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FIRST COLLEGE TEACH-IN

JCE Part of Nation-Wide Protests

College students made history last Wednesday when they held their first teach-in on Campus and staged their first independent protest.

The events were sparked off by the suspension of over 300 students at Fort Hare after they had refused to call off a sit-in on Friday, September the 6th.

An emergency meeting of the SRC executive met before JCE students returned from the Vac. to discuss the Fort Hare issue and to plan a course of action. As a result a Teach-in was held on Wednesday afternoon at which Mr. Duncan Innes, President of NUSAS, and Mr. David Thebahlali, Chairman of the Soweto Urban Bantu Councils Committee on Education and Health and a Wits graduate, addressed the meeting.

Creative Protests

Mr. Innes described the sequence of events which led to the suspensions at Fort Hare and called on JCE students to help defend the rights of the Fort Hare students.

Mr. Thebahlali commented on the "Status quo" in South Africa and expressed the view that the present wave of student unrest was a creative one directed towards the attainment of true academic freedom for all South African students.

Stimulating Concourse

The College entrance quadrangle is in the process of being redecorated and improved under the direction of Mr. Scully.

Commenting on this Mr. Scully said that he saw the purpose of the entrance quadrangle as being an attractive place where students, staff and visitors could meet. It was not a place for sitting said Mr. Scully and as a result he was against suggestions to have more benches placed in the quadrangle. Discussion and thought in the quadrangle would be stimulated by the pictorial display panels which Mr. Scully would renew regularly with new material.

Mr. David Thebahlali, Witwatersrand University graduate and past chairman of the Young Progressive, seen addressing college students at the College Teach-in held on campus last week. He bitterly attacked the status quo in South Africa and urged students to join the struggle for academic freedom.



Photo: Rand Daily Mail

NOTICE

Would the student who borrowed a policeman's pen last week to correct the spelling on his Poster please return it. The policeman apologises for the fact that he was unable to help the student with the spelling, but he is still not sure whose rendering of "Freedom" is correct.

Knockandians Attack Barritt

Mr. Dave Barritt, member of the SRC and vice-chairman of the Staff Student Liaison Committee was attacked as he lay in bed at KNOCKANDO on Thursday night last week.

Three Knockandians, two with white stockings over their faces, dressed in track suits and rain coats had entered Mr. Barritt's room while he was asleep, and attempted to cut his hair.

The three nocturnal attackers were later identified as Mr. John Harding, Mr. Peter Faul and Mr. Keith Griffiths.

After the incident a number of Knockandians described how they had been awakened by a person screaming. Investigation brought about nine people to Mr. Barritt's door which they were unable to enter. Mr. Reineke, who was on the scene, described how the door flew open and three men burst out. He added that they presented a frightful sight dressed up as they were.

Asked later why they had attacked Mr. Barritt the attackers said that it was because he presented a bad image of a College student. His long hair was what irked them particularly.

The Knockando House Committee has met to decide what actions should be taken against the attackers. Mr. Peter Southey, the House Chairman, has stated that a man's room is his own domain and no one has a right to infringe his privacy uninvited, let alone force a way in and attack him.

ELECTION TIME

With SRC elections a week away and other elections not much further off it is now time for students to start looking around for next years student leaders and committee members.

The SRC elections this year are wide open — only one member of the 1968 SRC, Mr. Dave Wilkinson, is standing for re-election so far. Most of the other SRC members are final students and will be leaving college at the end of the year. Predictions as to the composition of next year's SRC are difficult. If the growing conservative element on campus provides the majority of elected members to the SRC, JCE's long relationship with the National Union may be challenged. Voting for the new SRC takes place next Wednesday. Students wishing to stand for election should get a nomination form from the SRC office. Twenty seconders are required for a student to become a candidate.

No Slaxs!

The experiment introduced during the past winter terms to allow females students to wear slaxs on campus is now under review by the Rector of the College, Dr. Holmes. Until further notification therefore permission to wear slaxs on campus has been suspended.

One of the main reasons for permission being granted in winter was the coldness of the weather and the shortness of skirts. Now that it is warmer the mini is the ideal outfit.

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