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Equal Pay delayed as Executive stumbles over legalisms

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Special General Meetings, according to our ever-democratic Executive, have been reduced in status to mere symbolic ritual procedures, designed to salve the conscience of the troubled.

In the words of our old friend, Vaughan Preece, speaking to the Executive,

"Nowhere in the Constitution does it say we MUST follow the directions on an SGM. The Executive can reject any recommendations of the SGM it considers ill-conceived."

A worried Executive looked relieved as Mr Preece assured them of their supreme decision making powers, untrammelled by any student body, be it SRC or an SGM, and proceeded accordingly to exercise their ultimate powers—by overriding SGM motions, unanimously passed the previous day.

First motion to go was the motion that in all future contracts relating to the Student Union Complex, females be given at least the male award for the job be included in the contract. This, Mr Preece decreed, was 'outside our competence' and 'completely impracticable'. No employer would accept such conditions, he informed a cowering Executive; so that motion was 'tabled'—a convenient euphemism which means put off for an indefinite length of time.

Next to go was the SGM motion that "equal pay be implemented from the next pay day." Why? After being accepted by a Special Executive meeting, the Executive belatedly discovered to their anguish and horror, that it was ILLEGAL!!!!!!!!!!!!

IT OPPOSED THE WAGES AND REMUNERATION ACT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Panic and pandemonium broke out when this was disclosed at the second Special Executive meeting, called specifically to discuss the Equal Pay issue.

Gasped President Spring, over and over again, "WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL! THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CANNOT USE THEIR MONEY ILLEGALLY!!!!"

A stunned executive agreed, with dissent emanating only from the corner of John Woodroffe, who managed to point out that an SRC motion earlier this year had

ILLEGAL.

None less than the CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT informed Mr Preece that we could not increase wages even 7% until the basic wage order bill had come forward later this month, and that we couldn't apply to the Remuneration Authority without the agreement of the Unions who didn't seem very interested anyway he added smugly.

Confusion over whether we could or could not introduce 7% before going to the Authority was not cleared up, since none of the Exec members, nor even Mr Preece, really had any idea what they were talking about.

Eventually, after flailing around for another half hour, they passed a motion which will, in effect, postpone the implementation of equal pay till at least the end of the month. . . .

Nor will the principle of equal pay for equal work be fully implemented, even then, if Vaughan Preece has his way again.

No sooner had the motion to bring female wage rates up to male awards been passed than Mr Preece was insisting that ALL male cafeteria staff be given a blanket 10% increase above their female peers. Reasons given were to retain the MORALE of male staff, and secondly to maintain a 'margin of skill' for those persons (males) doing 'heavier work'. Women were not able to lift heavy milk cans or move rubbish bins, stated Vaughan Preece.

Questioned on his evidence (had he asked the females in the cafe?), he replied that several years ago women, then being paid 15% less than their male peers, had refused to lift these bins, but actually no he had not consulted the staff on this question. (In fact staff were not even told that the equal pay motions had been passed).

Finally, after further muddled debate, John Woodroffe managed to persuade some members that

only those males specifically allocated to heavier work should get paid the so-called 'margin of skill', (not all males,) and so another compromise motion was passed.

As to the question of how equal pay was to be financed this year, Mr Garlick moved that another symbolic ritual, again in the form of an SGM, be performed, which will give students a forum to air their views on this financial question, in order that the Executive can listen to student opinion before overriding it again in a 'constitutional' fashion.

In view of the fact that the Executive on June 25 last year called a Special General Meeting to discuss the question of how to implement equal pay, and are still, 13 months later, pussyfooting around, I suggest we no longer continue to play their little games, but instead should take the matter into our own less timorous hands.

President's statement

At last the Association has reached a stage where the policy of equal pay is being negotiated for implementation. The motion passed by the SGM declaring that equal pay shall be paid from the next pay day was an unlawful motion under the Stabilisation of Remuneration Act. (by which the Government restricts Unions and employers from doing almost anything that they may jointly feel to be reasonable and responsible such as the implementation of this important principle). Therefore the Executive decided that after negotiations with the Union concerned, application be made to the Remuneration Authority to effect the Association's policy of equal pay. Also a SGM held yesterday was called to settle the provision of finance for the implementation of equal pay for equal work as defined by the earlier general meeting.

At law under Section 13 (1) of the Stabilisation and Remuneration Act 1971

"Every rate of remuneration fixed by any instrument (i.e. award) in force at the commencement of the time this Act came into force shall continue in force for the period fixed by the instrument."

This being so, the Association is unable to pay a 7% increase for wages until at least the 21st July, the date the New Zealand Tea Rooms and Restaurant Employees Award expires. Therefore the Association can from the 21st July pay a 7% increase in wages. However, any further increase over and above this 7% (which would be necessary to implement equal pay) necessitates a joint application with the Union to the Remuneration Authority as outlined in Section 22 of the Act. The Association last week had preliminary discussions with the Union Representatives and it would appear that they would not be interested in joining with the Association in making an



Spring . . . no excursion into the illegal

application until after the date of the joint discussions that the Union is having with all employers for a 25% to 35% increase for employees under this award on the 12th/13th/14th August.

Unfortunately, the Association with the unanimous agreement of Executive and the unanimous support of the Student Union Management Committee (which controls the catering in the Student Union Building) and the support of the Auckland Hotel, Hospital, Restaurant and Related Trades Union in principle, cannot go ahead immediately because we are restrained by the widely criticised Remuneration Act and the reticence of the Union to support an immediate application after the 21st July for the policy which they wholeheartedly support but which they feel may interfere with their August negotiations for a new award. Meanwhile a case can be built up for the increase so that as soon as we have the support of the Union an application can be lodged for the increases.

W. J. Spring.

Pantomime of hesitation

Although the present Exec has been criticised on many occasions for its inability to meet the standard of their predecessors, in one field they excel—the ability to complicate a simple situation. A prime example of this art was the Special Exec meeting called to discuss how to implement the policies formulated at the SGM on equal pay.

In the true tradition of the Association, the first attempt to hold this meeting failed for want of a quorum, and it was decided to meet an hour later after a few of the absent members, notably, Roly Metge and Rob Garlick, could be located.

The meeting, amazingly, began in an almost sane atmosphere with cool reason prevailing. The dilemma consisted of finding a way of paying equal wages, and keeping male

employees, students, and the Remuneration Authority happy. By agreeing to pay an immediate increase of 7% and applying for further increases, the Stabilisation of Remuneration Act was satisfied. Vaughan Preece and Rob Garlick then brought the roof down by stating the case for male employees who demanded a 10% 'margin for skill and responsibility'. The calm reason of this early part of the meeting was irrevocably shattered. Cries arose from Mary Kirk, that the whole affair was ridiculous—a statement she has often found need to resort to lately. Somewhere in a moment of total irrationality, a motion, moved by John Woodroffe, that Sue Kedgley be granted speaking rights was passed. Opposing forces were now thrown headlong into the battle.

What followed in the next 45 minutes defies imagination. Spring gasped with dismay and gave up trying to maintain order as a useless exercise. Throughout the discussion only Wendy Adams, and Mike Starling offered any reasonable suggestions. These were to the effect that negotiations be undertaken with the staff to find a viable solution. This was rubbish by Vaughan Preece saying that a board of directors of a company do not call in the staff and discuss matters with them. Mr Preece seemed to consider this as a matter of large importance to Studass and little effect to the staff, as are most policy motions, and not as a straightforward negotiation of wages.

A petty and rather pointless squabble arose over whether if equal pay were implemented, women employees should lift heavy weights such as 5 gallon milkcans. And if they could not, or as Vaughan Preece claimed, would not, lift these, should male staff be given a margin for skill. At various times all the female Exec members suggested that those women who were prepared to do lifting should be paid this margin too, but all were too deeply engrossed in their own glorification that none had time to listen—except the Administrative Secretary, and he did not seem to consider it a viable proposition. CONTD . . .



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Tomorrow, students will vote for their new Association Officers, President and the two Vice-Presidents: a curious arrangement, one Vice-President for either sex, quaintly chauvinistic and just a trifle outdated. The so-called Lady Vice-President will sit on some fifteen different committees, mostly to do with welfare and accommodation. Obviously patience and determination will be required to endure such a gruelling weekly schedule. Strong, uncompromising (in a word: tough), stands must be made over urgent issues such as student housing. **Talboys:** "I do not find claims made about needs in student housing entirely convincing." A finely imitated Holyoake euphemism. **University Grants Committee** is preparing a report on the situation which will represent student feelings only so far as student feelings are forcibly deposited in its face.

The Man Vice-President should be something of a glorified junior Administrative Secretary, as well as a definite liaison point between Executive and students. In so far as both Presidential candidates possess certain shortcomings which enthusiasm cannot completely redeem, the Man Vice-President must be competent to handle the Presidential overflow, carelessly or incompetently discharged. At the same time the MVP should be constantly advancing experimental initiatives to overcome the well encrusted meanderings of the Students' Association. Direction is what the show is about.

Neither Presidential candidate can be regarded wholly as the new messiah. Both appear competent, well-organized and mindful of current problems. Mr Doogue admits he has had no experience at all of Association workings. However, since his decision to stand, the amount of research he has obviously undertaken, and undertaken with some considerable expertise, has been an impressive credit. Mr Woodroffe has been responsible for a long list of successful projects in the areas of protest involving Indo-China and South Africa. He also engineered the holiday-work-in-New Zealand scheme for students from Fiji. After managing the Auckland end of Dr Spock's visit, he is currently arranging for the return of Bishop Crowther.

Both Presidential candidates recognize the need for wider student participation in the operation of the Association. Mr Doogue has offered to sit behind a desk for an hour every day to hear student grievances, while Mr Woodroffe has a scheme in mind whereby S.R.C. can be both open to all students and effective.

Students should read the policies of all candidates carefully and in fact should dismiss this Editorial in favour of their own surmises. Craccum has attempted to give candidates as much space as possible. Candidates have been given rein to write essays of any length, with the sole proviso that they should be of some length: the idea being that any informed candidate should be able to argue his way into office, without the gimmick of unsupported and unsupportable campaign promises. Mr Wedderspoon is represented in this issue only by a short statement, because by his own request, Craccum published his policy in its last issue.

I imagine, perhaps erroneously, that students are far better informed on the proceedings of their Association than in previous years. Students will appreciate that perplexing problems will confront the new Officers and should not fail to make their choices with such appreciation in mind.

The position of Treasurer has been filled unopposed by Mr Rob Garlick. Applications for the other Executive positions open next week and should close two weeks after opening. Candidates for those positions should understand that their essays for Craccum must approximate one thousand words in length, and must be accompanied by clear photographs.

Equal Pay delay:

In an extreme state of political hysteria, Sue Kedgley made the positively absurd statement that two or three of the male staff should be paid a lifting allowance, and that all the lifting be done by them. She seemed to miss the point that the smooth functioning of the cafeteria requires flexible staffing and not a fixed hierarchy of specialised positions.

Wendy Adams made a logical but totally unworkable suggestion that all positions in the cafeteria be reclassified and that present staff be invited to apply for positions in the restructured catering complex—whether male or female.

A series of motions were drafted by Rob Garlick to the effect that females get a 15% wage increase to bring them up to

the male award rate, and that males be paid a 10% 'margin for skill and responsibility', the motions being supported by, of all people, Rodney Lyon, the man of principles who was responsible for having an SGM in the first place.

By now it was obvious that RN2 of the SGM: 'THAT RN1 be implemented from the next 'pay day' was doomed to be overlooked. Vaughan Preece tried to railroad the last of the SGM motions and reduce the result of the SGM to nothing more than a wage order for the catering staff by pointing out that it would not be feasible to insert a clause requiring equal pay in all Association contracts as this would result in Studass being unable to get contractors. He pointed out that when in 1970

contractors for catering had been considered, none were prepared to take over the caf if equal pay were required. How Mr Preece came by his information is extremely interesting, as at this time, equal pay in Association contracts had not been considered. But Mr Preece may rest assured that Exec will not stand by and let this matter be washed aside with the tide. The reason behind the extension of this motion to cover all contracts and not only catering contracts, as moved by John Woodroffe, was to prevent a cleaning company which is known to underpay staff, from gaining the contract to clean the Association, when this comes up for renewal.

The schism between idealists and realists which dominated this meeting, and indeed the whole of Studass was portrayed in an aside by Rob Garlick to Sue Kedgley—'One of these days sweetie you're going to run out of principles, and then what will you do?'

Note: Later developments have resulted in the complete failure to implement all motions because of union reluctance to take the case to the Remuneration Authority before their award negotiations in August, and another SGM was held yesterday.

Mike Butler.

Stab in the back

The administrative and executive corruption of the equal pay motion was a sickening stab-in-the-back for Women's Liberation.

There were Spring and Kirk at the Special General Meeting throwing cold water on the extra cost. Nevertheless students affirmed the motion, almost unanimously, right in their faces. Spring and Co. run to Preece. Margins for skill are decided on the spot to spite equal pay. Like an acrobat, Spring forgets his original cost scare—it was the Yellow Peril and seizes on the ten per cent wage differential for males to combat the social Red Peril. Forum next day witnessed the vile spectacle of Spring literally spitting in the faces of Volkerling and Kedgley. Like Kennedy, the All-Auckland boy comes out in his true colours. In the meantime both women and men cafeteria workers lift the same pots service the same stuff.

Having worked in another varsity cafeteria, casually some years ago, I am determined to get equal pay implemented for equal work. The lead must come from an Executive conscious of student feelings. Little joy is coming from the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union.

Without mincing matters any further we've got to break the law and willingly face the consequences of defying the Stabilisation of Remuneration Act. This legislation is so stupid that the Government's own appointed authority has questioned its practicality and relevance. The Federation of Labour has condemned it whilst the Drivers and Storemen have successfully by-passed it. We would not be entirely alone and isolated if we did the same.

Sure the Students Association should submit the equal pay claim to the S of R Authority. It is justified to pursue legal processes until these are exhausted. A rejection of this application will sanction direct action.

Executive must 'dirty' itself if students are to get anywhere with their Association. Given correct militant conditions Executive and the Association would do well to welcome a common jaul term for the principle of stopping exploitation of female labour in our own midst. Instead of being a finishing school for childish elitism we must move into the forefront and give a decisive lead to workers who expect us to practise what we idealistically preach. We have the time they don't have.

If all I can do is inject genuine trade unionism into Executive's role then at least a start is being made to reconstruct its values. The fight for equal pay

requires student unity: the main enemies of this are selfish scabs who would not bat an eyelid blacklegging in the cafeteria to keep the women down. Strong unions don't waste much time on these: they merely knuckle them. Such were the underground procedures of the West Arm Supreme Court.

P. J. Wedderspoon.

Illegal challenge

The literal furore over Equal Pay and its implementation has been documented above. All the writers agree absolutely that Equal Pay should be implemented: the question is how?

It is only natural to indicate (it has already been indicated many times in the past), that, had this Executive worked to implement Equal Pay from its assumption of office, in accordance with General Meeting policy already available at that time, the present furore could not have materialised. No idiotic Stabilisation of Remuneration Act would have barred the way, for the simple reason that a year ago, it did not exist.

Curiously, AUSA condemns that Act but covers before it. Considering the Executive decision not to openly defy the Act, President Spring wrote the above statement for Craccum, setting out, his opinion of the legal steps necessary to achieve Equal Pay.

I must here and now state quite plainly, that following Mr Spring's plan of action, this Association will not see Equal Pay become a reality.

A 7% rise is assured on 21 July. Shortly after that date however, between 12/14 August, the employee's Union will negotiate with employers and then, Government authorities, for a 25% to 35% wage increase for its members. I estimate, that by negotiating well, the Union will win a 10% to 15% wage increase. Unfortunately, no matter what increase they secure, the differential between male and female rates in pay will be retained, and could be effectively increased.

The Union will refuse to legally apply for Equal Pay, with the Students' Association, before that date (12/14 August), for fear of prejudicing their own negotiations.

If agreement is arranged for an application by both bodies after that date, such application will be disastrously prejudiced by any new award just handed out. Government will treat with contempt, any application for pay increases, made on behalf of Union members who have only just received increases.

Moreover, the Union itself, being conservative in nature, might choose to decline a joint application with the Students' Association for fear of establishing a precedent it might not wish to handle.

If the Union does agree to a joint application, then such application will be launched on the basis of the Union's interpretation on the meaning of Equal Pay (which may well accord with our Executive's interpretation), and will not be launched in accordance with our S.G.M. motion, which called for the adjustment of all female rates of pay to the male equivalent award rates. The loose notion of "equal pay for equal work" is open to manipulation: work schedules can be made unequal by an administrative stroke of pen. If the Union and this Association manage to introduce this kind of 'Equal Pay', what we shall see at best, will be a significant boost in female wages, without actual economic parity between the sexes, which after all, is the crux of the whole matter, what we idealistically mumble on about, and what the S.G.M. motion strenuously strove to have implemented. The term 'Equal Pay' is perhaps a misnomer: what is meant, or, what should be meant, is absolute economic parity between the sexes, stretching the parallels between male and female definitions of

employment to their complete limits.

The principle concerns the end to any bias against, and consequent exploitation of, human beings, because of their sex, or rather because of a chauvinistic, historically 'Christian' notion of women as inferiors, which our aggressive and materialistic society finds convenient to maintain, complete with glossy rationalisations and/or empty gestures that change nothing, except the self-respect of those who make much fuss of gesturing.

Equal Pay, or more correctly, the end to economic sexual discrimination, will not come about under Mr Spring's plan. I can only agree with Miss Kedgley and Mr Wedderspoon, that this Students' Association should illegally challenge the Stabilisation of Remuneration Act. Successful precedents of such challenges are available. Should the Government do its worst, thereby committing a significant political blunder and finalising what radicals have wanted all the time: the polarisation of progressive and

reactionary classes, I think we might happily invest in a full-scale social confrontation.

Not quite in the complete and idealistic worker/student solidarity phraseology however. Federation of Labour would be happy for a guinea pig through which to challenge the Government and the S of R Act. We would be that guinea pig and the question of sexual exploitation would be lost in more immense political stances.

Should the Government not do its worst, but assume a 'reasonable' face to negotiate with the Association, negotiations would at least be more direct and more in our own hands, than adopting the patient and eventually unsatisfactory route Mr Spring has described.

Whether students like it or not, their ideals can no longer be met without solid excursions into the concretely political. This does not mean raising a right hand at an S.G.M. It does mean a departure from casual and convenient disagreement with the Government, to an unpleasant commitment to real change.

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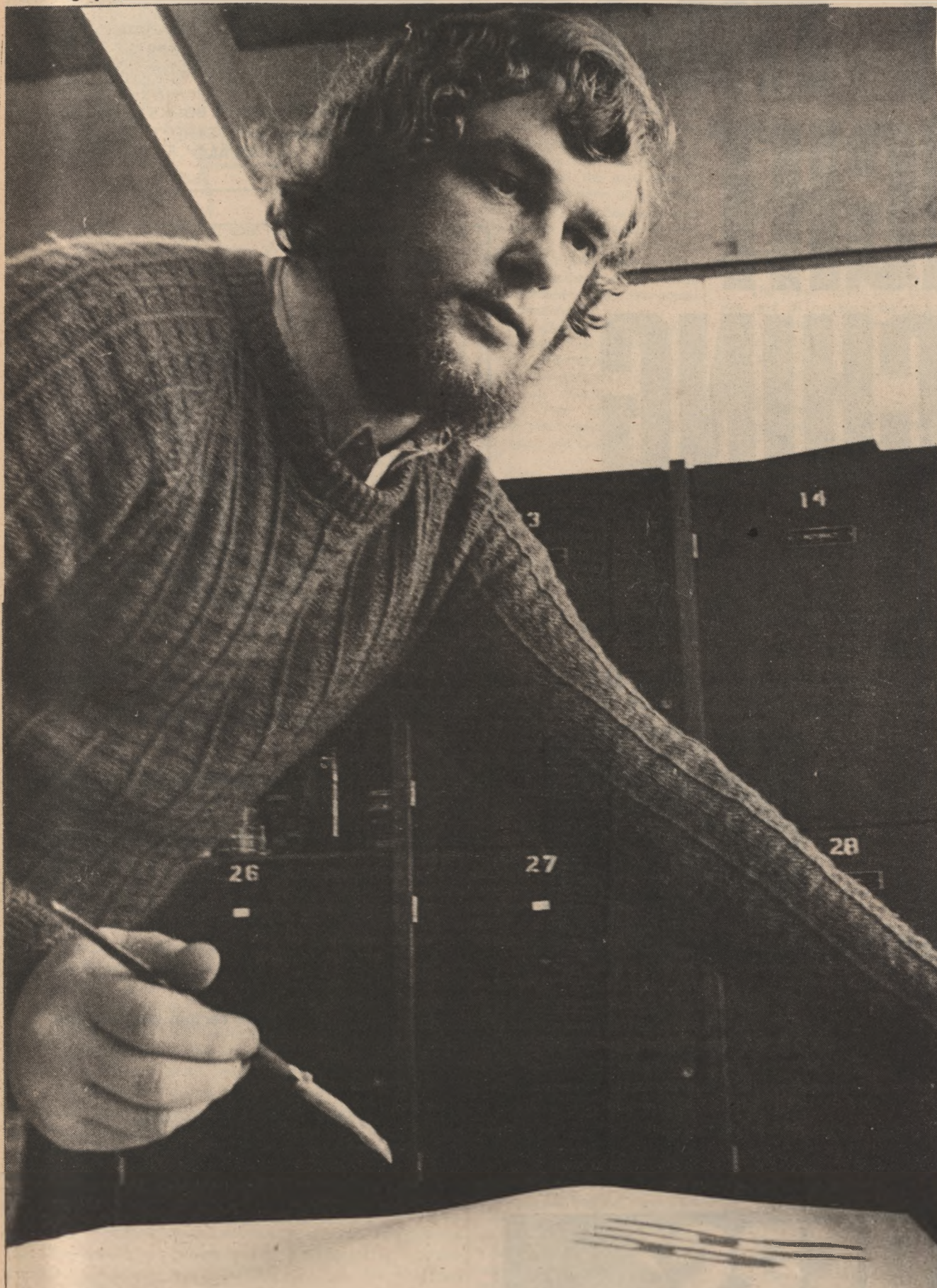
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The major issue, and the most immediate, that I consider the incoming President will face is the matter of student participation in the government of this association. There has been considerable, and justified consternation at the seemingly autocratic and detached manner in which this association has been run. Urgent reappraisal of the system of association government is needed. The system of elected SRC members was introduced to ensure the decision making in the association was on as wide a base as possible, however this hope is not being realised at the present time.

There are four viable systems of representation—one would be the abolition of SRC and replacement by solely an executive regime. However this alternative cannot be considered, I feel, as it is a negation of the whole concept of student representation. Secondly SRC could be an extension of the class rep system or a system along similar lines, although I feel this would have many disadvantages inherent in the present system, that there is no real contact between the representatives and the student body as whole. Thirdly a large body of opinion favours the retention of the present elected system. At present there is little liaison in many cases between the members of the SRC and those students they purport to represent, although elected representatives are responsible to their electorate for their actions which should ensure, if there is full participation that these delegates do properly represent student opinion. A fourth alternative, and one which I consider worthy of much consideration is an open SRC, where all members of the association have speaking and voting rights. This has been enacted in Victoria where from various accounts it was initially very successful but latterly has not been successful. A system that I consider warrants further discussion is a system whereby an open SRC in passing a general principle motion then refers this motion to standing subcommittees which prepare a study on the means and consequences of the implementation of this policy. These subcommittees would correspond where applicable to the present Exec portfolios and the respective Exec member would action the policy at Executive level. The advantage of this type of system could be seen on an issue such as equal pay where full research to the consequences of this policy would have hastened its enactment.

However there are still great disadvantages in an open system—that SRC is not responsible for its actions to any other group and this could lead to an imbalance of policy and consequent difficulties in running the association. All of these systems have their advantages and disadvantages, but if elected I would undertake to ensure that there is a review of the present system with a view to ensuring that this association represents to the best of its ability the policies and interests of its students.

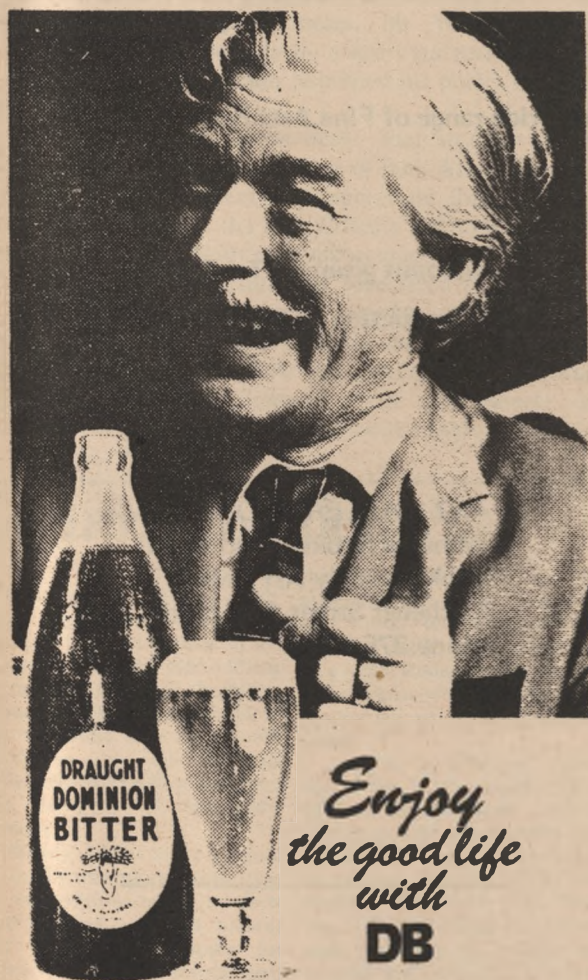
I would now like to discuss specific instances of policy I consider of importance to the association. I see the association as having a dual role as a service organisation and as a political organisation. It is at the present time performing neither of these to the best advantage. As a service organisation it is necessary for the association to establish priorities in its building programme to ensure the best possible use of available money and land. Secondly a review of the system of catering is necessary—whether we continue to control our own facilities or introduce outside caterers and the result that these moves would have on the quality of the food. Maximisation of use of our buildings and facilities is another important issue that faces the Executive. As a socio-political group we should be active in education, both in the University in fields such as the paper rather than the unit system; in advocating changes in the systems of assessment; and in ensuring that the best interests of students are represented at all levels of University government.

The association should continue to actively support organisations within the community that complement our policies—such as CARE, HART and various coalitions such as the Antiwar Mobilisation. These are examples of what I referred to before—organisations that we can assist both financially and through our extending to them the use of our facilities. Students association should be known as an outspoken and authoritative pressure group in the community. I am aware in outlining this policy that it is of a general nature; this is not because I want to avoid controversial issues or pander to any group—it is because the President should be an instrument of the policy, to represent and action that policy at every opportunity but not to dictate or over-ride association policy.

It is necessary here to state reasons why I consider myself competent to stand for the office of president. I feel I have shown a reasonable level of involvement and concern in the association over a period of time. I have the knowledge of how the association runs, and this I consider of considerable importance as the term of the new Executive coincides also with the departure of the present Administrative Secretary, so there should be some continuity in the administration.

In a purely biographic sense, I am currently International Affairs Officer, a position I combine with being HART Area Officer for Auckland. I was also associated with the April 30 Mobilisation although not in a formal committee sense owing to the clash of Mobe meetings with Exec and SRC. If elected I would relinquish any such associations as I believe the presidency is a position needing total time commitment.

In conclusion I would reiterate that I do not consider it the prerogative of the president to stand on any rigid policy platform or to attempt in any way to circumvent the policy making bodies of this association. The President should be prepared to work strenuously for association policy and to promote in all ways possible the interests and ideals of the student body.



TODAY'S GREAT BEER.



FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

About a month ago I told you all about the Bodily Functions Centennial Variety Show which was scheduled to be held in the Civic Theatre on the 6th July. Well the 6th has come and gone and you surely must have thought that I was either romanticising or things had fallen through, so I would like to assure you that the show will still be taking place. It will now be held next Tuesday (that's the 20th July), having been postponed because the BeeGees show clashed with it.

The format of the night's entertainment remains unchanged: the first half will be in the form of a live vaudeville show, based on the style of those which preceded the silent movies; the second half will feature "A Night at the Opera" by the Marx Brothers. The emphasis will be on audience participation, and it should be a very entertaining evening.

We have managed to keep the price at \$1 everywhere in the theatre, operating on a first come, first served basis, so if you wish to be sure of a good seat you should book at either John Courts or at the Civic itself. Tickets are on sale at varsity. Proceeds are going to an end of year pensioner outing which PipeSoc is arranging.

The second thing I would like to talk about today is PipeSoc's attempt on the world pipe smoking record which will take place tomorrow in the Executive lounge at 1pm. The record is judged on how long a smoker can make 3.3 grams of tobacco last in his pipe (he is limited to 2 matches).

According to the Guinness Book of Records the best time is now over four hours, which is an almost impossible target, but if we are lucky, one of the entrants may get somewhere near it.

The room will be open to spectators and any bona fide pipe smokers are invited to participate.

Your faithful president,
David M. Neumegen.

THE QUADRANT

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Although I have not directly participated in the administration of student affairs before, I have as an outsider, noted with growing concern the estrangement between students and their elected representatives. As a result of this alienation there is little interest among students as to how their Association is run or as to who runs it. The student body has looked unsuccessfully for their representatives to seize the initiative on social issues and to spell out clearly students' views on controversial topics. This lead has not been forthcoming and the machine has assumed the appearance of a financially oriented corps of anonymous administrators. Student opinion on subjects such as war and destruction of the environment must be made abundantly clear. The student body must maintain a close liaison with existing groups of dedicated people such as HART in order to build a powerful coalition for change. There is a deep latent force for change in the university but it is not being effectively utilised.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The President of the Association must be outspoken and consideration of the community's sensitivity must not inhibit him. Bill Rudman made the point (in his report 1968/69) that the term "public relations" is not a synonym for apologia. Students will only respect an Association which puts their views to the public honestly and will resent any shabby crowd-pleasing tactics. Unfortunately the daily press will only solicit student views in a more sensational context like a furore over the capping magazine, but shuns responsible comment on important social questions. Therefore we shall need to employ a more aggressive policy to draw attention to issues that matter. In this vein we must also be prepared to hit back at politicians (like Muldoon, Gair, Firth & co) who are not above hunting cheap publicity at the student's expense.

ACADEMIC REFORM

There have been a number of efforts to change the University (or at least some faculties) over to the paper system. The question is at the moment buried in the Arts faculty and there seems, for that faculty at least, little chance that a paper system will be instituted before 1973. The blame for this lies with the students themselves in failing to push hard on the issue. It now seems that any decision that will be taken in the Arts faculty will come too late for possible changes to be incorporated in the course prescription for next year. I think this forestalling of the measure will allow time for more drastic reform to be looked at—I refer, in particular, to Victoria's 12 subject per unit system. Such a reform could result only in greater flexibility of combinations of subjects that a student could take a more realistic adjustment by a student of his work-load to his ability. All this of course depends on the support that students show for the changes.

The question of exclusion of students is becoming more and more pressing by the year. To date the possible courses of action have been stated alternatively as being

- 1) to exclude a student on the basis of his performance in the Bursary exam sat while at school
- or 2) to exclude him on the basis of a ballot or some such measure.

Exclusion is a very unpleasant subject but until action is taken on the second university I'm afraid we shall have to learn to live with it. I think a student should only be excluded from Auckland if the same course is offered at a University closer to his home area and, if he passes this qualification, he is subsequently balloted out.

OTHER ISSUES

It is my belief that thought should be given to increasing our assistance to the University creche. At present we are paying approximately 250 dollars per annum to cover items such as building maintenance and power bills but the whole cost of salaries for creche staff is met by those who place children there and as this includes unmarried mothers, hardship can result.

Again, on the question of 1% Aid, our Association has been too inactive. Our cynical rulers in Wellington need to be jolted and ways found to persuade and if necessary to embarrass them into doing something about our responsibilities especially in the Pacific Islands. Two years ago I heard a senior National Party M.P. defending our exploitation of Polynesian labour in the freezing works on the grounds that "They wouldn't come here if they didn't like it." It was pointed out to him that this might not be due to the inducement of dolce vita at the freezing works but rather to desperately bad conditions at home. It appeared that the gentleman had not considered the question from that angle. We would make at least one step in the right direction by levying 1% of the total Association income next year—that amount to go into a separate identifiable trust fund for possible assistance to the University of the South Pacific.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

One concerning feature at this university is the apparent dislocation between the Association and the students whose interests

and opinions it is supposed to represent. This is a problem as complex as it is traditional and to which there seems to be no easy answer. The establishment of S.R.C. was a laudable attempt to solve it. But those S.R.C. representatives who struggle to keep that body alive have found that little interest is taken in their work and that little support is forthcoming from those whom they are supposed to represent. If the President et al showed more interest in what really matters, S.R.C. morale and attendance figures would probably rise. The other possibility for getting a representative idea of students' interests is more informal contact with students and a greater willingness on the part of the representatives to state what course of action they propose to take on a given issue and then place this before the student body for discussion before a decision is taken. Ideas could be thrown up for discussion at forum and at S.G.M.'s. This would not necessarily derogate from a positive leadership but would broaden the degree of popular participation in decision making on major issues.

intensity from trees



Bullshit

Bullshit and crap and Shit and Piss

The charge of Indecent Language against Tim Shadbolt came before Mr Isaac in the magistrates court last Friday. Charges were laid by two cohorts of Barry Reed—the Focus on Freedom evangelist who came to the meeting with a tape recorder. Shadbolt's witnesses claimed that many people used Indecent language and some witnesses even confessed that they had used these words.

This sentence raises the whole issue of free speech in Albert Park.

Shadbolt was convicted and fined 100 dollars plus 6 dollars witness costs plus 5 dollars court costs. An appeal will be made against this conviction. All donations to help with court costs please send to

Resistance Bookshop
436 Queen Street

Theft

At a meeting of the Student Union Management Committee on the 1st July it was resolved that the Association be asked to publicise in Craccum the recent thefts from the Student Union, the details of which are as follows:—

1. An outside garden table valued at \$40.00 was stolen in April. The thief was not a student although living in a flat with other students.
2. A large number of bags were stolen from outside the Cafeteria, the Library, and Law School during March. They were recovered from a student flat by the police less their valuable contents.
3. The following furniture was stolen from the Main Common Room early in April
 - 2 seats without arms at each \$46.0
 - 3 seats with arms at each \$52.0
 - 2 large coffee tables each \$28.0
 - 2 small coffee tables each \$21.0**\$346.00**
4. Quantities of cutlery and crockery and servery trays have been regularly removed from the Cafeteria.



Shadbolt . . ., bullshit at \$100 a time

Lesbianism: the elegance of unfettered love

NGAHUIA VOLKERLING

One would assume from looking at contemporary literature, at all levels, that the male homosexual presents a considerable social phenomenon, but that the lesbian merits attention generally as an erotic symbol. And should lesbianism dominate a theme, it is a clearly negative element, reflecting the presumed frustrations and non-fulfilment of the sapphic relationship: for example, Lawrence's *The Fox*, and Marcus' *Killing of Sister George*. More particularly, the chauvinistic attitude of the cinema bring this point out all the more—the excessive carnal indulgence of *Therese and Isabelle*, contrasted with the inflammatory despair of *Les Biches*. It is almost as if, having once rigorously denied the fact of lesbianism, male orientated society has now and finally conceded to recognise it:—but through 'safe' channels—the lesbian presents a kinky thought, or may be just another character in the male finally comes and conquers frustrated women fiction. She is never represented as happy, content or well adjusted. Why???

This article is to examine the lesbian not as a literary figure, but rather as a member of a society whose attitudes are too clearly reflected in its literature.

Queen Victoria may have graciously denied that such an unspeakable indulgence would occur between women, consequently refraining to legislate: but society has maintained its own sacred set of ethics, and thus despite her sexual preferences being beyond the wrath of the law, the sapphic woman must nevertheless camouflage herself against society; look around this university. Consider how many invisible lesbians you might see, talk to, listen to, sit with every day. Invisible because they feel compelled to hide themselves, because if you're invisible no one can see the real you: hiding doesn't help, because too often you hide yourself, alone.

You find yourself attracted to your own kind, so what do you do?

MASQUERADE

A lot moon around and introspectively masturbate: but even more do a frivolous girlie thing and conceal it with extravagant femininity—cock craving sex object of any male's wet and hungry dreams—all the wetter and hungrier if he really knew. Yet it hurts for it's a painful masquerade, but what else can a chick do if her mother's pressuring her to prove she's not peculiar, that yet some lovely bank feller or machismo engineering student WITH A FUTURE will rush her off away to suburbia, even if only to shatter the magic glass marriage slipper on her unhappy head.

Denying what you really might be hurts, but denying yourself the opportunity to experiment and experience because society says no, hurts all the more.

Maybe you can try being butch for a while—quite a few do. Butch means short back'n'sides brylcream throaty voice business man's gear tight singlets lots of beer and black slapping even a tie and starched collar and the too much competition for them there chickies—especially the square ones! Those who are bold or uninhibited enough to live this extreme are found flourishing in low bars, strip clubs, dance halls; and wilting in borstal cells: frivolous and desperately lonely—looking for the masculine ideal the 'pretty little thing' that will cook, wash, mend and pamper, and never complain. The surprise is, some of them actually find their treasure... but only for a while. Even a few years, in some cases. But who wants to be subjected by one's own sex? Men are bad enough. Why be subjected at all?

MOBILE DECISION

Many young girls, on discovering in themselves a sapphic bent, inevitably ask—What the hell am I going to do? Where can I find others like me? They can't all be invisible—night flowers blossom not only in the dark.

The homosexual phase of adolescence may continue into adulthood for any number of reasons—space not permitting their discussion here: few experts will, however, concede that for many women it is not a personality disorder, but a matter of simple preference, an enjoyment of their own sex. Thus the question, if they choose to be that way, why can't they be left alone to appreciate it?

Thus, when a young lesbian 'comes out', she turns mobile, searching certain bars and dancehalls: but Auckland can, in this respect be a big lonely city. Unlike their male counterparts, the women are difficult to identify, the necessity to remain invisible persists, and the unisex 'butch' look being fashionable even dress is no longer a reliable guide.

There are very few places where lesbian women socialise in Auckland—one may deduce from this that, in contrast to the male camp scene, the female one is confined to people's homes, to more private and discreet social activity. Consequently, a girl may find it very hard to 'hit the scene' because it fails to exist as such.

Another observation, then, is the basic difference between the pattern of male and female homosexuality: men are more flamboyant, public and outgoing. Their relationships generally physical and short term. Women, on the other hand, are more confined, 'invisible', and the sapphic relationship frequently lasts a long time, tending to develop into an emotional interdependence. Why the difference? One reason I suggest is the effective socio-sexual conditioning both sexes are subjected to from birth: outgoing, aggressive, adventurous men; and domesticated, quiet, emotional women.

POLITICAL GESTURE

At this point, then, one could say maybe such sexual preference could become a political gesture: if a woman can forget about her first pair of pink conditioning booties and consider herself a person, relating on a sexual level to another person (woman), further negating the Freudian butch/fem role hassle, then the liaison is most fulfilling and successful.

Lesbianism may in this context be relevant to Women's Liberation—few will admit finding others appealing, in fact the superficial rivalry in the suburban manhunt negates the possibility of what may be a healthy alternative: it is as if the female jealousy/vanity syndrome is deliberately fostered to maintain that vital but predatory indulgence—'finding your man'.

Sometimes, the camp woman may see herself not only alienated in the context of heterosexual society, but also in that of her own sweet sex, for many of whom she personifies an unnatural abomination. Reaction to lesbians in the Movement has been mixed—one American's opinion—

"The whole basis of yourself as a woman is being responsive to a man as a sex object. You have no legitimacy unless you let yourself be fucked by a man... so, the Horror of being a dyke... cosmically, we're DAMNED!"

Lesbians, therefore, may be considered as hardly real women at all! During the protest against the Miss America Pageant, members of the National Organisation of Women, endured the following



hands that glide

abuse—commies, jealous bitches, ugly old molls, leftwing tarts etc. But the term 'freaky dykes' really freaked the ladies out. They felt their sexuality and womanhood was being politically misinterpreted, and thus threatened.

NECESSITY

Nevertheless, some extremist factions, such as Roxanne Dunbar's 'Cell 16' and Valeria Solam's 'S.C.U.M.' (Society for Cutting Up Men) exonerate lesbianism as the only viable solution in a male dominated (i.e. contaminated) world, and not merely a political gesture, but a political necessity.

A more balanced approach, however, is demonstrated by an international Lesbian society, The Daughters of Bilitis, who, as activists on the Gay Liberation Front and Women's Lib scene, aim to re-educate heterosexual society and raise public consciousness of the homosexual, more particularly, the lesbian issue.

Similar to this is the 'Phoenix Society' a local lesbian group, very recently formed, aiming to cast aside the many socially imposed veils of sapphic long suffering invisibility and non-being.

Coming at last to the actual coming—the inevitable query, 'But how to THEY do IT?' That legendary rubber ducky hits the fantasy (nightmare) farce and two women see saw on a double-ended joy stick or one plunges nine antiseptic inches of top quality latex right up to the hilt—they can even squirt milk!

This concept, fantasy, hypothesis, call it what you like, is SICK. Even the sapphic libido is often undermined—or exploited—for if it's not unclean, it's incomplete, and something's missing. Masters and Johnson have established with vastly documented research that Freud's heavy galactic vaginal climax was his very special kink: a fantasy. So then, how many young women have faked a churning uterus (despite that heavy thrust up their guts) simply to exemplify what Miller, Lawrence, or Mailer has made their 'lovers' anticipate? And thus perpetuate an unhealthy sexist myth, and their own disappointment and misery. Sexual gratification can be achieved MINUS vaginal penetration and interference. That is a medical fact... need I say more?

PUBLIC ATTITUDES

As previously stated, lesbianism is not illegal in New Zealand—the individual is answerable solely to public opinion and pressure; to such statements as 'show me a happy homosexual and I'll show you a happy corpse' or 'Gay time? nontime'. So how the hell can anyone be happy in a society that thinks, says things like that??? That ridicules, condemns one's chosen way of life? Even attempts to 'cure' her or him of it?

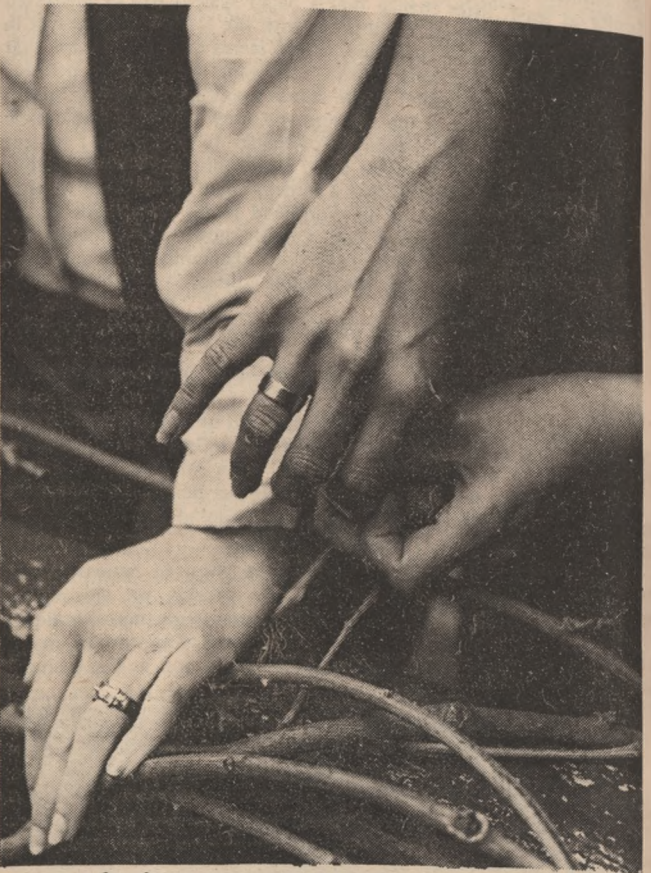
We admit, we cannot change public attitude immediately—but changing individual appetite to appease public attitude is even more impossible. And negative.

The solution is in the future, as we shape it now: we are not dangerous or subversive perverts, but real and thinking individuals: why should we hide our faces while the public exposes its bigotries?

Why should we be invisible?



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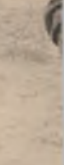


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The fact that, on this occasion, the Protest Movement has been proved to have been completely right on every single major issue is not central to the argument which follows. We could have been completely wrong.

What is central to the case that is being presented is whether the word "Democracy" still retains its generally-held meaning: Government of the People, by the People, for the People. One might add: through their elected Representatives not by these Representatives. In other words does Democracy mean a single right of racehorses to choose their jockeys for the season, or does it imply dialogue, participation, and holding these Representatives, accountable, when they have erred, or when they are guilty of abuse of power and unethical conduct?



old woman refugee

According to the New Zealand Government White Paper, New Zealand troops were sent to Vietnam: at the request of the South Vietnamese Government.

The Pentagon documents revealed that the late President Kennedy sent Vice-President Johnson to Saigon in May, 1961, with orders to encourage Mr Diem to request United States ground troops.

Mr Diem originally opposed the request, saying he did not want foreign troops on Vietnamese soil except in the case of direct aggression by North Vietnam.

Mr Diem successfully balked at the Kennedy-Johnson proposal for five months but with the military situation rapidly deteriorating he yielded in October, 1961, and made the solicited request for United States troops.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

that New Zealand was bound to do so, because it would be repelling aggression.

(Note: the reason for President Diem's refusal was that aggression had not taken place)

A Pentagon study concluded that the vast majority of the Vietcong troops were of local origin and that there was little evidence that they were receiving major supplies from outside.

Mr Maechling estimated that the Vietcong were getting only a trickle of supplies from North Vietnam and said no one had ever found a Chinese rifle or Soviet weapon used by the guerillas. He concluded that the massive aggression theory was phony.

The President got essentially the same word from a White House advisor, Michael Forrestal, when Mr Forrestal returned from Vietnam early in 1963. He estimated that most of the Vietcong recruits and supplies came from inside South Vietnam itself.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

that the war was just and legal: President Diem.

He pointed out that United States troops would violate the 1954 Geneva Accords that ended the French war in Indo-China.

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that it was a question of the "Free World" versus Communism:

The Sun-Times said that President Kennedy, on taking office in January, 1961, had been confronted by reports from the United States Embassy in Saigon that Mr Diem was in danger of being overthrown because of his repressive policies and the toleration of corruption at the top of his Government. The CIA said Mr Diem was growing progressively weaker and was vulnerable to a coup by non-Communist elements.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

that New Zealand was fighting to preserve Democracy and the right of people to choose their own Government.

President Kennedy deepened his commitment to a non-Communist South Vietnam, despite a report by Charles Maechling, jun., that if free elections were to be held in South Vietnam in 1962 the North Vietnamese President, Ho Chi Minh, would get 70 per cent of the popular vote.

The Sun-Times said the documents showed that President Eisenhower was warned in advance by the CIA that Mr Diem would balk at the elections, but the President did nothing to ensure that they were held.

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the basic assumption underlying all this is that we are a decent, peace-loving people while "they" are aggressive:

J. K. Gailbraith

The Chicago Sun-Times said yesterday that documents it had acquired showed that the late President Eisenhower and his Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, overrules advice from the CIA that the Communists in Vietnam would remain in a state of relative quiescence if the then Prime Minister, Ngo Dinh Diem, held the elections required by the 1954 Geneva Accord.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

that we live in an Open Society while "they" live by plotting criminal activities:

The Sun-Times said that other matters related in the documents and previously reported show that President Kennedy ordered an extensive programme of secret raids on North Vietnam in March, 1961, three years before the Gulf of Tonkin incident.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

that our Allies are Honourable Men:

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The documents, disclosed to the newspaper by several reliable sources, reveal that the raids were carried out under the direction of two secret agencies in Washington—known as the 303 Committee and Special Group Counter-Insurgency, co-chaired by President Kennedy's brother, the late Robert F. Kennedy.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

that Our Side would never be the first to employ atomic weapons: The Joint Chiefs of Staff calculated that three divisions, about 100,000 men, would be needed if North Vietnam invaded: the six divisions and possibly tactical nuclear weapons if Communist China intervened.

—N.Z. Herald, 26 June, 1971.

THE TRUTH HAS OUT

This having been admitted it follows that we have violated the Geneva Agreements, to say nothing of the United Nations Charter (let us leave aside the American Constitution) and further more, not only was action not binding under Seato (action shall be undertaken after consultation with all members of these Organisations) but in the absence of Aggression—regular Army Units crossing a frontier—and even the D.M.Z., the 17th Parallel is not a frontier, but we will let that pass also) the action, far from being binding, was a freely-decided act in violation of legality.

Is any New Zealand citizen even contemplating calling for a Referendum, calling for the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry into the competence of the Government's Legal Advisors, or even writing to their Members of Parliament asking for an explanation; Are you all perfectly happy with the professional competence of your Government; Are you perfectly satisfied that such high standards should be subject to no examination by the Sovereign People other than their mechanical presence at the urns every four years to choose which jockey will ride them over the same steeplechase?

It is now admitted that

The U.S. Government has been involved, actively, politically, militarily in Vietnam since 1954. That the Public was not informed of the Secret War waged against North Vietnam during this period, That this Secret War included coastal bombardments, aerial parachutings, kidnapping of North Vietnamese Civilians for purposes of interrogation (shut your eyes and imagine all that lies behind that little word) commando raids. That they permitted their protegee Diem to refuse to hold elections thereby violating the Geneva Agreements. That between February and August 1965 they intensified the secret war, including bombardments by South Vietnamese gunboats of the North Vietnamese coast so that when in August, one possible blip appeared on a radar-screen, Operation Tonkin Gulf got under weigh within 12 hours. (That if the blip hadn't appeared a U-2 would have been lost over North Vietnam). That they were party to the liquidation of Diem. That they regarded the Generals who then took power as their colonial lackeys, that their interests were 70% U.S. interests, 20% anti-Communism, 10% interests of South Vietnam (although never, throughout the war did even 10% of the aid supplied to South Vietnam ever filter down to the peasantry who, before the aerial bombardments and free-fire zone were instituted, represented 80% of the population). The whole scenario recalls President Kennedy's assessment of the Cuban situation: the "best thing would be a completely democratic Cuba, but we don't know how the elections might go. The very worst thing would be a Communist Cuba. So we will continue to support Batista". As the U.S. has supported these exquisite specimens, Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai Chek, Park, Batista, Somoza, Trujillo, Stroessner, Papa Doc, Ydigoras, the Greek colonels, the Brazilian Generals

*Was the last war really anything but a gang-war to see which of two sets of gangsters would operate a world-wide protection-racket?

Dear Citizen, would you like to ask your Member of Parliament how New Zealand's interests are served by supporting a country, most of whose friends and allies are ruled by fascist dictatorships; How New Zealand's interests, and she is a poor and underdeveloped country, can be compatible with those of country which controls 60% of the World's wealth? Whose traditional source of wealth has been the exploitation of the raw materials, of the low labour costs, and the rich sub-soil of Latin America, at present, after half a century of American exploitation and a century of American protection, is in a stage of abject poverty and social distress?

I believe that when it came to the vote to choose whether the National Language of the newly formed United States would be English or German, that English was chosen by a hair-thin majority, had the vote gone the other way, do you not think it would be easier today to recognise the face of the Fourth Reich?

NONSENSE

At a "deeper" level all this is simply brushed aside in the name of some concept of "global strategy": the Free World versus Communism in a nutshell. The professional, multi-million-dollar organisation set up to find communists under the bed (The C.I.A.) has admitted that the domino theory is nonsense.

—(Time June 28, 1971).

has admitted that the war was not winnable, by the methods employed.

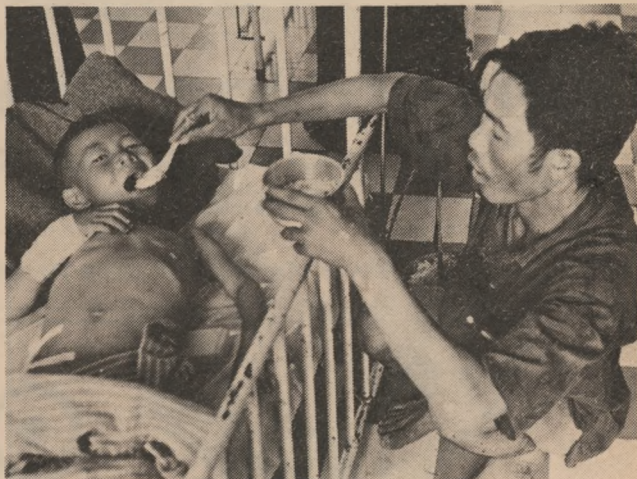
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it might just be appropriate to ask



how many clinically precise documents



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before some eyes can see

that the bombing of the North was counter-productive

—(Time June 28, 1971)

We all now know that the methods employed are appalling. The figure put forward by Le Nouvel Observateur (at the beginning of this year) are: 40% of the crop lands defoliated, and 41% of the forest area. One can add to this the very odd fact that while waging an anti-communist crusade against Communists who speak Vietnamese, Communists who speak Russian and Chinese are eagerly-sought-after trading partners, that all the while the war has been raging the U.S. Government has been giving financial aid to the Communist Governments of Poland, Roumania and Yugoslavia, even training the pilots for the air-force of the last-named power.

At this point one should, perhaps, stop and ask ourselves in which respects we differ from that other great anti-communist Crusader, Adolf Hitler:

Like him we practise Nacht und Nebel tactics

we torture prisoners

we practice total war, bombing Hospitals, Pagodas, Churches, Schools, straffing fishing boats and peasants cultivating the soil, we run concentration-camps (Con Son is one among many), we massacre civilians, the female population is driven—less odiously it is gratefully admitted—to prostitution on a vast scale, but we come off worse than the Germans when we compare the methods of actually waging war, for they fought on the ground, and while one may not approve of their war-aims (I wonder why?) their courage compels respect, but the allies, secure in the knowledge that the adversary had no Navy has concentrated on coastal Bombardment and, secure in the knowledge that the adversary had no air-force worth speaking about has concentrated upon aerial warfare—if one can dignify mass-murder from the air with the title of warfare.

In the name of what principle does this generation, choose to side with the Washington-Brasilia-Athens Axis?

Why has the New Zealand Army been sent into such a war?

What reasons can the Government produce for associating New Zealand in such a war? Dear Citizen, would you like to ask your Member of Parliament?



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Vice-presidential candidates:

NGAHUIA VOLKERLING

Should I become Lady Vice President I will implement the following course of action:

1) The problem of student accommodation has defied most suggested solutions. I propose that, as the university expands vast amounts of capital buying and redecorating huge old houses for administrative purposes, so could it invest in the purchase of such buildings as possible communal residences, rented out to large student 'families' on a low scale. They could be bought and cheaply redecorated, and would inevitably prove a worthwhile investment.

2) More adequate provision should be made for student parents who spend a great deal of their day at varsity. A much more realistic and generous amount of money should be given every year to the rapidly expanding creche services: at the moment, it is nearly impossible to cope with the demands, and more funds should be made available for the equipment and adequate and specialist staffing of an extremely necessary service, which should be free.

3) I would like to see less intimidation of women in certain faculties, and a deliberate campaign, instigated by the university, to encourage rather than discourage the interests and career prospects of secondary school girls in such fields as engineering, medicine, law and architecture.

4) I would like to implement a radical change in the position of Lady Vice-President—a re-examination of this office as being a functionary or a nominal seal; also I suggest that the titles be changed thus: President, Vice-President (Male or female) and instead of Lady Vice-President, Women's Officer—for the function and responsibilities LVP has had up till now merit little more than that acknowledgement.

5) A tacit reminder be given to administrative staff that they should neither play God nor parental surrogate, but function as employees of this university.

6) Oppose repressive forms of legislation such as the Gill Bill, and the Narcotics Act, and support moves for Homosexual Law Reform and Abortion Law Reform. Question the logic of the government and bureaucratic bodies who can reject legislation for civil liberties on moralistic and emotive grounds, then instigate further laws to repress individual freedom.

7) The university could contribute more to the education of the public on the issue of Maori and Polynesian rights and liberties, and instigate a re-examination of such farces as the Treaty of Waitangi, the Maori Affairs Amendment Act, 1967.

8) The university could contribute much greater moral and financial support in such issues and/or crises as the recent Psychiatric Nurses' Strike, and Mobilization, rather than expend so much time, money, and energy on frivolities like Capping Week.

Should I become part of this officious bureaucracy, I hope to put into action every point of this plan I have outlined, and carry it out to the full.

CLARE WARD

I am running for the position of Lady Vice President largely because I would like to have the practical experience of being involved in student's association administration and because I enjoy being a part of the students association. I have been interested in students association activities for nearly two years now and have some idea of what the general organisation entails and of some of its deficiencies and potential.

At the moment one of the problems is the lack of general student interest, enthusiasm and participation in the affairs of the association. This is reflected in the small number of nominations for the presidential and vice-presidential positions. I do not think that this is because less students are interested in the running of the place than were a year ago, but because the students association is becoming an increasingly larger and looser body. I think one of the major jobs of the incoming executive will be to encourage and foster an interest amongst potentially interested students and to try and provide some sense of identity for the student body as a whole. I do not think this is a vain hope. It was partially achieved during the period of the Law administration and I think that activities like the lunchtime music in the quad go part of the way to providing a solution. There has been little organised in the way of lunchtime lectures this year and I think that these could be encouraged if not initiated by the new executive. I think that Capping Week is an essential part of student life and while I realise that there are many problems associated with the organisation and present format of Capping I do not think that the answer is to abolish the whole thing or to necessarily spend less money on it. There is little enough at present which is a recognizable part of general student life without taking away the part we do have.

I have been a member of S.R.C. for the past year and a half and I feel that it should remain as a body of elected representatives even if speaking and voting rights are granted to all students. This would ensure, as far as possible, that a certain number of students recognised their responsibility to attend the meetings and that these meetings did not lapse week after week for want of a quorum—an event which I consider would be even more likely if S.R.C. operated on a purely open basis. I think that S.R.C. is valuable because it ensures that a wider range of opinions is represented than could be on an executive and also because it gives its members practical experience of what is involved in running the association.

The job of the executive is the general administration of the association, and the special responsibilities and needs of each portfolio such as education and sports or international affairs should be subservient to the overall well-being of the association. Therefore requests of money for particular clubs or causes should be looked at in relation to the whole financial structure. There is little point in granting finance to every worthwhile cause if it means sending the association bankrupt so that it can no longer do anything. However once a policy has been adopted it should be put into practice—not discarded because it is found to be expensive. I feel that the function of the executive is less to initiate policy than to give support (finance, publicity etc.) to students who are interested in particular things and who are prepared to do the background work. As students we have the opportunity in terms of time and the virtual absence of outside pressures such as employers to form and examine ideas and ideals and to apply these to the situations which we experience. In many cases it is possible to bring about changes. An example of this is the attempt by some Field Club students to change the proposed new mining bill in the interests of the conservation of our natural resources. It is this kind of constructive effort to which the students' association should give its support and encouragement.

Volkerling



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At the present I am interested in the running of the Cafeteria. I am on an S.R.C. Sub-committee to investigate Cafeteria food prices and subsidies which is concerned with finding a way to hold the running costs of the cafeteria stable and if possible lower than those at present without raising either food prices or the subsidy which student pays on the cafeteria. There are a number of possibilities but we have yet to determine their practicality.

I am also interested in the staff-student sub-committees which exist in each department and have been fairly closely associated with the committees in my own department. I feel that these committees could be far more widely used in gauging student opinion on particular issues such as preferred means of assessment. I also feel that these committees do not work satisfactorily in a number of departments and that their role could be more closely defined so that there are areas of interest which committee members, as representative students have at least power to discuss.

One of the major concerns of the Lady Vice President is accommodation and while I have not previously been interested in this I am prepared to do the necessary work in connection with it which will include helping with the Accommodation Survey and investigating means of finance for the flats scheme.

As far as my own capability for the position of Lady Vice President is concerned—I am no more able to do the job than a great many other people except that I am interested in doing it. I could probably be described as an optimist who believes that even impossible dreams can come true if one tries hard enough.

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Vice-presidential candidates: Moisa Rann



MIKE RANN

My reasons for standing as M.V.P. do not stem from any masochistic desire to embroil myself in a net of constitutional hohum. Rather my candidacy takes more the form of a protest, a protest against the self-interest of that 'elite' club of lawyers and other bureaucrats who dominate student politics. While not denying the difficulties their positions entail, the complete lack of direction, the polarisation of factions and the buck passing has gone too far; seems to have been the *raison d'être* for their existence. My unenviable position as a Stage I Candidate (will you read on?) has inspired many wisecracks and much condescension from my 'seniors'. This disparity between the 'ins' and the 'outs' as far as student politics is concerned prompted my candidacy.

However, we are to blame for this state of affairs. It is obvious that the majority of the students are unaware of—or uninterested in, the objects, purposes and structure of the Association. Most students when entering these ivory towers to a small self-perpetuating dynasty of ex-boy scouts and aspiring demagogues—playing little or no part in student government. It seems almost laughable that in a student body of nearly 10,000 a body comprising many diverse interests and views that a presidential candidate was almost declared elected unopposed.

The Constitution states as the objects of the Association "To further the interests of the University and to secure the co-operation of the students in doing so" and "to represent and act for the members in all matters in which members as a body are interested." Is this being done? Unfortunately the usual low attendances at General Meetings of the Association increase the possibility of stacking votes in order to implement minority interests. What about the S.R.C., those overseers of the Students' Welfare? Unfortunately this policy-guiding body has little constitutional power, a procedural farce also crippled by low attendances.

What can one deduce from this mess? That this institutionalised hierarchy, given leeway and not being held responsible by a largely apathetic student body, is submerged in bitter infighting, pettiness and red tape. Whilst we the 'silent majority' look on in wonder. It seems that word-play and rhetoric have distorted the stated objects and purpose of our Association. We come to University to see bureaucracy at its worst, where our legally trained administrators deliberate on vital issues of a troubled world. Wax or plastic milk shake containers, the desirability of dogs on campus (ad nauseum)—all legitimised by the grandeur of a mahogany table and high sounding titles. In other words a mickey-mouse attempt to mirror the very aspects and institutions of society and government that our leaders so frequently deride. This I oppose.

What is to be done?

I would like to see an Association, whose leaders, as the representatives (Mr Wedderspoon might prefer Vanguard) of the student 'proletariat', which would have a voice in our community and

CHRISTOTHOULOS MOISA

His aim is to put into effect ideas that will not only unify the university but spur it on to take a leading role in the institution of a cultural movement that will revitalise and integrate New Zealand.

He believes: that one should live for the world, without any prejudice against colour, race or sex; also in the right of the individual to hold and voice an opinion. He will work towards the realisation of the policy set below, as a member of the executive or as an individual if the need arises.

1) The economic stabilisation of the Student Union through the overhauling of the Catering system. This will entail mainly research towards the leasing of the Cafeteria to an outside caterer. If feasible, this will eliminate a loss endured annually by the Union upward of \$10,000, and also hopefully give an income (that is out of the Caterer's profits). The standards and price of food will be liable to changes only after the Caterer makes representations to S.R.C. Equal pay for equal amount of work is a principle a caterer will have to adhere to upon accepting the lease.

2) The immediate instigation of true democracy within the student union. Mainly achieved by the opening of S.R.C. to all students who will have equal voting rights.

Also working towards student equality within the University Administration especially better representation on Senate.

3) The fusing of all faculties, now separated not only physically but also spiritually, to create a truer concept of an Auckland University. This concept will materialise out of the following:

a) A three week lecture tour through every faculty by members of the executive. The goal being to inform students of the function and aspiration to an organisation they give \$20.00 to.

b) The opening of the Student Union building on Sundays and the creation of a sports and cultural programme for that day. To act as a substitute until a gymnasium and a theatre are built.

c) Working towards the building of a large common-room free of partitions and other conditioning hinderances to the interaction of students as a body.

a visible pressure group airing its views and exerting its influence on local and national issues. At the present time one would seem justified in saying that we are hypocritical in criticising government when our own affairs are in such disorder.

Doesn't it seem rather odd that our Association, despite directives from the S.R.C. should promulgate unequal pay for its own women employees. Doesn't it seem odd that students are forced to become members of the Association in direct contravention of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (of freedom of association)—a declaration so frequently quoted by our leaders to Government.

POLICY

a) First and foremost I would like to see our Association with a voice in the community—looking out rather than within on all questions, from Vietnam to bankrupt business colleges.

b) Hands of Craccum—as M.V.P. I would urge as much leeway as possible to be given to present and future editors, curbing political and administrative interference from above.

c) I would urge greater Association support for future anti-war mobilisations and anti-apartheid marches.

d) As M.V.P. I'd like to see the Association support given to Radio Bosom, in its attempt to bring much needed atmosphere to our concrete campus, as well as its bid for a private warrant.

e) Referendums to register student opinion on issues such as Gill's Bill and the Premier College fiasco in order to maximise Exec bargaining power.

f) As Mens Vice President, I would oppose to the fullest extent any attempt to initiate a system which would establish 'merit' as a criteria for entry into our university—as has been mooted. Such a proposal, which would guarantee entry into our halls of learning to the elite corps of scholarship and bursary holders, whilst poor old 'U.D.'s become surplus rejects destined for other universities, would tend to take the onus off government to provide new and better facilities for higher education—urgently.

g) Greater liaison and co-operation between studass and other interest groups—unions, (psychiatric nurses for instance) anti-apartheid and other movements, forming temporary co-alitions for specific ends in worthwhile causes in order to heighten bargaining power.

g) I would like to see an M.V.P. not belonging to the 'club', not frightened to constructively buck the system and expose dirty linen where it needs airing.

My candidature, whatever the voting outcome, is an attempt to make clear to our paternal leaders that they cannot always count on an apathetic voting body to pave their paths to glory. Stage Ones are the largest interest group in the student body, we not only have a right to a say in our leadership, but also a share in that leadership. Only by awakening political consciousness in the younger students—can a broader more representative leadership potential emerge in the future.

suspending operations). Perhaps if he were to have his ear closer to the ground he would have a greater appreciation of what is happening in South Africa. He claims that nothing we do will change the situation in South Africa.

I would claim that the world wide anti-apartheid movement has already achieved a great deal. For the first time in ten years white

South Africans are talking about their race relations. No mean achievement. This certainly never happened whilst we were being sweet and reasonable with them. It only happened after prestigious teams such as the Cricketers were denied entry into Britain.

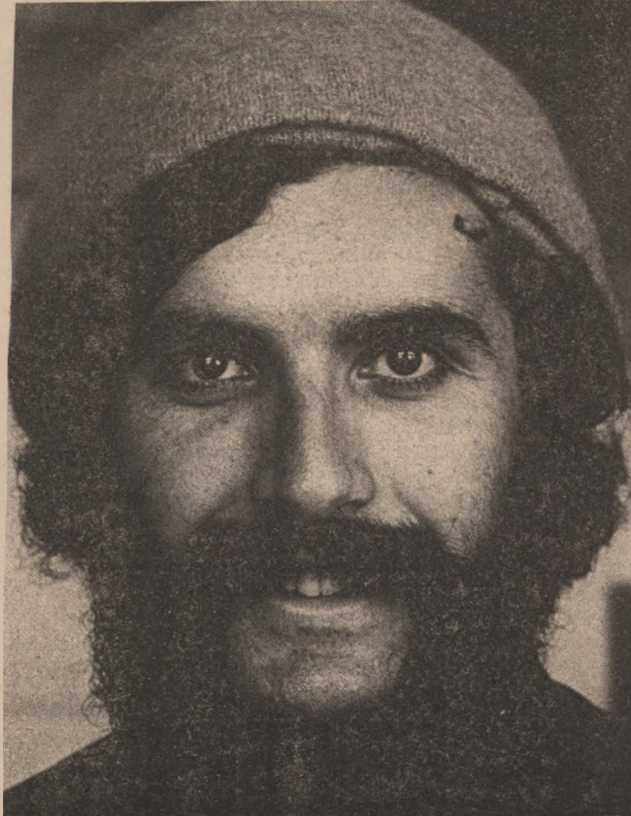
If P.D. Lister would agree, I would be prepared to discuss this matter with him at an open forum

next time I'm in Auckland.

Trevor Richards.

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d) The creation of a radio programme run by students, through public or private media. To inform, enlighten and educate both students and the public.



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P.J. WEDDERSPOON

Vaughan Preece's departure will not cause emotional scenes of tearful regret yet it demands some hard-thinking on the future role of an administrative secretary. His 'rejection' of the S.G.M. resolution for equal pay was the last straw in his continuing story of cold water thrown by the gallon on student initiative.

The Students Association must exert pressures upon the University authorities to appoint an Administrative Secretary who is capable of understanding the feelings of young people. It is vital that this man (a woman might be much better after all!) confine his activities to office administration and steer clear of student policy matters.

Because I fear the appointment of another Preece I am putting forward an essentially political candidacy for M.V.P. I am quite prepared to let a man do the Administrative Secretary job few students have the time to fully check, let alone do themselves, but I will not tolerate political interference bordering on straight-out manipulation.

The Preecees of this world are not Gods but petty bureaucrats who gain power over people younger than themselves. Put them among those of their own kind and they freeze. Preece is doubtless a man among boys and a boy among men.

The trouble lies in the poor brand of the Executives we continually foist on ourselves to rubbish. Childish elitism is so wrapped up in itself little is bothered about otherwise. Instead we must 'front' the University Council and Senate to get an Administrative Secretary with a sane perception of the job rather than another Stephen Cord.



STOP-PRESS TELEGRAM

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P J WEDDERSPOON

LETTER ...

Sir,

Perhaps P. D. Lister wouldn't find 'so many invalidities in the H.A.R.T. movement' (Craccum 12) if he had bothered to listen to what it was we are saying.

We have never said that N.Z. sportsmen who play against South African teams are pro-apartheid; what we do claim is that in many circles it will seem this way. Worse still, it will seem that not only do individual sportsmen support apartheid, but also that N.Z. as a nation does. To quote Dr Siaka Stevens, Prime Minister of Sierra Leone in a cable to this organisation:

'Any intermingling with racialists, even in the field of sport, cannot but be interpreted as general approval of apartheid ideology.'

Secondly, P. D. Lister seems to be so sure that everything we do is doomed to failure (which in itself is a quaint reason for

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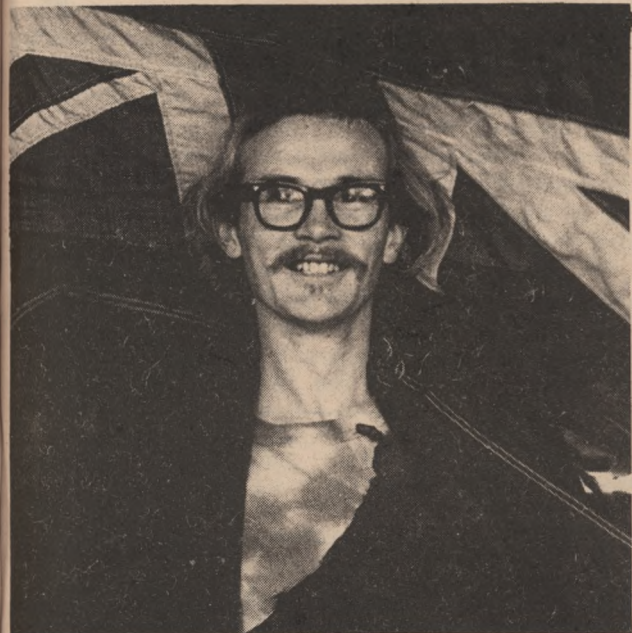
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Vice-presidential candidate: Lack

BOB LACK

It has become fashionable of late to decry the Association as yet another branch of the National Establishment and to dismiss all its formalized workings—motions, constitutions, committees and all the rest—as counterproductive. This is unfortunate since the Association is so structured as to permit it to do whatever its members desire of it, and the sum effect of the destructive 'revolutionary forces' is to perpetuate a lot of childish wrangling and to prevent us from achieving anything worthwhile.

There appear to me to be two main reasons for this—one is a lack of any definite aims or priorities for the Association, the other a lack of liaison and communication between the various parts of the Association: the students, the Executive, the SRC, and the staff. Our priorities cannot be established by a single election campaign, but I would hope that we would want to present a viable 'student voice' in the community—on University, local, national, and international levels. Closer liaison and a unity of purpose between the students and their representatives can, however, be achieved by a strong and effective execution of the Vice-Presidential functions, and it is on this basis and with the following comments that I present my candidature for the Vice-Presidency:



VP candidate Lack

The Executive are the controlling body of the Association, and they are entrusted with the management of its interests and assets. In this respect it is vital that the Executive function in accordance with the wishes of the students, and it was to ensure this that the SRC was set up: whilst it has so far proved largely unsuccessful I do feel that it could be replaced by something more viable; possibly an open lunchtime forum to which all Executive members are answerable. Whatever structural alterations are made, however, the Vice-President's responsibility for Executive-SRC liaison must be pursued vigorously—it is pointless the SRC adopting policies or passing motions if no-one bothers to follow them up at Executive level, and it is equally pointless the Executive passing motions if they are unable to justify them to the SRC or to students.

Furthermore, as the responsible elected representatives of the students and as the controlling body of the Association it is important that the Executive do in fact control all affairs of the Association, especially in matters of finance: Mystery Envelope Appeals must not be conducted out of the sight of the Executive, and the Association staff must be held answerable to the Executive: too often things are done or appear to be done without reference to the Executive either before or after the fact, and with a new Administrative Secretary taking office soon after the new Executive it is important that a proper area of delegation be defined.

As an example of the importance of Exec-student, Exec-SRC, and Exec-staff relations, I would cite the equal pay fiasco: Although the SRC and an SGM had adopted motions concerning equal pay on several occasions over the last two years, the Executive never implemented the policy and the matter was allowed to die until the SGM a couple of weeks ago. The Executive went to that SGM without having investigated the Stabilization of Remuneration Act, and thus found after the meeting that they had been told to do something illegal but that no-one had told the SGM that it was illegal. Similarly the SGM had not been asked how they proposed to pay for the wage increase. As a result the Executive called another SGM (yesterday) and the staff still have not got equal pay. Now without wishing to question the abilities of the present Vice-President it would seem to be that "strong and effective execution of the Vice-Presidential functions" could have allowed this matter to be cleared up six months ago. And if that is bureaucratic administria, then I intend to practise bureaucratic administria, for bureaucracy is not abominable per se, only when it ceases to function efficiently; neither is it incompatible with the implementation of liberal ideals.

The MVP is also responsible for intra-Executive liaison and for ensuring the efficient functioning of the various portfolio positions, and it is necessary for him to have the versatility and experience to be able to assist and advise any portfolio holder, and to be able to take over any vacant Executive position from the Presidency down.

The final area of responsibility for the Vice-President is the dissemination and implementation of the Association's policies on matters of local and national concern: be it legalization of marijuana, Gill's Bill (or the Government alternative), the state of mental hospitals, or our attitude to the Minister of Defence, it is the Vice-President who must organise the delegations / demos / letters / petitions / collections / lectures or whatever is appropriate. In this capacity it is important that he is able to administer Association policy and follow the wishes of the students rather than be prejudiced by his own preconceived political ideas.

Having explained my conception of the Vice-Presidency necessary for the efficient functioning and development of the Association as a viable political force, a few personal notes may be appropriate: I am a fourth year science student, but various circumstances have forced me to withdraw from study this year, and while I intend (Senate permitting) to carry on next year, I will have plenty of time for Studass work. I have some experience of the bureaucratic and political machinations of this organization having served on the odd (very) subcommittee or three and the Craccum Administration Board, and having observed our leaders at 'work'. I

have even been to a couple of NZUSA councils under Law's regime; and in passing if anyone attacks NZUSA, just ask them whether Piggy would have handed out his recent bursary increase (however inadequate they may be) if it had not been for the work of NZUSA. Having been employed by the Government for a couple of years, I know a little about finances and costing and running an office, and similar bureaucratic necessities which may be of assistance in ensuring a smooth transfer to the new Administrative Secretary.

Also I have a personal ambition, that is to see if it is possible to join the political ranks and remain honest; I promise on my honour as

an Englishman that I will faithfully serve the students and answer any questions about the Association without every lying or being deceitful. And if you would kindly give me the opportunity to try and achieve that much, we might get somewhere.

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