 19/79.

That this NSA adopt the Wits Centre Report

PROPOSED: van Dyk
SECONDED: Rogers

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 20/79.

That this NSA table the report of the PBM Presidents.

PROPOSED: Conrad-Czaja
SECONDED: Smail

Carried unanimously.

Rogers - the Socialism vs. Capitalism debate was not a success

Mitcheley - how do other campuses cope with the problem of alcohol consumption.

RESOLUTION 21/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the PMB Presidents.

PROPOSED: A. Goldberg
SECONDED: Atmore

Passed Nem Con (1 abstention)

RESOLUTION 22/79.

That this NSA congratulates the PMB SRC on their referendum victory and welcomed their continued affiliation to the National Union.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: Hill

Voting	Against	1
	Abstentions	10
	For	19

Passed with acclaim.

Chair to Kahanowitz 10h43.

van Heerden - the consistent work and effort of PMB's NUSAS supporters needs to be praised, and particularly Gultig and Velchich.

Velchich - the same might be said of Auret (van Heerden).

RESOLUTION 23/79.

That this NSA table the report of the PMB Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: A. Goldberg.

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 24/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the PMB Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Leon

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 25/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Rhodes NUSAS Projects Society.

PROPOSED: Smail
SECONDED: Conrad-czaja

Carried unanimously.

Caiger - what efforts are being made to re-affiliate to NUSAS.

Butler - At Rhodes the SRC as a whole does not support NUSAS - only isolated individuals.

O'Conner - who supplies the finances of the Rhodes Projects Committee.

Myrdal - about R350 from the SRC.

RESOLUTION 26/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Rhodes NUSAS Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: A. Goldberg
SECONDED: S. Goldberg

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 27/79.

That this NSA table the report of Law Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: Weaver
SECONDED: Thompson

Carried Unanimously.

Report clarified by Kahanowitz who tabled it in the absence of Hugh Corder.

Brits - is anything being done to ensure continuity in the research into alternative legal practice?

Kahanowitz - unclear on this matter - most of the work being carried out at Wits.

Flynn - Provincial Law Societies are opposed to alternative Law Practice.

Caiger - NUSAS needs to move away from legal aid towards legal education.

RESOLUTION 28/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Law Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: J. Joffe
SECONDED: Hill

Carried Unanimously.

Kahanowitz - thanked Hugh Corder in his absence for his report.

11h00 Congress adjourned for the distribution and reading of reports.

Sunday 26/11/78 Congress reconvened.

van Heerden in the chair.

RESOLUTION 29/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Education Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe
SECONDED: Cambell

Carried Unanimously.

Caiger - appreciated the honesty of this report, but stressed that reports should be received more timeously to allow proper study.

Flynn - clarified the section on the Durban section of the national tour.

RESOLUTION 30/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Education Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: Atmore

SECONDED: Barge

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 31/79.

That this NSA table the report of the National Student Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe

SECONDED: Wicksteed

Carried Unanimously.

Wicksteed - clarified the National Council censure of National Student 4.

Chair to Kahanowitz 11h44.

van Heerden - National Student 4 was censured because three deadlines were broken and an article was libelous.

Pace - the article on Mr. Swart was not libelous.

RESOLUTION 32/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the National Student Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: Weaver

SECONDED: Rallis

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 33/79.

That this NSA table the report of the UCT Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: Conrad-czajon

SECONDED: Scrooby

Carried Unanimously.

Bowey - a full report of UCT Projects Committee activities for 1977-78 is to be found in the National Council minutes.

RESOLUTION 34/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the UCT Projects Committee.

PROPOSED: Leon

SECONDED: O'Connor

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 35/79.

That this NSA table the report of the NUSAS President.

PROPOSED: Weaver

SECONDED: Hill

Carried Unanimously.

van Heerden - praised the PMB freshers seminar and the Wits freshers meeting; expressed regret at having spoken at the end of the week of UCT; congratulated head office staff on their efficient running of the office and June on her handling of the NUSAS finances. Further elaborated on the report.

Mason - thought that the censuring of National Student 4 was authoritarian.

van Heerden - disagreed, but thought this matter should be pursued in the National Student committee.

Klug - Pete Smith did not go to Cape Town on holiday.

Leon - it is condescending to say that others jumped on the bandwagon in the Crossroads issue.

- Did NUSAS abandon its political stance in the PMB referendum?

van Heerden - during the PMB referendum, NUSAS was showing what it had to offer as a National Union, not dropping its political stance.

Kraak - clarified the question of jumping on the bandwagon in the Crossroads issue.

Congress adjourned 12h40.

Sunday 26/11/78.

14h10 Congress re-convened.

Kahanowitz in the chair.

Discussion continued on the President's report.

Higginson - took exception to the idea that women's liberation had not been compromised. van Heerden agreed.

Burt - theme needs to be more clearly defined, especially at Rhodes. van Heerden concurred.

Weaver - clarified the situation in relation to Crossroads concert, i.e. money raised was distributed in air of residents.

Brits - what has the State done about "NUSAS supports Terrorism" pamphlet. Cannot be allowed to stand. van Heerden replied that real issue was not State prosecution, which had been considered, but that Universities tighten up their publications by-laws.

Butler - objected to idea that contact should not be pursued with Stellenbosch because not a radical campus. van Heerden replied that Butler had read report wrongly.

Flynn - comments on Durban could lead to misunderstanding. van Heerden agreed that some of comments on Durban were unfortunately phrased.

de Sousa - biased representation of Journalism Dept. survey at Rhodes.

Rallis - theme "Education for an African Future" had not been a success at Wits. in terms of numbers. van Heerden replied that NUSAS was not to become involved in the politics of numbers.

J. Goldberg - dialogue with Afrikaans necessary to Education for an African Future. van Heerden endorsed this. Goldberg said PFP had achieved something in this regard. van Heerden agreed but remarked real issues lost sight of.

van Niekerk - no real left organization at Stellenbosch.

Wicksteed - Rallis's criticisms destructive; commented that Afrikaans campuses are seeking contact.

Kahanowitz ruled that Barrett's financial statement was to be taken in conjunction with President's report. (This report will be found in the Financial Appendix rather than the Head Office appendix)

Barret took questions on financial statement.

Brits - noted that the budget had been out, and asked for clarification of cash-in-hand.

van Heerden - clarified. Mentioned that Velcich and Yeats were experts, would draw up budget.

RESOLUTION 36/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the 1978 President.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried Unanimously with acclaim.

Leaders of five English campuses expressed thanks to the President.

Chair to van Heerden.

RESOLUTION 37/79.

That this NSA table the financial statements of the auditors for 1978.

PROPOSED: J. Goldberg
SECONDED: Scrooby

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 38/79.

That this NSA adopt the financial statements of the auditors for 1978.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: van Dyk

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 39/79.

That this NSA table the SASTS report for 1978.

PROPOSED: Davis
SECONDED: Leon

Carried unanimously.

Kahanowitz - reminded delegates of Resolution 28/78, and remarked that nothing had been received in this regard.

Laurine Platsky enlarged on the SASTS report.

Laing - problem with USSTS (United States Student Travel Service) arrangement of USA visas.

Platsky - clarified problem and assured congress it was being dealt with.

RESOLUTION 40/79.

That this NSA adopt the 1978 SASTS report.

PROPOSED: Bowey
SECONDED: Rallis

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Kahanowitz thanked Meg and Laurine - acclaim.

RESOLUTION 41/79.

That this NSA elect the following persons to the undermentioned committees.

PROPOSED: Thompson
SECONDED: H. Joffe.

Carried Unanimously.

GROUP C.

Labour

Rhodes Chris Watters; Rob Taylor; Chris Butler.
Stellenbosch Neil Muller
UPE Hercules Kruger
UNP Alison Otto, Anne Leger, Faisal Ishmail, Jimmy Keever, John Passmore, Charles Johnstone, Rose Doyle, Gail Abbott, Mark Harrison, Fiona Maule, Rosemary Williams, Paul Hallot, Russell Halton, Judi King.
UND Peter Schulze, Julian Baskin, Michel Labour, Heinz Klug, Peter von Hasseln, Vish Badal, Rob Ensor, Bill Paddock, Fiona Higginson, Ivor Sias, Saleem Badat.
UCT Mervyn Davidowitz, G. Griffiths, Clare Verbeek, H.G. Noli, Julian Stern, Jeremy Goldberg, Steven Kessler, Erick Peltz, Kate Green, Martin Liefeldt, Brenda Lloyd, Angela Johnson, Sandra Smith, Terence Kirk, P.M. Salman, Nadine Hoffman, Kevin Shirley, Jeremy Grice, Don Perimock, John Fuller, Vernon Matzopoulos, Andrew Thompson, Tony Weaver.
Wits Keith Coleman, Terry Chappell, Steffen Schneier, Avril Joffe, Adrian Tyghe, Vasso Apostoleris, Anli Serfontein, Milton Miltiades, David Gordon, Robert Barge, Steven Mosenthal, Clive van Heerden, Lindi Wooley, Raymond de Swart, Neil Coleman, George Dor, Pierre Marais, Hassan Ebrahim.

Strategies/Organisation.

UND Janice Noon, Paul Nordengen, Howard Arrand, Thomas Tweedy.
UNP John Gultig, Chris Parish, Dave Scrooby, Ant Chater, Devon Naidoo.
UCT Mark Kelley, Michael Haddad, Luz Barratt, Mike Slayen, Di Sandler Carol Thomas, Tessa Katz, Andrew Caiger, Susan Longrigg, Bryan Hack, Liz Everett, Dave Hill, Avrom Goldberg, Steven Kahanovitz, Simon Sternberg.
Stellenbosch Andre van Niekerk
Witz Jonty Joffe, Debbie Gill, Lois Law, Mike Deeb, Annene Dauber, Virginia Zweigenthal, Mike Roussos, David Steed, Hilary Joffe, Charley Inggs
Rhodes Sue Myrdal, Tony Pinchuck, Charlie Inggs

SVLTF/SVLO.

Rhodes Melanie Wilson
Wits
UCT Max Blumberg, Dick Pitcher, Andrew Garney, Jerome Marshall, Don Pinnock, Deborah Bagnall, Devan Pillay, Adam Harris, Andy Durbach, Edwin Angless.
UNP Fi Macleod, Ginny Gloak, Ben Allen, Jane Gamany, Sue Bell, Alan Velcich.
UND Pat Flynn, Nigel Bristow, Dave Waterson.

Contact.

UND Stu Davis, Rich Underwood, Nicky Miltz, Andre Gouws, Linda Davies.

UNP Terry Wiggil, Liz Collingwood, Frank Cochran, Bev Feinauer, Raignald Schmidt, Jill Davey, Megan Abrahams, Derek Alberts, Brian Rogers.
 UCT Bibi Conradie, Rob Lock, Richard Wicksteed, Alan Green, C. Millward.
 Rhodes Jose de Sousa.
 Wits Tony Leon, Debbi van Gas, Pete Brits, Peter Wentzel, Graeme Radford.
 Stellenbosch Willie Lategan.

Orientation Weeks.

UND Nicky Marks, Jane O'Connor, Imre Szucs, Derek Campbell, Michele Caplan, Marion Ramsden, Justine Johnstone, Chris Swart, Tony Norton, Mike Bishop, Lauren Arnott.
 UNP Mark Laing, Sheena Stannard, Nigel Ellway, Xenia Kyriakon, Ros Edon, Dee McCormack, Dale Burdett, Lee Mann.
 Rhodes Mindy Ife, Mike Mitchley, Bert van Oortmerssen.
 UCT Steve Bowey, Charles Boffard, Lindy King, Annette Griessel, Nicola Rogers, Boris Ingram, Ingrid Falk, Carol Lloyd, Dianne Coertze, Jenny Wainwright, Addison Wikes, Dorothy Carney; Juliette Addison; Mike Phillips, Niki Dunkley, Dave Stromberg, Karin Leigh, Anne Holmes, Chris Adam, N.D. Noli.
 Wits James Burt, Clifford Goldsmith, Howard Radford, Donald Rallis, Hilton Trollip, Jack Prentice, Eric Roberts, Lisa Seftel, Colin James, Norman Manoim, Jack Meyerson, Hassan Ebrahim, Jonte Joffe.

Sport.

Rhodes Paddy McCartan
 UCT Eric Atmore, Lewis Matiyeld.
 Wits Bernard Kalvin
 UND Andy Smail, Jan de Wet, Pat Esnouf.
 UNP Dave Rogers, Jimmy Karnezos, Tony Buckland, Jimmy Shaim, Sorna Govender.

Resource Centres.

UCT Mathew McNally, Farouk Stemmet, Mary Boltman, Steve Drus, Saul Dubow, Justine Quince, Jenny Grice, Karin Hurt, Chris Russel, Franz Kruger, Jenny Lewis, Caroline Cullinan.
 Rhodes Dave Forbes
 Wits Anthony Zwi, Gail Katz, Michelle Trape.
 UND Bill Gardiner, Peter Dennehy, Toni Marques, Glenn Conrad-Czaja, Penny Samuels, Andy Mason, Ivor Sias.
 UNP Mark van Dyk, Barry Reed, Peter Brooks, Brione van der Merwe.

Research Projects.

Rhodes Sølve Skorge, Mandy Sherman.
 UCT Craig Mathew, Geoff Green, Steven Rabinowitz, Charla Green, Barry Smti, C.G. Olver, Jeremy Dysell, Steven Watson, D. Schmidt, Brett Myrdall, Guy Meyer, Andrew Stevens.
 UND Julie-Ann Mindry, Gavin Ford, Karen Usdin, Jan Lombard, Gill Way, Sibashini Padyachee, Angela Arnot, Paula Leyden, Mike Pace, Vish Badal.
 UNP Geoff Wyatt-Goodall, Simon Wells.
 Wits Ian Moll, Marina Makrides.

Social Action.

UND Peter Schulze, Karen Usdin, Marion Ramsden, Sallem Badat, Nicki Militz, Pat Esnouf, Paul Leuden, Angela Arnot.
 UNP Chris Parish, Faisal Ishmail, Jimmy Keever, Gail Abbot, Jimmy Karnezos, Fiona Maule, Devon Naidoo, Dee McCormack.
 Rhodes Paddy McCartan, Mandy Sherman.

UCT Susan Langrigg, Claire Verbeeck, Jenny Lewis, Franz Kruger, Eric Atmore, Mary Boltman, Liz Barrett, Nicola Rogers, H.D. Noli, G. Griffiths, H.G. Noli, Jerome Marshall, Carol Lloyd, Bryan Cecil Hack, Alan Green, Lewis Matiyela, Brett Myrdall, Nadine Hoffman.

Wits Steve Tollman, Terry Chappell, Debbie Gill, Mike Deeb, Adrian Tyghe, Ian Moll, Annene Dauber, Virginia Zweigenthal, Anli Serfontein, Milton Militades, Gail Katz, Anthony Zwi, Lindi Wooley, A. van Heerden, Hassan Ebrahim.

Stellenbosch Willie Lategan.

Faculty Councils.

UND Jane O'Connor, Julie-Ann Mindry, Gavin Ford, Derek Campbell, Peter Dennehy, Stu Davis.

UNP Jimmy Shaim, Paul Hallot, Fi Macleod, Dave Rogers, Rose Williams, Charles Johnstone.

Rhodes Rob Taylor.

Wits Mike Roussos, Howard Radford, Erich Roberts, Lois Law, Graeme Radford.

UCT Jeremy Dysell, Julian Stern, Karin Leigh, Steve Kessler, Dick Pitcher, Steve Rabinowitz, Boris Ingram, Adam Harris, Annette Griessel, Andrew Thompson, Avrom Goldberg, Mathew McNally, Mark Kelly, Charles Boffard, Max Blumberg, Karin Hurt, Justine Quince, Deborah Bagnall, John Fuller, Murray Michelle, Edwin Angless, Guy Meyer.

Political Programmes.

Rhodes Sue Myrdal, Chris Watters, Sølve Skorge, Chris Butler.

UCT Steve Bowey, D. Schmidt, Andy Durbach, Farouk Stemmet, Devon Pillay, Ingrid Falk, Charla Green, Diane Sandler, Carol Thomas, Tessa Katz, D.J. Olver, Dorethy Carney, Saul Dubow, Andrew Carney, Juliette Addison, Jeremy Goldberg, Rob Locke, Dave Hill, Stephen Watson, Martin Liefeldt, Mervy Davidowitz, Steven Kahanovitz, Saul Dubow.

Wits Tony Leon, Donald Rallis, Keith Coleman, Steffan Schneier, Avril Joffe, Hilton Joffe, Jilton Trollip, Debbi van Gas, Jack Prentice, Vassos Apostoleris, Peter Brits, Bernard Kalvin, Peter Wentzel, Jonti Joffe, Colin James, David Gordon, Robert Barge, James Burt, Clive vanHeerden, David Steed, Clifford Goldsmith, Raymond de Swart, Hilary Joffe.

UND: Bill Gardiner, Pat Flynn, Michelle Caplan, Justine Johnstone, Jan Lombard, Glenn Conrad-Czaja, Peter van Hasseln, Rob Ensoe, Subshini Padyachee, Gill Way, Andre Gouws, Penny Samuels, Vish Badal, Julian Baskin.

UNP John Gultig, Sorna Govender, Ginny Gloak, Simon Wells, Russel Hatton, Mark van Dyk, Alison Otto, Terry Wiggil, Dave Scrooby, Ant Charter, Sue Bell, Ben Allen, Jane Gamany, Alan Velcich, Brian Rogers.

Stellenbosch Neil Muller

Publications.

UND Nicki Marks, Lauren Arnott, Imre Szucs, Nigel Bristow, Chris Swart, John de Wet, Tony Norton, Michel Labour, Janice Noon, Toni Marques, Heinz Klug, Paul Nordengen, Bill Paddock, Fiona Higginson, Andy Mason.

UNP Tony Buckland, Anne Lager, Frank Cockin, John Passmore, Rose Doyle, Peter Brooks, Brione van der Merwe.

UCT Simon Sternberg, Anne Holmes, Richard Wicksteed, Dave Stromberg, Nicky Dunkley, Mike Phillips, Eric Petlz, Alison Wilkes, Jenny Wainwright, Caroline Cullinan, Chris Russell, Barry Smit, Brenda Lloyd, Angela Johnstone, Don Pinnock, Mike Slayen, Diane Coertser, Kevin Shirley, Geoff Green, Craig Mathews, Vernon Matzopoulos, Bibi Conradie.

Wits Norman Manoim, Lisa Seftel, Melinda Silverman, Steven Mosenthal,
Neil Coleman, George Dor, Pierre Marais.
Rhodes Tony Pinchuck, Dave Forbes, Bert van Oortmerssen.
Stellenbosch Andre van Niekerk.
UPE Hercules Kruger.

Residence Reform.

UCT L. King, Mike Haddad, Andrew Caiger, Chris Adam, Tony Weaver,
C. Millward.
UND Andy Smail, Dave Waterson, Mike Bishop.
UNP Mark Laing, Geoff Wyatt-Goodall, Liz Collingwood, Ros Eden, Jill
Davey, Dale Burdett, Raighald Schmidt, Bev Feinauer, Megan Abrahams,
Sheena Stannard, Barry Reed, Judi King.
Wits Marina Marrides.
Rhodes Mindy Ife, Jose de Sousa, Mike Mitchley, Charlie Inggs.

Environmental Action.

Rhodes Melanie Wilson.
UCT Kate Green, Jenny Grice, P. Salmon, Liz Everett, Andrew Stevens.
Wits Michelle Trape.
UND Rich Underwood, Mike Pace, Howard Arrand, Thomas Tweedy, Linda Davies.
UNP Nigel Ellway, Xenia Kyriakou, Mark Harrison, Derek Albarts, Lee Mann.

Student Services and Benefits.

UCT L. King, H.G. Noli.
UND Jon de Wet, Howard Arrand, Thomas Tweedy.
UNP Jimmy Karnezos, Dave Rogers, Brian Rogers, Dee McCormack, Sue Bell,
Jane Gamany, Ben Allen, R. Schmidt, Bev Feinauer.
Wits Tony Leon, Donald Rallis, Jack Prentice, David Steed.
Rhodes Jose de Soasa, Charlie Inggs.

Education Action.

UND Bill Gardiner, Julie-Ann Mindry, Imre Szucs, Gavin Ford, Karen Usdin,
Julian Baskin, Derek Campbell, Pat Flynn, Andy Smail, Peter Dennehy,
Marion Ramsder, Dave Waterson, Nigel Brsitow, Chris Swart, Justine Noon,
Jan Lomberd, Glenn Conrad-Czaja, Peter van Hasseln, Rich Underwood,
Ivor Sias, Stu Davis.
UNP Mark Laing, Ginny Gloak, Xenia Kyriakou, Faisal Ishmail, Terry Wiggil,
Jimmy Shaim, Paul Hallot, Frank Cockin, Rose Doyle, Rose Williams,
Derek Alberts, Alan Velcich.
UCT Charles Boffard, A. Thompson, Annette Griesel, Nicola Rodgers, B. Hack,
V. Matsopoulos, M. Haddad, E. Atmore, Steven Rabinowitz, Mike Slayen,
Don Pinnock, BiBi Conradie, Justine Quince, Karen Hurt, Dorethy Carney,
A. Carney, Dick Pitchof, Steven Kesler, Jeremy Goldberg, Karen Leigh,
Ann Holmes, Chris Adam, G. Griffiths, Jeremy Dyssell, Steve Bowey,
Mary Boltman, Tony Weaver, Dave Hill, Avrom Goldberg, Edwin Angless,
Andrew Stevens.
Wits Jonti Joffe, Anthony Zwi, Clifford Goldsmith, Steve Tollman, Steffan
Schneier, Howard Radford, Erich Roberts, Lois Law, Adrian Tyghe,
Peter Wentzel, Graeme Radford, David Gordon, Hilton Trollip, Vasso
Apostoleris, Robert Barge, Michelle Trape, Neil Coleman, Raymond de Swart.
Rhodes Paddy McCartan, Chris Watters, Sue Myrdal, Chris Butler.
Stellenbosch Andre van Niekerk, Neil Muller.
UPE Hercules Kruger.

Cultural Action.

Wits Milton Militades, Marine Makrides, Steven Mosenthal, George Dor, Pierre Marais.
 UND Peter Schulze, Tony Norton, Mike Bishop, Toni Marques, Vish Badal, Bill Paddock, Subashini Padyachee, Mike Pace, Pat Esnouf, Andre Gouws.
 UNP John Passmore, Sheena Stannard, Dave Scrooby, Devon Naidoo.
 UCT Andy Durbach, John Fuller, Michael Cherry, Steven Watson, Steve Drus, Jenny Grice, Alan Green, Murray Michelle, Guy Meyer, Nadine Hoffman.
 Rhodes Melanie Wilson, Rob Taylor, Sølve Skorge.
 Stellenbosch Willie Lategan.

Women.

Rhodes Mindy Ife, Mandy Sherman
 UND Angela Arnott, Penny Samuels, Lauren Arnott, Michel Labour, Gill Way, Fiona Higginson, Saleem Badat, Nicki Militz, Paula Leydon, Linda Davies,
 UNP Fi Macleod, Anne Leger, Alison, Ros Eden, Gail Abbott, Dale Burdett, Megan Abrahams, Barry Reed, Mark Harrison, Russell Hatton, Pete Brooks, Fiona Maule, Lee Maule, Jill Dovey.
 UCT Carol Lloyd, Diana Coetzer, Terence Kirk, Sandra Smith, Glynnis Lloyd, Angela Johnson, Brenda Lloyd, Juliet Addison, Jenny Lewis, Julian Stern, Claire Verbeek, Ingrid Falk, Sharla Green, Liz Everett, Jane Barrett.
 Wits Lindi Wooley, Vasso Apostaleris.

Media.

UCT Adam Harris, Craig Mathew, Jeff Green, Kevin Shirley, Dveon Pillay, Deborah Bagnell, Diane Sandler, Caraelne Cullinan, Carol Thomas, Jerome Marshall, Tessa Katz, G. Olver, Barry Smit, Chris Russel, Max Blumberg, Rob Lock, Richard Wicksteed, Dave Stromberg, Nicky Dunkley, Mike Phillips, Martin Liefeldt, Jenny Wainwright, Alison Wilkes, Simon Sternbeg.
 Wits Clive van Heerden, Colin James, Bernard Kalvin, Lisa Seftel, Normal Manoim, Melinda Silverman.
 Rhodes Dave Forbes, Bert van Oortmerssen, Tony Pinchuck.
 UND Nicky Marks, Michele Caplan, Justine Johnstone, Heinz Klug, Andy Mason.
 UNP Sorna Govender, Mark van Dyk, Nigel Ellway, Liz Collingwood, Tony Buckland, Geoff Wyatt-Coodall, Judi King, Brione van der Merwe, John Guttig.

Alternative Employment.

UND Jane O'Connor, Paul Nordengen, Rob Ensor.
 UNP Chris Parish, Simon Wells, Jimmy Keever, Ant Charter, Charles Johnstone.
 Wits Terry Chappell, Debbie Gill, Mike Deeb, Debbi van Gas, Pete Brits, Ian Moll, Avril Joffe, Annene Dauber, Virginia Zweigenthal, Gail Katz, Anli Serfontein, Mike Roussos, Toby Radcliffe, Marc Feldman.
 Rhodes Mike Mitchley
 UCT Susan Longrigg, Franz Kruger, Kate Grenn, Liz Barrett, Mike Hadadd, Farouk Stemmet, John Largier, Marc Kelly, D. Schmidt, Mathew McNally, B. Ingram, P. Salmon, Andrew Caiger, H.G. Noli, Lewis Matiyela, Brett Myrdal, Mervyn Davidowitz.

Finance and Structures.

UCT Kahanovitz, Bowey, Hill.
 UNP Velcich, Scrooby.
 UND Davis, Swart, Campbell.
 Wits Yeats, Goldsmith, Brits.
 Rhodes Chris Butler, Chris Watters.
 Head Office Auret van Heerden.

Steering Committee.

A. van Heerden, S. Kahanovitz, C. Goldsmith, A. Velcich, D. Hill, C. Watters,
 P. Flynn, S. Davis, G. Conrad-Czaja, D. McCormack, R. Wicksteed, D. Scrooby,
 J. Barrett, S. Bowey, H. Joffe, I. Moll.

Congress Organisation Committee.

Bowey, Kahanovitz, Hill, van Heerden, Barrett, Kraak, Weaver, Wicksteed, Griesel,
 Durbach, Carney, D, Carney, A.

and assign the following rooms to them:

A Groups:

Benefits - Exec. Office, Green Level.
 Education Projects - Congress floor.
 Cultural Action - SRC Room, Green Level.
 Women - TB Dvaie Room.
 Media - Old SRC area.
 Alternative Employment - Arena

B Groups:

Social Action - Old SRC area.
 Faculty Councils - TB Davie Room.
 Political Action - Congress Floor.
 Publications - Staff/student dining room.
 Residence Reform - SRC Room, Green Level.
 Environmental Action - Exec Room, Green Level.

C Groups:

Labour - Ex-staff/student dining room.
 Planning Organisation and strategy - SRC Room, Green Level.
 SVLO/SVLTF - Old SRC area
 Contact - Exec Room, Green Level.
 Orientation - TB Davie.
 Sport - Mezzanine Level
 Resource Centres - Arena.
 Research - Upper Sports Hall.

Administrative announcement.

Congress adjourned for Group A Committees at 15h25.

Sunday 26/11/78 20h30 Congress convened.

van Heerden in the chair.

Administrative and procedural announcement.

Messages of support read out from Patrick Fitzgerald, Max Price and Hugh Corder.

Congress adjourned 20h38 for meetings of Interest Groups and Finance and Structures Committee.

Monday 27/11/78 09h15 Congress convened.

van Heerden in the chair.

Administrative and Procedural announcements.

0915 Congress adjourned for Group B Committee meetings.

Monday 27/11/78 12h15 Congress convened.

van Heerden in the chair.

The President welcomed the ASB delegation which had just arrived - applause.

MOTION C.

That this NSA:

NOTING

1. Mrs. Helen Suzman's twenty-fifth year as a Member of Parliament.
2. The recognition accorded by the United Nations General Assembly to her relentless fight in defence of civil liberties and the rule of law, by its special award to be conferred on her on December 11th.
3. Mrs. Suzman's position as an honorary Vice-President of NUSAS, and her constant support for the National Union.

RESOLVES

1. To congratulate Mrs. Suzman on the receipt of the United Nations Award.
2. To express its appreciation for her particular contribution to the struggle for a more just South Africa.

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Davis.

Leon - in proposing this motion I wish to honour one of S.A.'s most unique M.P.'s, whose particular contribution to the fight for human freedom in the broadest sense of the word - and particularly in regards the rule of law and civil liberties. Mrs. Suzman has been honoured by every major S.A. and international organisation/institution of note, particularly the recent U.N.O. award - given only once every 10 years.

Mrs. Suzman, honestly and courageously, has spoken up for the voteless, political prisoners, mass removals, the erosion of individual liberties - and she has done so as none before her.

It is fitting that the National Union, which represents a constituency of +30 000 students, and which chose to elect her an an honorary Vice-President last year, should also pay tribute to Mrs. Suzman's marked and single contribution to the cause of a free South Africa.

Mrs. Suzman has constantly spoken up, supported and defended NUSAS - let us reciprocate.

AMENDMENT A.

That the words, "Notwithstanding the fact that NUSAS does not support any particular political party" be added between "NSA" and "NOTING".

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: McCormack

Brits - (tabling the amendment and seeking a proposer and seconder) the original motion incurs the danger of NUSAS being seen as a campus branch of the PFP.

Amendment accepted by the proposer and seconder of the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 42/79.

That this NSA:

Notwithstanding the fact that NUSAS does not support any particular political party

NOTING

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2. The recognition accorded by the United Nations General Assembly to her relentless fight in defence of civil liberties and the rule of law, by its special award to be conferred on her on December 11th.
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RESOLVES

1. To congratulate Mrs. Suzman on the receipt of the United Nations Award.
2. To express its appreciation for her particular contribution to the struggle for a more just South Africa.

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Davis

Passed nem con (14 abstentions) with acclaim.

Bowey - while appreciating the sincerity of Mrs. Suzman's particular contribution, I nevertheless feel that, as a member of a political party which bases its policy on free enterprise and operates within the context of white hegemony, Mrs. Suzman's contribution is ultimately of a somewhat limited nature. On this basis I abstained from voting for the above motion.

Monday 27/11/78 14h00 Congress convened.

Flynn in chair.

Paper by Kahanowitz on Planning Organization and Training.

Mr. Kahanowitz answered questions on his paper.

Administrative and procedural announcements.

Congress adjourned 15h13 for Group C Committees.

Monday 27/11/78 19h35 Congress convened.

van Heerden in chair.

The President introduced Prof. Horn of UCT Education Dept. Prof. Horn condemned the banning of Laura Levettan - applause.

Prof. Horn said that despite bannings, the struggle for freedom would not be defeated.

Thereafter Prof. Horn delivered a speech on academic freedom - applause, - and answered questions on it.

van Heerden thanked Prof. Horn on behalf of NUSAS.

Congress adjourned 21h10 for Group A Committees.

Tuesday 28/11/78 09h25 Congress convened.

van Heerden in the chair.

Administrative and procedural announcement.

Congress adjourned 09h40 for Group B Committees.

Tuesday 28th 14h15 Congress reconvened.

van Heerden in the chair.

RESOLUTION 43/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Labour Committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: J. Joffe

SECONDED: H. Joffe

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Barge.

Flynn - enquired why committee had decided against national co-ordinator.

Barge - replied that should slot in with theme, not a separate project.

Velcich - enquired who was then going to bear the costs.

Barge - replied Projects Comms and NUSAS.

RESOLUTION 44/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Labour Committee.

PROPOSED: Scrooby

SECONDED: Laing

Carried unanimously.

van Heerden pointed out at this stage that the adoption of any report was subject to ratification by the Finance & Structures Committee, particularly where a national co-ordinator was recommended.

RESOLUTION 45/79.

That this NSA table the report of the SVLTF/SVLO and Extra Mural Studies Units Committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: O'Connor

SECONDED: van Dyk

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Velcich.

RESOLUTION 46/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the SVLTF/SVLO and Extra Mural Studies Units Committee.

PROPOSED: Barge

SECONDED: H. Radford

Carried unanimously subject to ratification of list of co-ordinators.

RESOLUTION 47/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Contact Committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: Rallis

SECONDED: Leon

Carried unanimously.

Watters - reservations also from Rhodes on giving society the status of an SRC. (Recommendation 1c) ii)).

Rogers - why was inter-affiliated-campus contact not covered.

Leon - not in terms of reference.

O'Connor - why no mention of contact with other educational organizations, e.g. training colleges?

Leon - one session not enough time.

Flynn - expressed reservations about recommendation 1 e) i), i.e. that all contact with SABC and TV be cut.

van Heerden - comment from the chair that thought did need national policy vis-a-vis SABC and TV.

RESOLUTION 48/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Contact Committee.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe

SECONDED: Angless

Carried unanimously.

MOTION D.

That this NSA

NOTING

1. The existence of a NUSAS local committee at Rhodes, and the possibility of one being established at Stellenbosch
2. That at the time of the drawing up of the present constitution the problem of voting rights for recognised local committees on non-affiliated campuses was not foreseen as a problem
3. The very real frustration suffered by local committees who are provided with rights of participation but not of decision making at congress

AND BELIEVING

1. That the general spirit of both NUSAS acting as confederation of SRCs and its commitment to allowing members full participation in decision making be pursued

THEREFORE MANDATES

The NUSAS Executive to launch an investigation into the possibility of limited voting rights for local committees on non-affiliated campuses and that this report be tabled at National Council and at the 57th Congress.

PROPOSED: Leon

SECONDED: J. Goldberg

Kesler - non-affiliated votes would be undemocratic.

Yeats - should canvas for individual membership in non-affiliated centres.

Mitchley, Velcich and Rogers - all expressed opinion that this would create problems for Rhodes and UNP in fighting referenda.

Brits - motion contradictory, wastes executive time, disregards the lessons of '76 - acclaim.

H. Joffe - agreed, executive more valuable things to do.

Seconder withdrew, no other was found, and the motion immediately above lapsed.

RESOLUTION 49/79.

That this NSA table the Orientation Committee report.(Group C).

PROPOSED: A. Goldberg
SECONDED: J. Goldberg

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by H. Radford.

Heated discussion centres around sexism in RAG.

Evans - suggested a focus be run on Women, rather than RAG being excluded from Orientation Week.

It was suggested that the words "fresher" and "freshers week" be replaced in the report by "1st year student" and "Orientation week" respectively. This was accepted.

RESOLUTION 50/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Orientation Committee.

PROPOSED: H. Radford
SECONDED: Rallis

Passed nem con (3 abstentions)

Recorded Comment - C. Swart - UND.

My main reason for abstaining from this (and other) motions was simply that I did not have sufficient time to consider them (despite the fact that the last National Council had acknowledged an identical complaint of mine - that insufficient time for consideration of reports was given to facilitate meaningful and intelligent debate).

RESOLUTION 51/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Sports Committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Karnezos

Carried unanimously

Tabled by Karnezos.

O'Connor - encouraging bursaries for sportpersons creates a dangerous precedent.

Klug - disagreed with idea of professional coaches, as destroys idea of academic community.

Kahanowitz - SRC's have long been against professionalism in university sport.

SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee notes the increased interest as compared with the 1977 congress sport committee, but expresses disappointment at the absence of Wits and the Afrikaans campuses in this discussion.

1. The committee, noting the establishment of professionalism in university sport, recommends that professionalism be allowed in the form of bursaries to player/coaches. The point raised re discrimination against non-sport playing academics does not hold because of the availability of many other bursaries, granted on academic or financial considerations. However, the committee recommends that selection between applicants for sports bursaries takes into consideration the following factors:

1. financial situation
 2. academic ability
 3. sporting ability
- in that order of importance.

A further proviso discourages the offering of sports bursaries to sportsmen of other provinces and areas.

2. The committee also recommends that sponsors must not be allowed to have their name/slogan/crest mixed with official university colours, for example, on rugby jerseys.
3. The committee recommends that students be allowed to receive a salary for coaching services.
4. The committee recommends that non-racial sport be the aim of sports organisations in South Africa, as opposed to multi-national sport.
5. Because of the confusion that exists in South Africa as regards the laws controlling sport (e.g. Group Areas Act, Liquor Licence), the committee strongly recommends that NUSAS demand clarification of the matter from the Minister of Sport. Also, that the reply be circulated to all SRC and sport union councils.
6. The committee recommends that better liaison between sport unions and SRC's be achieved, to ensure:
 1. similarity in policies
 2. alliance with NUSAS policy
7. The committee, noting the lack of precise racial policies acceptable to NUSAS of most sport organisations, recommends that NUSAS does not associate itself with any of these particular bodies, but rather should give support to those people furthering non-racial sport.
8. The committee, noting that the SAU sport organisation is an exclusively white-dominated body, and that this differs from NUSAS policy, recommends that SAU must move towards full participation by all people. Further, the committee recommends that all SRC's investigate the ties of Sports Unions with SAU.

9. The committee recommends that SRC's and/or sports unions of all campuses must investigate why university sportsmen play for non-university teams. While recognizing the individual's right to play for whatever team he/she wishes, the committee recommends that everything possible should be done to encourage these sportsmen to support varsity teams.
10. The committee recommends an investigation into the possibility of ex-students being allowed to play for university teams.

AMENDMENT A.

PROPOSED: Hill
 SECONDED: Thompson

Replace (1) by:

"Congress expresses its concern at increasing professionalism in sport, as contrary to the purpose of the University as an academic institution".

Amend (3) to read:

"recommends that students preferably offer coaching services free of charge".

Amend (10) to read:

"recommends that only registered students be entitled to play for university teams.

<u>Voting on Amendment A.</u>	Against	4
	Abstaining	4
	For	27

The substantive report was thus amended as per Amendment A.

RESOLUTION 52/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Sport Committee.

PROPOSED: Dyssell
 SECONDED: Atmore

Passed nem con (6 abstaining).

Recorded Comment - B. Rogers - UNP.

Reasons for abstaining from adoption of amended Sport report. I associate myself completely with the amendments to points (3) and (10). However, I feel that the amendment to point (1) may have severe repercussions on the standard of university sport, in relation to that of other sport.

RESOLUTION 53/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Resource Centre committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
 SECONDED: Yeats

Carried unanimously.

Gardiner - suggested SRC's appoint persons part-time to start Resource centres.

AMENDMENT A.

PROPOSED: Scrooby
SECONDED: Velcich

That "SRC's should investigate the employment of co-ordinators once resource centres have been established" be replaced by "SRC's should investigate the employment of co-ordinators initially to establish resource centres on those campuses without such facilities".

Amendment A accepted by Proposer and Seconder, incorporated as substantive.

RESOLUTION 54/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Resource Centre Committee.

PROPOSED: van Dyk
SECONDED: Rogers

Passed nem con (2 abstaining).

RESOLUTION 55/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Research Projects Committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: H. Radford
SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried unanimously

Tabled by Moll.

RESOLUTION 56/79.

That the report of the Research Projects Committee be withdrawn for redrafting.

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Rallis

Carried unanimously.

Report thus withdrawn for redrafting.

Administrative announcement.

Congratulations C. van Heerden on 21st birthday.

Congress adjourned 16h20.

Tuesday 28th Congress reconvened 20h15.

van Heerden in the chair.

Gave order of business for the evening.

MOTION E.

That this NSA:

Noting

1. That most Orientation Weeks include Rag activities
2. That Rag employs Royalty, Debs and Drummies to raise money

Believing

1. That these practices by Rag are sexist in the extreme
2. That the purpose of Orientation Weeks should include discouragement of these activities

Therefore resolves

1. To recommend that SRC Orientation Committees exclude these and other sexist activities from Orientation Week.
2. That programmes should be set up in which the sexist and exploitative nature of the above activities be discussed.

PROPOSED: Bowey
SECONDED: Radford

AMENDMENT A.

PROPOSED: Thompson
SECONDED: Leon

That the second "Believing" clause be altered to read "2. That a feature of Orientation Weeks should be discouragement of these activities" and that the entire "Resolves" clause be altered to read: "To recommend that the SRC Orientation Committees set up programmes in which the sexist and exploitative nature of the above activities be discussed".

Bowey - objected to amendment as a compromise.

Thompson - cannot prescribe to 1st years.

Leon - impractical to antagonize Rag.

Rallis - sexism should be treated like racism.

O'Connor - original motion is not a mature reaction to sexism.

Weaver - doubted credibility of those voting for amendment.

Voting on Amendment.

Against 30
For 7

Amendment thus lost.

Proposer of the amendment wanted it noted that in light of discussion on amendment, he had voted against it.

RESOLUTION 57/79.

That this NSA:

Noting

1. That most Orientation Weeks include Rag activities
2. That Rag employs Royalty, Debs and Drummies to raise money

Believing

1. That these practices by Rag are sexist in the extreme
2. That the purpose of Orientation Weeks should include discouragement of these activities

Therefore resolves

1. To recommend that SRC Orientation Committees exclude these and other sexist activities from Orientation Week.
2. That programmes should be set up in which the sexist and exploitative nature of the above activities be discussed.

PROPOSED: Bowey
SECONDED: H. Radford

Against 4
Abstaining 7
For 25

Passed with acclaim.

Recorded Comment - Thomson - UCT

Although I am totally opposed to discrimination against women, I do feel that this motion may harm a certain minority interest. In fact I put it down to a flagrant disregard for freedom of expression. I therefore felt that the amendment would allow for the expression of the feelings of the minority being discriminated against. For these reasons, all, I elected to abstain on the original motion.

RESOLUTION 58/79.

That this NSA waive the rule for 12 hours notice on motions for the purpose of hearing a motion on sexism.

PROPOSED: A. Goldberg
SECONDED: H. Joffe

Carried unanimously.

MOTION F moved.

That this NSA

Noting

1. That Rag employs Royalty, Debs, and Drummies to raise money

Believing

1. That these practices by Rag are sexist in the extreme
2. That it is the responsibility of the S.R.C to discourage these activities

Therefore resolves.

1. To recommend that S.R.C.'s exclude these and other sexist activities.
2. That programmes should be set up in which the sexist and exploitative nature of the above activities be discussed.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith

Chairman ruled that motion covered previous ground and was thus un-allowable.

Leon - moved motion of review.

No seconder, thus lapsed.

MOTION G.

That this NSA:

Noting

1. The warped partiality and bias in SABC and TV and its major contribution to controlling the minds and thoughts of the population
2. The emphasis on "control" in the 1979 NUSAS theme
3. The decision of the Wits SRC Executive viz. no co-operation with the SABC

And Believing

1. That affiliated SRC's should give practical effect to our expressed opposition to the ideological apparatus of control.

Therefore resolves

To mandate all affiliated SRC's to discontinue all forms of co-operation with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (Radio and TV).

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Rallis

Flynn - contact with SABC should depend on individual cases.

Kahanowitz - that contact with SABC not in the long term interest of NUSAS.

Further discussion around the floor. H. Joffe moved closure.

Hack - accused Kahanowitz of censorship of conservative press.

Kahanowitz - no censorship unless legal opinion had been taken, in role as SRC President.

Hack - accused Kahanowitz of intimidation and pressure-placing.

Flynn - requested withdrawal of Mr. Hack's statements.

Chair ruled Hack to withdraw accusations. Hack refused.

Smail - made mention of Through the Cross (TTC) censorship at UND.

O'Connor - suggested use contact with SABC where to advantage of NUSAS.

David - would feel embarrassed if motion were not passed.

Smail - blanket motion amounts to cutting off nose to spite face.

Griffiths - this motion refusal to participate in main stream national political debate.

Angless - to participate in SABC and TV debates detracts from credibility.

Rallis - noted that English SRC's not afforded opportunity to appear on SABC TV unless was definitely to their disadvantage.

Leon - in summin up mentioned other political leaders that are never afforded television coverage, e.g. Mandela, Tutu, Leon and Quoboza.

RESOLUTION 59/79.

That this NSA:

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1. The warped partiality and bias in SABC and TV and its major contribution to controlling the minds and thoughts of the population
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3. The decision of the Wits SRC Executive viz. no co-operation with the SABC

And Believing

1. That affiliated SRC's should give practical effect to our expressed opposition to the ideological apparatus of control

Therefore resolves

To mandate all affiliated SRC's to discontinue all forms of co-operation with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (Radio and TV).

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Rallis

Against 2
 Abstaining 4
 For 30

Passed.

Recorded Comments.

P. Flynn - Head Office.

Reasons for opposing SABC motion.

I believe that whether we participate in SABC debates, interviews etc., depends on the particular issue under consideration. Students can and have used radio interviews, in particular, to the advantage of the student movement. I therefore consider this motion to be too broad.

A. Smail - UND.

Reasons for abstaining on SABC motion:

1. In the pastm co-operation with the SABC on issues has been detrimental to NUSAS on certain issues. This has been the case where NUSAS representatives have publicly advanced strong opposition to the maintenance of the present exploitative system in South Africa.
2. However, on certain low-profile issues such as Orientation Week, co-operation with the SABC has served to uphold, although to a very limited extent, some of the values which NUSAS holds dear.
3. The problem arises that co-operation with the SABC is tantamount to an acceptance of the role of this Nationalist propaganda tool.
4. As I am uncertain as to whether the tactical advantages of co-operation with the SABC, outweigh the need to make a stand against such issue on principle, I abstain from voting on this issue.

RESOLUTION 60/79.

That this NSA table the report of the PLOT Committee (Group C).

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
 SECONDED: Davis.

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by H. Joffe.

RESOLUTION 61/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the PLOT Committee.

PROPOSED: Van Dyk
 SECONDED: Doyle

Passed nem con. (1 abstaining).

RESOLUTION 62/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Student Services Committee (Group A).

PROPOSED: J. Joffe

SECONDED: Barge

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Rallis.

Velcich - agreed with recommendations, but disagreed with tone of report, which he felt had unfortunate insinuations.

Amendments proposed by Velcich and Barge, motion to adopt report withdrawn, to allow amendments to be typed out.

RESOLUTION 63/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Cultural Action Committee (Group A).

PROPOSED: Velcich

SECONDED: Hill

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 64/79.

That this NSA adopt the Cultural Action Report, subject to the ratification of Finance and Structures.

PROPOSED: H. Radford

SECONDED: Scrooby

Leon proposed that Dan Roodt be included in the list of co-ordinating committee. Agreed to by proposer.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION H.

That this NSA:

Noting

1. That there are no university financed creches on NUSAS affiliated campuses.
2. That this is a facet of the oppression of women in that it prevents women from playing an active role in society.
3. That in 1975 this assembly expressed its committment to combating sexism on affiliated campuses.

Believing

That (1) above is an undesirable state of affairs

Resolves

1. To demand that the respective university administrations establish and finance non racial professionally run creches for the children of students, academic and non-academic staff.

PROPOSED: Atmore

SECONDED: H. Joffe

Atmore - requested proposal be minuted.

- (i) Although a tremendous job has been done by UCT Women's Movement in running a creche, so far, finance is a very big problem in the way of effective running of the creche with maximum benefit to the children.
- (ii) We believe that creches are essential parts of the University if it is to be considered a community and
- (iii) Without creches the role of female students and staff with children is limited in this community.
- (iv) We propose a solution to these problems is the running of a creche, on a profit basis and with professional staff at the University.
- (v) The costs of such a project are way beyond the means of the Women's Movement and this motion is aimed at obtaining the necessary finance from University Administration. If adopted, this motion must be relayed to the SRC's.

Joffe - urged that SRC's push for the establishment of Admin. run and financed creches.

RESOLUTION 65/79.

That this NSA:

Noting

1. That there are no university financed creches on NUSAS affiliated campuses.
2. That this is a facet of the oppression of women in that it prevents women from playing an active role in society.
3. That in 1975 this assembly expressed its committment to combating sexism on affiliated campuses.

Believing

That (1) above is an undesirable state of affairs.

Resolves

1. To demand that the respective university administrations establish and finance non racial professionally run creches for the children of students, academic and non-academic staff.

PROPOSED: Atmore

SECONDED: H. Joffe

Passed nem con (1 abstention).

Recorded Comment - C. Swart - UND.

Reason for abstention on the above motion.

I am not certain how the creches would operate - e.g. would we be encouraging mothers to neglect their children, and thus causing social problems?

UCT Women's Movement Statement was read out, with permission from chair.

UCT Women's Movement walked out.

Bowey - expressed disappointment at the walkout.

Leon - condemned the women's movement for failure to accept criticism.

van Heerden - clarified from the chair that the "Report on the Women's Committee" had been withdrawn.

RESOLUTION 66/79.

That this NSA table the "Women's Action Majority Report" (Group A)

PROPOSED: Goldsmith

SECONDED: Hill

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Samuels.

"Before dealing with this report, an explanation of its context is necessary because this report does not directly reflect the content of the women's committee, and is also evidently rather vague in most part and does not adequately reflect the content of discussion on the report committee.

In our first committee meeting, we did not deal substantively with the question of the women's movement's relationship to NUSAS, nor with how NUSAS could integrate feminist issues in its 1979 programme.

In the 2nd committee meeting, the agenda involved discussion of 3 broad issues:

1. Women's Movement projects for '79, which was confined exclusively to Women's Movement projects.
2. The 2nd area of discussion involved men's liberation, and men in the Women's Movement. There was difference of opinion in this respect. On the one hand, women felt that men must look to their own liberation with men's groups. That women's groups are concerned with their own liberation.

The other view held that the Women's Movement as an umbrella organization cannot take a blanket decision of separation for the many different feminist stances and groups within it.

3. The 3rd topic concerned the Women's Movement's relations to the left. This proved a highly controversial issue. An immediate split occurred between those that were strongly committed to disassociation from the left and those against such disassociation.

The U.C.T. Women's Movement, due to its particular constitution of membership, and their negative experiences with the left for some time, listed a series of reasons for their disassociation. Such reasons as the hierarchical structure of such organizations as NUSAS, the left's constant criticism and demands of the Women's Movement, the life-styles of many of the men and patriarchal structure.

Conflict did not concern the reasons for disassociation, but rather the viability of disassociation. Due to the split, the people disagreeing with disassociation decided to write a report attempting to more positively formalize a stance, and our requirements of NUSAS.

Because this had not been thrashed through in the Women's committee, we were left with very little time to formalize our stance and write a report.

- In the light of this situation, this report deals unfortunately, in generality, not reflecting accurately the report committee's debate on the subject, in its generality. However, we see its point of adoption as a starting point for ongoing commitment to feminist issues."

AMENDMENT A.

That point 8, i.e. "Head Office" be deleted.

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: McCormack

Leon - thought this would involve a change of Head Office structure.

Secunder withdrew, no other found.

Amendment thus lapsed.

RESOLUTION 67/79.

That this NSA adopt the "Women's Action Majority Report".

PROPOSED: Scrooby
SECONDED: Rogers

Passed nem con (1 abstention)

Recorded Comment - C. Swart - UND.

This and other abstentions of mine may have given the impression that I support sexism. This is incorrect (depending upon one's definition of sexism). I support many feminist beliefs and actions, but there are some that I cannot go along with, hence my abstentions.

RESOLUTION 68/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Media Committee (Group A).

PROPOSED: Barge
SECONDED: A. Goldberg

Carried unanimously.

MOTION I.

That this NSA

Noting

1. That NUSAS upholds the principle that all beliefs and creeds need to be accorded appropriate respect
2. That many members and firm supporters of NUSAS as well as the students whom they purport to represent, have certain religious convictions which are violated here

And Believing

That the apparent aim of this page of the comic is to make light of central beliefs in the Christian and Jewish faiths

Therefore Resolves

1. To express its disgust at the insensitivity and double standards of the people responsible for this comic
2. To ask for an apology from those responsible for this distasteful article
3. To discourage further articles of this nature.
4. To adopt the report of the Media Committee subject to the removal of Page 2 of the comic section.

PROPOSED: O'Connor
SECONDED: McCormack

Lengthy debate centres around the offensiveness of page 2 of the "comix" section of the report, containing allegedly "blasphemous remarks". Closure was moved.

RECORDED COMMENTS.

B. Hack - UCT.

I wish it to be noted that I find this document deeply offensive and on behalf of the conservative students at U.C.T. I express my shock and disgust that it was even drawn up in the first instance.

P. Wentzel - Wits.

On behalf of the Conservative Association at Wits, I would like to express my strongest support for this motion and my disgust at and disapproval of this comic strip. At the same time, I find the Chairman's attitude to this issue disappointing, due to a tendency towards bias in attempting to brush this issue over.

A. van Niekerk, N. Muller, W. Lategan - Stellenbosch.

We strongly regret the theme used on Page 2 of the comic section as it compromises the beliefs of many students and thus is counter-productive to NUSAS aims.

A. Thompson - UCT.

Whilst accepting that religion is regarded as a part of the oppressive system in some analyses, I feel that several sincere and committed persons were grossly affronted by this comic, perhaps no more so than persons holding the former ideology dear would have been if their sacred cows had been held in such mockery. I plead for consistency and tolerance in all matters, especially such sensitive ones.

RESOLUTION 69/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. That NUSAS upholds the principle that all beliefs and creeds need to be accorded appropriate respect
2. That many members and firm supporters of NUSAS as well as the students whom they purport to represent, have certain religious convictions which are violated here

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PROPOSED: O'Connor
 SECONDED: McCormack

Against 6
 Abstaining 12
 For 17

Passed.

Recorded Comments and VotingUND.

Against	3	(A. Smail, M. Pace)
Abstaining	1	(D. Campbell)
For	5	(D. Waterson, J. O'Connor, C. Swart, S. Davis, I. Sias)

A. Smail - UND.

1. The satire contained in the comic was directed at Congress delegates and not at any particular religious group.
2. That well known words contained in the comic were taken from the first Letter of John and from Genesis, does not prima facie constitute an insult directed against religious groups. Words are not sacred merely because they are used in the Bible, thus they could not be violated. The powerful religious style employed by the artist serves merely to strengthen the satirical slant of the artist's pen.
3. Mr. Mason indicated that he had no intention of hurting anyone.
4. Mr. Mason withdrew the offending section.
5. That members of certain religious groups took umbrage at the alleged offending section, does not imply any intentional insensitivity on the part of the artist involved.
6. As there was no intention to offend, I do not believe that this NSA had the right to demand an apology. A withdrawal, yes; an apology, no.
7. For the above reasons I voted against this motion.

D. Campbell - UND.

Reasons for abstention - not being a member of any particular religious group myself, I cannot evaluate the extent to which religious sensitivities may be harmed. It is clear that some people of faith are offended while others are not. The only criterion for deciding on this motion is the reaction of such religious individuals, and this reaction being strongly divided, I conclude that I must abstain.

J. Karnezos - UNP.

Voted for the motion removing page 2 of the comic.

C. Goldsmith - Wits.

My vote against this amendment in no way implies that I support blasphemy, I merely believe that the content is not blasphemous, and I know, as it was stated by the authoers, that there was certainly no intention towards blasphemy. I believe it was a critique of the use of comics as a medium, rather than a criticism of religion.

RESOLUTION 70/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the media committee.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith

SECONDED: Barge

Mason - pointed out that the actual report of the comix sub-com. was contained on page 3 of the comic and this was all that was needed to be minuted.

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 71/79.

That this NSA table the majority report of the Alternative Employment Committee (Group A).

PROPOSED: Radford

SECONDED: Leon

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Moll.

RESOLUTION 72/79.

That this NSA table the Alternative Employment Committee minority report.

PROPOSED: Wicksteed

SECONDED: Bowey

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Salmon.

RESOLUTION 73/79.

That this NSA accept a motion of review on the previous two resolutions.

PROPOSED: J. Joffe

SECONDED: Barge

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 74/79.

That this NSA table the majority report of the Alternative Employment Committee (Group A)

PROPOSED: Radford

SECONDED: Leon

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 75/79.

That this NSA adopt the majority report of the Alternative Employment Committee.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: O'Connor

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 76/79.

That this NSA table the minority report of the Alternative Employment Committee.

PROPOSED: Davis
SECONDED: Scrooby

Carried unanimously.

MOTION J.

That this NSA adopt the Alternative Employment minority report.

PROPOSED: Wentzel

Secunder not found - motion lapsed.

Hack - claimed that as now 2 minutes after oohoo, it was Wednesday and he was a voting delegate of UCT delegation, and could therefore second the above motion.

van Heerden - from chair ruled that standing orders did not cover the situation and hence he would allow the motion to be re-introduced.

MOTION J.

That this NSA adopt the Alternative Employment minority report.

PROPOSED: Hack
SECONDED: Wentzel

Against 26
Abstaining 7
For 2

Motion thus lost and the Alternative Employment minority report was not adopted.

Congress adjourned 00h15.

Wednesday 29th

Congress reconvened 10h30.

van Heerden in the chair.

RESOLUTION 77/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Residence Reform Committee (Group B).

PROPOSED: Weaver
SECONDED: Atmore

Carried unanimously.

Swart - proposed that "and sexually integrated" in paragraph 5 be struck out. No seconder found, and amendment lapsed.

RESOLUTION 78/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Residence Reform Committee.

PROPOSED: Wentzel
SECONDED: Leon

Passed.

Recorded Comment - C. Swart - UND.

Reason for voting against adoption - my objection is that in my opinion sexually integrated residences are morally undesirable.

RESOLUTION 79/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Publications Committee (Group B).

PROPOSED: Barge
SECONDED: van Dyke

Carried unanimously.

Amendment A.

That clause 2) of point 1 of section 3 of the report be struck out.

Klug - emphatic that editorial autonomy be upheld.

This acceptable to proposer and seconder and thus clause 2) of point 1 of section 3 is omitted from the substantive report.

Amendment B.

That Point 7 of section 3 of the report be struck out, and substituted by "Given the necessity of advertising for financial reasons, editors should ensure that sexist or racist advertising is not included".

Amendment B acceptable to proposer and seconder, thus becomes part of substantive report.

Amendment C.

That point 7 of section 3 of the report be struck out and substituted by "Advertising is a compromise of NUSAS principles, bearing in mind the types of commercial advertising utilized, i.e. racist, sexist, advertising for unnecessary commodities, and advertisements pertaining to the health of those subjected to them. Therefore such forms of advertising should be avoided."

PROPOSED: Pace
 SECONDED: Velcich

Velcich - withdrew seconding.

Pace - with permission of floor withdrew Amendment C.

Amendment D.

Insert in Clause 1) of point of section 3 "and if he does not fulfil the criteria upon which he was elected or appointed as editor".

PROPOSED: Davis
 SECONDED: Swart

Lengthy discussion revolved around editorial autonomy.

Barge - moved closure on this amendment; and in addition a 1 minute guillotine was accepted.

Against	24
Abstaining	2
For	8

Amendment D was thus defeated, and lapsed.

Amendment E.

That point 7 of section 3 be struck out and replaced by "We realize advertising is a compromise of our principles, in that, by creating false tastes and artificial wants, advertising props up profits and therefore power for a minority, and that it is this kind of system which is challenged in many of our student newspapers. However, in the light of the societal context within which we operate, advertising is financially necessary for the survival of student newspapers. Yet we feel that sexist and racist advertising should be excluded".

Amendment E accepted to proposer and seconder, and thus becomes part of substantive report.

Amendment F.

That point 7 of section 3 be struck out and replaced by: "Given the necessity of advertising for financial purposes, editors should ensure that sexist or racist advertising is not included in campus publications"

PROPOSED: Rallis
 SECONDED: Leon

Leon - amendment E self-righteous nonsense.

Bowey - we're trying to do away with contradictions.

Against	17
Abstaining	6
For	9

Amendment F was defeated, and thus lapsed.

RESOLUTION 80/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Publications Committee.

PROPOSED: Bowey
SECONDED: Seftel

Against	1
Abstaining	5
For	24

Passed.

Statement by Wicksteed on a press statement by Mr. Hack to Die Burger.

van Heerden - clarified that Hack spoke to Die Burger about a statement issued by Kahanowitz.

Statement by Hack on a Cape Times report of a congress discussion about Brendon Willmer.

RESOLUTION 81/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Faculty Councils Committee (Group B).

PROPOSED: McCormack
SECONDED: Doyle

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Dysell - report short because most of the committee's recommendations are contained in the Education/Political Action reports.

RESOLUTION 82/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Faculty Councils Committee.

PROPOSED: Dysell
SECONDED: Thompson

Carried unanimously.

Chair to Velcich.

RESOLUTION 83/79.

That this NSA table the second report of the Research Committee (Group C).
(The first having been withdrawn).

PROPOSED: Pace.
SECONDED: Swart

Carried unanimously.

Tabled by Moll.

Chair to van Heerden.

RESOLUTION 84/79.

That this NSA adopt the second report of the Research Committee.

PROPOSED: J. Joffe
SECONDED: Wentzel

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 85/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Environmental Action Committee
(Group B).

PROPOSED: Davis
SECONDED: Swart

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 86/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Environmental Action Committee.

PROPOSED: H. Radford
SECONDED: Barge

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 87/79.

That this NSA re-table the Student Benefits/Services committee report (Group A).

PROPOSED: H. Joffe
SECONDED: Seftel

Carried unanimously.

Amendment A.

Leon proposed that in Point 3 "Recommendations", a fifth clause be inserted,
i.e. "5. That student benefits be provided strictly on a non-racial basis".

Amendment withdrawn.

Amendment B.

1. Delete first paragraph.
2. Second paragraph - delete "supposedly".
3. Third paragraph - fourth line - delete "and co-ordinate" and replace by "a forum for discussion on and initiation of".
4. Fourth paragraph - second line - delete "if any". At end of paragraph add "It is felt that the provision of student services is the responsibility of individual SRC's and due to pressure on Head Office finances and time it would be preferable for an SRC student services officer to be elected to perform the task of national co-ordination rather than a member of Head Office staff.
5. Delete fifth paragraph.
6. Under 3. Recommendations, delete 1 to 4, then add:
 1. That a student services officer from one of the affiliated campuses be appointed as a National Co-ordinator for Student Services.
 2. That the exchange of ideas and information between the National Co-ordinator and the NUSAS leadership be continued.
7. Delete paragraph 11.

PROPOSED: Velcich
 SECONDED: Van Dyk

Velcich withdrew amendment.

RESOLUTION 88/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Student Benefits/Services Committee.

PROPOSED: Campbell
 SECONDED: Velcich

Carried unanimously.

Recorded Comment - D. Rallis - Wits.

It was notable that the above report was adopted without any discussion, comment or criticism from any of the delegates at NSA. While it is pleasing to note the support which the proposals received, it is imperative that members of NSA put into practice at campus and at National level the strong commitment which they have made to the provision and co-ordination of student services. In the same way that mere political protest is meaningless without constructive action, an undertaking by Congress to support student services involved more than simply voting in support of such services in a congress.

Statement by Inggs.

Congress adjourned 13h00.

Wednesday 29th congress reconvened 14h15.

RESOLUTION 89/79.

That this NSA waive the 12-hour rule on notice of motions for the purposes of hearing a motion on the dissolution of NUSAS.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith

SECONDED: Barge

Carried unanimously.

MOTION K.

That this NSA:

Noting

1. The ideological complexity and variety of this congress
2. The high incidence of opportunism and obstructionism on the congress floor
3. The indefensible presence of right wingers in our midst
4. The stifling of authentic left wing opinion in the interest of unity
5. The inflated lifestyles of the majority of students at this congress

And Believing that this state of affairs:

1. Seriously compromises the development of a progressive ideology within the student movement
2. Renders the student movement little more than an agent of petty bourgeois reaction
3. Makes our identification with the working masses purely tokenistic

Proposes

1. That NUSAS as presently constituted dissolves without further ado
2. That a system of individual affiliation be adopted
3. That the present leadership resign
4. That a new organisation - the National Alliance of Azanian Students - be formed

And proposes further that

1. Only students with proven ideological coherence be included as members
2. This ideological coherence constitutes a dedication to the class struggle
3. All forms of liberalism be guarded against in the new organisation.

4. That the new organisation totally rejects any association whatsoever with the petty bourgeois UCT and other "feminist" movements
Aluta Continua

PROPOSER: Angless
SECONDER: Wicksteed

Klug - ruled out of order, refused to stop speaking, chairman ruled to leave chamber.

Pace - in favour of motion.

Smail - proposed those who wanted to, should leave.

Mitchley - highly irresponsible motion.

Davis - leadership should take cognizance of criticism, but abhorred motion.
NUSAS no room for the likes of these.

Flynn - self-indulgent cliches. Rejected motion out of hand.

H. Joffe - infantile leftism.

Butler - reaffirmed confidence in NUSAS leadership.

Rogers - similar arguments to Maritzburg conservatives contained in motion.

Kahanowitz - motion to be taken seriously, but missed out at level of political analysis.

Scrooby - called on Angless to leave the National Union.

Rallis - NUSAS exists as forum to act as forum for the articulation and representation of student views.

J. Goldberg - called on Angless to resign from SRC.

Closure moved, voted and passed.

Equalization moved, voted, and lost

Motion announced as guerilla theatre, and withdrawn.

RESOLUTION 90/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Social Action committee (Group B).

PROPOSED: Conrad-Czaja
SECONDED: Campbell

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 91/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Social Action Committee.

PROPOSED: Atmore
SECONDED: Conrad-czaja

Carried unanimously.

van Heerden - congratulated committee on well-prepared report.

MOTION L.

That this NSA:

Noting:

1. That NUSAS has a history of resolutions and actions aimed at an identification with the poor and suffering in our society
2. That such an identification implies a desire to share what we, the privileged have, with those whom the system prevents from sharing adequately in the resources of our country, i.e. it implies a desire to simplify our affluent lifestyles.
3. That the perceived lifestyle of most students reflects an indulgence in many privileged luxuries, e.g. expensive and excessive food and clothing as well as expensive cars, movies, alcohol and nightclubs
4. That such a lifestyle constitutes a gross contradiction of our expressed resolutions and actions; and

Believing

1. That the continued existence of this contradiction serves to negate the small gains which we have already achieved and those goals which we hope to attain; and
2. That the perpetuation of this contradiction reflects an unwillingness or inability on our part (similar to that displayed by those whom we criticise) to engage ourselves completely and honestly in the fight for justice; therefore

Resolves

1. To commit ourselves to examining the nature and scope of the contradiction between our political stand and the way we live;
2. To commit ourselves to an intensive search for specific ways in which these contradictions may be eradicated; and
3. To work actively towards living a simple lifestyle, e.g. by boycotting expensive restaurants, cinemas and nightclubs.

PROPOSED: Smail

SECONDED: Angless.

Leon - this contradicts the implications of the student services report.

Schneier - tokenistic

Bowey - simplification of lifestyles should not be end in itself but within political action.

Amendment A.

J. Goldberg proposed that words in "RESOLVES" Clause 3 be deleted from "e.g." Acceptable to proposer and seconder, and is omitted from substantive motion.

Amendment B.

Bowey proposed that, a third "BELIEVING" and a fourth "RESOLVES" clause be inserted, i.e. BELIEVING 3. "That striving for simpler life-styles only achieves relevance when placed in the context of the broader political struggle, and should not be an end in itself". RESOLVES 4. "That the re-evaluation of life-styles be integrated into our general political struggle for a free South Africa".

Amendment B accepted, becomes part of substantive motion.

Chair to Flynn.

van Heerden - total consistency is naive to expect.

Chair to van Heerden.

RESOLUTION 92/79.

That this NSA:

Noting:

1. That NUSAS has a history of resolutions and actions aimed at an identification with the poor and suffering in our society
2. That such an identification implies a desire to share what we, the privileged, have, with those whom the system prevents from sharing adequately in the resources of our country, i.e. it implies a desire to simplify our affluent lifestyles
3. That the perceived lifestyle of most students reflects an indulgence in many privileged luxuries, e.g. expensive and excessive food and clothing as well as expensive cars, movies, alcohol and nightclubs
4. That such a lifestyle constitutes a gross contradiction of our expressed resolutions and actions; and

Believing

1. That the continued existence of this contradiction serves to negate the small gains which we have already achieved and those goals which we hope to attain
2. That the perpetuation of this contradiction reflects an unwillingness or inability on our part (similar to that displayed by those whom we criticise) to engage ourselves completely and honestly in the fight for justice
3. That striving for simpler lifestyles only achieves relevance when placed in the context of the broader political struggle, and should not be an end in itself; therefore

Resolves

1. To commit ourselves to examining the nature and scope of the contradiction between our political stand and the way we live
2. To commit ourselves to an intensive search for specific ways in which these contradictions may be eradicated
3. To work actively towards living a simple lifestyle; and
4. That the re-evaluation of life-styles be integrated with our general political struggle for a free South Africa.

PROPOSED: Smail
 SECONDED: Angless

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

MOTION M.

That this NSA

Reiterates that in the free and just society which is the aim of NUSAS, the freedom and rights of the individual will always be paramount.

PROPOSED: J. Goldberg
 SECONDED: Leon

Motion was withdrawn

MOTION N.

That this NSA

Noting

1. The recent revelations regarding the use of secret funds by the government
2. The fact that these revelations were brought about as a result of such limited areas as remain open to the judiciary and the press

Deplores

the regime's attempts to curtail the freedom of the press and judiciary,

And Resolves

To reiterate its commitment to a free press and an independent judiciary.

PROPOSED: Leon
 SECONDED: Rallis

AMENDMENT A.

Delete "and resolves" and everything after it. Substitute "Nevertheless believes"
 1. That these revelations and their significance are secondary in relation to the real corruption in our country - de-humanisation through material inequality.
 2. That a truly free press and judiciary can only exist in a society free of exploitation, oppression and a repressive state. "And Therefore Resolves" to reiterate its commitment to a free South Africa providing social, political and economic justice for all its people.

Amendment A acceptable, and becomes part of the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT B.

Add "RESOLVES" Clause 3. "To reiterate its commitment to a free press and an independent judiciary".

Amendment B acceptable, and becomes part of substantive motion.

AMENDMENT C.

Delete "RESOLVES" Clause 3.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: Seftel

Against 5
Abstaining 5
For 26

Amendment C thus passed, and "RESOLVES" clause 3 omitted from substantive motion.

Closure moved and accepted by the chair.

Bowey - these events relatively minor, in light of overall political situation.

RESOLUTION 93/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. the recent revelations regarding the use of secret funds by the government
2. the fact that these revelations were brought about as a result of such limited areas as remain open to the judiciary and the press

Deplores

the regime's attempts to curtail the freedom of the press and judiciary,

Nevertheless Believes

1. that these revelations and their significance are secondary in relation to the real corruption in our country - de-humanisation through material inequality
2. That a truly free press and judiciary can only exist in a society free of exploitation, oppression and a repressive state.

And Therefore Resolves

to reiterate its commitment to a free South Africa providing social, political and economic justice for all its people.

PROPOSED: Leon
SECONDED: Rallis

Against 1
Abstaining 3
For 33

Passed

Leon - abstained because resolution as now stands does not deal with original intention. Asked for assertion of support for free press and independent judiciary, and this not given.

Mitchely - suggested Leon keep such time-wasting motions for PFP congresses.

H. Joffe - NUSAS constitution commits it to free press and independent judiciary by adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Bowey - free S.A. will in any case include a free press and an independent judiciary.

Recorded Comments.

B. Rogers - UNP

I voted against this motion as a form of protest. I believe, firstly, that the original motion should never have been put in the first place, due to our obvious identification with it. Secondly, as it was put, it could merely have been "sausage machined" through. Thirdly, that the amendments amount merely to a reiteration of what has been expressed over and over within NUSAS and therefore is non-productive and a waste of time.

A. Thompson - UCT.

I am disturbed by the dogmatism of the supporters of Amendment B, who hold concepts in high regard merely because their theory dictates it should be, and with scant regard for the practicalities of a situation.

D. Rallis and T. Leon - Wits.

The intention of the original motion was to reiterate the commitment of NUSAS to the two essential elements of liberal democratic society. Although we cannot disagree with any of the sentiments in the motion as amended, our abstentions were due to the fact that we cannot associate ourselves with the refusal of NSA to accept explicitly two of the basic and essential foundations of a free society.

MOTION 0.

That this NSA

Noting

1. NUSAS has accepted that whites as a whole have only a limited role to play in affecting meaningful change in this country, hence the education for an African Future theme;
2. the enforced fragmentation of blacks by the government is continuing with increasing intensity

And Believing That

it would be an act of selfishness on the part of whites to reject moves towards black unity by regarding them to be racist without understanding the vital need for such unity in the broad struggle for freedom and justice in South Africa.

Resolves

in no ways to prevent or hinder such moves towards black unity, in particular the formation of black student alliances on white campuses, if and when such moves are manifested.

PROPOSED: Angless
 SECONDED: Bowey

O'Connor - distinguished between race consciousness, and racialism, which she felt should not be encouraged.

RESOLUTION 94/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. NUSAS has accepted that whites as a whole have only a limited role to play in affecting meaningful change in this country, hence the education for an African Future theme;
2. the enforced fragmentation of blacks by the government is continuing with increasing intensity

And Believing That

it would be an act of selfishness on the part of whites to reject moves towards black unity by regarding them to be racist without understanding the vital need for such unity in the broad struggle for freedom and justice in South Africa.

Resolves

in no ways to prevent or hinder such moves towards black unity in particular the formation of black student alliances on white campuses, if and when such moves are manifested.

PROPOSED: Angless
 SECONDED: Bowey

Passed nem con (3 abstaining)

Chair ruled that motion on defence could not be tabled before legal opinion was sought.

Statement by Hack on intention to form a national moderate student organization.

Statements by Eloff about a national moderate student organization.

Clarification followed these statements.

Congress adjourned 17h00.

Wednesday 29th congress reconvened 20h10.

Kahanowitz in the chair.

RESOLUTION 95/79.

That this NSA

Noting That

Notwithstanding the magnificent work done by the UCT SRC and Projects Committee generally in organising this congress

Resolves

to thank and express its appreciation for the singular dedication shown by the following people in particular :

Steve Bowey
Dave Hill
Laure Levetan
Annette Griesell
Andy Durbach
Doff Carney
Andrew Carney
Richard Wicksteed
Alison Wilkes
Jenny Wainwright
Di Sandler
Tessa Katz
Nicky Rogers
Tony Weaver
Juliette Addison
Rob Locke

And further Resolves

to applaud the work of the UCT SRC Printers and the SRC staff.

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Goldsmith

Passed nem con. (10 abstaining)

Chair to Atmore.

Introduced an office bearer of Masizakhe Youth, who addressed the congress.

Statement by Mitchely concerning Mr. Izak Smuts' opinion of the national organization for moderate students, proposed by Mr. Hack.

Statement by Durban Delegation regarding conduct of UND President, S. Davis.

RESOLUTION 96/79.

That this NSA table the report of the Political Action Committee (Group B)

PROPOSED: Barge
 SECONDED: Rallis

Carried unanimously.

O'Connor - Nkosi Sikelele is a Christian hymn "God bless Africa, bless her children; Spirit of the Lord, come down and bless the children of Africa".

Amendment A (All to Part II of the report)

1. Delete the words "seen to be" in clause (2) of the paragraph "Mass Meetings".
2. Delete clause (4) of the paragraph "Mass Meetings".
3. Alter clause (5) of the paragraph "Mass Meetings".
 to read "Prepared questions can be encouraged"

All of which were acceptable to proposer and seconder and became substantive.

4. Delete clause (9) of the paragraph "Mass Meetings" and replace by "Mass meetings should not culminate in token motions, manipulative and emotional props, (ritual, ceremonial etc), but interested people should be directed towards meaningful activities outlined in the rest of the recommendations."

This was finally accepted by proposer and seconder, and became substantive, after debate.

RESOLUTION 97/79.

That this NSA adopt the report of the Political Action Committee.

PROPOSED: Velcich
 SECONDED: H. Joffe

Passed nem con (1 abstaining)

RESOLUTION 98/79.

That this NSA

1. Extend its thanks to Sir. R. Luyt for hosting the opening cocktail party.
2. Thank Mr. C. Nupen for his coherent and inspiring opening address to congress.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
 SECONDED: van Heerden.

Carried unanimously, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 99/79.

That this NSA table the Education Report.

PROPOSED: J. Joffe
SECONDED: Pace

Carried unanimously.

Chair pointed out that Education Position Paper was not part of report for adoption as NUSAS policy.

Amendment A.

to Part III A2 Paragraph 5 (i.e. General Strategy). After point 5 add Point 6, (Point 6 becomes point 7): "6. At all stages full documentation, such as minutes, correspondence, formal complaints etc. should be filed, as this prevents confusion and provides a record of the programme's development. Such records can be used for inter-faculty and inter-course reference and comparison".

This accepted by proposer and seconder, becomes substantive.

Amendment B.

Add to "Education Report", a Paragraph 6 "6. It is recommended that a concerted effort be made on the part of the various Edcoms to ensure that as many representatives of different Faculties attend the 57th NUSAS Congress, as possible, to assess the success or failure of the programme".

This accepted by proposer and seconder, becomes substantive.

Amendment C.

That the minority report on Education Projects be adopted in place of the majority report.

PROPOSED: Hack
SECONDED: Swart

H. Radford - everyone was approached to help draw up report.

J. Goldberg - was Hack trying to make out he was a liberal?

van Heerden - from chair congratulated committee on report.

Butler - agreed committee should be congratulated.

Voting on Amendment C.

Against 33
Abstaining 3
For 1

Amendment C thus lost; minority report lapsed.

RESOLUTION 100/79.

That this NSA adopt the Education Report.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Rogers

Against 1
Abstaining 2
For 34

Passed

RESOLUTION 101/79.

That this NSA adopt, as the NUSAS theme for 1979, "Action on Education".

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: H. Joffe

Goldsmith - emphasized not merely methodological course reform.

Swart - opposed to this as NUSAS theme, since thought theme of "Course Reform" was far better.

Against 2
Abstaining 1
For 34

Passed, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 102/79.

That this NSA table the Structure and Finance Report.

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Wicksteed

Carried unanimously.

Goldsmith - will submit list of recommendations about congress to the committee established.

van Heerden - first time NUSAS has had the services of a C.A. and an MBA - applause.

RESOLUTION 103/79.

That this NSA adopt the Structures and Finance report (excepting the budget).

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Davis

Against 1 (Hack)
Abstaining 1
For 35

Passed, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 104/79.

That this NSA amend clause 14 a) i) of the NUSAS constitution as follows:

The figures R1 500, R2 500, R3 500, R4 500, R6 000 be deleted, and replaced by the figures R2 000, R3 200, R4 000, R6 000, R6 800 respectively.

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Davis

Against 1 (Hack)
Abstaining 1
For 35

Passed.

RESOLUTION 105/79.

That this NSA adopt the Budget to November 31, 1979.

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Swart

Against 1 (Hack)
Abstaining 3 (Leon, Rallis, J. Goldberg)
For 33

Passed, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 106/79.

That this NSA amend the NUSAS constitution as follows:

1. Delete Section 9(a) and replace with

"Composition: The executive shall be comprised of

1. the NUSAS President
2. the SRC Presidents of each constituent centre in office at the time of each annual congress, or their successors in event of a bye-election; and
3. those SRC Presidents elected at annual SRC elections during the term of office of the executive as defined in 1 and 2 shall be co-opted onto the executive at the time of the election.

2. Delete section 9(c) and replace with:

"NSA shall appoint the executive as defined in clause (a) at each annual congress."

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 107/79.

That this NSA appoint the following co-ordinators with the responsibilities mentioned in each respective report:

1. SVLTF/SVLO

Durban	Dave Waterson
UCT	Edwin Angless
Wits	Glenda Sorrell
UNP	Alan Velcich
Rhodes	Chris Butler

2. RESOURCE CENTRES

UCT	Marlene Rousseau
UND	Glen Conrad-Czaja
Rhodes	Dave Forbes
Wits	Hilary Joffe
UNP	Mark van Dyk

3. ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT

Wits	Gail Katz
UCT	Sue Longring and Franz Kruger

4. RESIDENCE.

UNP	Mark Laing
UND	Andy Smail
UCT	Tony Weaver
Rhodes	Mindy Ife
Wits	Vasso Apostoleris

PROPOSED: J. Joffe
SECONDED: H. Radford.

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 108/79.

That this NSA elect P. Flynn as Law co-ordinator for 1979.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe
SECONDED: Cambell

Carried unanimously, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 109/79.

That this NSA appoint

John Simpson (Wits)
 Jimmy Karnezos (UNP)
 Lance Block (UCT)
 John de Wet (UND)
 Charlie Inggs (Rhodes)

to investigate alternatives to the present retail textbook outlets and to report to National Council by July 1979.

PROPOSED: A. Thompson
 SECONDED: S. Bowey

Passed Nem Con (1 Abstention)

RESOLUTION 110/79.

That this NSA elect D. Rallis as National Schemes Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe
 SECONDED: Leon

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 111/79.

That this NSA appoint the following as the editorial co-operative for a culture publication:

Steve Watson (UCT)
 Mike Pace (UND)
 Steve Mosenthal (Wits)
 Andy Durbach (UCT)
 Charles Millard (UCT)
 Sølve Skorge (Rhodes)
 Sheena Stannard (UNP)
 Willie Lategan (Stellenbosch)

with the full recognition that the publication is not to be financed from the NUSAS budget.

PROPOSED: A. Goldberg
 SECONDED: J. Dysett

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 112/79.

That this NSA elect as National Student Editor Chris Russel.

PROPOSED: Wicksteed
 SECONDED: Joffe

Passed (1 against).

RESOLUTION 113/79.

That this NSA elect as National Student Regional Assistant Editors the following persons:

John Passmore
Nikki Marx
Lisa Seftel
Dave Forbes

PROPOSED: Schneier
SECONDED: Pace

Passed nem con (2 abstentions).

RESOLUTION 114/79.

That this NSA elect as business manager for National Student Charles Johnstone.

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Wicksteed

Passed nem con (2 abstentions).

RESOLUTION 115/79.

That this NSA appoint Tony Pinchuck (Rhodes)
Colin James (Wits)
Mike Phillips (UCT)
Andy Mason (UND)
Liz Collingwood (UNP)

to collect material for National Student comix.

PROPOSED: Pace
SECONDED: Wicksteed

Passed nem con (2 abstentions)

RESOLUTION 116/79.

That this NSA elect

Mark Laing (UNP)
Steve Tollman (Wits)
Edwin Angless (UCT)
and Rob Ensor (temporarily UND)

as co-ordinators to carry out the report of the Education Action Committee.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: Scrooby

Against 1
Abstaining 2
For 32

Passed.

RESOLUTION 117/79.

That this NSA elect

Hilary Joffe (Wits)
 Mike Roussos (Wits)
 Steve Bowey (UCT)
 Jeremy Dysell (UCT)
 Brian Rogers (UND)
 Alan Velcich (UNP)
 Andrew Carney (UCT)
 Chris Swart (UND)
 Stu Davis (UND)

as a subcommittee of National Council, to receive and assess all complaints and suggestions re Congress, and to make recommendations to National Council by July 1979.

PROPOSED: Laing
 SECONDED: Scrooby

Passed nem con (7 abstaining)

RESOLUTION 118/79.

That this NSA appoint the following persons to a fund-raising subcommittee.

Tony Leon
 Pete Brits
 Dave Waterson
 Chris Swart
 Steve Kahanowitz
 Dave Hill
 Stu Davis
 Clifford Goldsmith

Passed nem con (5 abstaining)

MOTION P.

That this NSA

Noting

- a) that Youth Preparedness Programmes such as Cadet training at school bring a strong influence to bear on young people who are susceptible to the inculcation of ideological dogma.
- b) the problems confronting those who are due to engage in military service,
- c) the distress caused to relatives and friends of combatants who are killed in the exaltong violence in Southern Africa,
- d) the problems facing people on their return from military service,
- e) the growing number of young people who are leaving South Africa to avoid service in the SADF.

- f) that the loss of these people has resulted in the loss of persons with an understanding of and acquaintance with the skills required
- g) that most of these people are still committed to return to South Africa when their conscience allows it.

Believing

- a) that there is a need to determine the influence of Youth Preparedness Programmes,
- b) that it is imperative to ascertain the nature and extent of the ideological influence attached to military service in South Africa.
- c) that assistance must be rendered to those who have undergone military service, in adapting to civilian life,
- d) that there is a need to explore official alternatives (e.g. Educational or Medical Services) to service in the SADF, and to press the government for the implementation thereof,
- e) that these additional services should exist alongside military service and that the individual should then have the right to decide in which area he wishes to render service to his country.

Resolves

1. to establish a Committee to
 - a. investigate the influence of service in the SADF in the fields of education, medical and community service on
 - i) those facing such service
 - ii) those undergoing such service, and
 - iii) those who have completed such service.
 - b. investigate the influence of Youth Preparedness Programmes and
 - c. to explore official alternatives to service in the SADF and to press the Government for the implementation thereof.
2. and to call on the government to:
 - a. lift the restrictions imposed on the individuals right to debate conscientious objection; and
 - b. recognise the right of the individual to decide for himself whether or not to engage in military service.

PROPOSED: Angless
 SECONDED: Smail

IMPORTANT NOTES.

- 1) The first motion on this subject, beginning "That this NSA, noting (a) that Youth Preparedness Programmes ..." was at no stage tabled or proposed, merely circulated to delegates of the 56th NUSAS Congress.

- 2) Neither was this same motion immediately above proposed or discussed following legal advice which was that "Paragraphs BELIEVING (e) and RESOLVES 2, may be construed to be contravening the Defence Act 121(c) "A second motion was drawn up.
- 3) Legal advice was offered by Mr. Brusser, who was recommended by Prof. Dean of Law Faculty, U.C.T. Advice on the second motion on this subject, beginning "That this NSA, NOTING (a) that Youth Preparedness Programmes" is that is "does not contravene the Defence Act in any way".
- 4) The relevant section/s of the Defence Act were twice read to Congress delegates.
- 5) Only the second motion will be minuted, as the first motion did not form part of Congress proceedings.

Rogers, Velcich, Karnezos, Brits all recorded non-participation in debate on Motion P.

Angless - requested Proposal speech be minuted.

This motion is intended to be a positive contribution to the state of affairs in our society; and we did not wish to look for trouble nor waste time and money on legal wranglings and thus the original motion was amended following legal advice.

This motion is of a very serious and important nature and I would like delegates to consider each point carefully. I will go through them individually in a moment. As a preamble I would like to quote from S.A. Outlook October 1978. Quote: In view of this I would like this motion to be viewed as a very constructive proposal to examine vital issues which effect all of us right now and most of us when we leave university. There are 3 important facets I would like to deal with.

Firstly, I feel the time is right to empirically investigate the exact manner of any ideological influence on the youth by the SADT and Youth Preparedness, especially in view of the fact that we have overwhelmingly endorsed the motion criticising the SABC because of its partiality and bias.

Secondly, the government has on numerous occasions shown its distress at the number of graduates who leave South Africa after completing university after having benefitted from the taxpayers' money. This has been especially evident with regards to medical students. If the committee can come up with facts on the number of people who feel obliged to leave this because of the nature of national service and use these facts to press for changes in legislation then this will certainly be a constructive action for NUSAS. This hope may seem naive, but it is a pertinent example.

Thirdly, NUSAS' theme is a very naive hope and desire if many of the people who would be active in implementing this theme after their graduation are going to leave South Africa, then our programme is to serve no function whatsoever and it is thus NUSAS' duty to facilitate this process as far as possible.

AMENDMENT A.

That Paragraph RESOLVES 2.(b) be altered to read:

"recognize the right of the individual to decide for himself whether or not to engage in military service, or to engage in community service.

Accepted by proposer and seconder, becomes substantive.

RESOLUTION 119/79.

That this NSA

Noting

- a) that Youth Preparedness Programmes such as Cadet training at school bring a strong influence to bear on young people who are susceptible to the inculcation of ideological dogma,
- b) the problems confronting those who are due to engage in military service.
- c) the distress caused to relatives and friends of combatants who are killed in the exaltong violence in Southern Africa,
- d) the problems facing people on their return from military service,
- e) the growing number of young people who are leaving South Africa to avoid service in the SADF.
- f) that the loss of these people has resulted in the loss of persons with an understanding of and acquaintance with the skills required
- g) that most of these people are still committed to return to South Africa when their conscience allows it.

Believing

- a) that there is a need to determine the influence of Youth Preparedness Programmes,
- b) that it is imperative to ascertain the nature and extent of the idological influence attached to military service in South Africa,
- c) that assistance must be rendered to those who have undergone military service, in adapting to civilian life,
- d) that there is a need to explore official alternatives (e.g. Educational or Medical Services) to service in the SADF, and to press the government for the implementation thereof,
- e) that these additional services should exist alongside military service and that the individual should then have the right to decide in which area he wishes to render service to his country.

Resolves

1. to establish a Committee to
 - a) investigate the influence of service in the SADF, in the fields of education, medical and community services, on
 - i) those facing such service
 - ii) those undergoing such service, and
 - iii) those who have completed such service.

- b) investigate the influence of Youth Preparedness Programmes, and
 - c) to explore official alternatives to service in the SADF and to press the government for the implementation thereof.
2. and to call on the government to:
- a) lift the restrictions imposed on the individuals right to debate conscientious objection; and
 - b) recognise the right of the individual to decide for himself whether or not to engage in military service, or to engage in community service

PROPOSED: Angless
 SECONDED: Smail

Carried unanimously.

Chair to Kahanowitz.

RESOLUTION 120/79.

That RESOLUTION 119/79 be a deferred resolution in terms of the Constitution.

PROPOSED: van Heerden
 SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 121/79.

That this NSA appoint the following as the Committee of RESOLUTION 119/79:

Angless, Smail, Borraine, Denniger, Paddock, Mitchely, Kahanowitz, Doyle, Hutton, Matzop, Flynn, James, Leon, Bristow, Watters.

PROPOSED: van Heerden
 SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 122/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. The 17 years service of veteran NUSAS groupie, Mogamet Davids
2. His singular patience and dedication to the National Union in the face of
 - i) hyperfrenetic and temperamental student politicians
 - ii) demanding student travellers
 - iii) often unreasonable co-tenants of the building
 - iv) eccentric machinery mechanics

3. His ability to handle, without flinching, such adversaries as rocks thrown through the office's front window; and garbage (carcasses and otherwise) dumped in the backyard.
4. His ability to lend the office an added air of officialdom.

Resolves

to thank Mog sincerely for his services and loyalty to the National Union.

PROPOSED: Bowey
SECONDED: Hill

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 123/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. the daunting and onerous task of minuting National Congress
2. the unswerving dedication of the minutes secretaries to their task
3. Pete Brits' incisive knowledge of the constitution that has helped us out of not a few pickles.

Believing

1. said services rendered to be of no small importance to the struggle
2. said secretaries to be true offspring of Africa

Therefore Resdves

to thank Debbi and Pete wholeheartedly for their hard work.

PROPOSED: Seftel
SECONDED: Schneier

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 124/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. the service rendered to the National Union by gentle Gerald Kraak, its Media Officer
2. the continual flow of resources and dossiers provided by Mr. Kraak, which has given vital informative background to students involved in political action on the campuses.
3. his dedicated work in reorganizing the Head Office structure, especially the Resource Centre

And Believing

1. that the high level of dissemination of excellent information by Mr. Kraak from Head Office has not been seen in a number of years
2. that the said Gerald Kraak is a true son of Africa

Therefore Resolves

1. to express its appreciation to Gerald for his enormous contribution to the National Union this year
2. to appoint him an Honorary Life Member of the National Union

PROPOSED: H.Joffe
SECONDED: Bowey

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 125/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. Jane Barrett's dedication and service to the National Union above and beyond the call of duty.
2. Her work in keeping Head Office running smoothly and communication flowing between the affiliated campuses and NUSAS.
3. The way in which she assisted the President and Executive in so many ways in the performance of their duties

And Believing

1. that Jane has played an important role in keeping the National Union together this year
2. that she is a true daughter of Africa.

Therefore Resolves

1. to express its gratitude to Jane for her valuable contribution to NUSAS.
2. to appoint her an Honorary Life Member of the National Union.

PROPOSED: Van Heerden
SECONDED: Velcich.

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 126/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. the untiring, selfless dedication and service to the National Union of its President, Auret van Heerden

Believing

1. his efforts in office to have been beyond the call of duty
2. the leadership qualities he has so consistently displayed to have been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to all
3. Auret to be a true son of Africa

Therefore Resolves

1. to express its deepest gratitude to Auret.
2. to elect him an honorary life member of the Union.

PROPOSED: A. Goldberg

SECONDED: Goldsmith

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Chair to van Heerden.

RESOLUTION 127/79.

That this NSA

Noting

1. the dedication of the members of the outgoing NUSAS Executive, Steve Kahanovitz, Max Price, Patrick Flynn and Des Kruger, to the National Union
2. their service to the National Union despite demanding years on their own campuses
3. their contribution to keeping the National Union on its feet in the face of referenda, and other challenges to NUSAS and its direction

And Believing

1. that these four people have provided valuable educative leadership for students on the affiliated campuses
2. that the said leaders are true sons of Africa.

Therefore Resolves

1. to extend its gratitude to the members of the outgoing NUSAS Executive for their contribution to the National Union
2. to appoint them Honorary Life Members of NUSAS.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe
SECONDED: Hill

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Statement from Stellenbosch delegation, thanking congress organizers and wishing new executive a successful year.

Statements from Rhodes Local Comm and SRC delegations thanking congress organizers and NUSAS.

Statement to Congress by certain (liberal) Delegates

Recorded Comments on this Statement.

C. Swart - UND

I do not regard myself as a liberal.

A. Thompson UCT, J. O'Connor UND.

We fully support the present NUSAS leadership, and the opinions offered are not a slight upon the present leadership, but are offered as food for thought for delegates

Chair to Kahanowitz.

Accepted statement in constructive spirit in which it was intended. No debate.

ELECTIONS.

Kahanowitz called for nominations to the Office of President for 1979.

Nomination

Auret van Heerden

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Goldsmith

van Heerden left the chamber. Voting by secret ballot.

RESOLUTION 128/79.

That this NSA elect Auret van Heerden as President for 1979.

PROPOSED: Velcich
SECONDED: Goldsmith

van Heerden elected, with standing ovation.

Kahanowitz called for nominations to the office of General Secretary for 1979.

Nomination.

Jane Barret

PROPOSED: Wicksteed

SECONDED: Laing

Barrett left the chamber. Voting by secret ballot.

RESOLUTION 129/79

That this NSA elect Jane Barrett as General Secretary for 1979.

PROPOSED: Velcich

SECONDED: Davis

Barrett elected, with standing ovation.

Kahanowitz called for nominations to the position of Media Officer for 1979.

Nominations

Bill Gardiner	-	PROPOSED:	H. Joffe
		SECONDED:	Conrad-Czaja

Gerald Kraak	-	PROPOSED:	Bowey
		SECONDED:	Wicksteed

Kraak refused nomination.

Gardiner left the chamber. Voting by secret ballot.

RESOLUTION 130/79.

That this NSA elect Bill Gardiner as Media Officer for 1979.

PROPOSED: H. Joffe

SECONDED: Conrad-Czaja

Gardiner Elected, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 131/79.

That the present executive consist of Hill, Goldsmith, Davis, Velcich and van Heerden.

PROPOSED: Leon

SECONDED: Bowey

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Kahanowitz called for nominations to the position of Vice-President for 1979.

Nomination.

Alan Velcich	-	PROPOSED:	Pace
		SECONDED:	J. Joffe

Velcich left the chamber. Voting by secret ballot.

RESOLUTION 132/79.

That this NSA elect Alan Velcich as Vice-President for 1979.

PROPOSED: Pace
SECONDED: J. Joffe

Velcich elected, with acclaim.

ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICE BEARERS.

RESOLUTION 133/79.

That this NSA do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: A. Goldberg

Carried unanimously.

Chairperson invited registered students as observers.

RESOLUTION 134/79.

That this NSA do now resolve itself out of Committee of the Whole.

PROPOSED: Hill
SECONDED: H. Joffe

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 135/79.

That this NSA invite the Rev. Beyers Naude to serve as Honorary President of NUSAS for 1979.

PROPOSED: Goldsmith
SECONDED: Leon

Carried unanimously, with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 136/79.

That this NSA invite the following people to serve as honorary Vice-Presidents of NUSAS for 1979.

Dr. E.G. Malherbe
Jean Sinclair
Professor Tobias
Professor Peter Horn
Advocate George Bizos
Lady Eleanor Birley
Sir Robert Birley
Sir Richard Luyt
Helen Suzman
Professor Schreiner
Sheena Duncan
Professor K. Tober
Paddy Kearney

Dean Tutu
Rev. David Russe
Charles Nupen
Eddie Webster
Paul Pretorius
Geoff Budlender
Shelagh Lapinsky
Mary Symons
Debbie Budlender
Willie Hofmeyer
Graeme Bloch
Laura Levetan
Jeremy Baskin

PROPOSED: Wicksteed
SECONDED: van Heerden

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Chairperson noted that the business of Congress was concluded.

van Heerden - thanked Congress organizers again, mentioning that this was the biggest NUSAS Congress ever. He said that some organizational problems had arisen, but that this was small criticism in the light of the obvious commitment of young people in South Africa. Finally he stated that these young people would have to meet the challenge of change in South Africa, or they would never be forgiven by their children.

THE 56TH NUSAS CONGRESS WAS THEN DECLARED CLOSED.