

# Ten years later — *Biko lives*



**Special Offer!!**  
to the  
University of Alberta  
Faculty, Students &  
Staff Members  
**"EPSILON"**  
Personal Computer

**\$575.00**

PC/XT MS-DOS Compatible

- Flip-up metal case
- 135W CSA approved power supply
- 256K Ram expandable to 640K
- AT style standard keyboard
- 360K Panasonic disk drive
- Disk drive controller
- Parallel (printer) port
- Color or mono graphics card
- Motherboard with 8 exp. slots
- 10 Free Software diskettes of your choice

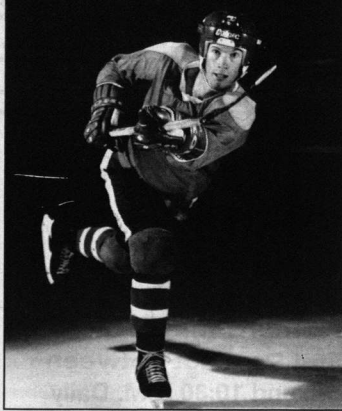
**Built & Fully Tested in Alberta!**  
**Best Technical Support!**

**A + P Technical Supplies Inc.**  
the Computer Hardware Store

10370 - 65 Avenue, Edmonton  
Phone: 434-8072

Open 9 to 5 weekdays  
10 - 5 Saturday

## He plays to win



He's competitive. He likes a challenge. He's also a team player. He's got what it takes to become a Certified Management Accountant. If you're trying to decide about your future, call us. You might be the player we're after.

Get a head start. Find out now what courses will give you advanced standing in the CMA program. Our program specializes in management accounting and related management subjects as well as financial accounting.

**Toll Free: 1-800-332-1106**

The Society of Management Accountants  
300, 530 - 8 Avenue SW., Calgary, Alberta T2P 3S8

**CMA**  
Certified Management Accountant

By Carol Guenther  
reprinted from the *Varsity  
Canadian University Press*

When South African police left anti-apartheid activist Stephen Biko to die after brutally beating him, they thought they had successfully silenced him.

The South African government should have realized that Biko's influence would not die with him. On the tenth anniversary of his death, Biko lives on as a symbol of Black resistance.

"Symbols don't die, they become martyrs. And martyrs live forever," according to P.C. Jones, a black activist who was arrested along with Biko in August 1977.

Biko was arrested on August 18, 1977 by the South African security forces because of his anti-apartheid

**"Biko was expelled from university for his political activities."**

activism. The police beat him severely, causing massive head injuries, chained him to the floor of a jeep and transported him 740 miles to a prison hospital. The thirty-one year old activist died of brain damage on September 12.

Biko was a charismatic figure, an intellectual exceptionally able to spur others to action with his vision of a liberated South Africa. He played a large part in the development of Black Consciousness, a movement which stressed Black pride and unity and spurned any involvement with white, liberal anti-apartheid activists.

The senseless killing of one of South Africa's most brilliant and articulate activists left a legacy of bitterness and mistrust among the nation's youth. But the vision he imparted to students like Gerald Phokoye, the political coordinator of the African and Caribbean Students' Association at the

University of Toronto, has had more far-reaching effects. Phokoye is a South African who lived in exile in Botswana for six years before coming to Canada. His political views were greatly influenced by Biko's writings on Black Consciousness.

"Steve was the embodiment of Black Consciousness. He trained us politically. Through his own example and practical work, he taught us to organize, taught us how to talk to people and relate to each other as activists. He also helped us to gain a better understanding of Black Consciousness through his writings," Phokoye said.

Black Consciousness began as a movement in the late 1960s. Many Black university students had become disenchanted with the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) and in 1968, they broke away to form the South African Students Organization (SASO) with Stephen Biko as its first president.

Biko criticized the white liberals for dominating NUSAS.

"They made all the decisions for us. We needed time to look at our own problems and not leave them to people without experience of the terrible conditions in the black townships or the system of Bantu education (the inferior education system for Blacks)," Biko wrote.

After his third year, Biko was expelled from university for his political activities. That year, he helped to form the Black People's Convention,

**"Biko's influence would not die...martyrs live forever..."**

an umbrella political organization for groups sharing the beliefs of Black Consciousness.

P.C. Jones, Biko's friend and fellow activist, spoke of the influence Biko had on his peers in their struggle against apartheid.

"Biko left with us an idea and a movement which are inspiring blacks

and whites on all university campuses. He came from a generation of Black students who were asking the question, 'What is our calling as Black students and what is our historic role to fulfill?'"

"The answer is that the interests of the Black student are no different from the interests of the community from which he or she comes."

**"Biko advocated non-violence in the struggle against apartheid..."**

"Today, Biko is a symbol of hope, having been able to show in practical, non-sensational terms, that it is possible to live an independent life outside the intentions of the government," said Jones.

Jones said there was no political movement prior to Black Consciousness that could effectively address the historic division between different segments of the Black community. When the Black Consciousness Movement was banned by the South African government in October 1977, the effect on the Black community was devastating.

"The movement that was most able to lead and unify Blacks was destroyed in one brutal moment. Today we see 99 per cent of conflict contained within Black areas. Violence is inverted violence. Blacks are being killed by other Blacks. This is due to large extent to cowardly behaviour on the political level by groups like the African National Congress, who do not have the moral depth to denounce what they are seeing," said Jones.

During his lifetime, Biko advocated non-violence in the struggle against apartheid. Today, the Black Consciousness Movement is split on the issue of using violence to effect change. The BCM within South Africa does not advocate violence but Phokoye said the external wing of the BCM advocates the use of revolu-

Black  
tionary  
regime  
Rob  
Craze  
many  
theoris  
"Ape  
reform  
ton.  
Biko  
as well  
South  
"For

# Student Help NEEDS TUTORS

ROOM 250 S.U.B.  
432-4266

in ALL courses, from ALL departments  
and from ALL faculties.

Since 1969 Student Help has been a volunteer organization offering a quiet place for:

- PEER COUNSELLING
- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- INFORMATION AND REFERRALS
- TUTORS and TYPISTS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Please Call or Drop By the Office

**Students helping Students**

A U. of A. SERVICE SPONSORED BY THE STUDENTS' UNION & BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## SWAP Student Work Abroad Program

**WORK HOLID ABROA SWA**

Find out about (SWAP) STUDENT WORK ABROAD PROGRAM **INFO MEETING**

Place: Education Bldg. 1111  
Date: October 23/87  
Time: 3:00 P.M.

**TRAVEL CUTS**  
Going Your Way!



**TRAVEL CUTS**  
Going Your Way!