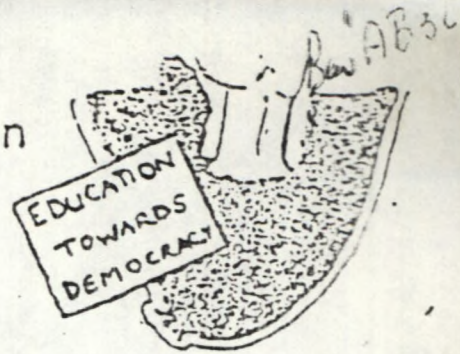


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Structures on Campus

There are a number of important structures on campus. These include:

- SRC - A liberal SRC was voted in - our relationship with them is very good.
- Nusas - A progressive structure - our relationship is satisfactory.
- M.S.A. - A non-antagonistic structure - our relationship is one of peaceful co-existence.
- SAF - This is a right wing organisation - we have an antagonistic relationship for the following reasons:

The SAF first emerged when the previous SRC nominated Nelson Mandela for the post of Chancellor. They opposed this and slandered Nelson Mandela. A student body meeting was called. AZASO issued leaflets showing Nelson Mandela to be the true leader of the people of South Africa and not a "terrorist". Nelson Mandela refused the post. The SAF then attacked the UDF and called it a front for the ANC. AZASO with NUSAS and the SRC challenged SAF to prove this. They refused. The SAF is now suspended and a university commission of enquiry is set up to investigate their activities.

BRANCH WORKINGS

The AZASO-Pmb council consists of eight members. There are approx. twenty active members in our branch. This year AZASO has two sub-committees, viz. the publications and projects sub-committees. These sub-committees and the council meet approx. once in 2 weeks.

AZASO, in its formation of its sub-committees, is using this as a method of recruitment. Seminar topics on a wide range are to be held. To date only one has been held, as we were tied up with elections and exams. This is not very useful as mostly old activists attended. Most first year students are too apathetic.

A number of projects were undertaken from GSC to the present congress. These include:

- Welcome address and an explanation of what AZASO is.
- Debate on Rag. However, the Rag Chairperson did not turn up.
- We organised this in an effort to give both sides of this issue.
- A video on the Sport Isolation against South Africa was held.
- The UDF's MSC was launched with Cormick Ndlovu (MSC Co-ordinator) speaking. Signatures were collected from most black students on campus. A Focus on the PC proposals and Koornhof Bills was held for first years on campus.
- A June 16 commemoration service was held in a community hall. Here speakers like Mewa Ramgobin and Abba Omar spoke.
- Abba also addressed members of the new council on AZASO, its structure and ideology.
- A fund raising disco and film show was also held.

As yet no education charter committee has been set up. In the new term a joint education charter committee of AZASO and NUSAS is in the pipeline.

THIRD FORCE ELEMENTS

We have approx. 3 or 4 AZAPO/AZASm supporters. They have not attempted to form any branches on campus. An attempt was made in Sobantu, a district of Pmb. This failed as the SOYO did not co-operate. The third force elements do not appear to be very well organised. They also come mainly from Wits.

Communications with NEC - poor. Our branch is much to blame as we did not make any concerted effort to keep in contact. The receipt of letters and pamphlets etc. was also poor.

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