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Rachel Dudding  
Publications Officer

There should be more publications from the students involved in association activities. There are many cultural and sporting and social societies on campus and their activities and work is being swallowed inwards - nobody knows (or, possibly, cares) about what they are doing/achieving. There is, I believe, a real need for cultural (and other) publications which as Publications Officer I would try very hard to initiate (taking into account a certain lack of interest on the behalf of students when they find out there is work involved).

A capping magazine is a must - it is ridiculous that the largest university in New Zealand was left without a booklet listing our graduates - a sad lack of acknowledgement. A capping magazine, no matter what format or content is part of capping, part of the university way of life, and really should happen next year with the standard that Auckland University is capable of.

Basically, the publications around the university at the moment are less than adequate. Publications are a means of communication. Communications are lacking and the indications are that publications are lacking - I mean to do something about it by introducing publications that will have both specific and general appeal to students.

Julian Leigh  
Treasurer

I believe that, while no necessary expenditure should be approached in too mean a fashion, costs generally should be kept as low as possible, with a view to minimising the Students' Association membership fee. The Association should recognise the need to maintain healthy cash balances and reserves but this goal should not be pursued to the extent of unnecessarily increasing membership fees. All affiliated organisations should have to account for any funds used before any grants are made, with the object of minimising unjustified expenditure. Again with this object in view, any person proposing to donate Association funds to outside organisations, or extra funds to affiliated organisations for specific projects should, in all but the most exceptional cases, be required to present an expenditure budget as a condition of the donation. Generally, caution should be the watchword for those with control of students' money.

Biographical note:

Born London, May 23, 1959.

Arrived in New Zealand October 1973.

Attended Westlake Boys' High School 1973-6.

Granted New Zealand citizenship March 1977.

Enrolled for first year, B Com, 1977, Auckland University.

Interests include sport (especially cricket) and music (trumpet in University Orchestra).

## ROUND TWO

*You may have noticed that last week's CRACCUM contained news of the election of a new President for 1978. This time around we get to elect his underlings. These are the policy statements of the applicants for positions of the 1978 Executive.*

Peter Gleeson  
International Affairs Officer

Students have time and again shown that we can play a positive role in international affairs, especially through solidarity campaigns. The best example and obvious highpoint was the solidarity campaign with the struggle of the Vietnamese. Millions of students all around the world mobilised to demand an end to United States and allied intervention into the affairs of the Vietnamese. But more recently there has also been the solidarity campaign with the Blacks in South Africa. This has been in defence of the Blacks right to determine their own affairs.

The Students Association has done some good work in support of the anti-apartheid movement's efforts to end New Zealand complicity with the white supremacist regime in Pretoria. The mass repression following the uprisings in and around Soweto have shown how important the campaign to free all political prisoners and end the political repression is for the Blacks in South Africa. This work needs to be kept up and extended by campaigning in solidarity with the demand "For Black Majority Rule Now".

The Association should be fighting for the rights of overseas students who are studying here also. This means fighting against the cuts in Overseas students, demanding that the Language Achievement test for Overseas students be abolished and that Overseas students have the right to permanent residency if they so desire.

The Pacific Islands have had their economies badly distorted by the effects of foreign investment, including New Zealand investment. This is why Pacific Islanders can not find work in their own countries. The way in which we can express solidarity with their plight is by campaigning for open immigration from the Pacific.

I am a fourth year BA student, a member of the Young Socialists and I am presently International Affairs Officer. I have been involved in the anti-apartheid movement, the fight against cuts and other discrimination against overseas students, the campaign against nuclear warships and the campaign to end harassment of Pacific Islanders. So if you want an International Affairs Officer who is prepared to take up contentious issues and fight for the rights of all oppressed people, vote Peter Gleeson for International Affairs Officer.

Kerry Buchanan  
International Affairs Officer

No Policy Statement Received

Losena Ma'ake  
International Affairs Officer

No Policy Statement Received

Rebecca Evans  
National Affairs Officer

As national Affairs Officer 1977, I consider myself to have sufficient experience for this

position in 1978. My priorities this year have been activities which I have been involved in for some time. i.e. Maori Land Struggle - Bastion Point - Pacific Island Student activities and in pushing for a firmer foundation for Maori, Pacific Island and other minority Student groups. However my main obstacle in venturing further has been lack of student feedback in one or two areas. This I hope to rectify in the time left this year and this will be a major priority next year as well as educating students in the area of racism and other related affairs which they may find a necessary part of National Affairs.

Visekota Peteru  
Cultural Affairs Officer

I hope to achieve greater co-ordination of cultural groups and encourage use of every variety of cultural activities. I intend to extend the range of activities available for students and the public. This will hopefully increase student participation by the application of the "something for everyone" principle. Culture implies participation and thereby communication with each other and I will work to this end.

I believe that I can maintain the high standard of the activities already achieved, without sacrificing the unifying aspect of all cultural activities. Cultural activities should not seem alienated from the student body or the Public at large. With this in mind I will seek to discourage what I term "cultural snobbery."

Jocelyn Gibson  
Welfare Officer

More of the same !!

I am concerned about the loneliness at University that I keep hearing about. Is it real? What can be done about it? These are questions I hope to answer and action. A.U.S.A. should be concerned, primarily, with it's members and their needs. There are many ways of Opening up and warming up university life, such as alternative methods of assessment which require group work, groups on campus who are willing to be available as sounding boards for other students or even pushing the University to allow first tutorials, labs etc. to be socially oriented, a getting to know each other session.

The social and emotional welfare, of students, therefore, is my main concern.

Born: 2/8/55 in Auck. LEO with TAURUS rising.

Education: 7 yrs primary, 5 yrs secondary, and so far 5 yrs varsity.

Any further details can be obtained from me personally.

Richard Foster  
Societies Representative

I shall: Encourage new and potential clubs to 'get off the ground'.

Increase the efficiency and speed in the application of University Grants'.

Encourage the clubs to use our facilities on campus to the maximum and hence increase the availability of the club to the students.


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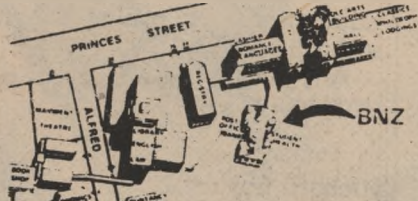

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### NOMINATIONS

have been opened for the positions of Editor, Technical Editor, Advertising Manager and Distribution Manager for Craccum 1978.

Details are available from the present incumbents or the Publications Officers.

Nominations close with the Association Secretary at 5 pm, Monday 19 September 1977.

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have also been opened for Editors, Technical Editors, Advertising Managers and Distribution Managers for Orientation Handbook and Capping Magazine for 1978.

full details are available from Anthony Wright, Publications Officer, Rm 208 on the second floor of the AUSA Office block.

Nominations close with the Association Secretary at 5 pm, Monday 19 September, 1977.

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# FAGS

Dear Frank,

Reading through Bruce's letter of last issue concerning the possible compromise of the political wing of NZUSA by the Commercial arm of the Association, I was reminded of the totally puerile policy of excluding the sale of cigarettes from campus.

If the ban was motivated by an interest in student health one could almost applaud the decision, but we all know that it was the proportion of South African tobacco that our moral guardians object to.

I have wondered why a boycott of the BNZ branch on campus has not been called for by our idealistic student politicians. As surely as our "filter tip foes" are adulterated with South African tobacco, the BNZ's investments are tainted with the toil of the ostensibly unfairly exploited black labour of South Africa. Of course, any such move would simply be making an already childish situation even more ridiculous. The list of Banks and companies in NZ which have South African investments is indeed a formidable one. The interaction of the NZ economy would make any boycott policy, which claimed even a modicum of consistency, a veritable impossibility.

The fact is that South Africa is completely integrated into the Western capitalist economic community and each and every one of us is part of that system. Change in South Africa will be brought about by white South Africans opening their economic and social doors to blacks, and not by futile and doomed attempts by us to close their doors to them. So how about our cig machine back?

P.A. Blair

Dear Frank,

I am writing this letter concerning a recent decision of the Auckland Law Students Association Committee - a decision which I consider to be quite astounding!

I have no objection to being forced to pay fees to the Committee, provided that the Committee spends my money in a responsible way. Yet what is happening?

The Committee has decided to subsidise "sports teams" to the tune of \$7 a person! What is more, some of the people in the teams receiving our money are not even law students. Where will this end? If I and some engineers set up a tiddlywinks team - will we get a subsidy?

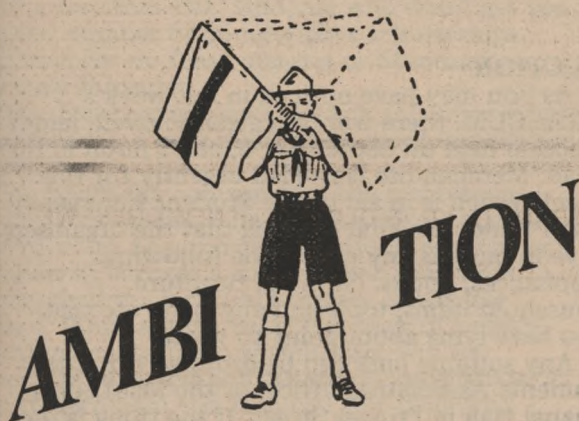
Understandably, this motion only just squeaked through (4-2 with 3 abstentions). In addition, it was pushed through by committee members who will be getting the direct benefit resulting from this motion. (or their friends).

Is this proper?

If the committee are so desperate to find ways to spend our money, or so determined to spend it in this way, then it should be returned to its rightful owners.

Surely the Law Students Association should be more than just a social and charitable organisation.

Yours,  
Simon Monks



As I have said before, apart from the danger of being sucked in by highfalutin talkers; there is the danger of becoming a highbrow oneself.

Such a lot of fellows, while they are young, think no small beer of themselves as politicians, or poets, thinkers or orators, artists and the like. I was a real cuckoo myself - equally intent on becoming a red-hot Socialist or a devoted Missionary, and I wore a green tie with forked lightning on it!

A man who has the cheap ambition to make himself famous or to exalt himself amongst his fellows is laying out for himself disappointment, mingled with envy, hatred and malice, against those who pass him in the race.

Ambition to do the right is the only ambition that counts, and that helps towards happiness.

But the personal ambition to be thought great or exceptional makes prigs.

SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL BART

# LETTERS

Dear Frank,

As most people will know, Mr Muldoon presented his Budget a fortnight ago. In it was a \$2.00 rise in the bursary, representing an average of \$78 a year increase. This week there are to be Protest Marches throughout the country to "commemorate" this increase.

The rationale behind this March goes as follows:

It is felt the amount of increase was not enough. I expected at least \$3.00. The Government has done nothing to fix the anomalies with the present system, which, as part of its election manifesto, the National Party promised to do. There are many more obvious reasons. The other reason is an on-going scheme. In September there is to be a Bursaries Conference which will discuss at length the Bursary Regulations and the Philosophy of the Bursary. This means that a strong protest will give our (your) negotiators a good position. It is obvious that when 2,000 or more students march, it is more disconcerting to Government than 200. Bursary protests are not just for this year they are an on-going thing.

Other points of interest. Monday and Tuesday of this week there are portfolio elections. Elsewhere in CRACCUM there will be election statements.

Also, David Merritt has become the International Vice President of NZUSA until the end of the year. This means David joins three other National Officers based in Wellington whose job is to co-ordinate national student activities and to lobby Government.

As a result, David has resigned as S.R.C. Chair and we have yet another vacancy. (It's getting quite a manageable number). Vacancies exist for Treasurer (Garry resigned because of other commitments). Education Vice President (Clint has gone to Australia) and S.R.C. Chair. An election will be held at the next S.R.C. meeting. Nominations are open at present.

See you at the March on August 3rd.

Luv and Kisses,  
Bruce Gulley

# Dear who?

Dear Frank,

Ms Shaw's article on Rabbi Druckman invites reaction. I confess that I am not particularly fond of Arab or US politicians, but I hope that Ms Shaw will appreciate a different attitude to this man.

Ms Shaw is obviously intolerant of Rabbi D's hopes for the West Bank. She should remember that he is looking at the problem in his capacity as an Israeli citizen, so we can only admire him for his sincerity. The 'peculiar solution' of annexation is the only solution for Israeli nationalists; the non-peculiar solution (killing more Israelis than Arabs) is for the Arabs and the US.

Ms Shaw derides the idea of a 'decision on the status of the West Bank'. Unfortunately for Ms Shaw, a decision will have to be made, somehow, and despite what Ms Shaw says about these Arabs not liking war, Rabbi D is the only person who is proposing, in all sincerity, using reason, not ammunition, to arrive at a decision.

Ms Shaw speaks about the reactions of the West Bank populace in terms of violence. Violence is a consideration only while the situation remains unresolved. If a decision, either way, is arrived at without resorting to butchery, it will be proof that reasoning can be quicker and more effective than violence. With an opportunity for outright war avoided through a new kind of thinking, people on both sides can look to new possibilities for peace.

On principle, the Israelis should reject any compromise suggested by the US. (By the way, I couldn't find the US on your map of the Middle East - maybe they stayed at home for once). US politicians can have no sympathy with a nation that does not sell them oil.

Rabbi D does not strike Ms Shaw as a politician. That is a tribute to the man. Look at the mess our usual, everyday politicians have put us in. Perhaps Rabbi D with his 'detached view of life' is an example of the sort of person who can lead us into a happier future.

Ms Shaw is 'perturbed about the future state of affairs in the Middle East'. Apparently, while Kissinger was zooming in on his trouble spots and deciding whether blood ties or oil ties were stronger, the Middle East was in good hands. Clean your ears out Ms Shaw! The last few years should be enough to tell you that a bunch of warmongers has skilfully engineered the international political scene into a massive botch-up! I, for one, am optimistic about the future if there are people with the idealism and sincerity of Rabbi D who will be listened to.

Rosemary Tea-Strainer

Dear Frank,

Just a few words of correction to an otherwise quite commendable report, which I have only just seen, on the United Women's Convention. In her version of the Saturday night happening at the C.S.A. gallery, your reporter describes "a Maori welcome by three Christchurch women". Not true. As one of the five Maori women there, I feel I must say what actually occurred, noting, too, that not one of us was from Christchurch. Two were from Auckland, and the other three from Waahi Pa, Tauranga, and Ohinemutu respectively. We gathered together in a small corner of the gallery that had been recreated as the environment of Allie Eagle, a gifted Eatahiti artist whom we all knew was especially tuned to Maoritanga, and Maori being. For us, as Maori women, because this consciousness is so lamentably lacking in our pakeha sisters, where we found aroha, we celebrated it, and we found it there in that particular place. The haka and dance were not in any way whatsoever performed as a special welcoming act by the local natives, as your reporter implies, but were rather an expression of the feelings of the women present. Of particular interest is the fact that most of the energy had been ignited by a caustic and racist confrontation that had occurred earlier in the evening between two of the Maori women, and a benighted and befuddled white liberal. Instead of acting according to the popular stereotype, we danced, sang, chanted, and literally haka-ed our rage and frustration away .... the unexpected mingling of pakeha voices with ours soon soothed our hurts, and as one gaping white lady remarked, "Wow, so this is sisterhood!"

Heoi ra,  
Ngahua Te Awakotuku

Dear Ed,

We could have our own radio station! - if we went about it the right way. The Broadcasting Act now allows for permanent shared frequency licence stations to be set up. It couldn't be FM, but that would come later.

A shared licence means sharing time, and possibly costs with other people such as Drama, Polynesian and religious groups, or perhaps the university itself. Why not do this?

Love,  
Ernest Higginrump-Marconi



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It has been an uphill struggle for the faithful workers in the CRACCUM collective farm this week. Chief machine operator Barbara Amos was forced to abandon the plow for a day, and production fell dramatically. Head planter Stark says he is not unduly concerned by the failure of the turnip crop, while Farmer Macdiarmid has spent most of the week effecting repairs to the glorious combine harvester. Squire Geary lorded it over everyone, and comrade farm worker Green devoted some time to cultivating his thumb. The consultant, Commissar Hollis-McLeod, had many fine pieces of advice which will doubtless come in handy. But, before we go, let us all face towards the capital and wish former comrade Chunn all the most socialist good luck in her future career as an interior decorator.



# News

## WT

### BILLET FORMS FOUND !

Tuesday morning last week the Winter Tournament Controller suffered a mild heart attack after finding what he thought were two completed Billetting Forms in the completed forms envelope which hangs outside his office.

But on subsequent examination, it was found to contain one Arts Council Billetting Form, one slightly battered Eligibility Form, three S.I.S. bugs and two K.G.B. agents. While sorting out the entire mess, our esteemed Tournament Controller took time to ponder what he exactly expected from the student fraternity.

With a conclusion reached that "SWEET F.A." was expected, the madly deranged man tried to fling himself from the top of the library building only to be saved by the excellent work of New Zealand's illustrious Fire Brigade.

Mr Monteith at last report was resting quietly in Carrington Hospital's intensive care unit, and issued this statement to our roving reporter late Wednesday evening.

"If the students refuse to take billets, the whole economy will grind to a standstill. Tournament will have to be cancelled. N.A.C. will lose its most profitable charter flights and be forced to curtail operations. The Auckland hotels and food bars will lose all their expected custom, causing mass unemployment and drastic deflation, which will paralyse the nation. But worst of all the Drinking Horn will have to be cancelled. So I appeal to you all - New Zealand expects that every man will do his duty - take a billet - its only bed and breakfast."

P.A.M.

### YOUNG SOCIALISTS DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS.

The Young Socialists have been holding a series of discussions on basic socialist ideas. These are being held in conjunction with Young Socialist Meetings each Tuesday at 1 pm. On August 2 we will be discussing "How to fight for Socialism", and the meeting will be in the Executive Lounge. The following week on August 9 we will be holding a discussion on "The role of the Student Movement in the fight for Socialism", in Room 144.

### VICTOR PAPANNEK

Victor Papanek, the renowned American designer for the Third World, and otherwise disadvantaged persons, will be in Auckland for one only lecture.

It will be held in the City Art Gallery on Monday August 15 at 8.00 pm. The title of the address is 'Where to look - sources of design!'. Among other areas he will be delving into is the possibilities of using American kitsch as a source of inspiration.

### PARTIAL VICTORY

Last week, the Overseas Students Admission Committee, a sub-committee of the University Grants Committee, requested that their parent body - the UGC - approach the Government to secure the lifting of the current quotas on Malaysian students until such time as students from other countries can be secured to fill the available spaces.

This represents a considerable victory in the campaign waged by students throughout the country against the cutbacks in Malaysian student numbers. Michael Treen, the Resource Officer of AUSA said 'We must now ensure that the Government accedes to this request from its own subordinate body.'

### WEEKEND COFFEE

The management of the Student Union Catering Complex inform us that the Coffee Bar will be open from 10 am on Saturday and Sunday next weekend, and each in-term weekend until the end of the year.

### HIROSHIMA DAY

This year for Hiroshima day a group has planned a day-long event, starting at twelve noon. Activities are planned to include a healthy balance between reflection on the suffering and death of Hiroshima and the arms race today, as well as our own life-giving potential. There will be folk music, guerrilla theatre, a puppet show, a short commemoration for Hiroshima around 3 pm, and films and slides on nuclear weapons. Along with this there will be visual displays, a trade aid stall, craft stall and a natural food stall with soups, juices salads and other healthy munchies. In the early evening, starting at 5 pm we have planned a rock and rave concert featuring El M' Fud, Phil v Leonnie Thoms and Bamboo.

Hiroshima Day Festival will be an enjoyable opportunity for everyone to meet with others who are working for peace and to become involved in positive action to ensure peace for our future generations. We hope you and your friends come for some or all of the day, on Saturday, August 6th at Normal Intermediate School, Mt. Eden.

### SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

The Young Socialists will be holding a second hand Bookstall from 12-2 pm in the Quad next Thursday August 4. A range of books from light reading to University texts will be available at rock bottom prices.

### SHOCK ! PRESIDENT STAYS AWAKE

A.U.S.A. President Bruce Gulley was at the National Exec. meeting of NZUSA on July 23 at Victoria University. The main issues and his reactions to them were as follows :

Bursaries action - A nation-wide student protest in the usual form of rallies and marches is to be held on August 3. They are part of a continuing campaign against the inadequacies of the present system but will be specifically directed against the "bread-and-water" Budget which gave even less than what was promised. The campaign has wide support and the rallies are expected to be well-attended, considering the support given to the pre-Budget marches, and the fact that this issue affects all students personally.



International Vice-President - An S.G.M. was held to elect a new official for this post, vacated by the resignation of Paul Watson earlier this year, and to relieve some of the subsequent work pressure on the President and the two Research Officers. The new I.V.P. is Dave Merritt, until the end of the year. Some of the work he will be involved in includes the National Anti-Apartheid Conference and the Overseas Students cutbacks campaign.

National Overseas Students Conference - The G.V.P. (David Tripe) and National Co-ordinator N.O.S.A.C. (James Movick) got to go to Australia for the conference, despite objections from Bruce Gulley that at least one of the trips is unjustified. One man could do the job he contended, and he doesn't necessarily have to be a member of the Executive. Comments Bruce, 'It's amazing how things happen when National Office are for something'.

J.H.

### ABSURDITIES

Sunday 24th: a group of people-on-the-street left for "The Island of Real Cafe" and there created a plane where absurdities became tangible.

The night was unrehearsed and people from the audience were free to participate. Reaction was such that we now have a space-time whenever we get the energy together.

At present this is the only place in Auckland where, in a simple, unprofessional atmosphere, people can give something of what they're into - unpaid; unanswerable to anyone and to an eager audience.

If you feel like chasing a few off-beat lines into the open or contributing any kind of dance, theatre, music or poetry, write down particulars and phone No, drop into J. Bartlett c/- Studass and things will cook.

### TRENDS

New trends in American art is the title of an illustrated lecture to be given at the Auckland City Art Gallery on Tuesday 2 August at 7.30 p.m. by Robert Ebersole, director of the Grinter Galleries and visiting professor at the University of Florida. Born in 1922, Professor Ebersole has been extremely active in the arts in many different countries. He is also an author and a practising painter. New trends in American art has been organized in conjunction with the United States Information Service and will be free to the public.

### WGM

The Winter General Meeting of the Auckland University Students' Association Inc will be held on Wednesday 10 August 1977 at 7 pm in Room B28 of the Library Building. Unfinished business will be discussed the following day at a meeting to be held in the Catering Complex at 1 pm.

Notification of proposed Constitutional Amendments must be received by the Secretary by Tuesday 26 July 1977 at 5 pm.

Other items for the agenda close with the Association Secretary on Friday 5 August 1977 at 5 pm.

### SOWETO STUDENT LEADER VISTS

Barney Mokgatle, the former Secretary of the Soweto Student Representative Council - including at the time of the June 1976 uprising - will be in Auckland to give addresses next week. He will speak in the University Lecture Theatre next Thursday lunchtime. See next week's CRACCUM for further details of his visit.

### AUCTION

As you may have noticed in last week's CRACCUM, there will be a gigantic (well, large) Auction held on September 8, at 12 noon in the quad. Merchandise is needed urgently for this event, which is in aid of the Student Emergency Loan Fund. The kind of thing that the organisers have in mind is any one of the following: Appliances, books, clothing, furniture, household items, tools and any spare etc that you have lying about going to waste.

Any suitable junk can be dropped off at the Students Association office, or the MacLaurin Chapel Hall in Princes Street. If the thing is too big to move yourself, phone 30789, or 74740 ext 732.





# BREAD & WATER

It is the view of student organisations throughout the country that the Government's announced \$2.00 a week increase is a blatant breach of the National Party's election promise to "increase bursaries to take into account increased costs and thereafter to increase them annually." This 28 cent a day increase is the only increase students will receive in the 3 years of this government. Because of this, demonstrations are planned in most University Centres on Wednesday August 3rd. The National Party's election advertisements also told students that "during an average three year course, you will be hundreds of dollars better off under National". The \$76.00 increase shows what a hollow promise this was.

In the budget Mr Muldoon also said that "substantial progress has been made towards implementing a reformed bursary (another election promise) by removing a number of anomalies and improving the conditions applying to the Standard Tertiary Bursary". A more deceitful comment would be difficult to find.

In fact the Government's progress on this question has been remarkably slow, especially when compared with the great haste in setting up the National Superannuation Scheme. The Government took 10 months after coming into office to get out the regulations which govern the bursary system. They took 12 months to call a conference on tertiary bursaries. It took them a further 7 months to decide not to act on the recommendations of the Conference for an immediately effective increase in bursaries.

The following are the anomalies the Budget did not touch, the inequalities that many students still have to put up with:

The abatement which cuts students bursaries by \$11.00 a week if they don't have to live away from home to attend University or Technical Institute, if they are orphans over twenty if they're married to a non-student or if they're divorced, widowed or separated.

The fact that PhD students who don't get the limited number of competitive scholarships available get no fees bursaries or Standard Tertiary Bursaries.

The fact that students doing a full time course less than a full year in duration don't qualify for bursaries.

We reject the concept that the maintenance of these anomalies reflects substantial progress.

From this beginning the section on bursaries goes on to become a cosmetic job that would surely rival the sartorial excesses of Zsa Zsa Gabor. While stating that "the basis of bursary entitlements to bursary assistance will be similar in technical institutes and universities" the Government has failed to give technical institute students the right to a second course of study at a technical institute. If university students can do second courses at University, and tech students can't do second courses at technical institutes, how then are the entitlements similar?

The provision made for transfers between technical institutes and universities is minor and, for a few students, a useful concession. But, the only reason for this measure's inclusion is that it conceals the lack of action on other questions. There are some more components of the elaborate camouflage that the Government has used to conceal its sorry history of lies and distortions on bursaries. The time limit between a first course and a subsequent course has been lifted. Very nice for a few students who would otherwise be kept from having bursaries, but of no value for those students already at varsity who are having a tough time making ends meet.

Some of the problems for technical institute students have been worked out, and students in tertiary units of secondary schools have been given the bursary in recognition of their tertiary student status. Some relief is given for technical

institute students who have costly courses which require heavy expenditure on travel, equipment or materials. The nature and extent of this support is not defined but an intelligent guess, on the basis of earlier provision of assistance for university students in costly courses, would be that this provision might only be a bit of useless window-dressing. For all students next year, a \$2.00 increase in bursary values will apply from term one. This increase is equivalent to 28 cents a day, barely enough to buy the daily papers or a healthy bowl of muesli.

Since the standard tertiary bursary was introduced last year, the cumulative increase in the consumer price index has been over 20%. Bursaries have not been increased to meet that increase and by the time next year's 28 cents a day increase comes into effect, prices will have gone up by a lot more than 20%. A report prepared by academics and students at Otago University recently showed that, at the most conservative estimates, students' living and study costs are between \$460 and \$730 more than what they get in bursaries. Even if students' costs do not go up next year (and who'd take a bet on that?), the extra \$76.00 a year will go nowhere towards reducing that gap. And these estimates exclude any provision for clothing and footwear, toiletries, cosmetics, haircuts, dry-cleaning, shoe repairs, extra study books, daily



It is now almost three months since the Report of the Royal Commission on Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion was released. The initial reaction of groups fighting for reform, particularly in the laws concerning abortion, was one of anger and frustration. Now, in the calm after the storm, while awaiting the drawing up of legislation from the Commission's recommendations, it may seem that very little is happening on the abortion reform front. But it's not so ... CoAction are campaigning - hard.

CoAction is an organisation established specifically in response to the Royal Commission's Report with the aim of opposing any legislation which is more restrictive than the status quo. In particular, it is emphasising the reactionary effect in which the setting up of a Statutory Committee to oversee the implementation of the abortion laws would result.

At present, it is unlawful for anyone to perform an abortion unless that person honestly believes that the continuation of that pregnancy would result in serious danger to the life or physical or mental health of the woman. The operating doctor must also obtain the opinion of one or two other doctors. Both the Health Department and the Courts act as overseeing and administrative bodies.

CoAction believes that the Commission recommendation to establish a Statutory Committee to replace the Health Department is the most dangerous proposal in the report. It is envisaged that this committee would consist of three members, two of whom would be doctors, with a Chairman who would hold office for three years. This system is totally unacceptable as a means of administration. It would put abortion under bureaucratic state control with the distinct possibility of the government of the day being able to appoint to the committee whosoever reflects their political bias on abortion. It would also be impossible to find three impartial committee members upon whom the administration of abortion in New Zealand could fairly rest.

Another major objection to the report is the recommendations concerning decision-making in abortion cases. The law, as it stands, allows a doctor to perform an abortion if he believes, in good faith, that the case is lawful. The Royal Commission recommends that a woman seeking an abortion first obtain a letter from her doctor

travel, travel home in the holidays, radios, record players, television and licence, telephone and toll calls, books for general use, records, movies, newspapers, personal expenses such as newspaper, postage and gifts, recreation and hobbies, dental and medical costs, linen and other personal effects.

The difference between bursaries and the real costs students face is expected to be made up by the money students earn from holiday jobs. But a lot of students had problems getting decent paying jobs last holidays, especially women students. The Otago survey estimated that 'no student on a standard tertiary bursary, unless he can work for the whole vacation for a markedly higher than average wage, or with considerable over-time, can hope to make ends meet ...' (For a male student he would find that pretty difficult, for a female student she would find it quite impossible).

In the Budget Mr Muldoon talked about 'an increase in unemployment this year'. That will mean students will find it more difficult to get jobs, let alone decent paying jobs.

The only just solution to this question is to increase bursaries to keep up with rising costs. Bursaries should be indexed to the cost of living so that their real value doesn't keep going down. The bursary should be enough for a student to live on during the academic year - that will mean a lot more than \$2.00 a week.

stating her reasons for seeking the operation. Then she would be counselled by a Statutory Committee-appointed counsellor after which she would go before a panel of two doctors and a social worker. The two doctors would decide the case; the social worker would not have a vote. This system would be costly, time-consuming, and would leave no alternative to the women refused by the panel as there would be no right of appeal. Delayed abortions are more complicated and dangerous; doctors and social workers cannot be expected to be impartial. The whole proposal is far more unwieldy than the existing one. It too is totally unacceptable as a basis for legislation.

CoAction is primarily made up of members from organisations who support its broad, middle-group policy. Among those endorsing the Auckland branch (one of about a dozen throughout the country) are the YWCA, the General Practitioner Society, NOW, C.O.R.A.L., ALRANZ and the Family Planning Association. Members and supporters have launched a campaign to influence those upon whom the decision now rests - the M.P.s who will vote on the legislation when it is introduced. At present, CoAction is aiming at encouraging individuals and groups to write to and visit their local M.P.s to state their opinions on the abortion issue. The campaign is necessarily low-key; until they know specifically what it is up against (when the Bill comes before Parliament), CoAction is primarily concerned with publicising the anomalies within the report and drawing attention to the restrictions they would impose.

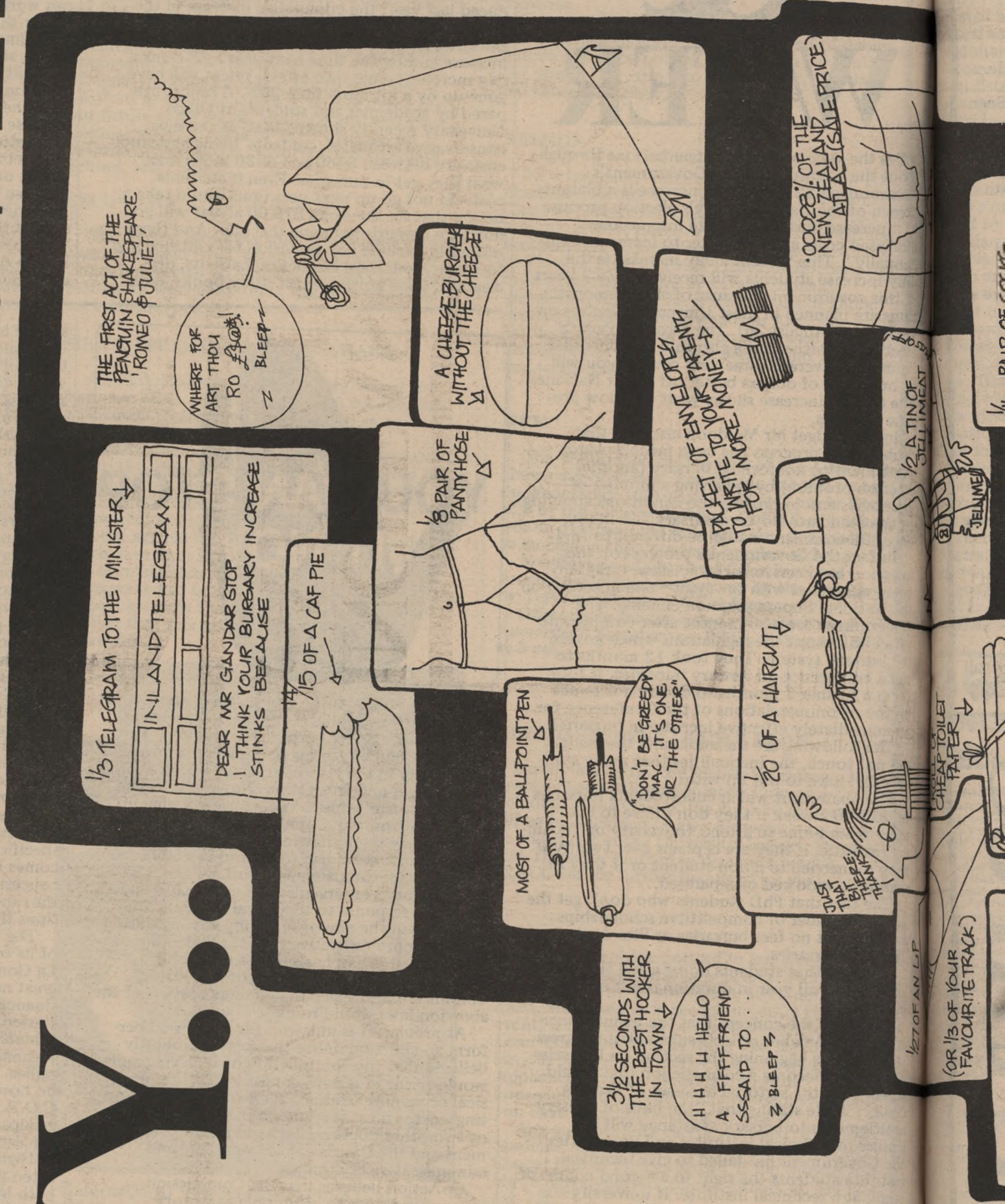
The Auckland branch of CoAction works out of its office at Room 201 on the second floor of La Gonda House in Karangahape Rd. There is a great need for further support, particularly financial, as the pamphletting programme recently started in Auckland is a costly business. In general, CoAction works through its member organisations; there are no marches, no big rallies. The organisations who have endorsed it do however work more in the public eye. C.O.R.A.L., one of the more militant member groups, have organised a Speak Out on Abortion for Saturday August 6 in the Ellen Melville Hall in High St. It will be a meeting for all women to listen to and talk about abortion experiences, both legal and illegal. During the first session from 10 am to 12 noon, women will be talking about personal experiences. The second session, from 1 pm to 3 pm, which will be closed to the media, will be a more informal meeting with opportunities for audience participation. Admission to Speak Out is \$1.50 which includes lunch. Further info is available from C.O.R.A.L. at 30-789, Ext 70 or at the Women's Resource Room on the first floor of Studass.

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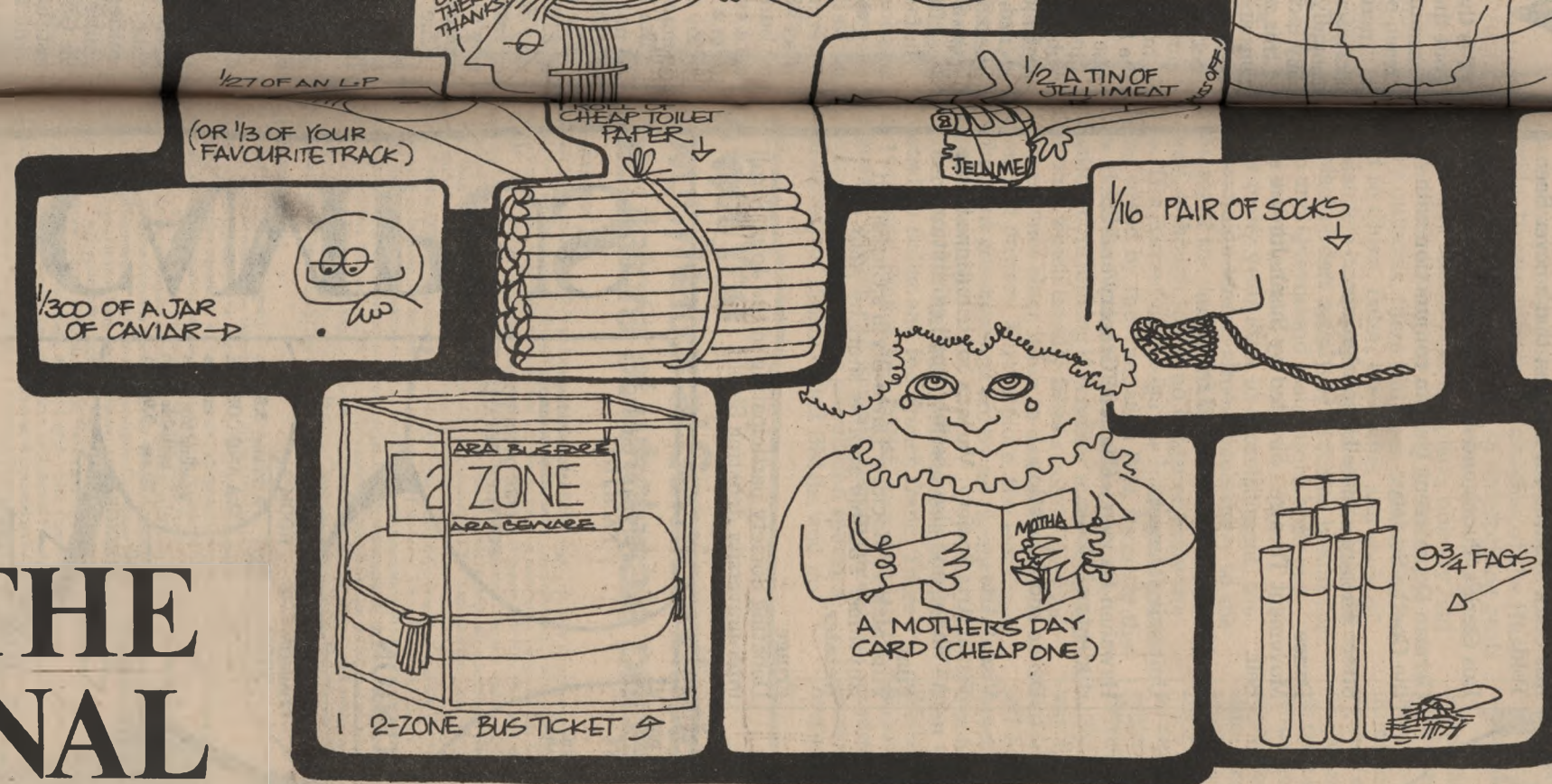
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Chamber Music Society: Several chamber groups including wind quintet, string quartet, and piano trio. Various standard works.

Themus: Professional chamber group specializing in modern, and baroque music. Features Philip Clark, renowned for his mastery of the viola da gamba.

## Jazz

Colin Hemingsen: giving various performances and a Jazz Workshop.

## Rock

Hello Sailor, Cirrus, Ragnarock and various other local groups



## Folk

Tattiebogle - electric Folk band. Four performing members who have acquired a great deal of expertise and professionalism over the last decade.

Chris Thompson: Composer, Folk Singer, guitarist. Released several albums, well known in the folk scene.

## Drama

'Stone': A.U. Theatre Workshop's lunchtime production, directed by Paul Stone (!) Sef Townsend's 'Third America.' Concerns the plight of Chile since the overthrow of Allende.

Ros Clark's 'Seven for a Secret that's never Been Told.'

Ros Clark's 'Punch and Judy Show.'

German Department Play, in conjunction with the Goethe Society.

Street Theatre - miscellaneous groups.

## Dance

Movement Theatre - directed by Susan Jordan-Bell.

Limbs - Chris Jannides and friends.

University Dancers.

Hawaiian Dancers - Charlene Gregory and the students of Hoola.

Dance and Education

## Visual Arts

Visual Arts Society. Various contributions to the A4 Show, and also possibly small exhibition.

## Film

Film Makers' Society. David Blyth's 'Circadian Rhythms.' Possibly another short by Alan Webster.

## Fringe

Debating Society participating in the Joint Scroll inter-university debating Shield.

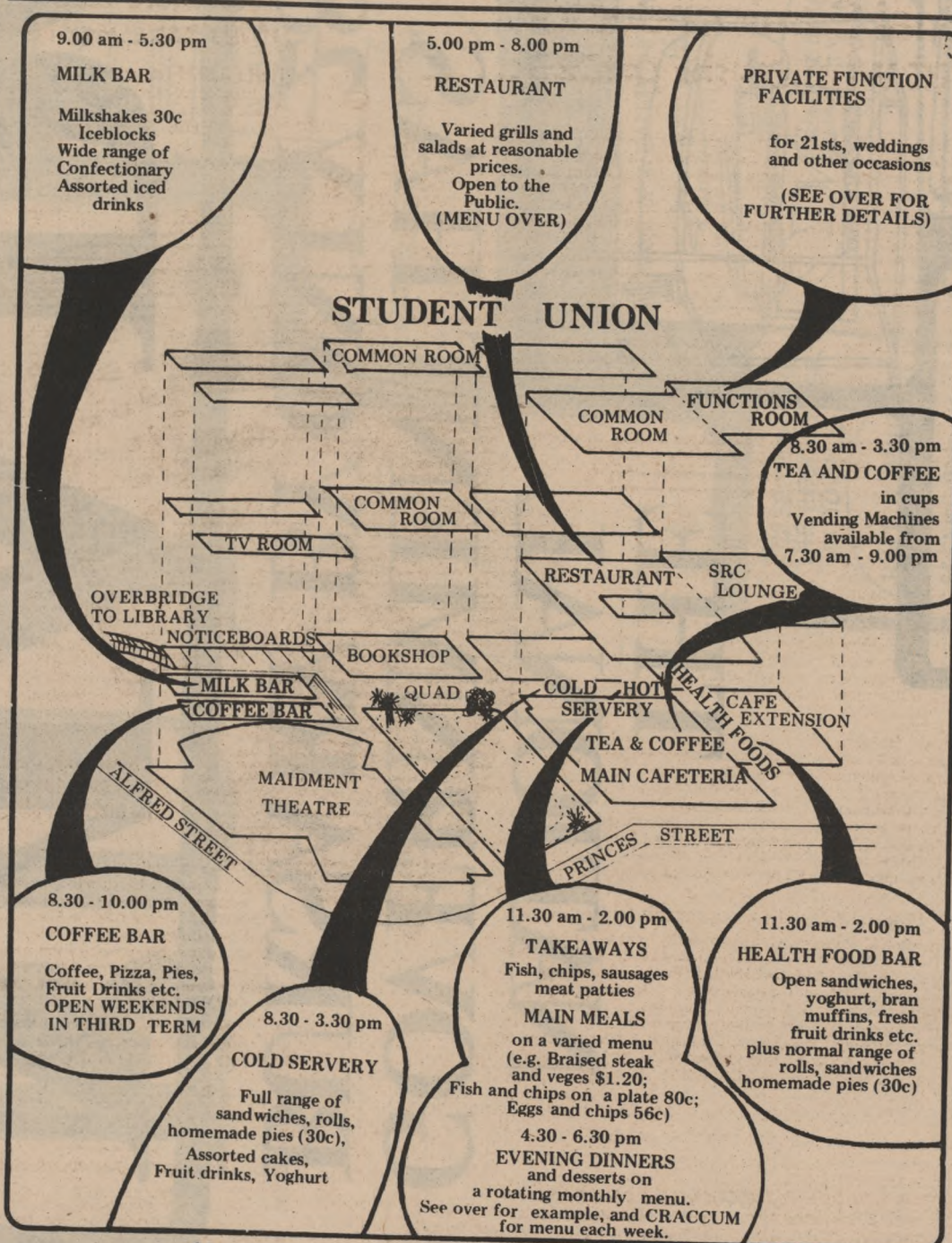
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Following the successful exhibition during September last year, Murray Cammick is returning with another 'Flash Cars' show. The exhibition will feature 50 recent photographs taken in Auckland's Queen Street on Friday and Saturday nights. SNAPS Gallery is the venue and the show will be running from the 1st to the 20th of August, with an opening from 5 to 7 pm on Monday August 1st. Gallery hours are 11 am to 2 pm, Monday to Saturday.

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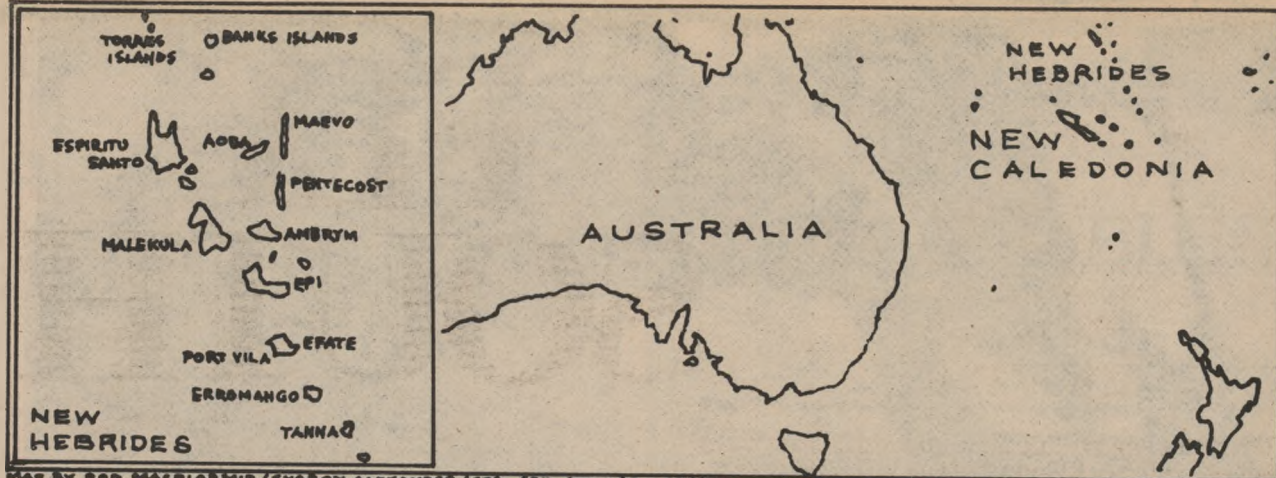


BESIDES French Polynesia and New Caledonia there is one other Pacific territory in which France has a stake. That is the Condominium of the New Hebrides. The Condominium is a uniquely ridiculous and inefficient form of colonial government, whereby the French and the English each maintain their own administrations with jurisdiction over the same territory. Were it not for the fact that this absurd system deprived 85,000 Melanesians of the right to run their own country, I would be campaigning to have it preserved for posterity as the ultimate example of bureaucratic lunacy.

As one might guess, the Condominium, sometimes referred to as the Pandemonium, was created as a hasty compromise and with little regard to the needs and wishes of the area's inhabitants. In 1906 with Johnny-come-lately Germany gathering up the remaining unclaimed Real Estate of the Pacific, France and Britain were hurried into a joint grab of the New Hebrides to save it from the clutches of the Hun. Prior to that, while a variety of enterprising gents of various nationalities had been quite happy to make a fast buck out of the place, nobody had shown much interest in owning it. From the 1820's onwards, there had been trade in Sandalwood to China. Later, the bodies and souls of the islanders came up for grabs as missionaries and blackbirders supplying 'Kanaka' labour for Fijian and Queensland plantations both put teams into the field.

For many years after its establishment, the Condominium tended almost exclusively to the interests of the small number of Europeans in islands, although this is no longer entirely the case. The current campaign for Independence is being waged by the Vanuaaku Pati, formerly the New Hebrides National Party. However, the situation confronting it is rather more complex than that which usually faces a colony seeking Independence since it has to deal with two colonising powers. Furthermore, the workings of the joint governments are by no means straight forward.

There are, for instance, two currencies, the Australian dollar and the French franc. There are two flags, French and British; two official languages, French and English, despite the fact that the majority of the population speaks a local variety of Pidgin called Bislala, and no



# PANDEMONIUM

fewer than three budgets. The French and British administrations each have their own budgets and there is another for the joint Condominium Service. Of the total finance, the French contribute the biggest share (\$14 m) out of a total of \$30 m. Each of the colonists runs its own health, education, and legal systems. However, the most absurd result of the Condominium is that New Hebridians have no citizenship. Under French, British and International law they are considered to be stateless persons in their own country. Since they cannot therefore be issued with passports, they can only travel on courtesy documents provided by the French and British authorities.

The campaign for Independence got under way in earnest in 1971. The immediate spur to action was a somewhat suspect French plan to sell Espiritu Santo Island to a group of American businessmen for development of a tax-free haven for 50,000 of their countrymen. This plan was eventually laid to rest when the British refused to have any truck with it. It does, however, stand as a warning of the style of underhand opportunism for which the French have an uncommon flair when dealing with their overseas Territories. Out of the outcry against

the scheme was born the New Hebrides National Party.

In 1975, the first-ever elections for a Representative Assembly were held. The contestants were, on the one hand, the Vanuaaku Pati (National Party) and on the other, two French planter-inspired and organised anti-independence parties; the Union des Communautes des Nouvelles Hebrides, and the Movement d'Autonome des Nouvelles Hebrides. The result sent the Condominium administration into a flap from which it is still recovering. Vanuaaku Pati won 59% of the votes in a 92% poll (20,000 of 34,000 votes). The provisional result gave them 23 of the 42 seats and a clear majority, but some post facto gerrymandering deprived them of 2 seats bringing the result back to 21 all. This was in fact a crushing victory in the electorate since the 21 anti-independence seats included six seats reserved for the 450-member Chamber of Commerce.

Such was the consternation in the administration that the Assembly inexplicably was not called together for a full year after the results were known. When it finally did meet, it was short lived. After passing a vote inviting the United Nations to study the problems of the

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area, the Vanuaaku Pati withdrew from the assembly which consequently collapsed. The VP has this year, 1977, as its target date for independence and still seems confident of achieving this. The Pati's strength is still growing with 20,000 card-carrying members claimed. They

are demanding elections this October. So far as policy is concerned, they are against the development of large scale tourism such as the French have been promoting, and they are suspicious of the idea of creating tax havens for the benefit of overseas companies. Interest is being shown in

establishing small-scale manufacturing, and it is reputed that the area has the potential to supercede Hawaii as the Pineapple growing centre of the world. Exactly what is happening as regards the ceding of independence is not clear at this stage. A conference was to have been held in Paris last week to discuss the question but the outcome of this is not known at this time.

What is apparent is that while the French are likely to obstruct the independence movement all along the line, the British are more favourably inclined towards the idea, although they will be wary of giving offence to the French. Since the last war, Britain has been more than keen to dispose of its colonies. Their reasoning seems to be that it is cheaper to assist them to a viable independence than it is to have them dragging the books into the red for ever and ever. The French are more inclined to hold on to them at as little cost as possible, just in case they turn out to be useful for something. This worked brilliantly in the case of French Polynesia which suddenly became hot property when the French were given the boot from Algiers and needed a new bomb test site.

They will also be afraid (with some justification) that the success of the independence movement in Vanuaaku would add to the already embarrassing and difficult strength of their counterparts in the other Pacific territories. This applies particularly to F.P. where opposition to the nuclear bomb tests is adding to the independence lobby. French fears are not likely to be eased by the close ties which have been established between the VP and the New Caledonian independence party Palika. In May this year, Secretary General Barak Sope of the VP attended the second Palika congress as an official guest. Although New Caledonia is the most valuable French Pacific possession, it is also, by virtue of its greater European population, the most secure.

It looks very much, however, as though Vanuaaku is about to become the first case of the French having to back down in the Pacific. With Mr Walter Lini, President of the Vanuaaku Pati, in Auckland this week we should be able to bring you the latest developments in our next issue.

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Chris Tennet  
Societies Representative

This year \$9,865 has already been granted to clubs and societies, but I feel that this amount could be increased next year.

I also think that the second term is too late for clubs (and societies) to receive their grants, as has happened this year, and next year I shall be setting up grants committee meetings early in the first term to make certain that clubs get their money sooner.

Clubs are here to provide some social life on campus which would otherwise not exist, and I think clubs need every encouragement. One activity I'd like to see more of is weekend dances in the cafe. Dances not only raise money for the clubs running them, but, more importantly, they provide something for students to do after hours because there should be more to attending varsity than attending lectures and studying all the time. The social side of varsity should be just as important to students as passing finals.

Once the initial duty of co-ordinating clubs and granting money has been performed, I see my main job as societies rep as spokesperson on the Exec. for clubs and societies. On Exec I can raise specific hassles that clubs may be having, and get something done about them.

Finally, I hope you do get out and vote; preferably for me, but do at least vote because student democracy needs student participation.

Peter Monteith  
Sports Officer

After the confusion resulting from the early resignation of last year's Sports' Officer, the election of Alan Broadbent, this year, heralded a refreshing change.

If elected I would feel bound to continue his policies of involvement of club reps, students in general and student-oriented people in Sports' Council affairs, and the fair and efficient management of grants and general administration which has seen Sports' Council very rarely divided.

With the opening of the Rec. Centre this year and University Park (Tamaki) next year I see it as a major part of my job to look after student interests in these areas.

Negotiations are at present taking place over a sub-committee to oversee the Rec. Centre. The day-to-day management should remain in the hands of Steve Hollings, the Rec. Officer, but policy should be dictated by a committee with a student majority. The same applies to Tamaki, where students as the major users should have a say in its running.

If anyone wishes to discuss anything with me, please contact me at 112a in Studass.

- 2nd year Arts student majoring in English and History
- Sports Council rep for the last 2 years
- Secretary of Sports Council this year
- Winter Tournament Controller this year
- plays Rugby League and Cricket
- member of Auckland Under-21 team
- U.R.L.F.C. committee member

## THEATRE



Samuel Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' will be performed at the Maidment Theatre on the following dates:

8.15 pm Monday 8 August, Wednesday 10 August, Thursday 11 August, Friday 12 August.

This production is by Professor Colin Duckworth, who has studied Beckett's theatre in depth (critical edition of *En attendant Godot* and *Angels of Darkness*), and who approaches the text with the humble realisation that it is as difficult to perform as one of the later Beethoven quartets.

Although the play was conceived in French, it is Beckett's own translation into English which will be performed, as this ensured strong casting and a more general public interest. However, those who are studying the play in French will find their understanding of the text enhanced by performance - especially the long speech by Lucky, which is really quite easy to understand when it is properly performed!

## BOOKS

THE PERFECT PATCHWORK PRIMER  
BETH GUTCHEON  
PENGUIN BOOKS

IN recent years there has been, in America and throughout the world, a revival of arts and crafts which had almost been lost in the whirl of twentieth century technological advancement. This reawakening of interest in hand-crafts once commonly practised in pre-industrial times has developed into something of a cult with a basis of tradition but free adaptation of modern resources and techniques.

Patchwork and quilt-making were initially the pre-requisite skills of the colonial wife; nowadays few have an extensive knowledge of this craft which makes a handbook like this one a necessity for any aspiring artisan. The author covers every possible technical aspect of patchwork and quilt-making imaginable, from the most basic discussion of materials to the construction of complex heirloom spreads. Her husband's illustrations of patterns and techniques (over 400 line drawings) make the book amazingly simple to follow and what's more, interesting to flick through for a spark of artistic inspiration.

What makes this book different from the average craft manual, either of the 'Golden Hands' or 'Whole Earth Catalogue' variety is the light-hearted and humorous way in which Ms Gutcheon approaches the subject. The sections on the history and development of quilt-making are filled with emphatic denials of the 'home-ness' of an art she believes can be successfully absorbed into this pre-packaged, commercialised society. It is an individualised, original hand-craft which, so Ms Gutcheon says, the most inept seamstress can handle with ease.

The book's enthusiasm is encouraging and not in the least 'down-homey', and although traditional American patterns feature highly so too do simple, modernistic designs. Instructions for making up conventional patchwork pieces such as bedspreads and cushions are included as are less traditional uses for quilting and patchwork. The aim of 'The Perfect Patchwork Primer' is not only to revive a once-popular art but to transfer it with the appropriate changes into another century not for romantic reasons, but for practical, even ideological ones. Ms Gutcheon's book does this with a style and panache that should be the norm not the exception in craft manuals such as this.

LOUISE CHUNN

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## KEITH WALTON

In the grim morning light  
Of yesterday's love  
I look at you across the quad  
And smile.

You have seen better days  
Than this yesterday today and tomorrow,  
And known better people  
Than those who now silently fade.

And, yes, you have been;  
But, when you were there,  
What did you see?

Did you see the flowers  
Dripping  
The rain into the puddles  
That mirrored your reflection?

And did you see the mist  
That hid and sheathed the morning light,  
Over the harbour's far horizon,  
And took the warmth out of the air?

.... and on that sunrise dawn at Point Chevalier,  
When the dew followed the line of our feet  
Through the park  
— Did you see the red in that awakening day?

Did you see me -  
I was among the swirling talk  
Walking along the road smelling the flowers  
And wondering aloud in Sherwood Forest  
Who had cut the grass  
And hearing an arrow fly  
Without an archer or a target.

I was hearing the bells, through the window,  
Of Saint Matthew's-in-the-city  
At 8 o'clock on a damp Tuesday night.  
I was walking the rain  
In Newmarket's empty garden  
Picking flowers  
And taking photos  
Of under-exposed daylight  
And stainless steel and art.

But now that many  
Peace Train rides  
Have come and gone uncaring,  
And with them the love in my heart for you,  
And the memory of that smile,  
All the questions have died.

## BUMPING ON SUNSET

KEITH HILL

Riverrun fresh in saving where the willows  
swallowing dip dry branches through the afternoon late air.

A figure sweat with struggle hand-cup waters her  
parched lips &, flat-faced lying in  
the dirt, back slides away from river's lap to  
up-kneel & eye the tying rope she has  
slowly stretched till here, beneath the willows,  
it's her thirst too that's stayed.

But stretching straining the rope once more,  
she cups water & quick return  
staggers the rope's cruel length to where  
long moans heave heavy the dirt & choking dust:  
a hundred people roped & staked among overwhelming  
cypresses  
crying their agony to the sun-reddened sky!

Among the leaves down-spiralling, she kneels &  
'offers despairing hands to  
a pale sapped figure ignorant of where she's been.  
But it's a seeping water, & her palms plain only  
a faint wet promise croakingly disbelieved:  
Tell the truth girl - there's never water near here!

Eyes caste over the dry shadow-tugged crowd -  
her protests are screamed away: Get yourself lost girl!  
We need something real - not glory-seeking lies!  
Curses follow where pained she staggers away knowing  
hirst is bumping their lives on sunset,  
out if all they'll see are dusty cypresses ....

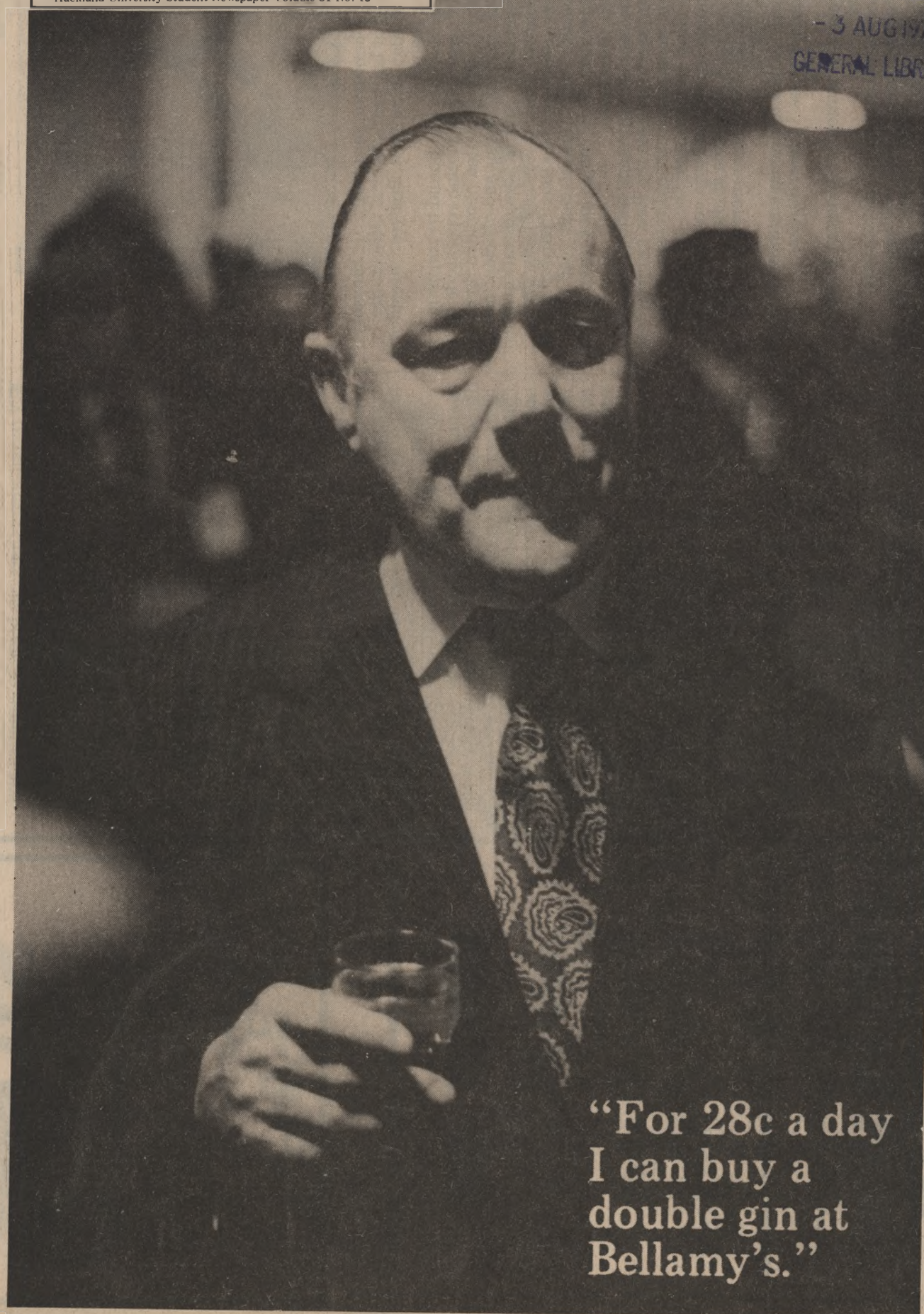
Under the dark'ning sky, among the river-lapping willows,  
he sinks slowly, a grounded heart-torn bundle, & weeps.

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