

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF NATAL (BLACK SECTION)

COMPOSITION OF THE SRC: 10 members as follows:-

President:	S.B. Biko	} EXECUTIVE
Vice President:	M.H. Kathree	
Deputy Vice President:	G.M. Mody	
Treasurer:	F. Elias	
Minutes Secretary:	D. Itswang	
Correspondence Secretary:	M.H. Amla	

Other Portfolios

Publications: P.A.L. Selole

Academic Freedom: Duties of these portfolios  
Fresher's Reception: expired before the election of the new SRC  
Graduation:

Other Members:

I. Sardiwalla	Members performing and assisting in general duties.
J.J. Matsipa	
C.M. Bassa	

Following mass resignations from the SRC elected last September a student body meeting in March passed a vote of no confidence in the entire SRC and elected an interim SRC to conduct new elections in the subsequent elections the above SRC was elected to office.

The SRC represents the Black Students of the University of Natal -- a break down of which is:-

1. Faculty of Medicine 467
  2. Other Faculties- Arts, Engineering, Law - 107
  3. Diploma Nurses -33
- Total: 607

Medical Students form the major proportion and since they are at one place they virtually control most student activities.

The SRC has the following Sub-Committees:-

1. The Medical Students Council
2. University Cultural Society
3. GASO Local.

2/- Central Affiliation .....

### Central Affiliation

- (a) South African Students Organisation -- SASO
- (b) Association of Medical Students of South Africa -- AMSSA

### RELATIONS WITH:

- (a) Administration:

### Structural:

The method of approach to the University Council can be through the Liason Committee (students & staff) has indicated that direct student representation to the University Council is required --- a commission for this purpose has been appointed comprising of staff and University Council has responded that it shall allow the SRC's to present any specific case to Council provided the existing channels have failed to solve the problem. Direct representation via the principal is also possible.

### FUNCTIONAL: -

Functionally the SRC (consisting of medical students) has very little central relations i.e. the Principal and members of the administration but representation at Faculty level is sometimes engaged but usually taken care of by the MEC. The SRC is free to meet the principal -- such meetings could easily be arranged. From our experience of such meetings it has been realised that:-

- (a) No proper rapport has been established between the black section and the principal.
- (b) Not much has been achieved as a result of such meetings.

The SRC does not require prior ratifications by the principal or any University authority before exercising normal functions of the SRC eg.

1. Affiliation to Central Bodies
2. Publications
3. Issuing of Press Statements
4. Tours and Inter visits

### b. Lecturing Staff

As a general principle the SRC does not come into contact with lecturing staff as an SRC however, because of smallness of the centre, individuals on the SRC are personally known by lecturing staff. Although no direct incidents of intimidations are recorded, it is known that some staff members tend to regard the SRC activities as interfering with student "academic" progress. Following the recent student unrest, some members of both lecturing staff and administration staff have tended to blame some SRC members for giving "irresponsible leadership" to the student body. However for records sake it should be stated that some departments co-operated very well with students during the 3 day boycott and others requested that they be given prior notice in the event of further boycott so that they could adjust teaching programmes. At the beginning of the '3 day boycott' the SRC received an assurance that no Disciplinary Action would be taken by the faculty or university against students inspite of their interpretation that boycotting lectures was a contravention of the University Rules.

3/- STUDENT ACTIVITIES ...

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

### (1) Academic:-

Being largely a medical faculty most of the academic student functions are held by the MSC and its numerous sub-committees. The major events of the year are :-

- (a) Symposia on medical education organised by the Medical Publication Committee
- (b) Cultural education in line of arts, drama, music, are organised by UNICUS.
- (c) Students Clinical Conference -- to which leading academicians are invited and students are requested to present papers on various aspects of medicine.
- (d) Films on aspects of medicines are screened by scope -- Internal -- Local sub-committee of AISSA."

We note that there is a swing by all sub-committees, on their contributors in the various fields.

### (2) Extramural:

#### INTERNAL

1. Intervisits:- The SRC is encouraging the practice of intervisits from student groups of other campuses -- late last year we had a faculty society from Fort Hare visiting and staying at the campus during their tour of the Durban Area. This year we have already had a visit from Dower Training College, Uitenhage, and will be receiving Fort Hare Scientific Society i September.

Attention is drawn to this from all campus groups that might want to visit the Durban Area for whatever purpose.

2. Sharpsville Day:- following the decision by the 2nd G.S.C. to make Sharpsville Day a national day -- our centre has continued to observe this day -- At a function attended by 1200 people on our sports ground, a commemoration service was held on 19/3/72 with Rev. B.N.B. Ngidi of the Congregational Church as officiating minister.

3. Public Meetings:- our SRC continues to accept requests by several public organisation inviting speakers from SRC or the student body -- several of our student leaders have spoken at such meetings.

As part of the protest over the "Tiro Affair" a meeting between parents and students was organised at Dolton Hall on 5/5/72

### (3) Community Work:

a. HAPPY VALLEY CLINIC -- The HMC Committee continues to run its clinic based at Alan Taylor Residence for the service of the Happy Valley, Marchbank, Austerville and Durban -- south complex. Attendance figures have this year risen to about 200 per Sunday. Various interested individuals now planning a mobile clinic to serve the townships and the Durban area which is further afield.

b. SASO Local Projects: -- these are contained in the SASO Local Report -- briefly they include literacy projects in DUDUDU, UMLASI, K/WA MASHU, PHOENIX and for workers at Alan Taylor Residence.

4/- (4) Publications ...

(4) Publications:

The SRC has this year launched a new publication DINYANGA to replace KATITONIA - This is meant to be a proper news paper type publication and is hoped that the frequency of publications will be increased.

(5) Boycott:

Following the 'Tiro Affair' at Turfloe at a student body meeting attended by two thirds of the student body it was decided through a narrow majority to stage a three day boycott of lectures and other teaching programmes. The boycott was supported by over 90% of the student body. Subsequent to this there was a call from the Alice National Formation School to boycott lectures as from June 1st. This call was rejected at a even bigger student body meeting than before on grounds that we have already shown our 'solidarity'. A press statement released by the SRC president stating that voting on matters was mainly on racial lines with mostly Indian students voting against and African students voting for resulted in a petition by a sector of the student body instructing the president to resign and apologise publicly. The petition was signed by less than 40%. In the mean time the president's statement had been ratified by the SRC by a two thirds vote. The president refused to resign on the following grounds:-

- (a) that he was not constitutionally bound to resign.
- (b) that the petition had been improperly conducted ie arguments put forward in the petition and interpretations were included rather than the actual press statement.
- (c) this statement had already been ratified by the SRC.
- (d) that some of the prime movers of the petition had been known to actively collaborate with some staff attempts to interfere in student affairs.

The SRC accepted the presiden stand and instead appointed a commission of inquiry into group relations on the campus.

Shortly after the rejection of the Alice Declaration the hostel students draw up a list of grievances amongst which were, a demand that the Warden be removed and replaced by a black warden, the food be improved and the recent retrospective rise in fees be reversed. Students resolved to go on a food boycott and threatened to take further drastic steps if their demands were not met. After a few days the boycott fizzled out apparently because of a variety of reasons but the students are threatening to revive the whole affair.

EXTERNAL

Intervarsity

(a) Sports:- following objection from the medical authority regarding use of Alan Taylor Residence for intervarsity sports and also the fact that the new grounds were not yet finished the UNE Athletic Union decided to request Ngoyo to act as hosts and or provide grounds for the 1972 intervarsity which our centre was supposed to shoulder. An agreement was reached to the effect that UNE would pay all expenses and Ngoyo will provide the venue.

S/- (b) Inter SRC's.....

(b) Inter SRC's -- our practise of holding regional SRC's meetings have not been adhered to this year because of unfortunate circumstances. However, the UNB -SRC decided to convene a meeting of SRC presidents in Johannesburg following the National Boycott. This meeting would co-ordinate petitions sent to all centres by UNB calling for the readmission of Tiro and the student body at Turfloop. This meeting resulted in the creation of the council of SRC's presidents whose duties are to coordinate and initiate all national plans requiring mass support. The meeting also drew up minimum demands for black students in S.A. A copy of which is annexed to this report.

(c) Communication with other centres - since 1970 minutes of our SRC meeting have been sent to all black campuses but unfortunately only FEDSEM and occasionally UNIZUL ever respond in a like manner. Of late Roma University through their president, Mr. N.S. Ndabole, has been attempting to establish a steady inter change of minutes and letters. Personal contact between our SRC and Springfield College Westville University and University of Zululand has been very good.

#### 2. SASO

Contact between us and head office continued to be good. The SRC uses the machinery at head office extensively and return the head office receives a lot of assistance from us regarding accommodation for large meetings and for delegates and general student man power for menial tasks. As indicated earlier SASO Local continues to be well involved in community work in the Durban area although progress is not as good as the SRC would like to see. Following the Alice Declaration a petition was presented to the SRC signed by 170 students calling for presentation to the student body of SASO's "aims and objectives" and for a subsequent referendum two days later on the centres continued affiliation to SASO. The SRC granted a meeting but refused a referendum on the grounds that such a decision can only be taken at a meeting and anybody interested would come to the meeting. A meeting for the discussion of constitutional changes, report from the SRC group relations commission and SASO petition has been scheduled for the first week of August.

#### 3. AMSSA

The annual conference of AMSSA is being held at UCT -- our MSC has sent a delegation accompanied by members of the student body.

#### 4. COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

- a. NIC -- Initially relations between SRC and NIC were cordial with both parties exchanging speakers at meetings. Following the NIC -SASO squabble a dubious role played by NIC in the student NIC and of late unsavoury comments of the SRC president (see annexure) relations have cooled greatly and are threatening breaking point.
- b. SPROCAS 2 -- Black community programmes -- Relations with with black community programme office have increasingly become good with students offering their services for some of the projects piloted by this office and constant usage of reference materials from this office by the students.

S/- c. TECON .....

c. TECON: Continues to be the drama group of choice for UNB students with some TECON members volunteering to direct plays and other times of cultural activities undertaken by students through UNICUS.

5. WHITE STUDENTS

The SRC acting on precedents and principles declined unanimously invitations from Stellenbosch an' NUSAS to attend the inter- SRC meeting at Stellenbosch and NUSAS Congress at Cape Town respectively.

The UNB-SRC has been operating on two major principles :-

- (a) To consolidate student function internally introducing a degree of efficiency in running of student affairs.
- (b) Working for the realisation of our aspirations as black students in the context of the wider oppressed society.

Special thanks go to the SASO Executive, TECON and other black organisations that have shown interest and given advice to students.

PRESENTED AT: 3RD GENERAL STUDENTS COUNCIL

VENUE: ST. PETER'S SEMINARY, HAMILIANGKRAAL

DATE: 2 -9th JULY 1972.

UNIVERSITY OF NATAL (BLACK SECTION)

SASO LOCAL REPORT TO 3RD GSC, HAMBANSKRAAL.

1) STRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

The structure has been radical changed, for maximum efficiency, following the recommendations of the past Chairman, Mr. V. Mefungo.

The Committee also functions independently, though it is still a sub-committee of the SBC. We have the power of calling our own student body meetings.

The Composition of the Committee stands as follows:

- i) Chairman - (Mr T. Mazibuko, Mr K. Mokoape)
- ii) Vice-Chairmen (Mr R. Mgijima - Mr A.S. Solombela)
- iii) Secretary (Miss V. Sekelo)
- iv) Treasurer (Mr E. Kenoshi)
- v) Fundraising (Chairman + 4 elected members)
- vi) Social Concerns: (Chairman + 1 member)
- vii) Students Benefits: (Chairman + 1 member)
- viii) Kupegani Sub-Committee (Chairman +3 members (scrapped off) )
- ix.) Field Work (Chairman + 3 Members)

From the committee of 18, we had several students being excluded from UND at the end of 1971. Among these was the Chairman, Mr T. Mazibuko. Mr. R. Mgijima acted as chairman until a new chairman was elected - April.

2) FUNCTIONAL ASPECT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES

(i) Field Work Sub-com

Under the chairmanship of Mr. A.S. Solombela, this sub-committee has gone through tough times. The people of New Farm would not establish a basis of communication until the problem of water supply was first solved. This water scheme was obviously too costly to be implemented by a Local Committee alone. Hence the scheme was taken over by SASO National. Collection sheets were issued, calling on the Black Community to donate towards this project. It was envisaged that 2 water tanks, approximately 7,000 ft of water piping and an electric pump would be purchased. The Black Community did not respond very favourably. The Phoenix Settlement Committee, too, refused accommodation for a work camp during the summer vacation. This latter matter has not been resolved yet.

It is on this basis that the Phoenix Project has since been suspended.

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### DUDUDU PROJECT

Dududu is a few miles from Scottburgh, along the Natal South Coast. It is an African reserve.

That this project is getting smoothly off the ground, is largely due to a group of corresponding students there, under the dedicated leadership of Mr. Dlamini, a school-teacher. They have organised themselves into what is called a Home University Education School, with workers who correspond from Std. VI up to UNISA Level. The whole idea is that students from UND will assist them in the problems generally encountered by a corresponding student, and train them as literacy teachers. A parent-student meeting was held on Saturday, 24th June.

### Wentworth Workers Project.

This is a literacy scheme geared towards helping the workers on campus. 23 workers have enrolled, and our group of literacy teachers has been having smooth progress until the boycott issue caused temporary suspension of the classes.

### Kwa Mashu Project:

Matric students at Isibonelo High School (the only one in Kwa Mashu) were assisted in their Mathematics classes by our students. On almost every Saturday from September up till exam time our students visited Isibonelo. An 88 % pass was realised in the final matric class.

The Isibonelo scheme has made us seek ways of organising refresher courses for teachers in the neighbouring high schools. We hope to embark on this immediately after the vacation. Teachers at Umlazi have already been spoken to. Other areas for which we have budgetted are Chatsworth and Adams Mission.

### (ii) Social Concerns Sub-comm:

Malebo Malebo has been hard at work. His sub-comm sees to it that paper cuttings are on the notice boards each day. He has been organising group discussions Friday evening. It is through this that students have come to realise that their contributions are necessary to give SASO direction wherever necessary. -SASO Day (May 10) was well-organised, with Miss Devi Moodley, a social worker at the University of Natal, as guest speaker.

3/- Kupigani Sub-comm .....



(iii) Kupagani Sub-comm:

This has been scrapped off, and the members have been incorporated into the Field Work-Sub committee. Their business was to see to it that increased supplies are sent to the clinic at Phoenix, and to any other clinic that we would be having contact with. This sub-committee was really redundant.

(iv) Student Benefits Sub-comm:

This sub-comm has established a canteen on the campus (which was later taken by the SRC) Identity cards have also been disturbed.

(v) Fundraising Sub-comm:

Gwaza Twalo and Norman Dubazana are the key figures in fund-raising. The R2,000 target for UND could not be reached. Fund-raising has been mainly by organising balls/dances on Saturday and film shows on Sunday. Two major schemes are to be launched after this vacation:

(A) "Operation Dumper Jumble Sale" -- to collect old clothes from students, nurses and generally from the public in the Durban Complex. On a specific day these clothes will be sold at very low prices to the people. We hope to net at least R1 000 with this scheme.

(B) Film Premiers:

Norman is in the process of making arrangements with a cinema to offer us a Sunday for fund-raising.

RELATIONS:

Internal: The image of SASO on the campus has been marred by the boycott issue to an extent where UND is clearly divided. A petition has been handed in to the SRC demanding of the SRC to call a student body meeting where SASO Local must explain the aims and objectives of SASO. This we shall gladly do.

Unicus is a culturally society (Chairman- A. Chabalala) which works towards a cultural realisation of the black man in this country. Unicus and SASO Local have very close ties. An art production, ENCOUNTER, shall be staged at this Conference.

The Medical Students Council (MSC) is also a sub-comm of the SRC, with Mr. K.D. Valjee as President. An SRC resolution has called

An SAC resolution has called on the MEC to attempt to establish a black medical and para-medical association, incorporating black medical students nurses, radiology, pharmacy students, etc. which association would then have links with SASO. This has been taken favourably by the MEC, and yet still remains closely knitted to AMSSA (Association of Medical Students of S.A) the member centres being UNO, Wits and Cape Town. The MEC has sent a large delegation to an AMSSA Conference in Cape Town, which is coinciding with the SASO Conference here.

In October, 1971, some students requested the MEC to revive our stand with AMSSA. A referendum of "TO pull out or not to pull out is the question" was held. 87% of the student body voted for remaining with AMSSA. SASO Local relations with the MEC are cordial.

External:

We are in constant contact with students at Westville, SASO Durban-West branch, Springfield, M.L. Sultan, Lenontville Cultural Society, Isibonelo High, Mariannhill, Adams College, Tranda Seminary and Nqoye. At all these places it has been either SASO Local or UNICUG.

A students association along the lines of ASM is being formed in the Transkei by one of the students excluded from UNO. Our Chairman has been invited to a meeting scheduled for Sunday, 2nd July, where a foundation is to be laid towards black identity and solidarity. It is hoped they will later affiliate to SASO.

**POWER & SOLIDARITY!**

Keith Mokoape  
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CHAIRMAN

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

SASO LOCAL REPORT

Background:

This is a memorable year in the history of SASO on this Fort Hare Campus. For various reasons I am persuaded to term this year as discouraging and encouraging; meaningful; meaningless.

When we closed down for the December Vacations we had beautiful plans for the new year. We were all prepared to work extra hard to make SASO a hit at Fort. But when we came back we were hit terrible blow when the Chairlady resigned. Our treasurer had not come back and so we held elections and our new committee read thus:

Chairman: Benjamin J. Langa.  
Vice Chairman: Jerome L. Modisane.  
Secretary: Selby A. M. Baqwa.  
Treasurer: Jeff D. Baqwa  
Add. Members: Louis K. J. Ntsho.

At this juncture let me say that despite obvious handicaps we've been able to keep SASO in the forefront of people's minds. Our meetings have been drawing good crowds and this I attribute to the undying efforts and dedication of some members of the Executive.

No. of Students:

The University opened with some 960 students who were whittled down to the present number by various happenings some of which have never been explained officially. On a campus like ours most things you get from the grapevine or simply from Mlevo groups. If I am not mistaken our numbers at the time of writings stands at 946. Of this number a large portion supports SASO but people who have actually taken our membership cards amount to over two hundred. Here, I must say, it is possible that our system of operation is cumbersome and so a lot of people are without membership cards unintentionally.

Faculties:

There are seven faculties namely Theology, Law, Science, Arts, Education, Commerce and Administration and Agriculture. An interesting thing about these faculties is that each has its own prospectus.

2/- The general ....

The general prospectus as the name implies skims the surface, and to emphasise the "absence" a relationship in the various faculties each has its small prospectus. This ensures that we recognise our differences as various faculties, and makes sure that we know as little as possible of other faculties. I am sure most students do not know the seriousness of of this scheme. Each faculty as a result now becomes completely removed from the others.

#### Student Administration:

Student administration at Fort Hare is a very difficult topic to deal with. In the first place there's no SRC and student administration is on the house level or on University Administration level. The various house Committees deal with individual hostel matters and the now defunct joint - house Committee used to operate to some extent outside the ambits of the hostels. Owing to certain hitches this had to disband last year - and there has been created a vacuum. Now the administration comes into play immediately. For instance, for any offence a student commits the student has to appear before the Disciplinary Committee. The D. C. is the court of 1st instance. Pity.

On the Academic Side the various societies are supposed to act in the interests of the students but these societies are totally ineffectual.

Sports Administration falls under the Athletic Union. All sports clubs come under this body, though I must say it has limitations because it cannot dictate policy to the clubs and I personally donot see how they can dictate policy. The primary aim is to channel all funds, organise for Inter-varsity and such-like activities.

A little background into the SRC question is necessary. We donot have an SRC because this was rejected some twelve years ago, and this has been the pattern through the past years. Various approaches have been attempted by the pro SRC camp but each time after some time their plans are frustrated. This year's attempts were thwarted by the same group, using almost the same tactics. Some people from various centres were around that night when it all happened. So Fort Hare remains without an SRC up to this date. And to me this has high lighted the role of the Local Branch in campus politics.

SASO Local consists of the executive and five sub committees namely fund raising Publications and Publicity, Social Concerns, Student Benefits and Field Work. We altered the structure of the various committees to suit the local situations. The whole campus looked to SASO Local for guidance, direction and inspiration. Surprising! People were always urging us to give direction to the other societies and some even thought we were the only group that could and should be concerned with all campus matters irrespective of jurisdiction. The role of SASO was hightoned during the days of demonstrations. Almost invariably the whole campus to SASO protagonists to take the lead, and after doing so they were followed honestly.

Because of lack of a campus newsletter use was made of nocturnal cartoons, open letters and pamphlets. Attacks on the Rector, Administration and the System and even "misguided" student leaders were launched and maintained through this kind of medium.

3/- This helps ..

This helps to a certain extent in student administration. You organise this way, disorganise this way; You rally people to a certain point and you drive them away; you tell students what to do and at the same time you tell them what not to do. These are the many ways we use in student administration.

SRC Composition:

No SRC as already mentioned above. Refer to student administration.

Relations:

a. With Administration:

There are no concrete student administration relationships because of lack of a coordinating body. So relations are basically individualistic, societal or something on that plane.

SASO Local is on indifferent terms with the administration. We deal with them when we ask them for the year's subsidies, when we book the hall for any functions and when we answer question on certain happenings on campus or in the national situation. The administration has not openly declared its stand towards us.

b. With Lecturing Staff:

Except for a few cases the relations are absolutely poor. This is one factor we attribute to the listlessness of some students and indifference or open hostility of some lecturers. The recent strike complained bitterly about this point and things were not any better after this strike. Unless Lecturers are appointed on a different plane than this one, hostility can be expected to continue, and who knows, it might lead to an open confrontation. Most lecturers are racist in attitude and most are just there for ideological reasons. These the students do not relish though they may keep quiet.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

a. Academic:

Academic student activities come mostly in the form of addresses, tours and visits. Many speakers have been requested to come to campus by a number of societies, and some of them have left the campus with a different idea of the "BANTU!"

SASO has organised this year two major meetings; Heroes Day (March 21st) and SASO Day (May 10th). On Heroes Day we had Rubin Phillip addressing us, and the Hall was full. It was solemn occasion, and people avoided questions because they argued this would destroy the mood of the day.

Then next we had a visit from Temba but because of certain hitches this meeting was jointly by Fed Sem and Fort Hare. I suppose, it was a success. On the 10th May we had Strini Moodley talking on "The Black Artists and Creativity!" It was a most inspiring address --- he won a lot of admirers and he changed the general picture of SASO in the minds of many people. I ain't gonna say much on this except that people attach SASO to personalities. Strange set up. When he called for questions, there was a strange, unusual silence. Up to know this question why there was no response has not been answered. After the show a large crowd remained and opened discussions.

4- That's where....

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That's where Strini explained everything clearly.

It was during this period that Strini and members of the Local executive were harassed by State pigs. Ask me to elaborate on this point later on.

b. Extra-mural Activities:

The AU is responsible for most of these sporting activities but individual sports bodies do organise their own fixtures. The year's sporting highlights are the inter-institution athletic sports and the inter-varsity. The AU finances transport for every Inter-varsity meetings and prepares everything for any meetings on the campus. Athletics is the most comprehensive as it encompasses the whole campus. Next come soccer and rugby which two vie for the same position. Tennis comes not far off and then we have a number of other sports. It is amazing though that despite a large array of sporting activities a large number of people are uninvolved.

To conclude on activities I must say we lack symposia and debates this year. We do not have a debating society for that matter and such activities used to be arranged by societies like Comparative African Studies Society or The Society for the Humanities. When these societies organise other cultural activities some activities must falter. Our local branch had brilliant intentions of making use of Friday Evenings for activities, but we found ourselves not able to come through. But we had planned to have this thing happening after arriving back from vacation. Most of us are now college rejects, drop outs, and so this will have to be suggested to the new executive.

We however, did have a poetry reading night on Heroes Day. It was warmly appreciated by our crowd and we were just waiting to have a repeat performance and generally include some black music. On SASO Day we read a few poems and played some music.

One programme that we were now embarking upon was disturbed by our walking out. We were now using Sunday afternoons for discussions on relevant topics. Unfortunately we had one session and on a Sunday when we were to discuss "Black Consciousness" we found ourselves already drop-outs. I am now told instead of that meeting there was a mass meeting of revolutionaries at 8.00 pm and at that meeting Black Consciousness wasn't discussed but was manifest when this meeting adopted a resolution to tell the Rector to close the University within 24 hours. You know what happened, I needn't relate.

External Relations:

It is of course difficult to term relations with the Federal Theological Seminary as external in the light of our great proximity, to each other. But they are not on Fort Hare ground and are such.

We had the best of relations with Fedsem which was manifest by numerous meetings between our executive and theirs. Many problems of a common nature were trashed out, and we were generally working as a team. Our first problem was SVS (Student Voluntary Services) which was greatly misunderstood at Fort Hare., and this problem is solved by dissolving amorphous body.

Then we touched on possibilities of having joint-community development projects. Though none was actually tackled, we were unanimous in the resolve that whatever we do, we would do together. We also wanted to build a bridge across the river Tyumie, and it was a question of time, that prevented this coming through.

When Temba was supposed to speak to us at Fort Hare we realised that arrangements could not be adequately made there and we shifted the meeting to FEDGEM, and we ran this programme jointly. On Heroes Day Jerome and myself were asked to take part in the commemoration service there. We did. At our general meetings, invitations would go out to FEDGEM and they would do the same to us. This was wonderful. Also, regarding meetings and speakers we had a good understanding that the afternoons would be for FEDGEM and the evenings be ours. Formation school was run jointly by us and FEDGEM.

Then there's another college just the other side of us -- AICA (African Independent Churches in Africa). Whenever we had a do going on on our campus we would invite them. We had years problems here, with their principal who was obvious anti-SASO. He generated such hostilities between himself and his students that they had to take very stern measures to have him chucked out of that campus. This they successfully did after having him spend part of the night in a wardrobe and part of the night under the bed. Here we could not operate openly. We had to meet in the rooms of those black people who stayed there. On Heroes Day AICA was invited, they rendered some very solemn musical pieces and lent us their drums and sound system. This was real brotherhood. Now that the principal has been sacked we hope a branch is coming up there.

We tried to "colonise" Lovedale College and our stumbling block was the principal again. The situation at Lovedale is interesting and nauseating at the same time. I am made to understand that there's an SRC and this SRC is manipulated easily by the principal by applying tactics of divide and rule. Those people are a middle-class lot and this comes about by the Principal giving them say eggs etc. behind the backs of other students. They definitely have preferential treatment and they bark when he says "bark!" They jump when he says "jump" and they bleed when that non-black says "bleed" So you talk about SASO and all to them and they agree with you, but the Principal tells them not to accept this thing and at your next meeting they are changed baibgs. Divide and Rule. Confuse. He's leaving to take a senior lectureship post at the University of Kwa-Zulu (Zululand) who knows what's going to happen.

At Healdtown we were caught off-guard and wouldn't make headway though students wanted to know much about themselves as black students. Our method of operating was leading us to a head-on collision with officialdom and so we had to cry down for some time. I hope those who go back continue here. It's a fertile ground for operation.

Umtata was one other place we touched. Before the strike I was asked to go to Umtata to see Mr. G.M.C. Ndamsa, and put to him in the know about general conditions at our institutions, and we had a fruitful discourse on several topics. It was encouraging to note that we could rely on some of our parents in times of difficulty.

6/- What actually prompted ....

What actually prompted this meeting was our Rector's saying that Mr. Ndamsa had indicated unwillingness to address us when in actual fact he hadn't said so. It came out that the Rector was generally hiding behind a smokescreen and was airing a personal opinion or ruling, but didn't want to come out straight and say "I don't want this man." Then we would have understood. He prefers this line. To clear up the obvious confusion I had to go to Umtata.

On another wing we wanted to be of an assistance to Malusi Mzumwana --- he had indicated willingness to harness his energies for us too. Unfortunately we couldn't have a meeting with them and the other guys who are together in the struggle.

You may realise I said little about community projects. We had our Fort Beaufort project in mind, but were short of cash until Head Office lent us R100. Then we tried to renew strained relations with the Fort Beaufort Community through the person of Rev Masiza. He was organising somebody for bricks and zinc, and just then there was a break and after that we were engaged in the strike and had to leave campus without really getting this relationship cemented. So it still is as is was.

Last but not least we had very cordial external relations with Head Office. And we hope all these including the last one will last for ever and bear fruits for us, the community and everybody.

If I have left out anything those who know about it may mention it. All in all I think this about presents what actually happened at Fort Hare and whatever happens in future will be guided by some of these actions, relations and suggestions. The branch at Fort Hare can only improve and we had entertained hopes of "Central Affiliation" later in the year. Our hopes have not been shattered. By hope we shall live and we shall overcome.

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(Chairman-SASO Local)

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PRESENTED AT: THE 3RD GENERAL STUDENTS COUNCIL

DATE: 2 - 9th JULY 1972.

VENUE: ST. PETER'S SEMINARY, HALLMANSKRAAL



Background

On January 17th the Pretoria Branch of SASO was formed at a meeting held in Memolodi, the greatest motivating factor being the maintainance and continuance of the Winterveld Project by Preso after the return of students who were engaged in the project to their respective universities. The steering committee consisted of Mr. B.M. Ramose as Chairman, and Mr. F. Mazibuko as secretary, while 5 other people were chosen as organisers in different areas of Pretoria.

Between January and May 28 one symposium and a discussion meeting was held under the auspices of Preso, both of which were fairly successful in terms of attendance and discussions.

On May 28 - 1972 elections were conducted. Office bearers are as follows:-

1. Mr. M. Mangena - Chairman
2. Mr. P.M. Somo - Vice Chairman
3. Mr. E.S. Chauke - Secretary
4. Miss L. Khoza - General Organiser
5. Mr. I.N. Mohapa - Vice Secretary - Organiser

The membership is 10, although there is quite a number of people associated with the branch who in terms of subscription fees, may not be called members of the branch.

Finance:

The financial position of the branch is weak. Initial fund raising attempts by the branch, mostly on a small scale, were mildly successful. Here, jumble sales may be quoted. Recently the branch had embarked on an earnest and methodical drive to raise funds on a large scale. Letters authorising branch members to collect donations from black businessmen, professional people and others in the Pretoria area were printed. The response from the public has been fairly good. Contacts had been made and film shows for the purpose of fund raising are being planned. Football matches and music shows are also being planned. The procedure of the execution of the above plans has been worked out.

Relations:

Contact with local people has been made but plenty remains to be done in order to establish meaningful relations between the branch and the public. We have a list of appointments with some people we are to meet in the near future.

Community Development:

The Winterveld project has been the main preoccupation of the Branch thus far. Members of the branch have been conducting adult literacy classes there during week-ends.

Children, not less than 70 in number, and who could not be accommodated in schools due to either over-crowding in local schools or parental poverty are also attending lessons conducted by branch members in Winterveld. There are also about 5 people who are studying for the J.C. Examinations, in Winterveld who are assisted by Reeso members.

Of late, branch members have expressed concern about a lack of progress and direction of the Winterveld Project.

The following were some of the points raised:

1. The contents and message of the literature used (Bureau of Literacy) were repugnant to Branch members. It was stated that the literature contributed nothing towards conscientisation of the people. Reading material in line with the policy and aims of the community development projects was advocated for.

2. Literacy campaign as a method of conscientisation was scrutinised. Members came to the conclusion that the method is ineffective since the members of the branch and illiterates concentrate a great deal on the mechanism of reading and writing while very little time is devoted to the problems of the Black people. It was also noted that illiterates were not a very fat target for the conscientisation exercises.

Branch members held meetings on their own with Reeso members, the Permanent Organiser and other interested persons, in which it was agreed that a new approach should be worked out and the literates in the Winterveld Project should be involved in community projects. It was also agreed that Head Office should be drawn closer to the project.

3. Concern was expressed about the conduction of classes for children by branch members. It was noted that the children's educational problems were not being solved by exercises. It was decided that the legal consequences of the exercises be investigated. Progress in this direction was not appreciated so far. Nevertheless it was decided that children were to be kept busy while things were being sorted out. In recent meetings with Harry and Reeso members, and others, the possibility of building a school was discussed. It is hoped that more discussions with a view to the adoption of some strategy will be held.

UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND

REPORT TO THE 3RD G.S.C.

No. of students: 730. There are 220 ladies

Faculties: 5 faculties viz. Science, Arts, Education, Law, Political & Economic Sciences, and Theology.

S.R.C. Composition: In terms of the new S.R.C. Constitution, the S.R.C. has the following offices.:

- i) President
- ii) Vice-President - Internal
- iii) Vice-President - External
- iv) Treasurer
- v) Minutes Secretary
- vi) Correspondence Secretary
- vii) General Secretary
- viii) A.U. President
- ix) Cultural Committee Chairman
- x) Constitutions Committee Chairman
- xi) Students Union Chairman
- xii) Director of Publications and Publicity
- xiii) Additional Member

Standing Committee of the SRC

SASO Local, Social, Film, Entertainment, Hostel Committee, Publications, Constitutions.

The SRC has a qualified typist in its office.

Relations with the Admin and Lecturing Staff

As would be expected in any political motivated institution, relations with the Administration and the lecturing staff are to say the least tense. This was probably aggravated by the graduation day affair when it is alleged, students assaulted whites and damaged their property.

There is direct and indirect victimisation and intimidation on the campus. One lecturer is quoted as having doubted the presence of some of the students in his lecture next semester. Students view this with suspicion as it is of common knowledge that some arrogant lecturer have stated that they are going to revenge the graduation affair and the boycott.

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The SRC, in conjunction with the SASO Local Committee organised an orientation week in the second week of the first semester.

The intervarsity as you would remember, was held on the first week of April. Ngoya hosted on behalf of UNO.

On the 17th April students staged a boycott of lectures. This was a demand of a certificate of the students choice. The students won the battle. New certificates were issued on the 20th May (the Graduation Day)  
A Number of students sacrificed tests.

The first issue of "SENZANI" the students own publication, came out in May.

On the 20th May (i.e. on the graduation day) students picketed the graduation ceremony in protest against the atrocities and inhumanities committed by the whiteman in Turfloop. There were scenes afterwards. Students being soaked wet in the rain, could not control their tempers and some interferences with the white man was witnessed. However, SRC managed to control the students. The lecturers, in reaction to this, punished students with tests at very short notice.

On the 4th week of May the students staged another protest against the letters of intimidation sent to them by the rector. Students were threatened with withdrawal of bursaries and loans if the students boycotted lectures as from June 1st. Those who were to attend on the June 1st were assured of the rector's protection. The letter also hinted that the SRC was inciting the students to violate rules. Students resolved to dump his letters near the white coffee bar during the white lecturer's tea time. This was accordingly done.

The great boycott started on June 1. On the first day of the boycott, the protesters were divided into groups. The following are some of the groups which were formed; Rangobin, Timol, Tiro, Solpow (Solidarity & Power) Blaco (Black Consciousness), Sobukwa, Luthuli, Zenzeleni, O.S.S. (Operation Stress and Strain), Mafukuzola, The Enthusiasts, etc. Each group had to conduct its own fund-raising campaign.

Every day of the six day protest was begun with a protest march around the campus. The people would then assemble for directives and separate into groups and discuss problems which were submitted to them by the student leaders. The protesters became very active in fund raising both during the day and during the evening. Teach-ins and music-ins were conducted. A people's service was held in the main hall on Sunday the 3rd June.

3/- All other sectional ....

All other sectional services were cancelled. The boycott was called off in the evening of the 6th June.

Quite a number of people have left the campus in protest and some are expected not to come back for the second semester either on their own or through suspension.

#### Committees of the SRC

The work of the SRC Committee has been over shadowed by the very active SRC.

#### Cultural Committee:

This department has been responsible for the social activities for every week end.

#### Athletic Committee:

This has organised sporting activities inside and outside the campus.

#### Student Union.

A hostel committee has been formed and this works in conjunction with the S.U. Chairman.

#### Constitutional Committee:

This committee has amended the SRC constitution. These amendments were passed by it self and approved by the SRC and the student body. This constitution was rejected by the Rector who gave the SRC a Draft Constitution of the SRC. This draft was made by the staff of the Faculty of Law. It makes the students fall under the control of the Law Faculty. The SRC rejected this Draft Constitution and the students are expected to do the same.

#### Publications and Publicity:

This department has been responsible for publication and then issuing of the "SENZANI" (What are we doing?) the students publication. This has received a good welcome from the students.

#### SASO Local Committee:

In as far as its composition is concerned, we may say that it is composed of 27 people and is divided into five Co-ordinating sub-committees.

4/- A Literacy...

A literacy campaign has been run by both the members and non-members. Some thirty students were enrolled with this 'school'. Some of these thirty students have enrolled with correspondence schools. This good work of the committee was disturbed by the people's struggle through whole semester. We haven't succeeded in tracing some of our students after the struggle.

A local formation school was organised. It was well attended by students. Speakers have been invited. For the Heroes Day, we had S. Moodley from Durban. His paper was appreciated by the students.

For SASO Day, the day on which we expected T. Sono from Durban, we had S. Duthelazi, a local field-rigger and Mthuli Shezi addressing us. The field work has been obstructed by official red-tape.

Due to the anti-SASO feeling prevailing on campus, the people have decided to form a branch. This is also an attempt to heal student disunity on campus.

#### ANNEXTURE TO THE UNIZUL REPORT

##### LITERACY CAMPAIGN:

Classes started on the 15th March, 1972 with an initial registration of 8 people whose educational standards range between standard 5 and those who never got a chance of being educated.

Word spread like a wild wild-fire in the Kwa-Dlangezwa Community as many people came for registration. At present we have about 12 students who are guided in their work (these correspond through through Damelin) We have 14 people who are struggling with Book I (i.e. those who are introduced into reading and writing) So far most of these people show progress in their work, because those who came here not knowing a thing about reading and writing can now identify combined alphabets.

Another group is composed of those who left school in their lower primary school, and who are presently being taught English & Afrikaans. So far progress is being shown by the people and they encourage us by enthusiasm they display. Our only handicap is the shortage of teachers.

This Literacy Project was disturbed by a number of protests meetings, we had in the last two months of the first semester. We have failed to trace some of our students after the struggle.

S/- PHYSICAL PROJECTS:

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Attempts to enter into physical projects failed mainly because of official red-tape: the local chief has to be approached through the local tribal elders who have to meet the chief via the indunas. We, however, hope to strike success in the near future."

FINANCE:

The SASO Local Committee contributed R20,00 which is gained through jumble sale, to the head office. This year as a result of a highly negative attitude of a section of the student body as well as a section of the S.R.C., SASO Local couldn't manage to launch its well-planned fundraising scheme. But we managed to sell fruits and cheese during the Intervarsity and during the graduation. This netted R35,80 in all. A jackpot, prepared by the Fundraising Co-ordinating Sub-Committee of the SASO Local Committee, was published in the June issue of "SENZANI" This made R1,60 for us. The total amount of money gained on fundraising is R37,40. This sum, or a part thereof, will be donated to the Head Office.

Seeing that a sum of R22,50 was sent to the Head Office for SASO skippers and that this is a part of the R37,40 referred to supra, the SASO Local Committee will be in no position to donate this immediately after re-opening for the second semester. \*

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REPORT OF WESTERN CAPE

SASO LOCAL BRANCH

TO THE 3RD G. S. C.

The branch has at present 120 members while the majority of the 1226 students on campus subscribe to the policies of SASO even though we are not centrally affiliated.

After the last GSC the Western Cape SASO Local Branch set about on an intensive and extensive conscientisation campaign at bush and Hewat campuses and at high schools. To launch this campaign with the cooperation of Clive Mc Bride we held a workshop at his place in Factreton, Cape Town. At this successful effort we had representatives from UCT, Hewat, high schools and UWC. This was followed by black poetry and another workshop. Simultaneously we made futile efforts to raise funds. Through out our endeavour we were hampered by the absence of an SRC on the campus in that we had no venue to hold local meetings nor could we hold mass meetings to get the point across to the entire student body. In view of these difficulties it became clear to us that we had to concentrate our efforts on campus.

Plans for community development projects etc. had been laid out but alas! these had to be shelved since the members of our local branch were engaged in the formation of an SRC. Our task in this regard was rendered formidable by the existence of a mighty anti-SRC element on the campus.

The new academic year found us concentrating on the formation of an SRC. Tackling the problem on two fronts the members of the branch served on the constitution committee which redrafted the SRC constitution and demolished the strong resistance to an SRC. By mid March after several meetings with the action committee and the executive of the Senate and after several amendments and mass meetings we wound up some type of an SRC constitution. At this stage the student body decided to do their thing on campus despite the constitution. Elections were held on the basis of this constitution and after a rather low poll of 29% we had an SRC of 10 members.

Interversity loomed at this time and we managed to rustle up a contingent of 35 students to jog along by lorry to Ngoye. These 35 returned to Belville ambassadors of SASO and in the campus struggle they were a force to be reckoned with.

Early in March, Nengwekhulu called in at the Western Cape. Sono then dropped in the 2nd week of April. An abortive attempt by the Rector to prevent Temba addressing the student body was foiled by the firm stand taken by the SRC and before a packed hall he spoke on the "White lie in Black dependence." This was indeed an historical occasion at UWC. This address was followed by several other informal meetings between students and Temba.



A week thereafter Strini made his debut at UWC and once again a packed hall listened to him as he spoke on the black artist. These visits by the SASO office bearers served to stimulate interest of SASO and as well as to win over many doubting 'Thomases' and fence sitters to the cause of Black consciousness.

At this juncture the Rector followed up with a letter questioning the SRC's existence on having Temba Sono and Moodley on campus. In the North, Tiro made us all restless and on the 9th May in support of our black brothers and sisters at Turfloop we had a successful sit-in and protest meetings at which we reviewed and analysed events at our black campuses. The same evening the SRC was summoned to a joint meeting of the white university council, the Rector and the Non-White advisory council. Here they were hauled over the coals for the events on campus and threatened with action. Following on this meeting the SRC members who were formally in writing in their individual capacity for "defying the rector" by inviting Temba and Strini to address the students and "calling upon the students to stay away from lectures" and for generally "inciting the students".

On the 19th May (the 2nd Anniversary of the "Demas Tie Affair") the entire student body marched to the ad block presenting the rector with memoranda on the status of the SRC, objecting to the letters and calling upon him to withdraw the allegations made in the letters to the individual SRC members.

The hostel students had in the meantime organised themselves and presented their demands to the Rector in the form of resolutions. Orders that they respond to these demands within 9 university days had, up to the demonstration of the 19th May, been ignored.

Suddenly on the Monday the Hostel Committee was invited to a session and that evening they presented the resident students with a few insignificant concessions. The hostel food boycott had been planned previously - was launched on the 29th May. This was preceded by the submission of renewed demands contained in memoranda.

Simultaneously the hostel committee constitution was suspended by the students effectively kicking out the non-white warden who had been chairman of the hostel committee.

The moral and physical support rendered to the residents at this time by their fellow campus goers as well as the black community of Cape Town was very heart warming and augurs well for black solidarity.

On June 1st the SRC presented the authorities with the general students demands. The Executive of the Senate informed them that no action will be taken against them following those threatening letters. They were further notified that the SRC constitution had not been ratified - a blue lie! - and that the SRC existed (for them) de facto and not de jure. They promised to ratify the constitution as soon as possible.

The hostel boycott had been in progress for two weeks when the White Council suddenly reacted very predictly and ruthlessly by expelling all the residence students from participating in the boycotts and "unauthorisedly" preparing their meals in the cafeteria and ordering them to reapply for admission to the residence in the 2nd semester.

The white students at UCT then staged their premiere on the steps of St. George's Cathedral. The effects on our campus of this so called grand battle of St. George's Cathedral at which the pink liberals vied with each other for publicity and "martyrdom" was that overtures were made to us to support a petition drawn up by the UCT - SRC. The black students on both the UCT and Belville campuses disassociated themselves from the incident at St. George's Cathedral and rejected the petition.

A hostel delegation had an unsuccessful meeting with the Rector with regard to the hostel expulsions. He however, indicated that all the residents will be conditionally readmitted in the 2nd semester, but when called upon to put this assurance in writing he refused. Soon after this the final crunch came in the dying days of last term, when the SRC was informed in writing that they were not officially recognised. This decision was somewhat influenced by the scheduled addresses of Prof. Robert Winks and Sonny Leon. The two were banned from campus. But Sonny Leon and his side kicks eventually met Belville, UCT and Hewat students at an off-campus venue where we set about attempting to conscientise them.

UNIVERSITY OF THE NORTH REPORT

TO

THE HOD. S.B.C. OF S.A.S.O

INTRODUCTION

The report compiled here is a composite one, giving a coverage of both the SRC and the SASO Local Committee from the time we got into office last year in September, 1971.

THE SRC REPORT

a. Structure: The following is a structural pattern of the SRC:

(1) EXECUTIVE:

President: A.D. Mokoena  
Vice-President: V.T. Molewa  
Treasurer: E.S. Kubeyi  
Corr. Secretary: A.C. Kgware  
Mins. Secretary: M.P. Lehota

(2) OTHER SRC PORTFOLIOS

Cultural Committee: D. Maloyi  
Students Union: K.K. Schularo  
All Sports: P. Mabotoa  
Constitutional Committee: D. Modiba & I. Ntlho  
Publications & Publicity: J. Nafalavhoda & J. Mamabolo  
Students Visiting Lecturers'  
Trust Fund: J. Maloka

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

1. Completers Ball:

Towards the end of last year we had this traditional ball. This is a function at which all finalists are given a send-off message by students.

2. Diary Episodes:

Last year the SRC planned to compile a diary for the students. This was ratified by the student body and finally enjoyed the blessing of the rector. So we went on with the printing of the diary over the summer vacation. To our chagrin, early this year the rector raised an objection to the contents of the diary and completely denied its knowledge.

2/- The next logical ....

The next logical step that the SRC took was to bring that to the notice of the student body in the mean time such water running under bridge; The rector expurgated the SASO Policy Manifesto and the Declaration of students rights as pronounced by SASO, as undesirable items to be included in a students diary. The student demanded the original diary. Since Doshoff could not accede to this, they then called upon him to resign.

He recalcitrantly refused to resign and the students to condemn the expurgated diaries to combustion. This closed the diary episode.

### 3. Freshers' Reception:

The Admin conducted its reception at the beginning of the year and the SRC was invited to take part. Subsequent to this was our orientation programmes which was geared towards unlearning the indoctrination effected by the Admin. This was successful.

### 4. Students' Blazer:

A contemporary project to the diary was the acquisition of the students blazer. This was seen fruition.

### 5. Intervarsity :

As we all know, the inter-varsity was hosted by Zululand, on the cost of UNE. This was momentous occasion in two respects:

a) Apart from the fact that every black campus was represented with the exception of UDW, this intervarsity gave birth to the South African Black Intersarsity Council and also made it possible to hold a National Executive Council Meeting.

### RELATIONS WITH ADMIN

Our relations with the University Authorities were "cordial" at the beginning but gradually degenerated. Tention grew in large proportions. The contributory factors to this were the series of the rejections of the proposals we made to them and their unchecked and uncompromising totalitarian attitude towards the students.

### SUBSCRIPTION:

Shortly after inter-varsity we despatched a cheque of subscription fee for the current year to head office. This was worked at 50c per student on a total of 1200 of them. It is further worth mentioning the fact that this was below our initial agreement (r1) The reason for this rather parsimonious gesture was the numerous financial transaction we were suddenly faced with.

3/- MALAYSIAN VISIT ...

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