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Dear Mrs Ross

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of your daughters activities these past few months whilst at university. These are non-academic activities, which by their very nature are distracting from their initial purpose of attending university, which is to better her education and obtain a degree.

Due to economic reasons, this is at this stage a financial burden to you personally for a few years till your daughter obtains her degree. She, however, does not seem to realise the financial strain or even the importance of a degree to her future success in her prospective careers. Although a university is to educate people socially, culturally and academically, its the academic results that determine whether she will be able to get a job one day requiring more than just a matric. Their involvement in organisations such as ECC (End Conscription Campaign) and NUSAS, both politically active organisations, are extramural activities at university. These organisations often result in actions contravening the laws of our country, resulting in detentions, prosecutions or fines. Recent brief detentions of students attempting to enter the local black township without a permit to hold a church service in remembrance of an ANC terrorist are such activities your daughter has been participating. Having a criminal record, no matter how minor, will certainly be detrimental to her future career, hence our concern.

The Government subsidises each student and for every R1000.00 you pay in fees, the taxpayer contributes R9000.00 to help further the education of each student for one year. There are 3500 subsidised students at Rhodes, and it is imperative therefore that this opportunity and squander of money in petty politics and political games whilst studying does not interfere with their studies.

It is important therefore that you discuss this with your daughter and decide which is more important to her at this stage of her life.

Yours sincerely

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