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P O Box 319
Grahamstown
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Dear Sir

As you may be aware, the April 1986 edition of the Aida Parker Newsletter (APN) was devoted to condemning the End Conscription Campaign (ECC). Amongst other allegations, the APN claimed ECC had a "hidden agenda", was connected with the Soviet-backed World Peace Council and had "overt and personal links with the Helsinki-based War Resisters' League, an identified adjunct of the vast Soviet Active Measures apparatus".

The Grahamstown branch of the End Conscription Campaign has reason to believe that copies of the APN were not only widely distributed in the streets and at schools in Grahamstown last year, but continue to be distributed and quoted in schools this year

In the interests of furthering a free and open debate on the issue of conscription and the ongoing militarisation of South African society, and in the belief that pupils at your school may have been the unwitting targets of a sophisticated but highly misleading and inaccurate smear campaign directed against ECC, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. A Committee of Inquiry into the APN by the SA Media Council, headed by Judge Diemont, reached a unanimous conclusion in Cape Town last year that the APN had breached the Council's Code of Conduct and that it contained a number of untrue and misleading statements about the ECC.

A copy of the Media Council's findings is attached for your information.

2. Despite the Media Council's findings, copies of the APN continue to be distributed and quoted to cadets at schools in the Eastern Cape, the most recent examples of which took place at the Alexandra Road High School in Port Elizabeth.

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In this regard, please also find attached a copy of an article which appeared in the Eastern Province Herald on 3rd March 1987, together with the editorial of the same date.

I would be grateful if you would draw these matters to the attention of your pupils and staff, in the interests of correcting the distorted and untrue information to which they may have been subjected.

If you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address. The End Conscription Campaign is more than willing to openly debate any aspect of its work, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter further with you.

Yours faithfully

FIONA ADAMS
CHAIRPERSON
END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN (GRAHAMSTOWN)

End Conscription Campaign



Rhodes SRC
Rhodes University
GRAHAMSTOWN
6140
3/4/87

Dear

Now that ECC has clambered back onto its feet and dusted itself off we once again feel sufficiently presentable to campus. We're looking a little different this year - lots of new faces, a slightly altered structure and a few more grey hairs but otherwise we're still harping on about the same old issue.

There is a surprising amount we can still say and this is why we are making a concerted effort to re-establish the contact we had with other societies in the past. Part of this process has been the establishment of a "Diplomatic Mission" whose task it is to make contact with other societies. This gives us an opportunity to get feedback as to what approach campus would like ECC take. This year we have been invited to speak to Methsoc and SAUJS which proved to be very fruitful.

Now obviously it will take a while for us to get in touch with all the societies, so in the meantime we hope to keep you posted concerning the activities of ECC and hope you will do the same.

Enclosed is a brief outline of our National Campaign which commences at the beginning of next term. We have a very exciting programme and hope to involve as many people as possible.

If your society, or individuals in your society are interested in contributing to some of the events we are having a meeting on Wednesday 8 April at 8.30 in the Rob Antonissen Room (upstairs in the union) to discuss ideas. Hopefully your society would have met by then. If you cannot make this time please phone Andrew Jos at 27444 and we can accommodate you.

We are looking forward to a very exciting and successful year on campus and hope to be able to share much of it with you.

Yours for a Just Peace

Karen Thorne
ECC Chair

End Conscription Campaign



Rhodes ECC
The Student Union
Rhodes University
GRAHAMSTOWN
6140
22/4/87

Dear Member

When we promised to keep you in touch with ECC's activities at the beginning of the year we never meant to bury you in media in one fell swoop - but here it is, happy reading!

As you can see we had quite a busy first term. Launching into public activity early in the term we focussed on giving conscripts the right to choose whether or not to serve in Namibia and the townships. This was around the time of conscientious objector, Philip Wilkenson's trial which was postponed until 13 May. The focus included a seminar, media and a mass meeting at which the Chairperson of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, Willy Amutenya and a South African Conscript spoke about the role of the SADF in Namibia

On 4 April we braved the streets of Grahamstown in a T-shirt mill-in when the SADF paraded through town having recieved "freedom of the city". We wore t-shirts reading "Give Conscripts a choice" and handed out stickers. We got many surreptitious "thumbs-up" from the soldiers on parade while those in civvies eagerly took T-shirts.

Other activities for the term include three General Body meetings, a braai and planning for the National Campaign. Activities for the Campaign "War is not Compulsory - lets choose Peace" hope to make the second term an exciting one. (See enclosed)

We hope that these activities give you an opportunity to enjoy yourselves, meet the active members and express your support for a just peace

yours faithfully

Karen Thorne

ECC chair

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30 July 1987

Dear Student

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The success of this research depends on your co-operation in completing and returning this questionnaire by August 31 1987.

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Yours faithfully

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PROFESSOR G M STEWART
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Hellenic Society

SAUJS

Hindu Students Society

Academic Freedom Committee

Law Students Society

Edcom

Sports Clubs (please specify) _____

Other (please specify) _____

8. Are you eligible for military service?

Yes

No

If no, please give reasons:

9. Which, if any, of the following categories of military service have you completed ?

Two years continuous service

One Camp

More than one camp

None of the above

Not applicable

10. After you have finished your studies, do you intend to start/complete your military service?

Yes

Uncertain

No

Not applicable

11. After you have finished your studies, do you intend to stay in South Africa?

Yes

Uncertain

No

12. NOTE: MORE THAN ONE ANSWER MAY BE GIVEN TO THIS QUESTION. PLEASE MARK WITH A CROSS IN THE RELEVANT BOX/BOXES.

If you do not intend to stay in South Africa after you have finished your studies, is it because:

- a) There is a lack of job opportunities in your chosen field
- b) You are not South African
- c) You want to travel
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13. If you intend emigrating from South Africa, would you reconsider your decision if you were not obliged to do military service in the SADF but could do an alternative form of national service? (e.g. by teaching or working in a hospital)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncertain	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please give reasons for your answer:

14. Do you think that military service in the SADF should be compulsory?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncertain	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Thank you for your co-operation Please return this form by August 31 1987.

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES
STUDENT SURVEY

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2. Male _____ Female _____
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4. Year of study _____
5. Previous degrees complete (if any) _____
6. Nationality _____

7. Are you a member or supporter of any of the following campus societies?

NOTE: More than one answer may be given. Please place a cross in the relevant box/boxes.

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GRAHAMSTOWN 6140
1 August 1988.

Dear ALASTAIR.

Long time no hear. We have been trying to get hold of you for the past 2 weeks, but to no avail. I've sent you 2 parcels of media. Hope you receive both. The campaign is going very well but we are also having our share of harassment. About 90 ECC t-shirts were swiped from our office. An exec member was recently questioned by BRANCH, who implied strongly that they were responsible for the theft. Someone who used to be in ECC last year was involved in a drug bust + he was also questioned about ECC, esp. East London. They also asked a lot of questions about Cate - does he know her; when is she coming here again, etc. As you are probably aware, Peter Cate's passport was confiscated, + the night before he was to address our Angola meeting his car was stolen!

As if that's not enough, vets for Victory put an insert into GROCOTT'S (our local paper) slamming ECC + our campaign for Alternative Services. They also distributed 4 pamphlets in town + illegally on campus. We have taken up the issue with the SRC, but can only lay a formal charge if we know which people were responsible. We

also put an ad in Groceries offering a reward for any info. leading to the prosecution of the individuals concerned.

~~The~~ The 2 phone no's given were mine + Pauline's. Last night at about midnight Rob Brown phoned Pauline + demanded that she send the reward to him. He said they (Vets) had a no. of active people on campus but wouldn't disclose their names. Obviously we refused to send the cash. He got very angry + told us: "We are going to cut your legs from underneath you + this is only the start". Pauline told him she didn't like being threatened + he slammed the phone down.

Please get in touch with one of us so we can discuss these + other issues.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Love,

Sylvia.

Please Forward to Tib ECC

Hi

Enclosed please find

1. 2 x regional co-ordination minutes.
2. Campaign pamphlets, adverts, flyers.
3. 1 x smear
4. 1x SADF notice issued to township residents today (30.4)
5. 1 x Std 5 pupils' essay about ECC.

The regional coord minutes will give you a pretty good idea of what we have been up to. So far the campaign is going pretty well - we burst out of the closet with a public meeting last night (Sheena spoke) which from all accounts was a huge success. About 150 people came, a good number for this town, there was no harassment, 20 people signed up, etc etc rave rave. We're chuffed!

There is loads of news but not much time or space. So... from all of us to all of you, stay safe & good wishes for the campaign.

Love,

Ti Adams.

Grahamstown End Conscription Campaign

c/o Rhodes SRC PO Box 94 Grahamstown 6140 Tel:(0461)27122

Dear ECC supporter

Thank you for your interest in signing up for the End Conscription Campaign earlier this year.

As you are probably aware, much of our activity to date has centred around the plight of Dr Ivan Toms, who was recently imprisoned for 21 months for refusing to serve in the South African Defence Force.

As always, we condemn strongly the government's criminalisation of conscientious objectors, and to this end, ECC nationally is set to embark upon an 'Action for Alternative National Service' campaign to actively demonstrate the constructive ways in which men can serve their country outside of the army.

Here in Grahamstown, an advice bureau for conscripts is already in the pipeline and should be in operation soon. Part of our emphasis in this regard will be on informing conscripts of their rights - limited as these may be.

We are still in the process of working out exactly how we are going to take up the campaign here, but before we can do this, we need your ideas.

You are also invited to participate in our seminar programme, which will cover a range of topics concerning the role of the SADF in South Africa and frontline states and how this affects our country.

Whether you are a conscript, an ex-national servicemen, a sister, a girlfriend - or just a concerned South African interested in getting involved in ECC, we urge you to contact us at the telephone numbers listed below.

Enclosed is a copy of our latest newsletter, which will provide more details on our recent agm and the campaign, amongst other things.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Sylvia du Plessis (ph 22023x337)

Pauline Higgins (ph 28131)

Grahamstown ECC co-chairs



ECC
End Conscription Campaign

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

CONCERNED ACADEMIC.

Monday

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Alastair —

● Thank you very much for the "Cadets Campaign" material — it is very interesting and exciting. The school scene down here is alive and kicking. We're thinking in terms of a symposium in the quite immediate future and after that possibly our own Cadets Campaign. There has been an interesting momentum around the Cadets issue and pupils have started to act out of their own accord — Bishop's developments is an incredible precedent. The symposium will probably be a 1/2 [half] day event

drawing from the different schools' curriculae [poetry; history - even science] compiled hopefully by teachers and presented under the banner of ECC - the theme being something like WAR + PEACE.

In any case we'll keep you informed and hope to hear from you if anything happens on that side. Unfortunately the list with names + addresses of the schoolcomm rep's have gone missing somewhere between Durban + Gistown. I'll try and get it together again via the phone and get it to you as soon as possible.

Bridget Hilton Barber at

Somerset Str 27 is the
new schoolscomm co-ordinator
in Gistown. In future you
could possibly work through
her. Tim off to Europe in
mid-April and perhaps it
would be better continuity -
wise if she became the
contact-person now already.

Once again thank you
and good luck in the
struggle.

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Hi folks.

This is a small package of media to give you a taste of what the public in the war-torn Eastern Cape (particularly Grahamstown) can expect over the next 2 months - and beyond!

Things (you know!) are going well here in the City of "Saints" with preparations for the ensuing actair going well.

We are looking forward to getting back to our constituency. The feedback will be a good indication as to how popular we are and how unpopular the State is!

At this stage we are proceeding cautiously - we want to get out the streets and then be able to STAY there!

Phillip's Trial looks to be quite an event. We will keep you informed about the ~~ss~~ trial as well as the press.

Repression here is very low key at present but we expect things to hot up.

Well chow for now and good luck in your drive to choose a just place.

MARK (Grahamstown ECC)

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