

# UCT ECC branch report

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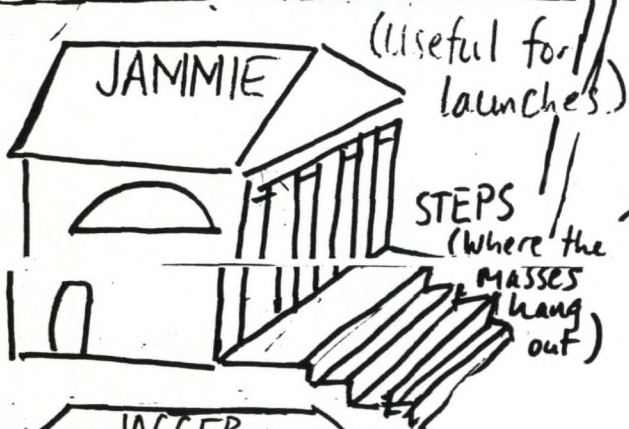
OBS/  
MOWBRAY  
(Weekend meetings)

UNCHARTED  
WASTELAND  
NORTH OF  
THE PLAZA

GREEN LEVEL  
(CERTIFIED IDEOLOGICALLY RX)

YELLOW LEVEL (USEFUL FOR JOBS)

RED LEVEL (N°1 TARGET FOR PAMPHLETS)



PLAZA  
Useful for demo's  
when there's no  
southeaster.

TOWNSHIPS  
(Where there  
be troops)

LECTURELAND

JAGGER  
(If there's nothing  
better to do...)

Here be ...  
ENGINEERS (the  
nice ones are Against  
Apartheid and we  
can forget the rest)

LESLIE  
(Very bourgeois but  
some nice venues  
for meetings)  
(Hanging Bow Me How)



(they discussed  
affiliating)

ARCHI  
They have nice  
parties, and they  
affiliated!



# Subcomm. reports

## CONTACT COMM REPORT First semester 1988

Our first meeting in March led to some exciting projects, including taking a cake ( Ravish the Raatel ) to Med school as they tend to be forgotten. We were invited to speak to SAUJS exec which gave us the opportunity to discuss the history of the anti conscription movement in S.A., the role of the SADF and ECC's aims for the future.

Our main aim was to organise a survey on campus that would allow us to make contact with the student body as a whole as well as obtain a measure of the attitudes towards the ECC, alternative national service and the role of the SADF. This was run during the first week of the second term and analysis has finally got off the ground. Contact has had problems with reps as our co-ordinator was only chosen at the beginning of the second term and our exec rep had to be replaced half way through the term.

A talk at Marquard had to be postponed due to the excitement of the debate. Know your rights forums planned for Woolsack and Med school were not a success in that nobody turned up but we believe that such a negative reaction means we have to learn to take a completely new approach and hence Contact is planning ahead with this in mind.

At a workshop/meeting at the beginning of the second term Contact decided that more initiative could be taken by the Comm and that we had a very exciting role to play within the organisation. We hope that this spirit will allow us to establish Contact's role more firmly than it is at the moment.

## Media comm report 1st semester 1988

Media subcommittee has been very busy for the first half of this year. Media started out by printing postcards which were signed by the UCT community and sent to the Minister of Defence in support of Ivan Toms. Media also printed pickets in support of Ivan which ECC used on the days of his trial. Media printed a pamphlet explaining the ASP's and these were distributed at the Campaign launch. We also painted a large campaign banner to be used by UCT ECC throughout the campaign. The most exciting part of media's work this year has been the printing of our own publication called "Rank and Vile" (formerly called "Tales Grimm"). This publication has brought UCT ECC much support and has taught media members a large number of skills.

At the beginning of the second quarter, media had to be re-assessed. Members were feeling like part of a printing company. Media has attempted to change its role, and is now a place for anyone with creative talents, a need for skills, and anyone who wants to share a bottle of wine!

Media has about 8 fully active members with another 4 people who come to regular meetings.

## Culture comm report

1st semester 1988

### What we've done this term:

- baked a big, colourful cake for our Campaign launch (army barracks!)
- made contact with Drama and Music school
- The contact with Drama was very successful, setting up links with their SPC. We hope to be working with each other in cultural activities.
- Music school was not as successful but will be pushed forward next term.
- did a skit at CB, to show the rest of the organisation how ECC's message can be expressed generally in ECC's activities
- contributed generally in ECC's activities

### What we are doing next term:

- following up Music school
- making contact with Michaelis (Fine Arts) and other cultural orgs.
- screening UCT ECC T-shirts
- putting on a cultural evening
- preparing serialised information boards on campus and in the residences for creating awareness about the August call-up and our campaign for alternatives
- inviting people from other progressive cultural orgs. to contribute to our internal education
- helping to organise the annual ECC fair!
- organising nights at the theatre (through Drama contacts) as fundraising ventures

Culture is at present the busiest subcomm. We've had quite a lot of new recruits who are enjoying culture, yet the whole subcomm. feels that we need to be more culturally orientated both in meetings and in our activities. We've been discussing our role as culture and how we can fit into the Campaign and carry ECC's message forward. We are very enthusiastic and feel that we have an important contribution to make.

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## branch activities



## Survey

In the 1st week of the 2nd term, ECC ran a survey on unner campus and on satellite campuses. The survey was co-ordinated by contact comm who also processed the results. The survey questions were quite general and covered 4 main areas: (see attached questionnaire)

- attitudes to conscription/military service
- attitudes to alternative national service
- attitudes to the role of the SADF
- attitudes to ECC

We organised the surveying through faculty councils and class reps, especially in some of the more contained faculties en. Engineering and Architecture, and on satellite campuses like Med. school and Music and Drama school. Not only was this a fairly efficient method, but it also helped further contact with faculty councils. We also had roving booths all over campus, in the cafeterias etc.

The results of the survey have been processed (see attached copy), but we have not finally analysed them and worked out how we will use them. We are considering publishing them in various campus newspapers, and envisage using the results as part of our programme of lobbying various campus constituencies next semester.

## NANSO media workshop

We were approached by NANSO (Namibian National Students' Organisation) to assist them with media for their campaign around Cassinga Day. NANSO were very unconfident about their media skills and thought ECC produced very lekker media! We had a very successful media workshop, attended by about 5 ECC members and about 10 NANSO members, where we produced 3 posters which were subsequently used regionally by NANSO. It was a very rewarding workshop, both in terms of personal gains and furthering our contact with NANSO.

## Lawaaikamp

About 5 ECC members attended the Lawaaikamp service in Georpe on Sunday 29 May. It was a very moving and regenerating experience for us, and our presence was noted and appreciated by the Georpe Civic, and the Lawaaikamp community.

## Campaign launch

On Wed 20 and Thurs 21 March, UCT ECC launched the National Campaign on campus. There wasn't very much planning involved in this, as we decided about 10 days before the time that this was the action that needed to be taken to raise our profile and inform campus of our campaign for the rest of the year.

So, we decided that a mini-bazaar was perhaps the most fun way to do this. ECC had also not done this sort of public, colourful type of activity for quite a while on campus - so, both for our morale and for getting students thinking ECC-wise again, we felt this would be appropriate.

A new ECC banner - CAMPAIGN FOR ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE - was painted; a pamphlet outlining the campaign was printed; all our existing media and left-over T-shirts were hauled out; a HUGE cake in the shape of a rather colourful military base was baked; Forces Favourites was played and CAS was there too.

But the most novel aspect of this launch was that we took it to students. We ran our launch in the Leslie cafeteria on the first day, a suitably venue, but one which does not get used very much for this type of political activity. (However, NUSAS have taken to holding fairs there recently!?) On the second day the launch was taken to the Red Level students' union cafeteria - more familiar turf for us.

However, both days were extremely successful. We had 2 ECC speakers - one explaining the need for alternatives; the other explaining the format of the Campaign. Quite a few people signed up for our ASP as well as joining ECC. We also raised over R80.

However, we haven't been able to take this much further, possibly through the lack of a concrete ASP proposal. We feel it necessary for us to do some high-profile ECC work again and to take ECC again to as yet unchartered constituencies on campus, as well as making use of the support we already have.

## Angola Update

In the last and very busy week of term, UCT ECC held an Angola information meeting. We felt that it was very important to once more raise the issue of the SADF presence in Angola. Keith Gottschalk, a Political Science lecturer at UWC, and expert on Angolan affairs, spoke about the history of SADF involvement in Angola, and provided an analysis of the recent Angolan summits. Despite there being about 3 other meetings at that lunchtime, our meeting was well attended and very well received.



The debate was held on the 28th April on campus. In this report we shall briefly outline the process that led up to the debate and our aims etc.

We felt that this debate would be an excellent opportunity for people in UCT ECC to develop speaking skills, confidence and knowledge, so our aim was to include as many people as possible in the process leading up to the debate.

The following process took place to choose the speakers:

1. Everyone in the org. was invited to a workshop on public speaking where Laurie Nathan helped us by outlining a few important things to remember as a public speaker. Each person was then given a chance to deliver a speech that had been written by someone else (eg. Biko, Tutu etc.), and was assessed by the group. It was great to see that in fact everyone was capable of speaking publically, and with some training, all of us could have managed to speak on a public platform.
2. A few days later the group reassembled and in this session we worked on questions and answers. Each person was then asked a question and the manner in which we answered was assessed. The emphasis was not really so much on the answers given, but rather on the way the answer was given, the style etc. This session proved to be a little more difficult and the group realised how much we had to learn. For our newer members, this session proved very helpful as many issues concerning ECC policy and strategy were raised and answered collectively. At this session the speakers were chosen.
  - it was felt that 1 girl and 1 boy should debate
  - both sessions were taken into account - however, the questions and answers session seemed to be the deciding factor
  - we tried to choose speakers who would complement each other in their styles
  - in choosing, newer members felt they were not experienced enough

From there, the two speakers worked closely with Clare and a support group on strategy and content.

The debate itself was very successful and we were victorious! Enclosed are different accounts of the actual debate.

#### achievements of the debate:

- we felt that a great deal was achieved by the debate, both as an organisation and on campus
- we realised the mass support we have on campus
- we raised ECC's profile and presented our policy and strategy to campus
- ECC members involved in the preparation learnt a great deal
- we exposed the MSM for what they really are!
- we realised the capabilities of UCT ECC members as activists and speakers

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### Education and Training report

3rd term 1988

Our education programme was built on the "Why we organise around conscription" theme of term 1. Our three workshops were:

- The war in Namibia - video and short discussion
- Rights and options re. the army (presented by CAS)
- Militarisation in South African society (presented by us!)

This was the most exciting because four of us researched and presented it.

We have introduced a current affairs slot in CB's. We have also started inviting interesting speakers to relieve the bureaucracy of CB. For example, a conscript spoke about his experiences in Angola. We also invited a member of the George Civic to speak about the Lawaai kamp removals.

Resources are being built up by the secretary and we are constantly advertising them.

Our main training was in preparation for the debate. About 10 members went through public speaking, question answering and speech writing skills training. It was a very exciting learning experience and Clare helped us a lot!

Our priorities for next term are:

- organisational skills, like chairing
- more education in the participatory vein
- making national info. and resources accessible to everyone

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### Morale

At the end of the semester and the beginning of exams, many members are showing signs of fatigue and the symptoms of hibernation! We have had a busy and rewarding term, and morale is generally high as we have made many exciting plans for the months ahead.

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### Security

Apart from a discussion about security at our weekend away earlier this year, we have not paid much attention to the practice of security measures. There is a general feeling at present that such measures seem unnecessary, but this issue will require thorough discussion in the future.



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"front"

After National Conference, UCT ECC reassessed the working of the front, and decided that we would benefit for more from working relationships with various organisations than from the building up of a formal front structure.

At present, contact with other ords. is sporadic and informal. We do, however, have fairly strong ties with NUSAS at present, with two formally mandated NUSAS reps. attending our CB's.

We are hoping that our proposed programme of lobbying in the next semester will lay the groundwork for more formal and frequent contact with other campus constituencies.

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## National Contact

Generally we have found national contact to be very beneficial. We have attempted to make information and resources gained from the phone-around and national packages available to everyone by having a slot for national news at each CB, and keeping an up-to-date list of resources received. We do feel that we would benefit from direct contact with the other campus branches, and would like to arrange some sort of campus phone-around.

The visit of the National Organiser at the beginning of the term was a definite high point for UCT ECC! We all really dug Clare and she really dug us too! We found her visit especially helpful in the area of E&T, and the Campaign. Clare was integrally involved in the preparation for the debate (and discovered her public speaking talent at our workshop!), and was invaluable both in terms of training and morale-boosting!

Clare helped us to set up our Campaign structures and provided useful criticism of our lack of strategising and broader goals in the campaign, and pointed out the need to THINK UCT! We also worked out a provisional programme for future visits by the NO. On both the personal and organisational level, Clare's visit to UCT was very special and valuable.

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## Repression

not much - just an interesting story

A resident of Collene House was picked up recently for doing peddling, and when the police found ECC media in his room, he was visited by Branch and made an offer that all charges against him would be dropped if he agreed to inform on UCT ECC.

## END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN SURVEY

male / female

Have you completed your initial two years? Y/N/not applicable

undergraduate / postgraduate

residence / other

faculty:

YES/NO  
Y/N

1. Should military service be compulsory in South Africa? ☐
2. Do you think that military service is one or more of the following:
  - a) a valid contribution to South Africa's future? ☐
  - b) something you have to do? ☐
  - c) a waste of time and money? ☐
  - d) unjust? ☐
3. Do you think there should be alternatives to military service? ☐
4. At present alternative service is available only to religious pacifists. Do you think it should be available to everyone? ☐
5. Should alternative service be the same length as military service? ☐
6. Should alternative service be restricted to government institutions? ☐
7. Is the presence of the SADF in the townships justified? ☐
8. Is the presence of the SADF in Angola justified? ☐
9. Do you support the aims of the End Conscription Campaign? ☐
10. Are you aware of the Conscription Advice Service? ☐
- 11.a) For women: Do you object to conscription? ☐
- b) For men : Do you think there are reasons for women to object to conscription? ☐

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE ASK AT ONE OF OUR SURVEY BOOTHS.





## finances & fundraising

At the beginning of the year, we were granted R500 from UCT, which has already been spent.

We have also been granted money for our quarterly-publication R226-00 for each issue.

At the moment, we have  $\pm$  R1 500-00 in our special account — money which has accrued from our fundraising ventures & membership fees.

We are embarking on quite a long-term fundraising venture in the form of a POSTER COMPETITION. This will also raise ECC's profile — & present us 'colourfully' & 'culturally' yet again, as we plan to have exhibitions, postcards made of the posters, possibly Christmas Cards(!) — & culminating in an ECC CALENDAR at the end of the year.

In the meantime, fundraising will continue at quite a low key level, at any opportunity possible in the running of the campaign — eg. Cake Sales, donation boxes etc — as we have been doing so for this year — eg. at our launch of the National Campaign (at which we raised over R80 through selling cake, a few t-shirts, & some donations).



The campaign for Alternative National Service

HOORAY! WHOOPEE !! and YEH YEH

\* First of all, a review of what UCTECC has done this year so far...

- orientation week - Ivan Tomis: pickets, postcards, meeting - cocktail party - different levels of membership + getting the mailing list together - Gary's (national organiser) visit - rag float - Tales Grimm Publication - weekend away: conceptualising the national campaign; the steering committee - letters to campus constituencies - <sup>The survey</sup> <sup>Clare's (NO) visit</sup> - launch of campaign: the Leslie + red level - the great debate - planning for the ASP's - the conscription advice / whatever forums - discussion around CAS - Dave Bruce's visit - Rank and Vile Publication - Angola Update - + a variety of Education workshops' ... SJOE'...

... but we made some critical general comments about <sup>UCT</sup> ECC and the national campaign:

- Our most successful actions were those that were carefully strategised and aimed at specific constituencies e.g. the float; culture's visit to drama school
- We have been following the national structure blindly instead of relating the campaign to UCT campus
- We need to be more assertive about our message i.e. END CONSCRIPTION + WE NEED ALTERNATIVES
- Our lobbying work has been neglected. e.g. no follow up to 'the letters'. Constituencies don't really know about the campaign because we haven't been making contact.
- Perhaps sub-comms have been handed down stuff from the steering committee
- We need to go on a RECRUITMENT DRIVE... and pull

in the various levels of membership

- Questions questions questions about the role of sub-comms

Media and Culture are just the means to the end

Contact has a special + Very NB role ... in fact its

What the LOBBYING part of the campaign is all about

Well, Greg <sup>wants a party actually</sup> We are too hung up on process !!!!!!!

- We need • national and • regional contact, info and feedback (and to tell them what we're doing)
- We need to bolster CAS in an ongoing way and not get too despondent about our vrot forums.

\* SO What about the second semester of 1988?

⇒ at UCT? (by ECC)

We started defining a PROGRAMME

(... the process continues)

Our programme has 2 major events:

- The August Call up in the start of the Alternative Service Project(s)

We are saying: We don't want to have to go

We need alternatives

in the context of Apartheid + the role of the SADF

We believe in real national service

The 2nd major event / highpoint:

- UCT Alternative National Service Assembly / Conference

... still to be properly conceptualised

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