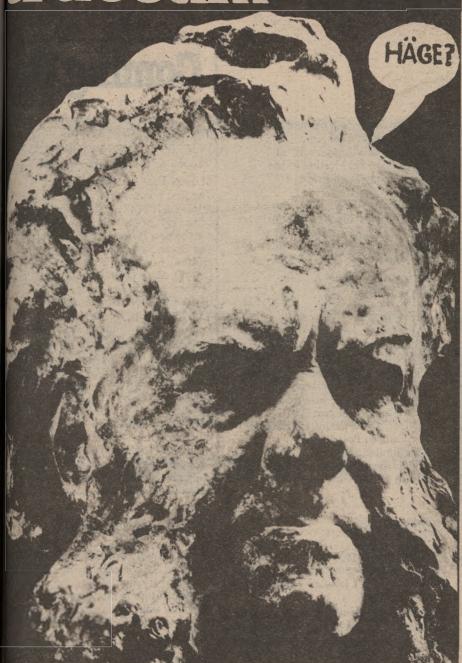
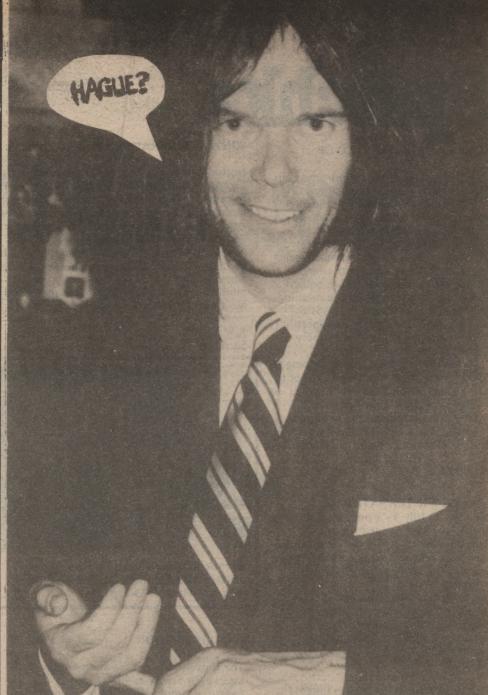
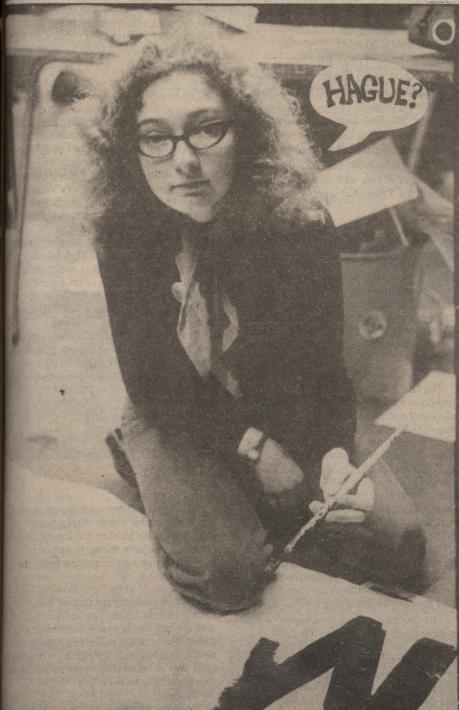
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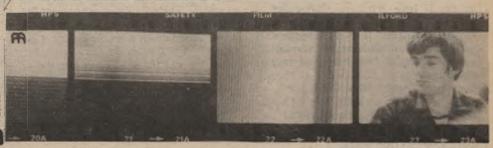






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CO-OPERATION FOOD CO-OP

There is on campus a group who help themselves by helping each other.

This is done by combining the buying power of individuals to give group buying power which enables products to be bought at wholesale and be distributed to members at this cost plus expenses being freight, kleensacks and xerox charges.

Our fruit and vegetables are bought at auctions. From growers on the morning of distribution (Thursday), this is an exciting experience giving an opportunity to see where the demand and supply curves meet.

Apart from cheap produce, helping at co-op gives a good opportunity to get to know other people.

Orders are due in on Mondays at 5 pm. Order Forms may be obtained from the Studass Office. A price guide is on the co-op notice board outside Studass.

Brian Lloyd

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Monday 23 July 1 - 2 pm., Exec. Lounge (A.I.) 1st Floor, Student Union.
The 'adopted' East German couple have now been released. We are still however working on our remaining 'adopted' prisoner-held in Syria.
Special guest at our meeting will be 'Moby' Shah who belongs to an English A.I. group. All welcome. For further details or if interested in joining Al

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

phone Paul Robertson (Secretary)

Thurs 26 July 1-2 pm
Room 144 (beside TV Room) 1st Floor,
Student Union.

'Where has NZ gone wrong?'
Discussion led by SCM'er - Paul
Ungemuth. All Welcome.
For further details phone Mitzi Nairn
685-192.

FOLK CLUB

874-503.

YES! Folk Club still exists! So bring your instrument, voice, body or spirit and partake of the festivities. Every Wednesday night in the WCR. (Especially August 8th. Folk group extraordinaire performs)

NOBEL PRIZE-WINNER TO LECTURE

An American Nobel Prize-winner in physics, Professor Richard P. Feynman, will deliver this year's Sir Douglas Robb Lectures, which begin on 31 July. His general title for the four lectures is 'Today's Answers to Newton's Queries About Light'.

Richard Feynman has been Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology since 1951. Born in New York, he studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Princeton. His graduate research on the behaviour of subatomic particles led to his appointment to the atomic bomb project, and he was at Los Alamos from 1943-5. After the war he was an Associate-Professor at Cornell before moving to Caltech.

For the Robb Lectures, Professor Feynman has written that he is going to try to tell what the world of light and electrons looks like from the point of view of modern physics.

The dates and separate titles of the lectures are:

Tuesday 31 July - 'Photons: Corpuscles of Light'

Thursday 2 August - 'Fits of Reflection and Transmission: Quantum Behaviour' Tuesday 7 August - 'Electrons and their Interactions'

Thursday 9 August - 'New Queries'
All the lectures are in B 28 at 8.15 pm.
All students and staff are welcome to attend and tickets are not required.

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WINTER GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Winter General Meeting of the Association will be held in Lecture Theatre B28 on Thursday 9 August 1979 commencing at 1.00 p.m. In case this Meeting does not achieve a quorum or otherwise fails to deal with all business on the Agenda notice is also given that the Winter General Meeting of the Association MAY be held or MAY continue in the Union Cafeteria on Friday 10 August 1979 from 1.00 p.m.

Notices of Motion for inclusion on the Agenda for this Meeting should be handed to the Secretary by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 August, save in the case of Constitutional Amendments

Motions proposing amendments to the Constitution may only be discussed at this Meeting if notice is given to the Secretary by 5 p.m. on Wednesday 25 July 1979.

R.W. Lack Secretary



Female flatmate wanted to share Parnell cottage with one male. Quiet atmosphere. \$15 p.w. Ph Ian 773-793

GAY LIBERATION

The University Gay Liberation Group meets each Friday at 4 pm in the Executive Lounge (First floor, Studass Building). Speakers are being organised for some of these meetings and details will be posted on the Gay Lib notice-board off the Quad. All are welcome to attend.

HARBOUR BRIDGE TRIAL FOR CYCLISTS

At the last meeting of the Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority it was decided to provide a carrying service across the bridge on a trial basis.

After receiving several deputations and submissions from P.A.T.H. and other people, the Bridge Authority has decided to carry out this trial during peak hours.

From Monday, July the 23rd, for four weeks the Authority's trucks will provide a shuttle service between the Authority's administration building beside the toll gates, and Shelley Beach Road at Point Erin, between 7 and 9 am each week day and back again between

P.A.T.H's aims were to provide a means of getting the general right of access for all means of transport across the bridge rather than just high energy forms. The Bridge Authority has always restricted usage to vehicles with an engine capacity of 50 ccs or more. This is because they like to think of the bridge and it's approaches as forming part of the motorway system.

Unlike most motorways there is no viable alternative for low evergy forms of transport. The only other way across the Harbour is by the Devonport ferry (other ferries closed down after the Bridge was opened). The Devonport ferry is too far out of the way for most people on the North Shore to use, so their alternatives to the use of the bridge are effectively nonexistant.

If people in this country are really serious about making efficient use of

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Resource Person - Aloma Colgan
A five-week course for improving confidence and skills in speaking at seminars, tutorials, lectures and meetings. Students, staff, demonstrators, tutors and budding student politicians welcome.

Starting Friday 27 July from 3-5 pm., then on 3 and 10 August, and 7 September, at the Counselling Service (above Campus Post Office).

Class limited to 20.

For further information, please phone extension 595.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are re-opened for the position of Education Vice-President for the period from 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1980.

Nominations close with the Secretary etc.

Nominations close with the Secretary at 5.00 pm on Friday 27 July. An election will be held in the last week of this term.

R.W. Lack Secretary

TRADE AID STALL

Quad 1 - 2 pm Fri 27 July

- Buy Quality Sri Lanken Tea

Buy 3rd World handicrafts eg mats, dresses, bags.

- Buy 'The New Internationalist' magazine.

All money from Stall returned to CORSO. Ph Martyn Nicholls 689-529 if you wish to help or if you wish to know more about the Trade-Aid aims.

obviously limited quantities of liquid fuels, situations which prevent the use of the bicycle and the foot cannot be acceptable. While the Bridge Authority is not prepared to provide other than limited facilities, until demand has shown them to be necessary, the trial period offers the chance of getting a foot in the door to a further freeing up of access. If on the other hand people do not use the service during the trial it will be discontinued.

No fare will be charged during the trial and door to door travel times should compare well with peak hour trips by car or bus. Cyclists will probably find it easiest to converge from Sunnybrae Rd or Shakespeare Rd onto Northcote Rd and Lake Rd, then cut across the Onewa Rd traffic congestion. There they will be joined by Birkenhead and Northcote cyclists riding along Queen St and down Stafford Rd to the A.H.B.A. admin. building beside the toll gates. The shuttle service will drop people off at the lower end of Shelly Beach Rd on Point Erin. From there, city-bound cyclists can ride down under the end of the bridge to Westhaven and from there into the city centre along level roads.

The Bridge Authority will only consent to extending the service if the truck is made use of. If people do not make use of it now then we can say goodbye to getting any access for the next few years. So all of you from the North Shore with any sort of bike this is your only chance, make the best of it!

Bill Robertson,

Coming Up

TUES 24 JULY 1 - 2 pm — Lunchtime ROCK series. This week featuring 'Head over Heels' Admission \$1.50.

FLICKS '79. TUES 24 JULY 6.30 pm 'MASH' & 'MANDIGO' Admission \$1.00

SUN 29 JULY 7.30 pm (NZH & STAR) The first presentation in the UNIVERSITY MUSIC GROUP's brilliant series of concerts is brimful of interest. Incorporating the new Bosendorfer, Janetta McStay and Bryan Sayer will play Mozart's masterly Sonata in D for Two Pianos (K448). Mary O'Brien and Janetta McStay perform Sonata No. 1 for Violin & Piano by Bartok. By Bartok also the Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion - pianos -Ingrid Wahlberg and David Guerin, percussion - Wayne Laird and Don McGlashan. Tickets for what will surely be an exciting concert are \$4, sen cit. \$3, students \$2, Bookings 31 Princes St and 792300 ext 9624.

LITTLE THEATRE
WED 25 JULY - FRI 3 AUGUST at 1 pm
'CLEOPATRA' The Diploma of Drama
Group presents scenes from Antony and
Cleopatra by William Shakespeare.

WANTED: HANDYPERSON

The Clubs and Societies Noticeboards in the Quad are currently being renovated. A student is required over the weekend in the near future to work on these. Anybody wanting to earn a few dollars over the weekend contact Grant Ellis c/- Studass.

BICYCLE CLUB
Membership cards for the Bicycle Club
will finally be distributed at the club
noticeboard at 1pm on Tuesday 24 July.
Everyone welcome. Club T-shirts will
also be on sale.

SPORTSTALK

Well, with the major sporting event of the weekend absorbing much of the media and idle chatter in NZ I bet you forgot about university sport.

Our clubs top teams did well last weekend with the Rugby XV squeaking in against Takapuna 4-3, the Soccer XI, played in the Northern League 2nd Divisions, swamping Manukau 3-1; the Hockey XI gaining entry to the Airest Final beating Indians 4-3 on Sunday, while defeating them 3-0 in Saturday's game; the top Netball team defeating colleagues, Teachers 21-20. (Sorry, couldn't find a women's Hockey result).

Congratulations to all involved.

The major attraction for university sportspeople in the next month is Winter Tournament, to be hosted by Otago. Auckland hopes to take a strong team to Dunedin, in the following sports; Small-bore Rifle Mens & Womens Hockey Womens & Mens Soccer

League Squash Badminton Karate Motorsport

If anyone is interested please contact, the above clubs, either through their mailbox in the Studass Office, or probably more successfully through a phone number which can be gained from the Receptionist.

Just a word about the Rowing Club.

They have recently purchased two excellent new boats, (an eight and a four) and are beginning a new membership drive. These boats will enable them to outfit in great style an extra 20 members, so if you're interested in participating in this great sport contact, B. Meekan on 26-38240.

Keep on sporting,

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Little Greg on the Pirie

Well! The office has been re-arranged, enew flat has been sorted out, and the Mis all over. Now I can get on with ng President. That means doing cinating things like asking the Viceincellor (Mr Look-alike) to speak at forum to be held on July 26, writing iting pieces for Craccum, and zooming Wellington to play at National

July 26 is National Education Day in Education Fightback Campaign. Not y does the Government's moves on lucation expenditure affect your ocket (the new 'Tertiary Study/Fees ints beginning next year) but also they fect the University. The place you are udying at and will continue to do so. eplace that may be forced to charge orbitant fees for use of the Creche, adent Health, and Counselling Service. So on July 26 all Students' sociations in New Zealand will be anising a large variety of activities in theme of Education Fightback. At uckland we want you, the student, as as university staff to join in the init of a day designed to convince the

Government of the error of its ways. We will be encouraging members of the public to explore the University campus to see for themselves the potential disaster inherent in Government's attack.

Attend the Forum at 1 pm July 26 in the Ouad.

Tell your parents, lovers, friends, work-mates, brothers and sisters - these are the people that will all be affected as well as students.

If you're passing out of the Quad towards the Library, cast an eye over the Student Information Service office. Here a small band of enthusiastic stalwarts sit and wait - prepared to answer your every query and assist with your hassles. However more people are needed - you don't have to know all about everything, just be prepared to talk - and listen. Especially needed is someone to co-ordinate people, files etc - can you help?

If you are interested see either Barry Hook (Welfare Officer) or myself.

P.S. I'm in my office most times if you want to find me for anything.



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'Hey man', said Merritt, 'Pick up on this real groovy scene.' 'Farrrout', said Peter and Comrade, 'this transcends any cosmic vibes I've ever experienced.' Ahh, nostalgia. Forgetting the present in return for a brief glimpse of the past. So next week it all happens. Hey, hey LBJ, How many kids did you kill today?

And I bet you don't like it at all. Pirie walks in. He's the President you know. Beers all round. A lighted carrot appears and disappears just a s quick. Turn on, tune in and drop out. Yeah. On the mono the latest single from the Mothers blares out. The room fills with smoke. Che looks down from hisposter on the wall. 'Solidarity with the People', says another. Yeah. Hendrix dies. The TV drones on.

Hell NO

We won't GO! The adoration of the masses must always be reserved for the true examples of an official letterbomb and is transported revolutionary fervour. The cast in order of appearance is as follows: Brian, Eugenie, Elizabeth, Tara, Mike the Ryke, Fiona, Adam, John, I Don, DAK. And the Zip goes berserk not once but twice this week. So as the big hand hits the 6 and the little one points drunkenly towards the general direction of the 11 it's goodbye from him and goodnight from me.

Engineering students on Waikato hostel rampage

HAMILTON, Sunday (PA). — Auckland University engineering students have caused about \$250 worth of damage to a Waikato University

hostel.

The damage occurred in May when about 30 senior students were in Hamilton during a field trip to Waikato industries.

A Waikato University residential warden confirmed reports that doors were kicked, aftershave lotion smeared over mirrors, holes were punched in billiard tables and broken bottles and rubbish strewn over the common room.

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The warden, who preferred not to

be named, said future requests by the Engineering School for overnight accommodation would be closely scrutinised. He said the dean of the Engineering School had undertaken to get the students to pay for the damage.

Auckland University Engineering School dean Professor R. F. Meyer said there was no connection between the Waikato field trip and the Auckland University capping week haka party which was raided by Maori protesters earlier in the month.

month.

"To the best of my knowledge noone there had been in the hake

party," he said. The field trap comprised fourth year students. Professor Meyer said undue pub-licity may aggravate the situation-by making students feel the need to contest the circumstances.

"In the catalogue of events they are not entirely convinced of their responsibility," he said.

Professor Meyer said engineering students had for several years stayed at Waikato halls of residence during annual field trips and these had been no previous trouble.

The students had apologised to the university

The Craccum

You probably would have missed this little gem in the Auckland Star the other week. I nearly did, but there it was tucked away on page

21 or something, underneath a Woolworths ad. It's all really very straightforward and probably accurate report of some damage that our friends over the road did to a hostel at Waikato University over the May holidays. But there was something about this seemingly harmless bit of nonsense that made me stop and think for a while, not usually a mean

Firstly there was the fact that this piece of particular news is almost a month old. I know that sometimes the Starch finds it hard to get news somedays (Recent the sensational attraction that quite minor events receive ie MURDER-DRUG DEAL or some such rot). And because somedays they have buggar-all to print newswise, they use the timefavoured technique of 'fillers'. NZPA guff on international affairs mainly, or feature articles by Reuters. And usually it's pretty good stuff. Backgrounders on interesting spots of the world or explaining the background of a particular countries leader. So the Star does that, as do we all and newspapers are the better

But there is another way that a newspaper can 'fill' an otherwise boring issue. In short it's called 'Sensationalism', the creation of headlines out of nothing. You see, what I was thinking was the seemingly small importance that the Star seemed to merit to the news above compared to the hysterical and largely inaccurate treatement that they dished out to the 'Haka Affair

Last week, the Maori protaganists from He Taua were found guilty in the Magistrates Court of rioting. They will be sentenced this week and there is a distinct probability that some may go down for a small prison sentence.

Can you remember back to the Haka Incident and the press reaction? Pretty heavy right? For almost a week it captivated headlines in every newspaper in the country, was the subject of countless editorials. And as I said before, the Auckland newspapers, in particular the Star, were particularly hysterical.

Even today, Thursday, the Star had the headline (deadline?) MR BIG OF DOG PACK ATTACKS CITY RANGER. It's a story about the gangs of dogs that are roaming Bastion Point and how one of them bit a ranger. God !, is that how news is made? Is that story the most important piece of news in the whole country? I doubt it very much.

But that was exactly how public opinion was formed on the He Taua

Get the point? On some days the Star will resort to sensationalisations to fill space. This was the case on the day that the He Taua incident took place. And this was the case last Thursday. But not the case on the particular day that the gem above was extracted from.

Compare the difference in attitude between the coverage of the 'Haka Affair' and this.

Isn't an article like this worthy of closer investigation after the Star went to such pains as to portray the activities of the Engineers during the Haka Affair as those of cherubs?

And it's not as if news of the above nature isn't topical either. It's a shocking example of the vandalism in Education establishments that is so rife amongst our children!!!

Applications are now open for the following full-time positions with the New Zealand University Students Association in 1980:-

President Education & Welfare Vice-President General Vice President

Each position carries a salary of approximately \$6,125 gross p.a. and successful applicants are expected to live in Wellington.

Applications are also open for the parttime position of Womens Rights Action Committee Co-ordinator which carries an honorarium of approximately \$500

Applications should include the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant, and the position applied for be sent to

The President **NZUSA** P.O. Box 9047, Courtenay Place, Wellington.

Applications close at 5 p.m. on Monday August 4. Elections will take place on August 14 at NZUSA's Council in Auckland and candidates are advised to

For further information contact your Students' Association President or the President of NZUSA at the above address.

Life on the Ocean Wave

I am about to give up on you all, supposed cream of kiwi youth. I watch in awe as you traipse from one lecture to another warmly wrapped in your winter ego-centricities. Any motivation to do anything seems only to come from a need to satisfy your production-line mentalities. Zeal is not just a word — it's supposed to be one of the blessings of youth, but my God it's certainly well out of sight on this campus.

What can I say to make it scary enough? One million human beings estimated drowned in the South China Sea — I've tried it before — it reaches a few hearts, eyes show some flashing emotion, and away it fades, like ripples in a pond. I walk away and the startled deer relaxes and resumes it s grass-munching.

What can I do to make you realise that something has to be done? I believe that tears are powerful weapons — well if this appeal doesn't bring about some response, next sunny lunchtime on the Quad, Annie Maignot will sob loudly into the mike, and if that doesn't work, I'll possibly run amok.

Perhaps in the twilight of your days, when your grandchildren discuss one of the greatest catastrophes of the 21st century, you'll take yourselves back to what you should have been doing way back in '79 and you'll remember 'oh yes, I had to have that assignment in by the end of July, then, that's right, Harry invited me to a chalet in the snow for the August holidays and come September, I believe the monsoon had virtually tied it up for all those faceless, genderless, oriental masses in the South China Sea, so very far and remote from my comfortable corner in Mt Eden.

Apathy is a little like drug-addiction it can be cured byt it can also sneak up on you again if you're not careful. It's the malady of the moment, more frightening to me than cancer—and more lethal.

The Indo-China Refugee Action Group is rather sadly in the process of being destroyed by that silent assassin of all our hopes — apathy.

Even professors skulk in their studies and say when confronted, "yes, I'm very concerned and of course it's dreadful that these poor people are drowning, however I will sign your petition", signs hurriedly and then either disappears without further discussion or belabours me with the details of never-ending tiresome commitments, ie. other meetings, workload, family, sickness, or general debility. One of our committee has four children, and a paraplegic husband, another is breastfeeding as well as having a 2-year old child ... so much for your commitments!

Whatever has come of our kiwi conscience in fact? Forever repressed, shoved in a drawer, never to see the sun. Why are we so afraid? Or are we even capable of fear? Are we capable of feeling anything? I mean, if the fact of 1000 people dying a day 3,000 miles away (the same distance away as Perth) doesn't appeal to our compassion, what on earth does?

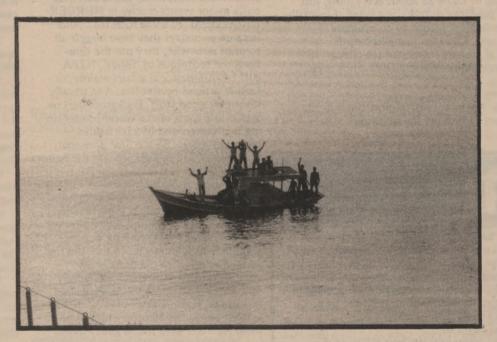
Maybe you feel inadequate — well I have deep respect for your possible inadequacies, but people are drowning while you nurse them, so if you could just put them aside and lend us your support—just your presence and interest at our meetings would be token enough. We need new energy, new ideas, new people to make this campaign a success.

The National Government, after public pressure, forced an expedient change of heart, announced that it would treble its intake of Vietnamese boat people, but over a period of eighteen months! This leisurely approach to the disaster has been likened to a Wahine disaster where the lifeboats take eighteen months to arrive, and then, when they do, select only the youngest and most skilled and active.

Our aim in ICRAG is to get as many individuals and groups involved as possible, so that the government can be persuaded to move one step further and place the acceptance of Vietnamese refugees on an emergency basis, using the many resources of goodwill that exist already in a community not yet cast, thank goodness, entirely in the mould of Robert Muldoon.

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On a cost accountancy basis, he announced, out of nowhere but his addled pate, that New Zealand could not afford to take any more than 800 refugees; now, purely out of motives of compromise and political expediency, he announces that we can take 1700 refugees, but on the basis of aroha, of an empty country experiencing (thanks again to Muldoon) a great loss of people, we should take as many as there are suitable sponsors.

As for the difficulties in assimilating refugees or selecting sponsors, there are simple processes of self selection that would work well - if they were allowed to happen - with the minimum necessary degree of official aid and guidance. Take, as a typical instance, the town of Coromandel, a small place, pop. 1,100 with another 1,000 or so in the hinterland. To ICRAG's knowledge, there is one local doctor who will take a dependent Vietnamese, either very young or very old. One commune will take a fisherman and gardener and their dependents. The town needs a shoemaker - there is already one in the Mangere hostel - and a fruiterer. There are families who have volunteered to sponsor financially and personally, through housing and counselling, a Vietnamese family. So what's the problem? The problem is, quite simply, institutionalised racism, in our immigration policy, and in some of our leaders' heads, eg. Robert Muldoons.

If you want to find out more, come to the Indo-Chinese Refugee Action Committee. If you want to do more, there may be a job there — even the most lowly and simple tasks work well if we all do them. Take petitions, for instance, they may not achieve miracles in themselves, but miracles, like genius, are a little spark of inspiration and a hell of a lot of hard work. At least it's one way of meeting people and seeing what they think! Posters, leaflets, publicity, fund-raising, all these skills are needed to inform a public insulated, if not deadened, by remoteness.

Our main action for the next month will centre around the sending of a service ship to the area to pick up drowning people, give medical assistance, refuel, repair and provision the boats. Mr Ed Ewbank, a marine architect and ship's captain, has lived and sailed extensively around Hong Kong and is investigating the possibility of purchasing a vessel up there if the govt does not respond to our request. He was interviewed on the nationwide TV programme 'Focus' by a sympathetic TV2 interviewer, but this is only a beginning. To get such a vessel to sea, we need all sorts of resources (some of them such as a volunteer qualified crew becoming a

There are quite a few things happening in ICRAG - it could even be fun if it weren't so amazingly frightening and urgent I hear small underfed children crying as the monsoon seas become angrier; I personally feel fear in the mothers' heart as she trys to protect her children, I feel the hopelessness of the man who has given up everything for the right to sail his family away in a leaky old boat not even fit to sail on the Hauraki Gulf. Are you capable of transcending your complacency to share these voices with me? I couldn't give a damn if they're rich or poor, right or left, lawyers or prostitutes (many of the Jews exterminated during the last war were wealthy), as most of these must have been to be able to pay their \$3000 for the right to become a refugee. We don't give the death penalty to our violent rapists - why should our blatant inaction become the executioner of such tragic, degraded people today?

Being vaguely peturbed is not sufficient. Become active.

This campaign is not just another cause — it's a battle against time, lethargy and hightry

Contact Annie Maignot, Frank Doogan at the Student Union — or phone 452-484 nights. Next meeting is Tuesday 24th, 8 pm. SRC Room.

Annie Maignot





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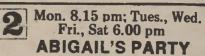


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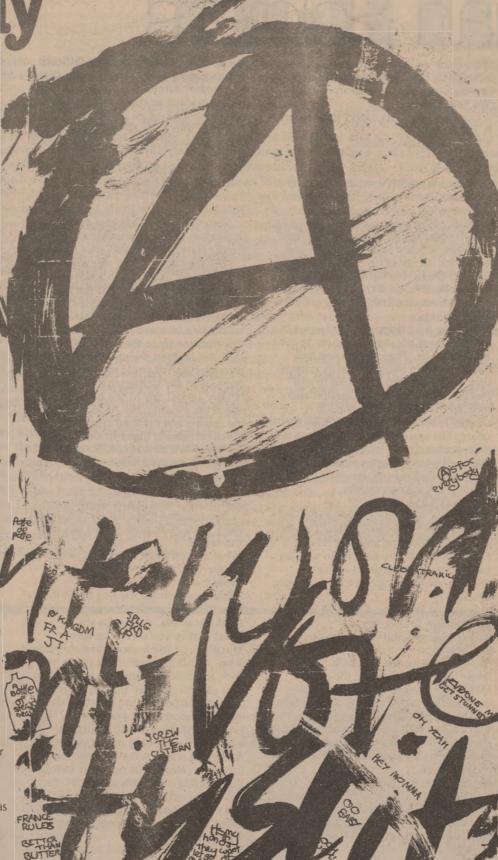
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New Zealand is truly a classless state. Social standing is one with professional occupation, and as such New Zealand is the state of the middle-class. The bourgoisie. People generally find it difficult to accept the last word, while they have little trouble conceiving of a 'middle-class'. This is possibly because of its inevitable connection, in most people's minds, with Communism and more remotely, revolt (revolution). In that context, the bourgois are defined by their occupation, and consequently their wealth.

However, I find this definition lacking in modern times at least. 'Bourgoise' was a term used in the French Revolution long ago, and survived to be used in notably the Russian Revolution. It's an outdated term, at least in as much as it referred to occupation et al. Certainly, these features are relevant, but are more 'effect' than 'cause'. The bourgois can be defined as a state-of-mind. In as much as this state-of-mind desires ostentation, certainly the previous conceptions of the bourgois were correct, but not adequate. There is more. If it could be summed up in a word, it would be 'acceptance'. Acceptance of social and political conditions, acceptance of the norm - of limits to personal action. Thus it becomes clear from this that the true proletariat is now defunct. Workers have become conservative (who voted in Thatcher and Muldoon?) and as far as recent political trends are concerned, almost reactionary. It may be the worker who revolts, but it is not his revolution. Workers are exploited in revolution, just as they are classically represented as exploited in their occupation. It is invariably the military or the student who plans a revolution (and possibly by definition, those who instigate revolutions should be termed students, as they are practising their concepts of what society should be)

Acceptance implies stagnation. This is also related to the continuance of a political structure over a period of time. The French Revolution heralded the overthrow of the old order, and the appearance of the state founded on the structure of atheism and libertinism, after a period of anarchy. Now France is a western capitalist country. From its notable origins it has become bourgois. Likewise with the USSR. Communism has served its purpose. Once the Russian Revolution succeeded, it in effect also defeated itself. A permanent state was established, which, by the definition of being the state, became conservative although not obvious in the beginning. It now becomes more apparent that Communist Russia is on the decent to conservatism. It is run by old men with now old ideas who force (as in capitalist societies, but less subtely) the acceptance of norms. Thus Communism, as typified by Russia is becoming bourgois.

So the paradox exists whereby revolution defeats itself by succeeding. As soon as it does so, the society begins stagnating. The only way that this stagnation could not arise is through anarchy. We have been told that the only constant is change, but in the society declining to the bourgois, the constant is no paradox. The only possible concept of the successful revolution is the perpetual revolution. In itself, the perpetual revolution can take two forms. One which succeeds in toppling the state, and in turn is toppled, and so on (which is the most susceptable to failure as it may not be toppled in its turn. The second type succeeds through its failure. It is the revolution which never topples the government, but continues indefinitel acting as a thorn in the process of the state - thus urging reforms, and possibly eventually the development of anarchy This anarchy would certainly be limited in its area of working, and this itself would fluctuate in its struggle with the state. But even so, it would quite possibly be the most practical way of establishing a working anarchy.



But why did the RAF maintain this?

I have been referring to 'revolution' rather loosely, without specifying its exact nature. Of course, one must realize that the only realistic method for revolution (whether for rightist, leftist, or nihilist purposes) is by violence. The whole development of societies, not because of the societies - but because of the aggressive nature of man, is based on violence. To consider the success of a new society merely because it is beneficial to man is naively romantic - there will always be unscrupulous men willing to subvert the development of such a society for his own gain. This 'thorn in the process of the state' is terrorism.

Anarchy can be the only aim to terrorism. The RAF (the Baader-Meinhof Group) as possibly the most publicized terrorist group (apart from Italy's 'Red Brigades) in the West, epitomizes the use of terrorism for questionable motives. Weinhof, before she became: a terrorist, praised Baader's action of blowing up a department-store for the criminality of the action, rather than the destruction of the goods themselves. Jillian Becker, a biographer, considers this as '.... a venerable anarchis view', which it was; but the RAF maintained they were Communists; that they were only against the laws of the Western democracies. Not those of Mao's totalitarian China. This is doing things by halves, and certainly can not be taken seriously as 'justifiable' terrorist action.

The answer can be seen in the group's relation with the society with which it claimed to be opposed. One taboo in conventional society is a life, or a political group, without an aim. So absurd is the situation that it is likely that the individual without an aim wil probably consider himself as a freak. Thus as far as the individual is concerned, he will make minor goals for his weeks if he does not have a major goal in life, so is nihilism, and thus anarchy, shunned by society. Student groups and the public can identify with matyrs who have a constructive (no matter how idealistic) political ideology to follow, while they must overcome their abhorance for political action which ultimately intends to create chaos (at least in conventional terms). Thus no matter how subconsciously, the RAF was conforming in some aspects to society. However, revolutionary groups inevitably do. To overthrow one society, the group must have some foothold in it with which to kick it over - and if it succeeds it has that link with the old society. Apart from all this though, the point I am trying to make is that the only 'true' revolution now, can be one which discards all present ideological concepts. Thus the presence of anarchy, which by definition does not contain any ideological concept (at least in as far as is practically possible).

The RAF has justify implied of a group that rebelled, or int of being able to be taken serious:

Why terrorism? Kropotkin, a venerable anarchist view' (as referred to above), when he wrote: 'Everything is good for us which talls outside legality'. Thus the anarchist must be against all laws. Not just petty criminal laws, in fact that is below the consideration of the anarchist (for although he may employ such actions as destruction of goods, there is certainly a distinction between the thief and the anarchist. The focal point of the anarchist's disregard for the laws laid down by the state must be those laws which concern the state itself. Thus terrorism follows as that action which is most offensive to the state - as it is designed to overthrow it (or even worse, perpetually disrupt the smooth workings of the state. Even worse, because if the state is overthrown, theoretically a new one will arise, but in its function as a 'thorn', such terrorism prevents the proper functioning of any state whatsoever).

To return to the paradox of the successful revolution. The (cause of) faily nature of man. Such persons will halt the course of events where the situation mos suits their personal interests. There will again arise exploiters, as there can never fail to arise - in any form of society/state The same factor causes the failure of capitalist society. Survival of the fittest is the maxim, and so it will remain even when there is no need (which there incidentally never is). It also follows that a rightist state will also fail. Even if one is placed in the unlikely situation of having a 'benevolent' dictator, with all that it entails, his successors' decent to tyranny is more than likely. Anarchy eliminates that element of the state to corrupt and exploit - which is the state, any state, its

Marcuse formulates an argument whereby it is left to the student to organize and lead any revolt. The worker (though, as stated before, he cannot claim the title of 'proletariat' in this present society) is always being led blindly, and it is for the student to seize the opportunity to steer events towards revolution.)

The success of anarchy is dependant upon the failure of any one revolution. With the perpetual aggression terrorism affords, a limited anarchy (as stated before) would be possible. Even the fluctuation of the areas affected by anarchy would complement the conception of anarchy. Although at first indiscriminate chaos might eventuate, events would settle in equilibrium, and the only chaos that would follow would be that of the absence of a state. Howev I must stress that the success of such a situation (of anarchy) is dependant upo the presence of the state, and quite liter ally, the failure of a particular revolution to completely overthrow the state (thus my choice of the term 'terrorism' - the revolution is never intended to succeed completely in itself). In such a situation there is perpetual aggression between the state and the revolutionary - and because of this, the terrorist hasn't the opportunity to exploit any group of people, and the state is hindered in its function, in the area where the terrorists are active.

Thus anarchy is possible and can be achieved by terrorism - although terrorism used for any other purpose is futile, as terrorism can only be validly based on nihilistic motives.

Attila

(Please note that this article is for theoretical consideration, and does not necessarily advocate terrorism, but is aimed to show that anarchy can only be achieved through it.)

Pariah Soldiers

The winners of the short-story competion have finally been decided. Brett eacock with "Pariah Soldiers", printed elow won the \$50 first prize donated by ne BNZ. David Hindley was second and ugh Cook third. For their troubles they eceive vouchers from the kind people t Record Warehouse.

When the ship lifts, all bills are paid. No egrets.

Robert A Heinlein Well, I guess this is goodbyc, then.' Brent aid, listening to the PA call. 'That's the ast call.

Thanks for the dinner. And goodbye.' he nibbled at her lower lip. Thank you for the ride to the airport. on't worry about me. I can take care of nyself. And I'll see you again, someday. promise.

He leaned down and kissed her cheek ery lightly. She smiled, reached up and urned his face with her hands to kiss him ently and affectionately on the mouth. de responded warmly at some length. Vhen she broke away she pecked lightly t his chin and smiled. He ran his fingers hrough her soft brown hair. Why didn't you ever ask me to go to bed vith you, Brent?' She stroke his cheek. probably would have accepted. I know. I guess I'm more than a little cared of you. Sure, when I took you out I had that in mind. .

"I noticed.' She giggled. Don't interrupt il maestro when he's peaking.

You did it again. Anyway after a while discovered that you meant more to me is a friend, than a lover. I stopped wantng just to bed you down. Not altogether and not without regrets . . . Whatever. t's too late for that now . . . I've got to 30.' He adjusted the cabinbag and turned o leave.

Goodbye.' Look after yourself.' He turned and juickly stole another kiss. Lightly he caressed her cheek with the back of his curled fingers. 'Friends?' He asked, oftly.

Still friends.'

Auf wiedersehen.' He was gone. At the door to the departure lounge he waved with thumb up. She waves. Aloha, Brent Drake.' She walked slowly away., trying hard not to cry. Brent watched twenty three years of his ife recede beneath the low clouds as the DC 10 lifted above them. He thought of ittle else but Corinne and smiled a little wistfully. 'I have no regrets.' He said sloud. But he wasn't entirely convinced.

After all there weren't too many options open in the wide world for an ex-corporal in the Territorial Volunteers with a Degree in Archaeology. Still, Van Gelder hadn't seemed too fussy over that and had paid the fare to Johannesburg. He glanced across the aisle at Van Gelder who seemed asleep. He was a natty dresser with a fussy manner and a tidy goatee beard. His hair was brown but the beard was ginger. He reminded Brent of a pimp. Brent felt uneasy near him, like he would near a spider. He had the impression that Van Gelder despised him. That was hardly unusual. Most pimps despised their whores. And he was new to this game. His services, arranged through Van Gelder, were for clients of a

whores of war.

Allegro. Get a shot off FAST. This upsets him long enough to let you make your second RAH. Sergeant Brent Drake carefully pushed the leafy branch aside and raised the binoculars. After a brief scan he passed •them to Corporal Frank Shepeard who lay, equally prone and nearly as invisible in the night, beside him. CRACCUM 23 JULY PAGE 8

different breed. These clients wanted the

'Cheeky fuckers. Two kilometres over the river and they light a campfire.'

'We turn back?

'I know that the river marks the border. It just dried up.

'I'll get the platoon ready.'

'Yo?

'No noise. We don't want any guests at this party.

Yo Sarge. Brent rolled over, snatching momentary rest after the forced march over the past two days. A beard stubbled his jaw and lampblack darkened his face further. He took off the netted Helmet and laid it beside him as he took out his weapons, a Walther automatic and an Uzi

submachinegun. First he field stripped and cleaned the Uzi, attaching the sionics silencer to the adapted barrel. Then he checked and filled the dozen magazines with ammunition, taping them in pairs, end to end. He laid the loaded Uzi beside him and took up the Walther. He stripped it, cleaned it and reloaded it, engaging the safety. The spare magazine went into his

thigh pocket. Shepeard whistled softly from behind. Drake wormed his way down for the summit of the Kopje to him.

'Alls balls Sarge. Ten four.' 'Kay. Move 'em. Points.' Drake checked on each man as he passed. Two, Cooper and Boese moved on ahead as scouts. Each man had a tiny field radio with an earplug strapped inside his helmet. A microphone was attached to the securing

'Alls balls at the creek, Sarge.' A voice whispered in Drakes ear.

'Kay. Get across and have a look over the other side.

'We have and we are. Alls balls.' 'Move 'em to the river. At the double. I'll kick anyone who makes a sound. Brent spoke louder, turning off the mike.

There was no trouble to the river. The trail led to a ford which was only about shin deep. The troop crossed and slowed to a cautious walk. Drake switched on

'Seargeant to troop. Final orders. Cooper and Dodds will find a sniperpost overlooking the Camp. The mortar team will set up five hundred metres to the rear. One man will circle to get any stragglers, Thorpe can handle it. The rest will attack from ambush at sunrise when I signal with a thunderflash. Grenades first, then guns. The grenades are the mortar teams cue. Don't drop 'Em short or I'll bust

One last thing. No prisoners. Kill every last one of the bastards. 'Sarge!' The voice in his ear again.

'Boese?' the trail about a hundred Sentry post or metres from the camp.' 'How many?'

'Two. 'New?'

'Playing cards. 'Kill 'em shush.' 'Kay.

Gently Drake drew the Uzi up and cocked it. The slight noise magnified in the darkness. Then he engaged the safety. 'Alls balls at the post, Sarge.' Boese appeared around the bend. 'Cooper spotted a small Kop near the camp and took off for it.

'Dodds, go join him'

Around the bend the light of the fire could be seen directly through a screen of bushes. The two sentries lay in the trail. One was face up, the blood a black pool around and over him. His throat was cut from ear to ear. The second body lay face down. The head grinned in the trail a few feet away. 'Cooper has been showing off with that fucking Machete again, I see." Shep observed sardonically. Brent nodded. But he didn't praise Boese. There

had been harder killings. Only difficult killings earned praise. The platoon moved on, stepping carefully around the blood. No one wanted to attract a nosy Lion or hyaena with blood on his boots. In silence each man split away to find a den to the east of the camp. Shep and Brent moved in a pair.

'There's a sentry in the camp.' Cooper's voice from the Kop. 'Tell Boese.'

'Kay.

Shep whispered, 'Spot for two.' in Drakes ear. Drake crawled slowly and silently through the brush after him.

The spot was a fallen tree where a fork left a natural firing slot in a narrow cleft. What made it ideal was that the tree was a hardwood of the sort the troops nicknamed Armorwood because a two inch branch would stop a high velocity bullet. They wormed into the space behind the cleft and laid out their weapons. Peering through it, Brent could see the entire camp, with the sleepy sentry leaning heavily against one of the trees which edged the clearing. His AKM rifle lay on the ground and his head drooped onto his chest. Behind him a shadow moved slightly. Then all was still. Suddenly the sentry jerked and a shadow moved again. The sentry was dragged silently out of sight. Then all was still.

'Alls balls.' Boese in a quiet whisper. Shep tapped Brent lightly. To the east there was a faint glow. Venus was high

'What do you think about, Sarge?' Shep whispered close to Brent's ear.

'About what?'

fucking business.

'While you wait for the shit to hit the fan?' Shep grinned in the starlight. 'I think about sex. All kindsa sex. 'That'll drive you crazy, for sure . . Usually . . . I think about how shit scared I am. About a hot meal. Steak. A hot bath and a shave. Anything but women. Too easy to go crazy that way.' Brent carefully turned around to watch the increasing glow. 'You know what? War ain't hell. Waiting is hell. Waiting is boring. Thinking only makes you scared. And being scared is the hell and the torture.. Most of us run away before the shooting starts. When the shit starts flying you're too excited and scared and crazy and happy to care. Least of all about the rights and wrongs of the whole

'It'll drive you crazy thinking about getting laid. Worse, it'll probably get you killed . . . Which goes to show you. I'm thinking about a woman. Haven't thought about her in years. It's not like me.

She pretty? Very. I've got an old photo somewhere. Show it to you one day.'

'How old is she?' 'She'll be . . . twenty nine. Shit. I've been away for ten years. I feel old 'Not half as old as you look.'

'Cunt. You're still the Junior NCO in this pig outfit.

'Are you pulling rank?' 'Yo.' Drake reached for the thunderflash as the trees exploded in the golden sunlight. The whole world seemed to brighten as the sun rose into the still gloom. Brent pulled the ring thing, counted to three and lobbed it high.

It landed with a thud in the glowing fire. One of the sleepers raised his head just in time to get a faceful of embers as the thunderflash detonated. The flash left afterimages in Brent's eyes as he pulled the ring from the second grenade and threw it at the tent. The thunderflash spread ashes and embers over a wide area, burning and blinding the waking men. Light ashes hung in a pall of dolorous grey over the camp as the grenades exploded in smoke and fire, the platoon opening fire with their silenced weapons. Blood sprayed as men were shot and torn by the explosions. One reached his gun but was cut down as he fumbled with the magazine. Another ran. Drake saw but

before he could fire his Uzi clicked empty. Cursing he ejected the magazine and tossed it end for end. As he cocked the gun again, not taking his eyes off the fleeing figure, he saw the fugitive's head explode in a red halo. The body flicked, stumbled and fell. Cooper was showing off again. Dodds would aim for the body to make a better target. Brent sprayed the camp with fire to vent his frustration. He saw but missed another runner. This one vanished into the brush. The sionics created a ghostly hell in the dying echoes of the grenades. Shots were barely audible. An almost silent vengeance cut down terrorist after terrorist in a merciless hail. One made it to his gun and the impression was shattered by the loud characteristic backfire sound of the Russian weapon. Here there be battle indeed. But this one was confused and dazed. He fired to the west, away from the ambushers. Then he was cut in two by a concentrated burst from at least five Uzis. His gun stuttered wildly as he jerked the trigger in death. Into the trees and the sky and then the earth

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Brent put the fourth pair of magazines into the Uzi and cautiously approached: the edge of the clearing. The camp was a slaughterhouse. Nearly forty figures lay in death about the clearing. Still and silent. One figure twitched. Brent put a bullet in it. It twitched again, in convulsion. Behind it another leaped to its feet, one hand clutching at a tiny Skorpion submachine gun. Drake dived to one side, flicking the lever to AUTO and rolling, firing. The fire of the Skorpion went high then wild as the Terrorist died. Brent picked himself up and walked over to the dead man. He sprayed the body, emptying the magazine. From the shredded tent he heard a weak groan.

'Hilfe. Hilfe. Bitte. He flicked open the side. A white man with a red star on his jacket lay under the tent, both legs blown off. He spoke in German. Brent didn't understand him. In a case were some papers and a quantity of South African money. In a sack were human scalps. Brent snarled and pulled out the Walther.

Bastard. Nein! Ach, Mutti!'

The Walther made a deafening bang and it kicked brutally. The German died instantly, the 9mm entering his right eye. Brent moved away and signalled the patrol out of cover.

Anyone get that second runner?' 'Yo.' Thorpe was loud in the earphone. 'He ran right into me. 'Well take a count. Collect any papers and we'll fuck off. 'Alls balls.' Shep waved, thumbs up. No

casualties. A complete success. Fuck it all.

Intermezzo 'The first time I was a drill instructor I was too inexperienced for the job - the things I taught those lads must have got some of them killed. War is too serious a matter to be taught by the inexperienced.

Sergeant Brent Drake felt like swearing. He wanted to say FUCK! a couple of dozen times. Instead he strode outside behind the Brass Arse from HQ in Jo'burg to inspect the platoon, drawn up outside the barracks.

Sarnt Drake!''Sah!' Drake sprang to a cention in the best British style, thinking; My contract ran out twenty minutes ago. These Troops are a disgrace. Shoddy

I'm submitting a formal report. Fuck you, sah.' Drake resisted the temptation to grin. Hadn't anyone told this old fuckwit this unit wasn't in-his

'I beg your pardon, Sergeant?' The Colonel turned in disbelief. 'Did I hear you correctly?' That you did, you stupid bastard. I

said Fuck You.

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EDUCATION FIGHTBACK

Yes this is another plea to get involved in the Education Fightback campaign. This next week is the big one. Everything is being organised for the 26 of 27 July and you have to do very little to contribute actively to the success of these days. Elsewhere in this edition are articles telling you exactly hat to do but meanwhile.....

A lot of people have been asking the question 'What good does all this protesting do?' Well I have no doubts that without this action we would have en screwed a lot harder by the government in the last budget. Keeping up that pressure on the government is necessary to survive. Students need to ork particularly hard in this field because we don't have the economic power that Big Biznis has and we have to keep up permanent pressure on those power, otherwise we really cop it. In these economically unstable times just keeping our heads above water is a major success.

Even better if we can present the public with our case and gain the support of the public to our cause. Then the battle is almost won. Those in ower are surprisingly aware of public opinion even though at times they may seem blissfully ignorant that life exists beyond Bellamys, but if they see more public support for a campaign they will sit up and take notice. After all you are being fooled if you think the Prime Minister is governing the because he loves it, he only wants to be re-elected along with his party next election. Unfortunately before we can educate the public on the levant issues the students (you) whom they affect the most should know them themselves. I consider it to be every student's duty to know these issues at many couldn't care less. Craccum is very good at communicating with the majority of students, but getting enough information and enthusiasm across difficult, especially in a form not too incomprehensible or incoherent. Leafletting, posters and forums also help but really this isn't enough. To remedy is situation I would like to see firstly the Students' Association holding organised training for public speaking and secondly the student body organised better more definable groups, such as smaller faculty and department representatives. But that is in the future.

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In the severy student's car or every student's daddy's car had a fightback sticker, and everybody wore their fightback buttons. So do it!

However nothing is as effective as direct action. Through this we can show the public we are human and a member of society, not just another bloody under. The personal contact is invaluable. (That's why it's really unproductive to yell 'jump' to people on high buildings, we should be asking them to in us). And we can be seen as being rational (like the next door neighbour) then all the barriers are broken down and people will be more willing to sten to what we say. Then through making our action 'newsworthy' the media will present our case to the public.

A protest may also increase the support to the cause by increasing the dedication of your own ranks. So far we have had two 'sit-downs', the first king 'spontaneous' therefore badly organised and lax so that nobody knew what to do. The media coverage to the public response was terrible but it to the second which being well organised led to media and public interest. Just think with even better organisation it could have been even better, out finterest how many of those who sat down knew the real purpose of getting arrested?

Unfortunately the momentum created by these demos was not maintained and the organisers just can't be blamed. Most of us have been suffering from strange complaint known as Burnout Syndrome. It works something like this: You get involved, people see you're willing to work and pile more on our back, as a result you feel greater responsibility and so on and so forth. Eventually you have a total collapse and avoid any great commitment to be campaign. Fortunately only a few of our ranks have suffered the full effects of this syndrome. With mass support we could have organised all sorts finvaluable actions, all keeping up the heat including more sit-downs, dances and crazy ideas and in general making people sit up, look, listen and laugh. So get involved and have a good time, at the very least stick your bumper stickers, wear your button and tell people about fightback and what it is all bout then dress up on July 26 and enjoy yourself. After that don't stop, carry on fighting. The protest is never finished, without your support and that's what it's all about!

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IS MEANS TESTING GOOD FOR STUDENTS?

In bursary schemes in overseas countries such as Australia and Britain it has been the aspect of meanstesting which has attracted the most controversy and criticism from students both individually and through their student

Tertiary students up until now have been relatively fortunate. Means testing does not pervade the Standard Tertiary Bursary (STB) even though aspects of it do exist. The abatement, for example, is a very crude form of means testing in that students whose university is in the same centre as their parents have their bursary abated by \$11 per week. Another example is hardship. Although the existing criteria are confidential nevertheless some form of means testing is involved when applications for the Hardship and Special Hardship Allowances are consider-

The Tertiary Study Grant scheme announced in the Budget and planned for 1980 marks a significant change. In differing forms means testing is a common and prevalent feature of the scheme.

WHAT IS MEANS TESTING?

Obviously means testing is an assessment or evaluation of a persons financial means of support. In very simple terms there are two types of such means of support.

1. Money - wages, salaries

2. Assets

Means testing can be done in two different ways :-Testing the parents (or spouse)

Testing the individual

It needs to be stressed that this is the bare bones of means testing. In reality it can be a very sophisticated process. Furthermore it does not necessarily encompass all the above four factors. It can involve just one or two of them. For example, testing the income (not assets) of an individual is a form of means testing.

In practice means testing is generally carried out in one of two possible ways:-1. Parental testing. This is based on the parent's income and/or assets. It is the most dominant and common type and the one which has caused the most controversy. It can also be broadened to include the income and/or assets of a spouse. 2. Income testing. This refers to the students (individuals) own income. It occurs when the governing authorities agree that the student is 'financially independent' of his/her parents.

THE ARGUMENT FOR MEANS TESTING financially dependent on their parents.

The case for means testing is based around two main claims - equity and cost

1. The equity argument is that all students can receive the same amount or basic level but not all necessarily need it. Thus bursary assistance should be equalised according to need. Integral to this is a principle of selectivity. Students should be selected according to need to assess how much bursary assistance they should be awarded.

This is the basis of the Tertiary Study Grant Scheme. The basic level has been lowered from \$30 to \$23. To qualify for up to the extra \$17 students will be selected according to supposed need.

2. The cost saving argument follows on from the equity one in that aid is given where it is allegedly most needed. The implication, not always admitted by its advocates, is that too much money is being awarded. Thus although means testing can be an equaliser it is a downward rather than an upward equaliser.

HOW DOES MEANS TESTING CUT BURSARY AID

Means testing is a very effective method of cutting education spending This should be seen in three different

1. It is conducted in a very secretive way and in its actual implementation represents direct cutting.

2. Many students find means testing a deterrent to applying for hardship because it is an invasion of privacy and can be an embarrassing and humiliating experience. Relatively few students actually apply for the existing hardship provisions even though in 1978 about 55% of bursary holders had part-time employment and 32% were on loans. Thus by acting as a deterrent means testing can also indirectly cut education

3. Means testing needs to be put in the context of cutting education expenditure. It has appeared in an environment of cutting - for example, the \$3 million cut to university expenditure and the reduction of the basic bursary level from \$30 to \$23 - and should only be seen as a downward equaliser or a device for effecting cuts.

THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST MEANS TESTING

There are two overall objections to means testing in principle. The first is that it is an invasion of privacy - whether it be the privacy of the parent or the individual. The second is that it undermines the obligation of the State to provide adequate financial assistance to ensure the provision of a free tertiary education system.

Thirdly although it claims to work towards equity it is actually a cause of inequities. With means testing there is considerable scope for anomalies such as parental unwillingness to financially assist, support from relatives and friends, and difficulties in assessing future income. Furthermore a system which is based on inequities benefits those who are able, skilled and experienced in beating the rules but discriminates against those who

Finally means testing involves a considerable amount of administration which in turn is expensive when salaries are considered. Processing and assessing applications is a very extensive and exhaustive process if it is to be done properly. Thus it involves taking from Peter and giving to Paul.

It is parental testing, however, that has caused most of the criticisms. As a result of these there has been a definite move away from parental means testing overseas in countries like Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands. Amongst the specific criticisms are the following:-

1. It assumes that students should be inis assumption is very debatable to say the least

2. It is ill equipped to cater for parents with differing attitudes towards financially supporting their off-spring through post-compulsory. Many parents object to having to subsidise state education which they prop up through taxes anyway. The student who has reluctant parents is discriminated against. 3. Often associated with parental means testing is an age of independence - that is, upon reaching a certain age it will no longer be applied. Under the proposed scheme for 1980 the effective age is 20. But this can also represent an anomaly if it differs with the age of majority. In New Zealand in 1980 students will be expected to be financially dependent on their parents until they turn 20 but are able to vote for the political party of their choice when they are 18.

Income and testing is definitely more preferable (or rather less offensive) than parental testing. At least the objections to the latter do not apply to the former.

However, income testing has two major weaknesses. Both relate to the assessment The first occurs when the assessment is

based on the student's income in the previous year(s). This is an unsatisfactory method because income can fluctuate from year to year and also through inflation a student may have, in real terms, a lower income compared with the previous year.

The second occurs when the assessment is based on the student's assumed income in the coming year. However, there is often a significant difference between assumed and actual income. Within an academic year circumstances can change and predictions can be astray to the detriment of students.

THE OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE Australia

In Australia means tested bursaries are provided through the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme (TEAS). It is the means testing which has attracted the most controversy. Some of the main criticisms are outlined below:

1. The Australian Union of Students is completely against means testing. It argues that 'means tests do not preven subsidies to the sons and daughters of the rich - they simply work to exclude large numbers of students from the allowance they need', that the means test 'attempts to forcibly bind the student to the family - and to force the family, instead of the Government, to maintain the student while he or she is at college' and that means tests 'place in the hands of the Government an instrument which can and will be used against students' (by tightening up eligibility rules etc).

2. In 1975 TEAS was investigated by the Williams Committee. It pointed out that the present means test (in 1975) has remained.virtually unaltered in form for many years. 'Since it was first applied to Commonwealth Scholarship schemes there have been major changes in the income levels of students' families. Also in the past the students in receipt of scholarship assistance were a relatively homogeneous group who with rare exception had proceeded directly from secondary school to tertiary studies. The

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MEANS TESTING IN 1980

In the new Tertiary Study Grant means testing will be applied in three different ways - in three different situations. Essentially these three ways are parental, income restrictions, and budget testing.

There are two notable absences which make the means testing less obnoxious than what it could have been. The first is that assets are not tested. The danger of testing assets is that assets generally represent money which is tied up (in, for example, property) and is not available to be spent. The second is that while it exists parental means testing does not prevail throughout the whole scheme. Parental Testing

Single students under the age of 20 when applying for the Supplementary Hardship Grant of up to \$17 per week (on top of the \$23 basic level) are required to make a joint application with their parents or guardians. The criteria has yet to be made available but the major or principle objections to parental testing are relevant to this part of the new scheme.

Income Testing

The officials of the Department of Education who are responsible for drafting this part of the Tertiary Study Grant claim that income testing does not exist. Instead they refer to income restrictions. However, all that is different between the two is the terminology; the basis remains the same.

The income restrictions apply to the basic level of \$23. Students are not eligible for the full \$23 if they are in receipt of a personal income of over \$2000 per annum (not including holiday earnings). The basic level will be reduced by \$2 weekly for every \$100 or part thereof over \$2000.

In the case of the Fees Study Grant students with a 'personal gross annual income' from any source (not inclusive of holiday earnings) in excess of \$3000 are not eligible for it.

Budget Testing Again officials in the Department of Education claim that this is not means testing. But to the contrary it is a very sophisticated version of it. In some respects budget testing is more accurate and less inequitable than income testing let alone parental testing. It has yet to be applied in New Zealand but essentially it involves an assessment of patterns of both income and expenditure - of both incomings and outgoings. Those students over 20 when applying for the Supplementary Hardship Grant will have to provide a budget for their anticipated income and expenditure for the coming year. Whether a special form will be supplied or students will have to do it on their own is uncertain. How changes occur during the year which are not anticipated in the budget (such as unexpected extra costs, like rent increases and high dental bills, and loss of income, for example loss of a part-time job) will be catered for remains a disturbing issue.

It is not easy to find an overseas example so that budget testing can be seen in practice. A variant of budget testing occurs in the Canadian province of British Columbia where, as a part of income testing, there is an automatic assumption that students will save a set amount from vacation earnings. However, the experience of students is that this assumption does not pay enough heed to rising costs, tuition fees and unemploy-

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT!

A LIST OF STUDENTS' OBJECTIONS TO THE S.T.G. & THE CUTBACK IN UNIVERSITY FUNDING

- compiled by Chris Parr.

- (NB. not to be regarded as the official opinion of any organisation or group, unless formally adopted by same, nor as exhaustive or infallible!)
- 1. There has been no consultation with student or other educational groups concerning the S.T.G., the fees rise for us & for overseas students, or the university finance cuts.
- 2. Students already have to live on FAR lower incomes than almost any other members of the community (including the unemployed).
- 3. The S.T.G., while purporting to be a rise (this has been much exploited by politicians), is in fact effectively a decrease the \$4 being lost in fees rise and inflation, and the hardship allowance being graduated and restricted to those who 'demonstrate need' according to unrevealed criteria.
- 4. Over the last 6-10 years the Bursary has been getting progressively lower in spending value, despite the token rises and restructurings, and this now knocks us back even further.
- 5. The means test is quite unacceptable, because of the invalidity of its preconceptions (eg parental willingness to support their progeny, progeny's proximity to parentals, et cet.)
- 6. The unrealistic assumption that students can readily get holiday jobs (viz esp. much greater difficulty now than 5 or 10 years ago in freezing works, wharves, glass & other factories, companies like Watties, et cet.)
- 7. The unfounded assumption that all, or even most, overseas students come from well-to-do families (almost no Pacific Islanders, and few Malaysians do, by New Zealand standards). So much for 'aid'!
- 8. The restriction of entitlement, to 2 degrees or 5 years, which ever is the shorter.
- 9. Now, even more than before, the bursary bears no reasonable relation to university hostel costs.
- 10.No attempt is being made (through scholarships, trust funds, or encouragement to industry to provide scholarships and finance) to provide alternative forms of
- financial support for students, or the university.

 11.The cutbacks are likely to seriously affect research programmes, library acquisitions, maintenance and staffing in ways that will not be recuperable / able to
- be remedied.

 12.The claims, by government, public, and quisling students with right-wing upper-middle-class, two-car, materialistic, stuff-you-Jake-I'm-Ok tendencies and backgrounds (ah, excuse that I'm getting tired, y'see) that most students don't work hard enough, and that 'there's too much fat in the universities', are QUITE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND LUDICROUS GENERALISATIONS.
 - Stick that up your left nostril, Wellington.

(midnite, lastnite, CPP) 16/7/79

Sensitive to the low esteem that means testing is held in Department officials argue that it does not apply to budget testing. However, as in the case of income restrictions, the latter is a variant of the former even given that budget testing differs more than income restrictions from the main norms of means testing. An integral feature of budget testing is an assessment of the means of financial support (i.e. income). Furthermore the level of expenditure is influenced by income.

THE BALANCE SHEET

The means testing, in its varying forms, which are prevalent throughout the proposed Tertiary Study Grant scheme represent (along with the entitlement restrictions, the reduction of the basic level, and the fees increase) one of the major faults of the new scheme.

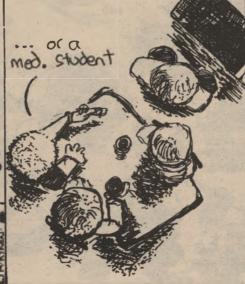
The implications for the future are that rather than eradicating existing

inequities it will further increase and magnify them. Furthermore it will be a very effective method of preventing students from receiving a reasonable grant or busary.

Finally means testing can be expected to harm relations between students and university administrative staff. The latter are expected to play an important role in implementing the means testing. This is a role the staff do not want - in fact they intensely dislike it - because it forces them to pry, or at least appear to pry into the private affairs of students. And when students do not get the amount they hoped for they will tend to blame the staff when in fact it is not likely to be their fault. In other words the Minister of Education through his Department is getting university staff not only to do his dirty work for him but also to bare the responsibility for it.

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students over the Tertiary Study Grant scheme announced in the recent Muldoon Budget. Many students have been fearful that the new system will put them under severe financial pressure. Others have claimed that the new grant with its hardship provisions is sufficient for almost all students who are prepared to support themselves by working over the summer vacation. This article is an attempt to outline the effect of the TSG on the financial situation of tertiary students and to investigate the Governments motives for the introduction of this particular scheme. The statistics used are obtained from the First Draft of the Report on Student Income and Expenditure (from a survey sponsored by the Education Department and distributed in 1978) and the Tertiary Study Grants Information for Applicants.

There is a great difference between the weekly living expenses of students living in their parents' homes and those of students living in other types of accommodation. Of students living in their parents' homes, 84.1% have weekly living expenses of \$10 or less. This group of students make up 30.3% of students who received the Standard Tertiary Bursary in 1978. Since the qualifications for TSG will be similar to those for STB it can be assumed that the same percentage of TSG holders will be living at home and have a weekly expenditure of \$10 or less. For such students the TSG base rate allowance of \$851 a year (\$23 a week) exceeds their annual living expenses by at least \$330 and in many cases much more. This can hardly be heartening to those who believe that government allow ances to students should supplement holiday earnings. For this 30.3% of bursars there is little incentive to find work during the summer vacation. This is borne out by the fact that in the 1977-78 summer vacation 30.8% of STB holders earned less than \$400.

Compare this with students living in flats. This group amounts to 36.7% of all STB holders. Of these 41.7% have weekly expenses of \$26 or more; so 15.3% of STB holders live in flats and have weekly living expenses of more than \$26. For this 15.3% of bursars the new TSG base rate will fail to meet their annual living expenses by at least \$500. For many the deficit will be much more.

Here is a definite case for some form of means test. This group of 15.3% of those eligible for the TSG will individually be worse off by more than \$830 than will another group comprising 30.3% of those eligible for TSG as a result of their living expenses alone. I have chosen these two cases to illustrate the enormous differences in student expenditure. Any suggestion that the TSG should not be means-tested is therefore not backed by statistics of student expenditure. It is therefore not the concept of a means test but the obnoxious nature of the TSG means test that is so objectionable.

The principal problem with the income/expenditure test on the TSG devised by the Government is that the testing of individual students is wholly at the Government's discretion. Applicants for the supplementary allowance of up to \$17 a week are required to supply a budget of their proposed income and expenditure. There is no obligation for the Government to accept students' proposed expenditure budgets, even though these have not been deliberately falsified. This leaves the setting of acceptable student expenditure in Government hands. Here are several examples of how the Government may reject a student's expenditure budget:-

1) They may decide that a student who is flatting could be living in his/her parents' home, and should not therefore be eligible for the supplementary assistance.

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2) They may decide that a student who runs a motor vehicle is being unnecessarily extravagant in doing so, and reject this student's vehicle related expenses.

3) They may decide that a student who lives alone or with one other person could be living with a group of people at lesser expense.

4) They may decide that a student spends too much on entertainment, and reject this student's application on this basis.

The relevant section of the Information for Applicants states that a 'supplementary hardship allowance is available to students who are in receipt of a tertiary study grant and who would be unable to study full-time without additional financial assistance.' This makes it painfully obvious that the Government intends only those who are otherwise unable to continue their full-time study to receive the hardship allowance. Those who are capable of continuing their study by changing their life-style, however unwilling they may be to do so, cannot expect to receive this allowance. It appears that the Government also expects students to attempt to find part-time

'jobs or take out loans before they are considered 'unable to study without additional financial assistance.' There can be no other explanation for the fact that only 3.4% of students in 1978 received the hardship supplement to the STB while 55.1% of STB holders obtained part-time employment and 31.8% were forced to take out loans.

Students under the age of twenty are expected to make a joint application with their parents for a hardship supplement to the TSG. Government will consider these applications too on a 'case by case basis'. It is therefore wholly the decision of Government whether parents should pay for their children's education. This fails to take into account those parents who although the Government considers able to financially support their children's tertiary education are unwilling or consider themselves unable to do so. Many students who fall into this agegroup will also feel insulted by being forced to accept money from their parents while non-students in this agegroup are financially independent. Of all students eligible for TSG next year, about 55% will be aged under twenty. Furthermore, a vast majority of students

are aged under twenty when they first enroll for tertiary education, so in the future almost all prospective students will be faced with the decision of relying on their parents for financial help or delaying their tertiary education until they are aged over twenty.

Government refuses to release any information on the criteria necessary to obtain the hardship allowance. This is in itself ominous, for it indicates that they have something to hide. Prospective students are therefore placed in a difficult situation. The application for TSG is to be made at the start of the academic year. At this time many students have little idea of what their expenditure for the year may be. To add to their confusion, they will also have no knowledge of whether they will be eligible for a supplementary allowance and therefore little knowledge of their prospective income.

How can such a student be expected to budget his/her finances for the year? How can an income/expenditure budget such as the Government requires be produced with any accuracy? I can find no answer to these questions. The students forced to drop out through financial pressure next year will not have found an answer. Maybe Mr Wellington has an answer, but then he's not telling.

Government's obvious motives for mposing the TSG scheme is its bumbling book-balancing exercise made necessary partly by the oil crisis and partly by such ill-conceived election bribes as National Superannuation and the economic stimulation and tax concessions of last year. Overseas surveys have concluded that the best long-term return from any form of government investment comes from investment in education. The Muldoon Government has failed to recognise this, or perhaps chosen to overlook it. This latter possibility should not be disregarded. Muldoon and his Government have been seen to thrive on ignorance, bigotry and prejudice in society. For a government which has its basis of support in these traits, education represents a serious danger. It is in the interests of the National Party to keep the masses uneducated. The working class must be denied education for the National Government to survive. This explains the development of a system by which tertiary education becomes a right for those with financial means but a privilege for those without.

The nature of the income/expenditure testing of the TSG hardship allowances is nothing short of the Government controlling the life-style of tertiary students. This is a further attack on individual freedoms in the tradition of the Security Intelligence Service Act. Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act and Misuse of Drugs Act. It differs from these only in its subtlety.

Overall, the TSG is a particularly unpleasant development in the field of tertiary education. It provides even less adequate financial assistance for students than did its predecessor the STB. Although the reduction of the base-rate to \$23 reduces the number of students receiving an unnecessarily high allowance, this is far outweighed by the increased number of students who, having been denied any hardship allowance, will be forced to cut their expenditure to conform to the \$23 base-rate. The removal of abatement, long campaigned for by students, has been achieved by abating all grants with no guarantee that those students who can possibly live in them parents' homes while undertaking tertiary study may not be required to cut their living expenses by doing so. TSG? No thanks, I'll stick to THC.

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Eight months later he flew to LA and came back with a new photo in his passport. The surgery scars were almost invisible. A year later an assassin didn't live long enough to regret bungling the job of cutting his throat.

She embraced Brent warmly. He kissed her cheek. 'Let me have a look at you.' He stood her back a little with his hands. 'When I left you were one of the prettiest girls I knew.' He smiled. 'You're a very beautiful woman, now.' 'Thank you. You've changed too, but

not that much.' The bell chimed to signal the end of interval. 'Damn. Find you a seat?' He asked.

The theatre darkened. 'Are you married?' 'No. Not even close,' she said, softly. 'Now that is surprising. I expected to find a whole bunch of kids. A lot of men would leap at a wife like you.' 'Too many. I got burnt a few times.'

'Twice shy?' She nodded. 'Current guy?' 'Not since last week.' 'That's when he split your lip.' He observed sharply. 'After I left a hand shaped blush on his smug face.

'Well done. That's more like the Corinne I know. 'What have you done for ten years?' She asked.

'Odd jobs. Nothing earthshakingly important. I wasn't getting anywhere so I came home.' He was surprised to find how easy the lie sounded. He hated himself for telling it to her. Especially to her. 'You promised to write.

'I tried to. I really did. But I just couldn't find the words. Then I had a long stint in the boondocks and there wasn't a post office. After that it just slipped away and I forgot. I'm sorry. 'I waited for a letter. Even a card.' She felt his hand on the arm of the seat and she clasped it.

'I sent you a birthday present that year. No card. Did you get it?

'What was it? 'A painting.' 'No, I didn't get it. How much did it cost you? 'Not much. Just a print.' Bullshit. You

spent over \$600 on it. Brent lapsed into silence and they

watched the movie. They walked out of the theatre holding hands. Outside the day was bright and hot. He raised his hat and then plonked it on her head, grinning playfully. She pirouetted.

'Love the Get Up O Great White Hunter.' She smiled and took off the hat. He shook head, and she put it on agai 'Suits you good.' He mumbled, taking her arm and leading her out onto the street. They window shopped for a while, exchanging memories, laughing. He didn't say much but proved a good listener, which is more than most men ever are. 'Care for a drink;' He asked her as they passed a bar. 'OK.

'A zygote is a gamete's way of producing more gametes. This may be the purpose of the universe.' RAH.

Corinne stirred softly in her sleep, her arm resting across his chest with her head on his shoulder, her hair splayed over his arm and the pillow. A few curls raised his hand to gently brush them aside from her eyes, lifting his head to kiss her thick, soft hair and lightly breathe the light sweet scent that lingered from her perfume. He lay back to stare at the ceiling, his hand lightly touching her breast. After a time he drew the sheet onto the bed and covered them from the light chill which settled on their damp

'Ten years. Shit.' He whispered. 'Mmmmn?' She hummed. 'Sorry, I didn't mean to wake you.' 'Mmmmnot awake.' She mumbled and lifted her head. He kissed her. 'Mmmmnot now. You didn't let me get any sleep last

night. Look at it. It's dawn. 'You've been asleep for four hours.' 'Well that's different then.' She chuckled and drew his hand up to here breast.

'I thought you'd see it my way.' He rolled a little and bent to kiss her breasts. She laughed.

'Just why did you come home?' She asked, soaping his back in the shower. 'Honestly?' 'Honest.

'I was tired and homesick. And I wanted to find you again.' He turned and began to lather her, caressing her with the

'To find me?'

'Yo.' He cupped her breast with one hand and gently ran the sponge over the nipple. She closed her eyes. He repeated the movement with her other breast. She put her arms around him, drawing him closer. 'This is new.' Her hand traced the scar on his left hip.

The image of a bayonet in his mind he replied. 'A brawl. I got in the way." He kissed her lovingly and dropped the sponge. 'Dear God, you're beautiful.' 'Do you want some food?' she asked. 'Not just yet', he answered, lifting her off the floor and pushing her against the shower wall. She squealed.

'It's Cold!' She squirmed. 'Not for long.' He replied. Her protests died in a happy gurgle. 'Hup!' he tossed her the shirt to put on as

she towelled herself. 'Thank you.' She pulled her head out

from the towel but he had gone. When she walked into the kitchen he was already dishing out bacon and eggs into two plates. 'Meet the world's greatest Chef.' He flourished his spatula and pulled out a seat for her. He wore his trousers and her apron. She wore his shirt and nothing else. She winced as her nether region contacted the cold vinyl

chair. 'Have you got any plans?' She asked as he sat down. 'I mean for the future?' 'None. I'll just have to take it as it comes for a while. At least until I find a place to live. Hotels are too expensive. 'You can live here.' She said, softly

'Are you asking me to move in with you?' She raised both eyebrows and winked. 'OK, then.' He raised the glass of orange juice. 'Here's to us.'

Finale

'Does History record ANY case in which the majority was right: KAH

'Mail's here.' Corinne said in a taut voice from the door. 'All bills I suppose." He grumbled sleepily.

'Not all, no.' She snapped. He sat up in bed.

'What's wrong?'

'Why did you lie to me?' She broke into tears.

'Lie to you? What do you mean?' He was puzzled and not a little scared. She threw a paper magazine at him. It ruffled in mid air and landed in a heap. He sorted it out. It was the latest TIME 'That was in my mailbox at the High School. Every teacher there knows you

are my boyfriend. Every one had seen this.' She was crying.

Brent untangled the pages and opened out the cover. Then it hit him. 'Oh, shit.' He lay back suddenly. A photograph of himself. In uniform. In the bush. Standing over a dead Terrorist, checking him for papers. It had been taken only two years ago, just after the scar had healed. A legend in a sash; SOUTH AFRICA: THE MERCENARY

'I didn't want you to know.' 'So you lied to me?' She pulled the sheets away. He felt stupidly naked. 'Get out!' She screamed. 'I didn't want to tell you. It's not exactly pleasant and I don't think it's that

important.' 'Not important? It was enough for you

to lie about it.'

'I didn't want to hurt. Most people appear to disapprove of those activities around here.

'You didn't have to lie to me. I thought I could trust you.' 'Don't cry.

'I'll have a bloody good laugh about it then. My man the hired killer 'No!' He shouted. 'Don't ever say that! Never! I was a mercenary. And I was a damn good mercenary. I kept my contracts and did the service. I earned that money with blood, sweat and tears. And most if it was mine, blood included. I was damn proud of being a mercenary soldier. We all are were Most of us are just lost. Professional soldiers without a war or a country. Unemployed ex troopers like me. A few are killing for money. They tend to stick together and let the professionals do their own job. We never reneged a contract. We often gave better service than the native conscripts. We died for our contracts. It meant that much to us.'

He paused. Then he reached out for her hand. She drew away. 'I'm proud to have been a mercenary. Note the past tense. It's over and behind me. In the past. Not forgotten but not important anymore. Does it matter to

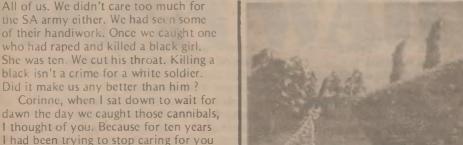
'Yes, it does. How can I ever believe you and trust you again. How do I know that you won't get a phone call and be gone the next day? What do I do?'

Brent walked over to the window where he watched the traffic passing in the street.

'Corinne, I can't go back. I don't want to go back and I couldn't go back. Ever ...

Remember when I told you that I came back to find you? That first morning? What I told you then, six months ago. That was no lie. But I came back for another reason. I had to get away from it. I had to find out if I was still Brent Drake. I'd changed. The war was getting more and more savage. And the more vicious it got the better I started to like it. I really began to enjoy the killing and the bloodshed and the torture. Both sides did it. I didn't care. All I could see was the killing and the hatred. It was very seductive. It blinded me all too easily.

Then, one day a few months back I discovered that I had to start caring again. But so many people died to show me that The killing was everywhere. It was brutal and evil. Killings, burnings, mutilation. They had taken to scalping their victims. Intelligence told us they got a bounty in drugs and cash for every white scalp and booze for black scalps. Amounts depended on age and sex of the victim. That was OK by me. We could always count on them getting greedy. More innocent victims died but they never got back across the borders. That day we found a village near the border burning. Most of the men had been shot and scalped. The old women and children were herded into a hut and burnt. The young women were raped, shot and scalped. Three were mutilated. We didn't notice at first because we didn't care to look. They had all been partially caten. That's when I started caring again. When we caught them we found they were led by a white man. A German. He had papers in Russian on him, We killed them all. That's when I knew I had to get out. I knew that if I did, I could never go back. I also knew that if I stayed I wouldn't have the willpower to leave. We hated the terrorists.



Dora J. Campbell Little Theatre July 9 - 20

Corinne, when I sat down to wait for dawn the day we caught those cannibals, I thought of you. Because for ten years I had been trying to stop caring for you and to forget you. That day I realised that I shouldn't have left. I should have turned us around and driven into the city and found a motel. I should have made love to you and married you. The hell

with all the rest. Be Damn conventional. I'm trying to tell you that I love you and I have for the last eleven years.' He bent forwards like a wilting stem and he

cried. She wanted to reach out to him and comfort him but she was unsure and reluctant to want to touch him. The silence drew on as he faced away from her, tears coursing over his cheeks. Finally he turned around to face her. The tears had stopped.

'Well, now you know. 'Now I know.' She agreed, putting out her hand. 'Friends?

'Friends.' He pulled her to him and hugged her. She kissed his shoulder. 'There are no more lies.' He said, nuzzling her hair.

'No. No more lies. I love you too. Here and now.

He began to fumble with her dress. She pulled away and shed it easily, stepping out of it. Then she was nude, her underclothes gone in moments. He smiled.

Gently he ran his hand over the soft smooth curve of her stomach. His brows knit suddenly. 'Do my eyes deceive me or have you put on weight this last few

'I'm a little heavier. But that's kind of natural.' She pushed his head down a little further to kiss her stomach. 'Brent, are we going to get married? 'Say when. Thursday be OK?' 'Brent, I'm going to have a baby. 'I know. I guessed.' Brent smiled up at her. 'Sometimes you just can't keep a

secret. Not like morning sickness. Brent caressed her stomach again, and kissed her. 'When you see so much killing for no reason then life is suddenly very precious and very fragile. Our own child. It's like a miracle for us alone. No one else can share in it.' He smiled and sat up. 'The past is buried but we can't ever forget it.' He whispered, more to himself than to her. And he silently agreed to it.

Craccum would like to thank Professor Michael Joseph in the English Dept. for judging the competition.

The other runners-up will be published later in the year.

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The University Little Theatre. A bastion of student kulcha. And what should I see there but a vanity show of someone's mother's nightclass dribblings, sunday paintings in the worst possible sense. A waste of time and space, says Dan Darc, intergallactic ace. The bile rises, the THING oozes out of the pit.

To start from the door; on your right a sub Josef Albers 'optical composition' at least she's got the price tag right, this hard edged abstraction being twice as expensive as anything else. The other 'Abstract' was a tachiste 'exercise', as bad as all such things are.

After passing the excreble orchid we come to old churches, summer gardens, all the hackneyed amateur society of arts (junior division) schtick. And then... Dora J. Campbell, your big moment has arrived and left without you.....the port-

I recognised the subject of one of the portraits. Thinks I, 'that's not really her is it?' A total lack of sympathy for subject is evident, only marginally less than her lack of sympathy for paint; which is after all what painting is all about. Maybe she should try painting

Portraiture isn't easy, I'll accept that. But these shoddy excuses for used handkerchieves certainly don't come near it. Inept drawlings and paintlings, the whole exercise depresses me. No good people, more than that, I am shocked. I am horrified. That space like the Little Theatre is wasted on twaddle like this is a crushing indictment of the system it operates under and student apathy to not complain or use the space themselves. The mudpools gloop happily in the hot Venusian swamps.

J. Jonah Jameson

Auckland City Art Gallery Videotapes from Sydney till end of July 1979.

Consisting of seven videtape programmes each lasting between fifteen and thirty minutes it includes such producers as Max Steiner and Susan

Steiner's Fascism and Technology, cleverly explores the subtle and sinister effects of high technology upon society the gradual shift from power of unions to a powerful technocratic minority. Tom Zubrycki's black and white production -Addison Road Drop In, probes the reaction of unemployed kids on the dole, treating them as social outcasts in a middle class community. It is adequately cynical. Sugar n'snails is another penetration of society, playing with the idea of sex roles and social situations.

There is an interesting presentation of a talk by Buckminster Fuller, which was recorded during his 1970 Sydney visit. This tape was awarded the Australian Film Awards for videotape effects, and upon seeing it you'll see why.

Susan Sontag brilliantly interviews film makers and discusses the difference between the photographer as an individual eye and the photographer as the recorder.

All video's are thought provoking and quick, with not interwoven or creeping boredom.

John Broad

Freedom Poetry Maidment Tuesday July 17

A fiery conflagration in the before the reading with accusations of extended ego-trips and a lack of communication between those involved left the Defence Fund for the NZI arrests, \$100 richer, courtesy of Herman Gladwin. Given to compensate for his absence from the stage, nevertheless his poetry and acctic wit would have been preferable. The gathering was small, the red seats of the Maid yawned expectantly, but with a liberal sprinkling of student

And the poetry? Bill Millett by-passed his own work in favour of some rather long poems by his favourite negro poet Ham Melanite. The latter had distanced his personal feeling enough to ensure that his poems weren't just emotional outpourings, tales of prejudice and persecution. But with their heavy metaphors and convoluted prose-like lines, their very length tended to dull the comprehension of the audience. Millett with his American twang and theatrical style, gesticulating extravagantly in appropriate places admitted later that he was a raver and liked to read raving. Perhaps he was right in suggesting that New Zealanders seem to dislike overt displays of emotion. But his hectoring style reminiscent of an evangelical preacher was at times a little overpowering. Millett's own poem on Hiroshima came nearer to rattling the soul, his mentor's work was more of an assault on the senses.

The informal (or disorganised) tone of the whole evening was typified by Tim Shadbolt's entrance — a long uumm, a shuffling of papers and a seemingly purposeful gumboot march across the stage. His 'Nambassa' poems on spiritualism, outrageously chauvinistic perhaps, but amusing to most. Inevitably his poetry seems to make a mockery of pseudo-intellectual burblings about form and style. His poem about men and . motorways with its rhyming couplets and down-to-earth images was perhaps an exercise in preaching to the converted but was pungent and timely in its criticism of bureaucratic block-headedness.

A short break and the purpose of the stack of tea-cases with their spraypainted map of New Zealand, became clear. The Haka party incident was resurrected in a play written by Shadbolt and one of the members of He Taua. Unrehearsed and deceptively simple in its outline of the pakeha land grab and the resulting change in the status of the Maori it should find a responsive audience on its marae tour. With more practice and a more clear-cut ending some school classrooms would benefit from its performance, given the present one-sided interpretation of New Zealand history.

Eugenie Sage

Appaloosa Maidment Wednesday July 18th

Appaloosa brought no glamour or stage presence with them, and as they tuned their instruments and arranged their leads around them I had the distinct impression they were all talented clever musicians. Professional was the word that sprung to mind. I knew from the pre-concert publicity that Appaloosa were Harvey Mann, Glen Absolum, Malcolm Smith and John Solomon. I recognised Harvey Mann, of course, and I recognised the bass player from as far back as the Albert Park concerts I imagined, but the new looking keyboards player and the lantern jawed drummer were new faces to me.

Harvey Mann drew his hand down the frets and Appaloosa thundered into a piece called Revolution. Sitting up the front I was impressed with the way my trouser legs were vibrating in the aisle, but there was something in Harvey

Mann's staccatto rhythm playing that bore bad feeling to me. I was raised on legends about Harvey Mann, one of m personal friends was tutored by the mai and I had seen him perform in an il nightclub in Milford a number of times. There had been definite spirit and originality in his music then, and now glancing up at him from where I sat, I felt he was going through a sort of ritua a musicians ritual, when you have played to half filled halls numerous times before Appaloosa's music had a drunken pub sound to it; Mann's guitar sounded coolly uncommitted. It sounded like a raunched up disco guitar. When he trips his foot pedal for the inevitable lead break I knew he had lost something in losing his pseudo-religious air. He had admitted defeat. He was conforming and competing on somebody else's level.

I wrote down 'Blink and you'd miss it' on my foolscap, referring to the way his fingers moved across the strings. As the band began playing Superman I was once again struck by the offhand manner that was being conveyed. Maybe we the audience looked offhand. I do not know As it was Superman featured a very now piece of music featuring the organ and a Supertramp support act from the bass and drums. But it was clever and good and original and musical. It was pleasant to listen to. But it was short, and as Superman wound down to the sound of Mann's guitar having an electronic herni I got the feeling he had reached some sort of decision within himself. As it turned out, it was to make more noise The next song was an instrumental that almost fell apart in the opening bars and was saved halfway through by Mr Mann turning the piece into an Arabian nights carictature. No doubt it was rehearsed. but it sounded and looked spontaneous

The hall waited with almost baited breath as Mann introduced the next son 'Spark is gone' as a disco number. The tension was tangible. The band made a strong attempt to convince us that this was not their final artistic decline, but Mann's staccato rhythm playing and technical lead break said it all. The applause was the sound of people watching the last thread of musical hop being stretched to breaking point. This was Harvey Mann they were watching, one of the top rated guitarists in the country. A recluse and a New Zealand musical legend, playing bad pub music through a distorted sound system.

And so on to the next piece, entitled I'm a Prisoner, a song they apparently to do, with both Mann and the bass player sharing the vocals. For a momen there they were a band, there was a definite feeling of contribution and togetherness in the air, the audience w whistling and cat calling, the oriental gentleman in front of me was showing what I presumed was high enthusiasm moving his head vaguely in with the beat. For myself, I was still puzzled, having not got over Harvey Mann introducing the song as Punk Funk, then playing a sophisticated up tempo dance melody. For me it was the final staw in his faltering credibility and my cue to switch off, only to reappear again as an interested part with the stunning piece of guitar work he offered during Little World Blues, hardly a blues track at all mind you, but more like a watered down Todd Rundgren weepie.

So that was Appaloosa as I saw it, an up-tempo dance band playing soul disco funk with a rock and roll guitarist to pu a violent edge on the whole thing. Nobody is doubting Harvey Mann's ability as a guitarist, but as the obvious leader of the band, I question his value as an artist and as a communicating artist at that. I am sure he is deeply involved in music, but if he is, none of that came through to me when Appalo took the stage at the Maidment on Wednesday.

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Susan Poff Silks and Graphics John Leech Gallery July 16-27

The rush-hour traffic shuffled past outside, exhaust fumes drifted in occasionally through the open glass doors. But inside serenity prevailed. No angry tensions were evident in any of the pieces on display. Painstaking care and attention to detail and colour tonings were there instead. The exhibition included some sixty pieces, lengths of silk fashioned into togas, caftans, cushions, scarves or just hanging from the ceiling. No marked originality in the recurrence of the jungle theme in many of her works, but all were beautifully executed. A screen inspired by Blake's 'Tyger Tyger' poem had golden tigers and lush tropical flowers and vegetation sort of Kipling's Jungle Book in muted technicolour. There was a hint of the batik crackle technique in some of the pieces, the eskimo-doll fingerpuppets for example, but most of the works centred on using blocks of colour, blending these or dyeing the cloth several times. She uses quilting in her cushions and waist-coats to add the interest of an extra dimension.

The gentle pastels of many of the silk pieces were retained in the sketches. Sweeps of colour in wash or aqua tint were applied over the heavier black outlines of her figures. Preferring not to clutter her pictures with graphic details of the surroundings she captures mood - and a sense of contemplation and heavylimbed drowsiness seems evident in several of her subjects. Humour intrudes too, in 'Bloody Winter', a wry study of a comfortably stolid female, arms folded, trying to keep warm.

Eugenie Sage



ce more the throngs are gathering the Little Theatre. From the people who brought you deize,' Mervyn Thompson and the na of Drama students, comes atra'. The 'first and greatest ywoman'. The 'serpent of old Nile'. pithets abound and the production mpting to provide an insight into uny-faceted moods and the sion of masks she presented to earound her. Using a series of scenes 'Antony and Cleopatra', the play is tured as a lunchtime production, only sixty-five minutes long. Theretincludes only the scenes in which natra features with a few lines of

inter linking dialogue. No great loss, because according to those involved the Bard's greater creativity in the Cleopatra scenes seem to indicate a greater involvement with his subject than with Antony and his cohorts in the scenes in Rome and on Pompey's barge. To capture the variety and infiniteness of her character, five students will portray different aspects of Cleopatra's personality and stages in her development. Ten performances are scheduled at 1 pm on July 25, 26, 27, 30 and 31 August 1, 2 and 3 and for those who prefer to titillate their brain-cells at a later hour there are two performances at 5 pm on Saturday July 28 and Wednesday August 1. All on in the Little Theatre.

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Learning Hui all day Tuesday, Functions Room, Top Floor Cafeteria Block

The NZUSA speaking tour on Racism was decided upon at the May Council of NZUSA held at Canterbury University. The events of May 1 at Auckland University could not be swept under the mat.

Universities have in the past been the forums for discussion on contentious issues and the time has now come for a cessation to uttering patronising tokenistic statements and to correct the overt and covert racial bigotry which exists in this country.

The speaker for the tour is Titewhai Harawira. Mrs Harawira is a most able speaker and is experienced in combating racial discrimination in this country through her involvement in groups which investigate racism from a totally different perspective than that offered by the institutionalised bodies which gain so much media coverage.

Past Failed Artists Elam Commonroom July 17-19

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First year students at Elam have been receiving some shocking treatment at the hands of the Art School and the Universty authorities, and it's getting worse. Last year 40% of the first year of 40 were failed. With the uproar at the beginning of the year, minor concessions (totally meaningless) were made by the authorities, but the scars on those who had been stomped on won't go away that easily. In a small and intimate place like Elam the sort of injustices which happened become very imprtant.

Five of those failed have just shown work in the Elam Commonroom, a mistake as a more public showing in the main foyer may have been more appropriate. Aesthetically the work was not all of a high standard. However it was all more adventurous and of a higher standard than usual second year Elam work.

Michael Gallagher's work is the most pertinent (Michael won last year's Campus Arts North Photo Competition and was failed from Elam two years in a row) being a series of photos finished earlier this year entitled 'The Art of Helen Keller'. The words accompanying the images build

up a tension until the final message: 'So maybe I was blind, but at least I knew what I wanted to say to you. I wanted think I see an to say, what makes you more or less than you'. But knowing the way he was misunderstood while at Elam I doubt if any of the people that it is aimed at will get it; I asked one of the lecturers for his response to the protest aspect of this work and he answered, 'I didn't see it that way'

So the system will roll on leaving in its wake a present first year scared to experiment, competing among themselves and scared of the high failure rate which must come about again at the end of this year, leaving more of them to be cast out into the cold without bursaries a second chance or any real understanding of what happened. The Art School will continue to suffer from any real lack of purpose, philosophy or validity as an educational system. The nearest thing to a philosophy they have at the moment is an adherence to ridiculous author-

itarian principles. And that's not Art,

Baby. Adam Gifford

Music



Neil Young Rust Never Sleeps Reprise thru Festival

Is this Neil Young's punk album? Finally after all these years of travelling down that long American highway has Young found his final musical resting place? I doubt it somehow. Young has been through so many musical changes in the last decade that would make even Fleetwood Mac blush. Remember the outcry when Dylan went electric? It's a bit like how the unitiated will receive this latest offering. For while the first side of Rust Never Sleeps conforms to the style set by albums such as 'Harvest' 'Zume' and 'Comes A Time', side two breaks new ground; punchy, raw rock and roll. The music has got that edge to it that really hasn't been heard since. fuck when?

Try the band Young unleashes as they screech behind him: 'Welfare mothers make better lovers'. Crazy Horse fulfil the promise they always showed, as Young brings out the were wolf in everyone. He's baying at the moon again, no, not just baying but threatening its very exitstence, as he threatens all those Laurel Canyon stars.....and throwing at them all their fears and nightmares — 'The king is gone but he's not forgotten This is the story of Johnny Rotten'
Neil Young has found out how to have

fun; don't follow the rules, don't play safe,

His lyrics are so strong compared to the wimp shit on 'Comes a Time'. (This album was released at the same time as 'Comes A Time' was released.....a year late, as is normal with Neil). He gets away with so much, seemingly cumbersome lines coming off effortlessly; I'hey had the best selection, they were poisoned with protection.... They were lost in rock formations or became park bench mutations..... So I got bored and left them, they were just deadweight to me.' I'm sure there's some of your old heroes wincing at that. But what sold me on this album was the gem: I'm gonna ride my llama from Peru to Texakana.'

Neil Young, my companion on so many whisky sodden nights, hasn't let me down. He is the only early seventies rock star worth giving a shit about. And he knows when to leave the highway and when to get back on to it. This is his first (or tenth?) punk album, and, as he quotes Janis: 'My my, hey hey, Rock and roll is here to stay | It's better to burn out | Than to fade away | My my, hey hey.' I'm in love with a man who with Frank Sinatra is the only artist who's left on Reprise. Thank god.

David Merritt

Joe Jackson Look Sharp A & M (thru festival)

What do you call a review like this?
A star is born? Spiv Rock Rules? A
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Jackson has just made one of the best
first albums I've heard, and I want to tell
you all about it.

Joe's songs are short crisp little numbers, white reggae with flashes of rock'n'roll. His predominant theme is LOVE: Lost, unrequited or just plain frustrated. He often sounds (at first) like Mr Costello, but without that warped and twisted little jerk's megalomania or belief that revenge is the ultimate in love. In fact, the only really bitter song is 'Fools in Love' with its feeling of finishing an affair and thinking 'what a load of shit that was'. For the rest, his problems range from the funny/sad and great 'Is She Really Going Out With Him' as he sees beautiful girls walking down the street with 'gorillas' nowhere near as sharp as him to 'Pretty Girls' who don't seem to fancy him a lot even with his cool threads. The tabloids get slammed in 'Sunday Papers' and that other hastion of popular culture, the supermarket, in '(Do The) Instant Mash'. But Joe survives all these attacks, and why not, after all he does 'Look Sharp'

The music is clean and poppy, bass and drums up front, light thin rhythm guitar working through the mix, an occasional splash of Joe's piano, and his clean fresh vocals dominating the set. The songs were recorded live in the studio, giving an exciting and stylish sound.

And Style is to 1979 what rage was to 1977, and Joe Jackson has a lot of it. He writes excellent songs and is A & M's best signing since the Sex Pistols. I've had more fun with this record than any other this year.

Adam Gifford



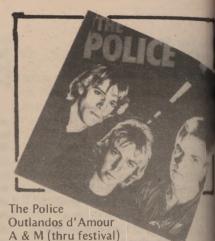
THE CARS: Candy-O Electra (Through WEA)

What, may you ask, is the difference between the Cars and the Akron spudfarmers functionalist collective, Devo? Very little. Both are turning out well produced late '70s product, both are extremely image conscious.

I'll start with the better one. The Cars are obviously, from sales alone, possessors of a superb pop consciousness.

Their advertising campaigns are always joys to see, mainly due to their use of classic cars in promo shots. This album, like the last, is produced by Roy Thomas Baker, who was responsible for Queens mid-seventies overblown studio pyrotechnics. He seems to have restrained himself for this opus, opting for a clean sound which highlights Ric Ocaseks catchy beats, mannered vocals and crafted lyrics, with their images of classy, sophisticated chrome and plastic cars and ladies.

So why don't I like the Cars? I think mainly due to a refusal to accept the whole American Chrome Culture Neon Lit symbolism they epitomise so well. If you liked the first album you'll like this one even better, as it's excellent, right down to the Vargas playgirl on the cover, which unfortunately is the level they work on.



Rumour has it that the Police are making it big in America. Not surprising really, their particular brand of lightweit teduim being of the sort guaranteed not to upset anyone in the US of A. Their latest single, 'Roxanne', is an agreeable enough pop song if you can stand the obnoxious lyrics, but the rest of the allegoes from the pathetic to the boring, are the makings of American success—new (wave) Wings perhaps?

The overwhelming impression one gat of the album is impotence. If songwriter Sting's lyrics are from personal experient the pathetic bastard certainly wallowed shit before finding fame and fortune. Songs about suicide due to lost girlfriend life-sized rubber dolls, accomodating protitutes are matched with his musical impotence, as he whines his way through a succession of trite, disposible riffs.

I saw the Police live about a year ago and promptly forgot about them. They were a novelty, a white reggae three-pie from Coventry who looked pretty and were third billed to the Clash. They must have hired a very good publicist to have come this far this fast ahead of much more deserving bands. If you're into tasteless flatulence, here it is.

Mark Boyd



DEVO: Duty Now For The Future Warners (through WEA)

The other bunch; the pseudo intellect ual nurds tho...Devo...o, I don't buy at Their whole machine-age schtick (and I may be misunderstanding them, as are vast majority of their public) leaves me cold on all levels, and musically this album has less to offer than the last. The nearest thing to a good song is 'Secret Agent Mar which doesn't sound like Devo at all. The factory anthems and such are written pale ronisingly from on high, these guys (deevolved, regressed or whatever) have near worked on a factory floor, they come from the advertising agency and don't you ever forget it! The real factory anthems are all Disco. In fact, these creeps come across like over 50 years out of date, like intellectuals from the first quarter of this century babbling on about liberation through automation and the beauty of the machin They'll start to get credibility in my book when they ask Frank Lloyd Wright to build houses for them. The real soundtrack of that revolution (not devolution) was Schoenburg, Xenakis and Varese et al

So there you have it, two sides of a modern amerika, and no, I'm not interest (who is?) and I wish people would stop trying to write these 'new-age' soundtracks and I must run, my TV dinner is burning.

Adam Gifford

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over my main point, in case you dit in this long letter, it is, isn't it better for to have too much rather than some being And there is no perfect system.

NOW HEAR THIS !!!

Dear Dave, Here we are, at 1.35 pm, two Social Controllers, sitting in the Maidment Theatre foyer listening to an excellent concert by Appaloosa. Make that disillusioned Social Controllers. Sure, we know that Student Apathy runs rampant here - but we thought that that was just political apathy. Now we know that they don't care about anything at all. We offered to run a series of concerts to earn money for those fined after being arrested in the Queen St Sit-in. Last week was the Toy Love concert - we didn't even make enough money to pay the band, let alone any fines! This week there are even less people. Look, the fines aren't that important - we just thought that you'd like some entertainment in

your lunchhour. The ironic result of all this is that students end up paying anyway - out of their fees - for

It's nice to see all the people who got fined

Sarah and Rachel

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Dear Dave.

Browsing through this week's lettuce, I came upon the infantile drivellings of a nurd named Ned. 'See you at my necktie party,' said said nurd. I will and you'll get a bloody good working over when I do - a motorcyclist I am, but a 'motorbike cretin' I'm not.

However, I confess that when I said my bit on 2 Wheeled Parking Zones, I was ignorant of the fact that although the signs in these areas read: 'Parking Two Wheeled Vehicles Only', they don't actually mean this! Apparently, there are no bylaws actually in support of the signs; I say 'apparently' because the bloody law students who cooked this up, never bothered to directlyly inform AUMCC or any other interested groups; I only discovered this through divers strange and wondrous channels, not the law school. Maybe the nice lads and lasses from the Law School would like to comment on this As far as combating the 4 wheeled aaah.....umpox....er....um (well, maybe plague sounds nicer) goes, the only thing left to us now seems to be Ned the nurd's suggestion: demolish a few cars, and zap their owners. I, also, was shocked to read of the plight of the

Ladies of the Mt Wesley Turnoff (where?) Glorybox (what?!) Association, however, girls, I have little to offer compared with the dle delights offered by Beano and Fuzz, unless you like big Vibrrattorrrry British bikes, 6'2" weeds and breakdowns (not all premeditated) on unheard of, seldom travelled backroads. And, ladies, if Ya want filth, I go squalor. Yours, (all the time, not like Beano and Fuzz) David Benson (aomost on behalf of AUMCC)

P.S. We are still looking for new members, preferably with some new ideas.

PHILLIPA HAS A FAN CLUB

Dear Dave.

I have just finished reading through your latest literary masterpiece (viz Craccum No 16) and have come up with a few suggestions to make No 17 a collector's item, which will ventually be sold in Sotheby's for a few hundred thousand each (as far as art is concerned, this will leave the Mona Lisa for dead). Anyway, here goes:

1) Re-introduction of crosswords - that's why half the world even bothers to buy newspapers (the other half can't really read but love looking at the pretty pictures, or so they can pretend they are reading the sports page, which makes them all racing experts and so they can tell you (in ten picks) what is going to win the second leg on Saturday (it's a nine horse field).

2) Bring back those mindless pieces of trivia of 'My Back Pages' that we all loved to read during our anthro lectures

3) Bring back that minute column which you so magnanimously used to give over to chess. A little bit of culture never hurt anyone (or did it?) 4) MORE LETTUCE (but hold the mayonaise) 5) Any finally, for all those sex-starved students like myself, how about a colour, full-size, life-like, double-page, no-expense spared, pullout, pin-up, full-frontal (or sideways; or any way at all) centrefold of, yes you guessed it, our beloved Publications Officer - Phillippa Poole (Hubba, hubba, drool, drool)

Yours in expectation Your obsequious servant Brother Babba-lovie

MARTIANS ON CAMPUS

and fellow students I beseech you, what I am telling you is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. At 10 pm on the 14th of July I was pursuing my usual Saturday night activity of banging my head against the statue of Queen Victoria in Albert Park when I viewed a large strange purple light at a distance. I observed that it came from the quadrangle and I headed in that direction. But I was so blinded by the bright purple light that I accidentally tripped over and fell into the fountain. I made a large splash and took several seconds to recover. When I gazed to look at the quadrangle the purple light had disappeared. The little green fellows must have heard the splash and taken flight. Either that or they may have hidden somehwere on campus so be on the lookout for little green men.

Name withheld

TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEKS ELECTIONS

I think Kevin Hague is a really shit-hot guy full of charm and good-looks and all those things. I think he would make quite a good President so I'll think I'll vote for him but it is my opinion that it doesn't matter too much who the President is anyway. But the whole point of this letter is to tell you that Kevin is neat and an alright sort of guy.

Melanie

SEZ WHO?

Dear Dave, Colin Cosmos is the greatest.

Yours in admiration, Colin (no relation)

SEZ WHO II?

Dear Sir, According to Marx classless society is inevitable. What are we all worrying about? Also when will Craccum stop being middle class and a stereotype?

V.I. Lenin

'ULLO, CAN'T ANYBODY KICK A DEAD

Mizzter Meritovsky,

Excuse please, I wish to use your paper to speak with Tieni Hamlin. Dear Tieni, did you not take English at school? Can you not see that Chris Billham is using the standard propagandist techniques: emotive terms, labelling, polarisation and so on? And you seem to have been as big a sucker as anyone - this guy shouldn't be taken seriously (he should be taken away!) and I must admit to some consternation about your own bias, your own stereotypes. I am a white person living in Papatoetoe, on the 'border' of Otara and Mangere, and I can assure you that there are lots of white people here. Let me tell you - you show more bias in your letter than Chris (Arsehole) Billham; he attacked a district - (and in doing so also incurred MY wrath) but you attack 'whites', a pretty disturbing outlook. Don't think we're so perfect, the biggest scum I know are all white (and I know some real cunts, believe-youme !)

In fact, the Stormtroopers in my neighbourhood are white (under their tattoos) and I can't see any mention of Brown skins, Polynesians or any coloured people in C.B's letter. You seem to be taking his letter as a personal slight, well don't, he's not worth the effort! Your outburst is only a demonstration of your frustrations, yes, your BIAS! See, it's not all one-sided, try looking at yourself and your friends, I bet a few Pakehas are amongst them, I know that some of my best friends have coloured skins, brown, black, yellow or white, who cares? It's the person that counts, and insofar as personality goes for Chris Bilham, suffice it to say that if Brains were rubber he couldn't make a Frenchie for a

P.S. See last weeks letter to Paul Tolich, now there's a guy who'd love Chris Bilham's company

(O.S. - oversight: what the hell did you do to my 'mate', now it's a 'make' explain please Dave or I'll sic my sexually deprived Odonata onto you !!)

PURE & UTTER DRIVEL

Dear Dave,

I think it is my duty as a New Zealand citizen to express my views on certain issues. For instance the Education Fightback. For years it has been apparent that universities have been a strong drain on the economy whilst providing negligible returns. My prposals for remedying this situation are:

Cut out each and every bursary.

2) Those that decide to 'opt out' of the University system will be automatically drafted into one of the armed services (their choice, it's really quite reasonable)

Groups that cause agitation within the university ie Young Socialists, Feminists, Gays and Young Nats will be rehabilitated.

4) Regimentation of the student body as a whole through compulsory exercise for a stronger body and mind.

5) Abolition of useless side causes that will be replaced with character building, correct moral attitudes and a course on conforming successfully to society.

My second main argument concerns increased use of the military for greater economic and moral returns. Think of how much money is squandered on the arts and literature which could be applied to stopping the communist spread or winning the nuclear arms race. We must establish a large nuclear capability in NZ, and NOW !! It is necessary

Furthermore the youth of the country could be put to work to provide greater economic stability for New Zealander's as a whole. This would eliminate the whingers, bludgers and parasites of society.

The argument of NZ as a nuclear free zone is absolute balderdash. Look at the harsh realities of the situation. The Domino Theory has been proven to be startlingly accurate. Our only alternative is to be armed to the teeth. I propose Government cutbacks on some of the less important areas such as social welfare, education, civil services (especially health) to enable us to buy more essential equipment such as :- cruise missiles, neutron bombs, Polaris submarines, supersonic jet fighters and SAM missiles. It must be borne in mind that to achieve these ultimate goals we need a great amount of finance. We must rely upon the average Kiwi (and the Yanks) to pull us through. Definitely in the transition period of these great reforms there will be a vocal minority who wish to live in todays decadent antiquated system. The Police must be given greater powers of search and arrest and our system will be modeled on the successful system already operating in South Africa.

This may seem as a radical line of approach but these things MUST be done now to restore NZ to its former glory. KIWIS UNITE!!

Signed - Innovator of the Wanganui



We must stop the Reds!!

UMM

Dear Sir,

Perhaps the most horrifying incident in my life occurred the other day. It took place in the library, more specifically, in one of the men's toilets. I entered the cubicle to be greeted by the large slogan 'IUDES GO HOME'. There were stars of David, and swaztikas on the walls and other slogans. This shocked me to such an extent that I was almost physically sick there

This blatant racism does really shock me. My naivete aside, I would have attributed to university students a broader mind than this shows. It also seems to me that a lot of students don't particularly care about their Maori, Polynesian, Jewish brothers and sisters — think this was evidenced by the fact that Janet Roth was ousted by mysoginists and not on the racial stand she had taken.

Recently there has been a large campaign about cut-backs in the education budget. Why is it that students only get fired-up about issues which affect their pockets?! To me, a campaign against racial hatred in this university and country would be time better spent. Why don't we stop thinking about the preservation of our own white, middle-class life and help others who are down trodden for the colour of their skin or their religious beliefs?

Some More Lettuce

THE TRICKLE BECOMES A TORRENT

Dear Dave,

May I take the opportunity to reply to Michael Stevens' letter in Issue 17, Your letter Michael contains many elements I cannot reconcile. You admit that you are not an expert on the Bible but you know that it can be made to say anything you want it to say. Immediately after, 'you say' that Christ is able to forgive anything. This is only true on the condition that we acknowledge our faults and are prepared to change. What was the purpose of Christ's death if He was going um 'anything' anyway? JUst as the law courts demand a penalty for an offence, God in His justice and holiness requires a penalty to be paid. People seem to expect that God should just wave failings goodbye and neglect is the basis of our society. It is not the office of the magistrate to say, 'forget it', but a judgement must be made either guilty or not guilty. The magistrate does have the right, if he chooses, to pay the fine for a traffic offence for the offender. This is essentially what Christ did on the cross, but the forgiveness is conditional on admitting our guilt and being prepared to change. Again, doing God's will and being wrong is impossible. In the Holocaust were the people responsible, right on the basis that they felt it was a good thing to get rid of the Jews? Can I suggest that you do look at the Bible closely, and the passages quoted by the other Christians who wrote in (ie Deuteronomy 22:5; Romans 1:26, 27: I Corinthians 6:9), for like P Maloney I don't think the Bible can be used to support your view as you seem to suggest. If the Bible is the basis of your faith, then you should listen to what St Paul and others say and not do what you think and feel. Proverbs 16:25:

'There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. I'm upset Dave that Michael was asked to reply to the letter. The exclusive presentation of the letter and special entry right is subversive and a failure in journalism ethics. Michael has the same rights to reply as I have but you have given him a special privilege that adds a certain authority to it, thereby prejudicing our - the readers' - interpretation.

Yours sincerely, P.S. Keep up the previous standard of lettuce. It's really good value.

LEAD A CHRISTIAN TO

Dear Dave,

I quite agree with Michael Stevens that it is very easy to make the Bible say anything you want it to - by pulling little pieces out from here and there, ignoring the context totally. Many people have their favourite 'proof-texts' which in reality are merely 'pretexts'.

The Bible has not only itself as the context for all that is in it, but has also historical and social contexts. For example, the part Michael Stevens mentions which says women are unclean all the time they menstruate comes from the Pentateuch - the words of God, through Moses. to the Israelites. Many of the laws given here are for the maintenance of a high standard of health among the Israelites, as in the case of being forbidden to eat pork (pigs are prone to worm infestations and other infections easily passed to man).

To pick and obey and which not to obey, cannot be supported.' Indeed! And God makes it clear that homosexuality is unacceptable, being a travesty of His intentions in creating man and woman - for each other, throughout the Bible, in many contexts e.g. Rom 1:27; Eph 5:3,5: Deut 22:5: Rev 21:8. In all this my aim is not to 'attack you from a Christian viewpoint'. Jesus said that He did not condemn those who did not receive and obey His teachings, but rather that the teachings themselves would do this, because they were from God. (In i2:47,48). He takes an attitude of love to the very end (Ezek 18:32). I am not going to ostracise you, nor refuse to associate with you simply because you are gay, nor because you do not take what God says seriously. This was not and is not the way of Jesus; and I am under His command to love, unconditionally. God's love is unconditional. However, His forgiveness is not. It is conditional on repentance a desire to leave the old ways of living and live in God's way, through the power He gives. (Acts 2:37,38) Then He gives grace and forgiveness. This is the whole theme of the Bible - new life, God's life, available to all who receive Him in this way, through Jesus Christ.

Yours again, **CRACCUM 23 JULY PAGE 18**

Dear Ed,

I wonder if Michael Stevens knows as much about the Bible as he thinks he does? Firstly Michael, you claim that the Bible can be made to say anything you want it to say. You may like to show me where you can get it to say that it is not going against Gods will to be a homosexual, or that it is in God's will to be one.

Secondly, you claim that Christ has the ability to forgive anything. There is one thing he will not forgive, and that is rejection of himself as Lord. To accept him as Lord means that you obey him, and to obey him means that you leave behind homosexuality. 'Do not fool yourselves: people who are immoral, or worship idols, or are adulterers, or homosexual perverts none of these will receive God's Kingdom. Some of you were like that (speaking to the Corinthian Church). But you have been cleansed from sin' (I Corinthians 6:9-11. Good News Bible)

Next, you state that if you are sure you are doing God's will, but are wrong, you are sure that God will forgive you. I am not so sure. God has given us his word, the Bible (which you seem to think you know a bit about) and in it, God makes clear his will on the matter. You say it cannot be supported that Christians pick and choose which laws to obey. (By the way - where does it say women cannot wear red dresses?) Some things in scripture are clearer than others, and one of the clear ones happens to be that homosexuality is forbidden You say that Christianity is a message of love, tolerance and peace. It is also a message of judgement, for Christ is coming back to judge

You say that you know that your Redeemer liveth. He is only your Redeemer if you follow

You say that you know Christ's love - how about responding to it?

Yours-as-one-who-has-responded

Meryl J. Quigley

IT NEVER ENDS

Dear Craccum,

I would like to answer a few points raised in the responses to my previous letter.

1. O.K., I'm not a Greek scholar, but I feel the sentiment I expressed through quoting Romans 13:10 is still a valid one.

2. Romans 1:26,27 speaks of 'exchanging natural relations' - I myself have not exchanged anything, for to me my homosexual nature is my natural one. Paul uses the words 'nature' (phusis) and 'natural' (phusikos) many times and one finds almost as many meanings as there are uses. There is no doubt, however, that Paul would have considered excessive lust as sinful whether homosexual or heterosexual (see for instance | Thess 4:3-6). Tom Horner in his recent review of homosexuality in wire Biblical times 'Ionathan Loved David' (Westminster Press, 1978) concludes 'What is really important is the quality of the relationship, not its method of expression'. The author also notes that nowhere in the Gospels do we find any indication that Jesus would condemn homosexuality - his interest was in spiritual rather than in sexual matters. It is surely impossible to conceive of Jesus as displaying hostility toward anyone because of his or her sexual nature.

3. Mark Reynold's emphatic statement that homosexuality is learned is not necessarily true - no-one is yet 100% sure where it comes from: some psychologists hold to a principally hereditary/genetic/physiological explanation, others hold to a toally environmentally-conditioned explanation. For myself I can remember homosexual tendencies over at least 75% of my life so far.

4. To dwell on a 'sin' is not the Christian message as contained in the Bible. To quote from Hal Lindsay: 'The New Testament clearly teaches that faith is the means of salvation. The issue that must remain central is that faith alone is all that's necessary for salvation salvation is a free gift from God and there's no possible way to do anything to merit it'. (see Romans 4:4; 5:1; 7:18 - 8:4; 11:6; and Ephesians 2:8,9). My homosexuality is not an issue between God and me - he knows I'm gay; the issue is simply that I have put my faith in Him as the only means of salvation. To conclude may I quote from 2 Timothy 1:12 '.... for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.'

Yours sincerely, Gay Christian.

AT LAST, A PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENT ..

Dear SLUG (- why should you get all the letters

In reply to Barry McDonald. Barry my man, O.K. so if I assume that God exists what is the 'sure foundation' for life? To join into the struggle of Good and Evil? A somewhat naive view don't you think? Explain that to the Vietnamese Boat People, the victims of the Yorkshire Ripper, Arther Allan Thomas, Me I'm quite certain that is not the case. What then? To 'prove' ourselves before entry into heaven? A rotten trick, if we're all good when born (and don't tell me people are born evil) why bother waiting? Why not let us in then? Actually, the whole 'Heaven' - bit sounds a bit pathetic to me. Still, on with the

'There is no absolute authority, it is all arbitrary'. Quote. Grounds? Authority in mankind is cyclic - power comes from those above and below you, with those at the top receiving their authority from the masses. 'Absolute' authority does not, cannot exist because of this very nature. This 'absolute power would have to be either eternal or nonexistent, since creation would imply the ludicrous ie that an 'absolute' can be created (similarly 'cessation', an absolute cannot cease, these would be imperfections). So this 'absolute' either has always and will always exist, or has never, and can never exist. (I'm

Malcolm and others, see 'God & Reason' by Ed L. Miller around pp 36-39) And Findlay says (G & R p 36) '.... our conception of God. demands that he be conceived of as 'a being who 'towers infinitely' above and beyond all other objects, only propositions not things. can be necessary, and that the idea of a being whose non-existence is unthinkable (that is whose existence is necessary) is therefore unintelligible What follows from an adequate conception of God is that he cannot possibly exist.' unquote. What say you to that? That he doesn't exist is inherent in the inconceivability of his non-existence. One last word, if 'you shall love your neighbour as yourself' does that entitle suicidal people to murder? Masochist to Sadism? C.S. Lewis in 'Mere Christianity' points out that loving yourself does not necessitate liking yourself. Can you dislike God? Can you like God?

As for not believing everybody, do you think

that the Majority of Mankind is wrong and that

you Christians are right? Because Christians

humanity! are so many people wrong, and if

so why doesn't He do something about it!

You don't have a philosophy, you have an

indoctrination, a religion, too bad, I won't hold

certainly don't make up the major part of

quoting freely from St Anselm, Norman

Yours sincerely CRACCUM (huh?) Duh, I think these names are back to front!

it against you

GOOD ON YA!

Dear Dave,

I've just finished reading the 29,000 or so words in the Vol 53 16 Craccum (excluding the AFF supplement). Hmm. It all inspires me to do something about something. But what? Could I run for Exec? Could I re-write the constitution; become Ministir of Education (what did they say in '1984'? was it 'MINILUV' ?) and give us all enough to prevent us from complaining?

Problems, problems, everywhere. OK - so we all have nice ideas, but who's got the action? John B has been 'round varsity almost as long as I've known his 'kid' sister and she's got her B.A. plus a journalism whatever and is long gone! So he's not struggling, 'cos he knows enough to keep on top. Given that he'll be 'round 'till 31.12.79 or so, then let's begin by looking at, and asking why, he does what he does. Let's not rush round and ask everyone what they want and then mess everything up into one big useless melting-pot conglomerate compromise!

Brian Gray has some long hours work ahead of him - but will the results be worth it? By using present exec. members and SRC members to fill his committee he'll only be getting last years problems, and will miss out on the problems everyone ignores ('cos they're after exams and holidays) - the nextyears problems. Grab your new EVP and set him to wondering whether we'll have a STUDASS in 1984, or whether our glorified meatworks-cum-military-training-academy of a campus will end up like the Ardmore Training College did. Get some serious insights into what's happening overseas when they charge money after not-having charged money for tertiary education. See what roles commercial sponsorship will play in a pay-to-learn system, and find out whether, when we do have to pay-to-learn, all the rich young kids will opt out of varsity anyway - if no one else goes then they may not want to.

Look at the students - their ages and their pre-varsity backgrounds and find out how many gave away some other occupation to learn more! Begin to learn that each year in a student body is like a wave, a swell rolling onwards forever across a vast and immutable ocean; that certain basics will never change but will prefer to die 'honourable' deaths (eg the 'welfare state' concept that is inherent in most of our upbringings!), that perhaps we should return to our campus, and, as USA is beginning to do, sort out our domestic troubles COMPLETELY - so that the swell rolling in each year from the ocean will wash over a clean and unlittered beach. (Have you noticed how clean 'varsity is compared to most of the rest of central Auckland?) And so, when it comes to considering students in the future - allow for them as students - not as anything else.

Look at society - at our Mamma and Poppas and what they think. For we are subject to their pressures, perhaps not directly, but they

and their contemporaries control the 'other' world out there. And we must allow for them in our lawmaking and constitutionalising by thinking ahead to when we are in their position - and have to provide advanced educational opportunities for those who wish to pursue them for career or other ends. Allow for CRACCUM, and Bastion Point and Carless Daisys and all the unforseeable and yet imminent ill-tidings of the next two decades. 20 years to 2000! Let's be ready - but how? Well, having got this far I've had to reread it all to see what I'm getting at. Seems like all those folks wot sent Turners & Growers stuff up to you fresh and crunchy for your weekly vege diet have got points, but no barbs! We all love to have our dig, but Mr + Ms + Miss + Mrs student have all gone crap happy over the power they have to abort interesting STUDASS execs and now we're all waiting round for some smart arse to put another target up. None of us, including me, really know where

Yeah, Merv did all right last year - he got through on a social gambit - but there's been nothing that has interested me socially for about 2-3 generations. Somehow the social scene at varsity typifies my arguments. From experience there appear to be two active bodies on campus

a) the leaders of the pack

to begin.

b) some 1st + 2nd yrs who have good ideas/ loud voices and who often end up in (a) Go anywhere on varsity where something seems to be happening and you'll find them all there, and usually having fun! And few of them do dismal things in end of year tests. They've got no magic potion, but they're into living, and are taking up the opportunities as they arrive - rather than complaining about the packet the opportunity came in or longing after someone else's opportunity, or waiting for the next load 'cos they might be bigger and better.

Back to reorganisation. Welfare state gives to those who need, and this seems O.K. But where do all the opportunities come from? Perhaps we could try going and giving a little ourselves. Maybe our grotty little microcosm could blossom into a source of inspiration like wot we almost did before messing up capping '79. We're here to be student's of life at a tertiary level - a level above that normally required to live life. Any future we may forsee should be intrinsically accounted for in our way of learning, so that we become a happy and life-giving soul in this bleak and forsaken ruin of modern society. Perhaps, to come to the end of a confused but thoughtclearing scrawl 2 could suggest a little careful looking ahead when we come to say our piece, whenever, for the way of the student.

To those of you who've read Dave's mag either pass it on to a friend, fold it neatly and put it back in a CRACCUM bin, or put it in a big orange garbage gobbler somewhere.

P.S. I'll start by trying the exec. business

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sse grounds I would respectfully submit the Education Fightback campaign has no dation, either in principle or in common

rius (7/8 of LLB) I'd like to be an anarchist, but, one, it n't work, and, two, it's against my



NT QUITE FIGURE THIS ONE

ist coughing blood in the Cafe recently (the nt of accidental inhalation of what was gdly a doughnut), I reached for something ipe the blood flecks from my essay bolical Vulgarianism and the NZ turd' gl'm a pol. die student) when my hand had misfortune to close around a copy of pum. Momentarily distracted from cleaning the sight of what appeared to be a 40 inch but which turned out to be the editors table arse as he backed through the cafe ince to avoid shaming the plebs with the ine sight of his countenance), - I cast my sover a few pages.

can imagine my shock, person, when I led issue 16 was in fact an entirely illicit int of 'Noddy in Fairland' by E. Blighted. deplorable state of fairies is obviously due failure to read my phamplet entitled oducing Change - a comparison of paper reus animal sacrifice ifly this landmine study took up 3 points which Crap-um was attempting to induce nge (student antipathy, issue of free liwogs to engineers and money changers in temple) and compared their success with aviour change induced by immolation ats over the same tissues. The astounding alls showed no significant differences in laviour change between methods but molation of cats was cunningly turned into passive profit (Big Ben, Kentucky fried mean thing to you, baby). Sale of Crap-um to tion for upgrading to toilet paper was a finct failure as senior civil servants insisted when they held it up to the light (and tack me when senior civil servants last saw light) a distinct image of Mead I. Ockracy d be seen, and damned if they would wipe

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WONDER WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

Dear Ms T.C. So ya gonna leave us. How about thinkin' ageen. Think about how irresponsible ya beingleaven' at this time of the yr - What's the Soc. dept ganna do? Anyhow who wants a revolution? What about your tut - what a they ganna do? Just when they need ya most - with 2nd ½ yr cramin' etc. haven't no one told ya kiddies need a stable environ? - like same tut all vr is best. If vo ain't convinced vet how bout the truth - but I s'pose thats bein' selfish - anyhow here goes - I like ya, your a neet tut an' I donn't want ya to leave. How bout it

Anonymous (may jest as 'propriately be unanimous) P.S. 'cuse the spellin'

OFF YER BUMS

then T.C. ? Will ya stay.

Dear Craccum, This is my second letter to Craccum, as I rarely write unless I am angry. Allow me to state my position.

On Tuesday the 17th there was a wellpublicised meeting in the SRC Lounge, organised by ICRAG (Indo-China Refugee Action Group) for the benefit of students and members of the public sympathetic towards the plight of the Vietnamese refugees. I attended the meeting, and noted that of the 60-80 people present, most were either Jews or Kiwis. And but for one or two exceptions, there were no other Malaysian students attending, I was disgusted by this miserable turn-out, by their apathy and lack of concern for fellow Chinese. Remember, it won't be long before Thailand falls, and when it does, it will be you Malaysians next on the refugee boats.

So please, leave your books just for once, and get out and lend a hand to this pressing concern. These refugees are not simply Vietnamese migration statistics, they are real people, with families and friends just like us. They are in desperate need of our help. Many thanks to thos sufficently prompted by their consciences to act. Perhaps some day the others will see the awful truth and the tragedy. Hopefully it will not be too late.

William Chow

T'WAS NOTHING

Dear Dave.

The recent education cuts attack the very roots of equality of opportunity in education and as such have considerable political consequences. Some of the effects include the following.

1) That certain individuals will be favoured, due to sponsorship and/or socialisation, thereby giving greater motivation to pursue education.

2) That educational establishments will be linked financially to business and public sectors and therefore be politically answerable to them and not the voter.

3) Technology and positions of power will have a greater tendency to become occupied by conservative graduates, dedicated to preserving the status quo.

4) That we further degrade the value/concept of equality, whereby all may have equal access to opportunities.

5) Perpetuate the myth that students are an aristocratic leisure class, which are parasitic to the community. Not, as is the case, valuable productive people training for future employ-

6) The cut-backs deflect public opinion away from realistic 'economic restructuring' where either more money needs to be spent on education, or the creation of a new education system. Perhaps students themselves could be financed to help set up student run industries, accommodation, food, travel, and

These cuts are justified under the rationale that we face an economic crisis. While nothing is done in cutting New Zealand's military expenditure, government bureacracy and overseas dependency on trade and energy. In knowledge lies the knowledge of our imprisonment and the keys to our freedom. By making education a privilege and not a right, we lock the door and throw away the key.

LET THE FIGHT CONTINUE David McHugh P.S. Congratulations Dave on your participation in the Anti-Apartheid demonstration, held

at the New Zealand Insurance Companies

shareholders meeting.

FAR OUT MAN! REALLY COSMIC

Dear Dopehead.

My mate and I are concerned about the bad deal we are getting at varsity, and decided to 'stick' up for our rights (or wrongs). We are referring to the lack of green stuff on campus. We are meant to be bright intelligent students and surely we can afford to lose some of our brain to the evil weed. Basically we want somewhere on campus to trade dope, because as I see it, the law is only a law when it applies to a majority and in this case it doesn't, therefore I see NZ green etc. as legal. We would be willing to run a shop or place on campus to sell 'pot plants' or grass (which doesn't need to be cut) with all proceeds going into a 'joint' account. We are not trying to cause any shit, just giving a suitable solution to a desired need. Therefore unless someone else can come up with a better solution we feel this idea (bit of genius) should be implemented. And just remember 'Keep New Zealand Green', buy a 'Pot plant'.

Yours jointly, Nigel & Derek (convicted criminals)

LOVE, LOVE ME DO.

Dear Craccum, I am writing in defence of the three candidates 'from the lunatic fringe'. It is a sad day for the university, nay New Zealand, when three fine upstanding young men rallying to their Association's call for Presidential Candidates are so cruelly spurned by that association's official

organ, Craccum. As a close personal friend of Rodney, Ross and Dermot I feel obliged to say a few words on their behalf. In the years that I have known them they have shown themselves to be fine examples of modern youth: hardworking, caring, good-natured and above all modest. I consider myself privileged to have known these 'lunatics' and only hope that I can grow up to be half the Man that each of these individuals

Rodney, you berate for his uncompromising support of Aardvarks, and yet in the same column you bemoan the lack of candidates

Since his realisation at age twelve, that he was a latent Aardvark, Rodney has devoted his life to the cause of Aardvark Rights. I know many Aardvarks who attribute their 'coming out' to Rodney and his work. No other individual has given so much to Aardvarks, has tried harder to remove Aardvarkuality from the fear and intolerance which has followed, nay clung to it since biblical times. To hear him spurned as a 'bandwagon-jumper' and a 'trendy' cuts me deeper than I can say. Is this all the gratitude

Ross comes under fire for his honest admission that he does, without guilt or regret, consume strawberry thickshakes and marmite sandwiches. For shame, Craccum! Politics and personal preferences should not be mixed in the manner in which you have done so. This is the very character assassination this country can do

A man who has fought for that smallest of minorities - Weymouth students (up until this year there was only one Weymouth student at Auckland Uni, Why ??) and pledges to fight for all his fellow students and the improvement of university life for all should not be so callously dismissed.

Last but not least, Dermot. 'Obscure, nobody has heard of him.' You claim. This is a lie, a blatant untruth. That you can make such a claim about a man who has contributed to your own pages (eg, The Ramones 'Road To Ruin' Record Review earlier this year for which incidentally he received no payment!) shows how ridiculous your claims are. It is a fact to say that Dermot won, against stiff competition, the 1978 Pooh Society Poetry Competition, and yet you accuse him

Dermot in particular has fought with me to gain acceptance for Meatballs on Campus, giving much of his spare time (and indeed buying his own Felt-tipped pen) on our moderately successful graffiti campaign. That he was too modest to list his achievements in full (he has driven and maintained a Humber '80 for almost three years) is merely an indication of his humility. So humble was he that he urged me not to vote for him. That's the kind of man he is. The kind of man they all are. That you have criticised them all and banished them to the lunatic fringe is a crime, the responsibility for which will, I hope, weight heavily on your shoulders.

Yours, Meatball-the-Magnificent

LONELY HEARTS

Dear What's-your-name,

What has happened to this once illustrious student newspaper of ours? What has become of the great investigative journalistic feats of yester-year ? I'll tell you! They have been replaced by a lonely hearts club, that's what ! I was shocked and dismayed to discover that your 2 nubile young innocents (the President and Secretary of the Mt Wesley Turnoff Glory Box Association) couldn't find suitable partners in last weeks 'Craccum'. Surely the much vaunted student apathy is not that bad.

Never fear girls (and this includes all you delectable unattached females on campus, with apologies of course to Janet et al), salvation is at hand. You can rest assured that I, a true gentleman, will willingly offer my renowned escort services to you for absolutely no charge whatever at any time.

Of course modesty prevents me from advertising my services or describing my personal appearance (aside from the fact that I am over 6ft (S.I. 1.83m) tall, dark-haired, moustachioed and have an exceedingly handsome countenance). All I will say however, is that I am only too happy to oblige if (when) all you delightful women come. (up and see me sometime).

Your most humble servant Jeff (President - Scientist's Bird Appreciation Society).

P.S. Don't tell anyone, but I can be contacted in room 4022 Chem Dept - ask for the bloke with computer code CHX 357 - and it does exist to all you Doubting Thomas's!)



FAIR BURSARY SYSTEM

Thanks to J. Hamlin, B.H., and some others for bothering to try and communicate with the ignorant minority on Campus. It's long overdue that some people talked sense among the shit-stirrers who claim they're at death's edge because of the Bursary cuts. At last we have moves towards a more logical system - where those who are genuinely in need will get an increase of even more than that recommended by the Education Dept., while others (most?)" like us have suffered cuts if currently No Merritt, I

don't live in Remuera; No I don't live at home (nor do I receive any financial assistance from my parents). However this year my bursary has more than adequately covered my living costs with a fair bit to spare. Coupled with several weeks of holiday earnings and at least ½ a day's part-time work per fortnight; (not hard to find even without contacts), my bank book looks very happy. I bike to Uni, don't smoke, and drink and socialise only about as much as most others I know, I don't see that Bursaries should be expected to cover these things anyway - and I'm sure the tax-payer doesn't.

Some mindless turds have moaned that 4000 voted Roth out, yet only a few hundred marched down Queen St., and suggested that this was laziness on our part. Wake up shitheads! What clearer indication that you're only supported by a few could you get? The Roth issue showed that if something really bugs students, they get off their bums and do something. The few hundred that marched -(with only 58 having the courage of their convictions), is pretty good proof to most of us that you're chasing a non-issue. Sure I lose 7 bucks a week next year and I'm not delighted - but I can get by quite happily on \$23.00, and so can most. And those genuinely needing the money I lose will get it and good on them. The only thing I don't understand is why the abated bursary was raised \$4.00 - most who got the rise don't need it, and surely those who really did need it, would have proved that when applying for the hardship supplement? Off the topic now - Merritt, your comments on

Dave Tolich's letter on '2 Suburbs' were shit. The photos were designed to stir - couldn't you find anything else to fill this paper? Tolich just highlighted the obvious point that the photos were one-sided in showing the best of Rems and worst of Ponsonby. Got work to do -One of Maj.

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JULY 26 - OPEN DAY FESTIVAL

- 10am Set up stalls in the Quad
 - Films start in SRC Lounge (all day)
 Ladies and Gentlemen the Rolling Stones
 Ssssssnake
 - Poetry, Street Theatre,
 various activities.
- 12-1pm- Overseas Students Display
- 1-2pm Forum Speakers from Education in New Zealand
- 2-3pm March down Queen Street floats etc.
- 3pm More music, juggling, magic etc.
- 8pm Concert/Dance in the Cafe — The Swingers Gary Havoc and the

Hurricanes.

Lettuce to the Editor

This being a long standing discussion/argument between E & me I think it's time as she so often lets me know I wrote a little ditty for this paper

Just like to point out a few good points about Craccum, (makes a change, E says), realising up until now there must have been a lot of short sighted individuals like me (I've just invested in

Firstly there's the quality newsprint, ideal for cleaning the Mini's window on these drizzly mornings. But small for wrapping up the rubbish in though. Just enlarge the size a bit E and it'll be beaut - good point number two. Number three-realising its difficult to build up illusions of sunshine midst the rain, hail and blizzard these days but Craccum fly swots are to be patented next summer. Number four will touch your heart - save your Craccums and give them to the paper collections, run by numerous charities and other money making concerns. Number five - give them to the grocer to wrap up the ice-cream and frozen greens, Number six - use'em to start your fire each night and if you're having problems with the wood supply this winter make tight balls of Craccum, dampen them a bit and they burn

Well, running out of room, I'm afraid. If you'll permit me a wee criticism after such favourable remarks - you don't leave enough blank pages so I can use it for rough notes! Be hearing from

EXECUTIVE

Although I originally signed the 'no confidence' motion petition after Tuesdays march I now am beginning to feel that it isn't quite as clear cut. As I have talked to people about it and endeavoured to learn more about the workings of the exec. This even includes going to an incredible exec meeting on Tues afternoon at this point I would like to thank all concerned for the free beverages available after us criminals were released. It would seem that the executive in its present state is an incredible abortion for one reason or another and rather devoid of staff, the meeting in which they had to virtually round up enough people to open was farcical. With all the point of orders, hand raising and buggerall discussion - so few doing so manys jobs perhaps - the whole meeting was dependent entirely on Bob or Colin whose suggestions usually were adopted by them simply because they were the only ones thinking, Bob Lack and Colin are both having to run the whole show by themselves against their own wishes - as they are employed not clected staff - I might add that Bob was also arrested as well as Dave Merritt and Frank the employed outweighted exec members arrested. They are also the easiest to get to know and recognise as they are the ones consistently seen at the various activities - how many can put a face to most of the exec, Hague the only other one known has thrown in the towel. It's also becoming obvious that the work load is perhaps too much for full tim students to bear although this could perhaps be somewhat alleviated by payment for services rendered. Somehow things will have to be recognised - but how it can be done and to what format I can't hazard a guess - as no one is really going to agree with many others about restructuring it. Also in getting back to the motion it should apply more to the associations structure, exec and SRC rather than the few members still left. Barry Hook undoubtedly does a good welfare job but isn't often seen on other activities - it's his job but the exec must work together as well as just separately. Russell Clarke isn't very often seen as is Peter Monteith what I'm saying, probably unfairly is that in its present state members of the exec must work together - not only on their own separate private fields. A reorganisation would be best with payment to the most important officers enabling things to run by elected not employed officials simply because it isn't their job to do both.

J. Beavis (No relation) P.S. agree with L. Bennet - last weeks Craccum

PPS - who's the other J.B. who writes letters like me, if you are rich, beautiful woman, get in touch please

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DOES HE TAKE HIS PANTS OFF IN TRAINS?

Dear Man of the Month,

Allow us space to reply to distraught members of the Mt Wesley Turnoff Glorybox Association. It broke our hearts to read of your desperate plight. As two healthy young male students who enjoy getting their share, we know how frustrated you must be at missing out. Generosity being one of our greatest virtues we offer to remedy your situation. We who can excite even the treasurer and secretary of the Virgins Club, could with ladies of your self-proclaimed attributes and attitudes, do things which DH Lawrence never dreamed or wrote of, and which Emmanuelle would be jealous of.

We two prime examples of manhood at its finest are prepared to offer you the opportunity of partaking in a 'Boy-Girl contact' situation with us. And appreciating your appreciation of statistics, we will gladly consent to a 50:50 ratio in our dealings with you, or even 40:60 in your favour should the urge arise. If you wish to sample the delectable delights we offer you, meet us in the Old Grad Bar on Wednesday lunchtime. To be discreet and to avoid the creeps and perverts who will also obviously respond to this sincere response, wear brown paper bags with eye holes, over your heads, or alternatively, crotchless panties and gartered stockings. We'll be eagerly looking forward to seeing you there, fresh as country daisies and as shapely as dieters can be.

Yours in hard Times (T.V.M.V.B.) Beano and Fuzz

P.S. We're not engineers and we go home with girls on the first date.

A THRILLING THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE SCIENCE LIBRARY

Dear Everybody,

Having arrived in the Science library at 12.00 Friday, to do yet more work what am I confronted by? More propaganda about the Government ripping off students. You may be thinking to yourself - quick work on the part of somebody. After all, the budget was only announced last night.

In an action of this sort - if students' welfare is really the main concern - perhaps it might pay to think about the reaction to past bursaries campaigns (students and public attitudes) and not go off half cocked. I am beginning to seriously doubt the intentions of the afore-

mentioned quickworkers after reading this latest message.

The handout (throwaway?) I have in front of me has a few interesting statements in it. The following ones specially intrigued me: 'The bulk of students are on unabated bursaries' followed by 'At Auckland the percentage of students on an unabated bursary is 38% whereas at other campuses it ranges between 35% to 87%.

As Auckland has a fairly large number of students compared to other varsities I assume that the remaining campuses must all be very close to 87%. I make this assumption under the possibly mistaken view that a bulk is like a majority je over 50%.

Yours Hamish Munro

HARDUP

Dear Susie,

The first letter I wrote to Craccum asked for someone who was 'HARD UP' and explain their financial situation to me. Yours was the only reply and you explained that you WERE LIVING within your means. Since nobody with financial difficulties replied and this is the worst read part of Craccum, I think it is fair to assume that a very small minority need the increased bursary but those that do are too apathetic or could not care about doing something about it. The conclusion I draw is that the hardship bursary should be increased and publicised so that we all know

By the way, what is your phone number?



Dear Mister Merrit-Sir,

I have recently heard a disturbing rumour that we are not going to see a swimming pool out by the Gym., that it is now decided (by the powers that be) that, in fact they are now constructing a golf-course: complete with bring your own caddys, is this part of another fiendish plot to assist assessment ie those who offer to caddy for their particular departmental head will thus help their chances of a good final grade, whilst we poor uneducated 'yobbos' who think such cries as 'fore, balls, club etc refer to that archaic practice of yore, I refer of course sir, to that cherished game of rugger (a top hole past-time may I add). Egad, sir, egad! Perish the thought! ARE WE GOING TO TAKE THIS? NO! Sir I can assure you that Biggles and I are not going to go down without a fight! Plans are already underway for a counter-ploy; we are busily constructing a cabbage-farm in a position adjacent to the Quad with a specially trained squadron of killer-butterflies, viciously trained to go for the jugular, I jest not! Haven't you noticed, concealed at strategic points throughout the building, the occasional purple cabbage? Even in your very office? Fear not, as the appointed guardians of the world as we want it. Biggles and I shall not rest until we have overthrown this Fascist regime and set up a peaceful world! Tame insects in every home Lepidoptera of the world unite! No longer shall housewives shpritz us with their repellents! With out squadrons of highly-trained kamikazi dragonflies victory is within our grasp! WATCH

signed: SLUG, defender of the meek supporter of the small slimy is beautiful!

PS. Can I really be 'Alcohol Co-ordinator?' PPS Actually I like golf!

David Douschka, (look that up! it's Russian) Nein Gott! I never thought the day would come when two girls had to write in to a student newspaper saying they had trouble meeting guys! Trouble indeed! Permit me to introduce myself (no, I'd better not, I don't want to attract any fan mail) suffice to say that if you two are serious, drop a note to "SLUG" c/o Craccum nominating a venue, time etc and I will be only too pleased to share a movie, play (nibble?....) etc.

On to topic No 2: David Tolich. By God, pricks like you are what this paper really serves to expose (sorry about the pun, piss poor grammar!) "All the bloody same" he says, have you tried walking thru' Otara or P'toe at night? I live in Papatoetoe, some of my friends were recently mugged in P'toe and I sure as hell wouldn't walk thru' Otara at 9 pm on a Saturday night! Come off the grass! I'll let you into a secret - I drove thru' Remuera the other day for the first time in my life and I couldn't BELIEVE the luxury there! I'd never seen houses like that for street after street, except in movies! Don't talk to me about equality! A trip to our family was travelling from Papatoetoe to Hamilton to visit relatives. I didn't even know where Rotorua was 'till my 17th birthday. My best make is in jail! Equality! Huh!

Topic No 3: I think Muldoon must win the Noddy of the year award, Merrit's more like Pooh Bear (nyah, nyah !....) Say, all this reminds me of a joke: Why have the elephants got Big Ears? Cause Noddy won't pay the ransom! (Retch, retch, sorry about that, I'm off to see the films)

Leroy SLUG

JAPAN, ANYONE?

Dear Sir,

I am a Japanese student, Yumiko Ueyama. I'm very interested in your country. I would like to make friends through correspondence. I would appreciate it very much if you can put my name and address somewhere in your pages, lam,

Name: (Miss) Yumiko Ueyama Age: 19 Address: 1-23, Kosien 9, Nisinomiya Hyogo 663, Japan. Hobbies: Reading, Tennis and travelling.

Having been (for better but usually worst) at

Sincerely yours, Yumiko Ueyama

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Dave.

this miserable institute of tertiary (turdiary) Education, I have one - well more than one but this will do for now - (student apathy is really bad) - major complaint of all past and previous Executives. The 'Parking ticket' situation, I have in the past years been the recipient of some \$250 plus with another \$50 pending worth of bureaucratic bullshit from those officious cretins by the name of City of Auckland Traffic Dept Officers, Well, frankly I've had enough, besides trying every way my legal friends have advised me in order to rid myself of this continual plague - and using a few new methods never before tried - I have met with a success rate of somewhere around 15%. Primary reason why law school won't have anything to do with me. However, nothing changes - except my bank overdraft; no matter how much you complain or whine to people in Authority around here about carparks It has been continually reduced since my first arrival and now to my horror we find members of the public and ATI students using it - at an extra charge naturally (even the University is always looking for an extra profit source). This means often I can't get in there even at 8.45 am. So I take my poor shaking wreck up Grafton Road and try and find the least likely place where I will get hit. As a matter of interest I have had 'four' tickets for exceeding the Princes St 3 hour limit by 'FIVE MINS' as well as numerous tickets elsewhere. Also in the past years I have never and I defy someone to prove it to me, ever seen either Symonds Street - 2 wheel vehicle parking - FULL !! of motorbikes or even Alfred Street. If you took away the cars that are compelled to park there because believe it or not some of us can't afford all day Downtown Carparks and some of us need to attend lectures and therefore in our mad rush have to park illegally; then there would be more than enough room to park all the motorbikes in Alfred Street with a small overlap into Symonds Street, However the Traffic Dept in the guise of the ARA has since 1977 made part of Princes St outside the KMT a two-wheeled vehicle area, helped to hand over part of our carpark to the MOW for the motorway off-ramp and let the university take over for its own use. And what have we got. I hear

all the motorbike cretins and suchlike saying leave your bloody car at home - well I can't because I need to use it to get to my two parttime jobs after University - one to help me achieve the poverty line and one to pay for my parking tickets so that I can continue to study here. It really is about time the Students 'Union' Exec made representations to the ARA or University or even Ethel the frog so that we students who own cars - you wouldn't call me fortunate if you could see, or dare I say it ride in my car. Well come on Exec or whoever else is interested in student welfare. Stop bloody moaning about politics etc which you all seem to have such a boring pre-occupation with and follow the lives which the constitution lays out ie - welfare and needs of students of A.U. and do something otherwise I think the ARA is going to make a Parking Offence a capital

See you at my neck-tie party.

P.S. I'm going for the World and Olympic Parking ticket record - \$400 in 4 years. PSS Why can motorbikes park in Princes Street in our 3-hour limit and block an area where a car could park. PSSS What does Bob Lack?

What does Dave Merritt? PSSSS Sorry. But having just gone to my carin '5 min' Alfred Street I have just found a warning that my car has been parked illegally. Remove it. AUMCC. If there are any motorbikes in Princes St I will personally demolish them and blast their owners with my zap gun and render them sterile!!

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RWHISTLE WHILE YOU'RE PISSING

to discuss two points raised by the 'Never Whistle' in last week's m, namely authority, and freedom. the article suggested that all authority dupon man, and that interpretation of sarbitrary, a result of society, and that hority is a function of coding, of les,' However, as a follower of Jesus Idisagree. Assuming God exists, then a sure foundation for life. ning the question of absolute authority. partly a matter of faith. However, to in the existence of an ultimate authority or that there exists an absolute truth, indard pattern for behaviour, is not rshort-sighted. All philosophy comes to a basic choice of assumptions. ody may say 'there is no absolute ity, it is all arbitrary.' On what grounds e make that statement? ne else could say 'all religions have ruth in them; it doesn't matter which ofollow, so long as you think it's good.' omes down to the assumption that there solute truth, but that 'truth' is what ight to you. This assumption is unproven, nust simply be accepted or rejected on

rare those who believe in a Flat Earth. are entitled to their beliefs, but those sare inconsistent with present ific evidence. We must all, (myself ed) be prepared to examine our basic otions, our frame of reference for ency and agreement with outside ce. There may be those who wish to parguments, and I am sure they would nteresting reading in Craccum. However, is I see, the assumption that there is plute authority, viz God, is just as good other assumption. In fact, I have found better than any other assumption of ype, because it agrees with my experience rsonal, living spiritual being whom I Bus Christ. It agrees also with the ents of others who know this God, testimonies I accept. And my ince agrees with the Bible. at assumption, which will probably astorm of disagreement, is that the ing of the Bible as a whole, is true and accepted above any other teachings about and God. That is, that whatever the ns of man, be he a professor, priest, cian, or pusher of drugs, I will accept his

NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH **BIGGLES**

Dear Craccum, It's great to see that some students argue against the need for increased bursaries because the money for them actually comes from other people's wages. I thought that university study, besides educating in the disciplines, helped to broaden the fortunates' view of life and the world, thereby arming them with greater resourcefulness than to go on endless marches crying 'give me give me' A university student has many times more spent on her/him than someone less schooled. Further, on graduation, if they cannot get a job which befits their status, 'cushy' little jobs are provided for them by the government's special work scheme.

Maybe the workers - like for example the Polynesian mothers, who do night work so that their kids receive the bare essentials, should spend some time here to learn that if you know how, you can get a lot for nothing and regard it as your divine right because of natural superiority

Vicki Beck

views on matters of life-style only so far as they are consistent with the Bible as I presently understand it to speak. You can't believe everybody!

As for my consistency with what other 'Christians' have said, or done that is irrelevant. As for science, I accept it, being a student of Science and mathematics. As for the arguments which will doubtless be thrown at me concerning 'mistakes' and 'contradictions' in the various Biblical texts presently available, I would gladly discuss them, though I may often have to claim ignorance because of lack of study on certain matters. claim the authority of the Bible by faith, and becuase it works. Please note that my definition of a 'Christian' is that of the Bible, namely, one who has had a personal experience of Jesus Christ and relies upon him as saviour (from wrong doing and guilt) and as lord or king of their lives.

The second part of my argument is concerning freedom and anarchy. The concept of anarchy is somehow beautiful yet repulsive. It is beautiful because of the abstract concept of freedom, which (I will content myself by saying) depends upon the attitude of the thinker. It is repulsive because in our present humanity it will not work. Because man is selfish, anarchy, where everyone would do what is right, (or personally beneficial) in his own eyes, would simply result in one man oppressing and exploiting his neighbour. There would have to be an agreed standard of conduct in that society to allow the maximum of freedom for all members of that society with the choice of either obey the rules, or get out. My social philosophy is based upon my religion. In this religion God gave man a lawsystem based upon justice and love. Whose concept of justice? God made his twin moral attributes of righteousness and love as the authoritative definition of acceptable behaviour. All His laws and rules for society can be summed up in two statements 'You shall love the Lord your God', and 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. A society without an absolute standard of conduct at its core, even an ideal standard, cannot long endure I consider myself a love-servant of Jesus Christ. That is, I love him as a person whom I know and I feel free to do what he wants me to, because I love him. I often fail, but I know that I am accepted by God because of Jesus who died and rose again for me, that I might live in him. That is the basis of my philosophy.

Barry McDonald

TRUE, OH, SO TRUE

Dear Craccum, I take umbrage with the offensive, biased, totally ignorant letter written by Chris Bilham and printed in Issue 15.

The words I object to are 'a premeditated attack with weapons by Stormtroopers from the 'gutters' of Mangere and Otara. By uncompromisingly aligning herself with this 'filth'...

Who is Chris Bilham to assume that people resident in Mangere and Otara are filth who live in gutters?

Most of these people did not choose to live in Mangere or Otara. Many care for their homes nonetheless, care for their family and friends and most are as clean as anyone.

I have seen students, supposedly intelligent, well-brought up people, who not only look filthy but speak filth. Craccum has been known to print some of it under the guise that its intellectual prose.

Can anyone tell me how it is that 'fuck' is filthy when it comes from the mouth of a gangmember, but intellectual and even witty when it comes from the mouth of students. I suspect the emphasis is not on intelligence but colour. So if a Polynesian dresses shabbily, acts uncouth and mouths obscenities this is 'filth'. But if a WASP were to do the same that would be humour or intellectual wit. Chris Billham, you are the sort that people from Otara, Mangere, those with brown skins from anywhere, are not prepared to tolerate any longer.

You are so wrapped in your white, arrogantly opinionated racist ways that you can not see any other but your own life style as being useful and 'clean'

Enough said. People like yourself had best learn to watch your P's and Q's. You will not be tolerated. Polynesians, Maoris, in particular have turned the other cheek too often in the past.

It got them nothing better than a third class position in this society.

Tieni Hamlin

THANKS

Dear Ed and all Craccum, Congratulations on your continued production of a good rag. We particularly appreciate all non-sensical non-boring stuff. Full marks to Lettuce and my back pages. Please 'scuse ignorance and apathy but where is Craccum. I thought I'd be clever and casually questioned a 2nd yr along those lines and she didn't know.



NOTHING LIKE A GOOD FAIR MAN

Dear Editor, In response to Warwick Roger's series of articles 'the Maori' Radio Pacific hosted a talkback show based on these articles. Amongst the comment it was interesting to hear that some people and their organisations were not consulted by any journalist about these articles, despite the fact many quotes were used. Some statements were incorrect and some said to be misleading (as a member of the Haka Party I recognised this) because they were second hand and used out of context. The statistics comparing Maori and Pakeha achievements in various fields was also misleading. For example comparing the School Cert. pass rates between Hillary College Maoris and Pakeha New Zealanders. The difference could be due to a Maori-Pakeha situation or Hillary College situation. To choose Maori unemployment figures in five North Island (at random) in 1967 has little statistical relevance. The articles offered necessary comment and some good points arise. However journalism of this nature is contrary to the rules of journalism shows little fairness and is derogoratory and detrimental to the argument being forwarded.

Yours Again Andrew Peek I'M ALL RIGHT DAVE....

Dear Dave,

I've been moved to write (theological reasons) this little bit of blurb because I am pissed off with the moaning that has been going on around campus lately re Bursary cuts. No I don't like them either but they have a purpose. It's to get the complacent fat arsed students off their little conservative arseholes and do some work. I mean get down and get on with the job of getting a degree instead of farting around. Before bursary came into existence everyone survived and managed to complete degrees etc under their own or parental financing, so surely it can be now. Don't let anyone tell me that there are no holiday jobs available to finance because there bloody are. A friend of mine earned \$1300 last year on the Govt Student whatever the hell it's called Scheme and he's surviving, too well for my liking. The Bursary cut is to 'separate the wheat from the chaff' and get the chaff back on the streets and contributing something to the country instead of living off it. And in case I hear crys of who the hell does this guy think he is it should be known that I am just an ordinary Science student, flatting, working part time and yes I went on the Education Marches 1 & 2 & 3 and the Overseas Students Marches (1) so nobody can accuse me of being biased in any way apart from being a sexist? So people I think its time to pull together, get rid of the I'll help me and shift the country attitude that is pervading our society today in all levels and try and do something about regaining the pre depresional (1974) levels of affluence that we once had.

There, I've finished, so take that.

Up Yours Mike

P.S. Please feel free to scrawl defamatory comments both above the letter in bold type and below in italics. I couldn't give a stuff.

Yes I did vote National in the last election

NOT ANOTHER ONE

Just a little ntoe to tell you about the DANCE OF THE YEAR. This is being held this Friday (July 20th) in the Cafe starting at 8 pm. We have organised two of the best dance bands in town TOY LOVE and a really hot band called the SNIPES. Both bands have great reputations and cater to all tastes. All proceeds to to the EDUCATION FIGHTBACK campaign so come and have some fun while

Lotso love

P.S. The Noddy of the Year competition still runs all this week too and if a campus personality wins we will make a trumpetheralded presentation at the dance.

supporting your right to a good education.

NOTHING LIKE A GOOD FAIR MAN PART TWO

From the time of the Haka Party attack it has amazed me, as well as disappointed me, to see an unfortunate trend set; in that one believes in the facts that one wants to believe in, or are convenient to believe in.

The Auckland Star used incorrect facts and selected facts out of context, detrimental to both the Maori Club and Haka Party. The convenience in this case being one of sensationalism and paper sales.

Too often prejudice involving racism, violence or personnel hatred were used as a foundation for an opinion or for taking a stand in an argument. Facts on what one formulates a -viewpoint becoming secondary, indeed only suitable facts or distorted facts being considered to reinforce the viewpoint and inhibiting facts being ignored. Chris Tennet brings this to a fore in paragraph 5 of his letter, however he goes one stage

further. He tells (not suggests) of a completely new incident and a new set of facts (which are untrue), I presume this stand of his is only a convenience for his own beliefs for it has no other positive purpose.

I wonder how we can come this far through an education system to show attitudes of arrogance like this. It is bad enough to try to con others let alone conning oneself and believing it.

Yours deeply. Andrew Peek

A letter which I sent to the Auckland Star but I don't like my chances of getting it printed.

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