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Two Exec members resign — concern is expressed

Two members of Executive have given notice of their resignation, to take effect from the end of this week.

They are Peter Stallworthy, Education Officer and Richard Cross, House Committee Chairman. Such resignations are likely to become increasingly common, warns Studass President Mike Law, unless more people are prepared to devote more time to committee work and help with the work load.

Both Stallworthy and Cross will close Monday and then SRC will be able to choose replacements.

students.

Peter Stallworthy informed Law that he would be leaving before the Easter break but stayed on until after this to see through Easter Council.

15 HOURS

Many Exec. members are enrolled part-time so that they can devote enough time to exec

NZUSA Council motions

We regret that space was not available in last week's Craccum to give even a brief rundown on exactly what decisions were made at NZUSA's Easter Council. The following article contains excerpts from a report prepared by Man Vice-President Kelly Flavell for last week's SRC meeting. It summarizes the main decisions that were made.

National commission:

An Auckland amendment called on NZUSA to obtain from the FOL and the Employers' Federation information as to the rights of employers and students regarding student employment. It is hoped that general guidelines will be available for students before the next summer holidays.

Auckland's request that NZUSA withdraw from the Student Leader grant was carried at National commission but tabled for consideration at Winter Council.

NZUSA was requested to investigate the refusal of the Malaysian Government to recognize the Otago B. Com. degree.

A special portfolio was set up to deal with problems encountered by overseas students.

The marijuana question was finally resolved with a call for the removal of marijuana from the narcotics list, for legalization of the controlled use of marijuana, and a statement that the processes of the criminal law are inappropriate for social control and treatment of drug abuse.

Two motions were tabled for

discussion at constituency level. These were:— That NZUSA recommend that legislation be introduced which would make it illegal to buy, sell, or trade in cannabis, and that NZUSA do consider it is morally wrong for a woman to be forced to carry a child against her will, and that she should have the legal right to an abortion performed by a registered medical practitioner.

Education commission:

There were calls for increased bursaries of all types, as well as special bursary provisions for women;

A call for sex education at both primary and secondary schools as well as at University;

That NZUSA publish a standard sex book to be distributed annually;

A call for a second university in Auckland while opposing any increase in the number of universities outside Auckland.

State aid to private schools was discussed with opposition to this being expressed while recognizing that interim measures are needed to prevent the collapse of the school system.

International commission:

Largely this was a commission

dealing with the University of the South Pacific and the 1970 All Black tour.

Opposition to the tour was reaffirmed and the Government called upon to make public the Foreign Affairs report on the tour. HART was allocated more funds.

A proposal for the International Vice-President to investigate a federation between NZUSA and the National Union of Australian Students was carried unanimously.

Travel Commission:

The question of NAC fare concessions was again discussed and the President instructed to negotiate with NAC.

Welfare and Accommodation:

The Government was called upon to offer tax deductions, loans and subsidies as an inducement to the building of student flats.

The President was called on to make submissions to the Government on the need for subsidized creches for married and unmarried mothers as well as equal maternity care.

Financial aid for unmarried mothers who wished to keep their children was also called for.



Peter Stallworthy

executive responsibilities clashing with academic work as the reason for their resignations. At present their resignations will not cause too many problems. Nominations



Graeme Camp

Law says there are good people on the committees to carry on. But they will still be working very hard with insufficient support from the general mass of



Richard Cross

work, which is likely to total at least 12-15 hours a week, according to Law. But the need to pass units to remain at University is ever present. On top of this the two who have just resigned had full time jobs outside university.

"This is indicative of what is going to happen more and more in the future", says Law. "If we don't get more people to help on sub-committees and SRC (rather than a larger Exec) resignations like this are going to become increasingly common."

University govt. submissions

Tomorrow is the last day for giving notice to the Vice-Chancellor of intention to make submissions to the Committee on University Government.

This committee, set up near the end of last year, will examine the effects of the recent massive growth of the University on the government of the University.

Submissions will be heard from the Senate, the Association of University Teachers, the Students' Association, or any interested individual.

Submissions must be made in writing and must be confined to matters of general significance.

TOPICS

The committee will be considering the composition of Council and Senate; the possible

delegation of powers by Senate; the number and structure of faculties; the standing committees of Council and Senate; the nature of departmental headship; student discipline; appointment of deans and deputy-Vice-Chancellor; promotions; the organization of the student body.

Student submissions will be made through the Student's Association which will eliminate repetitions and collate all comments.

A precise date for the lodging of submissions will be notified later.

Otago President "crying"

It would be a "crying shame" if NZUSA withdrew from sponsorship of the US State Department student leader grant, according to the President of the Otago University Students' Association, Errol Millar, who recently returned from his trip to the States.

I definitely feel that it is worthwhile," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of knowledge to be gained, both personally and on behalf of the students of New Zealand. It would be a crying shame to withdraw from these trips because representatives would then be selected from other youth organizations in New Zealand and it is better from a student point of view for students to be the representatives of New Zealand."

Millar's views are in direct conflict with those of Auckland Publications Officer Mike Volkerling as reported in Craccum on March 12.

Volkerling said then that the trips were of limited value to New Zealand students and suggested that NZUSA withdraw from local sponsorship.

A motion calling for NZUSA to withdraw its sponsorship was tabled at Easter Council until Winter Council in August.

Hart in disorder

Auckland students may have felt they tramped the streets for HART as part of a national movement but reports at NZUSA Easter Council would seem to belie this.

NZUSA International Vice President Trevor Richards questioned delegates to the International Affairs commission about their universities' activities on Sharpeville day. Waikato, Wellington and Canterbury all reported small demonstrations but Massey claimed that academic work and disorganisation had meant the day went unmarked in Palmerston North.

The Massey delegate went on to say that although he personally was in favour of HART he doubted whether students at Massey were. The Victoria delegate said that in Wellington students were strong on policy

but not so good at getting into action.

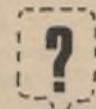
The Victoria delegation seemed to sum up the whole commission when one punned: "We don't have our hearts in HART"

Trevor Richards later told Craccum that he was unhappy with the co-operation he had received from other Universities over HART. He hoped that this situation would improve now that more active people were running HART in the various centres.

Richards said that had the other centres organised themselves earlier HART could have achieved much more than it has done so far.

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Gair uninformed

Mr George Gair is the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Education. As such, one might reasonably expect that he would know something about education and that he would be in fairly frequent contact with the various educational bodies scattered about this country.

It would appear, however, from recent reports of Mr Gair's speeches in Parliament, that these reasonable expectations are unjustified.

For example, in the course of a speech warning unruly students of a "taxpayers' revolt", Mr Gair said he was referring to "the few—I repeat, the few" who dulle the image of the university student.

Apparently, this dulling was caused by a "clamour for legalised pot" or participation in "unruly protest".

Mr Gair, students are busy people and should not have to waste their time pointing out that this "clamour" was actually a motion from the national student body, which represents about 30,000 students, hardly the few, repeat, few, even by a politician's standards.

As for unruly protests, the three or four thousand Auckland students who attended a recent SGM on the Agnew demonstrations, made it quite clear that they considered the police to have been far more unruly than students.

On these points, then, it would seem that Mr Gair is seeking to surpass the Minister of Police. Mr Thomson admitted that he had been misinformed. Mr Gair is just uninformed.

But it is when one considers the rest of Mr Gair's reported speech that amusement changes to alarm.

There is, for example, the statement that "higher education is not a natural right—but a community-financed privilege."

One can recall numerous instances in the recent election campaign when politicians from both parties spoke of the right of education for all. In our increasingly complex society, surely this did not refer solely to primary and secondary education, which form only the basis for a developed knowledge of any subject?

Again Mr Gair said studentship was but a preparation for a "far more important learning and living phase beyond the ivory towers." Does the Under-Secretary believe that students lie comatose between lectures? Furthermore, "ivory towers" is a marvellous phrase in a mindless debate, but as anyone who has visited a New Zealand university recently can see, it is simply not applicable today.

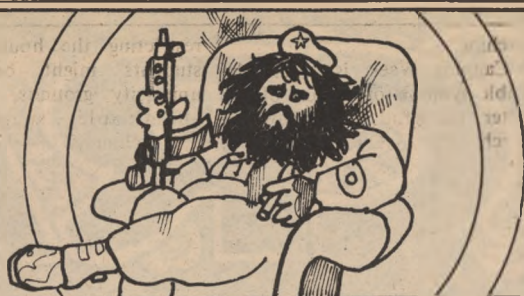
The most disturbing comment in the whole speech is the implied threat in Mr Gair's statement that "university councils would do well" to remember that "they live by a flow of public funds which can be slowed or stopped—or diverted to other causes which have served the taxpayer better".

What causes, apart from education, have served the taxpayers' longterm interests well, Mr Gair? Industrial relations research, perhaps, or is it the raising of lake levels to provide electricity for overseas companies?

One hopes that university councils throughout the country will express themselves strongly and publicly on this threat.

Perhaps the salaries of MP's could be raised in order to attract a standard of candidates higher than some of the present incumbents.

This space provided for armchair REVOLUTIONARIES



Psychology 1A,

You make me sick! In the first place you have the gall to leave your strictured, blanketed, little middle-class holes and ooze into Auckland University each year. You fester in the stomach of the great cow system to end up eventually as degreed excrement.

In recent years, students world-wide have been killed, bashed, beaten and excluded; at Auckland students have worked, worried and failed units. For what?—for you miserable, uninterested little louses.

It's disgusting that when you are asked to elect a rep you walk out. You SHOULD walk out, you should walk, run or crawl right back to your mummies and daddies; your homes and flats; your libraries and parties. It is the best thing for you. You are only fodder for the great cow—destined to remain now and forever—EXCREMENT!

P.K. Stallworthy
ex-Education Officer.

Sir,

Wondering what becomes of the student who was told to see Prof Johnston (Accounting I) for talking during lectures. Does said Prof have a strap? Also wondering whether the Accounting I workshop tutor, along with Prof Johnston, has had special training in dealing with misbehaving infants.

I recommend Accountancy I to all as an aid to remembering your long-forgotten schooldays. Accounting I student

Sir,

I wish Tim Shadbolt would stick to facts when he writes his column. I refer to "Lizzie Lashed" where he says that the Queen is the supreme spiritual head of the Church of England. She is merely the supreme temporal head. Nor is the Church of England the second largest Church in Christendom. Hasn't he ever heard of the Orthodox Churches?

And as for saying that the Church is an instrument for "mental repression and dogmatic soul-murdering" one can only conclude that he is just raving on. D.M.J. Williams

Sir,

We've reached the point in the pot controversy where arguments of "good" and "bad" are rather archaic, of interest to only a few very staid members of our society who still think—"Drugs"—evil, satanic, illegal!

These days most people have tried the stuff or at least heard a good deal about it. Many people have 'tasted' considerably more than pot. The layman's concept today incorporates 'needles, hypodermic syringes, heroin, L.S.D., trips, highs, pills, hashish, marijuana, and those mysterious little plants that your neighbour is

still trying to spot in your glasshouse. Parents, at first horrified that their kids are on the stuff soon try it themselves to know what 'evil takes their young'. Then they go and smash up the booze bar in the basement and start rotary hoeing the vegetable garden.

"Forbidden fruits taste sweeter" and cost ten times as much. If you're not in the scene to smoke it, you're in it to make some fast bread and the pay-off is big. Then look at the abysmal failure of prohibition in the thirties. People like doing illegal things, and as long as pot remains in the Act people will smoke it. Everybody likes drinking fine liqueurs because they are hard to procure (but still obtainable) expensive, and the more enjoyable for it. This equally applies to pot.

For many years now, New Zealand has trod more slowly the social and economic paths of the United States. The American Government has spent millions of dollars in an attempt to curb the drug problem in the last five or six years. In Time magazine (March 16, 1970) the article entitled "Kids and Heroin: The Adolescent Epidemic" depicts the trend that this country is pre-destined to follow. The U.S. Government's attempt to wipe out the scene has failed miserably.

New Zealand has lead the world in many things. So let's legalise the controlled use of pot and profit by the mistakes of

America instead of blundering blindly along the same path. Pot is here to stay! Legal or otherwise. Lets recognise this and apply our commonsense to its regulation. While we blither on about pot heads, heroin is already filtering into the major N.Z. cities. Kids don't care whether they 'hit it up' with pot or heroin. It's all illegal and it's all lumped into the Narcotics Act. They don't know that one can hurt, the other heal. The courts as theoretical interpreters of the law, are playing 'ostrich' and Parliament is taking its brief annual vacation.

But when they do eventually legalise pot, an irrevocable part of NZ culture will die. Many people who once gardened under a full moon, will do it on sunny Sunday afternoons. Where they once drew the curtains and fanned a tight circle on the floor to save the smoke as the pipe was passed they will relax in armchairs. In certain houses, dubious nocturnal activities will give way to rolling up at the government dispensary to collect daily THC rations—little white pills

Sir,

Capping is a farce. Beery escapism, a procession, a charity collection with collectors motivated not by love but the booze-up to follow.

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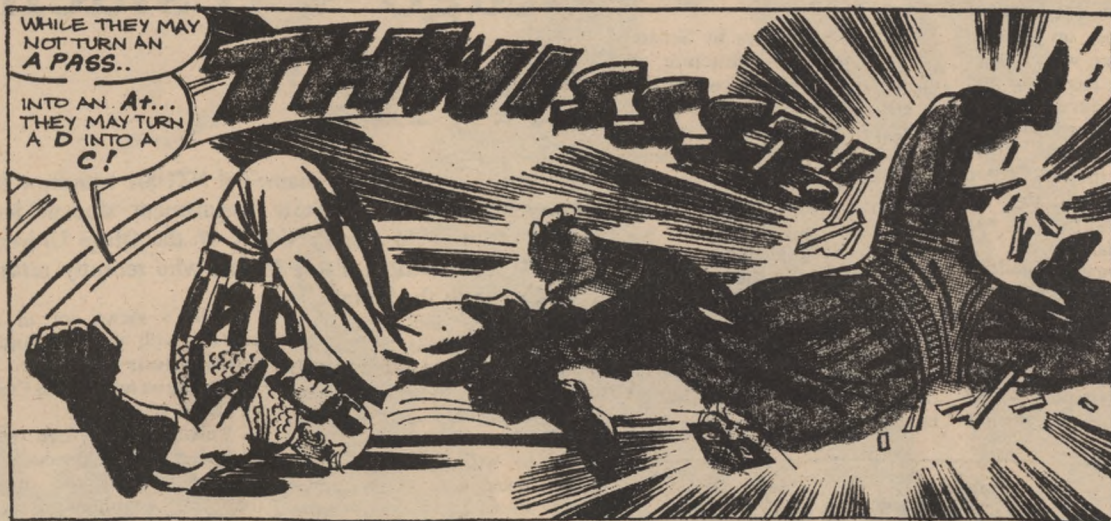
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GRAB A LOOK!! AT THE FORUM HOUSE NOTES AT THE UNIVERSITY BOOK SHOP THEY COME OUT IN NEARLY EVERY SUBJECT, FROM ENGLISH, THROUGH MATHS, TO SCIENCE.

machine.

Capping Week is when the visible symbols of success of the system the scroll and the gownned march through Queen Street are most evident. Newspapers coo about the responsible conscientious students and wonder about the high failure rate.

Only those with degrees know just how meaningless are their "meal-tickets", as they are candidly called. How they provide evidence of neither being educated for live or even for earning a living.

All graduates of course have a vested interest in refraining from devaluing their "meal-tickets." All undergraduates are concerned with the quality of their education. This concern should go beyond giving the end products of the system a drunken slap on the back.

The concern should be expressed by every student in the University using class time to evaluate and justify its existence. Capping Week should be a time not when the University stops functioning but when the University is born, when 'agora'—a community forum for discussions of morals and politics—emerge in Princes Street.

Frank Lane
Farrell Cleary

Sir,

As a new comer to Auckland University, but not a new comer to universities in general, I have been making a list of traditions, conditions, and practices to which it seems that local students have become resigned or immune but on which I feel bound to speak out. It is to be hoped that comment and, more important, action, will be engendered by the series of letters which I plan to write. I hope to tread on some toes.

Recently rumours have circulated through the campus, rumours which have brought strong reactions from the representatives of the student body, concerning the possibility of the application of a curfew

restricting the hours in which students might be on the university grounds. This is an abominable suggestion, an encroachment on the liberty of staff and students alike, and, in the waste of facilities, a resulting waste in the ever-absurd tax payers' money. I claim that whoever has control over the library hours and over the hours of the building in which the library is housed has taken steps which will make this curfew all the easier to perpetrate.

For five days of last week it has been impossible to make use of the library or any of the floors of the library building. On one of these floors is a locker that I have hired, a locker which I have paid for, on the use of said locker no restrictions were placed at the time of payment. Yet whoever controls the hours has controlled my use of my locker. For five days I have been unable to make use of my locker which to me represents money taken under false pretenses. I hope my lecturers don't expect too much this week.

The library is on the university campus to serve students. The library staff is employed to serve students. By closing down for five full days the library is not doing its job. If someone is trying to save money, well then; restrict the issuing facilities. I suggest, however, that there is something more devious incorporated into these controls.

The only other businesses, institutions, or services closed down completely over the four days which constitute Easter plus the day after Easter are the schools. Could it be that those who control us consider that while we study we are still children? Could it be thought that if our time in a place of learning is restricted we will think less, inquire less, question less? The controlled hours make one think so, don't they? And the talk of a curfew, that seems to make one think so too doesn't it?

Perhaps this is the point to steal from the Bard and say they, "think too much,

such men are dangerous"

Michael B. Collins

A castle of...

James K. Baxter, addressing a large audience of students last week defined the present system as "bullshit castle worshipping the dollar note". He discussed the attitudes to power and individual freedom offered by anarchism, communism, democracy and fascism.

The fear of communism in the Western world, Baxter claimed, arose from the threat this posed to the man of property who protested that communists would deprive him of his wealth but really feared the implications of freedom. The man who relies upon the security of the power structure and betrays his true feelings and loyalty Baxter described as 'Judas'; the man who

anarchist society had for centuries been terrorised and slaughtered because the way of life they represented was considered to threaten the established patterns of economic society. When it was suggested that they were being punished for having opted-out of society, one gypsy replied that they had never opted-in. Baxter claimed that deep in the minds of Western man there remains an



James K Baxter

sells his friend to the police, scabs on his workmates, fears the loss of respectability and the loss of the European peasant risings whose revolutionary origins were commonly anarchistic; the bourgeoisie is the 'firefly whose light has gone out.'

Baxter said that the fascist was pre-occupied with power and security; he inevitably clashed violently with the anarchist who felt that no-one was fit to govern another and that a community should be maintained by the spirit of mutual love. The fascist despises the anarchist because 'those in chains hate to see another free'. Atheism, Baxter suggested, should be redefined as the failure to love one's brothers.

Christ was the perfect man; the cross was of iron and the blood from his wounds were flowers. Baxter emphasised the importance of complete trust amongst friends: 'the bread of friendship can be eaten even covered with flydirt'. The beauty of such love is supported by its own strength.

Baxter believes that a viable solution to the oppressive de-personalisation of our society with its economic and power mania, lies in small regional communities respecting the land and learning from ancient anarchistic tribes such as the Maori pa. Christine Wren

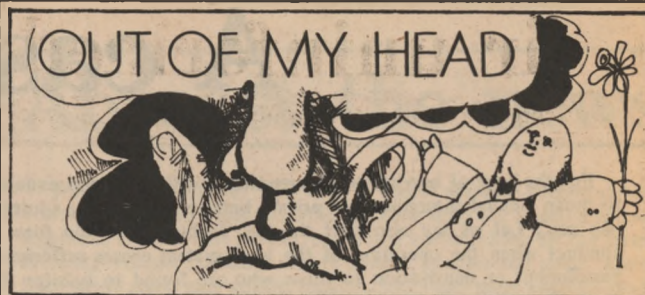
Although an expected confrontation with the Malaysian High Commissioner did not result at the Malaysian-Singapore students' Association AGM, the meeting dissolved in a state of near anarchy.

As reported in Craccum last year there was pressure from the Malaysian government to split this Association into separate Singapore and Malaysian groups. This was defeated at last year's AGM but still left a bitter split within the Association.

It was expected that another move to split the Association would be attempted at the AGM held over Easter. Instead a motion of no confidence in Roland Lee, the President, and Mokhtar Ahmad, the Secretary, was passed. Speakers were unhappy with lobbying that both men had taken part in during last year's dispute.

This left the Association without any office bearers and it was only after Mike Law's intervention that the meeting decided to elect an interim committee to administer the Association until a new president could be found.

The NZ Truth has been so busy examining street violence by bashers and demonstrators that it overlooked one of the biggest mass bashings society has ever seen—11.45. Following this it overlooked Auckland's first pistol duel when a few d's turned Scarborough Terrace into a shooting alley. Parnell is a high density residential area but this did not deter our friends from 'protecting people'. Besides another myth biting the dust (some people still believe our police are unarmed and will only use guns in an emergency) the counsel for the defense claimed the whole episode was like a television drama. It was then announced that a new regional squad system was being developed on similar lines to 'Softly Softly'. There is this growing evidence that T.V. detective stories are having a stunning effect on the N.Z. police force. They even wear drooping moes and cord jackets and hang around the Kiwi listening for hot tips, very dramatic but a bit corny because they stand out like rhubarb plants in a garden of pot.



Noddy the nong

By TIM SHADBOLT

Disorderly behaviour is that which offends a "right-thinking member of society" (RTMOS). RTMOS recently appeared in court for watching a couple doing a pornography act. RTMOS are scientists working long hours in laboratories—making napalm. RTMOS are army officers fighting against communism—in My Lai. RTMOS stagger up after the night before and pray for the hungry on Sunday—before golf. RTMOS are policemen whose job is to stop crime—like abortion in Australia, Chicago in America, 11.45 in New Zealand. But in Auckland we have the mostest RTMOS. That well-known watchdog of Auckland virgins and guardians of the city's morals—Mayor Noddy. Two days after Auckland's Capping Book appeared Noddy appeared wearily from his office. "I've read Auckland Capping Book 47 times and each time it grew more obscene. Disgusting," he said, with disgust.

"Auckland doesn't have illegitimacy, brothels, abortions, rape, stripping, because I can't see any," he said, looking out of the 9th floor. "But it does have a Capping Book." Mike Law and Richard Harman are now testifying before the Indecent Publications Tribunal. The National MP for Devonport Wharf says, "Stop their bursaries." Maidment claims it's only "a small sexy minority", the Tribunal says "It's immoral and why don't you just write a war comic" and the biggest free circus in the world begins—justice.

Recently, the Auckland P.Y.M. publicly denied that it was in any way responsible for the cracks in the Newmarket viaduct. This public denial came amid recent speculation by Mr Thompson who referred to them as the 'yellow cracks' and justified recent raids on all radical houses as being necessary to check the bluntness of Mao badge pins. Also confiscated was a baked bean tin that could have been used to store petrol if it didn't have baked beans in it. This followed allegations against P.Y.M. of blowing up courthouses and flagpoles, booking out New Plymouth hotels hiring launches to attack the Queen, and being paid by overseas powers. They were also blamed for causing 11.45 but after Mr Thompson denied 11.45 happened this accusation was dropped.

National paranoia over PYM has without doubt passed the point of absurdity. Are 40 or so kids—many of whom are school children of 15 or 16—really such a threat to NZ's security? On occasions PYM's youthful exuberance has surpassed their political shrewdness—but why should this make them the target of every leading politician, police officer and established liberal in the country?

Their image of violence does not match statistics—of the 206 political arrests in NZ since 1964 only 30 or 15% have been members of PYM. Of those charged with assault only 6 or 3.8% have been PYM. On the average demo (300) only about 40 would be PYM, but almost every one carries a flag.

Their aggressive attitude I would term as defensive. For example Bill Lee was arrested for publishing a molotov recipe which previously appeared in Craccum, Playboy, several war books, and the civil defence handbook. They have a long record of raids, false arrests, bus bugging and legal persecution (eg Cliff Kelsal has been 'on remand' since Sept. 7 for inciting—this means tri-weekly reporting as police refuse to present the case.)

Why all the fuss? The news media have created an image of PYM that makes the Hells Angels look like a mildly obstreperous church choir. During the last elections PYM got more news coverage than the Social Credit Party—NZ's 3rd biggest political party. It's just the old establishment trick—divide and rule by calling all opposition commies or commie sympathisers. Since the conquest of Czechoslovakia communism is almost respectable, the yellow peril is wearing a bit thin, and the old domino theme is crapping out a bit. So we have a new threat, PYM and any young person that demonstrates from now on is either a PYM or a PYM supporter.

Most of the older generation had to go and change their underwear after reading about the 'underworld' that was accused of harbouring our escaped prisoner friends. Fearful images of an efficient well organised Mafia type underworld began to appear in the poor misguided minds of 'Kiwi joe'. This justified 11.45's, security services etc. and proved to the average kiwi just how necessary it is that we live in a police state. And when the prisoners were found and the true story revealed that the men sought shelter from their ex-foreman and that the 'underworld' was only an illusion created by an over-paranoic police force trying to justify their existence for reasons other than just beating up demonstrators; was there any attempt to deny that an underworld exists in NZ? No, it's just another myth that will linger in the minds of every kiwi and will help increase the bigotry and prejudice that already exists towards anyone who transcends the great moral code of NZ justice.

In celebrating the misadventures of the Nazareth Kid (referred to by Christians as the crucifixion) Western civilisation has developed a primitive form of ancient sacrifice to the gods. Instead of giving up a dozen or so young virgins and slaying them on the altar we pick out a dozen or so people from all groups and on every religious holiday we squash them up inside a tin can as a sacrifice to our great god, Speedbooze. Yes we know they will die—but that's just part of our holiday ritual, and even the law sanctions this murder in a discreet sort of a way. Most accidents are caused by dangerous driving should be considered equal to attempted murder. With hypocritical moral fervour we convict those prepared to kill with a knife yet ignore those prepared to kill with a car—the greatest killer weapon of all. The problem is you see that although the law is the guardian human life it prefers its victims to have the right criminal image (maoris, hippies, demonstrators and social dropouts) and the majority of those guilty of dangerous driving are businessmen, apprentices and other pillars of society.

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A case for homosexuality

BY PHIL O'CARROLL

For the sake of brevity in this argument I will use 'homosexuality' to mean 'sexual intercourse in private between consenting adults of like sex'. Let us say also that the law 'forbids' a certain form of conduct when the operation of the legal system causes suffering or punishment or deprivation to those who are found to indulge that form of conduct.

Now if I am going to assent, with reason, that some laws ought or ought not exist, I will have to make appeal to some evaluative principle of law-making. I think I can formulate a principle to which we will all agree. Let me begin with a simplistic principle and try to refine it. Consider first the principle that the law in a given community ought to forbid a form of conduct if and only if that conduct causes harm to the people of that community. This principle is clearly too strong. In some cases, the prohibition of a form of conduct which causes some harm, causes even more harm. Prohibition of the consumption of liquor is an example. I think that the prohibition of homosexuality is another example, but I will put my case on a less controversial ground.

Let us modify the principle accordingly: the law should forbid a form of conduct if and only if that conduct causes more harm to the people than would its prohibition. But even this, I think, is too strong. There are some forms of conduct which people are considered to have a 'right' to indulge. That is, there are some forms of conduct which, it is felt, *must* be permitted, regardless of their consequences. Take for example, a legal system which is designed to safeguard the people's 'right' to vote freely in the election of their representatives to government.

Suppose a particular candidate were a totally incompetent administrator, then even though his appointment in government would do more harm than good, the law, to uphold this 'right', must not forbid that anybody vote for him. This raises the thorny question as to what the 'rights' of the people are.

I suggest that if there are any 'rights', the choice by consenting adults of their own harmless form of intercourse must surely be one, but I believe I can achieve my present purpose without appealing to 'rights'. Let us weaken our principle even further, into one with which, I hope, we will all agree: the law ought to forbid a form of conduct only if that conduct causes more harm than would its prohibition.

Now before we can apply this principle, we must decide more precisely what is to count as 'harm'. The notions of 'harm' which have been considered relevant can be examined under three broad headings: material harm, psychological harm, and moral harm. Let us relate these notions of harm, in turn, to the forms of conduct we are considering: those labelled under 'homosexuality'.

These activities are not particularly materially harmful. They do not in general cause loss of property, physical pain or injury. They do no more material harm than might heterosexuality. Prohibition of these activities does, however, cause material harm in a number of

ways. When in the application of our principle of harm avoidance, we are estimating the harmfulness of prohibition, we must not forget to take account of the harm wrought directly by legally prescribed punishments.

Firstly, material harm is suffered by the people who are brought to court and charged with these 'offences'. They are subjected to public exposure. This can cause loss of friends, jobs, money etc. If they are convicted they are subjected also to fines and/or incarceration in jails

The reform of pornography laws is overdue. The reform of nudity laws is overdue. The reform of most laws against sex is overdue. But homosexual law reform in particular, is long overdue. Nobody is benefiting from the laws against homosexuality except possibly a few blackmailers. One in twenty males is a potential criminal. One in twenty males is a potential victim of a social witchhunt, which is aided and abetted and finally consummated by the law. In retaining this law, our government is blacklisting 50,000 New Zealanders. O.K., so the government must do what the people want. But who wants this law? I give here a careful summary, based on the most uncontroversial ethical principles, of the reasons for abolishing the laws against homosexuals. I challenge anybody to produce sufficient reason to deny its conclusion.

or asylums. (not that the pointfulness of imprisoning homosexuals has been questioned on the grounds that the occurrence of homosexuality is higher in these sexually-segregated incarceration institutions than in the community as a whole.) Further material disorder, not officially effected by agents of the law, but nonetheless due to prohibition, is caused by the blackmail of homosexuals. Applying our principle then, interpreting harm as material harm, we must conclude that the law ought not forbid homosexual intercourse.

Now let us interpret 'harm' as psychological harm. (Notice that I have not raised the question as to which of these forms of harm the law *ought* to seek to minimize. But because I believe that harm in *all* these forms would be reduced by abolition of the laws under discussion, I will not consider that question here.) Some, in opposing the reform I urge, point out that these forms of conduct are aberrant on 'abnormal'. Now we can call a man's behavior 'abnormal' purely descriptively, to mean that his behavior is statistically abnormal, or evaluatively, to mean that the man is somehow malfunctioning. The

statistical abnormality of a form of behavior is no ground in itself for the legal prohibition of it. But let us assume, for our present purpose, that a person who indulges sexual intercourse with another of the same sex, is somehow malfunctioning, and that anything correcting this malfunction is reducing 'psychological harm'. What effect has our present law on such a person? Even psychologists who regard homosexuality as a malfunction will agree that prosecutions, penalties, public exposure and blackmail are not in fact successful forms of therapy. If anything, sustained treatment of this kind, they would agree, would tend to induce *more* malfunctions of personality. So, a consideration of psychological well-being would not seem to justify the prohibition of these activities.

Now let us interpret 'harm' as moral harm. There seem to be two theories proposing that the law of the land is responsible for the morals of the people. One view seems to be that the law should try to upgrade the people's morals. Leaving aside the problem as to whose moral code the law should seek to 'enforce', I object to this theory on the grounds that law-enforcement is not moral guidance anyway—on the ethical grounds that to bring sufficient constraints or threats to bear upon a person to prevent him from acting in a manner considered 'immoral' is not to thereby make him moral. Assuming for the sake of argument that the homosexual person is immoral, how can the removal of legal persecution, constraints and threats, make him more immoral? The blackmail and ineffectual punishment which he at present suffers are surely *more* cold-blooded, *more* deliberate—*more* clearly immoral—than homosexuality itself.

The other, more common, view is that the law ought to seek to prevent any decline in the moral standards in the community. But an application of our principle, with this interpretation of moral harm, still does not justify the prohibitions in question. What decline in the moral standards would follow the abolition of these laws? A person whose sexual motivation is purely heterosexual is not going to become homosexual just because homosexuality is no longer against the law. A person who already indulges in homosexual activity would become less persecuted, not less moral. But, it might be claimed, a person whose sexual motivation is homosexual, but who has not yet made homosexual contact, may become disinhibited by the abolition of the laws forbidding it. The sad truth is, however, that legal reform would not carry with it a change in social attitudes. Many forms of discrimination will persist for a long time yet, regardless of the law. Legal reform would not affect the massive but insidious social deterrent to homosexual contact, but could only relieve persecution in its most blatant forms and remove any legal sanction from this finally unjustifiable form of persecution of man by man.

I have considered the reform of these laws purely in terms of the avoidance of harm. I have tried to show that harm in various forms would be reduced by abolition of these laws. I have not discussed what positive benefits could follow reform. I feel that the case is complete without mentioning these, but there is no harm in pointing out, finally, that our every twentieth friend, relation or neighbour, our homosexuals, might be a little happier.

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Thinking 'bout you?

One of A.U.'s self styled "older" students, J.N. TREMEWAN, an MA student in politics, chanced to overhear the following conversation recently and thought other students might be interested . . .

"Good morning Doctor. . . not so good really. I've got a problem. . . No, nothing like that but I do have this strange feeling quite often. . . Well, you see, it's difficult to describe but I really am suffering—you see, a few months ago I was released from my school prison and no I'm at Varsity and—you see I was reading this magazine and. . . No, Doctor. There are hardly any articles on self-analysis in Pix these days. The magazines are devoting all their efforts to exposing society's problems—really important things like—well I mean alienation. . . and well, there's a lot of alienation about, isn't there, and I wondered. . . No! I am NOT imagining things. I'm sure that's what I've got. I'm the right age and after all, that's what they're on about at Albert Park all the time isn't it, and a lot of those people, they know! . . . It is NOT nonsense. I mean look at the mess the oldies have landed us in. . . Of course I could do better. . . It's so obvious I can't imagine why the oldies can't see it. Probably because they've sold their souls to the Yanks in exchange for rotten money and easy living. . . Well, that's what Jim says. . . my boyfriend and he says. . . well, he ought to. He's 20 and anyhow he showed me the sort of rotten oppressive society we live in. . . We were at the Big I you see, and we were just sitting on the footpath and the fuzz told us to move on. I mean who do they think they are? . . . we were only chanting, "1-2-3-4, Get Out Agnew, Stop The War" and these fuzz. . . It was before midnight anyhow! See. We are not free to do our own thing in our own time! . . . Jim says that people who can afford to stay at the Big I must be Establishment anyway so why should we care about them—they're probably Yanks anyhow and who wants Yanks here? . . . My parents? Well they thought I was at a party. They wouldn't understand and I've simply got to stand up for my principles haven't I? . . . I DO believe. What moral right have we to try to tell the North Vietnamese what sort of government they should have? It's my democratic right to say so and I can't even sit on a footpath that my father pays rates on. So Jim's right and it's not surprising that I'm alienated. . . No. It's not self-diagnosis. I'm asking you. In any case, who will understand me if I don't try to

understand myself? Not the oldies. They're just hypocrites and they suck up everything that the Herald says. . . Me? Well, I just don't believe anything in a newspaper. Talking about oldies, just look how that dreadful man Muldoon has everyone fooled. You can tell by the way he smiles that he's a bad man. Look at the way he smirked at poor Dr Finlay when he wasn't feeling well on T.V. It's no wonder the country is going to the dogs with him in power. . . You can see it by reading Craccum. I know some of the people who write for Craccum and they know where it's at. . . Well, Craccum speaks for everyone in the University doesn't it? And if you can't believe University people. . . Well anyhow, Doctor, you can see why I feel alienated. . . Oh, that's not fair! I've a right to do my own thing in my own time—I'm a rational human being aren't I? Who has the right to tell me what to do? I'm 18 and I can see through the oldies. . . yes, that too. I mean the oldies have their booze and booze is worse. That's just hypocrisy. There's nothing wrong with it. . . Well, no. I haven't tried it but Jim says he has often. . . Of course I voted for it. I can make a rational decision. Jim voted for it too. Anyhow what do the oldies know about it? This is youth's time in history. . . just look at the oldies' bunfight for Charlie and Anne Windsor—that's what Jim calls them—at Western Springs. We showed the oldies we couldn't be fooled. . . Well we had a Super-Rhubarb in Albert Park at the same time and we encouraged everyone to come and do their own thing in their own time and just groove. . . well no, I stayed home—it was raining so I watched T.V. instead—and look at the students who returned their invitations to the Y.M.C.A. thing. That should show them that oldies don't know what a typical Kiwi wants. . . yes, I think I'm typical. Anyhow it was just the neat and groovy artists that dragged all those thousands to Western Springs—that's what Jim says anyway. . . My parents—they're so straight it's unbelievable. The establishment personified—would you believe they laughed when Tim Shadbolt and the P.Y.M. girl were on Gallery? I got so mad I went and watched on my bedroom portable—and they're so tight! They say if I go flatting I'll have to buy my own clothes and ball-frocks cost a fortune! Anyhow flatting's out because I'd be lost without the car. Anyway you can see why I'm alienated from them. . . well surely you must agree that I've got to do my own. . . That's not a very nice thing to say. Anyway, I can't see why I came to you. You must be at least thirty. How could I expect you to understand youth's principles?"

NZUSA must change equal pay aims

By JOCELYN LOGAN

At Easter Council the Education Committee of the NZUSA passed a resolution calling for higher bursaries for women students. This developed from research carried out by Education Officer, Lindsay Wright, which indicated that women can earn \$150 less than men over the long vacation.

As an ardent advocate of women's liberation I might be expected to be pleased. I am not; I think that this is the wrong tactic to adopt, both ethically and politically. There are two main issues involved: Why do women students earn so much less than men, and what effect does this have on them?

The answer to the first question is simple. Seasonal employment generally means unskilled, menial or labouring jobs, and for this the female worker is paid about 1/2 to 2/3 of the wage her male counterpart receives. As a tobacco worker in Motueka the award rate gave me the handsome wage of 42c per

hour for work which paid a man, the same age, 70 to 80c. In city jobs the ruling rate for women is about 65c.

The effects of this inequality are various. Some women students take three jobs, during the day, night and weekend; others are forced to bond themselves to a studentship. While those from rich families can be supported from home, the worst effect of poorly paid holiday jobs is that many girls and especially those from working class families cannot get to university at all. The financial problem helps to account for the fact that 3 out of 4 students are men.

INTERIM MEASURE

Obviously drastic action is needed and NZUSA realised this. Their concern is commendable but I maintain that they have chosen the wrong mode of action. By recommending higher bursaries they have elected to confront the effects and not the cause of the problem. Not only is this a stop-gap measure which

ignores the real cause—discriminatory wage scales, but it is exactly the kind of measure which perpetuates the exploitation.

By its nature this move could remove the impetus for real, radical reform of the wage structure. Without being elitist, I think that it is fair to assume that the working women of New Zealand should be able to look to women students for informed and intelligent support on this issue. However as most students will go on to professional or government jobs where salaries are already equal, vacation work is probably the only time in the life of a woman student when she realises how abysmal are the wages of

working women.

Academic theory and altruism are fine but it is hard experience that gives the will to fight the kind of tough political struggle that awaits us on this question. If present women students are cushioned against reality by a higher bursary scheme then I cannot see them getting very excited about their less fortunate sisters. I am quite sure that those who have a vested economic interest in keeping women as a cheap labour pool, would be among the most delighted to see students bought off as potential leaders in the fight for equal pay.

SRC ANSWER

I raised this question at SRC last week and was countered on two points—that higher bursaries would help get more girls into university right now, and that it is an interim political measure, easier to push for than the whole equal pay platform.

These are very good points, worth serious answers. My answers are that while I think higher bursaries might help bring more women into varsity, the reasons why they are not here now are very complex and I don't think there would be a miraculous immediate increase.

Not one sufficient to warrant subverting our real aim.

Also I think that it is a moot point that it would be that much easier politically to press for higher bursaries. It would still require much lobbying which would be better devoted to the main issue.

If it was easy it would be because this policy actually helps entrenched economic interests, and the politicians who accepted it would use it as a means of saving the present system, not shaking it.

Should we drop our call for higher bursaries for women, those who will suffer will be girls of university age now. As one who knows only too well the financial handicaps of being a female student, I think it is worthwhile bearing them for a little longer to gain a real structural change, which can affect the lives of all the women of New Zealand, not just for three years at varsity, but for good.

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The word from Gay Shorter at Jennifer Dean is that maxi and midi coats look like being popular. . . for the tall, slender girl. The maxi and midi may be repeated in woollen skirts with exotic embroidery around the hem. A word of caution for anyone with a figure remotely resembling mine: stick to above knee lengths, the new lengths are strictly for willow types!

Gay says, "Pale blue and pale pink are OUT: colours this year are wine, purple, dark green, lilac, honey rust and ginger."

Trouser suits at J.D. are interesting this year: there is less of the conventional "3 piece suit", which none the less still goes on in a more casual style, and more tunic suits. The top serves as a mini-dress when you don't want to wear your full-trouser suit. They have little wool-jersey shirts which are very soft, comfortable to wear, and look great.

You know, coats are no longer just coats, but dresses and trouser suit jackets as well. . . a very attractive look this—especially for the tall girls. The evergreen vetted shirt dress becomes a great casual trouser suit tip. Just think—the "pants with everything" look means a minimum outlay on the expense of our lives—panti-hose!

Not all the fashion secrets are out yet, there will be enough of a selection around by the time bursaries are out, to make you mad with delight!

However, please don't forget when you're applying for discounts to take along your signed I.D. card. A final word on fashion—I noticed J.D. are still making bikinis for all those lucky birds who are still slim and brown to show themselves at Waiwera in mid-July. I've got the "brown" part, but the "slim" bit has eluded me for many years. . .

Well, we've got Wine Soc, Pipe Soc, Deb Soc, Yacht Soc and every type of soc, so why not a Pottery-makers society (shortened to PotSoc) At pottery classes at Penrose High School, have noticed several familiar faces from varsity and many bobs about have expressed interest in forming a club. All we need is a few bright sparks to take the initiative.

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If you are lucky enough to be travelling overseas this year, remember the Student Travel Bureau on the top floor of the Student Union Building. There is no student discount as such; the 30% discount is arranged on the basis of group travel. 750 students used the Bureau last year, but this year seems set to break all records.

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Professor Irwin, lecturer in psychology recently returned from the U.S.A. where he spent the past year. Last week he gave a talk on "The Future of the Social Sciences in the U.S.A." to the Behavioural Science Society.

"The future looks promising in the short-run: the influence of the social sciences on policy at all levels of Government will increase. America is in a social turmoil; problems of race and crime are demanding solutions, so legislators are looking to whoever they can."

Professor Irwin first spent seven weeks in Seattle with his wife's parents in a "pepid" district in which black and white live together in the same area. Travelling by bus, he found no hostility or segregation: the ratio of black to white in buses is 3:1. The professor spent the next six months at Brown University in Providence: a private Ivy League type college. While there he continued research on animal hearing. Later at Syracuse University in Upstate New York he worked on human hearing.

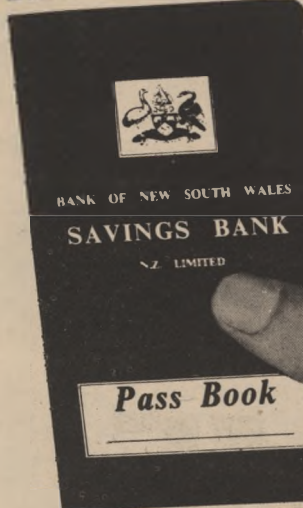
Reports from the Commission on the Role of the Social Sciences have been given widespread publicity in America and the proportion of money spent on the behavioural sciences is increasing: from \$40 million in 1958 to \$279 million in 1968.

A report sponsored by the National Academy of Science recommended an annual report on the social status of the nation be made and that social science should have greater representation on the President's committees. Another report sponsored by the National Science Foundation indicated that many goofs in public policy were attributable to the failure of government to use knowledge already gained by social scientists. The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which was set up at the direction of President Johnson submits that violence on T.V. promotes violence in Society at large. However the T.V. industry rejects this notion, at the same time as it spends \$2.5 million on T.V. advertising!

Proff. Irwin, "Some social scientists are concerned with being expected to provide solutions for social issues, when solutions are not possible. . . the danger is to play God, because there is a very great need for God!

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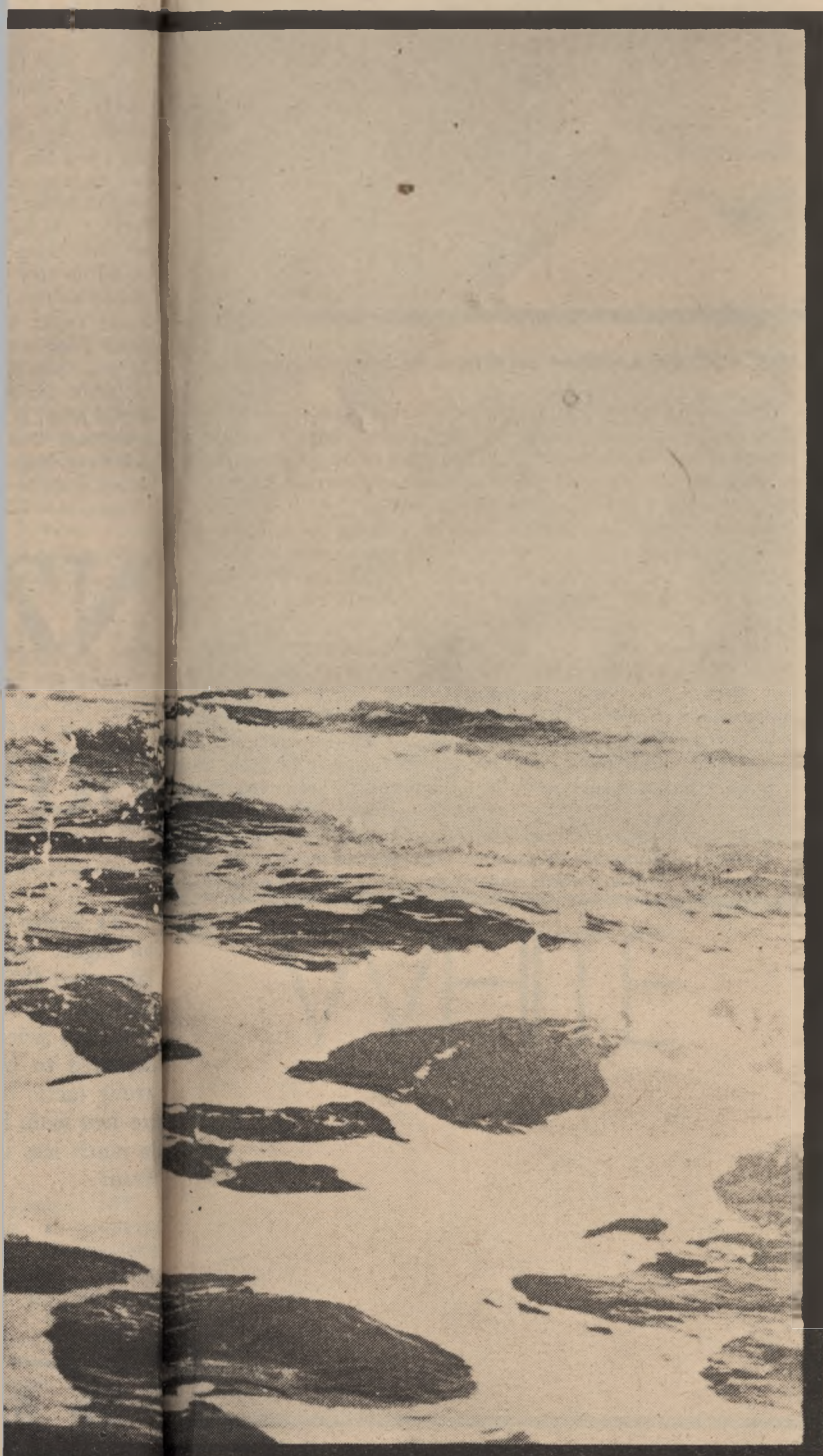
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THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT at the Odeon

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The film is set in the Parisian district of Chaillot. In the opening scenes French students battle with the notorious CRS (the 'anti-riot' police) during one of the last attacks in the May 1969 'French Revolution'. One of the students, Richard Chamberlain, is tricked into an act of terrorism by his unscrupulous uncle the Prospector, played by Donald Pleasence. His plot fails but at this moment the main theme of the film becomes apparent.

In a cafe in Chaillot an unholy alliance of the key representatives of the 'Unshakable Structures of Society' are devising a diabolical scheme. The Chairman and head of a dozen corporations is played by Yul Brynner at his very best. Charles Boyer, still exuding charm,

appears as the Stockbroker; Paul Henreid as the General, reminiscent of a Dr Strangelove; John Gavin is brilliant as the hell-fire Evangelist and Oscar Homolka achieves classic success as the 'old left' Communist Party boss. These 'dirty half dozen' are caught in a web of greed spun so cleverly by the Madwoman, Katharine Hepburn.

An exceptionally touching and beautiful love affair involves the Student and Irma, a waitress acted by Nanette Newman. In the scene in which they are brought together by the Madwoman, Katharine Hepburn expresses her own deep love of humanity.

Dame Edith Evans (*The Whisperers*) plays the perpetually Emancipationist, presiding over the 'People's Court' at which the Ragpicker (Danny Kaye), in a five minute tirade, powerfully exposes the decayed soul of a perverted society.

A great film: based on the play by Jean Giraudoux and chosen as the US entry for the Expo 70 film festival.

Frank La



MAX ADRIAN: As G.B.S., Mercury Theatre, April 6

A diverting experience it was to see an actor of the mannerism of Max Adrian masquerading as the wilful and priggish George Bernard Shaw, and attempting no less to take on the flesh of the person and to make Shaw interesting. Momentarily unsettled by the graceful patter of applause that was effected as the gentleman-actor entered and seeming for the first five minutes at least to be unable to comprehend that there was, after all, no-one in the balconies, Max Adrian took revenge by hurling himself at the Shavian mythos with scant regard for the ease of his spectators. His style was decidedly antique, interested only in establishing the surface of Shaw, the fiction which, the latter claimed, 'was that of a clown, a miser, a stern man, a mocker of all that was sacred, a callous man. There was little variation on the theme. The impersonation of the Irish had its moments but was erratic and irritating the more the evening bore on—the massive intervals did not serve to alleviate the scratching yet determined patience of those who wore on with Adrian to the fitful ending. And what an ending it was. As the lights dimmed, the reclining 'Shaw' slowly pulled a blanket over his body until only the grey wig remained atop the tartan.

The problem was simply that of taking an uninteresting fiction to begin with, and then using an inept concoction of letters, biographical details and some of the more silly incidents from conversations of the historical Shaw. Adrian's acting was too careful and mannered to outwit the artless text provided for him by Michael Voysey—there was a beginning and an ending but there was no heart in the matter. The aging of the man was simplistic, the acting was just static while the script was merely chronological. The incontinent prig that Shaw was unenlightened by the overt idealism that he later adorned himself with, the actor and his character were congruent only in the middleclass pretences of both their crafts. This was best seen when Adrian became Shaw the dramatic and musical critic—the endless parody of Henry Irving as old man which was afterwards used by Adrian to point to a deliberate self-parody in Shaw's death. It was one of the few notions that had a concession to the premise of theatre, and was consequently misunderstood by all.

The standing ovation (by three) was indicative of the general exhaustion of the spectators and the coy joining of hands of Adrian (when one almost expected him to blow kisses to that empty balcony) indicative of his performance.

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MAX ADRIAN: As Gilbert and Sullivan, Mercury Theatre, April 7.

Max Adrian's attempt to give some understanding to Gilbert Sullivan was an example of the classic bore. Because of his interpretation was so much a personal thing all we got was an evening of Max Adrian; we were aware of him as Gilbert or Sullivan only because he had a sign in front of him saying so.

In the attempt to present Gilbert & Sullivan, Adrian has used a mass of information, dates, names, events and most unfortunately a string of quotable quotes, which really mean nothing. With this fairly simple array of information, Adrian mapped out a clear chronological account of the two separate lives and in collaboration.

Unfortunately he gave no real indication of character and certainly not in depth. Sullivan's sometime dislike of composing for the Savoy was stated but not understood. Neither were we given any appreciation of Gilbert's attitude to his words. All we got were two Max Adrians playing two other men who seemed very much the same.

This style of performance is now quite old though this is not to say it has no business to be on the 20th Century stage. Information rattled off is not sufficient to present characters, they must be created.

Adrian's performance should have been wedded much more closely to what was written (words and music). As it was the performance was just a bore.

J.D.



PDQ BACH/AT CARNEGIE HALL/WITH PROF PETER SCHICKELE/VANGUARD STEREO

The main fault of this record, which it shares with many other good comic records, is that it is a 'once only'. Few of us will invest an absurdly large amount of money in a record that is a huge joke the first two hearings, and then is stowed away to be brought out about once a year to entertain one's fourth-form brother or resident nymphet.

PDQ Bach, for those who have not encountered him before, is Joe Bach's 21st son who was reportedly rediscovered by Peter Schickele (who more recently wrote the song arrangements for Joan Baez's David's Album) who here gives a concert of some of his reputed works.

Bach lovers will appreciate the stylish musical jokes composed by the M'Gonegal of classical music.

Side one has the grand oratorio *The Seasonings* containing such gems as "By the leeks of Babylon/There we sat down, yea, we wept" or the final chorus "To curry favour, favour curry".

The instrumentation of this piece is of interest. There are obligatory passages for kazoo, slide whistle, windbreaker and shower hose...

Side two contains a little gem called the *Pervertimento* for bagpipes, bicycle and balloons. Few pleasures can equal that of hearing bagpipes played in an orchestra suite. The horrifyingly rowdy, vivid and tuneless notes easily penetrate my thick concrete walls and turn on half of Grafton.

Performance standard could be called polished but homely—rather like a virtuoso group of musicians (and they are good) trying to sound like Hamilton's annual Messiah.

The first major irritation is the inevitable loud American comic patter with which Schickele introduces the various numbers and soon this spreads to the whole record as the jokes, musical and verbal, wear thin.

The Carnegie Hall concert was, I'm sure, a huge success, comparable with the various Hoffnung festivals and Victor Borge in its polish and sheer fun. But like Borge and Hoffnung, any attempt to set down a musical happening on record is a sad mistake. In the hands of a rash or shallow man, this record could be inflicted on people dozens of times a day, causing suffering and boredom.

I've played mine twice now. Does anyone want a free record? If not, I'll use it as a lampshade—Max Oettli 12 Grafton Road.

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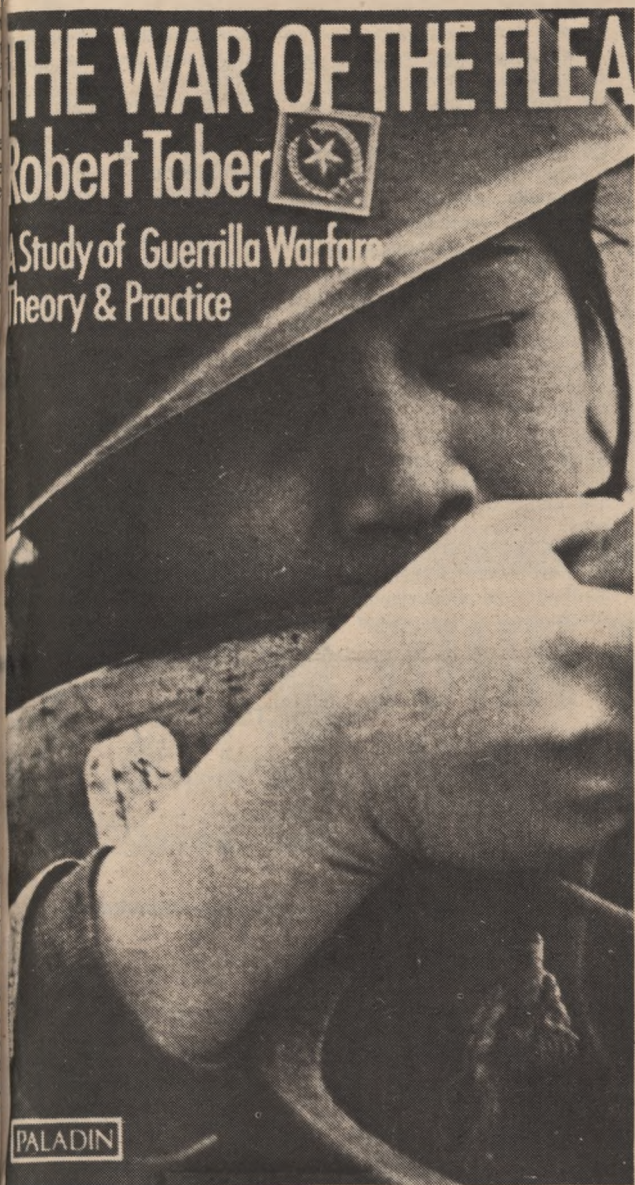
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THE WAR OF THE FLEA/Robert Taber Paladin Books.

"The guerilla fights the war of the flea, and his military enemy suffers the dog's disadvantages: too much to defend, too small, ubiquitous, and agile an enemy to come to grips with."

Despite the graphic analogy, Taber has nothing new to say. What he does say is a fashionable regurgitation of Guevara and Debray. Some Ho Chi Minh, Mao, plus assorted colleagues, is thrown in for colour.

Taber is as much the detached observer as he is the chronic plagiarist. A renegade from Tennessee, his life has been spent reporting, in succinct journalese, "revolutions in Central America, North Africa, and the Caribbean". He was critically wounded fighting for Castro's Cuba in the Bay of Pigs fiasco. He has also had the prestige of interviewing Castro. (!!) (himself) (such joy for a journalist!)

Which is all very fine and noble. And very much the reason for the presentation of a second hand text-book. Taber sympathizes with the popular liberation fronts around the world, but has never participated in one of them.

But he has followed them, and so the book covers just what one might expect it to cover: guerilla warfare: its political motivation; political and military objectives; the organized base (acknowledgement to Guevara); transition to civil war and protracted

war (acknowledgement to Mao); colonial rebellion (acknowledgement to Giap); the political use of terrorism (acknowledgement to Grivas); the art of guerilla warfare (acknowledgement to Sun Tzu).

Taber concludes his book with a forecast of guerilla activity affecting the USA both at home and abroad. "The confrontation of American wealth, influence, industrial power, and in the showdown, American arms, with guerilla movements in every major area of US interest." NZ too? Well perhaps. And in the land of the great white god itself?

"Although large scale revolution may not be imminent, it seems safe to predict that within the next decade, the US is certain to face grave challenges to its leadership." But even J.E. Hoover can see that! Taber himself, remains uncertain through it all. "I may have underestimated the revolutionary potential of the militant black liberation movement in the US. It remains to be seen". What Taber has to say about third world revolution however, has already been seen. He writes as one would expect a reporter for a left-wing Time magazine to write. His language is trendy and clicky. The American army finds the book easy to read. That monolith bought out the entire first printing of the book for use as an officers' text. It doesn't really seem to have helped much.

Stephen Chan

WHITE

PAINTINGS FROM PAREMATA/ROBIN WHITE/MOLLER'S GALLERY

"There is no theme apart from landscape pure and simple. I am more concerned with transitions in shape and colour," says Robin White in the catalogue for this exhibition.

Some 57 paintings—mainly watercolours, pencil sketches and monoprints make up the exhibition. All are concerned with the good old New Zealand theme of hills and valleys.

Parked outside the gallery while I was at the exhibition was a Kiwi Bacon Truck. These trucks have painted on their sides a kiwi standing on a small mound under a cabbage tree, in a valley of converging hill ferns. Kelliher, McCahon and all that is the New Zealand art scene move around Auckland on the side of this truck. Robin White would probably be better off painting bacon trucks because her painting bears a remarkable resemblance to the signwriters' icons on the side of the truck.

"Landscape, pure and simple" implies simplification and rationalization of the forms that make up the land structure.

Robin White has done this to a limited extent. Her watercolours of the Raglan hills suggest the rhythmic smooth mounds that are blown into place by the seawinds. But the solidity of the hills has been muffled by monotonous painting. There is little suggestion of light and the boldness that one looks for in a simplified form is not there. They are too complicated to be effective. The Paremata hills that she paints are slightly more successful but again there is confusion in the handling of the light.

There is little contrast in her pencil drawings and the lines are too soft. It would be interesting to see some of her rough sketches.

The oils and graphics deal with "man's often insensitive treatment of the land", and to show this she slashes earth-coloured shapes into the middle of green sombre hills. Only some of the Geoff Tune box houses in their Dulux colours look like an attack on the landscape. Everything is too feminine, too soft and too hesitant.

This was not really an inspiring exhibition but if Robin White can lose some of her tenseness and resist the temptation to paint softly, she could make it.—R. Hamman

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Cambodia-one man's view

By D. F. LORKING, MA student in philosophy

The right-wing military coup in Cambodia, ousting the neutralist Prince Sihanouk, almost certainly had at least the implicit approval of the United States. It is also probable that some sort of understanding had been reached with the right-wing military regimes in South Vietnam and Thailand: neighbours of Cambodia, and traditionally hostile to it, but the most likely sources of support in a conflict with North Vietnam.

The geographical situation of the three countries explains the long-standing vulnerability of Cambodia to pressure from both Thais and South Vietnamese, which made Sihanouk detest both of them, as well as their U.S. patrons.

The map also suggests the temptation of an anti-communist—or, more rationally, an anti-North Vietnamese alliance between the three countries. In addition, there was the temptation to the U.S. of an arrangement which would enable them to attack at will the communist bases in Cambodia used for attacking South Vietnam.

Certainly, Sihanouk had not sought the U.S. embrace with any ardour. Tacit acceptance of the communist troops contented them, at least for the time being, but trying to remove them from the country will probably start a devastating war. Under right-wing political pressure, Sihanouk was forced to try and charm Russia and China into pressing the North Vietnamese to reduce their use of Cambodia; and his own unavailing preoccupation in foreign capitals made the coup more simple.

Cambodia's military weakness now leaves her—and her allies, if any—in a nasty situation if fighting with the communists develops. The new government announced (Sunday March 29) that it would be neutral, hoping for good relations with North Vietnam, the Viet Cong, and China, and seeking diplomatically for the removal of communist troops. It seems at best unlikely that the communists will be more eager to oblige a right wing government than they were to co-operate with a neutralist.

RELUCTANT

However, although North Vietnam has considerable uncommitted army reserves, it must at present be reluctant to stretch its resources by starting a war in Cambodia.

It is therefore possible that the present situation, enlivened by hostile demonstrations of force on either side, may continue—though on a more precarious basis than before.

But Sihanouk has requested communist aid in chucking out the new regime, and it seems that he retains a lot of popular support in Cambodia. The new government is therefore likely to

be ineffective.

It seems most probable that fighting will spread. Any increased U.S. involvement in this particular situation is likely to be as embarrassing and futile—and destructive—as the intervention in South Vietnam.

But the poor bloody Cambodians will go through the military mincer, with increasing likelihood that their country will be partitioned between

they are wrong. But they are necessary if anything substantial is to be said. In any case, I am not a politician worried about face; and they can hardly be more misleading than the official predictions we have been fed for the past 25 years or so concerning political developments in Vietnam. (One bright bloom among many: Secretary of Defence McNamara believing that the United States could leave a

Asian policies. Those of us who criticized their involvement in Vietnam seem to have been basically correct, and it may be hoped that independent criticism can modify our Government's attitudes to Asia and to communist governments there. Communism, after all, is a more or less reasonable response to some kinds of economic situation.

Certainly, we have enjoyed thinking that certain Asian nations have been on "our side", largely because their rulers have values appropriate to our type of economy—though not to our politics. If we leave Asians to run their own affairs and fight their own wars, then "our side" may quite often lose. It must also be admitted that the North Vietnamese are trying to expand, as they always have done under strong governments for the last thousand years or so.

DOMINO

But clearly, nothing here supports the notorious "domino theory"—which, like most political theories, contains a little truth and much lunacy. It was propounded by the Bolsheviks more than 50 years ago, and for some odd reason refurbished by Eisenhower in 1954. The Russian communist leaders were trying to convince themselves, or someone, that the Russian revolution of 1917 would set the dominoes tumbling all over Europe; but they were about as wrong as they could have been. Eisenhower suggested that just one communist takeover in South East Asia would set the Asian countries tumbling. He too ignored the real differences in social and political conditions between different countries. Whether these conditions are conducive to communism or not, they are unlikely to be much improved by military devastation.

The strength and independence of small countries like Cambodia, Laos, and South Vietnam must depend on people united behind acceptable political leaders. Without this, pro-government intervention by other nations is unlikely to be effective and very likely to do a great deal of harm to the lands and people. (Compare South Vietnam.)

Such unity is unlikely to be achieved when peasants in

wretched conditions have imposed on them the unsympathetic and anti-socialist governments which are, as anti-communist barriers, hopefully supported by the U.S. and N.Z. The fear of communists reflected in our governments' attitudes is summed up in the well-known image of North Vietnamese descending on this country in their sampans.

We need some sympathy for the political motives of many of the peasants in many of the Asian countries. They are not just peculiar dissident Kiwis who have a different skin colour and are irrationally ungrateful for the benefits of capitalism. They are poor, often desperately poor. Many of them are heavily diseased for most of their lives. Their life expectancies vary from about 30 to about 40. They must work, for much of the year at least, under grindingly monotonous conditions, and for long hours, that an employer in New Zealand would find illegal—even if he paid well. Many of their countries have had uninspiring experiences with white colonialism. Many of these people have known capitalism in its most vicious forms, involving landlords and moneylenders and governments we would not

tolerate in N.Z.

My own opinion is that who at present advocates revolution in N.Z. is an irresponsible fool; but we should respect the need for revolution upheaval if people in some countries are to have any chance of obtaining what we are not enough to regard as minimum conditions. It is to be hoped we can manage this without violence. But in any case, we should be extremely careful with governments we support. It is enough that they oppose communism. For commitments to make sense, allies should support the political values we require for ourselves.

I claim no special access to information or revelation concerning S.E. Asia. Like an amateur journalist, my writing has been hastily written with limited facilities for research. It is a serious article in that it not knowingly relied on untidy or on twisted argument. Anyone can contribute to discussion by pointing out faults, I hope they will contribute to a constructive exchange of ideas which may lead to better understanding and a necessary basis for political decisions by individuals as well as governments.



Vietnamese—communist or anti-communist, or both—and perhaps Thais. Only Sihanouk's mastery of the political tightrope seems to have avoided war of this type before now.

PREDICTIONS

These predictions are certainly risky, in that I may look silly if

stable anti-communist government in Saigon to look after itself by 1965.)

The reliability of predictions is the most important test of one's assumptions, information, and outlook: governments of the U.S. and N.Z. have under this test failed badly in forming their

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RACING

Firm tracks at both Waipa and Gate Park saw many of the better performed summer horses recapture their earlier form. Star Doctor won well in his second start since coming back from a short spell. Trainer O'Sullivan has been very patient with this horse and he could develop into a top class three year old.

Babura followed his two Ellerslie places with a good second at Tauranga. A four-year-old Le Filou mare, Babura won at Tauranga last month and can be expected to win again soon. Another to win well at Tauranga was the Thames trained Defender. This horse has been training well for some time now and is highly thought of on the Hauraki Plains. Defender was fairly well supported at Paeroa and Waipa, but was unable to muster sufficient speed over the spring distances. Last week he won convincingly by five lengths over ten and a half furlongs, and he is expected to hold this form in hack events. Last week he returned odds of more than fifty to one and as the public often tends to neglect longshot winners, he should again be at good odds next start.

Opal Aqua has been travelled widely in an attempt to clear maiden ranks, so the win at Tauranga was long overdue. Opal Aqua's sire Allenby has been doing well recently mainly due to the efforts of Anticipation and Bo Allen. With Opal Aqua now winning, this record should be improved over the next few months.

Very few horses sired by former Melbourne Cup winner, Even Stevens, have failed to win races. Two more of his progeny, Phone Call and Fast Asleep, should clear maiden class before too long. Only the incredible last minute run by highweight horse Seven Laurels, stopped Phone Call gaining his first win last week.

Previously he had failed over nine and a half furlongs at Rotorua after finishing second last month at Tauranga. This horse should be backed next time he starts in a novice mile or seven furlong race. Fast Asleep has been placed four times in his last five starts. This horse raced well when finishing third behind Spes at Waipa and should be able to win his first race before too long.

Before Easter Craccum named Trutone as a quick improver and a possible Easter Handicap winner. He had no show in the Easter after drawing badly, but he trained on well and had no difficulty winning last week's open sprint. Already trainer Winter is reported to be talking about another Australian campaign, but local punters should be able to collect again off this Fair's Fair horse over the next few weeks.

With the announcement that the Riverton trainer, W.J. Hills is again bringing a big team north for the Waikato-Ellerslie jumping circuit, tremendous attention has been focussed on the prospects of local jumpers. Clyde Conway's Waiuku team have been racing prominently lately, especially the well performed highweight, Gold Aura. This horse has already started twenty-five times this season and won a couple of highweights late last year. After schooling excellently over eight flights at Matamata last Thursday Gold Aura had no trouble in winning the Jumpers Flat at Tauranga. At Ellerslie over Easter he was fourth in the St. Heliers Hurdles so with this recent run behind him, he can be expected to score over the fences in the coming months. Coming Right has been winning recently on the flat and relished the winter going when he won at Ellerslie. He too has been schooling well lately and with stablemate Big Time he should ensure that Conway has a successful winter season.

Castle Dee is another northerner to win recently. At Ellerslie he gained a notable double when he won both steeplechases in his first attempts over the bigger fences. Earlier in his career this Castle Dinnington gelding won races on the flat. He dead heated with Terrific at Ellerslie a couple of years back and proved his stamina with a place in an Auckland Cup. When trained at Takanini by J. Davis he won several hurdle races and his new trainer, L. Ford, has set him for the Great Northern.

Robert Earl is another local jumper who may again defeat the top southerners. A very underrated horse, Robert Earl won last year's Grand National at Riccarton. Robert Earl is unable to muster early speed and consequently gets up to twenty lengths behind for the first mile or so. However he is a solid jumper and has abundant stamina, and three times over the hill in the Great Northern should see him near the front at the finish. The other main hopes in the North at the moment are Mr Softy, Castle View and MacDonald. MacDonald repeatedly shies off the last fence at Ellerslie and over Easter he again swerved out even though his rider rode him right into the fence. If MacDonald can overcome this shyness he may surprise this winter. However he is still a risky proposition at Ellerslie but he could be a winner at Waikato.

Last Saturday's cup win for Gene came as no surprise to those who have followed this horse. Early in his career he was a top sprinter and created an Australasian record when winning last season's George Adams mile. A couple of years before he combined with Royal Sheen in a monster double when he won the Railway. On that occasion Norm Holland rode him from behind the leaders, but last week he had him in front almost from the jump. Although it appeared on television as if Johnny Cash was catching Gene at the end, it was quite obvious to on-course patrons that Holland did not ride him out and he could quite easily have lasted out another furlong.

Mike Law

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Women rowers 'leaden' training

The Auckland University women's rowing team began training every day of the week from mid-November. Winter training had amounted to workouts five times a week.

The crew consists of Paula Storey, who rows bow, is 22 the wife of Olympic gold medallist Dudley Storey, Liz a Bachelor of Arts, who is now working towards a B. is a secondary school physical education instructor, Monzari who is 19 and a dental nurse, and Lesley Keys 26 who rows stroke oar and is a primary school teacher.

August 1969 the N.Z. Rowing Association held that the team which won the National Championships go to Australia to compete. With this goal in view the have been training under John Patterson for the last years.

During the New Year the girls training at Karapiro. Training consisted of 12 mile and sprints. A major part of rowing was done, towing a of lead behind a boat. Their training work-outs during the consisted of 9 lots of 500

was not until they were handicapped 25 seconds at Tauranga Regatta that they were beaten and then only by 12 inches. In non-handicap races the Varsity Women's Four had won the regattas at Whakatane, Hamilton, North Shore, West End and the Auckland Championships.

NEW TEAM

At the N.Z. Championships at Lake Waiholo in Dunedin the Auckland University team won by three lengths. But as the girl who rowed bow in the team decided to pull out of the team the N.Z.W.R.A. decided to send a composite crew to Australia. This meant fresh tests for a crew which had already proved itself over successive years to be the best in New Zealand.

The team finally selected consisted of Lesley, Loris, Liz and



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Anne (The Varsity team with reserve Ann Balcombe replacing Paula Storey) plus two more girls Marilen Heglum and Judy Hedges. These girls will make up a four oar and a pair.

These girls are currently training every night at North Shore R.C. with Tuesday night an "ergometer night". The ergometer is a device on which the girl sits and "pulls her own weight" for three minutes. Training on this machine leaves the girls in a well-known condition, with all the exertion and none of the pleasure.

Two weeks ago the girls rowed in the first ever Ladies eights race in N.Z. Having trained for two nights in an eight the girls proceeded to win.

The first team of Lesley, Loris, Liz and Ann won at Easter Tournament. In the mixed fours the A.U. girls took first and third placings.

NEED HELP

Following the N.Z.U. Championships the girls went on a two day training camp at Mercer. This entailed two rows a day varying the combinations in the four and the pair. The morning row was a short one of five miles up and down the river. The long non-stops row in the afternoon covered 10 miles. The pain of blistered hands and backsides experienced on these rows is something that only a rower can truly appreciate.

The coach for the N.Z. squad is Eric Craies, who coached the Tokyo Olympic eight and also the N.Z.W.R. crew which went to Australia and won four years ago.

The team leaves for Australia on about April 21 so they have three weeks hard work to go. They are as yet unsponsored and any help in this direction would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who wants to row please ring.

Liz Cato 540-424
Lesley Keys 576-587

Sir,

In the first issue of Craccum, I thought it was a macabre joke; in the second issue some sort of bizarre editorial mistake. Having read it in your third issue I realized with a sinking spirit that it is to be a REGULAR FEATURE

I refer naturally to the racing column. The New Zealand Press, TV, and radio are saturated with RACING, so why Craccum? One would hope that it is not a benighted attempt to improve the student "public image" or a vain gesture to appeal to the "reading public". Students interested in racing can surely be satisfied with the volumes of detailed analysis provided by every other NZ paper. It grieves me more than words can express to see Studass funds subsidizing what is already a glut. There is probably more space devoted to racing than ads, news and features combined.

Craccum is a student paper so why not be consistent with our "image"? Why not a column of current graffiti or dirty jokes? But RACING!

It is with foreboding I await your next issue. What will it bring? The start of GARTH saga, a Lodge cartoon, or perhaps the Best of Noel Holmes?

Mike Lake

Capping preparations

Capping Week could crash or it could be the greatest rave-up scene since Adam first tumbled Eve, if students pull finger, start signing forms, dreaming up stunts and building floats, according to Capping Controller, Don Henderson.

Following is a report on the progress of the organization of the various aspects of Capping up to last Friday.

STUNTS:

Six people have turned up with ideas for on and off campus happenings but Henderson urges students to consider that stunts are one of the few ways in which a student can really let off steam without receiving a lot of excrement in return. Geoff Bridges is the man to see about your brilliant ideas.

CHARITY COLLECTION:

Steve Short is running the collection this year which it is hoped will raise more than \$6000. More than 2000 collectors are needed to raise the bread and the collectors, for a nominal sum, will be admitted to the mighty Fred's Function (venue undecided as yet but the Taj Mahal under consideration) for which so much alcohol has been ordered that it is believed all New Zealand breweries are stepping up production and cutting out export demands to supply this Bacchanalia.

PROCESH:

Terry Firth is organizing Procesh which offers prizes for the best floats. He hopes to get about 40 floats and, expressing his deep gratitude to the Auckland Harbour Board, says a shed has been made available on Hobson Wharf. But if anyone damages the shed, they will be going before disciplinary committee and fined. Only two entries for floats have been received yet. The Newmarket Borough Council will be turning on about 50 gallons of beer for those who last the distance. Anyone with contacts in the trucking world is asked to see Terry immediately.

CAPPING BOOK:

Out of town sales for the best publication since the days of Gutenberg will begin on April 30, around town next day. Robert Grant is in charge of distribution and he estimates that the Book will be "sold by lunchtime the day it comes out". No reply has yet been received from the



Phred Capp

Auckland City Council concerning permission to sell in the city.

BOAT RACE:

Under the eye of Colin MacGillivray, there will be a Le Mans start from the Devonport pub for a maritime event that'll outshine the Armada. The target is Okahu Bay. A word of warning: of 80 craft last year, only 70 made it. The rest either broke up, hit Mission Bay or were picked up near Bean Rock. Prizes are offered in this event and people with launches are asked to offer themselves as rescue teams.

PUB CRAWL:

Grand Establishment is organizing this. The route will probably be the same as last year. As yet, no pub has been found that's willing to be drunk dry.

MISS CAPPING:

All prospective Helens of Troy are asked to enter for this. You may not launch a thousand ships but at least you can watch the boat race off and you get a free

trip to Winter Tournament. This will be held on Monday of Capping Week.



Don Henderson

Other social events happening around Capping Week are the MASQUE BANQUET on the

Tuesday. Guaranteed to be an amalgam of the Roman, mediaeval and Nordic varieties: JOINT SHOW AND STIR in the caf and quad on the Friday before Capping. Said to be similar to the famous Acid Rocks; UNDERGRAD BALL in the caf on the Saturday before Capping; GRAD BALL as usual for which tickets are now on sale and the HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PARTY. Girls are needed to look after the kids so see Teariki Short, Salley Bisley or Don Henderson if you want to help.

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Banjo pickers pleasing

The organisers picked a great spot for the National Banjo Picker's Convention 1970 when they chose Claudelands, Hamilton. Fortunately for tent dwellers the weather was fine, but the show trust building was so big, that everything could have been held inside without any risk of sweating, swearing bods packed tightly together.

Overheard during informal opening concert that the standard was pretty high this year. Notable in the new talent was East Coast girl Marion Arts. Marion's voice lies somewhere between that of Joan Baez and Judy Collins, but her style is entirely her own. She has considerable talent as a composer, which she showed by singing one of her own songs at the final concert. Her version of Dylan's It Ain't Me, Babe backed by the Hamilton County Bluegrass Band, was a great follow up. In the words of "Ben" Bendall, one of the organisers, Marion was "one of this years pleasant surprises". A bunch of weirdos from the capital, known collectively as the Southern Hokum Tramps Jug Band, went down well, and Auckland's Marilyn Bennett really had them screaming for more.

Workshops made an effort to get away from the "mini-concert" business of previous years. Attended one taken by Pitt Ramsay, and felt he was particularly successful in this.

Had a talk to Bill Clifton, about whom nobody knew much—seems he is well known on the country music circuit in the States and in most British folk clubs. Bill has been singing professionally on and off since 1949. Suppose one of the main

reasons we have not heard much about him is because he has concentrated more on doing the club rounds and appearing on radio and television than on making records.

He was born, as he put it, "right at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains", with the result that country music in the old style has always been his thing. After doing it with several groups in the States, Bill and his family moved in 1963 to Britain, where they stayed for four years, taking time off for a tour of Europe. This probably explains his somewhat muted American accent and his unexpected and very fine rendering of a British style contemporary folk song called Green into Grey, in the middle of his spot at the final concert.

Besides performing, Bill has found time to get himself a Master's degree in Business Administration, to work on the New York Stock Exchange, and to have a hand in organising several folk festivals, including Britains first, at Keele Varsity. He was pretty enthusiastic about the general atmosphere and organisation of the whole convention and said the only thing he thought it needed was a few more songs about New Zealand. Jacqueline Flood



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