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University's political protest contingent

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signs of the times

UNEMPLOYMENT

DOLE-DRUMS

A recent parade up Queen Street of some 3000 carpenters, builders, drivers, electricians and boilermakers arrived outside the Mayor's plush aerial suite. Mr Ashley Russ, secretary of the NZ Carpenters and Related Trades Industrial Union of workers presented a petition to Dr McElroy which read as follows:

"That we the building workers of Auckland call upon Government to take such economic measures as are necessary to stop the trends towards unemployment and ask that we be given guarantee's that while austerity programmes may be necessary for the present economic position facing New Zealand, Government will ensure and pursue a full employment policy."

Unemployment has reached a national figure of between 7 and 10,000 - a population well in excess of this university is roaming the countryside in search of a means to meet hire purchase commitments.

Impressive as the thousands were, they were benign and docile, since they consisted principally of the still employed. The parade would have been more meaningful if it had consisted of only the jobless.

Amongst the protestors was a contingent of some 20 of our students. Auckland University's political troops are not numerous it seems.

Evidently students have been (1) stupefied into non-action by the general malaise or are (2) blasé toward the economic trends or (3) expect them to improve under the magical wands of financial high-priests Holyoake and Muldoon. From some of the recent remarks of Mr Muldoon it is possible

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The un-angry Masses

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There is a rumour of LSD in the air - whether financial or hallucogenic depends on your imagination. Either, it said could produce much enlightenment, much trouble.

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Do you know that a new University for Auckland is planned for as soon as 2000 A.D.? Councillor Quill is on the march again.

gives

Ulysses - that mythologized mythical colossus has been cinematically and sex-censorially cut to assimilable size. A shame. But notable for some magnificent acting from Barbara Jefford as the Irish earth mother, Molly Bloom.

THE CRECHE: THUMBS UP!

Women who marry and have children, or do so inadvertently, are not being able to complete degrees, sometimes with only one or two units to complete, because of the scarcity of baby sitters and transport problems. By refusing to consider either financial or housing aid, by implication the University authorities seem to have adopted the "serve you right" attitude towards this considerable group of 'varsity citizens. It is an inescapable, integral and necessary fact of life that where there are many hundred adult human males and females, some, at least will have acquired offspring. Council's published reply in March to the request for the establishment of a creche was that "there is no place for babies on the campus."

However, if a woman's examination results are comparable, to say nothing of superior, to those of unemployed men and women, in becoming members or who she should not be excluded from academic furtherance by ideas (males are just as capable of extraneous triviality, such as a baby. The condemnatory, exclusory attitude could directly foster such social evils as pre-natal abortion and post-natal adoption. This is by the way, as is the fact that although there is the embarrassment of rather too many students offered their best wishes for rather too few facilities, toward the project, they are

if exclusion of students is to become evident, it should not begin in the haphazard manner of barring a group of women for such a tenuous reason.

LACK OF INTEREST.

However, despite such daunting lack of interest from powerful people, on June 29th, 1967, the first ever Incorporated Body (as yet unchristened, but legal), came into being. Thanks are due to Mr O'Keefe of the Law faculty for his generous honorary assistance in establishing the Creche Society to its present status. It is hoped that the creche will have a home next year and be fully functional, with provision being made for both student and faculty mothers.

NOT WILLING.

One disappointment is that although Council recently offered their best wishes for rather too few facilities, toward the project, they are

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EDITORIAL

The Senate has decided to shelve the question of the full-time president till June of next year. The Vice-Chancellor, Mr Maidment, has said that the Senate will be sympathetic if there is a good case - that is to say, if the recently appointed Administrative Secretary cannot cope with the day to day running of student administration, and a full time President is required.

A report on Student Executive structure was made last year which suggested that the President be paid a salary of £600 per year, his term running from December to December. He would be required not to take employment during the long vacation. The President's year would not count toward his course.

The sole reason given in the report for paying the President to become full time was that he would be expected "to become a 'campus' figure and to sit in coffee bars and what have you as part of his job: he will thus have time to mould student opinion-or at least become acquainted with it". This seems a rather juvenile conception. Do we want a fatuous film-star listening with a lofty Presidential ear to the voice of the people?

A brochure recently issued by the Students Association added two additional reasons:

- a) to allow the President to devote more of his time to the Association on work
- b) to obtain the best possible person for the job, one who would be sufficiently interested in student affairs to devote his whole time, or at least a substantial part of it, to working for the student body.

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If the President is full time he will certainly have more time. The question is, how will the time be used? If the Vice Presidents are freed from the duty of sitting on sub-committees as the report suggests, they will be able to assist the President. Will it still be necessary to have a full time presidency therefore? The dangers of a full time figure head are all to apparent. In addition there could be a ludicrous situation of administrative secretary and President competing to earn their keep.

Can it be said that the best possible person will be obtained by a promise of a salary? Payment obviously expands the potential candidates.. But the fears of some English Universities that a campus politician may take over may well be realized.

Mr Stevens, an ex-student President has said that student politics are just beginning in New Zealand; that any National Student President in England could get a seat with either Labour or Conservative party, that the new Student block has been designed with a full time president in mind. But are these valid reasons for a full time president? Should the student hierarchy be a political stepping stone? Should the architecture of a building dictate every fault of its use? Craccum thinks that the President should be orientated more toward the atmosphere of the University than his possible political career.

It can be argued that a paid president will arouse students from their by now almost mythical bag of apathy - that is, the use of his good money will fire him to demand six hundred pound's worth of service from the President. It does seem a pity that the student on-the-campus should be literally baited into an interest in University affairs. These considerations will become relevant when the next President is elected at the Annual General Meeting on August 3rd.

Heard

Mountain: "N.Z.U.S.A. is not just a trade union." Pity, if it was, it might have more effect. An ingenious question: "If N.Z.U.S.A. is so important, why doesn't the government support it? An equally ingenious answer: the N.Z. national Security service operates on a small budget compared with the C.I.A."



LETTERS

Sir,

Let's face it: we're going to have to put up with cramped conditions for a while yet, but do we have to wallow in them? The case in point is the 'Gents' in the Main Arts' Block. For a start, there is strictly 'one-way' traffic through the door, which makes entry hazardous - especially in the rush hour. And when you've successfully negotiated the doorway, you have to join the queue. (- Perhaps we could have an appointment book installed.) - But I exaggerate. There isn't always a queue - no-one can bear to stand in the enormous puddle of water on the floor. (A couple of basins have been blocked and overflowing for the last week or so.) And I wouldn't mind the obscenities on the walls if they were spealt correctly.

Must we tolerate this? Potential arrest for indecent exposure notwithstanding, refuge in the foliage of Albert Park seems a better prospect at the moment.

PISSED OFF.

PAPAKURA BASE?

Craccum is to be congratulated on its airing of topics, usually of a military nature, which Mr. Holyoake and his henchmen choose to keep hidden, in their true light, from the N.Z. public. I refer of course to the Armalite rifle story and that of the Woodbrune base.

In connection with this second topic I would like to bring to your attention the existence inside the grounds of Papakura Military Camp near Auckland, of another 'station' for several months late last year and early this year. Although apparently not manned by military personnel this station appears to have been almost identical to the trailer pictured, on the front page of your last issue. People (some) were allowed to visit it this station but the operators of it were very vague and circumspect as to their exact task although they admitted that they tracked satellites. One person looking over this station and pointing to a pile of electronically printed data was told that it was 'classified' information.

S.A. Short,

Duologue on Candid Christianity

Rev. David Simmers, the Chaplain, tells us that he will be sponsoring a week of lunchtime lectures on "Candid Christianity" at the end of July.. The Chaplain from Canterbury University, Rev. Don Wilson, will be sharing with him in a Duologue of lecture, reply and discussion.

BEAUTY AND SIMPLICITY Sir,

Sir,

In reply to 'Ex A.U.C.' I would like to point out the benefits of the pill. I am an ex-student and have been on the pill for 18 months. During that time my relations with other people have been easier and also my confidence in knowing that the first beginnings of an affair will not end with fear and pain.

My morality is not 'church-based' but as a private code of ethics which commands me not to hurt others but to 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'.

I can assure 'Ex A.U.C.' that I do not suffer 'deep hurt and regret' after my decision to start using the pill, - for me pre-marital sex is not dirty but beautiful in its simplicity and awareness of deep personal contact.

A.E.D.

MALE ANGLE.

Sir,

A correspondent in your last issue speaks of young girls who have been deeply hurt "despite the Pill" and asks if any young women have found that "premarital sex is really creative and to be recommended." Although I'm not a young woman, I think I can reassure her.

She implies, and I agree, that promiscuity brings lasting regret. But promiscuity and love-making are separate, and the ceremony of marriage is not the criterion! Until she understands the difference, she and anyone like her would do well to accept the more rigid religious doctrines. To think and act for oneself is painful, even risky. But I think the effort is worth making. And not only in sexual matters, this is, after all, a University.

Does this make me - in sexual matters - an arrogant fool, headed for disaster, ruining other lives besides my own? That depends on me, and my partner. To make ourselves happier is a responsibility we cheerfully take; a responsibility we will not (in fact, cannot) delegate.

To answer the final (unasked) question - "would you marry a non-virgin?": ask yourself - what is a marriage?

The marriage service is an acknowledgement and a promise: an acknowledgement that two adults have found in each other the ecstasy of loneliness relieved; a promise before God and man that these two are determined to make this state permanent and creative. On this foundation a marriage is built.

A virgin of either sex is, in my view, handicapped to a greater or lesser extent by ignorance of the difference between physical and mental "ecstasy" of relieved loneliness". And that answers the question.

KEN McALLISTER.

WHAT-O!

As Keith should have said - but didn't - things economic are in one helluva mess. We're spending a lot, and making none. Inspired by lofty patriotism, might I make a suggestion or two?

Politics and morality apart, the war in Vietnam is quite untenable. Money which could well be used to (say) increase our bursaries to tangible sizes, is being used in the profitless pursuit of nimble-footed Asiatics by our soldiering brothers. Quite obviously our army is not concerned with the speedy expedition of the war - why should it be? After all, it must require considerable ingenuity to eke out what little cannon-fodder there is left to it. (In fact I have heard that the Americans are encouraging wholesale breeding in Vietnam, both to placate the Pope and to ensure further supplies of V.C....) However sympathetic I personally may feel towards these soldiers, I must point out that it is our money that they are using. We must look at this dispassionately. There can be, sir, no sentimentality in the world of finance.

It also comes to my mind that fairly soon the annual Swan-Drive will take place. Thousands of eagle-eyed veterans have to vent a years pent-up killer-instinct into a lousy seven or eight hours potting at half-starved birds. Why not, sir, transport these same sportsmen to Vietnam, and let them (for about fifty quid each) have - not a Swan-Drive - but a V.C. - drive? Every V.C. shot would cost 10/-; ordinary Vietnamese accidentally potted would make the shooter liable for a £5 fine.

Results? No more Viets, no more war, no more expenditure - plus a tidy little sum for the national income. Besides which, it would be jolly good fun. And if our own soldiers complained about poaching - why, at £10 a head, there's another £1,200 or so for the coffers.

The whole scheme has infinite possibilities, and, I think, a certain aesthetic charm. Even Nero never had a chance like this.

B. SMYTHE

"Students of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature and the Music Department present the following productions on July 13 & 14 at 8 p.m. in the Hall:

1. **Der Jasager** by Bertolt Brecht, music by Kurt Weill : a 'school-opera' for solo voices, choir and orchestra. Musical director: Jack Body, Producer: W.O. Droescher.
2. **Woyzeck** by George Buchner. Producer: J. Neuberger."

W.O. DROESCHER

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that the University building programme may suffer despite the apparent security of the present Block grant. Students cannot expect to be able to stand aloof from the economy of their country.

Students may well feel the pinch over the long vacation if present trends continue. Even if conditions merely remain static, competition will be high with the many unemployed for the summer seasonal work on the wharf, in the freezing works and wool stores.

To clarify the position concerning students, Craccum interviewed Mr Halliday, deputy registrar in the Social Security hierarchy. The answers to our simple queries were as we expected, but it may be sobering for those who are not aware of the position pertaining to students: A student does not qualify for the unemployment benefit should he be deprived of his part time job; a registered part time student who works a forty hour week as well is more fortunate if he is available for work wheresoever he may be sent by the Labour Department (shades of road-building gangs for some of you lads! heh heh). If there is not work available during the Christmas vacation, then as students are not eligible for the dole, those of us who do not have prosperous parents who willingly support us shall have little other alternative than to start planting radishes in jerrybuilt window boxes in our £7 per week flats or to take to the great Northland wilds, living on fish, puha and the occasional prosperous Public Servant passerby. As for next year's fees, if you're at all dubious about the country's Economic situation, you'd better save the last instalment of this year's bursary.

Another of the more palpable effects of unemployment which could possibly effect students not harmed by any of the other distardly possibilities is the Govt's decision to go forward with the much needed new Central Library. It is ironic that the preservation of knowledge should grow out of economic ignorance, and a bureaucratic reluctance to give the many unemployed free handouts.

Horrendous post-thought: if we ever get a paid fulltime president and he is voted out of office for some nameless botch-up, will he be eligible for the dole?

not willing to allow the words "Auckland University" to appear in the title (there had been hopes of naming it the A.U. Creche Club). It will now probably be named after the as yet unappointed Patroness.

Victoria University already has a creche, but like Auckland, they as yet have received little help from the Authorities. However, as it was only founded this year, the Secretary is hopeful that they may receive consideration next year. Many British, Australian and American Universities have fully supported and successfully functioning creches. These trends appear to indicate that a request for such a facility is by no means excessive, but part of the machinery of a fully representative University. When the junior users of our embryo creche are themselves filling the student hierarchy positions, it will probably be as well and inevitably established as Ski Clubs, and Philosophical Societies, etc. Until then chins up, Ladies, and good luck from Craccum.

D.J. PAYNE.

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VIETCONG HUMAN?

First in series of talks by faculty members sponsored by Socialist Society - A talk by Roger Horrocks, English Dept.

Mr. Horrocks began by pointing out that although a talk on the nature of "the Vietcong" seemed to hold little more than curiosity value for many students, nevertheless this topic was a life-and-death matter for students in other countries - in South Vietnam, of course, but also in the U.S.A., where many students were being drafted and sent to Vietnam. Students had to maintain a high 'grade average' to avoid the draft. Hence, there was a standing joke that lecturers gave 5 grades: "A,B,C, D, and Vietnam grade." The effect to this was to transform the atmosphere of American universities; students became

cause so little is known about Vietnam, and what information does reach the American public is rather disturbing. America's allies in Vietnam are reported as making undemocratic remarks and doing undemocratic things, while reports on the Vietcong give rise to such questions as "Why can't we defeat them? Why do they fight with such determination?" Meanwhile the war is becoming more brutal and destructive every day and the number of U.S. casualties is now higher than the number of casualties suffered by Vietnamese Gov't troops. "The war feels very close to you when you are in the States", Mr. H. Added. "Almost every family has a relative involved in the war. A few miles away from where I was living in California there was a napalm plant, and a few miles in the

from compulsory military service (under the worst conditions), or were forced to endure poverty and neglect. After listing these groups and their needs, Mr. Horrocks then discussed the official programme of the National Liberation Front, and showed the extent to which it voiced these needs and offered solutions to them. The incredibly rapid growth of the NLF can thus be understood, in view of the fact that its political programme was an expression of what so many Vietnamese were waiting for-

Mr. Horrocks then discussed the groups present at the initial founding convention of the NLF, showing that they represented a similar cross section of the Vietnamese population. He also discussed the results of a survey carried out by Diem's own government, which

the NLF represented "less than 1%" of the people of Vietnam.

The other view of the NLF was to see the NLF as originally and basically a genuine expression of national feeling, created by various groups banding together as a defense against Diem's persecutions and injustices.

A similar contrast of views may be seen in other countries with guerilla wars, such as Thailand (which is becoming of increasing importance to us, since it may be the next Vietnam, in which N.Z. will once again be involved). According to the U.S., the guerilla movement in N.E. Thailand is a kind of invasion master-minded by the Chinese. According to other commentators, the movement is a genuine response to local grievances by the people of N.E. Thailand who have been neglected for years by the Thai gov't.

This debate as to the true



grimmer, worked harder, and there was harsher competition. Students also became more narrow because they could not afford to explore subjects outside the syllabus of their course. Mr. Horrocks hoped that this grim atmosphere would not be transferred to N.Z. universities. Conscription for Vietnam has already been introduced in Australia, and is at least being discussed in gov't circles in Thailand.

Mr. Horrocks posed the question: why are so many American students reluctant to go to Vietnam? That many of them are reluctant is clear enough, from numerous protest demonstrations at American universities. Another example of this was the rush by thousands of young men to get married to beat a deadline for 'married men exempted from the draft'. On the last day before this exemption ended, U.S. newspapers had photographs of thousands of young couples queued up outside 'quick marriage' places in Reno, trying to beat the deadline!

Why is there so much uncertainty in the U.S. about the war? There is not at all the clear conviction and unity of purpose that was to be found during World War 88. Mr. Horrocks suggested that in is be-

other direction was Oakland, where many of the dead and wounded arrived back from Vietnam."

Mr. H. concluded his introduction to the series by saying how important it was therefore that we should know more about the Vietcong and the situation in Vietnam before N.Z. should involve itself still further in a dubious and complex war.

Mr. H. began his analysis of the Vietcong by describing the situation before 1960 (the year when the Vietcong or 'National Liberation Front' came into being). President Diem had succeeded in alienating almost every group in S. Vietnam - the religious sects (Cao Dai and Hoa Hao), the ethnic minorities and Montagnards, the Saigon intellectuals peasants (especially in the Mekong Delta where land distributed by the Viet Minh was returned to former Landlords), many Buddhists (who were later one of the main forces in toppling Diem), those who suffered under Diem's barbaric Law 10/59 and other political repressions, those who were uprooted from their homes and forced into 'strategic hamlets', and many others who suffered

was an attempt to ascertain who was in positions of leadership in provincial committees of the LNF. This survey showed that representatives of religious groups made up the largest section, (about 32%), followed by "intellectuals" (11%), university students, etc. There was a wide cross section of various groups - ethnic minorities and mountain people, union representatives, peasants peasants organizations, etc. The results of the survey showed that the NLF was very representative, and that the majority of its members were apparently non-communists. Thus the rfer to the NLF as "Vietcong" (Vietnamese Communists') is a serious oversimplification.

Mr. Horrocks contrasted the two main interpretations of the Vietnamese war, and of guerilla warfare in general. On one hand, President Johnson and his associates insisted that the National Liberation Front was (1) not national, but alien"" (controlled by North Vietnam), (2) not for liberation but for conquest, and (3) a "front" in the most sinister sense of the word.

According to Arthur Goldberg (U.S. delegate to the U.N.)

nature of the guerilla movement in Vietnam and elsewhere will be continued by other faculty members (2nd talk by Mr. Grant-Mackie 3rd by Mr. Pollard).

Socialist Society is also sponsoring a talk by Mr. Malcolm Salmon, a visiting Australian journalist, who has just returned to North Vietnam. Mr. Salmon will report on interviews which he was able to have with North Vietnamese leaders about the state of the war.

This talk will be held in Room 2 at 8 p.m. on Thursday July 13th.

Gray Head of N.Z. S.P.A.

Don O'Ray, editor of Otago University's Lntie in 1964 and 1966 has been appointed acting head of the New Zealand Students Press Association (NZSPA). Mr Grey has replaced Warren Mayne who recently resigned.

Definition of the issue: MARRIAGE: Hegelian'synthesis

W.U.S. WONDERS

The World University Service was begun in 1920 in an attempt to reconstruct the University community disrupted by World War I. W.U.S. has been active since this date. India, Pakistan and Indonesia are among the Asian countries specifically helped since the 40's.

Today not only all students belong to W.U.S. but the staff, as well, through the affiliation of the New Zealand University Teachers Association.

Based in Geneva, W.U.S. contributes in the fields of student lodging and living, student health, educational activities and facilities and individual and emergency aid. They decide which universities need help, which dormitories, cafeterias and libraries are to be built. More than 60 countries contribute toward the £¼ million programme.

New Zealand contributes an average of £800 a year. Auckland University has been a poor collector and has realized a maximum of £104. W.U.S. week runs from 24th July to 29th July.

The programme is as follows:

Monday Evening: Modern Language Club evening in cafeteria extension.

Tuesday Evening: 4.30-6.30 Tea in cafeteria, exotic meals (3) wine served, to the Jazz Club playing. 6.45 Psychedelic happening in the Cafeteria. 7.45 Folk Society.

Wednesday: Catholic Society evening in Newman Hall.

Thursday Lunch: Dance display: Malay, Singapore, Figian in the University Hall.

Thursday Evening: Film Society - an extra film will be put on.

FRESH TONGUES

Indonesian and Japanese will be taught at Auckland University in 1968. The Lecturer's positions are being currently advertised.

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THE WORD

Did you know that a (Hair?) -brushed Playboy play up type pictures of big beautiful Comrade Mao are available for only 2/- at the University Book Shop? The bookshop has it both ways as names of purchasers are forwarded to both the Chinese Communist Party and the C.I.A.

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BLOW-UP!

David Hemmings with one of
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As might be expected with Antonioni, "Blow-up" is a director's film. The actors do not moreover, fare impressively. David Hemmings, the photographer and main character Beatlesque in style and appearances contrasts with the bored, bony giraffe-models he abuses and manipulates - otherwise he's just any dissatisfied commercial-artistic hybrid with an avaricious lens; Varesa Redgrave as the accomplice in a mysterious park murder is rather tiresomely disraught particularly in the clumsy sequences of her flat-chested seductions; Sarah Miles is buxomly vacuous.

Antonioni like Fellini is capable of heavily underlining a point, yet despite the moralizing bringing it off-on the visual level at least. But the poetic touch of Fellini, the Jukta position of images, is not a characteristic of Antonioni. He works towards a more monolithic and urban reality in which to place his characters. Against the cosmopolitan background of London therefore, of West Indians "queers and poodles", or brace of nuns, the buildings old and new, the swingers. Thomas the photographer grapples with the disguisers of reality as he endeavours to complete his book - the completion seems requiring some unanticipated detection. He encounters in turn, the exquisitely exact empty-headed naive of the unexpectedly young girl, who tired of her antique shop will go to Nepal - or "Morrocco instead", the satirically stationary "swingers" hypnotised (drugged?) by electronic jangling as they wait for the apparently impulsive but actually ritualistic smashing of a guitar and the party pot smokers.

All the backdrops become distractions from Thomas's central concern: the something usually too predictable camera has ensnared: a body and a hand holding a gun.

Here reality is stylized in its own right, not just by the camera - the corpse is too much like a composed dummy. This seems to point in the direction of it being unreal, which it eventually becomes by disappearing.

The symbology and parallels are all observed with over-emphasized portentiousness. There is an obvious ironic contrast between the peace Thomas thinks he is capturing in the park and the actual murder. On the other hand the buildup of tension as Thomas discovers his find is done with a superb precision. In the midst of his search Antonioni introduces a romping interlude with two gawky but pleasantly-fleshed mods. This scene seems just right to break the tension but elsewhere the plot-sequence is badly constructed: being achieved in similar the interlude in the mod hop shop is Mondo Cane-ish social criticism.

The film arrives at a climaxial focal point: the invisible tennis ball which Thomas is to be requested to pick-up becomes a pandorously multiple symbol for the vacuity of the white-faced with-it people who Pan. play dawn tennis with it, the corpse that has eluded him and the airy manipulations of his work and/or life.

Pictorially "Blow-up" is arrestingly fine-edged and vivid, but as a film it is ultimately a brilliant non-sequiter because of the weight that the final (literally non-existent) image attempts to carry, and the irrelevance of some of the sequences (part of the scene with Vanessa Redgrave, the swinger's den). The ending of "Blow-up" comes too insistently as a message saying, imagination makes the non-existent tangible whatever one seeks is illusive and a photographer's life is concerned with the invisible.

MIKE MORRISSEY

The Auckland Council of Tertiary Students, a body comprising Teachers Training college students, University students, nurses occupational therapists, kindergarten and Auckland Technical students is to hold a miniature Arts Festival from July 12th to 16th.

A.C.T.S. has been formed as a loose co-operative group. It will pool information and ideas of interest to all tertiary students - from accomodation and teaching problems to sports and cultural activities.

Not only will the festival provide first class entertainment for students and public but it will show all participating groups what is being achieved in similar fields by other student groups.

PROGRAMME

Monday 10th July and Tuesday 11th July: Elimination rounds of the debating to be held in the various institutions.

Wednesday 12th July: Static Arts display - 4th floor of the Building Centre. To continue until Friday.

Thursday 13th July: Ball, Peter Pan. Tickets at Student Association.

Friday 14th July: Films, AU, 3 p.m. Debating finals, AU, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 16th July: Folk Concert, ATI Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday 17th July: Classically and Jazz Concert, Ellen Melville Hall, 3.30 p.m.

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Dilemma

Bruce Jesson, a recent law graduate is facing the dilemma of taking the oath of allegiance that is necessary for him to be accepted by the Bar. As head of the Republican Association Bruce finds the oath incompatible with his political views.

SEX & THE SINGLE GIRL

SEX AND THE SINGLE MAN.
by Albert Ellis.

Dr Albert Ellis is one of the world's most famous sexologists and certainly one of the most prolific: he is the author of sixteen books on the subject. This book contains an exhaustive treatment of most of the aspects of normal sexuality frequently under somewhat droll titles, such as "What Every Young Man Should Know About Bedmanship" or "Adultery, Anyone?". His stylistic approach to the subject (or is it object?) is to mingle the evangelical earnestness of the moral pamphleteer with the cheery manner of the do-gooder spreading the good word (or is it flesh?) as well as actually referring the reader to numerous materials that support his point.

The author is justifiably reknown for his liberality and candour and one of his early chapters calmly lists eleven (yes 11!) advantages of masturbation over heterosexual relations. He insists however, that it is purely a matter of circumstances but that, were there no other outlets available then one would be suspected of "being sexually perverse or neurotic" if one did not masturbate. Dr Ellis therefore is adamantly opposed to the psychoanalytic notion that the sexual drive can be successfully sublimated.

BULL AND MATADOR.

However, Dr Ellis's central interest is in the heterosexual arena, which he duly enters with a relishing gusto, seemingly eager, as it were, to be both bull and matador. As a spokesman for "Fun in Bed" Ellis's only rival is the Bunny-king Hugh Hefner, but Ellis outdoes him in zest and all American raconteur's corniness i.e. "Female breasts and hips and thighs and genitalia are good; damn good!" (sic)

Throughout and by means of his punchy humour Ellis argues some important issues. He distinguishes, for instance between a sense of wrongdoing or of responsibility to oneself and others, and guilt;

guilt being the feeling that one is a "louse". Ellis states: "...a fallible human who does a wrong deed is not a louse-except by arbitrary theological definition". Aware of the weight of religious taboos Ellis makes occasional abusive asides against them. Hence the belief that one is Jesus Christ or Napoleon or "that some superhuman deity will welcome you to his (abysmally boring) Heaven if you forego all earthly sex pleasures", are instances of making one a "nut".

Apart from the ad hominem argument of the latter Dr Ellis seems to find the position of a mystic or say yogi or of any abstainer incomprehensible. In the stressing of non-lousedom he does not shirk the furthest logical extension of his original point. Hence he blandly says "no one is ever to blame for anything". This seems in contrast to his marked disagreement to the psychoanalytic emphasis on the past as the sole cause of behaviour in the present, by which he underlines the person's current mode of thinking.

Further yet Dr Ellis slips into naive assumptions and ontological assertions when he declares that "we are...good, intrinsically valuable people who do these bad acts"

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ENQUIRIES

More detailed information is available in the booklet "A guide to graduate employment with Shell Oil New Zealand Limited".

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Enquiries may be addressed to:

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(why not had people who do good acts?) and "you are a worthwhile human being because you exist" (therefore an earthquake is worthwhile). However, in the context of the book these are perhaps necessary overstatements therapeutically designed to "buck up" the presumably previously gullible reader. Dr Ellis's aphorism "change rather than guilt" is however good advice to both puritans and Freudians (or other psychological determinists).

One of the principal didactic techniques in the book is to show that two possible reactions to a sexual situation, are "perfectly sane" and the other "perfectly insane". The descriptions are graphically overstated but certainly do illustrate how sexual neuroses develop. Here is an example "If I approach this girl who looks appealing, and if she summarily rejects me, that will be unpleasant, and I won't like it." (sane); "Because I don't like being rejected by this girl it would be terrible if she did reject me; I couldn't stand such a rejection; and I would have to feel utterly worthless if it occurred." (insane). Ellis also invokes General Semantics specifically when he says Adultery¹ is not the same as Adultery² and generally when he airily declares "overgeneralisation is the core of virtually all human disturbance".

Dr Ellis's thoroughness reaches amusing proportions when in the desperate attempt to give a particularly recalcitrant girl an orgasm he suggests the employment of an electric vibrator(!). Lest any reader find this distasteful or even perverted it must be observed that Ellis consistently adheres throughout to the principle that the man must convince the girl that he is interested in her pleasure and not his own. Dr Ellis's sexual philosophy is in short, that of altruistic hedonism. Equally altruistic in effect, is his insistence that every girl is different, that none should be blamed for their sexual limitations.

On the more serious side Ellis considers aspects of marriage, perversion and adultery. In regard to the latter his customary consistency falters for a moment when he blandly asserts that the unmarried person does not act unethically toward a Mr. Brown, if it is Mrs. Brown with whom he has the affair. The preferred analogy of the contract seems a trifle baldly legalistic by comparison.

Despite his incessant colloquial Yankee talk ("Most deviants are severe goofers"; frequent, "no-goodniks") Ellis seldom makes an assertion about sexuality to which he does not add a weighty list of research materials, though as we have seen, he does make sweeping undocumented statements about ethics, philosophy and human nature generally. In addition he does possess the virtues of candour

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10,000 - AND BEYOND?

The New University at present being constructed is intended to cater for 10,000 students. This population is expected to be revelled between 1975-80 said the Vice-Chancellor Mr Maidment. At that time three things could happen to cater for the continuing growth of students.

The first method is to alter the requirements for attending the University. Either the fees could go up or the standard of entry could be raised. A National Board decides the latter. Mr Maidment said. It would also be possible to tighten up on the failure rate. "In England it was unheard of to spend longer than the degree time obtaining a degree" said Mr Maidment.

A satellite college may be constructed, "of the Junior College type", Mr Maidment said. At this kind of University a full curriculum of courses is not offering. An arts degree would be the principle course available.

Thirdly the Technical Institutes could be developed to cover courses such as Engineering, Pharmacy, Drafting etc.

* * * consolidating his unit-passing likelihood). So, the more staff Craccum gets, the less work for each individual. What will next year be like with no Craccum?

There is also the dreadful responsibility of having to procure at least £80 worth of advertising for each issue of this size (8 pages). As the average advertiser sells us on the average of £2 worth, you can imagine what a headache it is soliciting it, especially as major sources advertise to a budget decided on at the beginning of each year and will not make any exceptions. At 8% commission, is there anybody game to take it on? It is an extremely distressing fact that the Students' Association finances are such that if we are unable to get the prescribed amount in advertising, the paper won't be published, as this is the source from which printing costs etc. are met. So do support the few advertisers we do get otherwise even they will cease.

D.J.

ENDS

QUIZ KID ASSURES

Dr Finlay, Labour Member for Waitakere recently questioned the Prime Minister in Parliament concerning the Base at Woodbourne. The question and reply are printed below:

Dr FINLAY (Waitakere) to ask the Prime Minister, Will he cause the lengthy article on the establishment operated at Woodbourne Aerodrome under United States supervision, and appearing in the 31 May issue of the Auckland University Students' Association newspaper Craccum, to be carefully examined by his advisers and indicate whether it contains any errors of fact and, if so, what they are?

Right Hon. K.J. HOLYOAKE (Prime Minister) replied, No. In a number of public statements and most recently in reply to a question asked by the honourable member, I have given information about the research being carried out. From these statements it will be clear that the

article's conclusions that the United States Air Force establishment at Woodbourne is in communication with "spy-in-the-sky" satellites or navigation satellites enabling nuclear submarines to get bearings are incorrect.

Mr Holyoake's total of non-sequiters increases impressively as the years pass.

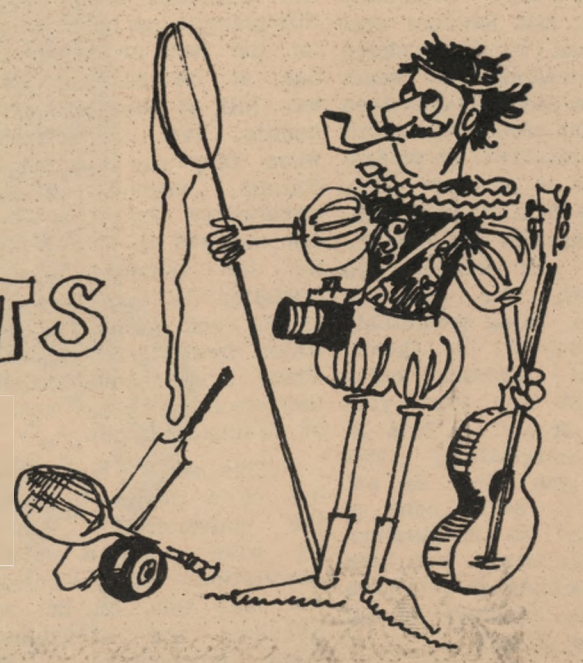
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VIET- CONG? WRONG

The photo above does not depict a Vietnam War atrocity. Nor is the following a precis of a sequel to "Lord of the Flies". The photo was taken during an initiation ceremony at a Canterbury University Hostel; Rolleston House. It was taken at the beginning of the 1967 University Year. It is a photo of what might, ironically, be called one of the climaxes of the ceremony. Each year first year students at Rolleston House undergo the Initiation Ceremony.

An occasion of such magnitude must necessarily be approached in the right psychological state. Before the rites are performed freshers are treated with total scorn. Any fresher who incurs the seniors' wrath is duly penalised. For instance one such unfortunate was sent far out into suburbia with only a blanket for a garment and so garbed was required to make his way back to the Hostel. This is however only a preamble. The evening arrives and the University social prerequisite, a keg, is produced and consumed by about 20 seniors. The initiators then gather, incredible as it may sound, around a 44 gallon drum, and beating it with sticks, chant "Hate, hate". William Golding would be pleased. Then comes the function proper.

Freshers are marched into the Common Room and made to sit immobile through an address, generally overtly erotic or more accurately crude. At this juncture what our informant (who has endured these proceedings and wants to see them stopped) describes as the altar around which the ceremony revolves, is produced. This is a paper mache phallic symbol, 3 feet high. An interrogation follows the speech. All freshers are interrogated, this particular 3rd degree, being predictably enough sexual in theme; a typical question being "when did you have your first wet dream". This is not our imagination; this question was cited by our informant. Sadly none of this story is imagination. This whole mess has been fully researched and we have proved the accuracy of our informant's claims.

The saga proceeds from the address to a change of mood and clothes. Freshers don their oldest clothes and are led, blindfold, through an obstacle course to the dye applicators. Dye is not often used, generally the ingredients employed are molasses and kapok. The molasses is applied first. Areas selected for application are; the hair, under the armpits, the genitals and the backs of the legs. Kapok is then sprinkled over the molasses.

A sergeant major controls this part of proceedings. After the molasses and kapok have been applied the freshers are required to do knee bends and other exercises designed to take full advantage of molasses' stickiness. They are then marched around to Bishop Julius Hostel where they take the Rolleston House oath, while being pelted with rotten fruit which the girls have been supplied with. Then around to Cannon Hall where the above is repeated but without the fruit. Oath taking over, the fresher returns to R.H. for a cold shower to remove the molasses and kapok. The rites are, however, not yet over. All freshers are then required to give items (a song etc.) before the initiators. It is at this stage that the phallic symbol mentioned before, assumes prominence. Any fresher who seems nervous, or whose item is judged inferior must pay the penalty. The penalty in this case is that the offending initiate must embrace the phallic symbol. That is an indisputable fact. Our informant tells us that this practise has been followed for the last two years. It has at its base a plastic bag full of sour milk which squirts over the offenders when they pay the penalty. Finally, anyone obviously embarrassed by this event are required to "down trou" for the spectators. The Initiation is then over. A supper and party follow at which freshers are welcome. They have been initiated, they are fully fledged members of Rolleston House.

This has not been printed out of a desire to become the university's "Truth". We have given a detailed description solely because we feel this is the most effective way of stopping these proceedings. That

is why this article was printed — we feel what it describes should be stopped.

The Rolleston House Vice President states that the initiations are entirely voluntary. Taking into account the pressures for conformity to Hostel patterns which occur this appears unconvincing. Also he is not only refuted on this point by our informant but also by another old boy of R.H. who said that everybody was free to make up their own minds about initiations — after they had been through them.

The initiation ceremony we have described is the one which has marked (marred) the opening of the R.H. year for the past two years at least and is in its present form the most primitive rite of its type in the country.

Otago initiations have been, if not banned, at least drastically curtailed following the death of a student several years ago as a consequence of injuries received during an initiation. The ceremony we have described should be not just curtailed, but banned. It is incredible that in a Hostel administered by University authorities such "customs" should persist.

The University authorities are said to be currently considering the Initiation Ceremony.

— KOBALD

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and fairly general consistency of viewpoint. Finally Ellis is no mere Don Juan, but a person aware of the values of "conjugal love", hence his last five chapters are on marriage.

He considers all the obvious drawbacks (various restrictions and responsibilities), gives practical advice, but does not consider the possible assets (a long term relationship, children, avoidance of loneliness etc). He comes eventually to the "perfectly sane" conclusion that the main thing in life is not the particular institutional state — bachelordom or marriage — you are in but the you who is the state. "Sex and the Single Man" is generally a very sane book indeed.

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THE NEW INNER SPACE

Students should be aware that the new Student Union Building will be completed next year. Craccum interviewed ex-student president John Strevens concerning the building and its management. Mr Strevens said that the cafeteria in the new student block will seat 430. The present cafeteria seats approximately 150. In addition to the cafeteria there will be a snack bar with a capacity of 200, a coffee bar (capacity also 200) and a restaurant (capacity 60). Space will be nearly trebled said Mr Strevens. As the University will freeze its population at 10,000 students the facilities will not become inadequate through another student population explosion. The overflow of students will attend Hamilton's Waikato University.

The students between 1960 and 1967 have been under additional financial burdens. The students association fee of £2 prior to 1960 rose to £3 in that year and £5 in 1961. The total increase of £3 has been going into the building fund since that date. The price was more recently raised to £6 to cover general running costs. Nevertheless Students Association will be £78,000 below the half of the total £524,000 required. The Government pays the other half by subsidising £1 for each £1 the students contribute. We will be required to obtain a loan from University Council.

PS For some strange reason this book is banned in Australia however it is available in New Zealand through Waverly Publishing Co. Ltd., Box 1956 Auckland. Price 34/-

In 1961 when Victoria University was considering space schedules and architecture of their student block was decided to found an Auckland University Students Association Building Committee. Mr Strevens is the president of this committee which is a sub-committee of the Students Association Executive. The committee included at foundation four architects students who are now architects. The building committee is responsible for the facilities and architecture of the student block.

In addition a student management committee recently been formed comprising eight students of student executive and senior members of the University Administration. Mr Strevens is on this committee as well in his capacity as Student Appointee on the University Council.

John Prebble is the president of the management committee.

The precise relations of the Students' Association with the Student Management Committee is undecided, said Mr Strevens. The Administration Secretary is however an already existent unity link as he is secretary to both bodies.

Both the position of Administration Secretary and the Student centre Management Committee were established as a result of a report of a Committee of enquiry organised last year of which Mr Strevens was a member.

Black Humour

Now the waste and futility of the arms race are apparent to all. And now there is another moment of choice. The United States, for its part, will use every resource of diplomacy, and every counsel of reason and prudence, to find a better course.

—President Johnson on the Middle East