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EDITORIAL

COLOUR AND TONE

Racism is a product of the mind, not of skin colour. It thrives in situations where one ethnic group is numerically superior to others, as in New Zealand, Britain or Russia. Our own campus is not free from it, as the events of 1979 bear terrible witness. Craccum sincerely hopes that the present confrontation between the President and the Maori and Pacific Island Students can be conciliated, so that we can continue to develop mutual understanding among different races on campus rather than having our relations tinged with suspicion and anger. It is easy for whites to forget how oppressive our society is towards Non-Europeans. Western Civilisation was built on conquest, and our society has still not fully rid itself of that bias towards subjugating other peoples.

We would do well to take heed of the situation in South Africa, where the whites have found themselves caught in a corner. Read the statements of the Maoris and Pacific Islanders, and see if you can see that corner looming.

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Well, seven down, eighteen (only) to go. We've got together the finest team of helpers an editor could ask for, and it's thanks to them for Craccum. As for you lot, PLEASE make your letters and notices legible and get them to us as soon as possible. I've been typesetting now since about eight o'clock last night and it's now seven in the morning: no good. And we're full again: we'll clear the backlog of letters after Easter. OK, a round of applause for All The People Upstairs, and quiet fade as David, Peter and I put the finishing touches on and Paul catches up on his sleep. I wish I could. Ta ra, everybody, Bless You All.

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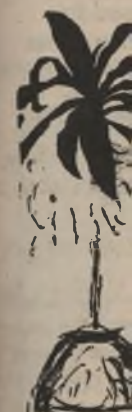
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SAVE THE COROMANDELI

Meeting Weds (15th April), 1-2 Room 144 (behind TV room). Anyone interested in the mining issue welcome. Tapes of Watchdog committee meetings will be played.

RICHARD PREBBLE, M.P.

Thursday, April 16th, B10, 1.00pm. "Prebble on Everything" - Why New Zealand needs a Labour government - Towards a just taxation system - and the rest.

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The week before last I lost somewhere in the university my reading glasses (gold-rimmed, achromatic) If anyone knows where they've ended up would they please contact a very bleary-eyed Mike Peake of the English Department. My home phone number is 805-388.

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On Saturday May 2 AUSA is holding a party for 400-500 underprivileged and handicapped children. If you can help on or before this date please leave your name and phone no. at the Studess reception desk.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS:

Nominations are now open for the following positions as representatives of the Association on University and joint committees. Nominations for all of these positions close with the Secretary at 5.00pm on Tuesday 14 April.

SENATE:

Two positions from 1 May 1981 to 30 April 1982. Appointments will be made by the Student Representative Council at its meeting of 15 April. All candidates are invited to attend this meeting.

Appointments for all of the following positions will be made at the Executive meeting of 16 April. All candidates are invited to attend this meeting:

STUDENT UNION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Two positions from 1 May 1981 to 30 April 1982.

THEATRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Two positions from date of appointment to 30 April 1982. (Note: Nominations for a further vacancy to 31 October 1981 close 31 March).

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

One position to 30 April 1982.

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One position from 1 May 1981 to 30 April 1982.

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One position from 1 May 1981 to 30 April 1982.

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One position from 1 May 1981 to 30 April 1982.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS OFFICER

Nominations are now open for the Executive position of Overseas Students Officer. The term of office is from the date of appointment to 31 December 1981. Nominations close with the Secretary at 5.00pm on Tuesday 28 April and an appointment will be made at S.R.C. on 29 April.

SOCIETIES GRANTS COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the SOCIETIES GRANTS COMMITTEE of AUSA. The meeting will be held in the AUSA Council Room on Saturday and Sunday 9, 10 May. All clubs and societies making grant applications are required to send a representative to address the meeting. Clubs are advised to allocate themselves a time on the meeting timetable at the AUSA office as soon as possible. Ivan Sowry Secretary, Societies Grants Committee

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Corso on Campus is holding its AGM on Tuesday April 14th, starting at 7.00 pm in the Exec Lounge.

The Agm will start with a slide show looking at George, the author of "How the Other Half Dies". Come along and have your say in the direction of Corso on Campus this year.

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The Prospects for Poland

At 4.45am on September 1 1939, as dawn was breaking, German troops crossed the frontier of Poland, signalling the outbreak of the Second World War. Today the world watches nervously as industrial unrest intensifies in Poland, carrying with it a very real threat of Soviet military intervention. The stage is set for a major confrontation between the imperialist Soviet Union unwilling to release its grip on Poland, and the western powers of NATO, unwilling to appease after the Afghanistan experience.

Strikes have been triggered off by police brutality in Bydgoszcz against members of the recently recognised Solidarity Independent Trade Union. The present wave of strikes also voice the wish of the country's 3.5 million peasant farmers to have their own Union recognised.

At the heart of these strikes and the headline hitting stoppages of late 1980 is the Polish people's rising discontent with Soviet domination of their country.

New Zealand papers, with a fine display of inconsistency (considering the way they condemned the recent strikes in New Zealand and extolled the Tania Harris anti-strike march), have come out on the side of the Polish workers. They have managed to ignore the aspect of mass solidarity between Polish workers, students and intellectuals, and have instead parroted on about a fight for individual freedoms.

The Evening Post editorial on March 30 proclaimed the Polish situation as "an unnerving spectacle of worker defiance of communist rule", sounding remarkably like Barci Kowski (the Polish Politburo leader) who condemned worker unrest as an "open fight against ... socialism."

The ruling clique

Poland, in fact, has nothing socialist about its character. The workers do not rule. Poland is ruled by a capitalist regime maintained by the Soviet Union which profits from the exploitation and oppression of the Polish people. Heads of the state factories, government super-ministries, the so-called workers' party and the army hold all power in their hands. They refuse to let the workers control their only defence organisation, the unions. Not only do members of this new capitalist class draw high salaries, they also benefit from a whole system of bonuses and kickbacks. While Poland has a shortage of more than a million housing units, this clique lives in luxury apartments and has country villas. While the workers must line up to buy a piece of meat the new ruling class can shop at well stocked stores supposedly reserved for foreigners.

Police force used against workers

Poland's labour force has been squeezed by this new class and "bought off" cheaply. Twelve hour days and "voluntary" labour on Saturday and Sundays have become common. This super-exploitation is only possible because the Polish people are deprived of many democratic rights. All those who demand changes are subject to repression by the social-fascist regime (socialist in words, but fascist in acts). Leaders of free trade unions have been imprisoned or shot (49 workers were killed and a further 1165 wounded in a protest over price hikes in Gdansk in December 1970). In the latest police brutality in Bydgoszcz, Solidarity members were kicked, punched and beaten by police, resulting in 27 members being taken to hospital and a 68 year old farmer being flown to Warsaw for emergency treatment.

This incident illustrates the use of state force to suppress workers; as has been the case in the past. In 1956, 1970 and 1976, force was used to quash protest over rising food prices, shortages of basic commodities and the suppression of workers' rights to organise.

Backing out of commitments

Last year, as a result of the massive strikes over high meat prices, the government granted nominal legal recognition on November 10 to the Solidarity trade union. However, the last 10 years of struggle in Poland have shown that the Polish regime has always tried to take back gains won by workers.

In 1970, after police massacred protesting workers on the Baltic Coast, the Polish leader, Gomulk was forced from office and replaced by Gierek. Gierek granted wage increases immediately and allowed elections for local trade union positions. When the struggle died down, however, the new delegates were purged and the unions carried on as before - pliant tools in the hands of the bureaucratic regime.

On June 24 1976 workers struck in Warsaw to protest against massive price rises in basic commodities such as meat, fish, butter and sugar. In Radom, 60km south of Warsaw, two workers were killed as police moved in to halt their demonstration. Faced with widespread opposition, Gierek's government revoked the price increases but hundreds of workers continued to be arrested and thrown into jail.

The present threat of a general strike must be viewed in the context of the Polish authorities backing out of the November agreement to recognise the Solidarity union. Rural Solidarity already has 60,000 members, yet the authorities have consistently refused to recognise any independent union for Poland's 3.5 million private farmers. The ruling Polish class realises, of course, that if the right to unionise was granted to its people, it would breach their system of repression - which was set up to perpetuate Soviet domination of Poland. As Lech Walesa, leader of Solidarity remarked, "we must realise that Solidarity is a thorn in the government's side let's have no illusions - the authorities don't want us."

The Soviet effect on the economy

The Polish economy is in dire straits; it is in debt to the west to the tune of nearly \$20 billion. It is plagued by high energy prices, sagging investment, and low exports. The largely privately owned agricultural sector is unable to meet the food requirements of the nation. This year Poland will have to import over \$7 million tonnes of grain, and meat production is only expected to reach 75% of the market requirements.

To understand Poland's economic crisis, and its effect on workers, it is necessary to examine the economy's weaknesses - precisely, the way it is tied to the Soviet Union. Through a trade agreement called COMECON the Soviet Union dominates the economies of Eastern Europe and, significantly, the economies of Vietnam and Cuba. The agreement consolidates the Soviet Union's hold on the Eastern Bloc by developing unequal exchange, promoting the export of Soviet capital, and pushing for what is called an international division of labour. The latter involves, a specialisation of industry and agriculture in the member countries to serve Soviet interests. For example, COMECON's "gardener", Bulgaria, is unable to adequately supply its own people with fruit and vegetables. For Poland it has meant an overdevelopment of engineering and electrical industry, to the detriment of other sectors of the economy. Hence, the shortages of basic foodstuffs felt most sharply by Polish workers.

Reliance on Soviet energy

On the other side of the coin, it means the members rely on the Soviet Union for oil. Poland depends upon the Soviet Union for three quarters of its oil, all of its natural gas, and all of its iron. In the last four years the Soviet Union has multiplied the price of its oil by five times. The Soviets can, at any time, cut off or restrict the flow of oil and gas to its member countries if they refuse to fall into line, so paralysing their economies.

To loosen the Soviet grip, the Polish regime has made massive loans from the west in recent years in order to modernise and diversify its industry. In doing so it has built up to a \$20 billion debt. In order to earn foreign exchange to pay off these loans Polish leaders have become obsessed with production, which is where the increased exploitation of workers, and the shortages of consumer goods, fit in.

Warsaw Pact - a defence alliance?

Militarily, Poland is also tied to the Soviet Union's apron strings. 24,00 Soviet troops are stationed in Poland under the Warsaw Pact, which Soviet leaders claim is a defence alliance aimed at protecting the USSR and the East European countries from foreign aggression. The facts though, point otherwise. Several pact countries are occupied by Soviet army divisions. In 1968, in an incident which must rest heavy on the Polish workers' minds, 650,000 Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia to crush a movement for independence and democratic reforms.

The pact's military might goes far beyond defence forces. It comprises 1.3 million soldiers, 320,000 more than NATO, and has 2.3 times as many tanks and 1.7 times as many planes as NATO. It is dominated by the Soviet Union and in reality is a pact designed to maintain Soviet influence over Eastern Europe, and to prepare for an eventual offensive against Western Europe.

Decision making is under the control of Soviet officers and pact members have criticised this control many times. For example, Romania has pointed out that the supreme commander of the pact invariably is a Soviet general. Romania, to maintain its independence, has always refused to allow Soviet troops to be stationed on its territory, and has refused to take part in the invasion of another country.

USSR cannot lose Poland

In its expansionist drive, the Soviet Union cannot afford to lose Poland or to grant concessions to striking workers which will weaken Soviet control in Poland. If the crisis-racked Polish ruling party cannot maintain stability, military intervention will seem an attractive alternative. The stakes are too high for the superpower.

The Polish army of 210,000 men, second biggest in the Eastern Bloc to Moscow's own, is of prime importance to Soviet might. The geographic position of Poland is also of vital strategic importance. It provides the only direct road and rail link for Warsaw Pact forces moving from the Soviet Union to East Germany in the event of a confrontation with NATO forces.

It is not only the Soviet hold in Poland that is at stake but its control over the rest of Eastern Europe. The powerful example of the Polish workers' movement could well spread to the other countries of Eastern Europe - and even the USSR itself, triggering a wave of resistance to Soviet rule.

The latest Warsaw Pact military exercises in and around Poland, involve units from the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Officially it is only coincidence that they occur at the same time as the latest industrial flare-up in Poland. The military exercises must be viewed with concern.

World opinion against the USSR

The Soviet 'blitzkrieg' invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and its invasion into Afghanistan in 1979 show that Moscow is quite prepared to use its military might to protect its empire. There is, however, one crucial factor which would work to slow down this threat of a third world war - world opinion. After the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan, world opinion is definitely mounting against the fastest growing superpower. An invasion of Poland would shatter completely any illusions about Soviet commitment to detente and

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What the Soviet Union will be weighing up in the next few weeks is the effect worldwide opposition at this stage may have on its ability to disguise its aggression as protection, with its ability to prepare for war. There is no doubt, though, that the USSR cannot afford to lose Poland.

Treading lightly

Solidarity leaders are well aware that they are confronted with the real threat of Soviet intervention and are employing flexible tactics. Not wanting to hand Brezhnev the excuse he needs to send in troops to crush the Polish workers' movement, Walesa used cooling-off tactics after November's success, calling for a six week moratorium on strikes.

The Evening Post's comment on March 30, that "in continuing to press its claims for reform, Poland's Solidarity trade union movement must know it is on a collision course. But it is obviously prepared to go to the limit," is blatantly incorrect.

Walesa commented immediately after the police brutality in Bydgoszcz on the need for caution. "You must realise that the situation is very precarious both internally and externally ... You must realise that a general strike would be the end of our struggle. One side has an army, we haven't got one. We shall struggle resolutely. But we do not want a general strike."

The demands of the Polish workers are just. As one worker said, "All we want is what was promised in our national constitution 35 years ago." In a sense they are fighting for their daily bread - the right to eat and live decently. But also, in the context of the present Soviet controlled regime, they fight for their only weapon to secure their daily bread - a union. But, as Solidarity leaders themselves are well aware, their struggle must take a careful course.

- Kate O'Malley

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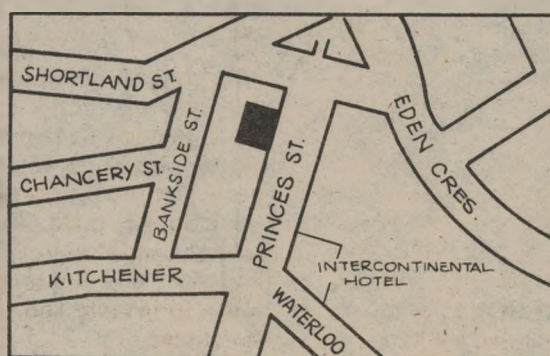
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NORTH EAST

New Zealand Racist Football Union

NZRFU - Thick as a Brick

There can be no doubt that the invitation by the NZ Rugby Football Union to the Springboks to tour here later this year has raised widespread condemnation at home and abroad. The NZRFU reaffirmed its 'Head in the Sand' approach by refusing to withdraw the invitation at its Annual General Meeting held in Wellington on April 9.

Opposition to the Tour in New Zealand comes from all sections of the community. The National Government and the Prime Minister, Mr Muldoon, have publicly stated their opposition to the Tour. Church leaders, trade unionists, schoolteachers, students, workers and rugby union players have declared their opposition to the Tour and called on the NZRFU to cancel the invitation. However, the NZRFU remains adamant. What we have now is a situation where the Rugby Union is prepared to offer support and succour to a team representing the racist state of South Africa in defiance of the calls of Black Africans and the international community for a total sporting boycott of South Africa.

INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

History has shown that the 'Building bridges' approach to bringing about substantial change to apartheid has been a dismal failure. South Africa is becoming increasingly

isolated and is looking for friends in the international community. Black South Africans have been monitoring the actions of New Zealand in dealing with the racist South African regime. New Zealand has been advised that a Springbok Tour to this country will be regarded as an act of support for the apartheid system. The New Zealand Government was conned by South African athletes who competed at the World Veteran Games by using passports from other countries. A blacklist of those promoting sporting contact with South Africa has been compiled by Black South Africans and New Zealanders figure prominently.

The implications for New Zealand's international relations are starting to be clarified. The 1982 Commonwealth Games are a likely target for retaliation at New Zealand for allowing the Springbok Tour to go ahead. New Zealand is trying to expand its trade with Third World countries. There could be very real repercussions in this area as a result of the Tour. New Zealand's standing in the international community can only suffer if the Tour goes ahead.

New Zealand has everything to lose and nothing to gain by allowing the Tour to go ahead. International condemnation, likely sporting and trade boycotts, civil strife and division at home. Given the refusal of the NZRFU the ball is now firmly in the Government's court. The government must meet the challenge laid down

by the NZRFU and demonstrate that it is prepared to take decisive action to protect the interests of New Zealand. After all, that is what it is elected to do.

REFUSE VISAS

The Government has the constitutional power to refuse visas to the Springboks. The Labour Government (1972-75) denied visas to South African sportspeople. Successive National Governments have denied visas to people they wished to keep out of the country. Those denied visas since 1975 have included a Soviet cultural delegation, a delegation of private citizens from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), and the United Nations representative of Fretilin, Ramos Horta.

Most countries deny entry visas to South African sportspeople. New Zealand is one of a very small minority of Commonwealth Governments that still grant visas to South African sportspeople. Australia and Canada both deny visas to South Africa's sporting representatives. Outside the commonwealth, even ultra-conservative governments such as Argentina and South Korea deny visas to South African sportspeople.

1981 is election year in New Zealand. The Government is obviously very sensitive to the tour issue. However, by not taking positive action to stop the Tour the government is diverting attention from fundamental election issues such as unemployment, inflation, 'restructuring', cuts in education spending and racial discrimination. It is convenient and politically expedient for the Government to delay a decision on the visa question. The Government fails to deny visas not because it cannot, but because it chooses not to.

Under the Gleneagles Agreement the Government has a clear responsibility to stop the Tour. When the Prime Minister signed the Agreement he accepted that it was the 'urgent duty of (the) government vigorously to combat the evil of apartheid by withholding any form of support for, and by taking every practical step to discourage' contact or competition with South Africa. Clearly the Government is hedging its bets. However, for the Government to fail to take positive action by refusing visas and maintain that it can do no more (while providing \$2.5 million to police the Tour) would be an act of cowardice and hypocrisy. More seriously, it would also be an abject capitulation to racism and apartheid.

All those opposed to apartheid and the Tour must demonstrate that opposition to the Government and force it to take the step of refusing visas. May 1 has been declared a national day of action to bring home to the Government its obligations to act. The Government can no longer sit on the fence to check which way the political wind is blowing. The majority of New Zealanders oppose the Tour. They must mobilise on May 1 and demonstrate to the Government that not only do they expect visas to be refused but that they support the Government in that action.

Colin McFadzean
General Vice-President
NZUSA



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You will need

1 pkt crisp fried noodles or 1 pkt egg noodles
2-3 eggs and 1 tsp butter
salt, sugar, boiling water
cooking oil

Lots of vegetables, according to what is in season e.g. Onions, Peppers, Carrots, Celery, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Beans, Courgettes, Cabbage, Mushrooms.

Soy Sauce, garlic and root ginger (optional)

First cut up the vegetables and leave them in small bowls. Keep them separate.

Then beat the eggs lightly, melt the butter in a frying pan and pour the eggs on. Leave them on a moderate heat to set. To set the top, it might help to put the frying pan under a grill for a minute. When the eggs are cold, slice them into strips. Cook the vegetables as follows, separately, and in the above order.

Pour a dessertspoon of oil into the frying pan, add the vegetables and stir for about a minute. Then add ¼ tsp salt, ½ tsp sugar and a very little boiling water - just enough so that the vegetables cook in steam. The vegetables are done when they are still crisp and retain their colour. Do not over cook them. How long they take to cook depends on the type. Obviously onions take longer than mushrooms.

Place the cooked vegetables in an ovenproof dish in the oven on a low heat (200°F) while you cook the next lot. You might need to add a bit more oil. 1-2 mins is enough frying time for most things. When all the vegetables have been cooked fry the garlic and ginger if you want it and add to the dish. Mix it all together and place the strips of egg on top. Serve with noodles and soy sauce. For special occasions you can add beef, pork or chicken which has been diced and cooked quickly in oil. If you marinate the meat first in 1 tbsp oil; 1 tbsp wine or water; 1 tbsp soy sauce; 1 dtsp cornflour; 1 tsp salt and 1 tsp sugar mixed together, it will taste much better. We leave it in the marinade for 3-4 hrs with 2 or 3 star anise flowers (which can be bought from Chinese retailers) and it tastes delicious. 500 gms of meat is sufficient for 5 people, so buy the best you can afford.

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The President Speaks...

This is the first instalment of a three part series prepared by the current President Wayne McIntosh, largely in response to the current criticism levelled at the Student Travel Bureau and its management. However the main purpose of the series is to inform students who read it of some of the historical and philosophical background to the developing trend of Students Associations growing larger, becoming more professional, employing sophisticated management systems and involving themselves in commercial enterprises. Please remember this is my personal opinion only and may not represent the Associations view.

Let me start this trilogy with a personal statement of opinion. I do not believe that a Students' Association as an Incorporated Society should control commercial enterprises, even in the name of students, even if the proposed or expected profits can be used to pay for essential services for students, and even if this would possibly reduce the student member's subscriptions in the future unless that activity can be shown to be justified by a particular student need or desire.

There is no justification in my view for any Students' Association to enter into the commercial sphere with its inherent risk of capital and resources that every entrepreneur must make if they want to make a profit. This should be regardless of whether a certain proposed venture can be shown to be a highly attractive investment returning large profits to the Association and its members. Such a course in my view would be an unwarranted course for any Executive to take and an irresponsible way to use students money which has been entrusted to them to use for students benefit and not for use in commercial speculation on their behalf. In this philosophy there is no middle ground, no compromise and therefore no opportunity for hasty decisions, greed or other considerations to detract the Executive from the course that they must follow if they are to fulfill the position of trust that has been delegated to them.

What then should a Students' Association be doing for its members?

Clearly the Association must represent its members protecting their collective interests and this in my view should be its first priority. Secondly the Association should organise various student activities of a social, sporting, political and cultural nature.

Thirdly an Association, especially one of this size and nature must provide, and ensure the continued provision of essential services. These include accounting, secretarial, sanitary, catering and recreational amenities.

These basic concepts of a Students' Association so far have led in the last few years to very little embittered philosophical argument. Our current activities in the previous four categories, while they may change slightly or become more or less efficient or professional, will probably continue in some form or other in the future.

MONEY LOST

The fourth category, which is a developing one and follows trends in Students' Associations at Universities overseas is the growth of additional activities that, while providing a service to students, are essentially run on the basis of a commercial enterprise. This involves risk. Capital must be invested in these enterprises and that capital can on come ultimately from one sourcestudents.

As this is a growing trend of Students' Associations both overseas and in NZ how can this investment of student funds which has been entrusted to a student committee be justified: Especially when the risk means a venture may make money for students, or it may just as easily lose money, a LOT of money which would otherwise have been safeguarded if the commercial venture had not been entered into.

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LUDICROUS OR NOT?

So far it seems ludicrous for a Students' Association to even contemplate entering into any commercial ventures that would put students money at risk. A lot of people believe this: Some very strongly. The fact is in New Zealand in the past Associations have done so and there are plans in the future that will probably continue this trend.

NEXT WEEK

In the second instalment next week I will attempt to explain why various Students' Associations Executives throughout the country including our own have adopted a course which is a radical departure from the traditional and accepted role of a Students' Association that could lead them and their members to financial disaster. I will attempt also to reconcile this view with the one that says commercial activities are simply a natural progression of our current quasi - commercial ones and if we don't do it then students will spend their money elsewhere anyway because they want these services.

Wayne McIntosh

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION FIGHTBACK DANCE HELD IN THE STUDENT UNION CAFETERIA ON FRIDAY MARCH 21 FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Friday night I witnessed physical damage to the Union buildings, violence and personal injury to the people attending the Dance.

The Dance had been advertised off campus, large numbers of people were involved, the dance had been held in the cafeteria, a large percentage of people at the Dance were non-students and a large amount of liquor had been sold.

Let me take each point separately.

1. The Dance had been advertised off campus. This I think has generally been accepted to be a mistake.

My recommendation:

Liquor licences for the Cafeteria are not to be issued if the Function is advertised off campus.

2. Large Numbers of People were involved.

At 10.15pm the Security Guard on the entrance door counted 940 as having gone into the cafe. In addition it was generally assumed that a large number of people (as much as 10%) had gained unauthorised entry. This was due to the fact that the stamp system of control is easily defrauded. So the numbers inside the building were in excess of the prudent or indeed the legal limit.

Recommendation:

THAT Security Personnel be given the discretion to stop further sales as a control measure when they have reason to believe that it would be in the best interests of the people already admitted and for the security of the building to do so.

THAT cards be issued as a pass and that organisers be instructed that the use of stamp passes alone is not sufficient for effective gate control.

3. The Dance had been held in the Cafeteria

Because of its ground floor location, easily accessible from Princes Street to the public and the large amount of wall glass used in its construction the danger of personal injury due to smashed glass and missiles is great.

Recommendation:

THAT large containers be placed at all entrances and exits for cans and that Security Personnel be instructed that no cans or containers be allowed outside of the building.

THAT organisers be required to provide sufficient receptacles inside the Union building for cans etc. and that they be required to ensure that these are utilised to prevent a build up of potential missiles on the floor.

4. A large Percentage of People were non-student.

All the trouble was caused by non-student factions. The "Boot

Boys" who caused a lot of trouble last year simply came to listen to the music. But because the K.C.'s (King Cobras) had a beef with this particular group at this particular time. (The K.C.'s had been overrun downtown after a verdict of guilty of manslaughter of Marion Fudge Cotton, 13 years, had been handed down on five of their members on 17 February). That is not the point though.

The point is, as soon as one group is let inside a dance they have the potential to attract other rival groups and social groups such as the Engineering Society simply will not let these obviously non-student groups into their functions. As we have a duty to students attending these "open" functions I believe we should follow the example of student clubs.

Recommendation:

THAT organisers be instructed not to allow non-student groups into the student functions and a decision by security personnel is to be final if they refuse entry to such groups.

THAT all functions be encouraged to use a student discount system to discourage non-student groups attending student functions.

5. A large amount of liquor has been stolen.

Cans, although environmentally unsuitable are still preferable to glassware. Indiscriminate selling to minors was prevalent and has been widespread at cafe functions for as long as I can remember. However a higher rate of consumption of alcohol per person at the Engineers function on the same night convinces me that if the preceding controls are vigorously enforced then the amount of liquor sold is not a significant factor at a student function in determining peoples behaviour.

SUMMARY

As far as the police are concerned the sub-culture groups such as the King Cobras, the Proud Scum, the Scalp Hunters, the Kaizer Boys, the Neutrals, the Boot Boys etc... are well known to them. These groups will loiter around any public place in the inner city that they are not excluded from and will play a significant role in future violence. Many are Maoris from broken homes and the Police Departments Youth Aid Section know of over one dozen separate inner city "teen" gangs. I believe that the Executive has a responsibility to preserve the Union complex primarily for student use and not let it become yet another battle ground for these factions. Failure to do so would be a failure to face up to a responsibility that has been delegated to us.

Wayne McIntosh:
PRESIDENT

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... And The People Respond...

Presented to Executive 2/4/81 by the University of Auckland Maori Students' Association -

The objections the University of Auckland Maori Students Association raised against the report of the Education Fightback dance submitted by Wayne McIntosh were against, firstly, specific recommendations made therein, and, secondly, against the wording of certain parts of the report.

A Re Recommendation I

"Liquor licence for the cafeteria are not to be issued if the function is advertised off Campus" and recommendation 4:

"That organisers be instructed not to allow non-student groups into student functions..."

Our objections

1. These fail to acknowledge different cultural values. Polynesian students are often deeply involved in the wider Polynesian community off campus and with extended family kin networks. These people act as the source of much of our financial, moral and physical support. To exclude them from our functions would deprive us of such support the Maori custom of Koha (donation) for example, is based around the support for individual hui (gatherings) by the larger community. The above recommendations are in direct confrontation to this custom.

2. The recommendations serve to alienate even further, the student body from the wider community.

B Re Point 4

"All the trouble was caused by non-student factions. The 'Boot Boys' who caused a lot of trouble last year simply came to listen to the music. But because the K.C's (King Cobras) had a beef with this particular group at this particular time (the K.C's had been overrun downtown after a verdict of guilty of manslaughter of Marion Fudge Cotton. 13 years had been handed down on five of their members on 17 February) That is not the point though."

Our objections (apart from the grammatical errors)

1. The above statement is factually incorrect. The K.C's were NOT involved in the Marion Fudge case. The attack was NOT King Cobra inspired.

2. The paragraph is superfluous and irrelevant to the main body of the report. It even says "that is not the point though". We ask: then why include such a paragraph in the first place?

3. The paragraph merely clouds the issues with the introduction of a sensationalized case and the use of emotive language. It is merely a diatribe against the King Cobras.

C Re Summary

"As far as the police are concerned the sub-culture groups such as the King Cobras, the Proud Scum, the Scalp Hunters, the Kaizer Boys, the Neutrals, the Boot Boys etc... are well known to them. These groups will loiter around any public place in

the inner city that they are not excluded from and will play a significant role in future violence. Many are Maoris from broken homes and the Police Departments Youth Aid Section know of over one dozen separate inner city 'teen gangs'. I believe that the Executive has a responsibility to preserve the Union complex primarily for student use and not let it become yet another battle ground for these functions. Failure to do so would be a failure to face up to a responsibility that has been delegated to us."

Our objections

1. The whole summary uses emotive language.

2. Thru the juxtaposition of three ideas "... future violence... Maoris... broken homes...." it immediately associates Maori people with broken homes and violence.

3. It ignores social and historical trends that have led to a proliferation of gangs.

4. It favours a conceited, self righteous condemnation instead of reasoned investigation and positive action by the Student Exec.

5. We are entitled to lodge complaint under Section 9A of the Race Relations Act.

In conclusion we challenge Wayne McIntosh's audacity and authority to make such statements. We found them ill-conceived, ill worded and very poorly informed. They reflect a poor understanding and appreciation of Polynesian values - common in European modes of thought. They reflect an inadequate approach to contemporary events. Whether intended or not they have racist overtones and we were dismayed to see such sentiments coming from a person who should be representing the interests of Polynesian students on campus.

Wayne McIntosh as President of AUSA has a responsibility to all members of that Association, and the sentiments expressed by him in his report of the Education Fightback Dance shows that he is devoid of any such responsibility to the position he holds. As a report he need only stick to his recommendations, but no, he has to give his analysis of what is happening on the Streets of Auckland which he feels threatened by when it appears on campus. His statements are racist, provocative and are liable to be referred to the Race Relations Office. The racist sentiments expressed by him only reveal his ignorance of and insensitivity to the Maori and Pacific Island people in the community and those on campus who he represents, and it reflects on his capability as President of the Association. His apology to the Maori students who confronted him at the Executive meeting was only an easy way out for him, because there was no excuse on his part that he did not think it would offend. These are almost the same words expressed by the Engineering Haka Party of 1979. Also members of his Executive tried to persuade him to delete the offensive statements but he was persistent in having them in the report.

This is not a personal indictment on Wayne McIntosh but one on the President of our Association who

comes from the Law School with a legal background expressing himself in terms that could contravene sections of the Race Relations Act and is open to defamation proceedings.

Des Kahotea

The report submitted by the President to the AUSA Executive on the 21st March about the Education Fightback Dance held at the University Cafeteria is extremely dangerous and racist. The provocative statements made by the President in the report about young Maori gangs, ie "they will play a significant role in future violence", are Maoris from broken homes", the inference that those members of the King Cobra gang who attended the Education Fightback Dance were responsible for the late Marion Cotton's death, and the outrageous recommendation that the community be excluded from Auckland University student functions shows that the President is either a paranoid racist or incompetent and insensitive to the demands of his office.

The President's statements in his report show an appalling lack of appreciation of the fact that a high percentage of the unemployed and unqualified school-leavers are Maori, and that any attempts to exclude them from University student activities on campus will not instil good race relations but will provoke racial

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segregation. This is a sufficient reason for the President of the University with the largest number of Maori and Pacific Island students in New Zealand to submit his resignation.

What is also disturbing is the President's lack of professional ethics in commenting on a current issue of which he has very little understanding. As President this is totally irresponsible.

Any apology given by the President for the statements that he has made in his report is unacceptable if submitted because "I didn't know it would offend anyone". An apology from the President will only be acceptable on the confession by the President that his report incites racism and racial violence.

If the President wishes to ignore these points, then I suggest that he submit his resignation.

Norman Tulasau



AUCKLAND MAORI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Broad Aims as stated at the inaugural meeting

- 1) Information and Advisory Service for maori students on campus i.e. (Accommodation, Bursaries, Study Co-op's, etc)
- 2) Liaison with secondary school students and the wider community
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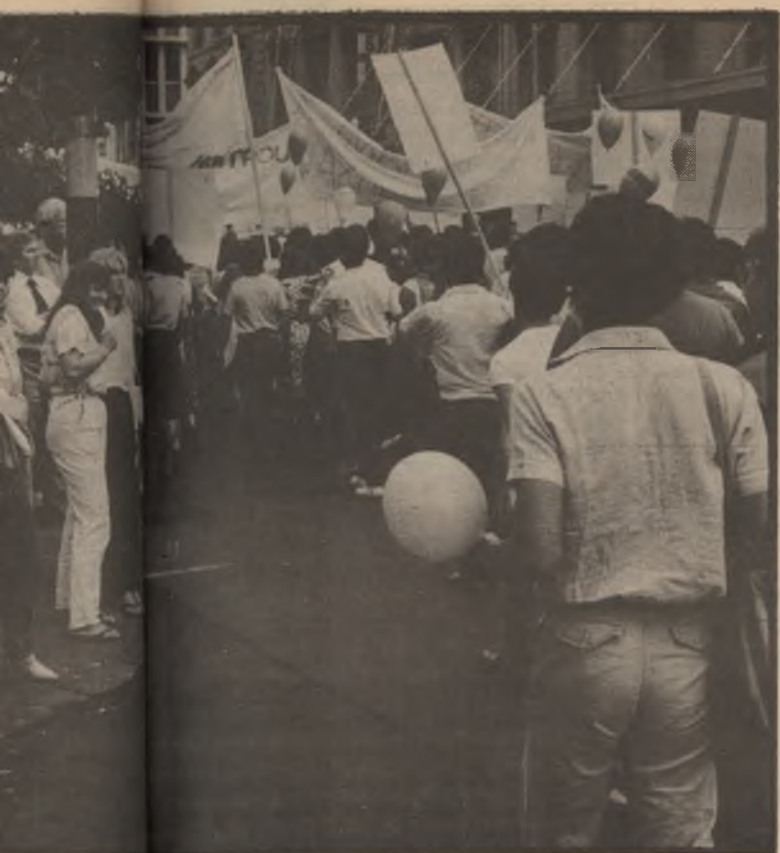
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EDUCATION FIGHTBACK



Queen St is getting about as much wear now from pedestrians as it is from motor vehicles. With Tania Harris and the FOL getting their booted hordes on the march the seal must actually feel some relief when it hears the soft shuffle of student jandals approaching. And while last Wednesday's march was not as large as some previous efforts (the Herald gave an estimate of 1500) the reaction of bystanders appeared to be more sympathetic and approving than it has been on previous outings.

True, there were the inevitable comments that 'It's a waste of money trying to educate that lot' and that 'citizens are taxed enough already', but the majority of people that Craccum spoke to agreed that the present education funding was inadequate and that the students were justified in taking to the streets to protest about the situation.

The important thing for University students to remember is that Education Fightback is (or is supposed to be) concerned with the whole spectrum of education and not just with tertiary education; a number of passers-by gave examples of poor conditions at other levels of the system. One man had a daughter who had been a teacher for nine years and then lost her job because of staffing cuts while her colleagues still had to cope with classes of fifty-plus children. Another woman, walking with her three grandchildren, was worried about how schools would be within a few years: her children had had difficult enough time getting academic qualifications. She felt that it was time that the issues were put strongly before the public.

Others even felt that the campaign could be taken further: 'You ought to march to bring down the pig', whatever that may mean. Some felt that the march itself was quite something, irrespective of its purpose: 'We're Queenslanders. We aren't allowed to have 'em.'

And naturally there were some. No Comments: from three young bank tellers in their lunch hour, from a well dressed man outside the Auckland Club, from a Dept of Labour worker stopped at the lights, from a very tired Dept of Education worker, and from a quiet but cheerful policeman walking beside the main stream. Professionalism extends a long way. 'Each to his own' as one said.

Afterwards the marchers returned to Albert Park for entertainment from Otis Mace & Rex Reason, Blam Blam Blam, a couple of politicians and the ubiquitous Tim Shadbolt. Some students had never left the Park. They simply watched it leave, ate their lunch and then watched it return. 'I'm content with what I've got. I'll get through' said one, secure in his own good luck.

Perhaps. As a construction worker vehemently pointed out, you just have to look in any paper to see what the Government really cares about: large capital investment, the smelters, Fletcher-Challenge and so on. And for individuals, workers have to strike for 5c an hour more while doctors and lawyers just charge more and the Government raises taxes. He felt that the Government should think less of giving big business their profits and more of giving students enough to live on: \$23 a week is just not enough.

When given a chance to state their policies on stage in Albert Park, spokespeople for the two viable alternative parties took their chance to attack the government. Stephen Perry, a ring-in for Social Credit as their usual spokesperson on education couldn't get time off from teaching school, said that, while he didn't know too much about it, after listening to the would be politicians in the Quad before the march he believed the situation was disgusting. Russell Marshall, the Labour voice, had his finger slightly more on the pulse. While he hedged a bit (as one would expect him to) on what the actual amount of the bursary should be, he did promise that a Labour Government would overhaul the present system completely. While political parties in election year invariably come out with such promises, Mr Marshall was quite adamant on one point: that the \$1500 overseas student fee would be scrapped by the Labour Government (See p.5 of last week's Craccum for details of the fee). This statement brought the best response of any he made: hopefully the rest of Labour's education policy can be made as enlightened and definite as that.

The Herald and Radio Hauraki have both been very sympathetic in their coverage of the march. Les Thompson grasped the reasoning behind Education Fightback quite succinctly, pointing out that in a time of high unemployment not to adequately support students means that many will have to drop out, and that the last thing New Zealand needs is a crop of under-achievers in the workforce when what we can really use is people educated enough to help get the country going again.

While the march has now been and gone, Education Fightback continues. In an election year any pressure that people can bring to bear on the Government will tell. All students are urged to become aware of the issues involved, to speak to their local politicians about the faults in the education system, and to use their vote wisely. We have got a good case to put forward, and this is the best time to do it!

- D.A.K.



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Let's give them that chance. This way the dole is not wasted but put to practical use.

It would help to eliminate: crime, violence, vandalism, broken homes, broken marriages and broken lives. With idle minds and hands these things are inevitable. With such a training scheme these people would have a sense of purpose, doing something worthwhile and a benefit to themselves, the community and the country as a whole. The march is not ANTI- unions, strikes, bosses, workers, Muldoon or Rowling, just for Kiwis who really care.

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REFERENDUM RESULTS

For those who say that these are close, questions one and three were recounted on the night, and they were still lost and carried respectively. There was also a double vote check, i.e. the four rolls were checked against each other from A-M. There were no double votes. There was a scrutineer, Jenny Renals, who is the Womin's Rights Officer. The President of Evangelical Union decided not to have a scrutineer. The only bad aspect was the conduct of

various individuals who tried to influence voters with leaflets on voting days, especially the one called Tim giving out SPUC pamphlets. Thanks to all the vote counters, the people who sat on polling booths, especially Jeff and Maree for the typing, Chris, and the folks at Med. School. Also Bob without whom I would not have managed.

Returning Officer
Louise Latlatte

1. THAT AUSA affirms its support for the struggle to repeal all abortion laws as a vital step towards attaining the rights of women to control their reproductive lives, and believes abortion should be readily obtainable in publicly financed clinics.

	HSB	Med.	Lib.	Quad	TOTAL
YES	42	32	374	416	864
NO	20	38	428	395	885
No Vote	3	6	35	31	75
Invalid	—	—	2	2	4
TOTAL	65	76	839	844	1824

RESULT: LOST

2. THAT AUSA totally reject the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act and that AUSA and the Women's Rights Action Committee, in conjunction with other interested groups, continue their campaign against this legislation.

	HSB	Med.	Lib.	Quad	TOTAL
YES	41	37	401	423	902
NO	18	30	370	366	784
No Vote	6	9	65	50	130
Invalid	—	—	3	5	8
TOTAL	65	76	839	844	1824

RESULT: CARRIED

3. THAT AUSA and the Women's Rights Action Committee offer their full support to REPEAL, the Sisters Overseas Service and the Abortion Law Reform Association of New Zealand.

	HSB	MED.	Lib.	Quad	TOTAL
YES	37	35	370	386	828
NO	21	27	386	386	820
No Vote	7	14	79	64	164
Invalid	—	—	4	8	12
TOTAL	65	76	839	844	1824

RESULT: CARRIED

THAT AUSA supports further moves towards the establishment of abortion clinics in New Zealand to at least allow present legally eligible women to gain abortion rapidly.

	HSB	Med.	Lib.	Quad	TOTAL
YES	49	47	464	501	1061
NO	15	21	328	300	664
No Vote	1	8	44	40	93
Invalid	—	—	3	3	6
TOTAL	65	79	839	844	1824

RESULT: CARRIED

Analysis:

Well, 2 and 4 were pretty conclusive, and 1 and 3 were pretty close, and scoring it 3—1 to the pro-abortion side is a bit naive. The motions themselves were complex in their presentation of the issues and deserve to be dealt with separately. 1. The Lost One. The consensus appears to be that if the words "publicly financed" had been deleted, this motion would have been passed. One of the major points of the anti-abortion lobbyists was that they did not want their money used on something they violently disagreed with. Unfortunately, because this was also, in its first part, the Freedom of Choice motion, and it would have been highly worthwhile to see the campus' view on that issue alone. 2. Fairly wide recognition of the fact that the CS&A Act is a mess.

Note however the growth of the No Votes in the Library and Quad, and especially the 58 vote drop in the Library Noes from 1. 3. Tight as tight can be. The No Votes continue to grow (it seems as though people have little stamina when it comes to deciding over ballot papers) and with perfect balance in the Quad it's Human Sciences and Med School holding the balance of power. 4. Quite definite. The No Votes have dwindled away, and one can only assume that whatever people think of abortion, they recognize that women have them and that there is a need for decent medical service so that what abortions do take place are at least safe and quickly available. Next? Let's wait and see. I doubt very much if the argument is over.

— Ed.

Capping is Coming!

Capping occurs every year at the end of the first term. For some people this is a time of joyful and relieved celebration, those all night last minute swot sessions were worth it after all. Yahoo a degree how prestigious for the able queue. It is the time when the university finally gives people something besides assignments and essay topics the chance to trot down Queen St and for the Mums to weep in the Town Hall.

For the rest of us lesser beings Capping provides an opportunity to prove why it is that we will not be at this years Capping ceremony (or at any Ceremony in the near future for that matter). During Capping week students can eliminate those past terms test blues by merrily drinking themselves into oblivion, getting arrested etc, etc. At the same time as students will have many excellent chances to disgrace themselves in the eyes of the public we can also do good things for children at the Annual Underprivileged and Disabled Children's party to make sure that President McIntosh, Truth and the general public don't mind too much.

1981 is the 90th Anniversary of Capping. We would like this years capping to be a truly memorable one but WE NEED YOU! Now (yes right NOW) is the time to start thinking about hangover cures, stunts and unusual objects. What is all this business about stunts and unusual objects anyway? Past stunts have included cementing a toilet in the middle of Princes St, attempting to steal an army tank transporter and almost succeeding. Also stunts in the past have included blowing up the Waitangi flag pole, and telling some workmen that students dressed as policemen were coming to attempt to disrupt their work and telling policemen that students dressed as workmen were digging up the road. Unusual objects have included Merv Wellington's letter-box, the Mayor's door, telephone boxes etc. etc. Get the idea?

Remember that stunts must be registered. This is especially important if your stunt is likely to incur the wrath of those gentlemen with tailored blue jackets and friendly smiles in their Vincent St concrete tower. For example we may be able to help you escape from Mt Eden Prison, if not at least we will notify your Mum and Dad. It's a good excuse for not getting essays in on time anyway.

Also if you wish to enter a raft in the across the harbour race then you and your friends had better start planning your very own Titanic. Your friendly intelligent Capping Controllers can probably help with advice in this area, but don't bet on it.

We are also organising dances, After Midnight Clubs (very trendy and Lower Common Room piss-ups. Plus an extra for all you Kulture Vulchers, a Beer and Beethoven evening. Capping is one of two occasions during the University year when you can get totally wrecked without worrying about the consequences. (You have the May Holidays to recover)

So let's see you all at lots of capping things, bring the fun back into student life - it's all so serious and Goddam boring. Anyway if you come we won't lose too much money and Wayne will still love us.

Love & kisses
Phil and Craig and Ivan

*You have to guess if the second occasion is exams or Orientation.

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Split Enz have done it again!, or should I say, have done it all before. It's the new improved version of the 'True Colours' formula: the usual batch of semi inane love songs (for rock 'n roll lovers), the 'we're still zany' instrumental, and the down-tempo number for Tim Finn etc. The Beatle's-sound is more

prominent this time and David Tickle has ensured that this album is not as thin as the last one was to begin with. It's all cleverly packaged in a jacket which would grace any museum souvenir shop's record stand.

There's a fair amount of craft to be found amongst all this. Tim Finn is in fine vocal form; Mr Noel Crombie impressive with his percussion; and Eddie Rayner takes it away on keyboards, especially on 'Albert of India'. And the lads have really got their harmonies together. I mean, take a listen to one of the craftiest pop-songs I've heard in a long while; Side one, track four; 'Iris'. Creamed sugar and butter bound for forty-five r.p.m.

I imagine Waiata will spellbind the usual hordes of not-quite-so weeny boppers: it's danceable and it covers most of the issues they're interested in. It will be interesting to see how far it gets internationally. Has Split Enz struck the jackpot formula this time? (More to the point, will the Americans decide to collect this little piece of En Zed culture?) Watch your record charts for further details.

By George Bernard Shaw, Dr Charmian Harre.

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HOLY HOWLING MUNCHIES, ROBIN!!

Can this be punk, new-wave, pop, ska, sixties revival or even ant music. No I don't think and neither do the wandering Brother 800 labellers because this band of things is known, outside Mainstreet and other equally laid-back establishments, as the Screaming MeeMees.

As they themselves describe it they have been on and off for twelve months, playing at school dances and parties for the most part of last year.. The music this band makes hasn't avoided this destructive cloning but none of the above labels, even "authentic tough boys out for a good time" has, by any drop of Superfix, stuck. This leaves us with four people traversing the Harbour Bridge to do what they want and like which is seeming to be what others with ears want.

Prior to Christmas the MeeMees were playing all the young band gigs at places like XS, Squeeze and Liberty Stage where the audiences were young, appreciative and very drunk. For a new band Squeeze had to offer the most unusual helping hand, pay Squeeze a mere \$25 and you get to play. From this organisation of the mismanaged kind they went to Ngaruawahia to taste the big organisation where mistakes are bigger. True, at this festival most bands finished on schedule but with a series of blunders the MeeMees' set was of only twenty minutes endurance, yet this was enough to win over thousands of equally mismanaged minds.

In the past they have been out of the city for a slow tromp to the Last Resort to play at Wellington, but not any more for this vinyl based group. Ahead of them this year already are two tours of sorts. The first of these two travels is an international appearance at the Gladstone in Christchurch for two weeks. July is the month that the rest of the North Island at least gets a good salivating taste of the Screaming MeeMees who are touring with the Newmatics and Blam Blam Blam.

The whines resounding from air-conditioned walls about the music scene were emphasised by the MeeMees. This is particularly concerning the almost corporative Buddy rates set-up there is for getting gigs, especially the management control of a few of the town's bars and cabarets and the ease at which bands of names get gigs. The general feeling however is that this situation will, and has to, change to accommodate all the good young bands pouring from every garage, pub and riff.

The Screaming MeeMees have two singles, with Can't Take It and See Me Go already out, and Can't Take It peaking at 20 in the Auckland charts and 32 in New Zealand. For all you avid single buyers there is another MeeMees sliding down the pipeline at this very minute. As well as this, their indigenous discography includes the ever-popular All Dressed Up on the Class of '81.

The band has gone into pubs, parties, dances and studios with only one thing in mind: to make danceable entertaining music without hitch or profound philosophy, and so far they have succeeded at doing this. This music has caught the ears of Simon Grigg, who has signed them up to a 3 singles contract, so there must be more to come as well as perhaps an 8 track cassette.

A total selection of screaming mee mees would be:
Tony Drum - vocals (of course)
Mike O'Neil - guitar (naturally)
Yoh - drums (what else!)
Pete Vanderfluit - bass, keyboards (completely).

The Mee Mees have gone through all the channels and are now starting to climb. To where, nobody is sure, but it will be fun all the way.

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ARTS

LAURA DEAN DANCERS

The Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians will be bringing their unique form of modern dance to New Zealand at the end of this month. This is their first visit to New Zealand and, with the American expenditure on the arts tightening considerably this could be the last visit too for some time.

Laura Dean who is the very nucleus of this group is a New Yorker, born and bred, and has trained at some time with just about all the great exponents of American modern dance. As well as being the recipient of choreography fellowships from the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation to the National Endowment of the Arts she has been commissioned to do work for the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the American Dance Festival and the Joffrey Ballet. Laura Dean's choreography is notable for its steady pulse, geometric patterns and repetitive movement. Her style is a completely new and unique force so much so that she herself describes it as 'Deandance'.

"Deandance" has been described as being trancelike, spiritual and folk but none of this is intentional and this varied description comes from the dance itself but Laura Dean does recommend that people watch her work openly. "I do what I do because I like it. And I hope, if you look openly, you may like it too." Her dance is dynamic and with spinning used a lot in her work and any piece of hers is a combination of her visual and aural perception (since the music is her own composition) which gives the dance an unusual totality in which time and superficiality are lost. In fact it was the joy and energy that Laura Dean got from spinning that incited her to start performing as a solo dancer since she was weary about imposing this elementary style on other fully trained dancers.

1976 was the year in which she formed the company with five other dancers to increase the fulfillment that both audience and dancer get from Laura Dean's work. The company excluding Laura Dean comprises of seven dancers and three musicians since Laura Dean is a strong advocate of the use of live music for dance. The dancers, Angela Caponigro, Peter Healey, Erin Matthiessen, Ching Gonzalez, Sarah Brumgart, Mark Morris and Holly Williams, have all trained and performed in various companies and a few have themselves performed as solo dancers. The three musicians are very experienced exponents in their fields which includes everything from Jazz and recording for E.C.M. to chamber music and Baroque.

This chance to experience an energetic highly original exploration of sound and movement working together is one not to be ignored. The company is doing four performances only, in the Maidment from April 23rd to Sunday 28th but as well as this there is an open workshop for anyone at 11:00 on Thursday 23rd and an open lecture on Dance in New York at midday on Friday 24th.

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Sizwe Bansi is Dead
Written by Athol Fugard
Directed by Russell Shipman

Skill, energy and humour were successfully combined to make this play an extremely entertaining one. Three actors, two of them black, describe the hardship of the black man's everyday experiences in South Africa.

The story concentrates on an ordinary black man whose needy family forces him to find work in a South African city. The struggle for any sort of employment for a black man is shown with the maximum of wit and the minimum of self pity. Whenever tragedy is emphasized in this play, it is always well-timed. One is firstly involved through the charm of the characters. Serious issues, such as the humiliating Pass Laws, are dealt with sympathetically.

The main focus of this play is placed on the worth of people. The value of an individual, unrecognised by the state, is made more painful when one is classed as being inferior because of colour.

Independence, freedom and other such ideals are raised, questioned and criticised in the light of survival. One is made to understand that a black African's immediate concern is to earn enough money, not only to feed himself, but his family as well. He has to compromise his pride every day of his life to scratch a living out of the cruel South African laws. Independence does not mean anything unless he has food.

Enough said. See the play. You are not likely to be disappointed. Whether or not one is particularly interested in South Africa and its problems, 'Sizwe Bansi' is guaranteed to make you aware through its sheer entertainment value.

Sharmila Haque

KNOBZ SUDDEN EXPOSURE

Bunk Thru WEA

A debut album by the lads who gave us culture. Overall impressions, a lightweight cossack rock/ska style blended with plenty of synthesizer afterburn and some foghorn dynamics, especially on a track like 'Coastal Hostesses'. Best tracks are 'Cyborg Sally' and 'Laser', whose mock theatrics fit the vocal style to good effect. The singles 'Culture', 'KGB', 'Liverpool to America' are here. Sales taxes are still with us and so are the KNOBZ.

The album is less than startling, but it does show that these lads have got what it takes to make a good thing better.



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Plenty of Jazz Bay

Easter brings with it bunnies and chokkies, but more importantly it brings the annual celebration of New Zealand jazz at Tauranga. In the past this weekend long festival organised by the Tauranga Jazz Society has been very successful in its presentation of a broad range of styles and levels of musicianship.

Good Friday marks the beginning of formalities at the racecourse where everyone meets and registers for the weekend's activities. A dance begins the weekend that night with a new approach this year with music from the Tauranga Swing Band. For all those incapacitated in various forms, they will not miss out on the music and enjoyment: Saturday morning marks the advent of the Hospital Parade.

The first concert as such happens on Saturday afternoon with the Youth Band, and then that night some of New Zealand's top jazz bands will feature in concert. There

will be a similar concert on the Sunday night with the rest of the cream of New Zealand jazz. Prior to this however in the afternoon there is a Dick Hopp Benefit concert. This concert, which has been organised by the Auckland based Jazz Action Group is to raise funds to get Dick Hopp to the Adelaide Festival in the same way as Roger Fox was helped last year to get to Montreux.

Monday morning marks time for alka-seltzer and the big clean-up. For us stranded in Auckland J.A.G. is running buses to the Festival and information about this can be obtained from the private bar of the Rob Roy Tavern.

Extra news for jazz buffs is the release of The Dick Hopp Sextet's album 'Labour of Love' which comes highly recommended, and in the concert world there is Roger Fox joined by Bobby Shew for a night at the Peppermill on Sunday 26th.

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SOUTH AFRICAN LAMENT

Popple
Elsa Joubert
Hodder & Stoughton

It is rare for South African whites to write compassionate novels about their black or coloured citizens; the very epithet citizen is not the one an Afrikaner would use. Alan Paton's widely read classic 'Cry the Beloved Country' is an exception that springs to mind.

Author Elsa Joubert listened to the harrowing tale of Popple the Xhosa woman about her family, friends and hardships and from it grew this biographical novel, first published in Afrikaans. Here unfolds the nightmare of having a black skin; pass laws that control where to live and where to work, keeping a family together and educating children,

accepting poverty as normal.

Raised in the locations near cities, Popple experiences primitive tribal life of 'Kaffirland' a distant century behind the times. With an interest in anthropology, the author introduces the rituals associated with circumcision and witch doctors both male and female. Popple's life is difficult but never dull as the years become decades; her roles are endless, child, wife, mother, grandmother.

Although not a political novel, the laws of South Africa ensure that this wretched existence for Popple is just one of millions, and as the recent history of Zimbabwe shows, people will no longer be restrained by promises or the dangled pie in the sky by 'n' by, or All Black bridges for All Whites. The major purpose of the Springbok tour is the improvement of conditions for non-whites in South Africa; how ungrateful the blacks are.

Jim Burns



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STUCK INSIDE

It was a smashing day. The type of day the papers would say was fit for a prince. The crowds were out in force - little old ladies with their grandchildren, people waving Union Jacks or little New Zealand flags, policemen, photographers, secret service men, Lady Di lookalikes, more policemen...

Charles was a trifle apprehensive as he stepped from the Bentley and waved benignly to the onlookers. Secretly he harboured a great deal of loathing for these public walkabouts - he would much rather be playing polo, and besides people always made comments about his rather oddly shaped ears.

But the real crux of the matter was that he was meant to actually talk to these colonials and, well frankly, Charles was not all that good at that sort of thing. Don't get me wrong, it's not that... well, as I said before, he would rather be playing polo, or even off cavorting with Lady Di. In fact, there were hundreds of things our Charlie (as his Mum likes to call him) would rather be doing than walking down the main street of Auckland having people gape at him, expecting him to talk to them and, worst of all, commenting, rather loudly, about his "sticky-out ears."

Oh well, he consoled himself, I guess it is tough at the top. And with that, and a brief sigh of resignation, he gritted his teeth, briefly practised his wave and began his progress down Queen St. - trying to remember always the instructions his mother, an old hand at this sort of thing, had given him....

"Charlie", said Elizabeth, "come over here for a minute, will you?"

Charles moved to the corner of the drawing room where his mother was pouring over volumes of legal jargon to see if it was still possible for an English monarch to order the beheading of opponents of the throne.

"Yes mumsie?" he said.

"Now Charlie", said Elizabeth, "I think you'll agree with me that you've reached a very important time in your life, haven't you?"

"Ahh, yes mumsie."

"And Daddy gave you that talk about the birds and the bees didn't he?"

"Yes."

"You did understand it didn't you?"

"Well..."

"Yes, yes. Well we're not concerned with that for the moment. What I really want to talk to you about are the facts of state. Do you know what these are?"

"I think so mumsie."

"You shall soon be going to New Zealand Charlie, and I won't be there to hold your hand so you must remember what I tell you or Daddy will smash your face in."

Charles had broken into a cold sweat.

"Okay mumsie" he said.

"They are quite simple, these rules of state," continued Elizabeth. "Firstly you must always smile. This is most important. Even if that nasty little Muldoon chap stands on your foot, you must keep smiling. Secondly, wave constantly. Even if it should be pissing down with rain just keep waving - smiling and waving."

"Sounds dreadfully easy mumsie" said Charles.

"Yes yes," said Elizabeth impatiently. "Even a moron like Anne's husband can do that stuff. What is difficult however is that ... well, I'm afraid you are going to have to talk to commoners...."

Charles gasped.

"...and if you talk to them nicely," continued Elizabeth, "they will think the sun shines out of your arse. However, if you balls it up then the monarchy will become the laughing stock of the entire British Commonwealth and your Daddy and I could never forgive you for that."

An oppressively long silence descended upon the drawing room.

Charles finally summoned up courage to speak.

"Can I go now mumsie?" he asked.

"Yes Charlie," replied Elizabeth.

Charles got out of his chair and moved towards the door.

"Oh Charlie" called Elizabeth.

"Yes mumsie."

"Whilst I remember, don't ever use bad language in front of a commoner. It's bad for the image you know."

"Bad language? What do you mean mumsie?"

OF AUCKLAND WITH THE ROYAL BLUES AGAIN.



Mumsie
"See Mum I can wiggle my ears"

"Oh you know, like that dreadful f-word Anne used when she fell off her mount at Badminton last year."

"Oh" said Charles, almost at the safety of the door.

"And Charles."

"Yes mother."

"Don't worry if people say things about your ears..."

Ugh, thought Charles, commoners. Well I suppose they're the same as us. And really the last couple of days hadn't been that bad - the weather was nice, and at least that horrible Muldoon hadn't been hanging around.

But today would be the test. Mother had told him that Auckland was notorious for it's anti-royalists. A group, it was rumoured, who would do anything, even pull down their trousers, to see a member of the ruling class blush.

So naturally Charles wanted to begin his walk along Queen St. in good fashion. The first encounter would be crucial, he had to slide gently into that condescending repartee the commoners loved.

After a few tentative "Hellos" and a great deal of grinning and waving Charles decided to test his hand at serious conversation on a group of natives standing outside one of the city's hotels.

"Hello" said Charles.

"Giddyay" said one of the Maoris. "Want to come in for a beer?"

"Oh," said Charles. "What is New Zealand beer like?"

"How long have you been in New Zealand mate?" asked another of the Maoris.

"Three or four days" replied Charles.

"And you haven't had a beer yet?"

"Ah no."

"Bloody pommie pooftah" said the Maori, turning his back on Charles and going back into the hotel.

Oh well, thought Charles, I guess you can't win them all. I guess I should pick someone a little less...umm, ethnic next time.

After a few more meaningless grins and a wave or two Charles spotted the perfect example of an avid royalist - a middle-aged lady with a slightly catatonic grin waving a Union Jack on the end of an ice block stick.

"Hello" said Charles. "Do you play much polo?"

The lady just grinned, though she had stopped waving her flag now.

"I play lots" continued Charles, thoroughly enjoying the conversation.

The lady just grinned and fell over, landing face first on the street and breaking her nose in the process.

As hordes of policemen rushed in to carry the profusely bleeding lady to an ambulance Charles continued on his way, marvelling at just what a strange race these colonials had become.

"Hello and what's your name?" he said to a little boy standing in the front row of the crowd.

(Children, he had figured, would at least be the easiest of this strange bunch to converse with.)

"Steven" said the little boy. "Are you President Reagan?"

"No no" laughed Charles. "I'm Prince Charles."

"Oh shit" said the little boy, obviously more than a little disappointed.

Oh well, sighed Charles, I guess it could be worse. At least nobody has mentioned my...

"Mommy" Charles heard a child's voice from amongst the crowd. "Why has that man got such funny ears?"

Oh shit, thought Charles.

LETTERS

AN ATTEMPT AT DECENCY

Dear Person who Edits,

I am going to write a serious letter this week I will not try and take cheap shots at any minority group or anything. I would like instead to tell students about a new movement on campus which has so many really salient and important points that you cannot ignore its existentialism one iota. Here are its constituent axioms:

1) The movement is called masculism. Those who are followers of the movement are called masculists.

2) The movement is devoted to the eradication of all things and people who discriminate against the male of the species because he is male.

3) Notwithstanding 2) above, the movement will actually aim at the eradication of all things, and people who discriminate against the male of the species for any reason whatsoever.

4) The movement is also against all things and people who attempt to discriminate in favour of the male of the species, since this will be seen as patronising to the stereotypes we are trying to eradicate. For example, we will stamp out such things as separate golf tees or separate olympic track events, since this carries the sinister suggestion that the male is stronger than the female.

5) Notwithstanding 2) 3) and 4) above, the movement will actually concentrate more on stirring up controversy than doing any of the above.

6) There shall be two cardinal evils which must be violently opposed and attacked whenever possible.

7) The first of these is called "fexism". Those who practise fexism shall be called fexists. We don't know exactly what fexism is but we will use the label on anyone who doesn't agree with our principles.

8) The second cardinal evil is called "wape". Those who practise wape shall be called wapists. Wape is something all fexists do. "All fexists are wapists" shall be our war-cry. Masculists never wape, of course.

9) Pursuant to 5) above, we will naturally protest violently, but not to the point of wape, against anything that is for the good of the country; we will also fervently support non-issues and promote socialism, which is non-fexist in its philosophy.

10) Speaking of philosophy, we will have many complex philosophies, and it won't matter terribly whether they make sense or not.

11) We shall attempt to change the language so as to remove all occurrences of the word or subword "woman", because that worries us and reminds us of their fexism.

12) By natural extension, we shall attempt to remove any word beginning with "w" (for "woman") and replace the "w" with "p", for "person", because that is not as fexist as "w".

13) Except "wape", because "pape" sounds stupid.

16) We shall spell "man" and "men" both with an "i", so that they become "min" and "min"; this will help confuse the wapists who won't then know how many of us there are to wape.

17) We shall disrupt all lectures given by female (sorry, pemale) lecturers because they are fexist. They will throw us out, we will fail the paper, (pail the paper?), but we will have won a moral victory over fexist lecturing!

18) Finally, pe pill prite lots of serious letters, like this one, to Craccum, all year long.

Yours Pathpully,
Agent Grapefruit.

DEEP

Dear Dak,*

The most profound proverb of which we write was conveyed to our small group of devotees while practicing that most ancient of university rites, killing time in the coffee bar. We are not sure how it came to us but know that it did.

The text reads: "Life is like a hamburger, easy to look at but hard to digest."

Yes, it floored us too!

Yours in beholding a most profound proverb,
Helen, Peter, Stephen and The Conveyor.

P.S. This letter is on the level.
P.P.S. R.O.B.E.R.T. Y.O.U.N.G. is a warm and wonderful person, no matter what A.N.G.U.S. (Simpers) P.R.U.N.E. says.

*If you don't print this letter first things may not go well for you.

TRAFFIC OFFICER'S PET

Dear Editor,

Just a note to Mr Chambers. No, I do not think the 81 tour stickers on STOP signs are neat. OK?

Yours faithfully,
Justin Williamson

NOT A GRAPEFRUIT LETTER

UNI-FEM: Help or Hindrance?

Humans learn by example, and thus we learn from those that have experienced what we have been either unfortunate or fortunate enough not to have partaken in. Great causes are won over by an enlightened few who drive forward for the betterment of all those they represent, and the woman's movement is a prime example of such intense dedication and motivation. Women such as Mother Theresa, Margaret Thatcher, Golda Meir, Emily Pankhurst, Marie Curie, Katherine Mansfield and closer to home Tania Harris to name but a few, are true leaders of their cause. They have achieved, they are recognized, and overall they are respected by all those around them.

Has our feminist movement, or should I say, does our feminist movement fulfil this inspiring role, or are they so concerned with mere definition of their role that so little time is devoted towards their fundamental cause of complete equality between sexes? In defining true femininity, I cannot help but feel that they have strayed from their aim and are merely toying with phrases such as "a man's role", "a woman's choice", "rapist", and "sexist".

The ground rules have been laid, the foundations set and now it is time to climb upwards. On with the feminist movement, out with the results and down with the clowns that "blow but don't show!!!"

Paul Muller.

IS A JOKE A JOKE?

Dear Editor Duck,

It's sad that the bleeding hearts around this university have lost both their sense of humour and their ability to laugh at themselves. These people are all so bloody serious and up themselves that they can no longer see when someone's (light heartedly) taking the piss out of them in an attempt to inject some much needed 'joie de vivre' into campus life. I refer of course to the likes of Agent Grapefruit (shock, horror, dribbles of brown stuff); Colonel Rippurheddoff (gasp!); the Wizard (yay, fart, boo); Alf's Whatever it is he's got, etc. etc. In other words those people who, unlike the Unifems and other self-professed radicals around campus, would like to see the atmosphere around the university (and indeed the real world) lightened a little. At the moment there is nothing but hatred and tension between every little clique on campus and it's getting worse.

If you silly fuckers aren't smart enough to see Agent Grapefruit for the jester he is - and all those writing in outraged protest obviously don't - then I really feel sorry for you since you must lead such dull, boring, lack lustre little lives. May I respectfully suggest that all unifems and other humourless bastards on campus pick up their petty little phobias and grudges and piss off back to their respective rat holes.

A Cunning Linguist.

P.S. Don't Heather and Wayne make a lovely couple? I Me thinks the lady doth protest too much!!!

If you can realize that many hearts are bleeding through wounds inflicted by others with 'joke' knives, then you might also realize how callous and unintelligent that supposed 'humour' is. It is Grapefruit et al. who live in anonymous rat-holes, not the oppressed. - Ed.

ON THE OTHER FIST

Dear Ed,

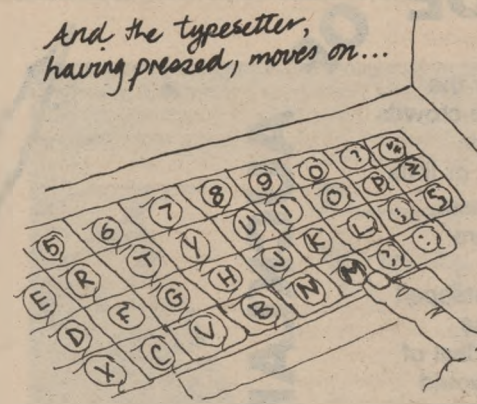
Congratulations to Paddy Driscoll on his saga of getting to the stage of a referendum... I followed each scene breathlessly, can't wait for the final instalment! His boy scout motto must be 'perseverence'. No wonder only 20% of students participate in voting for AUSA Exec. if when it gets to a S.R.C. meeting a majority of 2 votes (33-31) represents the wish of 15,000 students!! A good lesson for the future unionists that it's the executive who decide your policy, who tell you what you want, when you are going to work or strike, and what your gripes are.

Frances D.

A letter from God,

Don't be afraid anymore, my child, from now on, I will be with you always; I am your God, for you have asked me to control your life, and I will give you the strength you will need to live it for me; you can count on this strength always, no matter what faces you; I will always hold you up with my strong hand of perfect goodness.

The Lord Jesus



WANNA PROOFREAD?

Dear Craccum,

I have been waiting hopefully for you to discover that Accomodation is spelt with two M's not one.

- or is it the typesetter who doesn't know?

When I was 9 years old, our headmaster sent us out (the whole school) to find a board on which accomodation was spelt wrongly. I don't think anyone found it. But we had a nice afternoon off - and I guarantee everyone in that school can now spell accomodation. Perhaps you can too by now?!!

Pam.

COULD YOU PLEASE TYPE YOUR NEXT LETTER?

Dear Dak,

Well isn't it amazing that HART has at least two supporters anyway in the form of Shale Chambers (you know, the one with the big impressive title) and Ray Naim. Luckily for me these persons decided to respond to my letter of Issue 4 thus giving me the chance to now counteract their illogical arguments against the pro-Tour case.

As Shale Chambers dealt with my points individually I would also like to deal with his in that way.

1. I do not deny that visas have been withheld before by the government, but I did not say I agreed with this policy. The basis of a democratic society is that each group, no matter how small or radical, should have the right to put its case before a responsible public who can then make up their own minds. Withholding visas can be compared with banning the S.U.P.; both are a denial of individual freedom and choice and as such send us further down the road towards a socialistic totalitarian state.

2. Playing sport with South Africa cannot possibly mean we are supporting apartheid even though many African countries may see it this way. Shale Chambers attacks my example of playing rugby with Rumania as supporting communism but this is still valid as I cannot see the Rumanian government letting other than loyal communists play rugby for a national team. If those playing for national teams were not loyal communists they sure as hell wouldn't be around to play ever again. Also while on this point I'd like to comment on the overriding argument with regard to this. We are told that sport is mixed with politics and that this is unfortunate, but it is the way things are. The point is that things don't have to be this way. With a little bit of idealistic thinking the ideal - sport free from politics - in this country anyway, could be achieved. It is this point in particular that shows up the blatant hypocrisy of the church in their so-called moral stand against the tour which contradicts the teachings of the bible to which they return every Sunday morning.

3. Well Shale you can quote policies all day but I'm afraid dollar values and facts speak louder than words with regard to actual trading occurrences.

4. The statement that "South Africa has not been completely isolated" would have to be the funniest understatement of the year. Ray Naim says that we just don't hear about the pressures on other countries but this is rubbish. Despite world wide sporting contact with South Africa it was because of NZ and NZ alone that the black African states boycotted the Montreal games. NZ is being picked on and it is up to us not to give in to the blackmail threats of black African countries who would be better off sorting out their own problems before they try to start controlling the world.

5. Shale Chambers tells us that the point that changes have occurred in South Africa is irrelevant. Well that is a very easy way of sweeping that issue under the carpet. What these HART people seem to want is civil war and a great deal of bloodshed. The fact of the matter is that the government of South Africa is now pledged to reforming the political situation with regard to apartheid and in the long term I am sure majority rule will result. Ray Naim talks of black South Africans assessing the situation. Can he tell me where

or through whom they have done this. Is their in fact an organisation clearly representing the majority of black South Africans or just small communist-led groupings claiming to do so? I put it to you sir that the majority of black South Africans are happy with the present situation and the changes taking place. It is the only system they have known and they now see their children getting better education, they are getting better jobs and as the country prospers through basically white initiative their standard of living is rising. Even their true representatives are gaining positions of responsibility. They know things are improving. But they also know that if it happened overnight they would lose their jobs, their country would be bankrupt and blood would be shed.

Also Mr Naim you may not accept that the PM's statement that he would not withhold visas should determine what happens but you must admit it clearly defeats the argument that NZ should not host the Springbok Tour because of the Gleneagles agreement.

Finally, with regard to my earlier letter, it was interesting to note that no comment was made about my comments concerning HART as an organisation by either of the correspondents. I therefore presume that they agree with me that HART has minimal support and that the majority of NZers do support the tour.

Yours even more sincerely
Ken Morrison

P.S. Dear Mr Chambers, with regard to your advocacy of the vandalism of road signs, you would not be the first university students association officer to lose his job for such a puerile act.

I DIDN'T SEE YOU ON THE MARCH

Dear Sir,

I have watched with interest over the past few months as the so called "Education Fightback" organisers have swamped the campus with their propaganda and cliché-type catch phrases designed to attract the eye through their witty (sic) messages. Slogans attacking the person of the Minister of Education have sprung from nowhere!! onto walls and noticeboards, and now a march to entertain lunchtime Queen Street shoppers is also planned. I ask you. Where will it stop? It wouldn't surprise me if there wasn't a call soon to boycott lectures until the government agreed to give students an extra fifty cents a week.

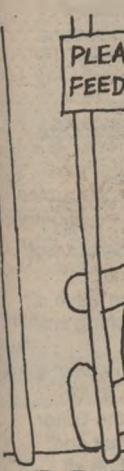
However the really amusing thing about the activities of "Education Fightback" is that there is a complete lack of logic from these people who have supposedly earned the privilege, and it is a privilege, to be at university. These so called concerned students are living in a totally unrealistic dream world and they cannot see further than the end of their own noses to see just how selfish they are actually being.

The situation the government faces is as follows: due to the downturn in the world economy this country is in the middle of a recession and is facing severe balance of payments problems. This has brought with it inflation and mounting social problems, which the government is now trying to solve by cutting back on spending to not only reduce the deficits, but so it can also lower taxation and thus increase investment and economic confidence. Hopefully this will lead to a steady economic growth in the medium term, but in the short term, cuts in government spending must be made for the long term benefit of the economy. These cuts must be made somewhere and it is just a question of where the need is greatest. I suspect the people who protest against cuts in education spending would also protest if the cuts were made in health or social welfare. As it is, education has come off very lightly and we now have a system where those who need extra assistance can in fact gain it. If the protestors don't like this system why can't they come up with a constructive new system, which will use the same amount of money, and put this to the minister, who I'm sure would be only too happy to consider it. Insults and radical forms of protest will not work and are pointless and illogical.

Therefore make the best of the present system or if you don't like it, get out. You won't be missed. Just let those of us who consider that it is a privilege to come to university get on with our work.

KGM

P.S. The person(s) who placed the words "publicly financed clinics" in the first question of the abortion referendum need their heads read and did the pro-abortion cause the greatest disservice since baby jokes.



POOH AT THE

Dear Sir,

This is the non-Annual Pooh Society. Since publicity is University I thought very pleasant (if appreciated).

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Lots of love,
Mr X.

P.S. Mr Miln

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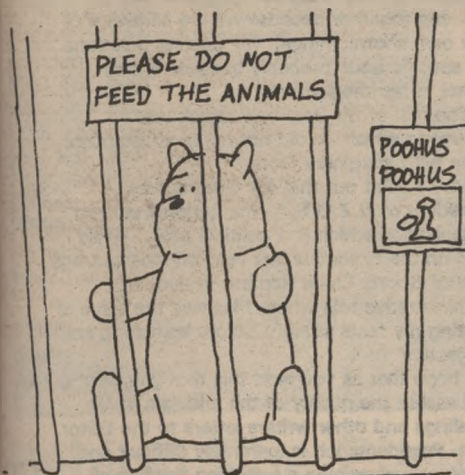
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POOH AT THE ZOO

Dear Sir,

This is the non-official record of the First Annual Pooh Soc. Expottition to the Zoo. Since publicity is dreadfully important at University I thought a bit of information on our very pleasant (if a bit silly) activities would be appreciated.

The turn-out wasn't very good, but we blame this on our Treasurer's bad sense of public relations. However Jacqueline and Mary-Ellen?, and their friend Ann (?) arrived at Rudman Gardens to find Prezzy/King Mark, Chairperson Paul, a tall knowledgeable chap with glasses, and the author waiting. We took a very quick route to the Zoological Gardens, and started to perambulate them.

The new giraffes walked around a large grassy area in slow motion, the black leopard looked cramped, the chimpanzees old and bored. The tamarins hid in a little enclosure, and the bears looked generally unhealthy and cooped up, which is a bad thing for a bear, even if of little brain.

We watched the elephants have a bath, looked at hippopotamuses, lying around, (it was a very hot day). The lions got fed. While there we met a PAID-UP member of small stature in a blue dress. The gazelles and antelopes looked graceful, the wallabies and Kangas very Australian which is O.K. really, I know some very decent Australians. The agooti's got excited over Jackie's apple, and the spider monkey mother nonchalantly ignored the jelly-beans Jackie gave her. (Despite the signs - Jackie doesn't read too well.)

A rather boring pipe band took up the rotunda we were going to sit and read in (some of us anyway); and what happened to the Walt Disney comic we were going to destroy? I think there were ethical problems. The children's Zoo was, like a lot of things but not too many, a bit boring. The day ended with tea and cake from the cafeteria, which was actually quite nice, having forgotten what cafeteria tea can taste like.

I think our next meeting is on the 22nd of April. Don't come if you're expecting anything very intense, or even purposeful. I'd better stop before I get too precious, and bourgeoisly nonsensical. Thank you everyone for all in all a GOOD day.

Lots of love,
Mr X.

P.S. Mr Milne checked the spelling.

IT'S A WILD LIFE

Dear Dakary,

Nice to see you are well. I just thought I'd write to say how happy I am that our esteemed President has shaved off his whiskers (scratchy they were, too!) It may interest you to know that Wayne's lack of shaving was due to his nights of sin & debauchery - he had little time to shave in the mornings - lust and passion keep one busy I hear. Anyway, this is a happy letter - because it tickled. A concerned recipient Queen Victoria

IN THE BIN

Dear Dak,

What did you think of the "disgusting literature" distributed at Monday's (April 8) Abortion-Policy Forum, courtesy of the Pro-lifers.

Yes - dead babies are not a pleasant sight. It must have been a traumatic experience for the Fems to have to look at "nasty pictures" of what goes in the bin after an abortion.

Hope that the leaflets made at least some students aware of more than the emotional "Poor woman" side of the abortion question put across by the "Defenseless" Fems.

An unwanted pregnancy may be tough for the woman, but what about the child she carries?

Janice D.

A WHITE AND BLACK ISSUE

Dear Dak,

K Morrison's article supporting the tour, "A Black and White Issue" was a load of pathetic shit. Ron Don is not a "courageous gentlemen", he is an obstinate fool. There are far more than five basic reasons why the tour should not take place and here are some of them:

1) K Morrison mentioned "individual freedom". By this I take it he means white South Africans only. It is up to New Zealand to show in no uncertain terms we abhor apartheid, and that means curtains to the Springbok tour. If he wants to watch racist rugby he can always go to South Africa.

2) The second point is that playing sport with South Africa DOES mean we are supporting apartheid. Tell me: when have the All Blacks played Rumania?

3) What the fuck has trade got to do with the bloody tour?

4) It is time K Morrison realised that the majority of New Zealanders do not want to have their country added to the list of those who have played sport in South Africa. To list a string of countries that may or may not have played sport with South Africa proves nothing.

5) I can agree with K Morrison that minor changes are taking place in South Africa, but not nearly enough have taken place. They are largely "cosmetic changes" to try to bluff the rest of the world. It looks like they have fooled K Morrison.

Also, I don't see how lack of support for HART can be considered support for the tour. There are many anti-tour groups, and even more anti-tour people, such as myself, who are not affiliated to any group. Obviously K Morrison's letter was just shit that is not worth someone who supposedly has enough intelligence to attend university.

BASH THE BOKS
P.N.R.

de RITZ
vintage clothes
10 vulcan lane

SUBJECTIVE HEADING

Dear Craccum,

At our last meeting University Feminists discussed the recent anti-feminist letters in CRACCUM. Obviously we all objected to the letters, especially the stereotypes and abuse contained in them. We also decided that we would no longer reply to the writers of such perverted distortions; but instead direct our (very reasonable) views to the editor. We want to avoid prolonging such mendacious mens' titilation. We also felt that Craccum's headnotes should not support or joke about these letters in any way. We felt that they are an incentive to violence against women. Finally, the Students' Association funds CRACCUM and supports the feminist movement, it should at least be pointed out that such views are against our policy.

Ultimately of course it rests with the Students reading the letters to use their critical accumen in assessing the truth of statements made. We can only hope the student population realises that the liberation of women is a vital and anti-oppression movement. Its basic belief is that all people regardless of sex should have the best chance possible to develop to their fullest potential. Few people could disagree with this without being irrational. The Oppression of women has been one of the basic columns of our society; in chipping away at this we do threaten alot of men and they will attempt to discredit us by any means possible. The cries of 'lesbians', 'croomies', 'sexual deviants' and 'castrators' is one of these means.

*"And they shall beat their pots and pans into printing presses,
And weave their cloth into protest banners,
Nations of women shall lift up their voices
with nations of other women
Neither shall they suffer discrimination any more."*

From University Feminists.

Your second paragraph, if I may take the liberty of saying so, makes much more sense than your first. CRACCUM is, in my humble editorial opinion, supportive of the aims and values of the women's movement for equality and freedom. CRACCUM is also, by my arrogant editorial decree, its own paper. True, we are funded by StudAss, but we have an (self-imposed, if you like) obligation to represent the campus: printing shit is a product of that obligation.

You can rest assured that no more grossly sexist letters will appear in CRACCUM. You can not be so sure that the headnotes will change in character. The one above this letter is actually one of Dave Merritt's: He copped a fair bit of criticism too for the taking of Liberties. — Ed.

B.O.'S BACK!

Dear Dak,

I really feel it is about time that I got something other than my clothes off my chest. You see most people think that my first name is Bo - it is not. My first name is really B.O. which, as you know, stands for Body Odour.

In fact the truth of the matter is that I stink. You know the Bolero scene in "10", well we had to shoot that 18 times 'cause Dudley Moore kept climbing off me and rushing off the set to throw-up. (Yes I smell that bad!) And then he couldn't get it up. (But that's another story.)

Well thanks for taking time to understand my problem. I've got to rush now to shoot some more scenes for my new movie - "A Change of Deodorants".

Bye now.
Luv,
B.O. Derek.

FIGHTING IN THE STREETS

Picture if you can - Parnell, St Georges Bay Rd, No 42, large 2/3 storied house - Friday 3rd April - people everywhere (maybe 200) - live band - good party.

I arrived at 10.15pm and stayed till about 11.00pm, good times, lots of booze and no trouble. But when I left I could not help but notice about 20 pigs (police) lined up on the opposite footpath. Shit whats this, they must be going to do the place, I thought, and wandered off.

At 12.00 I was at a mate's place who suggested we go to a party in St Georges Bay Rd so off we went after I described the situation to them. We never got there.

1. Cops (Traffic Officers) were stationed at the top of the road not allowing any traffic down the road.
2. We walked down to be confronted with a pigs stopping anyone from going (back) to the house and people being arrested (from the house) and forced into vans.

3. A man was walking up the middle of the road - a pig runs up behind him and belts him with his night stick a couple of times, yells something to the effect of "Go on get out of here, go home" then runs after him and belts him again. The 'victim' yells "That's not fucking on" which is replied to by the pig "That's the way it is."

4. The sound of a breaking bottle - a man running up the road yelling "the pigs - the pigs -" Suddenly everyone is running up the road chased by baton-swinging pigs. — I end up down the back of a section, heart beat about 180 scared shitless as I didn't much fancy getting a cracked skull. Sometime later I decided it was safe to move only to walk straight into a pig who says I'd better go home before he arrests me for trespassing.

Up the top of the road I talked to:
a) Man originally "assaulted" by the pigs (see 3. above). He is alive but he will be badly bruised and is lucky not to have broken ribs;

b) A lady who was in the house when the pigs moved in. Apparently they just wandered in and said "Everybody out" and to my/her amazement, "200 fucking people just up and pissed off" and those who didn't were threatened physically by the pigs and told to piss off and hassled out of the house some of them arrested. The pigs then moved their way out of the house and up the road as described;

c) My friend who had started moving up the road before the pig's "attacked". He had continued to walk and was 'tapped' by a pig who was "in a frenzy - totally wrapped up in the violence - just looking for someone to bash..."

What the fuck is going on? There was no trouble at the party, and the pigs weren't invited so why did they turn it over? Why did '200' people leave a private house when 'told' to by the 'pigs'? Why did the pigs 'attack' the crowd?

Food for thought. The pigs apparently had nothing better to do than ruin a good party. They acted as if they were above the law - the beginning of communism? They were looking for a violent situation and turned on the crowd without provocation - the bottle heard to smash was dropped not thrown. Or so I was told.

Is this the beginning of the end of civil liberties? What right did the pigs have to enter a private house? This could happen to your next rage - be prepared by knowing your rights.

There was no news account of this incident on the radio or any newspaper. How can such a gross injustice go unreported especially when it involved so many people and justice forces.

Author's Note: This is a personal account of the event. Anyone who can add to or correct this please write a letter/article and drop it in to Craccum beside Student Travel Bureau.

J.E.B.

BABY DAYS

Sir,

In a journal linked, however tenuously, with an institution devoted to truth and the pursuit of learning, it is alarming to find prominence given to such a revelation of ignorance and distortion as the letter of Denese Black, WRAC NZUSA.

Could equal prominence be given to these scientific facts of the early life of a human being?

Sex can be determined about the third day following conception.

The heart begins beating at 24 days.

At 30 days when the mother has just missed her first period, the baby has a brain of unmistakable human proportions, eyes, ears, mouth, kidneys, liver, umbilical cord. Electrocardiogram tracings may be obtained soon after.

At 6 weeks the movements of muscles are controlled by the baby's nervous system.

At seven weeks, the stomach produces digestive juices, the liver manufactures blood cells, the kidneys extract uric acid from the blood.

At 8 weeks every organ possessed at birth is present. The baby weighs one gram and measures 3 centimetres.

At 9 weeks the baby can grasp an object in her palm and make a fist, can squint and frown. Resemblance to parents can be seen in facial expressions. Some babies have already begun sucking their thumbs.

The baby does not "live off the body of a pregnant woman". Her blood group may be different from her mother's, her heart-beat is twice as fast, she could not accept a skin-graft from her mother. The baby is as foreign a person as an organ transplanted from another's body. Mother and baby live, as they do after birth, as partners. The baby should be as safe in the protection of her mother's womb as she will be in her mother's arms.

Sue Cooper

BOO HISS RUSSIA

Dear Dak,

Ronald Reagan was nothing but a B-grade movie actor, true. His economic cuts are harmful to the poor in the short run. His administration has made a lot of fuss about some arms shipments to El Salvador which may not amount to much. But I strongly support the overall thrust of his foreign policy. To see why, you have only to consider the history of the country which is now the most powerful in the world, the Soviet Union.

The USSR was formed as a cheat, by a bunch of cheats. It came about when a small minority within a minority seized power by force in a parliamentary government. Thus it was established by a lie, by a cheat, and it has continued to thrive by lying and cheating. For example, can one really say that the "German Democratic Republic" is really democratic, or even an independent republic? And look at the whole Russian system of government. What is one to think of a system in which voting, parliaments and courts are just a farce, and the real power lies with the head of a certain party? And what about the flowery language of the Helsinki treaty, which the Russians so happily signed, and just as happily ignored - all the time insisting that they were respecting it to the letter?

(When one talks about "the Russians" as I do here, one doesn't mean "the Russian people" as the Soviet Union would have us believe. In fact, one is simply talking about a small number of men installed in the centre of Moscow; one is talking about the politbureau. Of course, the composition of this group changes as time rolls on but the basic nature of their policies and attitudes remains the same.)

This Helsinki treaty was a great step forward for the Soviet Union. Thirty years ago Stalin had grabbed half of Europe. Now, at last, the West recognised this as legal. But it also contained numerous clauses about human rights. These were so thoroughly respected that today most of the members of the Helsinki Monitoring Group are in lunatic asylums or if lucky, exiled or under house arrest.

The fact is that the USSR has always totally despised our sensibilities and conscience. No doubt, like many Russians, the men in the Kremlin know how to play chess. And they view world politics as one vast chess game. Each move is a subtle means of acquiring long-term strategic advantage. Each move must be small, so as not to trigger the nuclear menace hanging over them.

In fact, the only thing the Russians respect is force. Only unyielding strength will force them to hold back. If they see a weakness they will advance. Countless incidents confirm this, throughout the history of the USSR.

Yours truthfully,
Paul Dolliver.

LETTERS

SEXISM IN LETTERS

Dear Craccum,

The article in last weeks edition entitled "Sexism in Lectures" was, I feel, an exercise in arrogant and misplaced superiority on behalf of the UniFems.

(1) "Where are the women?" It is naive to look at history, where the male has asserted his dominance over the female, and expect courses to contain specific content about, or by women, when sometimes it is significant or just does not exist. For all that though and without being intentionally sexist, where are the female equivalents to Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Mozart, Beethoven, Marx and Einstein, to name a few.

(2) Changing the course according to feminist satisfaction is grossly self-righteous, assuming that the feminist viewpoint is the only correct appraisal.

(3) Assuming women's issues have an automatic right to be included in essay topics, the course should warrant what essays are relevant not student's personal political attitudes.

(5) Law, psychology, economics, psychiatry, anthropology are not founded on sexist assumptions, but are interpreted in a sexist manner - a subtle and fundamental difference.

Challenging language as an all-pervasive influence, without recognising that it has evolved over thousands of years - thus conditioning people in birth in their use of language - is unfair to lecturers who are obviously inclined to use such language, and at an age where it would be virtually impossible to eradicate their language faults. Attitudes are far more important and relevant from which to form an effective base in establishing acceptability as being of the same capabilities of men.

In suggesting in Radical Action anonymous paste-up or spray-painting around varsity to expose so-called sexist lecturers, can we really condone vandalism and wanton destruction as a means to an end, which is harmful and wasteful.

I would welcome any comment, preferably critique which does not descend into personal abuse which is vindictive and intolerant.

Mark Povah

RADIO B HATE LETTER

Dear Radio B,
Dear fellow students,

How shall I phrase this? I just don't think your radio's earplay contributes good vibes - something of which I am sure conservationists, naturalists of some sort or another - or just plain PEOPLE would agree with.

We know punks and graffiti abound. But isn't it time you stopped reflecting some of the Godawful mess?

It doesn't really contribute aesthetically to already jarred and confused masses of the student population.

And don't react with bullshit about catering to people's needs etc. etc. That argument carries weight ... to a point.

If you opened your eyes and admitted that boredom, depression, punks etc. are not jokes anymore, you might have more thoughts along the lines of consideration.

Before I start slinging off at uniforms and others - WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE CLEAN UP THAT FUCKEN QUAD? I'll be first on the committee, if you decide to act.

Signed

A representative who would very much like to include a name.

IT'S HAQUE, ACTUALLY, PAUL

Dear Whoever is Responsible for botching up my name in Craccum,

It happens to be HAQUE - a 'q' as in 'queen' not a 'g' as in 'grott'. I am quite tired of seeing HAQUE. HAQUE is unique, like my first name. Maybe I should be grateful for your correct spelling of my 'Christian' name. No double 'ls' no 'r' after 'a' on the end of 'Sharmila' - but after asking you politely to spell my name correctly I'm getting tired of seeing the same mistake. Hoping that you will get it right this time.

Yours in hope,
Sharmila Haque.

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IMPOUNDING THE DOG-CATCHER

Dear Dog Catcher,

I am not an EU member. I am not a political stirrer, extremist or whatever; I am merely a christian. Yes, the only thing which I have to boast in, is in the cross of christ. Christ Jesus, my lord, is the beginner, author, and finisher of my faith, in fact, my life.

I am not perfect. I am still human, but Christ is my saviour and my lord. In the words of Paul to the Philippians (1:21) "For to me, to live, is Christ."

The actions of EU members in the past may, at times, have been unchristian. They may have set a bad example. But it is our duty to forgive them, as they must forgive us, and most of all, as God has forgiven each of us.

Remember that God's gift of salvation is offered to all men, but not all will accept it. I urge you, and every thinking person, to look beyond the faults of EU, the Govt., the Economic Policy, the Abortion Issue, and everything else which makes our lives so busy. Look beyond, and you will see Christ, with outstretched loving arms, inviting you to come and share in the abundant, eternal life that he has to offer.

In the eternal words of one anonymous person:

"Only one life,
'Twill soon be past;
Only what's done
For Christ
will last."

God bless you all,
A concerned christian.

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TIDYING UP CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Dak,

Re a few letters that appeared in Craccum 6.

i. The letter on EU by Dog Catcher. It is true that Christian leaders find themselves to be opposed to various other groups, by virtue of being Christians. This is hardly surprising, since whatever one says or does in life, one is bound to find opposition. What attitude EU leaders have to their various oppositions is, like most idle pursuits, hard to say. In any event, we can rest assured that erroneous gossip is lathered about on all fronts, by EU members as well as the rest, for such is the common practice of mankind.

There are a lot of things wrong with EU members, just as there are a lot of things wrong with members of Socred, the Karate Club, the University A Rugby team, and the Chemistry Dept, for such is life. I seriously doubt that EU's evils can be tracked down to a few subversive individuals, as Dog Catcher suggests. This is not to say that EU members are not at times rude, conniving, lustful, grasping, domineering, etc, for assuredly they are. Who isn't? You ask, "How can any conscientious Christian associate with such practices?" But I say unto you, O Dog Catcher, "How can any conscientious Christian remain on this planet and not associate with such practices?"

Clearly you mean to say that there is another group, of which you are perhaps a member, that is 'more Christian' than EU. You may well be right, for there are two other groups on Campus, The Newman Society, and the Navigators, that are careful to represent the original teachings of Jesus Christ as accurately as possible. They, like EU, admit that no-one is capable of fulfilling all of Christ's teachings, but at least all three groups are trying. And why not? Can one realistically expect anymore?

ii. Kevin Hague's letter on the Abortion referendum. One does not, as Mr Hague suggests, "wake up one morning" and find oneself to be pregnant. One has sex first, and sex makes babies.

iii. Nigel Pearson on Greek homosexuality. Mr Hare of the Education Dept (not Merv's) had every right to claim that homosexual relationships lead to "sinister conclusions". Assuredly they did in Greece, in Rome, in medieval Arabia, and in mid-C20 Britain. In all four societies, homosexuality was common in the upper crust. The family unit took a few blows, and went down for the count, followed by social disintegration of one form or another. Regardless of whether one supports homosexual law reform, one can only conclude that Mr Hare had every right to present homosexuality in its historical perspective. It is his job, after all.

iv. Ray Nairn on visas for the Boks. The Govt. refuses too many visas as it is: who knows who they'll next shut out. The responsibility for stopping the tour rests with the NZRFU: they are the hosts.

Thank you for your time,
G.E. Holdaway

THE GOOSE IS COOKED

Last week C.J. Goeling doubted my administrative and managerial competence to run A.U.S.A. and my commitment to the best interests of students. In support he cited a long list of reasons. Let me address myself to each one of his points.

1. He said I have little concern for saving students money

Alleged I bought two new cabinets for my office at approx \$300

Fact - Last year executive purchased an additional filing cabinet cost \$128.28 Both are currently full as I attend about five meetings a day and prefer to know where my supporting papers are rather than use them as carpet.

Alleged Buying a new fridge for the staff room at a cost of approximately \$400

Fact With Executive approval I purchased a fridge which is an Association asset. Depreciation expense during my term of office \$20

Alleged Promoting an increase in Executive meal allowances from a hot servery meal to a restaurant meal.

Fact - Executive approved this and for sitting at a meeting for about 6 hours each week each Exec member received \$3.75 While I promoted this the payment was discussed at the general meeting that voted for an \$8 increase in A.U.S.A. fees.

Alleged - Promoting a move to spend more money on student activities

Fact - Finance committee had policy last year stating that any unallocated fees income should go to student activities, i.e. clubs, societies, sport, cultural and political activities rather than to accounts, admin or Union block or catering. I merely supported this. If students are expected to pay more in subscriptions then they should receive sound - administrative and managerial philosophy, and is in the best interest of us all.

Alleged On accepting a Presidential salary \$4000 per year more than last year and \$1800 more than set for next years president.

Fact I am receiving the same salary as last years President which was set after a comprehensive report by John Beavis was presented to Executive which showed that the President should have been receiving a particular sum. I took the job on, on a full time basis under those arrangements.

Fact - I am currently receiving \$400 less than what the general meeting recommended as the minimum for the President for next year, as unlike this year next years salary will be linked to the C.P.I. and will increase every three months. I take such a motion as a vote of confidence in my current work by a general meeting because they were voting for the office of President rather than for a particular person as nominations for next years President have not yet been opened. This confidence is especially heartening as I have only been in the job for a few short months.

Alleged I spent money on a free meal for Peter Parker
Fact I wrote out a meal ticket that was reimbursed by Craccum because their reporter was doing an article which he entitled "The Wayne McIntosh Phenomenon".

2. Alleged Wayne could dangerously damage A.U.S.A.'s position vis-a-vis the University

Fact Relations with the University are excellent and if anyone doubts this please read the Registrars comments about me. Warwick Nicholl said in reply to the question "How do you feel about the present relations between the Registry and the Students' Association" - "They're very good. They're very cordial relationships and I think that this has been brought about by a willingness to discuss items as soon as they arise. The Student President knows that if there is a problem he can always come and discuss it."

Mr Goeling's incorrect assessment of A.U.S.A.'s current relationships with the University stem from the fact that he has not kept up to date.

3. Mr Goeling Alleged that I have "a complete lack of flair for staff management" and that I commented although he did not say when or to whom "receptionists and typists are a dime a dozen anyway".
Fact Last year in an informal discussion about management philosophy in general I stated the theory that no matter how good a person is that no one person is indispensable and although their replacement may not be as good as they were, they can still in fact be replaced. While I can forgive Mr Goeling for trying to pit A.U.S.A. against the University this deliberate attack on staff relations is unforgivable and both the receptionist and typist know that I appreciate they have difficult jobs and regret that they have been slighted publicly in this way.

Alleged student interests have been submerged in internal strife
Fact There is internal conflict and personality clashes in the Executive as with any

organisation but this has not prevented us working together because we are all aware of our own shortcomings. Mr Goeling mentions no specific issue probably because it only exists in his imagination.

The rest of Mr Goeling's attack was innuendo which he did not try to substantiate even with imaginary facts.

May I point out that Mr Goeling was President of N.Z.U.S.A. the national student organisation which is a political post. While I was on the Executive last year my position was that of Sports Clubs Representative, an administrative role where I learned the value of getting my facts straight before launching any projects.

I hope that as you read this that you each will assess the quality of the criticism in Mr Goelings and other writers letters to the Editor. The Presidents job is extremely difficult and involves maintaining a watching brief on all areas of the Association. No one person can do this equally well in all areas and so they will always have that quarter's criticism - that is why the President becomes the target for every small pressure group (albeit one person) within the association and why the majority of students should understand this.

I believe the President and the elected student Executive deserve your support so that we are able to carry out our assigned responsibilities in the best interests of all students.

Wayne McIntosh
PRESIDENT

FACULTY WARS

Dear Dak,

This is a message to all who are studying Law, the Arts and other worthwhile courses. **STAND AND UNITE!** Do not let the evil forces (i.e. science and engineering students) try to oppress us!

Realise that they are jealous! Yes jealous because we tend to THINK as compared with decomposing at the back of lecture theatres! "They" may know all about how to make a first class fool of themselves, they may even have loud voices but remember that this does not compensate for a limited, underworked brain! (Yes, I will give them credit, they do possess some brains)

Throw away your apathy fellow dieties and fight till the bitter end!

Sincerely,
A Law student.

STEALING WHEELS

Dear Editor,

I just had my \$320 racing bike stolen last night from the engineering bike stands. Even though it was locked, when I came out from a meeting at 10 o'clock, it was gone. When I went to the police, the constable knew I came from university, she said that an average of five bikes a night are reported stolen from here. Now at an average price of \$200 each, that's 1000 dollars worth being stolen every day, \$5000 a week going to these criminals.

Now isn't it time the student union did something about this, like fixing the lights above the engineering school stands, where it's totally dark at night? How about having the stands actually lock to the bikes, with a padlock?

Every week that nothing is done, another 25 people lose their bikes.

Nigel Coleman.

TRIVIA IS AS TRIVIA DOES

Dear Editor,

Having noticed various stickers and posters circulating the campus, we think it is time that the "Oppose the Tour Group" has an opposition, so that N.Z.'ers who have the strength to resist following the mindless, radical, boring professional protesters (such as feminists, unionists, and of course Hart and the Students Against the Tour (SATT) members), can vent their feelings.

We are sorry to have to bring this to your notice but the opposition to the Springbok tour must rank equally with the Arthur Allan Thomas trial as being the two most boring media trivia of the last decade. Of course the Mrs Asia trial and the Fitzgerald loan affair run a close second. (third place to Education Fightback).

The whole Springbok..... yawn situation is so boring when it becomes fashionable for nay 'dickfor' (What's a 'dick for?) to join and march with SATT without knowing what really is going on in South Africa.

Therefore we propose to hold an oppose the 'Oppose the Tour' march on Friday night May 1, leaving from Downtown Square, and am writing in this column to ferret out support.

Let's Sit on SATT!

Signed
Arthur Alan Thomas and Mr Asia.

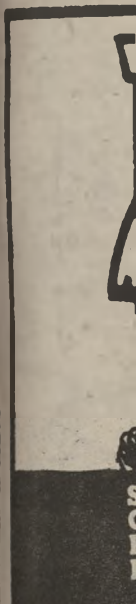
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Behind The Plastic Mac

LAST WEEK

The University Senate met last Monday and while not a lot was discussed of direct concern to students, our reps Peter Shearer, Susie Collier and Gavin Rennie were there to represent our views.

EDUCATION

The march and related activities in Albert Park were a success and reflect the amount of organisation done by this Association on your behalf to make the public aware of the general deteriorating financial position of students. Special thanks to Fliss Hope, Heather Worth and John Bates. We received a lot of good public coverage in the newspapers, T.V. and radio and engendered a lot of goodwill with the public over the current situation. In addition the student nurses studying at Carrington with a \$10 subsidy on top of the Tertiary Grant of \$23 received a lot of coverage on T.V.

last week and the general public attitude must be that students are one of the most disadvantaged groups in society and deserve their support.

ABORTION

The results have been published in Craccum this week. Perhaps Paddy Driscoll has made his point if one looks at the closeness of the voting. A.U.S.A. members appear to be split with strong feeling on either side but no clear cut direction can be seen from the results. The time is arriving when the Association policy makers will have to think a lot more about the individual consciences of students rather than, as has happened in the past, pushing their own viewpoints with little or no regard to others less involved in this Association's day to day organisation. In other words people and general and in particular students should be more sensitive to the feelings of others.

Perhaps a heightened respect for human dignity would never have allowed the South African System of apartheid to be accepted by the majority of the White South Africans. Perhaps an increase in awareness and sensitivity to others feelings would have prevented the never ending civil wars in South America, President Reagan's assassination attempt, the rising level of violent crimes in this country and overseas etc. etc. etc...

I too am guilty at times of paying too little regard to others feelings. In a report to Executive on a cafe dance held a few weeks ago I made some generalisations about Maori people that understandably offended Polynesians on campus. Although this was entirely unintentional it has brought home to me my own insensitivity to this particular issue and I am sincerely sorry if I offended anyone. However, the Polynesian representatives have been very generous in accepting my apology and I thank them and in particular Hauraki Greenland for their understanding.

PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT

Waikato President John Murray was up on Thursday to have a look at our association and also to attend one of our meetings. John is from Auckland as is Otago President Frank Foster who lived about 5 minutes away from me, before he shifted to Dunedin.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Last Saturday I was in Wellington at a meeting of our national student

body. I will inform you next week of what happened.

PRESIDENTS PERFORMANCE REVIEW

In last week's Craccum C.J. Gosling wrote a rather unfortunate review of my performance as President. Although I have a policy of not replying to criticism through the pages of Craccum, because I realise that it is part and parcel of the Presidents job I have chosen to reply in a letter to the Editor to give you some idea of the quality of this criticism in general.

MEMBERS TIES

We now have available Students Association Members Ties at a cost of \$8 which can be purchased from the Association Secretary - StudAss.

Wayne McIntosh
PRESIDENT

CROSSWORD

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S

Across

1. On the rocks; 2. Stung; 8. Evident; 9. Knuckle; 11. Toast; 12. Rook; 13. Braves; 16. Hook; 17. Pious; 18. Trip; 21. Likely; 22. Touc; 24. Two Pi; 25. Sharply; 27. Doormat; 28. Mummy; 29. Phenomenon.

Down

1. Over the hills; 2. Tribal rock; 3. Electra; 4. Ontologic; 5. Kicks; 6. Hulk; 7. Scurry; 10. East Pakistan; 14. Very Common; 15. Out of Eden; 19. Sloppy; 20. Art form; 23. Lynch; 26. Alms.



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The Definitive Reply to Paddy Driscoll's Article

Dear Dak,

I was very pleased to see the piece in your latest issue by Paddy Driscoll outlining his beliefs about my lack of competence and honesty. It is a tragedy that newspapers in this country are so ham-strung by restrictive legislation that most of them would refuse to print such a collection of distortions for fear of legal action. Truth must be served by a free interchange of opinions and my argument is with Paddy Driscoll rather than with Craccum, so all I ask of you is space to reply. Of course the letter will be deadly boring, but I shall try to make it no more so than 'A Sad Story of AUSA'.

Dramatis Personae:

Paddy Driscoll, who is by no means as naive as he would have us believe. An extremely competent student of Law I am told and, from what I saw of him in his role as Newman Hall S.C.S.P. co-ordinator, a very competent administrator.

Bob Lack, employee, whose future as such rests on his reputation for competence, honesty and clean living.

Plot:

The Theory of the Association as a bastion of Royal Tennis. Ah yes, the Association's Rules are cumbersome, complicated and disorganised, and you, oh my employers, have repeatedly failed to rectify this state of affairs if I were to break, bend or ignore the Rules I would be criticised, particularly by those who felt disadvantaged. As I accept my duty to work within and uphold them I am accused of obscurantism and criticised particularly by those who feel disadvantaged. Catch-22! But at least, as Paddy Driscoll says, I am paid quite a bit of money.

Scene One: I doubt the initial policy motion was carried 'long after people had to leave for two o'clock lectures', for the meeting finished at 2.15pm and the motion in question was the antepenultimate item discussed.

Scenes Two & Three: The motion printed in capitals in Paddy Driscoll's article was not raised at S.R.C. on 24 September. The agenda has a motion (moved MacDonald) to refer the previously adopted policies to a Referendum, but Mr MacDonald obviously changed his mind as the minutes show that it was decided (at Mr MacDonald's behest) to refer the previously adopted policies to a Special General Meeting.

Scene Four: The General Meeting would have been called with the agenda bearing a single motion, proposing that the S.R.C. be directed to rescind its policy on abortion; however Paddy Driscoll sought my assistance and raised, for the first time of which I am aware, the prospect of the Association resolving to have no policy on this issue.

A motion to this effect was drafted for inclusion in the agenda. At no stage was the prospect raised of this contention being attached to the motion which had been referred by S.R.C., but I should state that I would probably have advised against this if it had been raised. Not from any malicious desire to undercut Paddy Driscoll, but from an appreciation of Royal Tennis. A motion stating something like 'THAT the Association rescind its present policy on abortion AND THAT the Association have no policy on this subject henceforth' is a coherent whole in Paddy Driscoll's mind, but it effectively disenfranchises anyone who believes that we should have a policy but that it should differ from the present one. Not, I hasten to add, that such disenfranchisement particularly concerns me, but I know that the chair of any meeting considering such a motion would direct that it be taken in two parts. But as I say, the question did not arise.

Scene Five: The General Meeting agenda made it quite clear that there were two motions for debate, one to rescind the present policy and one to have no policy henceforth. Paddy Driscoll moved the first motion as written, without objecting to its wording, and while a number of speakers referred to both motions there was no apparent confusion. Stephen Mitchell, for example, prefaced his remarks with words to the effect that he knew he was probably out of order in speaking to the second motion during debate on the first, but that he would do so anyway. It was proposed (by Messrs Young and Mitchell, not by Mr Hague) that the motion being discussed be referred to a referendum. Paddy Driscoll did not object, and nobody proposed the inclusion of the second motion from the agenda. If Paddy Driscoll was outmanoeuvred it was at this point, and it was not by me. I would suggest that a considerable number of his opponents were quite conscious of what was happening, and that some were pleased to see the discussion taken out of a forum where they were very likely to lose. I do not defend this attitude - I just ask that I be not held responsible for it!

Intermission: I am not succeeding in my aim of being less boring than Paddy, am I? Did you know that the 1912 Oxford - Cambridge boat race was unique in being declared a draw? Both boats sank before reaching the

finishing line.

Scene Six: 'The minutes of the S.G.M. are being written up. However Bob Lack only writes up the part of the motion dealing with the Unifems proposal.... (he) is not acting maliciously and it is a genuine administrative error'. The suggestion that I have suppressed Paddy Driscoll's proposal in favour of a 'Unifems' one, even by mistake, is untrue.

Scene Seven: The suggestion that the Executive was working on the basis of erroneous minutes provided by me is incorrect.

Scene Eight: I did offer to represent Paddy Driscoll when he was unable to attend an Executive meeting, and the offer was made dispassionately. As part of my duties I regularly make representations to Executive on behalf of people who cannot attend, and I am not convinced that they necessarily suffer there by. I suggest that the Executive's reason for not accepting the representation made on Paddy Driscoll's behalf was not that it was badly made but that they shared the opinion that the S.G.M. minutes as they stood were correct.

Scene Nine, Para Eight: Paddy Driscoll was advised, by me amongst others, that if he believed that the S.G.M. minutes were incorrect he should raise this when they came up for ratification early on the first day of the Autumn General Meeting, and the Chairperson of that meeting was advised to expect this objection. It did not come, despite Paddy and Brian having sat 'through two days of the meeting'.

Scene Nine, Para Eight, Reprise: The

second piece of A.G.M. advice, again from several people, was that it would be quite in order for a motion to be moved under 'General Business' to add motions to the Referendum ballot. the Royal Tennis Handbook specifies that 'General Business' be the final item considered, and I will not accept responsibility for the General Meeting not getting that far. During some rather unspectacular constitutional proposal on the second day I specifically suggested to Paddy Driscoll that his business might not be dealt with unless a motion was proposed to rearrange the order of business. This was not forth-coming.

Scene Nine, Para Ten: The suggestion that I was party to a decision not to call an Executive meeting because Paddy Driscoll's proposal did not reflect my opinion is untrue. I have not expressed an opinion on the subject proposal, and I shall not do so now, but to support his assertion Paddy Driscoll will need to demonstrate first what my opinion is and second that it has biased my actions.

Encore: For two months in late 1961 the painting 'Le Bateau' was hung the wrong way up in a New York Museum. Over 110,000 visitors passed through without comment before the mistake was pointed out.

Author's Notes:

I have just read this over and I realise it is one of the most boring letters ever submitted to you. I will completely understand if you choose not to publish it, or to print it in six point type. It is just that I feel pissed off with Paddy. It is an inherent part of my job that I do not let my beliefs interfere with my work, and he has wrongfully suggested that I do. I might mention that I am not a complete stranger to the organisation he mocks

throughout his article; I would refer him to the first law of that organisation and would request that he withdraw his assertions and apologise.

Incidentally - the motion printed in capitals in Paddy's article was not only not raised at S.R.C. last year, it was also not put forward for the S.G.M. agenda. Far from being a motion which he has been being prevented from moving for the last six months it was in fact written by him in my office about a week before the Autumn General Meeting.

Yours pedantically,
Bob Lack

P.S. Will the new Library Security System be adequate? It is reported that in late 1968 a Mr Dodd returned to the University of Cincinnati Library a copy of Currie's 'Febrile Diseases' which had been borrowed by his great-grand-father in 1823. The fine owing was estimated at \$2,646.

P.P.S. This was written well before the referendum results were known. I do hope this contention about the administration of the referendum won't be seen as devaluing whatever decision is reached in it.

CRACCUM apologises to Mr Lack for printing adverse comments on his integrity and ability and wishes to make it quite clear that in all our dealings with the Association Mr Lack has been efficient and helpful.

I, as editor, would also like to apologise to Mr Lack for my failure to adequately deal with the article in respect of its comments about him. I recognise his magnanimity in confining his reply to this letter. - Ed.

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