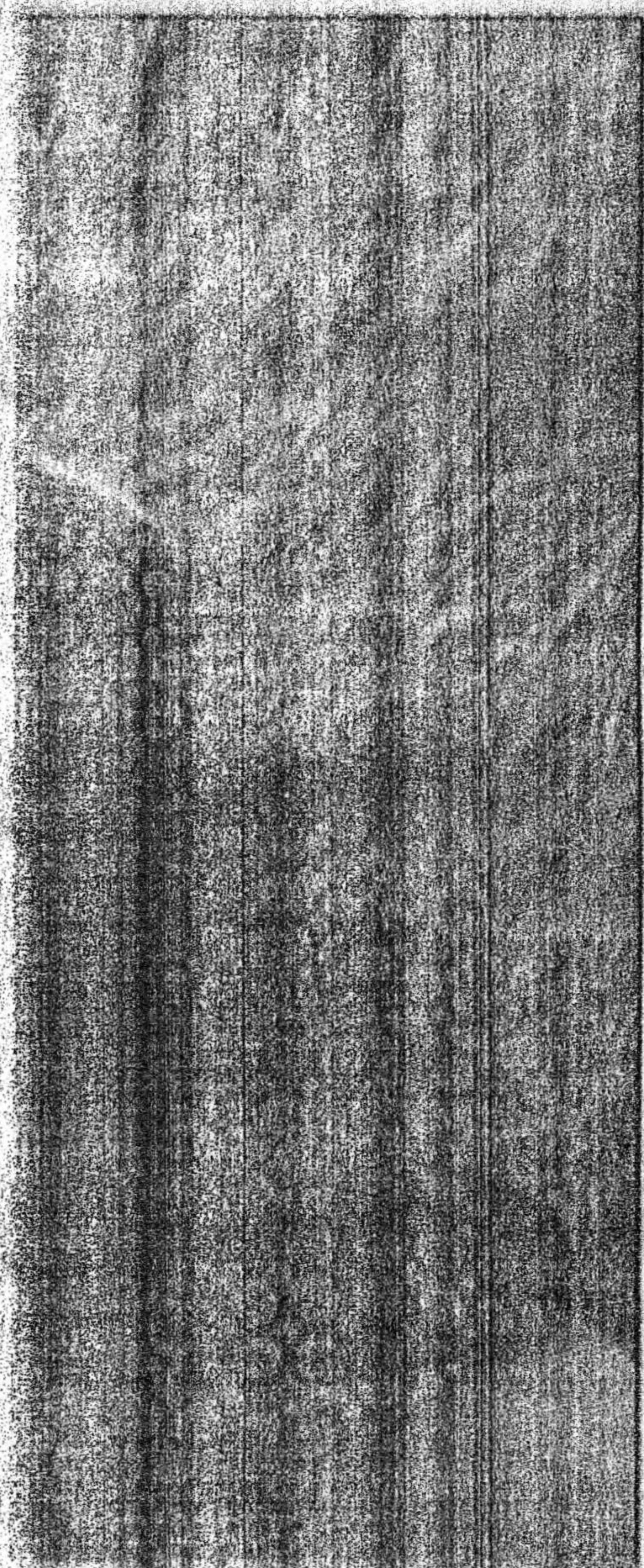


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**HANDBALL:**  
Spain's national soccer team striker Raul Gonzalez, left, runs away with the ball as teammate Pedro Contreras tries to stop him during a training session at a stadium in Daejeon, South Korea yesterday. Spain will play Bafana Bafana in a World Cup group B match today in Daejeon starting at 1.30pm SA time. The other teams in group B are Slovenia and Paraguay.  
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"Tshawo" Makinana  
Picture by TIRSA ELLIS

# Rhodes EL, Fort Hare set for handover

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**GRAHAMSTOWN** — It's all systems go for the establishment of a strong, urban-based university in Buffalo City after Rhodes University and the University of Fort Hare yesterday agreed to a gradual handover of the Rhodes East London campus to Fort Hare.

Rhodes University will manage its East London campus on an "agency" basis next year to allow a planned, "gradual, phased-in" handover to Fort Hare. This will allow existing Rhodes students to emerge with a Rhodes qualification while also giving UFH a chance to gear up to assume management of the city campus.

From next year, new students will be able to enrol in joint Rhodes-UFH programmes and receive a joint Rhodes and UFH qualification. Students registering from 2004 will receive a UFH qualification.

Education Minister Kader Asmal announced earlier this month that Rhodes' East London campus and the University of Transkei's medical school would be incorporated into UFH.

It has taken the two universities less than three weeks to reach agreement on how the handover will take place.

Rhodes and UFH vice-chancellors Dr David Woods and Professor Derrick Swartz yesterday emphasised the need to ensure the future viability of the East London campus. They said they were "committed to a spirit of co-operation in the interests of higher education".

In terms of the agreement, Rhodes will manage the East London campus for 2003 on an agency basis. "Beyond this date, Rhodes will continue to co-manage programmes with students currently enrolled under the Rhodes brand name until completion of their studies. We have agreed that all currently registered students will be able to complete their studies under the Rhodes brand name."

The two vice-chancellors promised their full support for the East London campus in meeting their transitional commitments.

"We also wish to assure current and future students of our commitment to high-quality education in Buffalo City and the region."

Meanwhile, Rhodes University East London staff committed themselves to contributing to the establishment of a "strong urban-based university" in East London that continued to maintain high academic standards, while at the same time addressing the challenges facing tertiary education in South Africa.

"We wish to express our willingness to engage in the process of constructive dialogue with UFH resulting in an institution that combines the respective strengths of Rhodes EL and UFH."

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