

NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

Students' Representative Council

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND · JOHANNESBURG

AFFIRMATION

GATHERED at Jan Smuts Airport on 29th January 1971, we affirm our belief

- * That it is our duty to uphold the principle that a university is a place where men and women, without regard to creed or colour, are welcome to join in the acquisition and advancement of knowledge
* That it is the duty of a university to guarantee the rights of participation in the opportunities and privileges made available by belonging to a university
* That academic freedom is essential to the integrity of institutions of higher education and the unfettered pursuit of truth
* That the ideals of academic and human freedom are intimately bound up with each other, and that free universities cannot exist in an unfree society

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES to work for the attainment of these ideals in South Africa within our respective institutions, and to continue faithfully to defend them against encroachment in any form.

SIGNED on the occasion of the enforced departure of REX HEINKE

Geoff Norman - SRC President of the University of the Witwatersrand

Handwritten signatures of various students and staff members, including names like Susan de O. N. S. S., Jonathan Skir, Jonathan Graf, Elaine Unterhaller, Janet Welsh, Anne Wright, Andrew Flegg, Rosemarie, Robert, Ruth Nabarro, Leora Kuttner, David A. Evans, Janice Lee, Nicole Burt, Peter Sympson, and many others.