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# SRC

I was 15 minutes late for the start of the second meeting of the Student Representative Council (SRC) held last Wednesday in the SRC Lounge. But I needn't have worried. When I stumbled in fresh from asking 100 students what they thought of Craccum so far this year, business had just got underway.

The Agenda opened with the receiving of both the minutes of the SRC meeting the week before followed by the Executive minutes from the 15th March.

All very ho-hum and as the audience visibly bored with this necessary procedure we moved quickly onto that other sometimes interesting heading 'Matters Arising'. And interesting it was. The \$10 Argument

Due to the fact that the 6 All Blacks going on the 'private invitation' tour of South Africa had crept out of the country on the Friday rather than the scheduled Saturday, the \$100 allocated last week towards the hireage of the bus to take the demonstrators out to the airport was not used. Debate immediately broke out as to how this unspent money could be best utilised. Peter Wilson, our very own International Affairs Officer moved that \$50 of it be allocated towards a poster against the visit of Danny Craven. However this figure was then amended to \$100. Trench warfare broke out from both sides and following a very confusing string of constitutional tish-poops the amendment was finally voted on. A close result was obvious to all and in the end the only way an accurate count could be made was to physically divide the 'eyes' and 'nos' to opposite sides of the room. The amendment was finally carried by 31 to 30.

More confusion reigned when Ms Phillipa Poole, the Publications Officer, moved that the amended motion be further amended by subtracting any costs incurred in the cancellation of the bus to the airport out of the \$100 already allocated to comrade Craven. At the most this would



Brian Brennan

DAVID MERRITT

*The unlikely combination of Hague and Merritt proved devastating ..... We hear that it is shortly being marketed as a tactical thermonuclear device.*

have amounted to around \$10 but once again SRC raged as speaker after speaker had his and her say. Finally another physical division (unheard of!) and Ms Poole's amendment was carried by 36 votes opposed to 30. The subsequent motion was carried. Next item of business was the presentation of a report by Kevin Hague on the hiring of gear to students from the University Audio Visual Department. His report could be condensed down to the simple statement that the troubles there with hireage to students have been sorted out.

Next into the firing line was SRC consideration of a request from the organising committee of the International Year of the Child for \$500, needed to sponsor one intellectually handicapped child on a 10 day visit to Disneyland.

Up to the microphone stepped none other than the winner of the Betty Crocker 'Returned-to-the-fold-and-now-become-political-a-heavy-award', David Merritt who in league with that vile person from NORML, Chris Tennen rubbished the very idea of SRC spending such a significant portion of its budget on what he described as a 'waste of money which could be much better spent on providing adequate day-care, kindergarten and infant facilities' and 'showdressing by a bunch of bloody liberals'. And the masses agreed seemingly, for a motion declining their request was regrettably passed. But he had not finished! No sooner had the 'eyes' barely faded from the room when he moved a motion requesting the Social Controllers (our very own lovable duo, Rachel Dudding and Sarah Brown) organise a benefit dance or concert in term II, proceeds to go to the University Creche. The unlikely combination of Merritt/Hague proved deadly and the motion was carried with nary an opposing vote.

## Elections

There was the election of an SRC appointee to one of the various

committees which litter the place, this time catering. The successful applicant (and there was only one nomination) was David Rose. We wish him luck and hope he has a glib tongue.

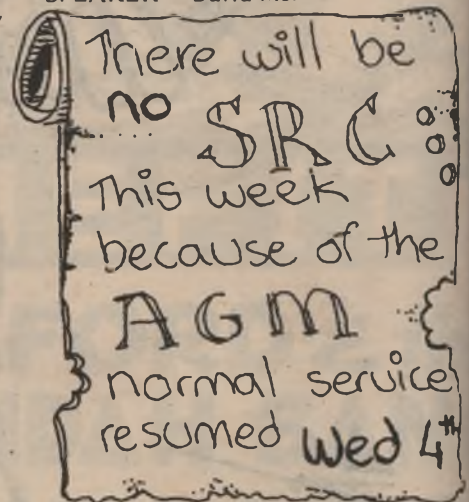
## Annual Accounts for 1979

Bob Lack, the Association Secretary, introduced the unaudited AUSA account for last year. Following minimal discussion, these were received. For further details see elsewhere in this issue (page 7).

Onto General Business which consists of any odds and sods dreamt up by the present masses. Again the combination of Merritt/Hague as they moved a motion 'requesting the President and Resource Officer prepare a report on the costs involved in making the Recreation Centre acoustically better for indoor concerts.' Carried unanimously.

Then, just as Mr Hague was about to get SRC to endorse the NZUSA National Day of Action on Bursaries scheduled for April 11, a quorum count was called by some fuckwit and the meeting closed shortly after 2.

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CHOCOLATE FISH AWARD FOR BEST SPEAKER - David Merritt

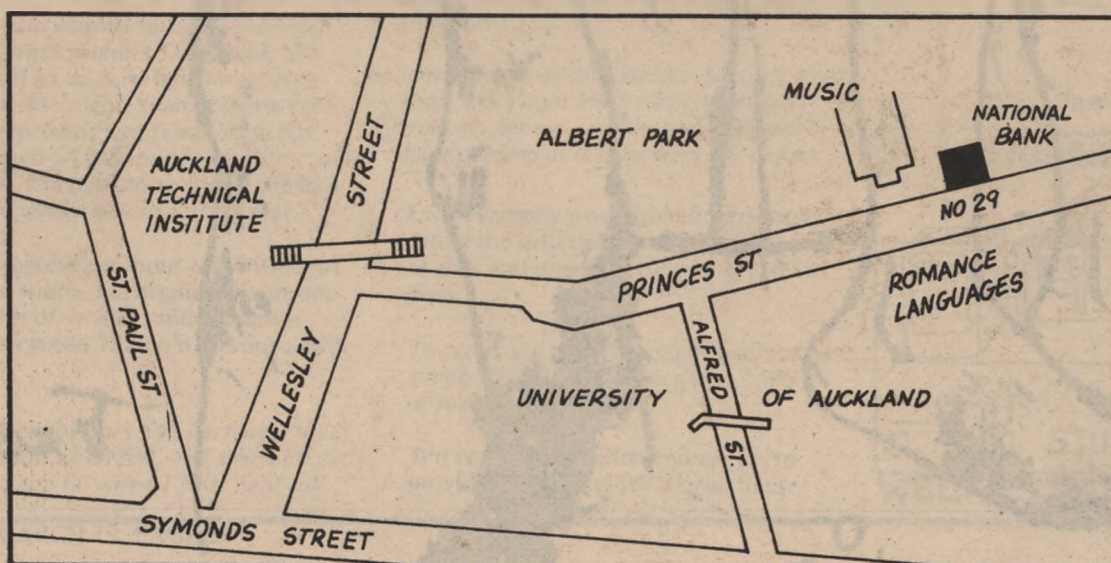


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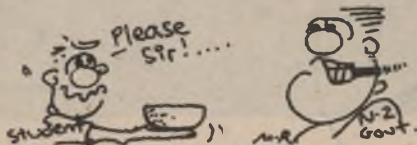


## The Gripes of Roth

Students who are against the current law will have ample opportunity to show their opposition to this massive legislation. This Friday, March 23rd, there will be protests calling for the repeal of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act, in the form of a march at 12 noon in the quad followed by a march downtown at 1 pm. Elsewhere in this issue is a supplement giving some of the facts about abortion in New Zealand - it shows that despite the position of the majority of New Zealanders, we have one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the world. So join and join the protests on Friday. This week also is the Autumn General Meeting. General meetings are the place where policy is set for the students' association as a whole, and any member of the students' association as a whole, and any member of the students' association can speak and vote at it. Issues to be discussed at the meeting range from the annual report and accounts for 1978, a discussion on whether we should be allowed to give loans or guarantees to student-run organisations (such as the Student Travel Bureau), to motions concerning university contacts with the apartheid regime. There will also be elections for two vacancies on executive education committee, president and treasurer. If you want to play a part in deciding what your association does, come along to this meeting. Janet Roth

And there's more still. At a NZUSA national executive meeting that I attended last weekend it was decided to call a national day of action on bursaries for April 11th.

The day's actions are to be based around a Department of Education recommendation to treasury that the bursary be increased to \$9. Much to the embarrassment of the department, this recommendation was leaked to the Wellington papers, which is how we know about it.



In past years the norm has been for only a yearly \$1 - \$2 increase - to get this \$9 would be much more in line with student needs. Of course it would not meet all our demands - the abatement would still not be removed, the bursary would not have regular cost of living adjustments and \$9 would still not bring it up to the level of a social security benefit. So we must show the government that we are prepared to fight for our right to a decent bursary. If anyone wants to help with the organisation of this bursary action day, come and see me.

Janet Roth



## The Craccum Blurb

Every student newspaper editor invariably does one of these moralising editorials about the students of today and how on the whole they are generally a pack of complacent arseholes.

There are few people around who would agree with the statement that there is nothing wrong with society, that nothing could be improved, that nothing could be worth changing. And yet it seems that there is so little interest or care in just what shape the world is going to take in the year 2000. Economic, social and political ills take a wee while to cure, never less than a decade or so and if anything is to be done, its going to have to be done soon.

In last week's *Craccum* there was an editorial taken from the *Auckland Star* over a decade ago which extolled a theme along the same lines as the 'Craccum Blurb' next to it written by Ms McGeorge or this editorial I'm writing now. In 1968 the editor of the *Star* was bemoaning the fact that the campus was so quiet and how this did not bode well for the future. And amazingly, 11 years later, apathy and inactivity are still the name of the game.

In my years here it has become very obvious that students are becoming increasingly complacent and satisfied with their lot. Nobody cares. Which is a crying shame when you realise that the meek and uncritical students of today are des-

tined to become the de-facto leaders of the country within the next 20 to 30 years.

There still exists some sort of euphoric idea that this place was different when there were issues such as Vietnam or the Springbok rugby tour to excite the student masses into action. 'The good old days', when students would seemingly demonstrate in their 1000's at the drop of a hat on any issue or when students attended Association General Meetings that were lively and full of debate.

Sure, I'm cynical - after 4 years at this place try and find me someone who isn't. And why am I so cynical? Because I know deep down that this whole university, this country, this whole bloody world is doomed.

Doomed, not because we do not have the power to stop the suicidal rush towards our own destruction but doomed because people don't want to be bothered with trivial details such as the survival of the human race, the dignity of mankind or the elimination of all forms of suffering. I mean, I've got this lecture to go to and after that there's a new movie on downtown and I really do need a new pair of boots.

What the hell, I'm pissed off with you all.

A depressed Dave Merritt.

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The ceremony was brief and informal. He would have wanted it that way. He was laid to rest in Brian's favourite pot plant and although a burial at sea would have been preferred Brian's pot plant badly needed the nutrition. Anyway, Dian the goldfish was given the customary 21 gun salute and we wish him well in his watery kingdom in the sky. The sombre tone continued through the night. David found that Mao's tea party led him to a dead-end (death again) and Eugenie's grief led to a smashed tea cup and smudges on the coffee. David B's chessmen marched blankly into line and he is contemplating renaming his column "Chess Aches". Selwyn's contribution this week was clouded by the intense susceptibilities art critics are prone to, and Sarah followed a traditional Kuwaitese form of mourning and fell scratching her back to the ground. Rachel was so stunned she sat immobile all night like a stiff dummy. However the graphics artists Julian and Mike remained unmoved and conceived the artwork you see before you which you will agree bears not the faintest tinge of emotion. Comrade Francis was denied the opportunity to be callous about the whole thing and Vicky was also spared the emotional trauma usually associated with a death of this type. Love also to Fiona, Amanda, Tara for the cartoons, Greg and Joc for visiting, and I can't say anything nice about me because I wrote the credits.

MARTIN (CLAW)



# Apartheid: A Backgrounder

Apartheid is a means of keeping different races apart for the purposes of control and economic exploitation. To practise apartheid successfully the Government must:

- (1) encourage racial prejudice
- (2) pass laws that keep the races apart
- (3) ensure that these laws are kept, by having a large and powerful police force and security service.

The circulation of rumoured generalizations are the backbone of any type of prejudice, including racial prejudice.

In South Africa, the churches of the Afrikaners have helped to spread and teach many false and stupid generalisations about Africans. By their interpretation of the Old Testament, some Afrikaners felt they were indeed deemed superior to the Africans.

In education the South African Government teaches four different versions of South African history in its schools - one for each major racial division. But most potent of all is the natural absorption of racial prejudice as one grows up. The white child sees only the results of the apartheid system and is not led to look for the causes of such poverty or low paid work.

## SOME LAWS OF SEPARATION

— Land Act, 1912 - denies Africans the right to own land. This law was passed after many blacks had bought land to be farmed in the form of co-operatives. After the law was enforced, these blacks had been relocated to other areas - after having legally bought the land and having resided on it for many years.

— South Africa Act, 1909 and the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, 1961; these acts restrict membership of Parliament to whites.

— Mines and Works Amendments Act, 1927 - reserves certain employment for whites, mainly skilled and higher paid jobs.

— Prohibition of Mixed Marriage Act, 1949 - makes it a crime to marry someone of another race.

In 1950, the Suppression of Communism Act was passed. This linked opposition to apartheid to support for communism. Under this Act many people were imprisoned because any opposition to the Government's apartheid policy, was seen as Communist activity.

In 1967, the Government passed the Terrorism Act. This Act gives terrorism an extremely wide definition. The last clause of the Act defines terrorism as 'embarrassing the Administration of the Affairs of the State.' The Terrorism Act specifies that the arrested prisoners must prove their innocence, rather than the police prove their guilt.

This Act carries a minimum five year sentence for any conviction, and it allows police to hold someone indefinitely, without letting family or lawyers know, for questioning. In the last ten years 22 detainees have been known to 'die' while being held for questioning.

In 1974 the Riotous Assemblies Act was amended, giving the police the right to stop any meeting, no matter how small.

## BANNINGS

Without being tried before a Court, a person can be banned from meetings, from entering certain places such as African townships or Trade Union offices, from writing for publication, from teaching etc. Many people of all races have been banned in South Africa, thus preventing them from continuing to work against apartheid. If they break the banning orders they face a prison sentence.

In order to keep apartheid alive, the South African Government must pass harsher laws every year to stop South Africans of all races from protesting or organising themselves to change conditions in their own country.

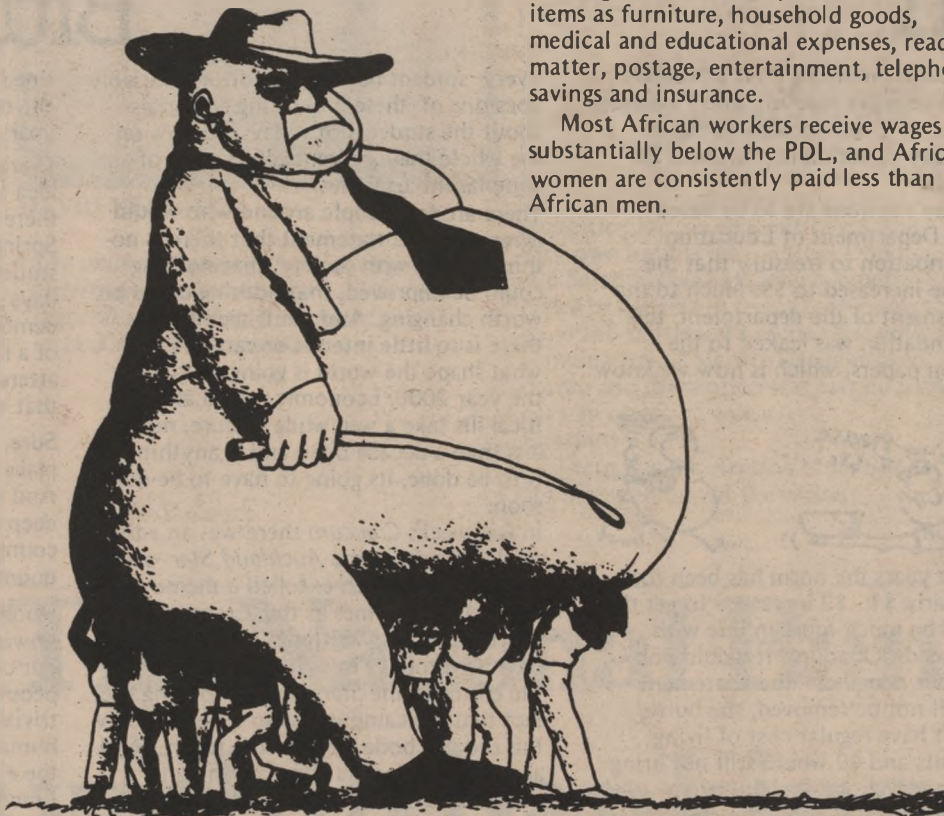
'Purnell's History of the 20th Century' is one of the books banned from South Africa.

## WHY APARTHEID?

Why do white South Africans return to power every election the party (Nationalist) that strengthens apartheid day by day? For apartheid is not simple. It has disadvantages and contradictions within its own system.

— Apartheid has brought international disrepute to South Africa. In 1975, South Africa was not allowed to participate in the debates in the United Nations General Assembly, as the result of a general vote against its apartheid policy.

— Daily newspapers in South Africa constantly remind the white population of the violent society in which they live - street muggings, murder. In the long-term such a government is doomed to failure, as it is inevitable that finally violence, after the failure of peaceful change, will end such a regime. However, the S.A. Government, as is common with all governments, ignores devastating long-term consequences and encourages the short-term benefits to the white sector. To them the above disadvantages are minor and trifling compared with the short term advantages.



— The white South African population has the second highest standard of living in the world, next to the USA.

— To do their labour for them in the mines, factories, homes and streets is one of the cheapest and most controlled work forces in the world. A work force that cannot risk going on strike.

— The racial distinction makes it so much easier to determine who is the worker who must be kept the underdog, and who is the superior. Racial distinction is a brilliant 'divide and rule', too.

*The essence of apartheid is the use of a vast reserve of African labour, labour which is both extremely cheap and rigidly controlled.*

While black South Africans contribute over two-thirds of South Africa's work force, white workers earn on the average eight times as much as their black fellow workers. African wages in South Africa are not the lowest wages paid in the whole world, but they are the lowest paid to workers in a developed economy, especially when the white population enjoys such a high standard of living.

Within South Africa, the gap in wages between blacks and whites can be found in all professions, and it can be expected that whites will receive more pay than blacks with the same qualifications.

Apart from a few professionals such as doctors, nurses and teachers, trained to work only with their race, Africans are by law only allowed to take the lowest paid jobs. Most skilled work is protected by law for the white population. No African may be senior over a white on a job.

*"There is no place for him, (the African) in the European community above the level of certain forms of labour."*  
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## THE POVERTY DATUM LINE:

African wages are much lower than white wages, but the prices in the shops are the same for both. Like the rest of the world South Africa has been hit by inflation and rising prices. But Africans are hit harder than the white workers, since their wages do not rise at the same rate. One of the measuring sticks is the Poverty Datum Line (PDL). Which according to the 'Financial Mail', is a 'scientific measurement of the rock-bottom income an ordinary African family needs to keep body and soul together'. PDL figures exclude expenditure on such items as furniture, household goods, medical and educational expenses, reading matter, postage, entertainment, telephone, savings and insurance.

Most African workers receive wages substantially below the PDL, and African women are consistently paid less than African men.

## FOREIGN INVESTMENT

South Africa's cheap labour make it one of the best places to invest in the world - you will be always sure of a great profit. And most of the world's largest corporations have factories and plants in South Africa; - ITT, IBM, Ford etc. Such investors both support the South African Government's apartheid system and make good profits for themselves.

## BANTUSTANS

The break up of the African family. The South African Government has divided land in South Africa into two areas; white areas and homelands. The white areas total 87% of the whole country and include the ports, cities, mines and major industrial areas and transport centres. The homelands total only 13% of the whole country. But this area is in 113 geographical fragments. The Government has allocated these fragments to nine major 'nations' based on Government determined tribal groupings. All Africans are citizens of one of these homelands and must have permission to live, work or visit anywhere else.

There are model Bantustan townships, like Ga Rankuwa with 6000 houses and schools and clinics and a railway line and nearby industry for employment. Most overseas visitors get to see such model towns - but they don't get access to the average Bantustan township.

A South African newspaper describes a town in vast contrast with this in 1980. Over 300 families were camping on a makeshift site. There were no lavatories and the families were prevented from digging sanitary pits. Their single water supply contained slime, and without a health clinic the complaints of stomach disorders were unheard.

Bantustans are officially known as Homelands. This term refers to areas the government has set aside for Africans.

The South African Government has planned that ultimately each bantustan will be granted self government. Seven bantustans today have legislative assemblies. But only 37% of the members of these assemblies are voted in by the people of the bantustans. The majority are nominated by the white South African Government. These bantustan governments control education, health, roading, irrigation, forestry and minor courts. Some bantustans also control their own police force.

Women, children and old people live in the Bantustans - people who cannot earn a living. Those men who are unemployed live in the bantustans but all the time they are searching for work in the cities and in the mines. Women with children will leave their children behind and go to the cities to find work. The Bantustans are the dumping ground for those who are unable to work in the white owned industries.

*"Black workers must not be burdened with superfluous appendages like women or children"*  
S.A. Minister of Justice

The above quote makes a definite point of showing that this minister's view of the black is that he is a working machine, and his sole purpose in life is to maximize output. From this it can be seen that these beliefs are firmly entrenched in the white South Africa's mind, largely from the growing up process.

When blacks go to the city to work, since they are not allowed to buy land, they must board in hostels. Members of the opposite sex, whether husbands or wives or not, may not be entertained in the rooms. No children are allowed. If children have to be brought to town for medical reasons, they must stay in the visitors room for 10 cents a night.

If a man lives 100 miles away in city hostel, and his wife and children live in squalid surroundings in bantustan, neither can help each other in the daily rounds. The man's pay and work conditions are poor, his bunk sterile: the woman's lot is a non-stop struggle for fuel and food. If a woman leaves her children in another's care and goes to the city for work, it is rare that she will be able to live with her husband. Given these conditions it is not unusual for marriages to fail and families to fall apart. Many wives and families in the bantustans are deserted by their husbands, who form relationships with the women in the towns, whom they will see more often. Bantustans and migrant labour produce economic wealth for the white man, and heart break and broken family life for the black.

## STRIKES

The most successful way of getting higher wages and better conditions is to go out on strike. To prevent such action in South Africa the Government there has passed a whole series of laws aimed at preventing strikes and a decent wage. African trade unions are not officially recognised and cannot negotiate on behalf of their members. Instead, African workers must use liaison committees where one half of the members are appointed by the employer. Africans are not allowed to strike until they have taken their case before a Works and Liaison Committee and given thirty days

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paper describes this in 1968. Despite these regulations there have been an increasing number of strikes in the last few years. Legislation was passed in 1974 which allowed police to declare as illegal any meeting of more than three people if it has not had permission of the minister. This makes organising and leading a strike much more difficult. The biggest threat to going out on strike in South Africa is that you will be replaced by one of the many unemployed. According to Neville Curtis, an unemployment rate of between 15% and 20% among African people. Therefore people are always willing to accept these regulations.

*Black workers must choose between starvation in the Homelands, starvation in the city, or exile from his own land.*

*Neville Curtis, former president of the National Union of S.A. Students*

## HEALTH & EDUCATION

Education is limited to the syllabus set by the white Government.

*I have seen the sufferings of whole families living in one tent or a tiny tin hut, children sick with typhoid, or their parents emaciated with malnutrition and suffering from plain starvation. I have seen this in the last few years, in 1969 and 1970, in the richest, most developed and most rapidly growing country in the continent of Africa.*

*Thomas Desmond, 'The Discarded People'*

The poor health of the Africans is the result of poverty. The low wages of the black workers result in malnutrition, which in turn results in a high health risk. More than 15,000 blacks died from tuberculosis in 1969, compared to 825 whites in the same year. Tuberculosis is a major cause of death among the malnourished. Babies in the townships are reported by clinic doctors to have only a 50% chance of reaching the age of 5 years. Given such a disease rate, one would expect many clinics and hospitals for the black South Africans. Only 43% of all hospital beds are occupied by the whites who make up 17% of the South African population. Apartheid brings low wages, malnutrition and disease to the blacks of South Africa. Further to that, in a country that has the first heart transplant, black people are denied the fundamentals of health care. South Africa is a wealthy country but the wealth of health services is reserved for the whites.

*The purpose of Bantu education is to ensure that the natives will be taught from childhood that equality with Europeans is for them.*

*We should not give the natives an inferior education ... if we do this we will later be burdened with a number of academically trained Europeans and Africans, and who will do the manual labour in the country? I am in complete agreement with the view that we should so conduct our schools that the natives who attend these schools will be that to a great extent he must be a farmer in the country.*

*J.N. leRoux, 1945*

The number of African children attending school has increased much faster than the number of schools and teachers. The system of double sessions has been used. African children either attend school in the morning or in the afternoon for two hours. The pupil-teacher ratio is 1 : 21 in a classroom and 1:58 in an African school. There is a high drop-out rate of 30% in this system.



However, Africans cannot even ask their friends to teach them to read. Africans who teach their friends to read are liable to a fine of R200 or 6 months imprisonment.

No white employers can teach their servants to read.

No white ministers can teach their congregation to read.

No correspondence school can enrol an African unless that school gets permission from the minister of Bantu Education.

So Africans who get so little education from the state, cannot as adults get a friend to teach them or help themselves through a correspondence course.

## NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE TO APARTHEID

The African National Congress (ANC) was founded in 1912. The ANC's aim was to win better economic social and political conditions for all South Africans.

The methods used were always legal and non-violent. It was a movement of submissions, petitions and political meetings.

The All African Convention, founded in 1935, won much support from Africans, when it called for a boycott of these special segregated committees and councils. The All African Convention argued that to continue to work on these committees for any reason whatsoever was to accept the inferiority of the Black man and to involve the people in working the machinery of their own oppression.

Political movements, such as the ANC, were supported by intellectual Africans. The black workers used trade unions as a strong vehicle of protest and struggle. The strongest of the early unions was the Industrial & Commercial Workers' Union (ICU). Round about the 1970's ICU was very successful with strikes. The strength of the black Trade Unions and the ICU in particular began to worry the South Govt banned African (black) trade Unions.

African govt. Eventually in 1953 the

In 1948 the Nationalist Party was elected to govern. It is this party which has refined and developed the apartheid policy. It is this party that has gradually outlawed every political group opposed to apartheid.

The strengthened ANC led two large campaigns. The first was held in 1952: the Defiance Campaign Against Unjust Laws. It was just that. Blacks used white facilities such as parks, transport, theatres etc. Thousands took part - many were arrested.

As a result the Government passed the Criminal Law Amendment Act and the Public Safety Act in 1953. These gave wide powers of search and arrest to the South African police, and outlawed anyone who protested against apartheid laws.

The second large event was the Congress of the People in June, 1955, where the Freedom Charter was drawn up. As a result of this congress, 156 men and women were arrested for treason. Their trial took 5½ years. They were all acquitted. But that long trial had helped to slow down the protest movement.

In 1959, the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) was formed. Its first major campaign was the non-violent, national campaign against the carrying of passes. All over South Africa thousands of unarmed blacks gathered around police stations, destroyed their passes and invited the police to arrest them. Thousands were peacefully arrested, but at Sharpeville, the police panicked and opened fire. 69 people were killed and 183 wounded. They were shot in the back as they ran away.

The Government reacted by declaring a State of Emergency, arresting hundreds of people, raiding homes, and banning the ANC and the PAC. Many of the leaders were arrested.

The submissions and petitions, the massive non-violent campaigns had all failed to persuade the Government to end or change the apartheid system. Instead apartheid and the repressive laws associated with it were strengthened. The next alternative was chosen - sabotage and violence.

Three major violent groups were formed but within a matter of a few years, all had failed and been broken up. Black women also joined the struggle. Their longest struggle was the refusal of using passes. But the women were blackmailed into taking the passes. Without a pass they could not get work or a pension - nothing. Government chiefs punished women who protested. Thugs were hired to beat them with rubber strips until they were raw. In Cato Manor, in Durban, when 2,000 women gathered to tell their grievances to a local official, the police charged the women with batons, striking the women on the ground, often hitting the babies tied to their backs.

Women raise and feed their families while their husbands serve prison sentences. Mrs Philomen Khunge had to care for eleven children. Her mother, sentenced to 4½ years, left her with nine, and her husband, sentenced to nine years, left her with two children. The only sister who might have been able to help was also in jail for being a member of the ANC. The State says it will pay a pension to the prisoner's family - but the reality is different. The conviction and imprisonment of the husband often results in the wife and children being sent to the bantustans, and away from their homes and work opportunities.

## RESISTANCE TODAY

Despite the violent repression of apartheid opponenets by the South African Government, despite the continued passing of laws curtailing the right to criticize, criticism of and resistance to apartheid continue in South Africa - among the workers and through the Black Consciousness Movement.

Black unions are not recognized in negotiations, and it is very difficult for a strike to be legal in South Africa. Yet in 1973 alone, police were called to 261 strikes, 46 Labour disputes and 16 partial stoppages. Strike action is continuing to be taken, regardless of the unemployment or arrests that some will suffer as a result.

The Black Consciousness Movement is a strong one. It is made up of several organisations - students, workers, theatre groups and community action groups. But the Movement is not confined to organizations and their leaders. In fact, many of the leaders have been arrested or exiled, yet the movement continues.

White resistance to apartheid is obviously limited to a minority. It takes two major forms: political opposition to apartheid and a concern for the welfare of the worst victims of apartheid. Churchmen, students and some women's groups have provided the strongest resistance. The National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) acted as political opponents and as welfare agents. Its leaders have been banned, imprisoned and exiled.

Political parties exist (United and Progressive) which oppose apartheid in varying degrees, but they are not supported by the majority of white voters, who continue to return the Nationalist Party with an ever increasing majority. The white voter, though in the midst of the apartheid system, is usually not fully aware of the restriction placed on the black. All he knows is that he lives well, and does not bother to look further into the reasons why he does and the majority of blacks don't.

For a few have become millionaires out of the suffering of their fellow countrymen. However, as a result of these groups opposing apartheid, it is hopeful that he will become more aware of the unjust situation.

C.A.B.



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A black and white portrait of Brian Bretnan. He has dark, curly hair and a mustache, and is wearing a plaid shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

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1978

# ACCOUNTS

## TERIA

was decided to retain a break-even for 1978. Although it is desirable to maintain fixed costs for those on fixed incomes, the massive increases in the cost of meat and fish caused a general increase of 25%, thereby reducing trading loss for the third term. One solution to balancing the consolidated trading account is the increased availability of outside functions.

## ANCES

The Executive throughout 1978 maintained a balanced budget philosophy and budgets were adhered to within the limits of Student Activities, Union Finances and Administration.

There was some pressure to allocate 'surplus' from the years 1976 and 1977. Several large loans have been made to external bodies such as the Ski Club and Rugby Club for capital items. It also came apparent towards the end of 1978 that increased costs due to inflation will take their toll and cut into the previously healthy position of AUSA. It would seem that projected budget figures that a \$6 increase will be necessary for 1980 to allow for inflation and wage increased. In the administration, any eventuating deficit and the continued development of services.

## INTERNATIONAL

A large degree of activity on campus was based on two main issues: South African apartheid and East Timor. Both issues became linked with civil liberties and to the restraints placed on potential protests.

The anti-apartheid movement overcame its internal political differences and then on we co-operated closely with the international body. The major aims were to remove to South African Consulate and all financial links with South Africa. The latter resulted in the disruption of South British Insurance companies and meetings.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Unfortunately this year would appear against last year. The highlight of the year was the cultural Mosaic which once performed to full houses.

## RELATIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY

The President became for the first time a full member of the University Council and by virtue of the hierarchy within the University Council has access to all manner of information. This proved to be invaluable when formulating any relating to University matters.

## GENERAL

The Food Co-operative provided yet again another valuable service to students. The move from the basement to indoors at the SRC Lounge proved to be no problem.

The plans that were shelved due to lack of finance were: new facilities for the bookshop; an indoor swimming complex; and putting Symonds Street below ground level (that would only cost \$5 million).

## NZUSA

I make no apology for the lengthy list of activities under NZUSA, for I encountered too many times the question both locally and nationally, "What's NZUSA doing for me?"

The year seemed to be a tempestuous one with a multitude of resignations, threatened withdrawals and constant bashing by the Government.

The exact role and structure of NZUSA was thrashed out at both May and August Council. I am pleased to say that structurally NZUSA looks sound for 1979 having a President, General Vice-President an Education Vice-President and two full time Resource Officers. The officers of NZUSA compiled and presented reports to Governmental Ministers on: the South African scholar; overseas student cutbacks and the deportation of James Movick; New Zealand's links with South Africa; and abortion law reforms - to name just a few. There was also valuable press material distributed to aid local campaigns for civil liberties and anti-nuclear demonstrations. In conjunction with the civil liberties issue a speaking tour by Trevor Richards was also organised.

Although not intimate with the events on each campus the national officers were capable of giving one an up to date picture of current events.

There was also a handbook printed which proved to be a disaster. It was divorced from the humdrum realities of student life and never succeeded in raising them out of it. I personally wonder about the value of such publications.

Financially NZUSA was not in a healthy position at the end of 1978. There was a special 25 cent levy imposed on all constituents and we in turn also advanced a proportion of 1979 levies. If the sale of student House goes through, then plans for a contingency fund to be set up must be made.

Merv Prince

## DRAFT ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

|                            | Actual 1977 | First Budget 1978 | Draft Actual 1978 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>              |             |                   |                   |
| Fees                       | 222,840     | 232,300           | 240,058           |
| University Contribution    | 55,277      | 60,200            | 60,977            |
| Interest                   | 13,452      | 10,000            | 18,938            |
| Rents                      | 8,778       | 7,500             | 5,520             |
| Other                      | 9,985       | 12,200            | 24,381            |
|                            | 310,332     | 322,200           | 349,874           |
| <b>Expenditure</b>         |             |                   |                   |
| Administration             | 70,625      | 91,650            | 88,225            |
| Union                      | 81,034      | 93,250            | 96,904            |
| Activities                 | 91,220      | 116,300           | 113,695           |
| Catering                   | 585         |                   | 17,951            |
| Theatre                    | 10,127      | 12,000            | 11,059            |
| Surplus Income to Reserves | 56,741      | 9,000             | 22,040            |
| Total                      | 310,332     | 322,200           | 349,874           |

The Association's 1978 Accounts will be one of the items discussed at the Autumn General Meeting this week. Full copies of these Accounts should be available from the Association office from 9.00 am Tuesday.

Most of these figures can be taken at face value, but there are one or two anomalies:

Although Catering was budgeted to break even this year a provision was made in the Administration budget for \$10,000 as a contingency against a possible Catering deficit. Hence the budgeted provision for Administration was actually \$81,650 and this was over-spent by \$6575, largely as a result of unforeseen wage increases.

Catering is charged for a proportion of the costs involved in running the Accountant's Office on the basis that a large proportion of the Accounting work results from Catering. The method of calculating this charge was changed during 1978 so that while the budgeted provision was \$9000 the sum finally charged was \$16,541. While the new method of charging is felt to be fairer the difference of \$7,541 explains some of the deviation from budget in the items 'Other Income' and 'Catering Expenditure'.

The remaining \$10,410 deviation from budget on the item 'Catering Expenditure' arises entirely from the operation of the Cafeteria. The respective performances of the various outlets were as follows:

|                | Actual 1977 | First Budget 1978 | Draft Actual 1978 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Restaurant     | 1,986       | 5,760             | 6,638             |
| Medical School | 89          | 840               | 6,687             |
| Coffee Bar     | 15,447      | 23,050            | 23,565            |
| Milk Bar       | 3,424       | 3,370             | 2,518             |
| Cafeteria      | (21,531)    | (28,600)          | (57,358)          |
| Total          | (585)       | 4,420             | (17,951)          |

It should be noted that the performance of both the Medical School and the Cafeteria has been improved by income from Outside Functions, \$6824 of income at the Medical School and \$21,450 in the Cafeteria being from this source.

The major areas of departure from budget in the Cafeteria were:

|                            | Actual 1977 | First Budget 1978 | Draft Actual 1978 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sales Income               | 261,044     | 255,000           | 282,156           |
| Cost of Sales              | 143,061     | 140,250           | 156,998           |
| Cleaning & Rubbish Removal | 13,367      | 13,000            | 17,744            |
| Repairs & Maintenance      | 12,110      | 10,000            | 17,661            |
| Wages                      | 94,103      | 100,000           | 137,925           |

As was stressed at the beginning of this piece these figures are still subject to audit.

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# MANGERE BRIDGE 2

On the 20th March I interviewed Mr Gedye, the executive in charge of personnel at Wilkins & Davies Construction Ltd. Having previously read *Craccum's* article on Mangere Bridge on March 12th, he was eager to give his company's case. So read on.

*The unions concerned in their dispute have said that an agreement on redundancy and severance payments similar to what they want has already been reached for workers in WILKINS & DAVIES INDUSTRIES LTD and WINSTONES CIVIL. Why is it not possible for such an agreement to be applied to WILKINS & DAVIES CONSTRUCTION?*

The Winstone Agreement is not a lot different from many other manufacturing industries agreements. For example there is an AHL agreement and as you know, one with WILKINS & DAVIES INDUSTRIES. The major difference is this. In the building construction industry men are normally employed for jobs, say the Mangere Bridge, for a certain set time of an average of two years dependent on the terms of his particular contract. After that time he is normally laid off, unless we can find further work for him.

The Winstone Agreement allows 4 weeks redundancy for a worker after the first year's work with an additional week per year of further employment, totalling to a maximum of about 23 weeks redundancy pay over 20 years service. This is fine for the manufacturing industry or Winstone's Civil where it is quite possible and normal for a worker to gain continuous employment with a single firm for a long period of time. But in the construction business a man is made redundant on average 10 times in 20 years.

Now if he collects 5 weeks redundancy pay each time he is laid off, he will have 20 years have been paid 50 weeks redundancy. In the manufacturing side a similar worker, because on average he gets laid off only once in 20 years, will get only 23 weeks redundancy.

Surely this situation is inequitable. The increased economic burden on the company would undoubtedly cause building costs to rise. This is an important issue as far as we are concerned.

*What is WILKINS & DAVIES doing with the \$35,000 a month that the government is paying you for maintenance?*

I don't know where you got that figure but it is not nearly that much. I can't tell you exactly how much we get but you must realise that the allowance is used only partly for maintenance, but it is required for:

- Plant hire, for example we have two huge cranes laying idle, costing us dough.
- Insurance payments, which as you can imagine are very high.
- Staff; we maintain a small core of staff on site who would be able to get the job restarted immediately should a settlement be reached. The amount of money allotted to us each month varies each month.

*Do you put in a claim each month to the Government?*

Yes, we are not making anything on the deal, in fact we have lost about \$1 million on Mangere Bridge to date. It was meant to be completed two years ago, but worker productivity was down to 50% of that at all our other construction sites.

In the CRACCUM article the unionists played up their families suffering. Now although I haven't got any definite figures, I have got some I can quote. In total it seems that those 33 workers who were getting the dole are getting about \$70 a week each from other unions around the country. When this was added to the dole, they would have cleared over \$130 a week free of taxation.

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It's interesting to note that 7 of these people have actually bought new, or upgraded their existing car since being on the strike. I don't know, but it sort of knocks their suffering and hardship angle. *Do you blame the problems at the bridge as a whole on a particular unionist or some one?*

Well, put it this way, our foremen have heard of job delegates going around the site telling men to slow things down. We have well documented evidence of this and also evidence of a significant SABOTAGE attempt. Just prior to a concrete pour, the shee-bolts holding up the boxing, were pulled out. Now if the concrete had been poured, the whole thing would have collapsed and could have killed someone. Fortunately our foreman spotted that the bolts had been removed and replaced them. That's the type of thing we have had to put up with.



*Is there something inherent in this particular job that may have caused this action?*

It's difficult to say, most workers enjoy construction work as there is something to show for their work, but one of the union organisers was recently interviewed by the Construction Magazine CERT (February 1979), a gentleman by the name of Hank Corrin and I quote: '.... He sees the dispute as one of system against system. He wants all construction done by a government department very much the way it's down in the USSR .... Mr Corrin was asked if he regarded contracting firms as irrelevant to a long term scheme? 'We don't need them,' he replied. So that sort of statement coming from a union organiser would suggest that there is a degree of communist influence at work. Now how much is anyone's guess, but that comes from one of the CARPENTERS UNION organiser.

**Note:** Mr Purdue Secretary of Auckland branch CARPENTERS UNION says that this statement does not reflect the Union's policy, as the union has none on such issues as nationalisation of industry. And that such an interview would have been obtained by CERT by devious methods.

*Could you outline the controversy over the expansion joints.*

Yes, they claim the company engineered the dispute because of problems obtaining expansion joints. This is just rubbish, as expansion joints do not need to go into place until the last minute, i.e. until the superstructure is complete, so it would not affect the majority of workers in any case. In any case we could've gained an extension of time from the client. We would not lay them off because of the expansion joints.

*Would WILKINS & DAVIES lay off workers if essential materials were suddenly unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances?*

An example on that is, that recently we lost our barge on the Marsden Offshore job, it came ashore in a storm. It was out

of commission for some ten or twelve weeks. Now we could've laid the men on the barge off, but we kept them employed and tried to find work for them to do so that they wouldn't lose a day's pay.

*Is the government trying to break the union? Was the Social Security Amendment effected because of this strike?*

Why would a government want to bust a union. We accept unions as part of N.Z. industry. We would be against anyone who wanted to break up unions, personally, as we believe that they are necessary for workers protection. As long as they use their powers wisely.

I don't believe that this strike had any effect on government thinking in passing this amendment, in fact I believe the Welfare Department agitated for it and that the government had little say in the matter.

*Can you see an end to the strike?*

No, back in January we spent a lot of time and money in drawing up an offer for resumption of work. It was totally refused by the unions, so we withdrew it.

It offered:

- (1) Re-employment of all striking men, with full resumption of benefits, redundancy, and service payments as before strike.
- (2) A very generous and practical completion bonus amounting to \$450 per man.

It is important to note that this completion date was arrived at by evaluating time taken to do previous work on the bridge. Furthermore the union can get the MWD to verify our estimate or get in an independent consultant engineer to assess the time required.

WILKINS & DAVIES would do anything possible to ensure that the bonus was paid on completion and any grievance could be referred to an independent arbitrator if required. There is no way we would try to slow work down so as to avoid paying the bonus. In fact, if you rang up Phil Anton (Nat. Labourers) or Ash Rush (Nat. Carpenters) they tell you that we would honour that agreement.

**Note:**

**I rang up the Auckland branch of CARPENTERS & JOINERS UNION**

Mr Purdue the Secretary Auckland branch and Vice-President of Auckland Trades Council, said that W & D would honour that agreement BUT that the target set was impossible to reach, as that construction forms seem to have no idea of time it really takes to do a job for instance the firm that built the Auckland International Airport estimated the finishing date years ahead of actual completion and grossly underestimated the cost.

The union is against the policy of past the post gets the prize and nothing for second place. Mr Purdue agreed to a graduated system of bonuses would be preferable, where an early completion brings a bigger bonus than a later completion.

He also stated that the unions would do everything within their power, to do the job completed as quickly and efficiently as possible in an agreement.

*Is either party making any effort to the dispute resolved at the present time?*

GEDYE: NO  
PURDUE: NO

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# Wanganui

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our 'Big Brother' in Wanganui may not be as secure as some people would have it. It has already been illegally checked once and there are many ways people can obtain access to our system, legally or illegally.

The system now based in the Centre at Wanganui House in Wanganui has 200-300 terminals throughout New Zealand. New Zealand is enthusiastic to use the overseas use of computers for computer surveillance but is little aware of the pitfalls and abuses found in overseas experience.

It is argued that the collectional data only be from those sources already known, and it will be more efficiently handled, and more secure than the old-fashioned, unlocked filing cabinet. Will Hodge feels that this argument 'is absolutely nonsense' for the existing records are still being collected, typed, and stored. The Police Department will keep its fingerprint files, modulus charts and conviction records. In other words, the danger now is that a computer breach can be much more extensive and devastating, including information collected from various departments all over New Zealand. Areas before a local retrieval of data could only expose local items, with 300 closed computer terminals, a breach in one will relate to input from every other one.

There are two major concerns about Wanganui Computer System. The first is the abuse or misuse of computer information, which would violate the Wanganui Computer Centre Act ('The Act') and the ill considered aspects of the computer operations which may infringe rights of New Zealanders without being illegal under the Act or other New Zealand Law.

Illegal computer access can and has been achieved in many ways. It has in fact been breached from within Wairere House. In the report to the House of Representatives 1977 A4A 'Unauthorised Access and Disclosure of Information in Wanganui Computer' Mr Lacker, the Privacy Commissioner, made several important points.

A security breach of the Wanganui Computer Centre occurred in January 1977, before the Act came into force on February 17th of that year. Therefore prosecution was brought against the offender. Even if the Act had been in force at the time, there is doubt whether prosecution would have resulted as the offender was an employee at the Centre and was thus 'authorised to have access to the system.'

There is no doubt that the police have been misled by false information to the system, which also would have been a serious offence had the Act been in force. The use of a search warrant under the Search and Seizure Act could look suspiciously like a pretext. Furthermore, if this type of breach occurs again, there is no surety that it would be an offence under the Act. Any prosecutions for breaches can only be made under the Official Secrets Act. It is obvious that the penal provisions of the Act are inadequate. Only 8 to 10 people work within Wairere House. If a breach can occur there, what will happen with 200-300 terminals employing over 300 operators, all with access?

A conspiring Post Office employee in contact with a computer expert could make a hook-up between the Univac at the Centre and one of the hundreds of privately operated data banks throughout the country. The terminal connections used for the computer go via leased Post Office circuits, making the connections no more secure than the ordinary telephone system!

You may ask then, how is legal access controlled, and just who is 'authorised' to use it.

The normal stored information in the computer relates to those people who

have not committed a criminal offence. However, for those who have had any information laid against them in a magistrate's court, children's court, or a young person's court, there is a special file headed 'case monitoring', which is controlled by the Justice Department. No provision has been made to delete such information if it has been dismissed or leads to an acquittal.

The police have their own clause which allows them to include in their records 'particulars concerning persons .... requiring to be located'. Assuming that this was added for the persons own benefit, it is easy to conceive how it could be used by other forces. For example the Department of Social Welfare and Labour for the purposes of finding fathers owing maintenance, or troublesome trade unionists.



Even more frightening is Section 27 of the Act which allows linkages with other computer systems abroad, for 'research' or 'statistical purposes' or 'in case of emergency'. Once again these terms remained undefined and one can only wonder what would have happened in the case of the 1951 dock strike which the Governor General declared an 'emergency situation'. It is easy to see how link-ups between countries like the United States, Australia, Singapore, or Malaysia would profit the governments concerned.

The strength of the Act is not defined. It would appear to override previous statutes but this has not been stated and for one the Inland Revenue Act 1974 is phrased in somewhat strong terms, Section 16 beginning 'Notwithstanding anything in any other Act ....'

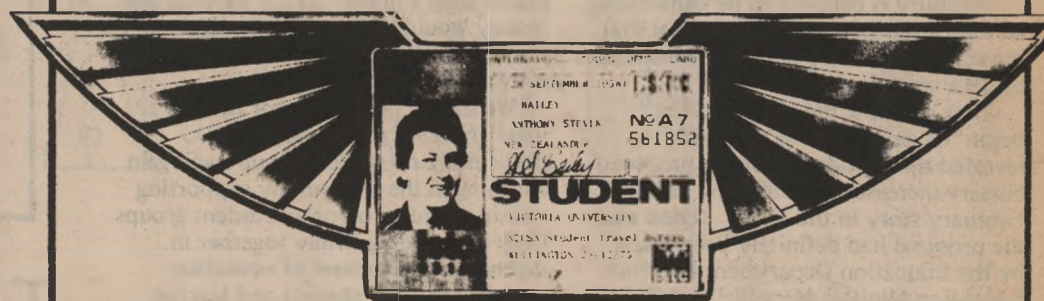
Defenders of the system remind us that only three government departments, Police, Justice, and Transport will have access. A weakness may be found, however, in our cabinet system, and particularly in the habit of giving ministers multiple portfolios. Since the Minister of Police will have access, it is reasonable to assume that the Department of Defence will also have access. The Minister, Mr McLellan could provide access for the Department of Railways as well as for Civil Aviation, as he is Minister for both. One can imagine the weaknesses when one minister can hold four portfolios.

There are obviously many loopholes that need investigating, but a greater fear that has not been mentioned here lies in a quote from submissions made to the Labour Caucus Committee of 1974: 'The Auckland Council for Civil Liberties is quite convinced that this Government is well-intentioned and, indeed, intends nothing but the best for the ordinary citizens of New Zealand. And we are completely convinced that no one in this Government would purposely deprive the citizenry of their traditional and lawful rights and liberties. But we must contemplate the future and the unthinkable; - another, less trustworthy government may eventually supplant this one and walk the corridors of power in its turn. And we have still less confidence that the imponderable future will not bring a malevolent party to power. When that day comes, this Government will bear the responsibility for the creation of a machine which will so easily be turned to nefarious misuses.'

Kim Hurring



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# The \$9 Deal

'Treasury is believed to be considering an Education Department proposal that the standard tertiary bursary be increased by \$9 a week.'

That was how the 'Evening Post' began its sensational story which revealed the first details of the proposed bursary increase for 1980. The 28 February story in the 'Post' stated that the proposal had definitely been made by the Education Department but that Education Minister Merv Wellington had given it low priority.

Initially, Mr Wellington and his departmental officers tried to discredit the story while publicly refusing to comment on its accuracy. But these attempts to deny that the \$9 per week increase had been proposed started to look very sick when the NZ Technical Institute Students' Association produced a precis of the document which is understood to have been leaked to the 'Post'. The 'Post' has refused to reveal its sources or the document in question.

Mr Wellington will be meeting the NZUSA National Executive on 17 March. At that meeting we will expect him to make an authoritative statement about the \$9 per week increase and related matters.

At our National Executive meeting we will also be considering a call by the Victoria University Student Representative Council for a national day of action - including student demonstrations - in support of the \$9 increase.

I believe we need to take public action in support of the \$9 per week increase because if we don't, we will probably not get anything like as good a deal. The fact that the Education Department - which has traditionally been seen as an opponent of student interests - has proposed such a large increase shows that our arguments that the present bursary level is inadequate are correct. The Department has recognised the justice of our case. At the same time, it is not solely up to the Education Department: the Minister of Education has to accept its case, Treasury has to accept it and the Minister of Finance and Cabinet have to accept it. If we sit back and do nothing, they won't get the feeling that we need and support the proposed increase.

\$9 a week might sound an awful lot. But, according to the Education Department's confidential proposal, \$1.50 of the increase is to compensate students for the loss of the personal taxation rebate and \$7.50 is to restore the relativity that existed between bursaries and student hostel fees in 1976. The effect of the increase would be to restore much of the purchasing power of the bursary that has been eaten away by inflation in the last three years. In other words, the increase would only restore what we have lost.

Rumours are rife that the proposed bursary increase may be linked to a move to cut student teachers' allowances and put all tertiary students on a standard bursary. The Treasury has long contem-

plated such a move - on the grounds that money would be saved by the deal - and the Labour Government tried, unsuccessfully, to pull it off in 1975.

We should not have a bar of such a 'deal'. No education group - and particularly no student group - will gain anything in the long run by supporting cuts in spending on other student groups. Only by standing firmly together in defence of a high level of education spending will the student and teacher organisations make progress in their own particular areas.

Some government officials have tried to pressure NZUSA into attacking student teachers by saying: your bursaries will only improve if their allowances come down. This talk is exposed as the nonsense it is by looking at past experience. In 1975 the same arguments were put forward. All students united in support of a substantial increase in bursaries and the existing student teacher wages. Because firm action was taken, we were successful in getting both things.

On the whole, the proposed \$9 bursary increase is a good thing. One very unfortunate thing, however, is that the Department prepared the proposal behind the backs of the widely representative group of educational organisations which was set up, at the decision of the former Education Minister Mr Gandar, to review the entire system of financial assistance for post-compulsory study.

NZUSA - more than most of the groups - has devoted a great deal of time and effort to this review. We have accepted in a responsible way the invitation to help participate in drawing up a new bursary system in New Zealand. But it is difficult for us to continue to do this when the Department fails to consult us on as important a change in policy as the \$9 increase. It also did not consult us on the basis for the increase - the proposal that the relativity between bursaries and student hostel fees be taken as the base-line for increases. We and the Department have just been working on a major survey on student income and expenditure to establish, in a scientific fashion, what students' costs are. The Department's use of hostel fees as a base-line for determining increases has pre-empted the outcome of that survey.

The national day of action will be Wednesday April 11th. We hope to be able to hold forums etc before then, and a BIG march down Queen St. on the actual day. If you have any ideas of other things we can do (street theatre? etc) or if you can help me organise things (even if it's just by putting up a few posters) then please come and see me as soon as possible or leave a message with Joanna at Studass reception. Do it now.

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## In The Dock

Well, you've all been to see 'Skin Deep'. Or rather, you haven't all been to see it, if the folks from the local film industry who sigh their way expressively around the Craccum office are any indication. Anyway, it seems an appropriate time to look at the laws governing those steaming, sweltering dens of sin. Those pits of degradation, packed with seething heaps of writing, naked bodies. I refer of course to massage parlours, or at least to the view which several of our M.P.s showed they have of these establishments in the debate preceding the passing of the Massage Parlours Act last year.

Last week I extolled the virtues of state ownership of gambling establishments. Massage parlours are an area which the Government has decided to trample around in. Goaded into action by the prospect of the November election our parliamentarians, no doubt with an eye to that large minority concerned with the preservation of 'community standards', passed an Act obliging massage parlours to obtain a licence to operate and giving the police wide powers to regulate their activities.

Under the Act licences have to be issued by a magistrate, who can decline an application if he thinks the prospective proprietor is not:

a proper person to carry out the business of operating a massage parlour.

In determining whether to grant this application the magistrate can consider: any information .... whether or not it would be otherwise admissible in a Court of Law.

The police are given the power to enter premises at any time without a warrant. They must also be notified by anyone applying for a licence to give them an opportunity to oppose the application.

Employees must not be under 18 years. Our very own Mr Prebble thought that the age restriction should be 20. 18 year olds are, 'kids .... they shouldn't be tempted by big money,' he explained in a clever move to win the youth vote at the next election.

Why the restrictive laws? Surely massage parlours are legitimate business concerns and their right to operate shouldn't be interfered with lightly. The answer, as any reader of 'Truth' can tell you, is that drug taking and prostitution have become associated with the massage parlour business. The sanctions against brothel-keeping in the 1961 Crimes Act are apparently insufficient to deal with the situation, as the proprietor must have knowledge of the acts of prostitution occurring in his establishment before he falls under its provisions. Massage parlour owners frequently and successfully disclaimed any knowledge of fringe activities by their employees. The idea behind the 78 Act was to eradicate these nefarious practices by close supervision of massage parlours and by ensuring that unsavory characters are kept out of the business.

Not that the licensing provisions met with universal approval. Mr Lange pointed

out that criminal elements could still control massage parlours by employing respectable frontmen who would apply for licenses and run the establishments.

Mr Prebble thought that licensing massage parlours gave a Government endorsement to vice and corruption. He gave vent to the horrified prophecy that

*In Karangahape Road people will see massage parlours with signs like, 'Pin Touch', and underneath, 'Government approved, fully licensed.'*

This ingenious extrapolation gave him headlines he sought in the press next day. But the argument of course has no substance. What receives endorsement is the massage parlour - and why not? The license doesn't cover prostitution, drug taking or any of the vices of which he complains.

Mr Wall thought that the licensing provisions weren't extensive enough and that employees should also be registered, provoking much coarse repartee from his parliamentary colleagues as to where a masseuse, fully dressed for business, would carry her registration card. Excited by these suggestions Mr Wall was roused eventually into a puritanical fury in which he came close to advocating the abolition of massage parlours:

*I don't see why there shouldn't be an absolute prohibition on providing private institutions to promote sexual abuse.*

But he calmed down towards the end of his speech and on maturer reflection decided that a free-hanging curtain, instead of a permanent partition, would ensure that proprieties were maintained between patron and masseuse. Parliament wasn't however ready to accept the Wall (ha-ha) Amendment.

But it was the associated drug problem rather than the prostitution itself, which was the chief source of concern. Members from both sides of the House let out exclamations of dismay at the thought of teen-age girls turning to prostitution to support a heroin habit. Parliament's solution was to bar from working in a massage parlour anyone who had received a drug conviction in the last ten years. Heed was paid to Ms Waring's observation that:

*I would rather have them earn their \$150 a day as prostitutes than as burglars and thieves.*

This hacking away at the manifestation the social malaise, rather than at the underlying causes, is typical of New Zealand legislation. But as usual it is more important to be seen to be doing something than to actually achieve anything. Making it difficult for heroin addicts doesn't help them to overcome their problem, but all the noise and confusion keeps the public happy.

As Opposition speakers frequently pointed out, the Act is just window dressing, although of course this didn't prevent them from also striking attitudes in the display case.

David Beach

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MARCH 31

# INTERNATIONAL ABORTION ACTION DAY

Last year, at a meeting in London, representatives from groups around the world formed the International Campaign for Abortion Rights (ICAR). This organisation called a world-wide day of action on abortion for March 31st. Here in New Zealand the day will be marked by protests against the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act.

It is vital that all those who are serious about changing this law become involved in actions such as these. For while it is obvious that the majority of people are opposed to the restrictive abortion laws, what is equally apparent is that the government is trying to ignore this opposition. Witness for example its rejection last year of the massive Repeal petition which was signed by more than 300,000 people.

The only way that the government will be forced to accede to the wishes of the majority is by us publicly showing the numbers and strength of those in favour of a woman's basic right to have an abortion if she so chooses.

That such a large public show of strength is possible is indicated by what happened in 1978. Apart from the large numbers signing the Repeal petition last year, demonstrations against the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act were the biggest ever, ranging from 1000-strong marches in Wellington in March and July to the 2000 who marched in Auckland on September 15.

As well, new groups started to join the campaign to repeal the law - for instance the 1978 Labour Party conference which voted to support a woman's right to abortion. Under this pressure the leadership of the party was forced to adopt as its election platform the promise to hold a referendum on the law if elected. There were signs of the same process taking place when Federation of Labour president, Sir Tom Skinner, became a patron of Repeal, and when the Auckland Trades Council endorsed September 15 last year.

Abortion was an important issue in the elections also: two of National's most rabid anti-abortionists were shown that they did not represent their electorates' views when Bert Walker lost his seat, and Frank Gill lost many votes to the Labour and National Alternative candidates, both of whom stood on a repeal platform.

The election result itself underlined the fact that not only is an anti-abortion position a minority one in New Zealand, but that the National Government, which most strongly represents that view, is a minority government.

There is every chance that this process will continue in 1979. Already March 31st - the first action in defence of abortion rights to take place since the elections - has received substantial support. As the list of endorsers show, a wide range of women's and abortion groups, student organisations, civil libertarians and trade unionists, have indicated their willingness to publicly oppose the current law.

More than ever before we have the basis for an effective and massive campaign to repeal the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act. If all groups and individuals who oppose the law can be brought together in visible, united action, we will show the government that despite their attempts to bury the issue, the people of New Zealand are not going to let it happen.

March 31st will not be the only opportunity this year for people to publicly join the abortion campaign. The existing sentiment for repeal of the abortion law can be built on at the coming Labour Party and Federation of Labour conferences. Both should be asked to bring the force of the labour movement solidly behind the campaign for a woman's right to choose. Individual unions and union leaders, local Labour Party branches and MPs can also be drawn in.

How to build an effective campaign for abortion rights will also be very much in the minds of those attending the United Women's Convention in Hamilton over Easter. That gathering could become a forum at which thousands of women can be drawn in to act together on the issue.

But first we have March 31st. Students especially will have the opportunity to demonstrate their anger at the restrictive abortion laws by taking part in protests on their campuses. In Auckland there will be a forum at 12 noon in the quad on the Friday, March 30th, followed by a march downtown at 1 pm. It is actions such as these which will make it clear to the government that it can ill-afford to ignore us, so come along.

Janet Roth

## MARCH 31: ENDORSEMENTS

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# INTERNATIONAL ABORTION

## THE LAW

THE CONTRACEPTION STERILISATION AND ABORTION LEGISLATION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES - Joan Shields

When the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion legislation was passed in December 1977, women's rights in New Zealand took a giant step backwards. Women were left with no control whatsoever over their own reproductive lives. Instead, this control passed into the hands of government appointees and the medical profession.

Under this legislation, abortions can only be obtained on very restricted grounds.

But Parliament did not stop there. It also set up a medical obstacle course which women seeking abortions had to go through. Under the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act, a woman wishing to terminate her pregnancy first has to go to her own doctor who then refers her to two certifying consultants (at least one of whom has to be a practising gynaecologist or obstetrician). It is these two doctors who decide whether or not she is entitled to a legal abortion. If she is, the woman then has to find an operating surgeon willing to perform the abortion. In other words, a pregnant woman's fate rests, not in her own hands, but in the hands of no less than four doctors. The administration of the law and the appointment of certifying consultants is controlled by a government-appointed Abortion Supervisory Committee.

### How the law worked

Most liberal doctors, in fact, refused to take up appointments as certifying consultants. Consequently, when the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act came into full effect on 1 April 1978 the Abortion Supervisory Committee had been unable to appoint any certifying consultants in Taranaki, Nelson, Marlborough, Timaru and only one each in North Otago and Wanganui. Only Wellington and Christchurch had an 'adequate number'.

The criteria for selecting certifying consultants did not stop the Supervisory Committee from appointing known anti-abortionists, however. One of the most horrifying examples of this was the appointment of a well-known anti-abortionist in Dunedin. This doctor was notorious for the regular insertion of anti-abortion advertisements in Dunedin newspapers which said such things as, 'If a man cannot get an abortion under any circumstances, why should a woman?' Dunedin women seeking abortions can expect little sympathy from this certifying consultant!

Even if a woman managed to obtain a certificate from 2 certifying consultants, her problems were not at an end. She then had to find an operating surgeon willing to perform the operation and a hospital in which it could be performed. Soon after the legislation came into effect one Wellington certifying consultant reported that he had made over 50 phone calls in an attempt to obtain an operating surgeon. He was unsuccessful and his patient eventually flew to Sydney to obtain an operating surgeon. He was

unsuccessful and his patient eventually flew to Sydney to obtain an abortion even though she was legally entitled to a free public hospital abortion in New Zealand. No hospital or private organization (with the exception of the Auckland Medical Aid Centre which was forced to close when the legislation came into effect) had special facilities for abortion. After April 78, therefore, hospital services were put under considerable strain. Pressure on gynaecological beds and theatre time occurred and general gynaecological surgical waiting lists were adversely affected. This resulted in some hospitals informally applying zoning regulations for abortion admissions.

There is also considerable variation in the interpretation of the law from area to area and between different medical practitioners. Some areas and some certifying consultants have already gained reputations for having more liberal or more conservative interpretations of the legal grounds for abortions. The chairperson of the Auckland Hospital Board has stated that the result of a woman's request for an abortion was the 'luck of the draw' and depended largely on which certifying consultant and operating surgeon she saw.

All these facts were, no doubt, extremely inconvenient for those administering the new law. But the results were more than inconvenient for women - in many cases, they were tragic.

In an attempt to persuade doctors to become certifying consultants, several amendments to the legislation were passed on 10 July 1978.

The Crimes Amendment Act 1978 deleted the phrase 'and that the danger cannot be averted by any other means' from abortions performed because of a serious danger to the life or physical or mental health of the woman and added foetal abnormality to the grounds for abortion within the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. The C.S. & A. Amendment Act 1978 gave the operating surgeon more control over the granting or refusing a certificate to a pregnant woman. The certifying consultants were also given the right to interview and examine the women.

These amendments did go some way towards placating doctors. By 20 September 1978 a total of 199 certifying consultants had been appointed (about 4% of all doctors). The additional appointments gave coverage to all regions except South Canterbury.

### Effect of legislation on women

What effect did the passing of the C.S. & A. legislation have on women? Soon after the legislation was passed, the Auckland Medical Aid Centre closed its doors. Prior to this, AMAC - the only abortion clinic in New Zealand - had performed almost all of the legal abortions in New Zealand.

Women were left with few alternatives. Those who did not qualify for a legal abortion under the new grounds and administrative system set up by the

legislation were forced to fly to Australia, go through an unwanted pregnancy, or resort to backstreet or self-induced abortions.

Before the 1977 change in the law the total number of legal abortions performed in New Zealand was increasing. Between 1976 & 1977 the increase was 25% on the 1976 total. The estimated annual total for 1978, however, shows a decline of 51% on the 1977 total. But this reduced total of legal New Zealand abortions is more than compensated for by the increased numbers of women travelling to Australia. Auckland Medical Aid Centre data on New Zealand women travelling to Australia between January 1978 and 30 September 1978 indicates that 2,503 New Zealand women had abortions in Australia. This works out to an annual rate of 3,337 and this is, if anything, an underestimate because data was not gathered from all SOS groups in New Zealand and all abortion clinics in Australia. Figures released in March 1979 indicate that there are still 80 New Zealand women a week travelling to Sydney to obtain abortions.

There has also been an apparent increase in the incidence of illegal abortions in New Zealand. Although no figures are available, nurses working in gynaecological units, accident and emergency departments etc. have reported an increase in the number of patients seeking treatment or requiring attention for problems closely associated with complications arising out of attempted self-induced abortions and non-medical criminal abortions. One Auckland certifying consultant has stated that 'more backstreet abortions are taking place than people realise.'

What of those women who have managed to obtain legal abortions in New Zealand? Delays caused by the decision-making system prescribed under the legislation and difficulties in finding operating surgeons and/or certifying consultants, have meant that, proportionally, more later abortions appear to be performed at present than before. Instead of most abortions being performed between 8 to 10 weeks pregnancy, the majority would now appear to be carried out between 10 to 12 weeks. The proportions of second trimester abortions have also increased correspondingly. This means that more sophisticated abortion techniques are necessary, entailing a longer period of hospitalisation and the risk of a higher complications rate.

The C.S. & A. legislation, therefore, has succeeded in substantially reducing the number of legal abortions in New Zealand. But it has not succeeded in reducing the total number of abortions obtained by New Zealand women. Instead, its effect is to make these abortions more difficult to obtain, more dangerous to women's health and more expensive. These results clearly reveal the contempt felt by politicians and other anti-abortionists for the welfare and happiness of women and shows the hypocrisy of their professed 'concern for human life.'





# ABORTION ACTION DAY MARCH 31



## A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE - AROUND THE WORLD

Attacks on a woman's right to abortion are not peculiar to New Zealand. They are part of a world-wide trend. In every country where women have fought for their democratic right to abortion, they have had to continue fighting in order to keep it. On International Abortion Action Day, it is fitting to look at the situations in other countries.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### CHILE AND ISRAEL

Chile and Israel are in a similar situation to New Zealand as regards abortion. In Israel abortion is legal on the ground of age, rape, incest or health. This is fairly liberal but new laws are proposed which will restrict abortion to those women only whose lives are endangered. In Chile a recent law has given human rights to the foetus: women prisoners raped by their guards are now refused abortions.

In Spain, Belgium, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland, Holland and West Germany abortion is illegal. In Spain and Ireland contraception is also illegal and women must either make expensive trips to other countries or risk mutilation at the hands of a back street abortionist. Huge numbers of women die each year from having backstreet abortions when it is well known that abortion is a very safe operation when performed under good conditions. In Switzerland, Holland, West Germany and Belgium abortion is still illegal, but tolerated in practice. Thus women are denied their right to control their reproduction, while such formal restrictions help to raise the price of the operation and keep it as a fearful and guilt-ridden experience. In Eastern Europe, it is now argued that woman's right to choose should be secondary to the population and economic needs of the state; Rumania and Hungary have made contraception difficult to obtain.

In other countries women are being denied their right to choose, with forced sterilisation. Population control programmes are used in parts of Latin America, Africa and amongst oppressed minority and poor women in the USA to force unwanted sterilisation and contraception on these women. In Puerto Rico, for example, 35% of women of child-bearing age have been sterilised. Women are told the lie that poverty is due to 'over population' and economic aid from foreign countries carries with it a call for reduction in population. In many countries doctors are paid more to sterilise than to give information on contraception. Everywhere forced sterilisation is the sign of racist policies and imperialist domination. Abortion services in Puerto Rico are legal but available only in private clinics at astronomical rates. However just in the San Juan metropolitan area alone there are nineteen free sterilisation clinics performing over 1000 sterilisations per month. In Queensland, Australia where both abortion and sterilisation are illegal except in extreme circumstances, abortions are almost impossible to obtain but sterilisation, particularly if you are black, is quite another story. Talking about this a Puerto Rican feminist said: 'While traditionally our ability to have children has been used to create myths about our inferiority in other endeavours, it is enlightening to see that when that ability is economically counter-productive it loses all mystique and becomes a function which must be disposed of.'

Lamorna Rogers  
NZUSA Women's Rights Action Co-ordinator

### UNITED STATES SITUATION

Abortion was legalised in America by a Supreme Court decision in 1973. It was only beginning to emerge as an issue when the Court, in a surprising 7-2 decision, ruled that first-trimester abortions were a matter between a woman and her doctor. In the second trimester, the Court said that states could impose restrictions to protect the health of the mother, and in the third it said they could ban abortion altogether, in effect recognising the 'potential life' of the foetus.

Legal abortion is now very common in America. In 1976, doctors performed 1.2 million abortions - one for every 2.8 live births. The most common procedure - vacuum aspiration - takes about 5 minutes, costs an average of \$185 in a clinic and is safer than giving birth. Despite a reduction in Medicaid funding for the poor, legal abortion has all but ended back room abortion mills.

But abortion is now under greater attack than at any time since the Supreme Court legalised it in 1973. Justifying their actions on moral grounds and backed by the authority and money of the Roman Catholic Church, the anti-abortion lobby are terrorising women and organisations linked to pro-choice.

In 1977, the Supreme Court ruled that even though every woman has a legal right to abortion, the government is not obliged to pay for it. Since then, Congress has eliminated Federal Medicaid funding for most abortions for the poor, and only 16 states continue to fund on their own. Akron, Ohio, has imposed tough regulations on all abortions, including a controversial requirement that women take the foetal remains to a licensed funeral director.

### ITALY

In Italy, women over 18 have won the right to abortion in the first trimester. They were given this in June 1978. This followed an intense campaign in which thousands of women took to the streets to demand their right to abortion. The Pope and the Catholic Church however, were not happy with this democratic decision, and instantly set out to sabotage it.

The Vatican has told Catholics that the penalty for performing or having an abortion is excommunication and has urged all medical personnel to refuse to perform abortions and refuse to work in facilities where abortions are performed. A huge percentage of Italy's hospitals are owned and operated by religious orders, and a large number of nurses are nuns. The Church's campaign gives Italian doctors - many of whom make huge profits performing illegal abortions - an

excuse for refusing to comply with the new law.

Italian women have won their legal right to choose but the Vatican's campaign together with inadequate facilities may mean that women will still not have access to safe legal abortion and will be forced to continue to resort to expensive and dangerous backstreet abortions.

### AUSTRALIA

The law relating to abortion in Australia rests on the legislation of the states. In South Australia and the Northern Territory limited reforms have been introduced. Abortions must be performed in hospitals and are legal if two registered medical practitioners assess that the continuation of the pregnancy would entail a risk to the physical or mental health of the woman or (b) risk of the child being born with seriously handicapped physical or mental abnormalities. In three states abortion is almost impossible to obtain, even for those with cash and connections. In North South Wales and Victoria abortions can be obtained provided you are aware of how to go about seeking one, have the money and are prepared to beat the rush at the few public hospitals where limited numbers of abortions are performed. Those special clinics catering for abortion are becoming increasingly overburdened and generally have long waiting lists. Nowhere do women have the unrestricted right to abortion.





# SOS

In fourteen months of operation Sisters Overseas Services, (S.O.S.) Auckland alone has sent over 2000 women to Australian clinics. There are many other S.O.S. groups operating throughout New Zealand and the following figures apply to Auckland only.

At a conservative estimate of \$500 per woman, for 2000 women over 1 million dollars is involved in travel expenses taxes, clinic, and other related costs. Over \$200,000 went to the Australian clinics - representing a loss in overseas funds. The N.Z. Government took \$64,000 in travel tax and \$4,000 in departure tax, and the Australian Government, which since September has imposed an Aus \$10 departure tax, must have earned \$7,000 from that time alone. These figures do not take account of any other person who may have travelled with the woman to support her.

It would not be possible to estimate the toll of human suffering involved, for the women caught in the power struggle between the male politicians who passed the infamous Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion (C.S. & A.) Act and the medical profession who, jealously guarding their privileges, attempt to make the law work.

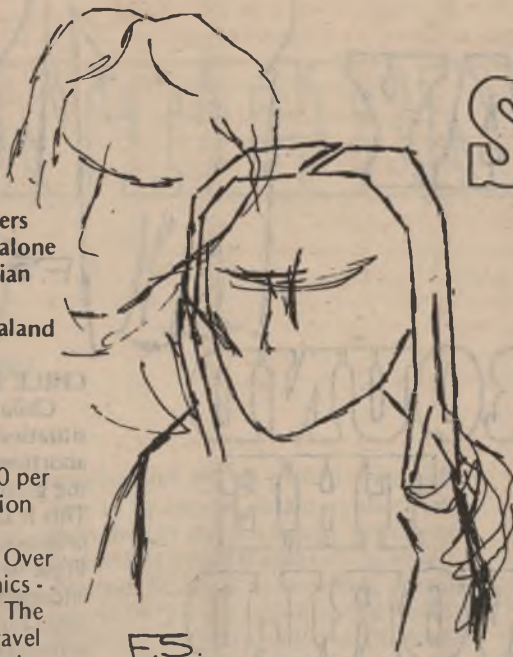
The figures above, and the continued existence of SOS, surely prove that the law is not working in Auckland. Women continue to seek termination of unwanted pregnancies and the right to make their own decisions. This demand is not being met by the medical services offered in Auckland.

Epsom Day Hospital (which had to be renamed because St Margaret was the patron saint of mothers - and, I believe of virgins) took months, and great public expense, to become operative. It is still insufficiently staffed by certifying consultants and cannot cope with the demand. Waiting lists have to be perfunctorily chopped when requests outnumber appointment times. A woman who will be over the 12 week limit by the time an appointment is available has to be told that she cannot be seen, regardless of her age or circumstances. There is something very wrong with a system that precludes a rape victim or a 14 year old from obtaining even an appointment. Many general practitioners are therefore by-passing the system and referring their patients directly to S.O.S.

At present, about half of the women we know of who 'try the system' have their pregnancies terminated in Auckland (with an average of 10 abortions per week being performed at Epsom Day Hospital), while the other half go to Australia. Some have sufficient financial resources, but many have to raise loans, borrow from friends, or be assisted from S.O.S. funds.

Nor do these figures take into account women who ring up personally, and whose names are not recorded; the women whose doctors ring up and are told there are no appointments available, and who again are not recorded; and those whose doctors refer them directly to us, or directly to contacts in Sydney. It can be fairly estimated that there are many more women 'out there', who are not represented by the official figures.

The decision whether or not to agree to termination appears to be made in a cavalier fashion, dependent upon the



# SULLIVAN SPEAK

(The following speech was made by the MP for Southern Maori, Whetu Tirikatene-Sullivan, when the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Bill was introduced into Parliament on August 19th 1977. Certain deletions have been made for reasons of space, and these are marked by dots.)

The Bill is in direct contradiction to spirit and provisions of another Bill at present before the House - the Human Rights Commission Bill - which states in clause 22/1b that it shall be unlawful to supply facilities or services on less favourable terms by reason of a person's sex.

I believe that the Bill we are discussing violates the human rights of those women who believe they cannot cope with carrying a pregnancy through to full term.

Must we, as women, be compelled to accept that we are carriers of life, despite our private will and all our intellectual comprehension that we do not wish, at a given time of our lives, to accept this role?

The Bill has clauses that contravene a woman's personal liberty because freedom from unwanted reproduction is the very essence of woman's equality. The Bill does not acknowledge a woman's right to determine her own maternity, that is, to control her reproduction potential.

The oppression of woman is derived from her womanhood. Her biological difference has been used to build social structures and a supportive ideology of female submission - an ideology so entrenched that woman herself has come to believe it.

Abortion is a woman's issue, and it is fundamental to a woman's ability to participate equally in society. New Zealand women must have the right to choose.

## Degrading panel system

The Bill introduces a panel system that is likely to result in those who successfully manoeuvre this maze being ultimately too far along gestation to be legally aborted.

Nor does the panel system respect a woman's right to privacy and confidentiality of counselling, sought of her own volition with people of her own choice. Instead, she is compulsorily directed to a group of people she may have never met or known and, though under considerable stress, she will be forced to accept their decision even if it is diametrically opposed to her own ....

The panel system is not only unworkable; it is unjust and inhuman to the extent that any woman under stress has to go before an anonymous group of strangers .....

It is totally unjust for any one group in our community to invoke the power of the state to stop those of a contrary view from using their own judgement. This Bill, therefore, makes it possible unjustly to compel people against their own decision .....

It ignores the reality that abortion is a fact of life practised in all cultures from time immemorial; and Maori culture is no exception.

The need for abortion has long been demonstrated, and women will continue to seek it outside the provisions of this Bill if necessary. It will revive the traffic in back-street abortions. The state should not have the power to place its members in this situation at risk.

It is a law that the rich can very skillfully circumnavigate because they are more wealthy than others. New Zealand women who cannot afford a trip across the Tasman will find themselves in a new discriminate group. For the rich, the whole system can be sidestepped by a trip to Australia, as everyone knows ....

Compulsory counselling is contrary to the development of good counselling relationships, and that is one of the basic devices employed in the panel system introduced in this Bill. Compulsory attendance at state-approved counselling services removes the freedom of choice.

**Contraception**  
The provisions relating to contraception are inadequate. As we all know, no other method of contraception, other than total abstinence, is guaranteed to be totally effective.

The essential tools by which a woman can determine her reproduction are not available, and are not made more acceptable in the Bill, and therefore the injustice is entrenched at a time when it could have been removed. The existing laws relating to contraception should have been amended to make it possible for contraceptives to be available to all.

Under Clause 3, the law relating to the availability on contraception to people under the age of 16 is not appreciably changed. In this, I believe there is scant recognition of the fact that New Zealand has the third highest teenage pregnancy rate in the industrialised world, and that adolescent mothers face a 60 percent higher maternal death risk as well as a higher rate of toxemia and anaemia.

It should also be realised that little is done about the needs of the rejected child although much is said about the rights of the unborn child .....

Rape is not regarded by the provisions of the Bill as an adequate reason for a woman to be granted a legal abortion. Rape is a crime. The woman victim who wishes to disgorge from her body the repugnant results of her molester's lust is not able to do that, and the Bill makes the woman as much of a criminal as her rapist. Where is the justice in that ? .....

The Bill is based on the report of the (Royal) Commission, which considered that the morning-after pill or the IUD (inter-uterine device) was all that was needed for the victim of a rape. The report notes correctly that neither method is effective if given after 72 hours. Studies indicate that the morning after pill is not 100 percent effective; some say it is effective in only 60 percent of cases .....

All this when a simple menstrual extraction or early suction abortion procedure could be performed by a competent medically qualified person without any great risk .....

**Every child a wanted child !**  
I speak as a woman, as a mother, and as one who has subjectively experienced soul-searching anxiety about my third pregnancy.

Under this Bill, women aged beyond the normal child-bearing years have no right to seek an abortion, no matter how much anxiety they may feel about the dangers and risks involved; nor have those of teen and sub-teen age .....

My final observation is that if every child were a wanted child - and the Bill does not provide for that - society would be transformed .....



# Chess

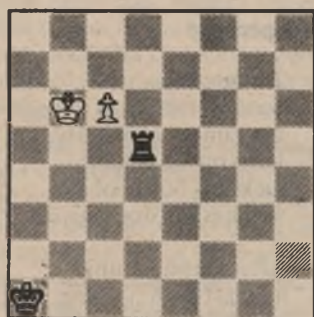
A clammy hand insinuated itself around throat. Slimy fingers squelched pressure points. A voice hissed wetly in ear.

'How can you play this awful, aggressive game? Is winning so important? Must you always be trying to beat someone?'

This interrogation was accompanied by intensification of this loathsome squeeze-play. Gurgling painfully I managed to blurt out my stock response in inquiries of this nature.

'At least it keeps me off the streets.'

To my indescribable relief a contemptuous snort immediately preceded a relaxation of this moist clasp, leaving me rawled, most demonstrably, on the feet. I am a person responsive to gentle persuasion, and so lying meditatively in the gutter I decided that I must mend my ways. Hence this column, which features an endgame study rather than the usual spectacle of two blunt weaponed chess warriors hacking away at each other. An endgame study is an artificial contrivance, composed far from the heat of battle. Its object is to create an aesthetically pleasing effect on the chess board.



In the diagrammed position White's task is to play and win. His prospects of winning are dependant on queening the pawn and so his first move must be

1. c7

Black can't now prevent the pawn's promotion and must resort to checking the White king.

1....

2. Kb5

3. Kb4

4. Kb3

5. Kc2

Rd6 ch

Rd5 ch

Rd4 ch

Rd3 ch

White could not move to the c-file in response to earlier checks because of the

reply Rd1 followed by Rc1 ch. Now this option is not open to Black and he looks totally lost, unable to halt the advance of the pawn. There is a surprising resource however.

5....

Rd4!

Now 6. c8 (Q) is answered by 6.... Rc4 ch; 7. Qc4 stalemate. Is White forced to accept a draw then? No, he forces the win with the under-promotion.

6. c8 (R)!

Ra4

6.... Rc4ch no longer leads to stalemate and this is the only way to parry 7. Ra8 mate

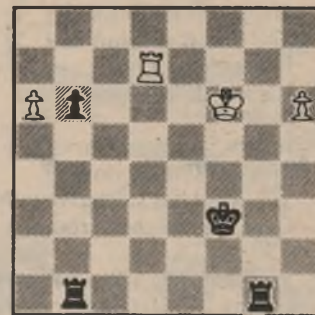
7. Kb3!

Black can't counter the threats to both his rook and king (i. Rc1 mate)

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This week's problem is also an endgame study. White, playing up the board as usual, is to play and win. Solutions should be handed in at the Craccum office by mid-day Thursday. The first correct solution drawn out of a hat wins a double

pass to either the Classic or Hollywood Cinemas.



The solution to last week's problem was 1. Bc7! Rc7 (1....Qc7; 2. Rc5ch, Qc5; 3 Qb7 ch. and mate next move); 2. Qb7ch! Rb7; 3. Rc5 mate.

Last week's winner was D.B. Gibson Tickets can be picked up at the Craccum Office.

Philip Clemance won the preceding week's competition.

David Beach

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# a Poem or Two

## Mission Bay Sunday

Sitting on the sea wall  
The one at Mission Bay  
It's rather chilly  
It's the time of day

In late Sunday afternoon  
The sun sinking down  
The wind has started breathing  
Over sea and over ground

Still there are a few swimmers  
Taking their late afternoon dips  
A few Maoris checking the oysters  
Which slide between their lips

Seagulls skimming just over the sea  
Couples strolling hand in hand  
The pink house on the corner  
The most conspicuous on the land

The tide is on the ebb  
Maui pulls it out  
The Watemata is slowly sinking  
Silently without a shout

Dusk falls  
The tides recede  
Seagulls stand guard  
On rising rock and weed

Joe Draper

## Seven Figures

It lay upon the palm of my hand  
Tired helpless rejected.  
Releasing the last of its strength  
It bows and surrenders  
Curling the tips of its seven figures

What a sin it seemed to deprive  
This living thing of  
It's earthly habitat it's home  
It's source of life and existence

For what a shape it had before  
Vine coloured silhouetted against  
Bright sunshine.  
A wilted withered leaf  
Was all that was left  
Crushed crumpled and dead.

J. Draper

sometimes I see an angry mob of students  
turn into a fine arrangement of colour and shape  
which I stand looking at, amazed  
yellow against blue, greens and orange,  
students become coloured shapes  
set-off against clear/cool winter hues .... beautiful

John Gauron

## To Horace

(Lacking skill in Grecian feet, I here have  
had to use some trochees.) Poets are a  
dying race, perusal through these pages  
show: the poet libre reigns; his stunted  
lines and twisted senses all melose to  
blot and stain the age-long verbal image.  
Folk of Gaza dwell here thickly; nouveau  
vers is labelled art; their focal length is  
far too short for them to see the past.

R.W.



## Reform

One day  
I'm going to be a lawyer  
get high qualified  
become a judge  
stuff the queen.

- Vincent



## Showtime

The nice doctor says  
Your cancer is good for three episodes.  
There now, don't cry -  
You've got the compensation  
Of a tear in the public eye,  
And a five hundred per cent certain  
Miracle cure -  
Tense, maybe painful,  
But certainly a success. And afterwards,  
Tears, flowers, a perfumed sun,  
His deodorised smile,  
A wedding white -

White, white, white,  
Cancer is clean and white.  
White starch, white sheets, white wings;  
Cancer is clean and white -  
And morphine is the purest form of sanity.

Hugh Cook

## A Mantra

This is the meditation of steel.  
Mahatma, Bodhivattr -  
My fingers slick the oil  
Over breech-block and gas plug.

This is the meditation of light.  
Mahatma, Bodhivattr -  
The sun ranges down the hill  
To the butts and the sea.

This is the meditation of breath.  
Mahatma, Bodhivattr -  
My fingers slick the sun  
Over barrel and sight.

This is the meditation of power.  
Mahatma, Bodhivattr -  
The butt in the shoulder  
Slams acceleration to the bone.

This is the meditation of consequence.  
Mahatma, Bodhivattr -  
The brass sheers to the sun,  
The bullet sheers to the sky.

Mahatma, Bodhivattr;  
Bodhivattr, Mahatma.

Hugh Cook

## Spectator

The spectator  
watches with eyes of love  
the games people play,  
leans on his balcony  
sucks his bottle of rye  
watches his world go by

After getting drunk  
he's left with nothing  
but a dry taste for life

- Vincent



With little Johnny it always was how  
Not when or why, not now  
How can I break my bread  
How may I know my head.

Oh do not ask that little one  
Or you shall be quite undone.  
Little Johnny was sent to bed unmade  
Crazy boy was he, and his private haze

Faded to how shall I make  
A million or so and gain a stake  
Like Dad in the real world  
And watch while others are hurled

Into an abyss of poverty  
While I live very properly.  
The first million is the hardest son.  
After that, thy work is to run ....

Johnny was retired at 65  
To the board he was no longer alive  
Once he had held them all in thrall  
17% was now his all.

Johnny sat down to cry  
Then he asked why  
All of a sudden there was a grunt  
There stood Johnny, the little runt

If this be judgement day  
I know how to pay  
Said Johnny not knowing why death  
Not feeling when hot scaly breath

The coroner said he saw how  
But could not stay right now.  
They never found out why or when  
But what do you expect from them.

R. J. Sorrenson

## Canoppa Charas

You curdle the milk of my mind;  
Burn me with a fire I know isn't there  
But can't extinguish all the same.  
When I want you,  
You can invade my being  
Pervade my being with unholy THC  
Does your loving caress  
Settle as a butterfly  
On a petal?  
Or creep in an insidious onslaught  
As snowflakes down a collar?  
Slits to see outside -  
Redrimmed and heavy  
Stale taste and parched cavern ....  
Water!  
But it goes past like a cool breeze  
Hold your tongue,  
You might swallow it yet.  
Shake the cobwebs out -  
But they fall back like sacking ....

I'll crash now  
I know the morning will be same

By Pseudonym

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# Seals

'Save the Seals' - as the listings of the Greenpeace Harp Seal Petition finally close, you must by now have heard this catchphrase. Pretty little white fluffy things, that stare up at you out of photographs with big appealing eyes. Who could resist them? Certainly not lily-clean conscientious New Zealanders, who have signed the petition to stop the annual slaughter of these animals in their thousands. Prominent notables such as the Mayor of Auckland, and TV comedy star Yootha Joyce, have publicly affixed their names to it.

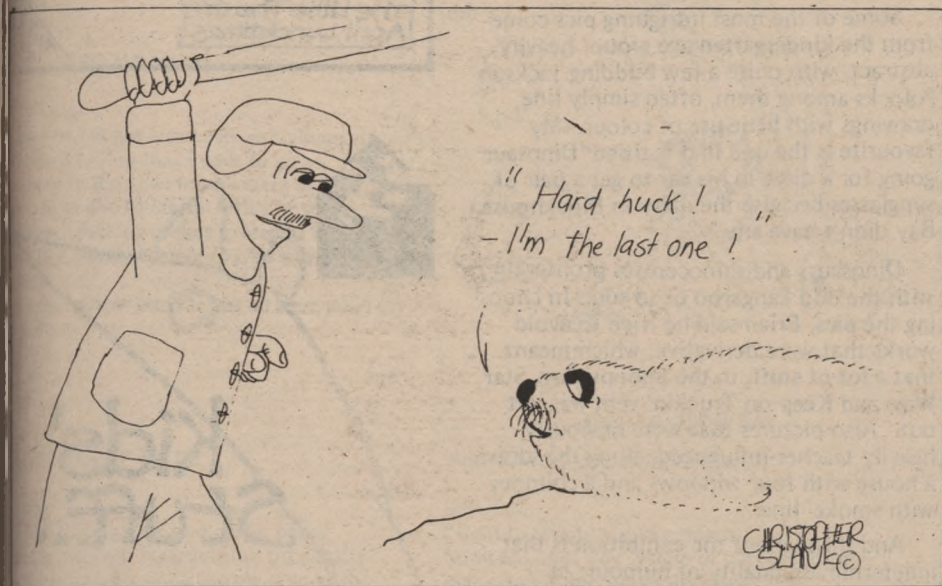
But why should New Zealanders, who feel no compunction about slaughtering little white fluffy lambs, nor even about mowing down the last of their native beech forests to make matches, be moved by the plight of a small aquatic mammal in Newfoundland, Canada, on the other side of the world? And why should Greenpeace, the organisation force behind the petition, have chosen to bring this particular issue to our attention?

Their argument is that the seal killing is both brutal and unnecessary, and is endangering the species. The Harp Seals give birth over a particularly concentrated time-span, in their nursery ground areas on the ice off Newfoundland. Their young are born with a brilliant white coat, a baby fur that they start to shed a week or two after birth. It is this immature fur that is much valued by fur dealers; it is

native livelihood. Most of the money (as always) goes to the large shipping and fur companies who process the pelts. They are chiefly Norwegian; almost all of the pelts go to Norway for processing.

From one point of view then, the seal hunt could be seen as simply a senseless and profitless Canadian industry - one of those anachronisms which is perpetuated by the vagaries of the market system and bureaucracies everywhere. But an even greater objection is the primitive brutality of the killings. The instrument of death is a hakapik - club with a spike embedded in it - which is brought down sharply to crush the baby seal's skull. In most cases the pup is killed instantly; in some it is not, and is skinned alive. Moreover, the slaughter and skinning of their young is witnessed by the helplessly attendant mother seals. Not a spectacle for the tender hearted.

Although accurate assessments are difficult to obtain, it appears that the Harp Seals are definitely on the decline. The Canadian Government accepts only the most optimistic estimates of population size and birth rates, but even the figure of approximately 1 million seals does not compare well with 3.3 million in the 1950s, and 10 million harp seals in the previous century. Intensive fishing off the Newfoundland waters has severely limited their food supply, while extensive killing quotas take their toll of an already declining population.



used for fur coats and trim, and even to make toy models of the harp seal. The Canadian government which controls and regulates the hunt, has announced that this year the seal hunt will begin on March 10, and that a quota of 180,000 Harp Seals and 150,000 Hood Seals may be killed. That makes it the largest mass animal slaughtering in the world, up there on the ice floes - to sustain a luxury fur trade.

And just who does profit by the seal trade? The Landsmen of the region have traditionally relied on the seals for a large part of their livelihood: a point that has been made much of by the advocates of the fur trade, although Canadian governmental figures put the total revenue from the seal hunts at only 0.2% of the Newfoundland GNP, with only about 12% of the money from sealing going to the Landsmen involved. But the central government seems uninclined to sink any money into what is a depressed, rural area to provide the huntsmen with an alter-

This March, as previous years, Greenpeace Canada will be sending a boat up to the seal nursery grounds to protest the killing of the seal pups. Greenpeace are an international body, with centres in Europe, Australia, North America, and in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch of New Zealand. Throughout the world protest action is planned for March 10, the day the seal hunt will begin. In Wellington the Canadian High Commission will be picketed on Friday 9th. Their petition, which has been circulated through the three main centres of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, has collected 40,000 signatures. For a petition which has not been that widely distributed, and an issue that cannot make any immediate, practical difference to New Zealanders, that is a sizeable demonstration of altruistic concern. Or would it make it all alright if those Canadians would only install a proper freezing works?

Environmental Correspondent - K.G.W.



'ANGEL MINE' is coming! On at the Lido for one night only - April Fool's Day. Screening with 'Black Moon' before a one week season at the Crystal Palace, Mt. Eden from April 20 to 27 with 'Oh Lucky Man'.

## GETTING THINGS DONE QUICKLY

The Secretary of the Educational Services Commission recently sent out a circular to all school heads, colleges and Educational Departments prohibiting them from making public statements critical of the government. Offenders are warned that disciplinary action would be taken against them.

Several teachers and principals however, have found talking to the Press more effective in getting their problems solved or looked into. The Education Department they said, '..... just takes too long to look into our problems.'

The Department does not lose anything in taking their time. But it is the students who suffer if something is not done quickly', they added.

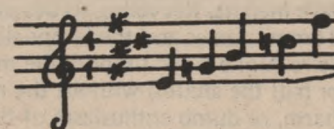
Parents, in support of the teacher, said that even if the teachers were muzzled, the government could not stop them as parents from talking to the Press.

Whether or not the Malaysia government is able to muzzle criticism from the teacher or from parents is yet to be seen. Rather than admitting its failures than making up for its slowness in attending to these problems, the government is trying to cover them up. Such attempts seem to reveal a lack of sincerity on the part of the Malaysian government in trying to improve the education standards of the country.

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## Boogie Primer



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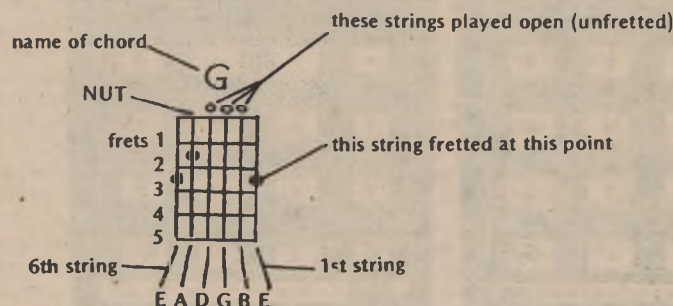
A large percentage of people are left handed, which leaves their guitar playing two choices: either to play right-handed, which may be awkward at first, or reverse the strings, bridge, nut and scratch plate. Reversing the strings and bridge piece is relatively easy: but the nut (which has grooves designed to accommodate strings right handedly) and the scratch plate are glued-on fixtures, and changing them is a job for a professional instrument repairer. Ultimately you must play in the manner that feels most comfortable to you (Da Boogie Primer is designed to help you have fun with music) but both hands must learn precision and control regardless of whether you are right or left handed. If you can play right handed, do so - if nothing else it means other people can play your guitar.

Your left hand (assuming you're all right handed) must have short nails, otherwise the nail will hit the fretboard before the finger tip hits the string, and the sound will be muffled. Right hand nails should be about 1/4" long and smoothly rounded for playing a Spanish guitar; on a steel guitar nails don't last very long unless you strengthen them with proprietary nail hardeners or clear nail varnish.

Position - you should hold the guitar in the way that feels most comfortable, bearing the following in mind: left hand fingertips should hold the string down behind frets as near to perpendicular as possible, the right hand palm should be parallel to the strings, and you should be able to hold whatever position you choose for up to half an hour, so don't slouch (this gets uncomfortable quite quickly)

### CHORD WINDOWS

These are an easy way of showing the shapes of chords: they are more immediate and recognizable than notes on a score (see the logo above) and with the use of a few symbols complex music can be represented. The window is a diagram of the first 5 frets. The vertical lines are strings, and the horizontals are the nut and the first five frets.



Alex James



# Reviews

Suicide  
Red Star Records (Import)

Suicide. What can you say about suicide? - Music to kill by; dead boring? Love it to death? Perhaps the less said the better. There is very little to talk about as there is only two of them. Martin Rev plays electronic keyboards, drum machine and space echo and Alan Vega 'sings' Suicide were formed in 1972 and debuted playing support for the New York Dolls, Wayne County and Johnathon Richman. Since then their ability for audience alienation and disorientation has become well known.

Musically there is very little to compare them to only superficial references to Kraftwerk, the Doors, a Coney Island baby/disco cross come close. However these all seem to pale on listening to the album. In the wrong Frame of mind Suicide can become hell personified whereas when approached with caution they hold a strange (morbid?) fascination. Each song /aural montage is a story, almost a theatre with characters and a plot eg 'Frankie Teardrop' is the story of a domestic breakdown that ends with a murder in the family not unlike Jim Morrison's 'The End'. Each song is built up over a strong electronic rhythmic pattern that develops a monotony that is coloured only by organ and synthesizer or Vega's singing, grunts, groans and screams. Vega's vocals are fed through a space echo unit which gives them a mysterious hypnotic feel.

Side one opens with a track called 'Ghost Riders' a song about bikies that sounds similar to Iggy's '1969'. This is followed by 'Rocket USA' which also appeared on Max's, Kansas City Collection Vol 1. 'Cheree' (the single) a slower number swipes Chuck Berry's 'Louie Louie' riff and turns it into a distraught love song. They rip the 'Slow Down' riff for 'Johnny' the story of a street punk. 'Girl' closes the side with a tribute to the fairer sex.

Side two highlights Suicide's weaknesses in their piece de resistance the long track 'Frankie Teardrop'. This clocks in at around 10 minutes at which point their intentional monotony becomes truly monotonous. No amount of screaming and shouting can save it though Vega tries his hardest - which becomes painful to listen to at times. The side is closed by the shorter and more effective 'Che' a tribute to the revolutionary.

Suicide can either be a 'sophisticated form of torture' or an obscure form of entertainment. Either way you love them or you hate them. There is no middle ground.

Nigel Russell



The Rubinoos  
(Released thru Festival)

I got home last Sunday night, no food in the house, rain drubbing on the roof (drub housing?) everything all sad and lonesome. But, thinks, I have a Rubinoos record, a pop record no less.

So I sat down with a weak cup of Earl Grey and waited to be cheered up. Some hope - this insipid bunch of wimps couldn't cheer up coco the clown, or even Dave Merritt. Recycling sixties pop riffs (Tommy James and the Shondells 'I Think We're Alone Now' supplies the material for half the album) without the naivety, charm, or dumb enthusiasm of those heady days of sixties pop is just at best redundant, and at worst necrophilia.

Yes, I hate this record. Am I listening to an 'America' album by mistake? If this is the band you've been waiting for, go and see the Terrorways instead. They're closer to home and their 'I Think We're Alone Now' is much better.

I finally cheered myself up by playing Pere Ubu's 'Dub Housing' a few times. Along with Public Image and Toy Love, great pop music for 1979.

Adam



Kid's Stuff  
Little Theatre  
March 21 -

And it is too, in crayon, collage or poster paint; the budding talents of the youngest generation. The exhibition was compiled over the summer by SCSF worker Brian Brennan, from works collected from various primary schools around Auckland, as well as the Hospital. Most of the work comes from kids in the 4 to 10 range, rather than Intermediate school pupils - an area which, as Brian says, is often overlooked, while it is at primary school that kids are most heavily conditioned; or rather, where their concepts of what the world is are formed.

Some of the most intriguing pics come from the kindergarten age group: heavily abstract, with quite a few budding Jackson Pollocks among them, often simply line drawings with little use of colour. My favourite is the one that is titled 'Dinosaur going for a drive in his car to get a pair of sunglasses because the dairy in Blockhouse Bay didn't have any.'

Dinosaurs and rhinoceroses proliferate, with the odd kangaroo or so too. In choosing the pics, Brian said he tried to avoid works that were derivative, which meant that a lot of stuff, in the Snoopy-dog, Star Wars and Keep on Truckin' vein was left out. Also pictures that were obviously heavily teacher-influenced, along the 'draw a house with four windows and a chimney with smoke' line.

And throughout the exhibition is that indeterminate quality of humour: in pictures of a washing machine dancing, or a crocodile lying on its back holding a flower. This is an exhibition well worth seeing while it's on campus, if only for the insight into the other side to those noisy little brats that we all once were.

Katrina White

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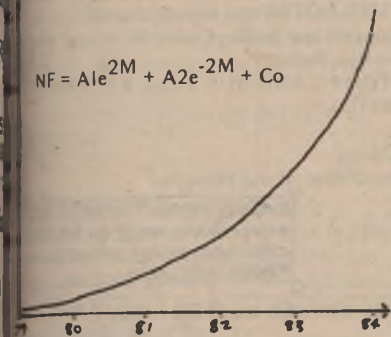
# Lettuce to the Editor

MEN'S EQUALITY HITS ENGINEERING SCHOOL HARD

Dear Editor,  
In response to accusations that Engineering School is the last remaining male sexist bastion on Campus. We have compiled documented proof for the persons responsible of these gross accusations; the male dominance of Engineering School in a few years time will no longer!

At year we had 4 females in the Engineering School and this year we have 8 females of the class. Using these figures as a basis for extrapolation we can derive the following formula:

$$NF = A1e^{2M} + A2e^{-2M} + Co$$



By extrapolation we see that by 1984 approximately a third of all engineering students will be females and by 1984 they will have taken over the school. We also note that by the end of 1978 a third of all engineering students were married. Our statistics expert refuses as yet to draw any conclusions and we shall have to wait until the end of 1979 to see if this trend continues.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Peck

## STOP CALLING ME NAMES

My fat-face,  
Why have we not got cigarettes on Campus. It takes me off to find that I have to go to open St or to the Kiwi for a packet of fags. I understand its due to South Africa or something. What a fucking useless protest. I happen to like Colin Meads, Dannie Craven and the others. The cigs back or else I'll piss all over Janet's office.

## WHY GRIPE OF ROTH

Dear Slug,  
In your last lettuce we observed a pellet directed at Ms Roth regarding her propensity pushing her own wheelbarrow around the university gardens. We concur with your viewpoint entitled 'The First Gripe of Roth'. It is our considered opinion that five months solid attention to A.U.S.A. affairs would not constitute a major setback to the feminist liberation. Surely another period of pushing ahead of male students can only add vigour to the cause she wishes to promote.

Presperson Roth is bereft of inspiration, allow us to submit some matters, we consider, coming out for her 'talent' (?)

These are:  
(1) A number of some A.U.S.A. employees in their contacts with students (eg) Travel Bureau - twenty minute private telephone conversation with nine to ten students waited.  
(2) Occasions of rudeness and disinterested service in the coffee shop.

(3) Degradation of the quality of services (eg) the introduction of paper plates in the cafeteria. (Has Ms Roth ever tried carrying a sloppy, second-grade food on a paper plate whilst desperately clutching for cutlery and frantically spooning suitable quantities of pepper and salt).

(4) The steep overnight increase in the cost of food hirage at the Rec., coupled with the constant inavailability of supply.

(5) The complete lack of cohesion in the representation of student services to the uninformed masses leads us to believe that a Presperson should at least attend the inaugural meeting of student committees, most importantly those concerned with information and guidance.

(6) We should have thought the matter of a unemployed S.I.S. would have demanded first priority on her time. Do we assume from her absence, lack of interest or a superfluity of personal wheelbarrows.

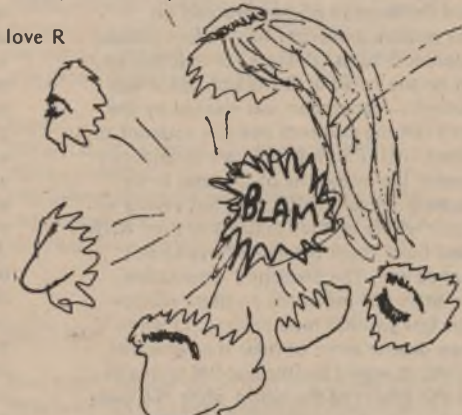
Yours,  
Terry and Timothy



## DAVE GETS A LETTER

Dear David,  
I read the article on the Min. of Justice. Must be a cunt. Dope will get you through times of no money but money won't....

Love R



## WHO SAYS I USE LICE DRENCH ?

Dear Edd,  
I want to simply say two things ....  
Numero uno: The system of bureaucracy that exists in this university stinks !!!  
Numero Two: Which lice drench does David Merritt use for his hair ?  
With fondest regards ...

Pissed off student - not Kevin Haage  
(Trybenzole, 2 4-5-T, and Pears)

## ANOTHER LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR REALLY LIBERAL STUDENTS

- Sir,  
Perhaps I'm queer, or unbalanced or something. I don't really know - but there are certain things that I just can't go along with.  
(1) I like playing rugby with South Africa. I couldn't give a stuff about some poor poor bloke who works in a mine or something.  
(2) I don't like homos or lesbians.  
(3) I hate abortion  
(4) I can't stand dick heads who play soccer in the gym at lunchtime.  
(5) Women's Rights are a load of shit - Women should be thankful that they're allowed on campus at all. A woman's place is at home cooking, cleaning and with the kids while I'm out with the boys drinking piss and smoking dope and looking for a stray. And when I get home they'd better be tea on the table or else she gets a smack in the mouth.  
(6) I don't like the shit in the cafe.  
(7) There should be a major cutback (ie 100%) in Overseas students, so that us Kiwis can get degrees.  
(8) Why should gooks play on our badminton court ?  
(9) Why can't there be a Rugby field on Campus.  
(10) I hate punks.

Your friend,  
J.J.H.  
(This person is no friend of mine - Ed)

## AT LAST, THE BLUES, JAZZ, ROCK SOCIETY ARE GETTING ORGANISED

To the People at Large,  
I would like to call to arms all those 'lovers' of Blues, Jazz, rock to pronounce publicly their musical lust and confirm their intercourse by informing me individually or collectively (on the lower part of this page) of their whereabouts to hopefully initiate a further progression of that international orgy of musical fraternisation and commensurably revive that now (and last year) defunct club of the aforementioned. Please do not misunderstand my intentions and stature. I am no leader. I am merely a concerned individual. Possibly if sufficient numbers of you and me become evident something may be done.

Yours resignedly  
Mr G.B. Melles BA (2nd yr failure)  
contact - 765-697 (at night)  
N.B. The obvious sexual implications in this passage are intended (sorry).



## ARE WE SQUALID ? - NO WE'RE ENGINEERS

Dear Dave,  
Like so many other students, I've just been standing in line in the cold servery and while waiting for the cashier to take my hard-earned pennies, I recognised two prominent engineers, one short and blond haired with a pierced ear, who shall remain nameless (since I don't know his bloody name !) and his friend dressed in a huge greatcoat. (They know who I'm referring to !) These two forced their way through the congestion at the exit, leaned straight over in front of me and grabbed a couple of apples each, picked out a few other sundries eg Donut etc and then buggered off via the entrance, grins all round ! No wonder the goddamn prices are so high when pricks like these think they can take advantage of our facilities. I just want to say : Piss off, society doesn't need leeching wankers like you two.

Thank you,  
S.C.

## IT'S FRAMED, BUT IS IT ART ?

Dear Editor,  
I would like to know who is responsible for hiding away the only piece of Good Art that I have seen anywhere in the university. I am referring to the painting by Milan Mrkusich 'Passive Element' which is situated of all places, at the far end of the Dairy obscured by a large concrete beam. While painters such as Binney and Macahon take pride of place in the Library. One may be forgiven if he overlooks the Mrkusich as that could have something to do with the nature of the painting itself as it is unpretentious and quiet.

Mrkusich has been painting in NZ as long as Macahon, but along separate lines. The label usually thought of is 'Abstract style' but 'Abstract' has connotations of being abstracted from something which it is not, and the problems he is involved with transmute 'style'.

Being formalist in his approach there is no literary content in his work and does not seek to cover any weakness in his work as other artists in NZ do by harping on about it being of Regional Significance, ie "It Captures the Character of the Countryside".

It astonishes me the ignorance of the people who maintain this Regionalist Mentality in upholding that art is subjective and dependent on individual taste. Does a Mozart or Beethoven piece wait for someone to come along and say yes I like that before it is Art.

Formalists are not concerned with any sort of Regionalist self indulgence, but with problems arising from the Art itself which are universal and international.

The fact that Mrkusich has a reputation if not well known here but overseas is irrelevant to the fact that the Art could stand for itself. The people who put it there must be definitely blind or misled by wrong conceptions about what constitutes Art.

Yours sincerely,  
Suzanne Thornley

## A LETTER I HAD

Dear Ed,  
I wish to register a complaint. The fact is that I am just a little more slightly pissed off with the Schtung episode d'udder night. It is not that I am slagging the whole generally first class orientation programme, just the mindless dickheads who forced twice as many people as could possibly fit into the KMT, stand around like DEVO's in a sardine can for an hour before destroying their fantasies of seeing SHTUNG indoors totally ripped. Next time, please stop for a second or two and THINK before putting New Zealand's top group on without organising bookings. SHTUNGLOVER

P.S. I am not a radical, Ocker, or communist.  
P.P.S. Yes I am a pomme, but don't we all want to be deep inside.  
P.P.P.S. Deep inside what ?  
P.P.P.P.S. Cut this off when you think its getting boring.  
5 PS: No not straight after 'Dear Ed',

## ALFRED STREET STRIKES BACK

Dear Ed,  
Person Shaw (Craccum 26 Feb) has the wrong attitude altogether. Alas fewer and fewer pedestrians are willing to take up the good fight against marauding motorists. Only last week I was shocked to see small groups of pedestrians cowering on the curb at the Princes St crossing, too frightened to leap out in front of the oncoming traffic, thereby causing a super little nose-to-tail collision. Yes, pedestrian apathy and defections to motorism, have robbed RSVP (Royal Society of Vindictive Pedestrians) of its proud standing. As spokesman and strategist for the Society I would most definitely have to oppose the closure of Alfred St, such a move would be cowardice in the face of the enemy and one only suitable as a last-ditch Dunkirk type action. The motorist can only be defeated by striking at his most vulnerable point; his paintwork 'How ?' you ask me. Well, just before the unsuspecting motorist passes at high speed within one or two feet of you, quick as you can whip out of your pocket a three foot long iron rod or suchlike and gauge out a strip of his paint work. Meanwhile the driver in taking evasive action, will lose control and crash his vehicle into one of the many trees lining Alfred St or better still into another motorists car. This technique could be greatly enhanced if the open-road speed limit were posted on Alfred St. Another technique developed by our Kengan branch specially for the East African Safari Rally, is to toss rocks at the windscreens of vehicles travelling at high velocity. Thus the distraction of another expensive vehicular component, strikes terror into the heart of the motorist.

As RSVP warfare is essentially a hit and run type the rearguard action previously aforeto mentioned can now be implemented. By drawing on our supporters secret cache of 10,000 or so brick sized copies of the 1978 University Calender, two fortresses can be constructed on either side of Alfred St (near the library) from whence we pour a withering crossfire, of cafe coffee and Janet Roth Craccum columns onto the regrouping motorists.

Well, now you know what the plan is, you can start stockpiling your old calendars. (The Registry Foyer would be an ideal place) So cheery-bye for now.

Yours in anticipation (that you'll print my letter)  
J. Walker  
(offending pedestrian and BAR)  
P.S. What a boring caption competition picture March 12's was. The BNZ ad (p12) with Henry 'Your Money Man on Campus' Grimshaw, had far more potential.  
P.P.S. Bring back the petty bureaucrat of the week award. This weeks nomination: The English Dept. - the only way to secure their handbook is to enrol for one of their courses. So how the hell are we supposed to choose a course ? There was a copy at the Student Advisory Centre before enrolment week. One copy for hundreds of students ! - Ahhhhhh I'd better go - I think my brain is going to burst .....



**DAVID GETS HIS HERO IN AGAIN !**

## Gary Glitter



Dear Sir,  
I wish to profess my deep disgust as to what I observed at 6.30 pm on the 19th March in the science library. I come from a single sex religious school and I was appalled at the blatant show of animalistic impulses I saw there. On the said day I observed a couple who appeared to know each other extremely well doing things which from my previous background I was not accustomed to seeing in public. I refer to the motions to which human beings make when they throw all moral restraint to the wind. I hope Craccum will attempt to set a higher moral tone on Campus.

K. J. Roberts

Dear Dave,  
I've only been here for a few weeks but already I can see what you people are getting upset about as far as this university is all about. But I'm not here to talk about that, I want to rubbish all those who have through the medium of the lettuce pages rubbished the memory of the late and great Captain James Bigglesworth DFC, MC DSO. There are some who would obviously contend that Biggles was a reactionary shit and a mysogonist to boot. This is simply untrue. It is a well documented fact that Biggles only had three sexual experiences with members of the opposite sex (and what other sort of sexual experience is there for an officer and a gentleman ?). The first took place in 1918, the second in 1941 and the third in 1951. His trouble was that he was so busy flying all round the world fighting the nazi scourge or the red threat or criminals of every persuasion that he really had little time for a quiet few minutes of hows your father let alone develop one of those meaningful relationships which university students always seem so keen to fall into.

Thus, sadly lacking in the ability to get his rocks off for the reasons that I have outlined above it may have been that on very rare occasions from time to time that he had to quell the all consuming fires of earthly passion by that pleasant of pastimes, wanking. And who could blame him ? Defending the empires from all sorts of wogs, spives, pinkos, niggers and god knows what else he really did deserve a bit of time off now and again. But what happened when he took a well-deserved holiday? Every time he stepped out into Von Stalhein or something else and voom, off he would go to make the world a better place for all mankind. So all you little ungrateful sods, next time any of you bastards feel that the time is ripe to go around bashing one of the few true heroes of the realm, think again and go stew your head in some \$1.89 New Zealand sherry.

Yours in disgust,  
Brigadeer M.B. Forsyth  
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Dear Sir,  
It has recently come to my attention that a person daily stands in the shadows of Queen Victoria's (bless her) statue, Albert park between the hours of 1 and 2 pm (lunchtime) and there speaks to the innumerable throngs who flock from far and wide to hear his philosophical postulations on subjects varying from the undeniable proof that he is the long lost Earl of Farnsbury, to highly technical oratory on the pros and cons of Schitziwoblenix, as affecting the rhubarb intake of Mongolian Wombats.  
As president of the New Zealand National Front, I urge you, my countless followers to take water, flour, fruit and what luxurious morsals you can find in the Cafe and proceed at lunchtime (1-2 pm) to the statue of Queen Victoria (bless her) in Albert Park and give support and protection to the Earl of Farnsbury in his fight against the [REDACTED] races who are invading our shores - people like the infamous A. U. radio Station Manager (the Punjab Poofter) and other socialistic communist terrorists.

Forever Rule Britannia !  
Heilfully yours,  
Maximillion Bluebottle-Brown (Pres N.F.)  
P.S. Farnsbury, this will cost you ten bucks.  
P.P.S. Is Janet Roth really so bad as what the  
walls of the mens loos at the bottom of the  
Student Union building say ?

Dear Editors,  
I was most disappointed to come across a cartoon entitled 'Cat' in 'Craccum' vol. 53 (p 7). You see, our feline friend, namely 'Fat Freddy's Cat' is a copyrighted invention of the illustrious Gilbert Shelton, also responsible for such counter-culture luminaries as 'Wonder Warthog' and the 'Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers'. Apart from changing the name of the cartoon, no mention was made of the artist. So, credit where it's due folks,

Yours  
P.A. Huguenot-Willoon  
*(Ha, fuck you then. Gilbert Shelton draws for an artistic co-operative called 'Rip-Off Press'. In the true tradition of the student press we ripped it off. Ha! - Seriously folks, Shelton has given us his approval to use Fat Freddie's Cat - Ed)*

Dear Dave,  
May I call you Max ? As I sit at my desk and contemplate the twinkling lights of Auckland City (and incidentally great bellowing clouds of aerated gunge which cunning fascist sweatshop owners seem to release at night, thereby avoiding the righteous outcry of Save Our Atmosphere - Put Smoke Under Dampers Society (S.O.A.P.S.U.D.S.)), I post myself the same question that has thwarted every philosopher from God to the Hon R.D. Muldoon: why is there no coffee machine in the Human Sciences Building ?  
Picture if you will the scene : It is 4.00 in the afternoon in the general biology laboratory. A student pores wearily over his microscope, looking at them little buggers with tails swimming up and down his slide. The avid observer will notice, however, that his concentration is less than full. His head sags forward, his hands lie limply on the bench. His eye sockets are planted firmly into the binocular eyepiece, eyelids closed. A sonorous rumbling vibrates forth from his open jaw. Suddenly, a lab technician perceives the scene.  
'Swine', he cries, leaping across 4 benches and applying a half-nelson to the deviant student, 'why are you not observing those lovely pluteus larvae with their newly developed anus and pulsating gut etc .....'  
This unfortunate scene could have been avoided had the student taken note of his flagging mental capabilities and shot the lab technicians to see that there is a coffee machine that dispenses liquid caffeine (which keeps you BRIGHT and ALERT and relieves mental fatigue, drowsiness and general inertness) in the Human Sciences Building.

Yours faithfully,  
A Student  
P.S. There is plenty of room for one on the 3rd floor in between the small and large lecture theatres.  
P.P.S. I know of 3 students in my lab class who carry sawn-off water pistols.

To Whom it May Concern,

Due to the unparalleled success of the Around the Bays run we have for a reasonably small cost – when compared to the cost of a Saturn IV Booster - decided to instigate a similar event for the less athletically minded of the populous of Auckland.

This is (with trumpets flashing lights etc) the **AROUND THE BAYS DRIVE**. This is open to all people, girls, derelicts, girls, hermits, pekinese, girls and possibly an engineer if kept on a leash. The basic requirements are as follows - a car with wheels, engine, chilly bin

- teatotaler driver
- strong bumpers
- latest edition of 'Home Garage'
- Female cousins, sisters, young mothers 16 yrs + bored solo parents + nymphomaniacs

It is essential that the participants know their way around breweries, girls schools etc. So for all those who felt embarrassed by their incapability to sprint many miles along with 32,000 leap in your car and help us ruin the Arabs by consuming all the unrenewable resources they are presently overpricing – The Ayotollah mother ate elderberries. Our glorious leaders still use enormous cars and you can join us for our Around the Bays Drive.

**Yours acceleratingly**  
**North Shore Boys - finances running out.**

Dear Edi

How long will Janet Roth and her everfaithful followers continue to pursue protests on activities outside university life, before putting right grievances to us students (as Cracum so well put on the cover of the March 5th issue). The Student's Association was elected by the students FOR the students and any attempt to get student GRIPES dealt with are continually swept under the avalanche of protests to be made outside university life. I'm not saying we should just ignore outside matters as they ARE important but I think priorities have to be straightened out. The Student's Association can have little real influence on these matters except as just another loud protest, so why can't they devote more of their time towards us students. It would be like our PM trying to sort out the affairs of the world while NZ goes through an economic crisis. So I suggest that the Student Association starts waking up to its responsibilities and work for the repressed minority that elected them - us students !

I'll now get back to reading The Grapes Of Wrath by John Steinbeck, at least he cared ...

Yours for ever-more  
Albert De Salvo

Craccum,  
Over the last couple of years I have watched student life deteriorate. It is this which prompts me to oppose the sick, misguided group who are fostering these dangerous negative attitudes within the student body. I am referring of course to the feminists and other like minded organizations. These groups are dedicated to the subversion of normal relationships and the development of tension between the sexes; between human beings.

They are run by a hard core of fanatical lesbians who in their rejection of womanhood attempt to emulate masculinity.

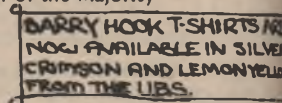
Not surprisingly these females are frustrated in their efforts. Their fundamental error is : considering that females possess the same drive to create things and ideas. A quick glance at human history totally demolishes any semblance of support for that misconception. Almost without exception all the great steps made by mankind have been instituted by the male of the species. The argument that women were not given the education or position are irrelevant because both sexes must have started with equal footing. It was only when females showed a complete ineptitude for leadership and creativity that the rituals and customs were instigated. So feminists in a vain attempt to imitate male achievements have become embittered and in blind fury react by undermining the better aspects of student life.

My suggestion to these pitiable creatures is take a sex change.

Yours,  
Noel Flemming

To whom it may concern,  
Your act of theft which you continue to carry out is placing yourself in a position of great personal harm, for if I or any of your other recipients catch you, the full weight of both martial and legal laws shall befall you.  
You ! (It may be one or more) are an example of the lowest of the low, one who feeds off others, many of whom can little alone afford to undertake university study let replace those articles you steal. Not only content to steal those things of monetary value you persist in removing those priceless articles being LECTURE NOTES and private papers irreplaceable and without value to anyone else but the true owner.  
FOR YOUR'S AND OUR SAKE RETURN THEM !

Barry Hook  
Welfare Officer of the Majority



Dear Dave,  
A word or two or more about something I notice you're now slightly aware of. 'Push bikers'. Well done, your comments in the last issue of Craccum. But why should someone who has put a lot of energy into getting around the place the hard way (ie on a push bike) be further inconvenienced by having to go down hill to get sheltered parking for a push bike ?? As one will very soon realise, when push biking what you go down you bloody well got to ride up again. That is - if your going to get back to where you started from. So perhaps - just maybe we could have lots and lots of sheltered parking for pushbikes on Symonds Street (by the Rec Centre) and on Princess St (as it is also a good place to park). Perhaps you could approach govt for a subsidy to build such shelters - being in the NATIONAL interest to promote push biking (ie supports COME ALIVE, and FUEL CONSERVATION). Two birds with one bike - Tandum.  
My second complaint and really the most serious - should be given priority over silly things like getting involved in the Mangere Bridge dispute - relates to the changes made to our once satisfactory road code. The new rules are extremely hazardous to a push bike (as I have found out much to my distress - cars are bigger than push bikes).  
If one rides on the road next to the curb (as was recommended to me by a Traffic Officer many years ago) all is well until we strike an intersection where cars travelling in your direction want to turn left and those in the opposite direction want to turn right.  
The pushbiker who is used to undertaking stationary cars (ie passing on the left ) cruises down the line and is nearly run over by (1) the car at the front of the queue finally turning left  
(2) A car from the opposite direction turning right.

Often the pushbiker cannot see the opposing traffic that is turning right because of the cars travelling in the same direction as the bike, or the car turning left has ceased to indicate its intentions because it has stopped for opposing traffic to turn right.

What is a push bike meant to do ???

- (1) Stop at every intersection and check on everyone's intentions.
- (2) Ride in the middle of the road where one can overtake cars that have stopped to turn left and can see those that are turning right.

The 1st suggestion is quite impractical as a pushbike relies on momentum to make push biking any fun. Stopping and starting is a real hassle.

The second suggestion is much more fun but the motorists swear at you for going too slow in the outside lane.

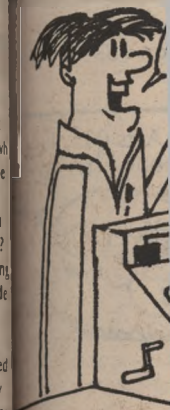
### JUST WHAT IS THE RIGHT OF A PUSH BIKE ON THE ROAD?

Before the law was changed this hassle did not occur to any great extent and could be lived with.

I wonder if the guys who changed the road code ever thought about a pushbike and the consequences the new rules would have on the SAFETY of push bikes.

What about someone trying to change the road code to suit a more economical form of transport, the pushbiker.

Yours  
P. Stringfield  
A pushbiker who likes riding but hates the  
rules which are killing him.



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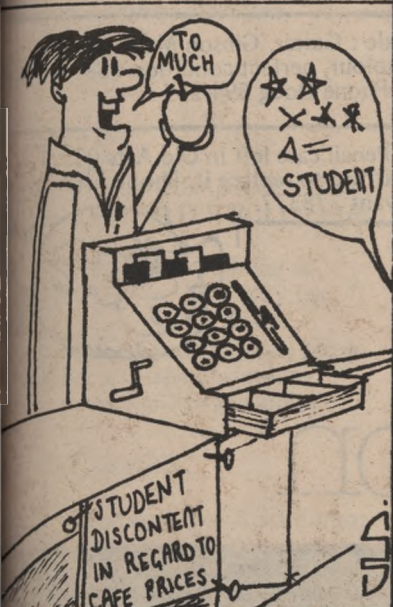
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## THIS LETTER CONTAINS A REFERENCE TO THE CAFE

Sir Dave Ed.,  
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write one (1) whole letter without using  
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second purpose is to complain. Originality  
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in 'varsity' (such a cool word). Since I have  
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abused by any shop-keeper, busdriver etc.  
? What have we done wrong ?  
Students of Auckland University have  
formed the cardinal naughty ! The public  
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en for granted ! The only people who treat us  
badly any more are the cafeteria staff.  
up the good work !  
let this state of affairs get out of hand  
students,

Snidewhistle Toadwash Cosmic  
I have had the recent misfortune to lay my  
hands on Chaff, Critic and Salient. Mish-mash.  
Thanks for producing such an alright magazine.



AN'S BROTHER WRITES TO US AT LAST !

Dave,  
D.C.'s letter in the fourth issue of Craccum  
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it to your fucking forehead !

Michael Tuohy

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Mr Mother Fuccum and Mr Merritt,  
Ms Roth's mating call really cum-cum-cum-  
cum-cum-cum-come ? This nasty rumour  
been flying about the Old-Grad bar and  
are getting sick of cleaning up the mess.

Wet wettingly,  
L. Spoofed

## DUEL WITH MS ROTH

Dave,  
the gripes of Roth are giving me the shits !!  
Who the hell is the president of the Student's  
association ???  
has been rumoured that Miss Roth was  
ected to the office. But after hearing her talk  
lunchtime, I wonder. Is she actually doing  
anything for us poor students who have to pay  
\$5 or using her position to expound her  
hal diarrhoea on Womans Lib ??? I fear that  
matter may be true. I don't mind her talking  
the loudspeaker, but for chrissake, why  
h't they tone the sound down a bit ???  
Ms Roth's Nauseating Voice combined with  
e volume, makes her 'speeches' sound like  
cries of a constipated parrot. I challenge  
Ms Roth to reply to this letter, or to meet  
me in the quad for a verbal duel to the death.

Male  
I'd probably beat you to death with her  
te - Ed)

## THIS LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN PRINTED EASY TO READ LETTERING

Dear Mr Merritt,  
Look no play on the spelling of Craccum ! We  
would like to bring to the 'plebs' notice various  
nonsense orientated observations.  
No. 1 ageing lecturers use of power blackboards  
oblivious to the miracle of blackboard dusters  
which lie curled up close to them.  
No. 2 seats of the porch area of the Common  
Rooms which don't reach to the corners thus  
making things hard for your average pubescent  
male to drool over the edge at every young  
nubile female walks past.  
No. 3 any chance of Air NZ dart folding class  
being started at lunchtime as many models  
currently flown are inferior to the more  
advanced models available today.  
No. 4 wanted to buy one Eskimo suit or woman  
to wear during lectures in the snowy wastes of  
human science one.  
In conclusion we would like to pray humbly  
before Rev Pattels feet to his brilliant radio tit  
with fantastic music and no drivel disco-familiar  
eh !

Yours respectively and drunkedly  
North Shore boys back on it again (3 ways)

## CALL ME A FERRARI AND .....

Dear Crashum,  
Who the hell is the wanker who rearranged  
access to the student car park. Now no one  
can any longer get in there. (I suppose this is  
the bureaucracy's way of giving us more space  
in which to park ?)  
Today the 2 old queues formed into one solid  
impenetrable line reaching upwards toward  
Grafton bridge. Because of this no one travelling  
in from any direction except this can get in.  
Perhaps 2 attendants taking money would help  
and peak staffing should be increased.

Signed  
Nikki Lauda (4 times winner world racing  
drivers champs)  
P.S. Some poofster dented the bumper of my  
red Ferrari and if I find him she won't need a  
sex change operation.

## WIZARD I

Dear Craccum and other Republican Heretics,  
Here's old MTC having a go at the Wizard again.  
I don't blame him for not having the courage to  
sign his name at the end of such ridiculous  
arguments.  
Shit ! I ask you; what kind of servent ideally did  
those righteous Australians have in those days  
that they were so easily subverted from their  
noble demonstrations ? Was the Wizards act  
really that more important than 'Vietnam',  
'Save the Queers', 'Fuck the Liberal Party  
Fascists' and 'Up the Yanks' campaigns etc ?  
Doesn't it say more about some of the  
juvenile aspects of trendy student politicians  
than it can be interpreted as exposure of a plot  
of student solidarity subversion ?  
The amount of people who take the guy so  
seriously makes any intelligent person wonder.  
A similar letter to this was submitted last year  
in response to the last attack from M.T.C.  
However it failed to appear even though it was  
delivered on time. I shall give Ms Chunn the  
benefit of the doubt as to reasons for it not  
appearing.  
Imperial Regards,  
Pvte Harvey Nichols  
(light brigade Alf's Army)  
P.S. If he claims to know all about him why  
can't he get his name right ?  
ie Ian William Brackenbury Chanell

## WIZARD PART II

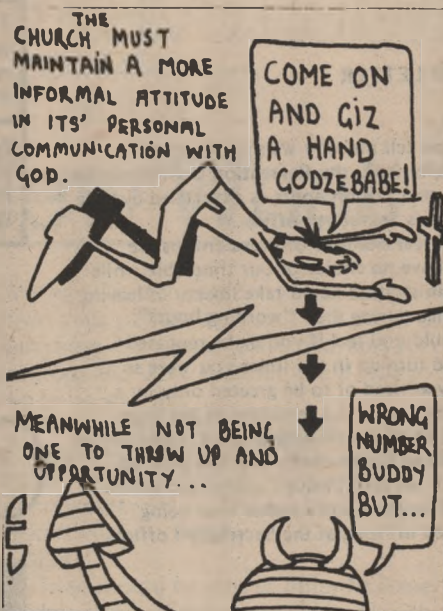
Dear Sir,  
Who ever wrote the 'Spot the Brain Cell' article  
on the back page of Craccum last week must  
himself be a 'borish fart'. The article informs us  
that few people know of the activities of the  
wizard at NSW University. This is the second  
time, to my knowledge, that the exact same  
wording has been used in Craccum in the last  
two years to assassinate the Wizards honourable  
character.  
If students were really interested in demon-  
strating for something they thought was worth  
while they would not be so easily diverted by a  
'funny-man Act'.

G. Cherrie  
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P. Christensen

## BRYONY WRITES US A LETTUCE - HOTCHA !

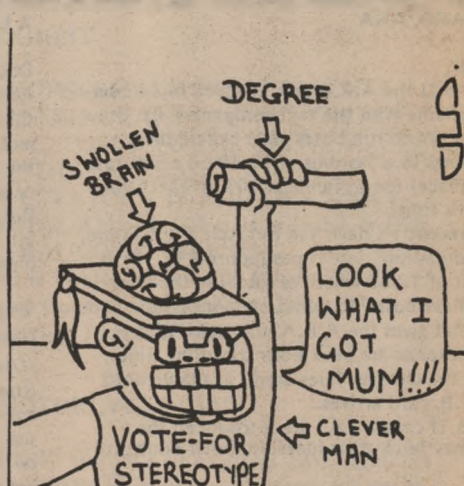
Dear Dave,  
I would like to complain about the advertising  
methods employed by the student christian  
movement in the 2nd hand bookstall during  
orientation, if they purport to be a true  
representation of the christian faith why do they  
stoop to language of such a base and degrading  
nature to promote their activities ?  
The use of such phrases as 'oh shit' above a  
picture of Jesus, theoretically their inspiration  
and help !, makes a mockery of their ideals  
and lowers their standing in the eyes of all sane  
and decent people.  
I have never seen any other club resorting to  
this type of language to entice members - does  
the S.C.M. feel this is the only way to impress  
people with their christian life style ? or do  
they resort to this degrading and socially  
unacceptable for other as yet unannounced  
intentions ?  
I would be interested to hear any comments  
from the S.C.M. on this advertising method  
and what success, if any, it had.

Yours etc  
Bryony Hassan



## A BIT OF A PROVERBIAL LETTUCE

Dear Mr Merritt/Dave/David/Sweetie/etc,  
This being my third week at Uni (Varsity/  
University/The Hole), I thought that by now, I  
wouldn't have to be embroiled in the immature  
ravings of vain, aspiring intellectual, shit-filled  
minds. But now it seems that I have to.  
Having completed my futile attempt at so-called  
dry humour, I now get down to my gripe (no,  
you fool, not as in Roth)  
I am fucking sick and tired of having to crawl  
all over people, books, pens and chairs,  
(degrading myself, and flashing my bobby-socks  
and knickers to the multitudes) in a seemingly  
vain attempt to secure an almost inaccessible  
position on an empty chair, smack bang in the  
middle of a row. If you top 10% of N.Z.  
society (the so-called people of higher  
intelligence brought about by tertiary  
education) are so bloody clever, how comes you  
have no consideration for yourselves or others.  
I refer (not REEFER) of course to the crass  
practice of sitting on the ends of the row whilst  
there are a multitude of seats in the centre of  
these rows. With all the seats in the majority  
of lectures being finally occupied, indeed there  
are people sitting on the floor every week in 3  
of my lectures.  
Being a lowly 1st year student, I sincerely hope  
that this practice does not continue in the later  
years of my education. I hope that there still  
exists an element of consideration in this self-  
centred selfish and almost totally apathetic  
society (one cannot go thru 4½ years of living  
in this society without suffering to a degree from  
the last fault (although I prefer to think of it  
as remaining aloof and not lowering myself  
their level).  
Having wasted my ink, my thoughts, my paper,  
my time, and your ink, your paper and your  
time in order to get this gripe off my chest.  
I now sign off  
A non-sexist non-rapist male member of the  
human race (of which I would like no part)  
P.S. Crappum is great  
P.P.S. Keep those lettuce going, thereby giving  
these procrastinating students of bullshit what  
they deserve (their own bullshit flung back at  
them)  
P.P.P.S. I'm only here for a piece of paper that  
will tell me I'm intelligent in times of depression  
and revulsion (education only begins upon  
striking out in a hostile world by oneself).



YES

Approx 3 copies of the last Craccum issue  
would have made up one average sized roll of  
toilet paper.

P.S. this is true

## WYNYARD ST AGAIN

Dear Craccum,  
By now it must be common knowledge that the  
University has succeeded in buying Wynyard St  
from the City Council, thus enlarging its already  
vast acreage of car parks. Wynyard St was one  
of the few places where parking was free and  
available without time restrictions for the lucky  
few students who managed to get there before  
8 am (if you got there later the businessmen  
had already encamped for the day). Many  
students, especially those with lectures and  
labs etc spread over the whole day, or who work,  
are dependent on their own transport to get  
them to lectures on time, but this is useless  
when they then have to spend hours trying to  
find somewhere to park.  
The University seems to have forgotten its  
reason for being - students are supposed to be  
what it's all about, instead we're always at the  
bottom of the shit-heap. Surely, some of the  
parking space could be allocated to teaching  
staff, who have to be on time for classes, and  
the rest left for students, on production of an  
I.D. card, perhaps ? I don't believe any other  
institution or firm provides parking for everyone  
on its staff down to the nose-wipers, while  
refusing parking to the paying customers. Why  
can't the dozens of registrars, not to mention  
secretaries, caretakers, gardeners, and petty  
bureaucrats find outside parking or even  
(horrors!) catch buses like workers in the big  
world outside ?

Yours in anger and sorrow,  
Disgruntled Graduate  
P.S. I do not own a car, I work and I catch buses.

## WYNYARD ST CONTROVERSY

Dear Craccum,  
Perhaps all those worthy souls who have been  
grouching about Alfred St are not aware that  
the University has purchased Wynyard St from  
the Auckland City Council and turned it into  
yet another staff carpark thereby banning all  
students and interested parties from the only  
all day parking available free of charge and  
harrassment from the metermaids employed by  
the Council.  
I am informed that the purchase was notified  
in the NZ Gazette (who ever reads that ?) and  
was allowed because the University owns the  
land on both sides of the street. I would have  
thought it would have been of more advantage  
to students if the University had purchased  
Alfred St and closed it to traffic. (maybe even  
putting it in grass). However I suppose that  
would hardly have provided sufficient parking  
space for the ever expanding administration  
since it is becoming obvious that the whole  
campus is really one large staff carpark with  
even the student union carpark reserved for  
staff until after 5 pm  
Meantime the University pleads poverty when  
subscriptions to academic journals are mentioned  
or extra staff are needed to expand courses,  
and we unpleasant nuisances, the students, will  
go on being asphyxiated and occasionally  
squashed by the speed freaks passing through  
Alfred St.

Yours in disgust,  
Angry student



# Gosh! More Lettuce

ARA, ARA, ARA

Dear Sir,  
I think that the A.R.A. are involved in a under-hand scheme with the taxi companies, i.e. they promise not to run buses after ridiculously early times (e.g. last bus at 11.30 on a Saturday to my place) for a share e.g. 10% of taxi fares after this time.  
Twice recently I have had to catch a taxi home, at not dreadfully late times (approx 12.30) at the cost of 12.80 where as catching the bus would have cost 74c. using my concession card. Also what gives the A.R.A. the weird idea that weekends are peak hour travelling times, so that the cheaper fares aren't available until my S.T.B. card arrives.  
Perhaps, if carless days are introduced the ARA may buck their ideas up, but I doubt it

Disgusted Student

## EVEN IN CRACCUM ART CAN WAIT ?

Dear Craccum,  
What has happened to my letter I handed in personally two weeks ago. It has not been published. This weeks issue was complaining about the lack of letters. It makes me wonder is there some sort of censorship; ie those letters that put AUSA or some authority in a bad light.

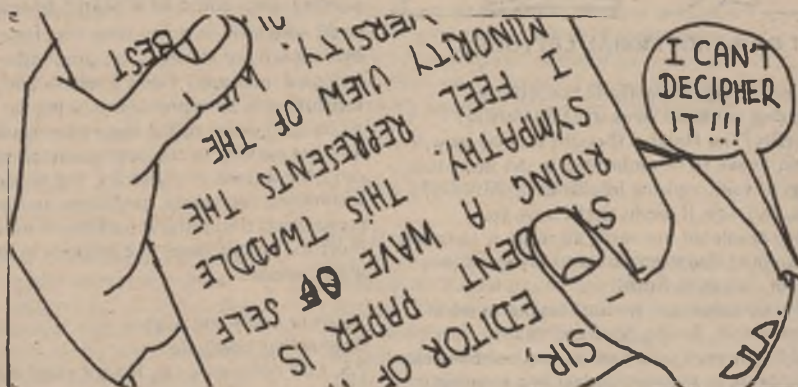
I am referring to my letter on painting in NZ in particular that which in the various buildings around the Campus. My letter was not intended to be personally abusive but a piece of constructive criticism, a change from the empty senseless stuff I usually read in this magazine. No offence to anyone involved in running the magazine. I dare you if your paper is as you propound, free liberal and unbiased and owned by students, to publish this and my previous letter.

Yours sincerely,  
Suzanne Thomley  
(You ungrateful sod. Your letter is in this issue though if I'd had my way it would be permanently filed away - ie in the bin. It took six people trained in ancient, mystical runes to decipher your bloody awful handwriting. Ship up or shut up, eh? Yes, you've caught me in a rotten mood, Sorry - Ed and Typesetter)

## I AGREE

Dear Craccum,  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO  
COREN ??

Yours missing,  
B.H.



## NEITHER SIDE WINS

Dear Sir,  
I found the lunchtime forum last week the biggest farce since Mathew got taken away by men in white coats. eg The first statement that one speaker said was - "I am only speaking to the women in the audience, as all the men are sexist." I don't think you could find a more sexist comment, if you tried.

I think that what they are on about is a good idea but they lost all credibility when they opened their mouths. They are certainly not going to win the respect of men by constantly running them down.

Another thing that happened was that when the engineers were putting on their performance one of the women went rushing up to them, and her first statement was "How many of you fucking bastards are rapists?" along with other comments such as "You fucking egotistical bastards make me sick!"

It was obvious to everyone but them that the engineers were just having a bit of a stir. Childish as it was, their chanting showed the feminists up - as instead of ignoring it they got all up tight, with the above abuser rushing round and hugging all her friends (as if to protect them from those horrible men!) Another point (or perhaps generalisation) is that a lot of these feminists seem to be lesbians. To me it seems to be more a case of penis envy (as borne out by some of their statements) or man-hate, rather than a desire for equality with men.

Yours equally  
Abboran Carabadok  
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## A LETTER ABOUT BLACK HANDS

Dear Dave,  
Ecological mindedness is I am sure, foremost in the thoughts of most students. It is a worthwhile and rewarding to actually do something to curb the pollution put out through the wastefulness of society.  
But trying to recycle paper by using non-stick ink I feel does have a certain amount of impracticality about it.

Yours,  
Hans Black

(Dear Hans. Trouble is, old boy, that the two issues where this problem of the ink on the cover still being 'wet', occurred when the cover was printed on a better quality paper. (Check it out). And unlike ordinary newsprint which has the absorbent qualities of a sponge, Kympress, (as it's called) is not as absorbent and requires some time to adequately soak in. This would mean that Craccum would come out a day or two later than what it does (which is usually late anyway) and even then it would not be completely smear-proof. However, point noted and we'll try not to do it again. - Ed)

## A GOOD LETTER

Dear Sir,  
Could you tell me why we should not get a squash tally from the Recreation Centre outside the 9am to 12 noon hours as advertised outside the Centre's Secretary's office?  
It is a typical example of prevalent justice that we have no choice of our timetable while the administration could take liberty of leaving their office during their "working hours".  
How would you feel if you make repeated efforts to turn up in the times you were so helpfully advised of to be greeted only by a closed door and yet a reminder of the time. It would be to the advantage of all, especially to the health of the students, that the pent up energy be released through proper recreation provided by the Centre rather than being suppressed in front of the Secretary's office.

A vent

## WHO IS MICHAEL ?

Dear Michael,  
I am just writing to say something about the standard of the letters appearing in next week's issue of Craccum.

Signed  
A Dunny Snake  
P.S. Is Tara X any relation to Fiona X?

## ONE LESS CUP OF COFFEE FOR THE ROAD

Dear Dave,  
I am in my 3rd year at Varsity and have in previous years enjoyed the delights and mystic surprises that the coffee shop has provided. It has atmosphere, a good class of students, drugs, sex etc. I used to enjoy the aroma of coffee at 9.30 am in the morning. This year I was bloody pissed off to find that these facilities are not available until the ungodly hour of 11.30 am! What's happened to society. We had built up a cult of people who enjoyed the coffee shop between 9.30 am and 11.30. This has now been totally destroyed by some cunts who closed it down. The students are not happy (they are bloody pissed off). Therefore action is being taken by way of a petition and we hope without fear of contraception, sterilisation or abortion, students and Craccum will support our fight for humanity and survival to have the coffee shop opened at 9.30 am rather than 11.30 am.

Yours humbly,  
Nigel Eilenberg



# Classifieds

International Moth For Sale: Skiff hull. Never raced. Good fun boat. Sails and spars excellent condition \$250 Phone 452-423

Female Flatmate required: To flat with 3 other girls in Mt Eden. Non smoker please. \$11.25 per week + \$6 kitty. Semi-vegetarian. Ph 602-660 evenings.

Bicycle Wanted: 10-speed in any condition. Preferably lightweight frame but .... Ring 770-808 & ask for Frank Lewthwaite Room 405 or leave message.

For Sale : Yacht catamaran, 4 sails, 2 jib, & spinnaker. Steel road trailer, trapeze, really fast, alum rigging \$650. Phone Mike 556-709

Wanted to Build: Paper dart builders wanted to show skills on the Capping Parade. Get a group and ring or see Tom Wanted cleaners ..... POP 48847

For Sale : Kawasaki .250 Mach 1 17,000 miles reliable fast, ideal commuter, good nick. \$775 ono Ph Mike 556-709

For Sale: Motorcycle Honda CB 450, 1971 in good condition \$700. Phone Richard 687-262;

Wanted to Buy: 1 table tennis bat 2nd hand with sponge rubber. Phone Matthew 4786544

For Sale : Epiphone 12 string acoustic guitar - perfect condition - Price \$100. Phone Colin 761-860 or 30789 ext 68.

For Sale : Guitar. Gibson Marauder red wine colour, perfect condition \$595 or offer. Phone Doug 594-235

Lost: Pencil case left in Old Arts 002 - I can't afford to replace it. Phone Frith Trezevant 778377.



# Caption Competition



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# Splurge

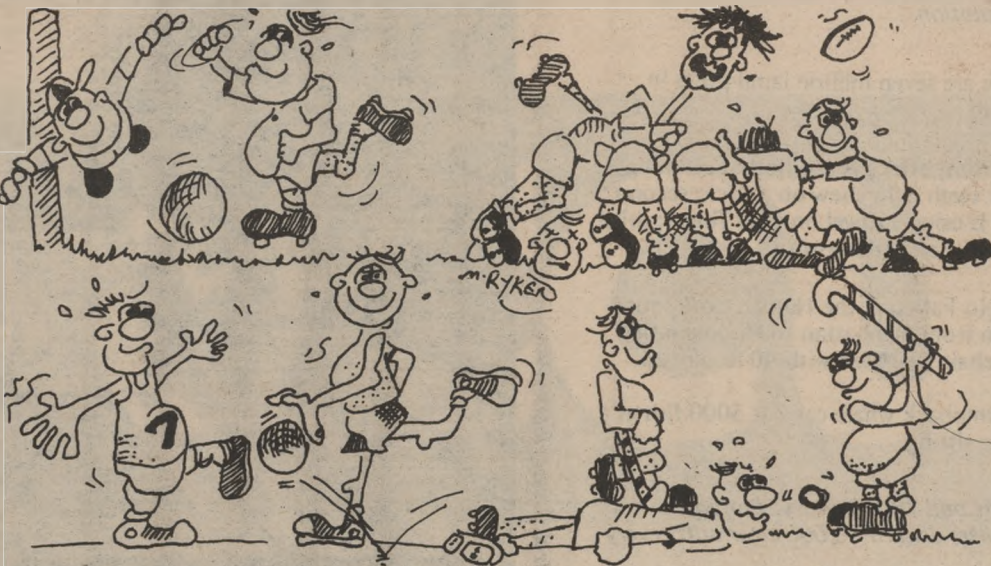
Easter Tournament is alive and well this year it's in Auckland. Tournament is one of the few inter-school activities left and its thriving. Worth competing in if only to loose those latent childhood frustrations and mad stirrings inside that we try to suppress by becoming mature, responsible students. But beware you may have a hangover or ten or even kick out of your middle class parent shell and become ... who knows? Anything could happen at the Easter Tourney. Join a team, offer some help, just become involved, you'll never regret it. If you want to join a club see Peter Smith in the Rec Centre, if you can't find him tell me where he's living, or go to Studass and ask for contact. For more information on Tournament keep reading Craccum.

**THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SWIMMING AND WATER-POLO CLUB**  
If you're interested in swimming or playing Water Polo for university (no talent needed) at the Easter Tournament (Auckland this year) please contact Geoff Ward 677-381 (swimming) or Roger Day 600-447 (water-polo)

**YOUNG SOCIALISTS**  
26th 1 pm: Young Socialists Forum  
237 (above Womens Common Room). China Invades Vietnam. What's happening in S.E. Asia? Hear Mike Treen. Co-ordinator.

**REACH OUT - REACHING OUT**  
Reach Out for the perusal of those informed personnel who may wish to see the ranks of the informed is - a christian youth magazine, usually criticised as N.Z.'s almost controversial christian mag.  
Home grown, Auckland based magazine, Reach Out has been in production for about three years. It is published 10 times per annum by a staff of four. John Cooney is Managing Editor, Anne Page is responsible for art and photography, Adrian Berthelsen - co-ordinator (which means he should be doing this) and Sue Taylor is in charge of circulation.  
Reach Out is a christian youth mag., what does that mean? Well in words - 'Reach Out attempts to engage and provoke, to probe and challenge, to stimulate thought and action, deal with real questions and problems, minister to the felt needs of young people. Reach Out attempts to offer an alternative, and to speak to the life and the perspective that can be found in the person of Christ.'  
Over the past few years, some of the issues covered have been evolution, people. A guru for you?, double and a fine issue on politics, giving an interview with Barry Penson of Auckland Uni. Political Dept. and in love with the on drugs, with Ray Comfort. Reach Out reaching out to you? out in their next issue (due very soon). Note: Reach Out is available in the better bookstores (ask for it) subscription - for details, write to them -  
Reach Out  
Box 6068  
Auckland.  
Jason Kemp

## borrow an athlete



## billeting forms available from studass office

## Sew What

### NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for two vacant positions on the Association's Executive Committee. These positions are **EDUCATION VICE-PRESIDENT** and **TREASURER**. The term of office in each case is from the date of election to 31 December 1979. Nominations should be made on an official nomination form. These are available from the Receptionist in the AUSA Office, ground floor, Union Building. Nominations close with the Secretary at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 27 March and should be accompanied by a brief policy statement. Elections for these positions will be held at the Autumn General Meeting, which all candidates should attend. This meeting will be held in B28 at 1.00 pm on 28 March and/or in the cafeteria at 1.00 pm on 29 March. All candidates for the position of Treasurer MUST have passed Accounting I.

R.W. Lack  
Secretary

### A.U. BICYCLE CLUB

Met last week, with a wealth of ideas, enthusiasm etc.  
- Bike ride every Friday 1 pm - 2. Starts Old Arts building, Princess St. This week Western Springs via Newton gully.  
- Exec meeting Every Thursday at 6, LCR. All invited.  
- Further details and information see noticeboard. See you Friday!

### FOLK KLUB

Dear Mum,  
Thanks for the lovely fruit cake you sent me last week. Tibbles went missing soon after it arrived and yesterday we found her dead on the front doorstep. I'm enjoying Varsity. It's super!! I've joined the Folk Klub. They have free guitar lessons at 1:00 on Tuesdays in the 'Exec'. Lounge. I'm going to go along because there are two really attractive looking teachers. On Wednesday night at 6:00 there are more lessons followed by a Klub night at 7:00 in the W.C. (actually the Women's Common Room). Anyone can come and perform or just listen to those who are. It will be really good. I must rush off and write a couple of pre-natal Geology essays.

### EXHIBIT

**YOURSELF AND YOUR TALENTS ON THIS YEARS CAPPING PARADE BE EXPOSED TO THE CRITICAL EYES OF THOUSANDS OF QUEEN ST SPECTATORS. IF YOU CAN SHOCK THEM, AMUSE OR EVEN JUST BORE THEM. COME + SEE US.**  
WED MARCH 28 1 PM Room 202  
Top floor of the Student Union  
(or ring Tom POP 48847)

### MOTORCYCLE CLUB

There will be a dirt ride at Riverhead on Saturday 31 March. All bikes will meet outside the Clock Tower at 8.45 am. We will be travelling via the north-western motorway to Riverhead State Forest. Ride consists of flat clay tracks; would suit bikes 100cc up. All dirt riders welcome.

### AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SOCIAL CREDIT CLUB

1979 Annual General Meeting, Monday 26 March, Room 144, First Floor Student Union (next to the T.V. room) 1.00 pm  
ALL WELCOME

presentations for inclusion in the Festival. Entrants are encouraged to make use of more than one medium, incorporating drama, music, dance etc in their presentation. The piece considered to be outstanding in each age group will be presented again as a special Festival attraction.

It is hoped that the Theatre Festival will not only act as a stimulant to student drama, but will also enable students to receive feedback from a panel of professionals.

**Conditions of Entry**  
Each presentation should not take longer than half an hour.

Entrants should make use of original material only (ie material written by students)

If a set is to be used, it should be as simple as possible, and capable of being quickly and easily assembled and dismantled.

The Theatre will provide the services of a lighting/sound technician to operate the light and sound equipment of the theatre. Lighting plans should be simple, although it will be possible to arrange certain special lighting effects after consultation with the Theatre Technician.

The theatre possesses facilities for reel-to-reel and cassette tape set-ups.

Name of Group .....

School (if appropriate) .....

Category : Intermediate .....

Secondary ..... Tertiary .....

Contact Person .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Please note: The above provides us with contact information only. Once we have it the co-ordinator will ring you to discuss the festival more fully. If you have any queries in the meantime do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Vaneveld - 30789.

The Festival will be held during the days of April 23, 24, and 25 at the Kenneth Maidment Theatre, Auckland University. School children, students and members of the general public are welcome to attend.

'Sew what' is a chance for you to throw down your petticoats, chuck out the pantyhose, burn your jeans, tear up your tanktops and show us what you'd really like to be wearing.  
All you have to do is draw us a couple of designs incorporating at least two of the following categories: workwear supermarketwear the cocktail hour concertwear fantasy fashion for passion  
These should be sent to Miles McKane, Maidment Arts Centre accompanied with the enrolment form no later than March 30. The entries will be sifted through (note: you will have a chance to talk about the design) and a number of entrants will be invited to sew up their designs and show them at a fashion presentation that will be held in the Maidment Theatre - April 27 - 8.15 pm.  
Entry is unrestricted. There is a category for the professional (defined as anyone who has made clothing for sale) and the non-professional.

Name .....

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I would like to participate as a model yes / no (Please note you would not necessarily model your own entry).  
Are you a professional designer? Yes/no  
Are your garments for sale? Yes/no

Comments .....

A four day Theatre Festival for Intermediate, Secondary and Tertiary students is to be held in the Kenneth Maidment Theatre as part of the first *Come Out* Festival which takes place between 15 April and 13 May 1979 at the University of Auckland, and the Greers Building, Ponsonby.

Intermediate and Secondary Schools are invited to prepare short theatrical



# Gosh! More Lettuce

ARA, ARA, ARA

Dear Sir,  
I think that the A.R.A. are involved in an underhand scheme with the taxi companies, i.e. they promise not to run buses after ridiculously early times (e.g. last bus at 11.30 on a Saturday to my place) for a share e.g. 10% of taxi fares after this time.

Twice recently I have had to catch a taxi home, at not dreadfully late times (approx 12.30) at the cost of 12.80 where as catching the bus would have cost 74c. using my concession card. Also what gives the A.R.A. the weird idea that weekends are peak hour travelling times, so that the cheaper fares aren't available until my S.T.B. card arrives.

Perhaps, if carless days are introduced the ARA may buck their ideas up, but I doubt it

Disgusted Student

## EVEN IN CRACCUM ART CAN WAIT ?

Dear Craccum,  
What has happened to my letter I handed in personally two weeks ago. It has not been published. This weeks issue was complaining about the lack of letters. It makes me wonder is there some sort of censorship; ie those letters that put AUSA or some authority in a bad light.

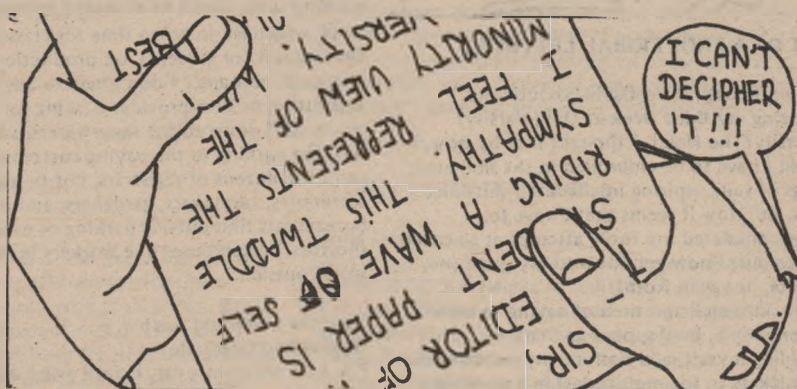
I am referring to my letter on painting in NZ in particular that which in the various buildings around the Campus. My letter was not intended to be personally abusive but a piece of constructive criticism, a change from the empty senseless stuff I usually read in this magazine. No offence to anyone involved in running the magazine. I dare you if your paper is as you propound, free liberal and unbiased and owned by students, to publish this and my previous letter.

Yours sincerely,  
Suzanne Thomley  
(You ungrateful sod. Your letter is in this issue though if I'd had my way it would be permanently filed away - ie in the bin. It took six people trained in ancient, mystical runes to decipher your bloody awful handwriting. Ship up or shut up, eh ? Yes, you've caught me in a rotten mood, Sorry - Ed and Typesetter)

## I AGREE

Dear Craccum,  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO  
COREN ??

Yours missing,  
B.H.



## NEITHER SIDE WINS

Dear Sir,  
I found the lunchtime forum last week the biggest farce since Mathew got taken away by men in white coats. eg The first statement that one speaker said was - "I am only speaking to the women in the audience, as all the men are sexist." I don't think you could find a more sexist comment, if you tried.

I think that what they are on about is a good idea but they lost all credibility when they opened their mouths. They are certainly not going to win the respect of men by constantly running them down.

Another thing that happened was that when the engineers were putting on their performance one of the women went rushing up to them, and her first statement was "How many of you fucking bastards are rapists ?" along with other comments such as "You fucking egotistical bastards make me sick !"

It was obvious to everyone but them that the engineers were just having a bit of a stir. Childish as it was, their chanting showed the feminists up - as instead of ignoring it they got all up tight, with the above abuser rushing round and hugging all her friends (as if to protect them from those horrible men!) Another point (or perhaps generalisation) is that a lot of these feminists seem to be lesbians. To me it seems to be more a case of penis envy (as borne out by some of their statements) or man-hate, rather than a desire for equality with men.

Yours equally  
Abboran Carabadok  
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## A LETTER ABOUT BLACK HANDS

Dear Dave,  
Ecological mindedness is I am sure, foremost in the thoughts of most students. It is a worthwhile and rewarding to actually do something to curb the pollution put out through the wastefulness of society.

But trying to recycle paper by using non-stick ink I feel does have a certain amount of impracticality about it.

Yours,  
Hans Black

(Dear Hans. Trouble is, old boy, that the two issues where this problem of the ink on the cover still being 'wet', occurred when the cover was printed on a better quality paper. (Check it out). And unlike ordinary newsprint which has the absorbent qualities of a sponge, Kympress, (as it's called) is not as absorbent and requires some time to adequately soak in. This would mean that Craccum would come out a day or two later than what it does (which is usually late anyway) and even then it would not be completely smear-proof. However, point noted and we'll try not to do it again. - Ed)

## A GOOD LETTER

Dear Sir,  
Could you tell me why we should not get a squash tally from the Recreation Centre outside the 9am to 12 noon hours as advertised outside the Centre's Secretary's office ?  
It is a typical example of prevalent justice that we have no choice of our timetable while the administration could take liberty of leaving their office during their "working hours".  
How would you feel if you make repeated efforts to turn up in the times you were so helpfully advised of to be greeted only by a closed door and yet a reminder of the time. It would be to the advantage of all, especially to the health of the students, that the pent up energy be released through proper recreation provided by the Centre rather than being suppressed in front of the Secretary's office.

A vent

## WHO IS MICHAEL ?

Dear Michael,  
I am just writing to say something about the standard of the letters appearing in next week's issue of Craccum.

Signed  
A Dunny Snake  
P.S. Is Tara X any relation to Fiona X ?

## ONE LESS CUP OF COFFEE FOR THE ROAD

Dear Dave,  
I am in my 3rd year at Varsity and have in previous years enjoyed the delights and mystic surprises that the coffee shop has provided. It has atmosphere, a good class of students, drugs, sex etc. I used to enjoy the aroma of coffee at 9.30 am in the morning. This year I was bloody pissed off to find that these facilities are not available until the ungodly hour of 11.30 am ! What 's happened to society. We had built up a cult of people who enjoyed the coffee shop between 9.30 am and 11.30. This has now been totally destroyed by some cunts who closed it down. The students are not happy (they are bloody pissed off). Therefore action is being taken by way of a petition and we hope without fear of contraception, sterilisation or abortion, students and Craccum will support our fight for humanity and survival to have the coffee shop opened at 9.30 am rather than 11.30 am.

Yours humbly,  
Nigel Eilenberg



# Classifieds

International Moth For Sale: Skiff hull. Never raced. Good fun boat. Sails and spars excellent condition \$250 Phone 452-423

Female Flatmate required: To flat with 3 other girls in Mt Eden. Non smoker please. \$11.25 per week + \$6 kitty. Semi-vegetarian. Ph 602-660 evenings.

Bicycle Wanted: 10-speed in any condition. Preferably lightweight frame but .... Ring 770-808 & ask for Frank Lewthwaite Room 405 or leave message.

For Sale : Yacht catamaran, 4 sails, 2 jib, & spinnaker. Steel road trailer, trapeze, really fast, alum rigging \$650. Phone Mike 556-709

Wanted to Build: Paper dart builders wanted to show skills on the Capping Parade. Get a group and ring or see Tom Wanted cleaners ..... POP 48847

For Sale : Kawasaki .250 Mach 1 17,000 miles reliable fast, ideal commuter, good nick. \$775 ono Ph Mike 556-709

For Sale: Motorcycle Honda CB 450, 1972 in good condition \$700. Phone Richard 687-262;

Wanted to Buy: 1 table tennis bat 2nd hand with sponge rubber. Phone Matthew 4786544

For Sale : Epiphone 12 string acoustic guitar - perfect condition - Price \$100. Phone Colin 761-860 or 30789 ext 68.

For Sale : Guitar. Gibson Marauder red wine colour, perfect condition \$595 or offer. Phone Doug 594-235

Lost: Pencil case left in Old Arts 002 - I can't afford to replace it. Phone Frith Trezevant 778377.



# Caption Competition



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# Splurge

Tournament is alive and well this year it's in Auckland. Tournament is one of the few inter-city activities left and its thriving. Worth competing in if only to loose those latent childhood aspirations and mad stirrings inside that we try to suppress by becoming mature, responsible adults. But beware you may suffer a hangover or ten or even kick out of your middle class decent shell and become ... who knows? Anything could happen at the Easter Tourney. Join a club, offer some help, just become involved, you'll never regret it. If you want to join a club see Peter Smith in the Rec Centre, if you can't find him tell me where he's living, or go to Studass and ask for club contact. For more information on Tournament keep reading Craccum.

Hurring

## THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SWIMMING AND WATER-POLO CLUB

If you're interested in swimming or Water Polo for university (no talent needed) at the Easter Tournament (Auckland this year) please Geoff Ward 677-381 (swimming) or Roger Day 600-447 (water-polo)

## YOUNG SOCIALISTS

At 26th 1 pm Young Socialists Forum in Room 237 (above Womens Common Room). China Invades Vietnam. What's happening in S.E. Asia? Hear Mike Treen, co-ordinator.

## REACH OUT - REACHING OUT

Reach Out for the perusal of those informed personnel who may wish to be in the ranks of the informed is - a christian youth magazine, usually advertised as N.Z.'s almost controversial youth mag.

A home grown, Auckland based magazine, Reach Out has been in production for about three years. It is published 10 times per annum by a staff of four. John Cooney is Managing Editor, Elaine Page is responsible for art and photography, Adrian Berthelsen - promotions (which means he should be doing this) and Sue Taylor is in charge of circulation.

O.K., so Reach Out is a christian youth mag., what does that mean? Well in the words - 'Reach Out attempts to challenge and provoke, to probe and search, to stimulate thought and action, deal with real questions and problems, to minister to the felt needs of modern young people. Reach Out attempts to offer an alternative, and to seekers to the life and the perspective that can be found in the person of Christ.'

Over the past few years, some of the issues covered have been evolution, people. A guru for you?, double and a fine issue on politics, featuring an interview with Barry Jackson of Auckland Uni. Political Dept. and in love with the drugs, with Ray Comfort. Reach Out reaching out to you? out in their next issue (due very soon). Note: Reach Out is available in the better bookstores (ask for it) or by subscription - for details, write to them - Box 6068 Auckland.

Jason Kemp

## borrow an athlete



## billeting forms available from studass office

## Sew What

### NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for two vacant positions on the Association's Executive Committee. These positions are EDUCATION VICE-PRESIDENT and TREASURER

The term of office in each case is from the date of election to 31 December 1979. Nominations should be made on an official nomination form. These are available from the Receptionist in the AUSA Office, ground floor, Union Building.

Nominations close with the Secretary at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 27 March and should be accompanied by a brief policy statement.

Elections for these positions will be held at the Autumn General Meeting, which all candidates should attend. This meeting will be held in B28 at 1.00 pm on 28 March and/or in the cafeteria at 1.00 pm on 29 March.

All candidates for the position of Treasurer MUST have passed Accounting I.

R.W. Lack  
Secretary

### A.U. BICYCLE CLUB

Met last week, with a wealth of ideas, enthusiasm etc.

- Bike ride every Friday 1 pm - 2. Starts Old Arts building, Princess St. This week Western Springs via Newton gully.
- Exec meeting Every Thursday at 6, LCR. All invited.
- Further details and information see noticeboard. See you Friday!

### FOLK KLUB

Dear Mum,

Thanks for the lovely fruit cake you sent me last week. Tibbles went missing soon after it arrived and yesterday we found her dead on the front doorstep.

I'm enjoying Varsity. It's super!! I've joined the Folk Klub. They have free guitar lessons at 1:00 on Tuesdays in the 'Exec'. Lounge. I'm going to go along because there are two really attractive looking teachers. On Wednesday night at 6:00 there are more lessons followed by a Klub night at 7:00 in the W.C. (actually the Women's Common Room). Anyone can come and perform or just listen to those who are. It will be really good.

I must rush off and write a couple of pre-natal Geology essays.

### EXHIBIT

YOURSELF AND YOUR TALENTS ON THIS YEARS CAPPING PARADE BE EXPOSED TO THE CRITICAL EYES OF THOUSANDS OF QUEEN ST SPECTATORS. IF YOU CAN SHOCK THEM, AMUSE OR EVEN JUST BORE THEM. COME + SEE US. WED MARCH 28 1 PM Room 202 Top floor of the Student Union (or ring Tom POP 48847)

### MOTORCYCLE CLUB

There will be a dirt ride at Riverhead on Saturday 31 March. All bikes will meet outside the Clock Tower at 8.45 am. We will be travelling via the north-western motorway to Riverhead State Forest. Ride consists of flat clay tracks; would suit bikes 100cc up. All dirt riders welcome.

### AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SOCIAL CREDIT CLUB

1979 Annual General Meeting, Monday 26 March, Room 144, First Floor Student Union (next to the T.V. room) 1.00 pm ALL WELCOME

presentations for inclusion in the Festival. Entrants are encouraged to make use of more than one medium, incorporating drama, music, dance etc in their presentation. The piece considered to be outstanding in each age group will be presented again as a special Festival attraction.

It is hoped that the Theatre Festival will not only act as a stimulant to student drama, but will also enable students to receive feedback from a panel of professionals.

### Conditions of Entry

Each presentation should not take longer than half an hour.

Entrants should make use of original material only (ie material written by students)

If a set is to be used, it should be as simple as possible, and capable of being quickly and easily assembled and dismantled.

The Theatre will provide the services of a lighting/sound technician to operate the light and sound equipment of the theatre. Lighting plans should be simple, although it will be possible to arrange certain special lighting effects after consultation with the Theatre Technician.

The theatre possesses facilities for reel-to-reel and cassette tape set-ups.

Name of Group .....

School (if appropriate) .....

Category : Intermediate .....

Secondary ..... Tertiary .....

Contact Person .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Please note: The above provides us with contact information only. Once we have it the co-ordinator will ring you to discuss the festival more fully. If you have any queries in the meantime do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Vancveld - 30789.

The Festival will be held during the days of April 23, 24, and 25 at the Kenneth Maidment Theatre, Auckland University. School children, students and members of the general public are welcome to attend.



# My Back Pages

Folks, here it is again. Fill the vacuity of your Varsity existence with this mish-mash of information which you'll wonder how you managed to get by without. Each astounding fact meticulously researched by the Craccum sleuths

A tattooed man is more likely to go to jail than one without tattoos but is less likely to go to a mental hospital.

Chinese babies' births are celebrated after 30 days, after one year, and then only at 10-year intervals.

*Air hostesses have the lowest divorce rate among working women.*

The Nigerian miracle fruit is tasteless when eaten on its own but has the power to change the taste of other things. Thus a lemon eaten after miracle fruit can be mistaken for a sweet orange.

*An American nuclear scientist, Theodore Taylor, claims that any reasonably intelligent person could build his own nuclear bomb from ingredients which are, mostly, easily available.*

An Australian student was arrested on a charge of offensive behaviour for walking down the street dressed as a sealion.

A zoo gorilla was cured of constipation by being shown the head of a turtle, which he mistook for a snake.

A 650 ft salt mine below the Kansas prairies is used as a bomb-and quake-proof store for, among other things, 109,000 old MGM movies, the recipe for Wrigley's chewing gum, the city records of Chicago and Los Angeles, and the wedding dress of a lady from Wichita who is keeping it safe from moths until her daughter gets married.

The first edition of Infant Care, published by the U.S. Government in 1914, recommended the use of peat moss for disposable nappies.

*Mr Fred Palm of Lansing, Michigan, was awarded life imprisonment for being caught with a pint of gin during Prohibition.*

There are seven million lamp-posts in Britain.

The most effective method of cleaning your teeth is to chew on a stick; second best is using a towel on your finger; third is toothpaste and brush.

Angelo Faticoni, the Human Cork, once swam from Manhattan to Hoboken tied in a chair weighted with 40 lb of lead.

A humpback whale can eat 5000 fish at a single sitting.

*In the mid-19th century, London's smokers discard 30,000 cigar butts every day.*

*In 1970 the average Briton consumed 3½ lb of coffee and 8½ lb of tea. In the same year the Swedes drank their way through 28½ lb of coffee each.*

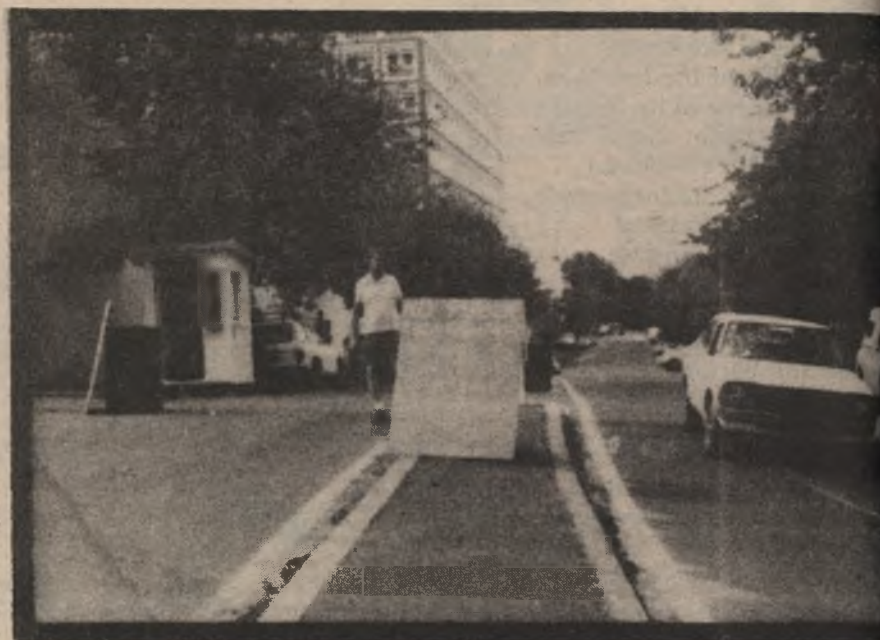
Two totally blind football teams played a 2-2 draw in Lima, Peru, using a sonic ball containing a handful of dried peas.

A nine-year-old visitor to South Shields Museum, Co. Durham, correctly identified a 'Roman sesterce coin from between 135 and 138 A.D.' as a plastic token given away by a soft drink company.

A Frenchman murdered two wives because he didn't like their cooking.

Henry I decreed that the yard should be the distance from his nose to his outstretched thumb.

*The spirit distilled from a quart of beer was given to two dogs at a temperance rally in North Meols, Lancashire. One died on the spot, the other a day later. Several drunks promptly signed the pledge.*



Elizabeth Leyland

## Prize Bureaucrat Of The Week Award

*Just who the hell was the nameless, faceless shit which dreamt up the idea of closing Wynyard street and converting it into Staff parking space? Imagine the scene on a rainy Wednesday morn when the editorial XJ 12 cruised around the block looking for its customary parking spot down by the History Department. Horror, shock! There, instead of the normal, wide, sweeping, boulevard we were greeted by the sight of two thugs manning some sort of booth and large signs bearing 'NO ENTRY' everywhere. 'What!', we exclaimed, 'has there been some foul misjustice? Have they closed Wynyard Street instead of Alfred? Is this an engineer's stunt of some nature?*

*A few discreet enquiries to the wardens of Stalag 19 told the true tale. Now I get sluttet when things like this happen, seemingly without notice and I intend doing something about it.*

*I mean if the University can get such major access road closed so easy then the hell can't they do something about other streets in the area? And since I'm so enraged why is it that the area was designated as a staff carpark? Haven't they got enough already? And staff members on their outrageously high salaries are much better off as far as paying the traffic fines which we mere mortals seem to so easily generate.*

*So next time the University want to create some more carparks I suggest that priority be given to student bike racks, motorcycle and car parking in that order.*

*And if they want to build another carpark for staff, a small suggestion. Give Dove-Myer Robinson a call first, I'm sure he will give you a good deal on converting the library building into a seven storey carpark.*

Ball photos are now ready -  
for viewing see Jo -  
the receptionist, Stud. Un.



## Food Co-Op...

Eat Cheep



collating: mon / Tues  
lunchtime

buying: Thus 8am  
[at market]

loading: Thus 10am

sorting orders: 12-2

CART DOCK [under cafe]

OR S.R.C LOUNGE



## Perry Mason

The prospect of the quad being painted has got the authorities worried. Just in case the rumours have not yet reached you by the way, this is set down for this coming Thursday on and around 1 o'clock. Anyway, enough of the free plugs .... when this happened last time the students association was lumbered with a bill for the sand-blasting required to get the paint off, a bill which was a few thousand dollars. The problem is that although there is a student majority on the committee which runs the Union building, the University own the land and the buildings which the students association lease off them. This is all laid out in the Deed of Management but the trouble is that this expired in 1975-6 and has not yet been completely re-negotiated. We await the events of this week with bated breath.

Merritt intends to move a motion about getting cigarettes back onto the campus at the General Meeting.

Just how much truth is there to rumours that New Zealand Police have been armed at certain political meetings (especially those featuring our leader) to combat 'trouble-makers'? Will heckling become a capital offence in the near future?

And is it true that before going in front of the cameras to record his inspiring interviews with Muldoon for the recent elections Mr Winston Peter's face had to be made up brown so that he would appear 'more Maori', hence his nickname 'Ole Nugget Face'?

Someone told me the other day that Alfred looks like being closed off during Capping week by some students. Stay tuned for further details.

Re the article on the Wizard 'Spot the Brain Cell' it is interesting to note that what we actually printed was (a) very much considering what we have heard about the man and (b) not contested in any way by the man (?) himself. Also just how much money does Mr Channell make from his Wizard act and does he pay tax like the rest of us?

Does eating coffee bar food really make you ill or is this just a vicious rumour?

## "Chin Chin!"

