

Pamphlets, banners seized in search

Cape Town

SECURITY police, acting in terms of emergency regulations, searched the premises of the Community Arts Project (CAP) in Woodstock for nearly eight hours on Monday.

It was the fourth time in three months that the premises had been raided.

CAP officials said later that police removed more than a thousand items — mostly pamphlets, banners and photographs.

"They also removed a diary and personal letters," a spokesman said.

He added: "The management committee of CAP strongly rejects this kind of intermidation. CAP is committed to providing resources, mainly educational, to student, community and worker organisations and supports their demands for:

- an end to the state of emergency
- the withdrawal of troops from the townships
- the release of all detainees
- a unified and democratic South Africa."

DANCE OFF

THE Lansdowne Rugby Club has cancelled its presentation dance which was due to be held on Friday, November 1. The decision was taken in view of the current political climate.

Arts group swop nets 1 000 items

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SECURITY police this week raided the premises of the Community Arts Project (CAP) in Woodstock, seizing more than 1 000 items.

After an eight-hour search the seven-man squad carried off posters, pamphlets, banners, photographs, a diary and personal letters.

A full-time student of CAP was told to report to the Caledon Square Police Station the next day, Wednesday, in connection with the printing of a banner.

This the fourth time in three months that the CAP premises have been raided by Security Police, although it is the first time police have removed anything from the premises.

This week, for the second week in succession dancers arrived at CAP to find themselves performing with an audience of security policemen, and on one occasion a police dog. Everyone in the immediate area was told to go into the office and stay there while the building was searched.

One dancer, obviously unfamiliar with this kind of action, asked what was happening.

"Jong, we have reason to believe crimes are being committed here," one policeman replied.

The "crime" appeared to have been the holding of a teachers' meeting.

CAP representative Andrew Martin said: "The management committee rejects, in the strongest possible terms, this kind of intimidation."