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'In New Zealand, if you have any passion, that's radical.'

- Merata Mita

the american way ?



You know, I think I agree with the CRACCUM Reform Group.

I mean, all we really publish IS stuff about Nuclear weapons, US aggression and violence against women. But then so does the *Herald*, the *Star*, and all the rest. Trouble is, it's not our fault that that's what's happening in the world. As they say — it's news.

Take a look at this issue. The feature article is a backgrounder to the Central American problem (which will be continued next week). Ironically (because we had planned this for weeks) this week showed Reagan committing more troops, weapons, and battle ships to this 'to underscore United States support for friendly countries in the region.'

At the same time figures are released that show that the number of civilians murdered in the El Salvador civil war is up - but not up enough to block funding by the US to the government responsible for most of these deaths. Human Rights? If the hat fits, wear it.

The US public isn't keen on this new Vietnam, and hopefully will come out in protest. That's news, I reckon.

Then there's the traditional CRACCUM complaints against Nuclear weapons. Rave on. But this week brought out a report that shows that US Navy ships have leaked radiation at least 37 times since they began using nuclear reactors. They have contaminated coastal and inshore waters off Japan, Britain, and the US more than a dozen times.

And on August 2nd we play host to the nuclear powered USS Texas! Despite thousands of protests for nuclear disarmament, Muldoon reckons it's OK for the boys to come here for a little R & R. Mind you, it will have been four days since they left Australia.

And then violence against women. This week CRACCUM brings you a report on a Neighbourhood Watch group meeting. Women all over the city are getting together, sharing resources, talking, gaining strength. The article was written by my flatmate who attended our Neighbourhood Watch group and then, safely, reported on it. Two days later we had a man prowling our house, sneaking into our backyard, who was only scared off when she confronted him through the darkness.

A bit too close to home.

The next day we had a man at the door, wanting to demonstrate 'soft toys' to my other flatmate. He had no satchel. One can only guess - later - what he really wanted to do.

We don't sit up here at CRACCUM and invent the news, or harp on about the same old dead issues. Unfortunately the problems are all too real.

On the day when these problems 'go away' I promise more record reviews, satire, and no more 'biased' reporting.

Really, I tell a good joke. But just at the moment not much seems funny.

— L.R.

SRC REPORT FREEZING POINT ...

It seems you can't keep Stephen Mitchell down. A few weeks ago, Stephen put a motion through SRC requiring exec to call a general election to fill a vacant position on Council, instead of the usual method of appointment. Since then, exec has decided it knows better than SRC, and sent the motion back, saying it would prefer to see the appointment made by exec on the recommendation of SRC.

In his address, Mitchell said a council representative could be elected at the same time as portfolio elections are held - this would involve more students than an SRC election at no extra

springing to executive's defence, Barry Weeber said that if Mitchell's motion was passed, there would not be enough time for candidates to come forward. He believed that the council position is more important than most exec positions (causing objections of 'all the more reason to have an election'). John Rattray, also on exec, suggested that council reps require good verbal skills and you don't necessarily need those to win an election. You need them, he said, to be appointed by SRC.

Meanwhile, Jon Barker felt the wool was being pulled over SRC's eyes, and the real reason exec

rejected SRC's motion was that they were worried Mitchell would win a general election. Summing up, Mitchell said exec had not followed an SRC recommendation precipitating a lack of time: it was now relying on that lack of time to win at SRC. Mitchell's motion was easily passed, so it would seem some power has shifted away from executive.

Moving to policy, Barry Weeber moved that AUSA should oppose government overruling recommendations of the Waitangi tribunal (to use the present Waitara outfall, instead of Motunui); supports the Te Atiawa people in their opposition to the synthetic petrol outfall at Motunui; and supports the upgrading and extension of the Waitara outfall until full land based treatments of all wastes is established. Trish Mullins said the motion opposes the governments actions of walking over the findings of a tribunal it set up. The tribunal didn't produce the answers the government had hoped for. This motion was passed unopposed.

SRC then refused to consider club affiliations. Instead, SRC debated the wage/price freeze. Trish Mullins moved that SRC oppose the freeze because it was really only a wage freeze. She pointed out that 80% of workers have suffered a decline in real

income of 10% since the freeze came in. For Trish Mullins, the freeze reflects the governments answer to the countries problems: put the cost on the workers. Bruce Cronin pointed out a 63% increase in unemployment since the introduction of the freeze. He accused the government of being economically shortsighted and remembered a tax cut where the bottom 67% of workers got only 27% of the cut.

Jorgen Harmse admitted that the last pay rise for workers was in 1981, but wondered when the last rise in student bursaries was. He said that producers increase prices even when there isn't a freeze, so what difference does a freeze make? (sic). He said that if the freeze came off rents would sky rocket. Another speaker told SRC of an OECD report saying the freeze was the only useful thing the government has done. He said the country had suffered because of continual wage rises without a corresponding increase in production.

Barry Weeber predicted 140,000 unemployed this summer because of the freeze, while Jackie Clarke pointed out that grocery prices have decreased and this is of value to students.

In her final address, Mullins said prices *have* risen, while wages have been held. She asked if we wanted Phillipine-level wages (i.e. very poor) and said it was mainly workers who'd been harmed by the freeze. No vote was taken as the meeting was inquorate.

*Kirsten Thompson has been appointed as the new SRC secretary following the resignation of Trish Mullins.

—John Pagani

BLAKEPERSON RAVES

J.B. # 2



Well well well. You've got me for President but for very long. I've been in office for about 20 years now, I'm still hungover and don't have very much to say.

I won't pretend that I'm happy with the election results now that I understand all of them. My congratulations to Karin, Karen, Linda and Trish. This year will be interesting and I'm looking forward to the rest of this year.

I still have a good deal of faith in the Association and still believe that putting time and energy into it can be worthwhile. Involvement has its ups and downs and even though the latter have outnumbered the former lately I can still feel reasonably positive about the place. Just. The thing that pleases me most just at the moment is having won money off Stephen Mitchell over the election results. That makes it close to 50 executive election defeats for him now. Full marks for trying. Very trying.

During the campaign I promised an open door to that stands. Feel free to come to talk to me or to marvel at the carpet and mahogany splendour of the presidential suite.

By the time you read this nominations will have been for 11 positions on next years executive and elections will be in about a week. I hope you can manage a better turnout than for the last set. Don't study too hard. Get drunk, fall over, stand again. (apologies to Boyle).

Jonathan Blakeman

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE REST OF 1983

Jonathan Blakeman	DECLARED ELECTED	704
Graham Boyle		137
Duncan Milne		123
Stephen Mitchell		162
No Confidence		386
No Vote		218
INVALID		85

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WOMEN'S RIGHTS OFFICER CANDIDATE FOR THE REST OF 1983

Karen Jones	DECLARED ELECTED	905
No Confidence		437
No Vote		389
INVALID		92

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR 1984

Jonathan Blakeman		401
Stephen Mitchell		99
Trish Mullins	DECLARED ELECTED	944
No Confidence		287
No Vote		64
INVALID		20

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ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1984

Karin Bos	DECLARED ELECTED	1065
No Confidence		444
No Vote		264
INVALID		43

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EDUCATION VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1984

John Rattray	NOT A CANDIDATE	5
Carolyn Anderson		521
Stephen Barriball	DECLARED ELECTED	656
Alan Gibson		300
No Confidence		180
No Vote		133
INVALID		20

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TREASURER FOR 1984

Ivan Sowry		1
Linda Bennett	DECLARED ELECTED	1016
No Confidence		373
No Vote		388
INVALID		37

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CAMPUS NEWS

5c XEROXING ►

There is currently a 5c xerox machine operating in the Student Information Office. This machine has the capability of doing double sided copies and is ½ the price of the other photocopying machines on campus.

The problems with the machine have been solved and it is almost guaranteed to be operating. Any profits from the machine are going to the Needy Students Fund.

P.R. OR ROTTEN PUBLICATION? ►

During last week's student elections a particularly unpleasant publication was circulated making many gross and sexist references to various candidates. It has been widely rumoured that John Haber was responsible for this publication, but Mr Haber was not prepared to make any comment to the Editor about this suggestion. Mr Haber is currently the student representative on the university's Public Relations Committee.

FAIR FARE? ►

When the Auckland Regional Authority announced early last year that the concession fares available to students would be made far less generous the Students' Association filed a formal appeal. After months and months of delay this has finally been set down for rehearing in August, so perhaps the fares will return to a reasonable level next year. And perhaps those who have been paying the inflated fares will get a refund.



CIA YOU RECKON..? ►

Recently an appointment was made to the newly established Chair in Electronics for the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Advertising for the applicants was done in a number of countries, including South Africa. The successful applicant lists among his varied work experience 'consultant to the U.S. Congress on Assassination of President J.F. Kennedy' and other unnamed 'US Government Agencies'....

PLAQUE IN RED TAPE? ►

Fuimaono Tuiaasau has resigned from his position as student representative on the University Council as he is moving to Wellington. At his final meeting last week he wanted to present a petition seeking the removal of the plaque from the Barracks Wall. Given that the Historic Places Trust has already approved this he did not anticipate any objection, but surprisingly the administration had the matter deferred for consideration by the Works Committee. It may be that this is a boring formality, but on the other hand perhaps the administration feels that the plaque properly represents the real nature of this university.

STEPPING STONE OR STUMBLING BLOCK? ►

The University is making special efforts to use the Department of Labour's S.T.E.P.S. programme. This involves employing young people on menial work at scandalously low rates of pay on the pretext of providing them with 'work experience', the theory being that they will then be better able to compete for non-existent jobs. The University has re-employed their recently retired Assistant Registrar (Accommodation) to supervise this programme, which is slightly ironic when considering that the University refused to replace him in the Accommodation Office which means that there is one less permanent job for these 'experienced' young people to compete for.

LIGHTER BUGS ►

The Student Union is currently troubled by fire-bug. Banners, rubbish bags, bundles of newspapers and even furniture are regularly found smouldering in deserted corners. Is this the real target or is someone practising for the Rugby Union office?

NEWSBRIEFS

US LIES ABOUT NUCLEAR LEAKS ►

The US Navy is denying having leaked radiation at least 37 times since they began using nuclear reactor 30 years ago. The Navy is claiming that the report of a private US organisation, the Fund for Constitutional Government, is untrue and that the US Navy has an exemplary record of reactor safety.

The report used US Government Reports, and interviewed former Pentagon employees and crew. It found that at least 13 discharges of radioactive material had occurred in coastal waters and that the Navy regularly dumped highly radioactive filters used in their nuclear reactors. At Guam in 1975 a disabled submarine tender discharged highly radioactive cooling water into the harbour which produced measured radiation levels 50 times the 'allowable dose' on public beaches.

Two nuclear power submarines have sunk, the 'Thrasher' 1963 and 'Scorpion' 1968 with full loss of crew. The actual cause of both incidents was never released but no proof exists as to whether long lived radiation, will or has contaminated the ocean.

The Director of the NZ Radiation Laboratory in Christchurch has confirmed that radioactive discharges do occur from nuclear powered vessels. After a visit to a harbour, radioactive cobalt can be detected in the harbour sediments. This is caused during 'start up' and originates from the cooling system. It should also be noted that all nuclear reactors vent radioactive gases into the air either continuously or in bursts. This is due to build up of radioactive gases including iodine -131, Cesium - 137 and Strontium - 90. These normal releases increase the cancer risk of everyone who lives or works near the reactor. It must be remembered that there is no safe level for radiation, all discharges, of any size increase the occurrence of cancers and mutations.

At writing, it is not known when the Texas will arrive in Auckland but it is widely tipped to be Tuesday August 2nd. A definite date will probably only be known between 24 to 48 hrs before it arrives. So keep your ear to the ground.

Throughout the time it is berthed in Auckland, there will be a picket every day at 12.30pm and 5.30pm in Queen Elizabeth Square outside the CPO.

Peace group people are requested to ring 'Dial a Sailor' so they can talk to the crew about why we don't want nuclear warships in New Zealand. There is also a request for sailors not to wear uniforms in Auckland as they are only welcome as private citizens.

Anyone interested in being involved in the waterborne protest as skippers or crew should contact Lyn Hume 444-8673.

On August 5th there will be a Hiroshima Day commemorative march up Queen Street starting at 6.45pm in Queen Elizabeth Square.

There will also be a 24 hour vigil with drama and slides in Aotea Square from 6pm Friday 5th August.

CND campus is having a meeting on Tuesday 26th July at 1pm in the 'Bistro Bar' (above Cafe) to discuss activities for the 'Texas' and Hiroshima Day.

For further information contact Barry (EAO) and Paul (IAO), 30-789.

The Texas is a killing machine with the latest in US technology to improve its destructive capacity. It is a member of the 'Virginia' class of Guided Missile Cruisers and was commissioned in September 1977.

Specifications:

Power — two pressurised water reactors built by General Electric.

Crew — 472

Weaponry: includes - standard (sic) medium range ASROC; SAM/ASW; 8 harpoon plus two 5 inch guns. It is believed that Tomahawk cruise missiles with a range of 2000 miles are on board. Helicopters: two, with a deck and hanger.

This ship will definitely be carrying nuclear warheads.

Chaplain's Chat

CHRISTIAN REACTION

Sometimes Christianity is criticised by those who know - or tell - only part of the story. For instance the saga of the 'street kids' and the churches. The needs of these young people are extremely complex, and made more complicated by some of those who are their spokespersons. In fact the Anglicans and other churches have worked very hard to help them resolve their problems, a fact not acknowledged by headlines in the Herald.

Sometimes we are embarrassed by the racism, sexism and moralism of our fellows who rush into foolish statements. And sometimes it is the arrogance of our enthusiasts, claiming things for the faith which it does not imply.

When the cultured despisers of the Christian Church decide to have a field day they have two thousands years of human history to pick on. The time has revealed plenty of gaps between creed and action, and the present generation is no exception.

Right at the beginning Paul wrote to the rather motley Church at Corinth 'Not many of you were wise, not many powerful, not many of noble birth, but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise.' Plus ça change....

'Evangelism', said D.T. Niles of Sri Lanka, 'is one poor beggar telling another where to find bread.'

The Christian Church is made up of all sorts of people. There are the Albert Schweitzers and Mother Tereasas; there are those 'most ignorant of what they are most assured', and there are also hundreds of millions who for the sake of Christ give anything from cups of water to the shirt off their own back to a neighbour, or even an enemy, in distress.

And when our critics look for a measure to judge us by, the only word they can find to test us by is that after which the followers of Jesus aspire. They rate us as more or less 'Christian'.

— J.M.K. for the University Chaplaincy

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THE UNEMPLOYED GO MARCHING ON... TAKING TO THE STREETS



Gil Hanly

Colourful banners brought life to an otherwise uneventful march. The leisurely march up Queen St must have seemed paltry when compared with the Women for Nuclear Disarmament effort on May 24th. But the marchers were different this time: younger, less middle class, and despite the small proportion, there was more minority representation.

Reactions to the marchers varied. Many Queen St marchers took the pamphlets put out by the Unemployed Workers Rights Union stating their demands: Real permanent jobs for all, \$20 a week for beneficiaries, dole for 15 year olds, no waiting period for the dole, no youth rates. There were, understandably, those that balked at the marchers and the leaflets - 'I worked when I was your age,' was the reaction from one elderly man. How to explain the difference in economic climates in two minutes or less?

In Aotea square marchers listened to four speakers define their views of unemployment. Ally Wornick of the Unemployed Workers Rights

Union spoke of the inability of the government to face up to the real problems of unemployment. She cited figures that showed that of 113,000 unskilled workers in the country 20,000 are looking for work. Last month there were only 166 vacancies for these twenty thousand!

In clerical work, there were 7,000 workers looking for positions and only 118 vacancies! She urged people to stand up as unemployed, 'We're not seen as real people, just numbers. We're pushed around, spied on, and shoved under the carpet.'

Ben Corbett, the union delegate for the ACC workers schemes told of the current investigation in the work scheme programmes. 'In the two years that the Council has had schemes, they've employed 7,000 people. 25% of them are sacked before they are laid off, only 1 of 100 leave to get permanent employment.' He also commented on the council, (which he says sports six millionaires) and their inability to deal with the city's unemployed.

Trish Mullins defined how students are hit by

unemployment, illustrated by her cap and gown & a sign which told of the high proportion of graduates that are unemployed. 'The government is out to get us all. Students are affected by the scrapping of the SCSP program, and low bursaries. Universities are becoming a bastion for the rich. We all have to fight together.'

Montez, the speaker for the Street Family Association, talked of the unjust society we live in which profiteers live off the spoil of the poor. 'Together we are a threat to the system'.

The last speaker drew the crowd's attention to the issues of sexism and racism which affect unemployment. He spoke of the way in which Maoris were brought to the city in the last century specifically for work. 'Where are they today? Without land, culture and language.'

Many feet have walked Queen St this year. The Unions, the women, the unemployed, and next month the anti-nuclear contingent. How worn down does Queen St have to get before the government turns it's head?

— L. Rafkin

STUDENTS AND UNEMPLOYMENT

THE TRUTH HURTS

In September last year, NZUSA predicted that 1550 students would be unemployed last summer. The Minister of Labour denied that this would happen, and spent the holiday period saying that NZUSA was wrong and that student unemployment was not as bad as anticipated. The results of a survey undertaken in 21 Universities, Teacher's Colleges and Technical Institutes in February and March of this year shows dramatically, that it was the Minister who was wrong.

The survey shows that an average of 10,140 were jobless during the summer, which was 35% of those available for work. According to Robin Arthur, President of NZUSA, 'This disastrously high level of student unemployment results directly from the Government's decision last year to scrap the Student Community Service programme. The blame lies totally on the government.'

The other figures revealed by the survey show that the unemployment level has had dramatic consequences on the financial situation of students. At the end of last academic year 20% of students were in debt and a further 20% had no money left. By the end of the summer 35% of those

who were in debt had been unable to pay off those debts.

This means that not only were many students unable to save money over the holiday period, some were also unable to free themselves from their previous years' debts.

The position was much worse for women than for men. The median earnings for women was \$625 over the whole vacation, compared with median male earnings of \$1,091.

Given that the Government expects students to save money over the summer to supplement the bursary it seems that they have totally abdicated their duties by creating a situation which makes it difficult for students to find work. As Robin Arthur said: 'Now that the evidence is there in black and white, it is up to Jim Bolger and the Government to live up to their responsibility and provide a solution to student unemployment. They must restore a fully subsidised student work scheme or the same disaster will be repeated this coming summer.'

When you consider that general unemployment has reached record levels, it is apparent that the financial position of students will be even worse next summer - a prospect which many will see as the end of their academic career



Gil Hanly

MEETING AT FREEMAN'S BAY RE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FREEDOM FROM FEAR

The lower hall was packed with women, sitting on cushions, lounging against the walls and peering in through the windows, stepping on the carefully manicured stone garden with flax pushing its way through the earth. Coming in late, I just caught the beginning of Cushla Watson, Detective at Police Headquarters in Auckland giving a briefing of who she was and how to prevent attacks. i.e. 'don't put yourself in a vulnerable position, that is, don't go out alone at night, don't leave any of your doors or windows open at night, what about air? Don't don't don't. If a rape victim is exposed to this attitude, it's no wonder that very few women report rapes. Remembering that it is the rapist not the so called victim that is on a charge, most times, it seems as though the police disbelieve the integrity of the woman before the man.

She began to say that if you were placed in a situation where 'rape is inevitable'!!! No question of fighting back but that you may as well give up there and then because it's going to happen anyway! I could hardly think that it was a woman saying this. However, it seems as though she has infiltrated the patriarchal stream of police and shown them she can function just as well on their level unfortunately, a woman's perspective has been overshadowed probably by the pressure on her as a police person before she is a woman! Making it, in a man's world, so to speak. Smacks of the old proverb, .. 'If you can't beat them, join them'!

Another comment which I thought indicative of the Police stance, was the description of Cushla's job. She said she wouldn't go on to tell us all of the last ten years horrific experiences she had dealt with in rape cases because she was sure we didn't want to hear 'those nasty details'. Another fact being swept under the carpet because it's unpleasant. That is the very reason that support

groups for women have had to be set up, not only to share their experiences out in the open, but because the social stigma of rape has been oppressive to the woman involved and her family and friends because it's unpleasant, and too real and hurtful to speak openly about. Well, unless the attitude of the police changes, the present psychological trauma of rape will remain unresolved.

One positive step towards change has been the establishment of the HELP foundation. A support group liaising with the police, involved in every rape case that comes through the police. It was set up 12 months ago and is situated in Beresford St Freemans Bay, and has a counselling as well as a medical room for examinations. This is a 24 hour service, surviving on grants and donations, sharing premises with the Social Welfare Department. Women doctors and counsellors only.

A 'forensic examination' is essential for evidence. This is done before any raped woman has showered or changed her clothes. Then, her clothes

are taken from her for investigation by the DSIR and she is given clothes from a general donated box of garments from the centre. So, not only has she been raped of her internal body and privacy, but her whole identity has been taken and replaced with 'cleanliness'.

There is a follow up service for the victim as well as for her family, friends and lovers, to help adjust to the 'rape' reality. There is also a male counsellor available for males who have been raped and/or assaulted. Support is given within the court structure, both in lower and higher court hearings. Private referrals may be made through G.P.s, lawyers, neighbours, or the woman herself can ring or walk in off the street. There is a confidential counselling service, both by telephone and face-to-face. There is also group work with incest victims.

The HELP foundation is funded through the Accident Compensation Commission as rape is considered an accident! There is also some private funding.

... her clothes are taken from her for investigation, and she is given clothes from a general donated box of garments from the centre.

Women are conditioned to be feminine, fragile, powerless and impotent in the face of danger, to wait, frozen with fear, to be rescued by a strong and handsome man who, the myth goes on, arrives in the nick of time.... Yawn. Yawn.

OUTSKIRTS

Indian Feminist to Speak on Campus!

Madhu Kishwar, the editor of *Manushi*, an Indian Feminist magazine, will speak on Thursday at 1pm in the functions room. This is a rare opportunity to hear a woman activist from a third world country.

Manushi was first published in 1979, and described the appalling conditions under which Indian women live, work and die. Indian feminists are working on such issues as dowry deaths, sexual violence, employment and even the problem of public facilities for women.

'Outskirts' has published many new items relating to Indian dowry deaths, which occur when women's families do not give large enough dowries to the groom's family.

Sexual violence and rape are also issues on which *Manushi* reports, and rape is often used in India to suppress movements of the oppressed. 'One weapon that landlords very often use with the help of the police is gang rape. There have been spontaneous but strong movements against this in certain parts of India,' Madhu reports.

Unemployment for women in India has increased in the last few decades with only 210 women in 1000 men in the workforce in 1971 compared to 525 women per 1000 men in 1902. 'This means increasing destitution for women, which means greater devaluation of women if they're going to see us as burdens rather than as productive workers.'

Manushi was borne out of a university women's group. It is distributed to many women's groups and activists but also has strong readership in small towns via a countrywide network of distribution. 'It's being used as a catalyst for women coming together. It's difficult for women to get together and start talking about their own

problems. They use the magazine to bridge the gap.'

'Recently a woman wrote to us from a very small town in Gujarat. She said 'when I read *Manushi* I knew I shouldn't keep silent anymore.' So she went several miles to investigate the death of a woman who died on her lover's doorstep in childbirth because he wouldn't own her.' Many women send us such reports. As a result we are often able to give better coverage than the national press does or can give.'

Quotes taken from an interview with Madhu Kishwar published in *Off Our Backs*.



Women's Battalion Wins

In El Salvador, around the hills of San Pedro a women only battalion has been fighting against the army of the puppet government of El Salvador. The battalion is called 'Silvia' named after a woman guerilla who, in August 81, was captured, raped and murdered by El Salvador's paramilitary forces.

The 'Silvia Battalion' was formed in December 1981 by the women in the Armed Liberation Forces (FAL) (armed branch of the Communist Party in El Salvador). The battalion is made up of three squads with seven women in each of them. It is the first women-only military group that has come out the very insides of a revolution.

In March 1982 the *Silvia Battalion* distinguished itself defending Cerro Malacara (a very strategic point, because if the enemy had taken the top of the hill, they would have better control over the firing line). A male guerilla says of them 'they are... heroines - they are at the same level with the men in military standards and in several combats they have set the example.'

When they were attacked by the elite Battalion Atlacatl (men trained and armed by the USA) they kept in their post although the artillery fire was heavy. The men believed victory was easy and laughing they advanced saying 'they are only women, and we are not queers, let's go.'

However, the first women's squad gave them a hard shock. The soldiers then tried to climb the hill by the left hand side, and here, the second women's squad got them!

The battle lasted for seven days. But on the seventh day the Atlacatl had to run away leaving their many dead behind.

Commander Ileana declared, 'We have been in this revolutionary zone for two years and they have been unable to take us out of here, and they won't because we'll stay till victory or death.' (Info from *Mujer ILET Mexico April 83*)

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There has been an increase in sexual harassment complaints as women are coming out of their shells and just not taking it any more. Employment harassment especially pertinent it is an expression of public sexual violence that is accepted.. 'that's just the way men are dear!' A part of life. Got to keep these women in line. This reinforces the general condition of males' aggression, insensitivity and disrespect for women. Unsafe streets indicate that women who walk down them are 'asking for it'. Or maybe defying male supremacy on the streets?

Anyway, as the media and men within society have been so diligent in pointing out, it's not even safe in your own home. In 1982 of 284 reported cases 121 occurred in houses! Delusion of safety when we close the front door, the rapist might be sitting at the table having a cup of tea, watching television, lying in your bed or visiting your bed when you are asleep in the middle of the night! No? No! Yes. The facts. Not even safe in lifts anymore, police answer to that one was, if there's a man in a lift who looks suspicious don't get in and go and call the police. On what grounds? Paranoia they'd say!

Everyone of us has been in a lift alone with a man some stage in our lives. Do we have to use the stairs and risk being raped in the stairwell? So, we have to take action, we have to learn self-defence with proficiency, buy whistles, carry keys locked in your fingers, umbrellas poised, home security, heightened awareness on the streets at the footsteps behind us. It's not our fault (yes, you temptress!) but we accept it and adjust our lives accordingly. We organise support groups like HELP, who struggle to stay open with little funding from government, seen as a little self-indulgent perhaps.

Myths of rape as physically impossible, and making it reduce the number of court cases heard, and likelihood of prosecution. Humiliation court is guaranteed. 36% of rape cases in 1982 ended in prosecution. 45% were dismissed due to lack of evidence! At present there needs to be an in-depth study of effective punishment of rapists. It is constant pressure on women's lives. A form of terrorism 'under the covers'. Women are so frightened that they seek strong men to protect them, to be dependent upon, and even then, they may turn out to be the very rapist that they were afraid of confronting!

There can be no equality within this system until there is a reconditioning of men for respect of women. More financial assistance for raped women, support and awareness within the community and within the schools, beginning with the systems which condition these men and women as role playing. The days of complacency are over, it is time to stop this dreadful crime in our community! Strong words for Prue. Can you relate to that?

Next on the list, Sue Lytollis. Talking about violence to Women, that she didn't want to have to teach self defence at all, she didn't want to have to



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face the danger of walking alone, but also, she didn't want to stop living because of the risk of being raped. She won't cower to the don'ts of the male police attitude, ensconced in social minds. Because of that, she is spreading strength and survival to women through a total survival philosophy, psychological and physical. Sue acts as co-ordinator for YWCA running courses, teaching other women how to teach self-defence to spread as far and wide as there are women, all over the country. At risk. She began with a success story of a young school girl babysitting, harassed by an Australian, respected, businessman who was staying and going out to dinner with the couple whose children she was babysitting. She used 8 techniques to defend herself, and was sure she would have been raped if she hadn't done the course.

Don't change your whole life to protect yourself, by not putting the bottles out.

Sue Lytollis.... the more success stories told, the better. They are repressed in the media because men want to see women cowering, and acting passively to boost their own superiority feelings and keep a grip on their own importance and position. Sue said if she had have been in the lift where a man exposed himself she would recommend a comment like 'it looks like a pencil but smaller!' Instead of being frozen with fear, try humiliating him as he humiliates you. Retaliate. Don't be passive. Learn how to make a fist with your thumb out so you don't break it. Learn the male anatomy so you know what hurts where most. Humanise yourself to confront the person with your personality, not just the symbol of hatred and weakness that he is projecting his anger or power at.

Confront him with himself. 'You creep! Stop following me'. Talk about your children, tell him you have an infectious fatal disease! Talk Talk Talk! Confuse him and then if that doesn't work, learn self-defence so you can physically retaliate also. Don't change your whole life to protect yourself, by not putting the bottles out. One woman wore 5 layers of clothing to bed, she figured that would frustrate the rapist so much that he'd give up trying, - ever heard of knives? Can't fool ourselves that much. Why aren't men getting together and talking about male violence to women?? Too uncomfortable, too threatening, taking away a slice of their cake when they want to eat it too?

One of the police arguments about treatment of

rape victims as far as disbelieving the woman goes, was false complaints. Sue Lytollis subtly pointed out that according to a study done in Britain only 3% of rape complaints are unfounded. So the whole system is geared around the suspicious 3% of the population? Crazy? Do they believe the burglar rather than the burgled? Our weapon is within us, ourselves, so when we hear a scream, go over to it, confront it and defend it, don't not get involved, our responsibility as women is to be involved as individually we are all involved in the sexual harassment and oppression by men.

Maggie Eyre then proceeded to let off sirens and whistles quoting costs and functions of each, also ones that leak gas, or only work if you hold it in your hand, bulky some of them and something to remember to take out wherever you go. Some made by David Reid Electronics ranging from \$9-11. And Cubb Alarms! A representative from the Chubb Alarms company also spoke about alarms systems for houses up to \$350.00. And specific needs of old houses as in Ponsonby like the nail locking device for windows, drilling a hole through the window ledge and the window as added security, width of a 6" nail. Women do two thirds of the work, own 1% of the homes and get paid one tenth of the salaries in this country! Something has to change surely?

Comment also on the increasing violence on television correlated to violence in society. Condition male sexual violence as thrilling and exciting, into eyes and minds of children at a young age. He said, instead of driving past an assault, if you're too scared to stop on your own, stop in the middle of the road and sound your horn, so many cars stop and action is taken. Sounded like a good idea.

... the rapist might be sitting at the table drinking a cup of tea...

The whole meeting was dynamic and effective in that several support groups were set up as house co-ordinators volunteered to be a safe house and provide their street with information about who lived where, street meetings and follow ups. There was a cross section of women there in age but very white representation. Unfortunately I missed the beginning of the meeting so can't comment on the other speakers. However, I heard there was a performance by the Roadshow team that went down well, and think the valuable information given by the prominent speakers was in itself a powerful incentive to stand alone and be strong.

— Clare O'Leary

NZUSA POLICY CHANGES ... **SELF DETERMINATION ?**

The following two essays reflect the opposing view points on the issue of 'Self Determination' for women within the New Zealand University Student's Association. The policy to be decided upon is in the box, and a meeting for all women interested in debating this issue will be held in Womenspace Monday August 1st at 1 pm. All women are invited to attend and participate in the debate.

The motions will come up at SRC on August 3rd or 10th, and the outcome of that vote will determine whether AUSA supports the proposal for Self-Determination which will be voted upon at August Council.

FOR SELF-DETERMINATION:

Proposed changes to the structure of our national body to enable self determination for women involved in policy making and action relating to women within NZUSA are currently under debate. Each campus will formulate its policy and vote to decide the issue at August Council. The following is an explanation of self determination and the reasoning behind it.

NZUSA has three committees and one collective responsible for the actioning of its policy: PAAC (Public Affairs, meaning National and International issues), NEWAC (Education and Welfare), NOSAC (Overseas Student Affairs) and WAC (Womens Action Collective). These meet four times a year including twice at Councils, and are comprised of representatives from each campus, including the relevant Executive portfolio holders.

NZUSA's policy is made at May and August Councils by Education, Welfare, National International, Finance/Administration and Womens' Commissions, again are made up of campus representatives. Currently, policy changes, proposals for actioning it, and the related expenditure must be approved by all delegates at Councils, through Ratification, Action and Budget Plenaries. (Prior to this stage, it all goes back to individual campus delegations to discuss and decide on how they will vote).

The effect of self determination proposals, if they are adopted, will be that policy and action relating to women will be approved by a caucus of all women delegates at Councils, instead of going to general plenaries.

With regard to finances, it is anticipated that the Activities Budget (which pays for campaigns) be allocated proportionately between the standing committees/collective, and each determine and account for their expenditure within these allocations. A further amount would be retained as for special campaigns and as a contingency.

The self determination concept was first raised in 1981, and at May Council this year WAC presented a discussion paper, which explained the move away from the original 'Autonomous Womens Department' towards a model more applicable to NZUSA.

The changes now under discussion are surprisingly moderate, a further progression of the changes that WAC has gone through in its six years of existence. The original Womens Rights Action Committee was set up in 1976 with a part time Coordinator paid \$1,000 a year. As the growing workload made this inadequate, campus women began campaigning for a full time position . This was realised in 1981, and in the same year WRAC became the Womens Action Collective, to better reflect the way it operates. The term 'collective' means decision making through consensus - when standing orders are suspended, and differences resolved by discussion and compromise rather than only majority opinion. It also involves sharing of responsibilities and skills, attention to the way the group is functioning as a whole and the relationship between its members.

Self determination, it must be stressed, will facilitate the participation of women in NZUSA and does not mean separate organising. Campus women's groups, who provide a support network for Womens Rights Officers and the Womens Vice President of NZUSA, and do the work on womens issues at this level, choose to work on a collective basis. Many women find moving from a collective group to the formal plenary system alienating. It is often difficult to find women who will attend more than one Council, as a result.

The major difference is between 'participation' and 'control'.

The growth of women only groups is a means by which women can fight a common oppression by organising together, determining their own needs, and developing appropriate structures to work in. It is not a contradiction in terms for these to exist within an organisation comprised of men and women, like NZUSA. Both the Labour and National Party have women's organisations within them.

One of the benefits of a less hierarchical structure is that more attention can be given to the regional differences and the specific needs of women on each campus. It is also possible to form valuable links between outside women's groups and women students, such as earlier this year when Hamilton Rape Crisis produced a leaflet funded by NZUSA for nationwide distribution.

For each women's delegate attending Councils is bound by their own campus policy. Thus both men and women students retain an input into all policy, and have the chance to listen and contribute to debate on women's issues.

What is new about self determination is the recognition that as women are the best equipped group to make policy relating to women, and that while men will continue to have an input at campus level, they should give up the power to veto decisions which have passed through the collective system to Council.

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A democratic structure involves representation of the interests of groups by individuals. As can be seen through central government, the decision makers can become out of touch with those they represent, and democratic systems can become hierachial and inflexible. NZUSA has in the past been dynamic enough to accomodate the changing needs of its membership - it should continue to do so.

Under self-determination, WAC and Women's Commission, representing women on every campus, would be directly accountable to a caucus of all women delegates at Councils.

The major difference is between 'participation' and 'control'. In the past WAC policy has been altered and overturned at campus caucuses and open plenaries by other delegates who have no understanding or respect for the process by which WAC works. It is always intended that policy and action decisions continue to be reported back, for the information and education of other delegates.

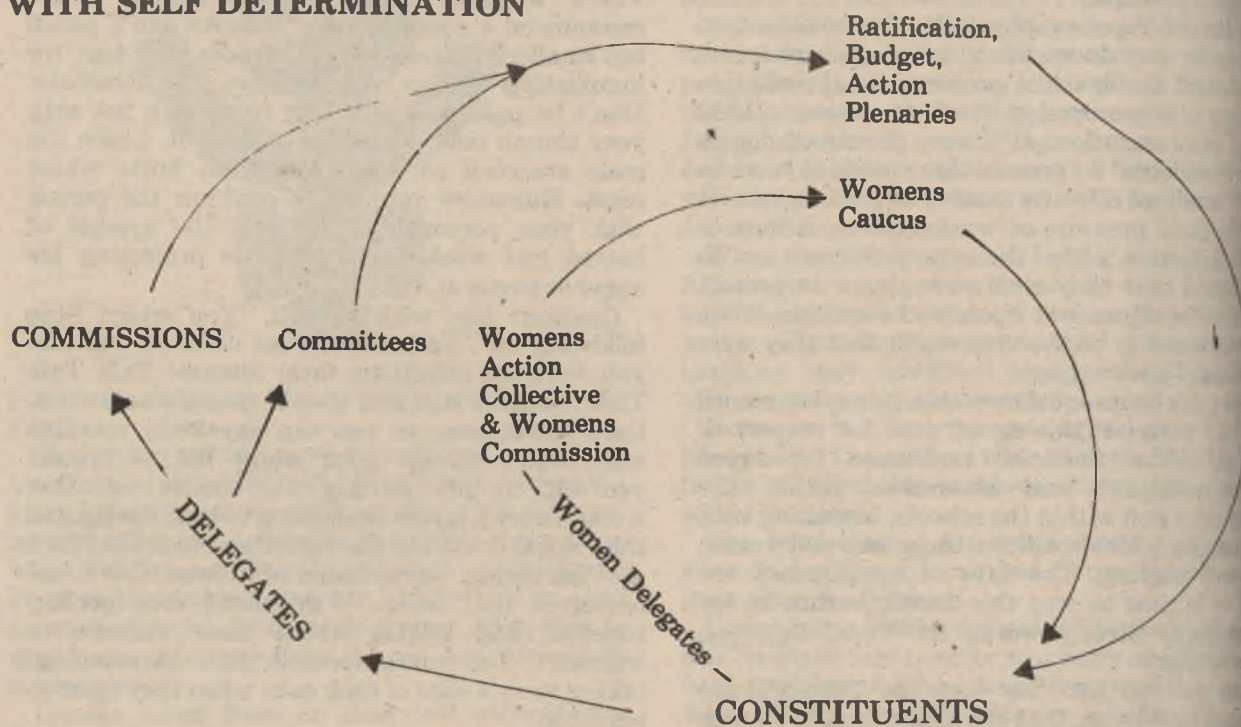
Self determination is a recognition that NZUSA is seriously committed to women's issues. It is a progressive move for NZUSA, encouraging further participation of women students, and making them responsible for policy and action areas specifically concerning them

— Karin Bos

SELF DETERMINATION POLICY:

- (1) That SRC recognize that women's caucus is representative of women on campus.
- That SRC believes that women's caucus should have the right to ratify policy from women's commission, each delegate being subject to the constraints of individual campus policy.
- (2) That SRC believes that women's caucus should have the right to approve WAC's budget, make decisions on WAC's activities and direction.
- (3) That SRC believes that women's caucus should report back to ratification + action plenaries on decisions made within it, and further that when the need for liaison over action activities arises, joint sessions between women's caucus & others standing committees should be called.
- (4) That SRC recognises that WAC remains an integral part of NZUSA, and as such, that WVP;
 - (a) Should have full access to NZUSA services and resources available to other elected officers.
 - (b) Has a right to involvement in NZUSA activities outside her immediate sphere of work.
 - (c) Should be consulted on any work she is not directly involved in which concerns women students, and
 - (d) That other bodies within the NZUSA structure, respect and uphold the decisions made in WAC and the womens caucus, in terms of areas of work for the WVP.
- (5) That the activities budget of NZUSA be allocated proportionately among the standing committees/collective, and that each determine and account for its expenditure within these allocations. Further that a floating account be retained for priority campaigns or other unforeseen activities.
- (6) That SRC recognises that women are the best equipped group to make decisions and policy which affect women. Therefore, self determination will encourage the fullest participation of women in the decision making processes and structures of NZUSA.

THE PROCESS OF POLICYMAKING AND ACTION AT N.Z.U.S.A. COUNCILS WITH SELF DETERMINATION



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AGAINST SELF DETERMINATION:

The essence of the debate on women's autonomy is who should decide NZUSA's policy on women's rights.

The women's autonomy proposal is that the NZUSA Women's Commission should. I believe that the whole of NZUSA must make the final decision. My main reason for this view is that NZUSA's policy on women, or any other concern, should be part of the decision making process.

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The proposal for women's autonomy in NZUSA comes from a desire for women to control their own lives. I support this principle but think it is a mistake to apply this principle to NZUSA's Women's Action Committee (W.A.C.).

There are a tremendous number of very different groups which make up the women's movement ranging from the Broadsheet Collective to the Maori Women's Welfare League to the Labour Party Policy Committee on Women. These groups can be divided into two categories; some are women-only groups, others are organisations of women and men which are concerned about women's rights eg the FOL, National Council of Churches, Values Party, etc.

Women-only groups play a very important role. Here women feel free to talk about sexism as it affects them, can develop skills without the constraints of sexism and can determine policy on women's rights without concern for male opinions. Where you have an organisation of women and men, I believe that organisations policy must be

made by all its members. NZUSA is such an organisation. The NZUSA Women's Action Collective is not a women's group but an action committee of NZUSA. WAC speaks for the whole of NZUSA on women's rights not just for women students. I think it would be undemocratic if a male member of NZUSA had no opportunity of influencing a body which they belong to, which they help finance, which represents them.

I believe that one of the false assumptions that the autonomy proposal is based on is that pro-women policy will be vetoed at NZUSA by anti-women men. For the last six years, at least, this has never happened. There have been debates over women's rights at NZUSA councils, but in these debates women and men have been involved in both sides of the argument. Similarly over this women's autonomy debate there are women and men on both sides of the argument.

In saying the above I am not denying that there is sexism within NZUSA. To deal specifically with sexism at NZUSA councils, a Womens Caucus has been established at councils: The caucus is open to all women so that problems of sexism of male delegates can be discussed and ways of dealing with the problems resolved. Also at the women's caucus controversial aspects of womens policy is

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discussed. This is productive, but women's caucus should not be the body which ratifies this policy.

Rather than male involvement in discussing women's rights policy being a negative thing, I think it is positive. By being involved in the often very lengthy debates at Campus caucus at Council, men become more aware of the importance and nature of women's rights. Women's rights need the support of men. We will never win the badly needed demands of the women's movement - childcare, jobs for women, safe, legal, abortion, etc - if no men support these demands.

Men cannot and should not be involved in women's-only groups, and so organisations of both sexes have a particular responsibility to involve men in discussions on women's rights. Recently men-only groups to discuss sexism have been formed in N.Z, which is a positive development. Nevertheless dialogue between women and men is also important. It is often only by talking to women about women's rights on issues as they arise and are acted on that men realise the depth of the issues involved.

A useful comparison can be made with women's autonomy for NZUSA and AUSA, a body, Auckland students are more familiar with. Should AUSA's policy on women's rights be made by women only? Making policy is a long and involved process involving a lot of discussion and education. If men at A.U. were excluded from women's rights policy decisions, women would not be challenging men's thinking. More men will support the view of society - a sexist outlook. Furthermore AUSA male students would be denied the right to have a say in their association policy.

The NZUSA W.A.C. is both part of the student movement and the women's movement. It must remain as a collective which carries out the policy of all students, not just women students.

— Leonie Morris

BACKGROUND ON CENTRAL AMERICA

THE SHARK AND THE SARDINES

Central America is the collective name given to the 7 countries, with an 18 M total population, that are located between Mexico and Columbia. All, (except Belize) have cool highlands, all have fertile lands alongside grinding poverty.

Life, for the majority of Central Americans, is lived in a world of hunger, ignorance and violence, a world that we cannot imagine. The following is an attempt to detail a little of the background to this, but it will not even touch the core of subjection, fear, and desperation that is existence for many in Central America.

The Spaniards who came to Central America brought attitudes that remain, alive and healthy, in the thinking of the elite of the area. Included were the assumptions of racial and cultural superiority, of the right to dispose of the lands and natives as they wished, and the belief that great social divisions were natural and proper. Except in Costa Rica, a pattern of land ownership and political power emerged, and continued, that reflected these attitudes. Even Costa Rica has been politically controlled by a tiny group, especially since the introduction of coffee and banana cultivation.

Elsewhere, land ownership has been in the hands of a few, the bulk of the population have been treated as peasant labour, and 400 years have given permanence to this pattern. The elite found it difficult to imagine anything different; and the military, the Church, and the oligarchic families nearly always united against any threat to their hold on power.

In the late 19th century, a new twist to the status-quo emerged from European and North American commercial and military intrusion, as markets and resources were grabbed. The banana, coffee, and cotton plantation mode became crucial to the Central American economy, with land often locally owned, but the commodity marketing by

foreign companies. US investment in Central America (not including Panama) rose from \$11m in 1897 to \$200m. in 1929. Alongside this investment in agriculture, railways and commerce, the Gringos acquired the political power necessary to protect it, as the local elite became partners or servants.

The USA had the imperial essentials, the belief in the right to rule and exploit other countries and peoples, and the power to do so. It would continue to do so, as a political entity, in various camouflaged forms, until the present.

Plantation agriculture actually worsened the conditions for the bulk of the population, insofar as they were increasingly coerced by land theft, force, or debt peonage, to work away from their subsistence plots, and instead in plantations.

Starting in 1901, with Panama, the question of U.S. military force was used in Central America to produce the required results. Intervention was used in Panama off and on until 1931, and other examples include Nicaragua in 1912 and 1926-33. During the later period a local army was created to do the US's work for it.

The result of the economic and political intrusion, and the introduction of new ideas since 1900, has been to produce a realization that (1) the Gringos are backing the exploitation of the mass of Central American people, and (2), that something



Body of National Guardsmen, killed during the taking over with the official St Somoza.

could be done about exploitation, both foreign and local. The ideas of the 1910-40 Mexican Revolution, the Mexican seizure of the oilfields in 1938, and the unionization of oil and mine workers in South America found most of Central America. So the revolution attempts of Sandino in Nicaragua, (1926-34) Farabyndo Marti, in El Salvador, in the 20's as no surprise. Sandino had worked as a mask the war of tl revolution was still young and fresh.

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HUEHUETENANGO, GUATAMALA

The town lies below a range of beautiful mountains; mountains that are out of reach for tourists, for nearly all the townspeople, and for the army much of the time. There is a colourful patchwork of fields reaching up to the sky, with tiny villages dotting the slopes, and usually a pattern of shadow and sunshine.

Beneath these mountains, life is punctuated by violence, and tainted with fear. A leader of the teachers union was going out to his rural school, when a car pulled across in front of the bus. He was dragged off the bus, and his body later turned up in the river near the army camp, limbless and tortured. Another union leader was shot in the stomach while in his office, but managed to crawl down the steps for help. In a cruel irony, when infection set in, the army flew him to Guatamala City for an operation. He died. There are no unions in Huehuetenango now.

I asked why a neighbour was wearing black. Her brother, who was working in the country, was unwise enough to denounce someone as a guerilla. He turned up in the river also.

Huehuetenango is 6000 feet up in the mountains west of Guatemala city, near the Mexican border. It's nicknamed 'La antesala del cielo', the Ante-Chamber of Heaven. There are about 10,000 inhabitants, and 8000 soldiers in the camp outside the town. All the banks have 2 or 3 armed men, police or army. Much of life goes on as normal, - people come in to the market, the coffee beans are picked in season, and the kids play in the streets. Throng upon throng of elaborately uniformed schoolchildren paraded for the July fiesta. Each school had a band, there were floats, and of course the army, the reserves, and the ununiformed volunteers paraded also. At the head of the procession, in the place of honour, was a vintage



Harvesting Sugar

car, with four old men, local composers, gravely acknowledging the crowds attention.

But the underlying reality is shaded with hate and almost insurmountable class divisions. Few of the rich live there, they are in Guatamala City or Miami. Many of the coffee plantations employ more than 400 workers in season, workers who have little or no land themselves. Less than 3% of the population of Guatamala control over 60% of the land, and its generally the best land. Peasants plant their maize on slopes so steep they would hardly be used for forestry in New Zealand.

Coming from Mexico, I found the people of the Guatemalan highlands, mostly Maya Indians, relatively gentle and unaggressive. But it is easy to

understand that they can be persuaded violence is the only way for change, even their uncle or wife or son gets killed.

Less easy for me to understand is the mental isolation of the upperclass in Guatamala City. But if your family has always had servants, and the campesinos on the hacienda always lived in floorless huts, I guess it's hard to face the end of a way of life. Also, a conscience might be positively unhealthy.

And their friends in Washington encourage to believe there is light at the end of the tunnel. How strange and mysterious Guatemala seem, when seen from the White House. Different from Santa Barbara and Orange County.

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example of the Cuban and Nicaraguan revolutions, and the defeat of the US in Vietnam, even hope to the chance of social change and military revolution, for those who prefer to by violence. For many Central Americans, death, armed struggle, or exile.



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THE SIX MAIN COUNTRIES SINCE THE 1930's

In 1944, the current Guatemalan dictator was overthrown, and in a moment of middle class initiative, a cautious academic was elected president. He, and his elected successor Arbenz Guzman, initiated mild labour and land reforms, practically the first in Central America. The 1954 invasion, by a tiny CIA trained group, sparked a military overthrow of the government, and a bloody 'purge' of union and peasant leaders. This practice of violent oppression has continued ever since, formalized and aided by historically documented US help since the 1960's. Death squads and torture have been common for almost 30 years, with the target spreading to students, journalists, and anyone vocally to the left of far-right. Dozens of lecturers from the main university have been killed.

The most Indian of the Central American countries, Guatemala is socially divided, more than the others, between a white/mestizo, urban, middle and upper class, and the rural Indians. The deaths in the cities have been far outnumbered by the massacres throughout the highland Indian villages. Since the late '50s, guerilla warfare has been one of the responses to the oppression.

Honduras was the sleepy backwater of Central America. There has been little hope for change, as dissent has been always rapidly crushed. For instance, in 1963 the nascent emergence of liberal politics was squashed by an Army coup, (which Kennedy in this instance did nothing to stop). As a country, Honduras managed to avoid most of the El Salvador conflict until the late 1970's, when the US military, and later the US government, decided that Honduras must take part in the war against the Salvadorian guerillas, (in both El Salvador and Honduras), and must be used as a base for the destabilization of post-Somoza Nicaragua.

Nicaragua had Somoza dictatorships from 1936 to 1979 which had constant US aid and support. From 1974 there was an active guerilla movement, which by 1978 was unified and sufficiently experienced for takeover. Between Sept 1978 and July 1979 there was almost continuous civil war, ending in the Sandinista victory.

good, with much of the economic background. (327:7308 G35)

For details on Panama, (including the dirt on Torrijos), up to 1977, there is *The Panama Canal* by Walter LaFeber, (327:730287 L16, City library).

Guatemala, From Terrorism to Terror by Ken Johnson, from the right wing Institute for the Study of Conflict, details the guerilla movements of the 60's and the police/army terrorism, with US involvement, up to 1972. (909:82 C74 Vol.23).

The complexity 'on the ground' in West Guatemala is well shown by Ch.7-8 of *Revolt against the Dead*, by Douglas Brintnall. By an anthropologist, it shows the social and political change at village level. (309:17281 B85).

The Amnesty report *Guatemala. A Government Program of Political Murder* briefly details the links between the government and the death squads, to 1980. An impeccable source. (365:4097281 A52)

Panama changed in some aspects with the rule of Omar Torrijos from 1968-81. A middle class nationalist army officer he gave considerable support to exiled, anti-Somoza Nicaraguans, and allowed Venezuelan arms to be channelled through Panama on the way to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. His 'victory' with the 1977 canal treaty, is not necessarily the success it appears, as there will still 'be a US right to 'maintain the neutrality of the canal' allowed after its handing over in 2003. Torrijos's repressive activities were not all that different from previous rulers only being perhaps more efficient.

El Salvador entered US hands in a slightly different manner from the other countries. Even the 1932 peasant uprising, and subsequent slaughter by the army, did not require overt US involvement. However, with increased social and economic change, the reactions of the oppressed and gradually drawn the Americans into open intervention. The vast increase in cotton and sugar plantations, from 1960 to 1980, forced subsistence farmers even further into the role of landless labourers, as their common land had nearly all been stolen in the late 19th century. Only 12% of the rural population were totally landless in 1961, compared to probably 65% by 1981.

Kennedy, so beloved by western liberals, OK'd a right wing coup in El Salvador in 1961 which ousted a short lived liberal attempt. Since then it's been all downhill. In 1972, a successful revolt by liberal officers, hoping for a return to constitutional rule after an especially badly faked election, was crushed when US officials called in armed forces, particularly, aircraft, from the surrounding countries.

From 1976, the liberal sections of the Catholic church have been physically attacked. At least Six priests were killed and 5 more tortured during 1976-80. This may appear insignificant against the 30,000+ others who have been murdered in the same period, but it shows a split in the traditional power structure, and the loss of moral authority by the government. Guerilla warfare has been increasing since the early 70's, and especially since 1979.

Costa Rica had brutally crushed strikes in US owned banana plantations, in 1934. The hold of the conservative elite was shaken, however, by the short civil war of 1948, and the later 'reforms' of Jose Figueres. The 'abolition' of the army is not as meaningful as it may appear, as a well armed National Guard has continued. Sympathetic to the Nicaraguan rebels against Somoza, Costa Rica has since had its arm twisted by the US, to get it back into line.

-George Thompson

MAGAZINES

Latin American Weekly Report, (980:05) and *L.A. Regional Report: Mexico and Central America*, (320:972), both by a very professional British service, both on the magazine racks.

NACLA. In-depth articles every 2 months. 980:5.

L.A. Perspectives. An academic quarterly, but the current copy, (Winter '83), has many good articles on Central America, especially on the El Salvadorian church, and revolutionary Guatemalan women. 320:98 on the racks, back copies at the desk.

L.A. Newsletter, by the Auckland LA Solidarity Cttee. (PO Box 4032, Ph 595507), in the NZ room, 320:9805L 35.

Intercontinental Press, (Marxist), has recently had many articles on Central America. (909:8205 165, on the racks).

For the nitty-gritty behind the news, the *Bank of London & South America Review* is very good, both dispassionate and informative. (330:98 B21 on the racks).

Finally, if you would prefer a light novel, J.K. Galbraith's *The Triumph* is a perceptive satire on US involvement in Central America, all too close to the truth & spirit of the 60's and early 70's. (813:54 G14t).

ROOM OF OUR OWN — A WOMINSPACE JOURNAL

It's been a long time since English Department students have shown much creative energy. The last memorable publication was *Freed*, and that was back in the early seventies, with Brunton, Haley, Edmonds and Mitchell, the male avant guard.

But now the energy is women's energy. *Room of Our Own*, a pale green and persuasive collection of poems about being a woman in Auckland, now, in 1983, has just been put out by a collective of women in the University. It's a collection in which every woman who offered a contribution was printed, and it's a good collection. It's more than good - the modest format belies the powerful impact of the content.

I remember the collections of women's poetry that came out in the mid-seventies with international women's year - Australia's *Mother I'm Rooted*, and New Zealand's *Private Gardens*. *Room of Our Own* seems a generation further on. These women are writing with ease, out of their female consciousness about their feelings in a patriarchal society. Each poem refutes the concept that good poetry must be sexless - each poem speaks, and speaks with assurance, in a woman's voice.

There's a zany and satirical voice of Marina Bachmann in 'The Third Day of the Royal Tour', the cynical humour of Bidge's 'Fury-ness', the passionate and sincere letter to her mother by Judy McNeill, and Mari Hunt's anti war poems. The collection moves from the controlled irony of the opening poem to the tormented anguish of a poem about sex in marriage - Zoe Hill's powerful

'The Rapist'. The voices are distinctive, strong, personal, and need no apology.

I liked the tone of the dedication though:

To my dear wife
who did the typing
who took the children off my hands
until I had time for them
who made me cups of tea
diluting her own creativity in sugared sweetness
who was my inspiration
she had so many ideas
my name went on the cover

To the dear wife in all of us in the hope that her energy will be redirected into her own writing

The mosaic of photographs of contributors and the selection process in action is strategically placed opposite Bidge's 'Towards a Woman Centered University'. This collection is an expression of the women's energy you can feel in the English department these days - in the English Students' Women's Collective, and in women students realization that they have a voice of their own - a voice which can be heard in both the creative and critical arenas.

If you don't read poetry unless you have to write an essay or sit an exam on it, try this collection. Poetry can be immediate, moving, and funny. *Room of Our Own - a Wominspace Journal* is all of these, and, most importantly, it's about being women.

— Aorewa McLeod



A *Room of Our Own* is available at the University Book Shop for \$4.00. The next edition will be out within the next month. Women interested in working on this publication on a proposed summer edition should contact the Collective through their locker in Womenspace.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Directed by Peter Meikle
The New Independent Theatre

July 2 - July 30

From the moment I took my seat and started seeing all the motionless bodies glittering in the half-light, until the 'exuent' of the players by way of the aisles, shaking our hands and thanking us for being such a good audience, the atmosphere in the New Independent was unmistakably magical.

Peter Meikle's direction of Shakespeare's tale of dreamworlds and fairies focuses on twilight zones - those in-between worlds neither quite fantasy nor reality. He has one actress play both Titania, the fairy queen, and Hippolyte, the queen of the Amazons. Similarly one actor plays Oberon, the king of fairies, and Theseus, the Duke of Athens. Each of the court attendants in the real world become fairies in the dream or fantasy world. The question hanging in the mysterious ether is: are the fairies the alter eggs of the 'real' people? Furthermore as the court congratulate their players, that is, the workers who perform their

'tedious brief scene of young Pyramus And his love Thisbe; very tragical mirth' so too at their handshaking exit are we given the opportunity to congratulate our players. Are these actors our other dreaming selves? Puck's closing speech encouraging the audience to look upon the play as a dream if 'the shadows' have offended, intensifies this sense of having been transported into a half-way zone.

The set in its use of black polythene, tinfoil and coloured lights contributes to the ethereal atmosphere. Two levels are used with a slide between them allowing the fairies graceful descents from their heavenly perches. This arrangement also gives the lovers room for a good

chase or two. The music, beautiful selections from classical through to Oldfield, reinforces the magical qualities inherent in the play.

Meikle works his cast hard. The fairies/court attendants remain on stage for the entire duration of the play. Their stylised performances left me feeling pretty uncomfortable much of the time - particularly when as fairies they crescendoed their hisses to shrieks. For fairies they seemed too heavy and nasty, vindictiveness being their style rather than mischief. The lullaby they sing to Titania in both pace and mood was more like a hymn echoing through a cloister corridor. Perhaps this could explain the lack of sensitivity Margaret Logan brings to her parts of Hippolyte/Titania - disorientation. As Hippolyte, Logan adopts a more cowgirl stance than as Titania but little else changes.

Robert Leek playing the wise Theseus and the jealous Oberon carries both parts convincingly. He moves with ease from wickedness to godliness. The lack of passion and excitement Hippolyte and Theseus show about their imminent wedding, contrasts well with the younger lovers.

David Jowsey is a cunning and mischievous Puck, spritely weaving his way around silly mortals and less powerful fairies. Especially endearing were the workmen. These players caught



all the clumsiness, wittiness and stupidity with which Shakespeare accredits working men. Bottom (Paki Cherrington) was delightful and Peter Quince (John McKee) an absolute darling of a theatrical director.

Shakespeare's plays within plays have their audience interacting with the players and discussing the meanings of the script as it is said. If such interaction was allowed and encouraged between stage and house now, despite the likelihood of never progressing beyond first acts, it may be one way of ensuring cultural relevance was an aspect of all works seen. However, if fanciful escape is the entertainment you seek, Shakespeare and this production will serve you well!

— Carmel Williams

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THE OUTLOOK ON MAGAZINES IN NEW ZEALAND GETTING THE DINKUM OIL

If you want to know about NZ, or the world, what people are doing, who's fucking who, who's screwing you, there are a wide range of media. For many, the tele, some radio, skimming the newspapers, and an occasional book suffices. So magazines have considerable competition, and may not even figure for most. If a magazine is read by a New Zealander, it is usually Time (\$1.40), Newsweek (\$1.20), or the Listener (60c).

There are only three other international news magazines, readily available here. They are the Bulletin (\$1.40), the airmail Guardian Weekly, (\$1.95), and the Far East Economic Review (\$1.75). The Guardian Weekly is probably the best selection of articles in the world, a bargain at the price. The Far East Economic Review is very good, not just business news, if the East and the Pacific interest you. A fourth news magazine, difficult to get, is International News (\$2.50+), which is fortnightly, left (Trot) has good articles, and a valuable different perspective.

Amongst the general NZ magazines, competing with the Listener is like competing with the P.O. in telephones. Apart from the TV programmes, who in NZ has anything like Tom Scott, Rosemary Leed, or A.K. Grant?

Only 5 other NZ magazines appear to try to give a range of general feature articles, Broadsheet (\$1.80), Metro (\$2.00), NZ International Review (\$2.50), NZ Monthly Review (\$1), and New Outlook (\$2). Broadsheet is included as a general magazine, as the issues addressed are wide ranging, and important to anyone. Metro, despite its market aim and arselicking, appears to be able to avoid some good articles. NZ International Review appears to be orientated at senior civil servants, academics, and executives.

Poetry's place is in song lyrics, pubs, streets, T.V. and Radio.

Who else would want to read of 'Marketing in the Middle East', or 'Rethinking New Zealand's defence policy?' Even when the issues they address are of wide interest, the articles manage to sound like papers for inter-departmental seminars. NZ Monthly Review has been going since 1960, (and we've never heard of it). It hasn't changed that much. It appears to have a fairly strict 'line', and aimed at a limited market, the left 'converted'. Like the Listener and the New Outlook, it has 15 pages of articles, but with a much more theoretical content. It doesn't have the glossy paper and photos of the New Outlook, or the readability - type, typesize, layout and maps. On the other hand it doesn't have the ads that interrupt the eye, particularly in the Listener.

With this competition, the people who launched the New Outlook were either brave, confident, or well backed, if not all three. With a wider range than Metro, and more general NZ news content than anything except the Listener, it appears to be some degree either complementing or competing with the latter. A better Listener could wipe out the New Outlook, but a better New Outlook would really affect the Listener.

The New Outlook may have an edge, in the content and quality. However, it is a quarterly, possibly to become bi-monthly, at over three times the price. What it doesn't have, yet, is satire and humour to equal the Listener. It doesn't have the free publicity or the high profile, and yet it has survived five issues, and now has a circulation of 1000.

What it does have, is some hard news, including an ongoing file on the Andrea Resetar case, (NZ corruption); some good photo essays, and some glimpses of outside, Austin Mitchell on England, 'Sidneysider', and some fascinating Sth. American translations. They even, (Spring '82), an article by Chris Wheeler, of 'Cock' fame.

What it needs less of, is the arts/music/books, which is done plentifully elsewhere, and hopefully, it will manage to avoid any more poetry. Poetry's



place is in song lyrics, pubs, streets, TV and radio. If anyone wants to embalm their verse on paper, there is a wide range of other less valuable, less vulnerable magazines.

Is it worth \$2 a copy? It is probably better value than anything else in NZ, except perhaps Broadsheet.

If you don't want to buy magazines, you can find Time, Newsweek, Guardian Weekly, Far East Economic Review, and NZ International Review,

on Desk copy. NZ Monthly Review, Broadsheet, Listener and New Outlook are in the NZ room, and Metro can be found at Elam. What does that say about Elam, Metro and the main Library?

When I asked a friend, a perceptive viewer of the NZ scene, to name a good general magazine, he recommended the NZ Agricultural Journal, for realistic, down to earth views, and hard news.

— George Thompson

SURVIVAL '83

Supermarket Psychology



Those of you who are flatting and trying to keep food costs down will probably find that it is difficult not to end up purchasing 'unwanted extras'.

Supermarkets are deadly places for going in to buy a bag of flour and coming out with a trolley full of groceries. This is where supermarket psychology comes into the picture.

Next time you go into a supermarket note the layout of the groceries. Items often used will be well spread throughout the store. To get from the flour to the butter involves a long walk, thus laying one open to the temptation of all the other goodies.

To avoid such temptation, it is advisable to take a list when shopping and adhere to it ruthlessly. To effectively do this, keep a shopping list at home and add to it as items run out, thus avoiding remembering you need an extra item as you are shopping. If possible, try and guess how much your shopping will cost. On your list put the price beside the needed item (check containers of used items for prices). Take only as much money as you'll need (allowing a little extra for price fluctuations). A cheque book is not a good idea if you're into impulsive spending.

When buying, look for old stock which could have been pushed to the back of the shelf often there will be a substantial difference between the prices of old stock and new stock, despite the so-called price 'freeze'.

Where there are several lines of a product look for the cheapest line, remembering to check the weight on the packet. Some lines will be cheaper only because they weigh less. Check the price per gram (divide & price by the weight) to get a true indication of value.

Buying in bulk is usually cheaper - but not always so. Again, compare the price per gram. A good example of bulk being more expensive occurs at some Woolworths stores.

1.5 kg bag of sugar \$1.14

3Kg bag of sugar \$2.38 - an increase per gram for the larger packet.

Beware of specials. Often people are trapped into buying things they don't really need, just because it is on special. If you don't really need an item on special - don't buy it! Remember - just because one line of an item is on special doesn't mean that it will be cheaper than other lines.

For those of you with children, leave them at home when shopping. Kids are notorious experts on conning mum or dad into buying all those unwanted extras they don't really need.

It is not a good idea to shop when hungry as you are even more susceptible to the goodies on offer. Even those with the strongest of will power will find it hard to avoid buying a fresh loaf of bread or chocolate bar while shopping with a rumbling stomach!

Pat yourself on the back if you make it as far as the checkout without buying any added extras. However, don't relax yet - the biggest hurdle awaits you!

Usually there are racks at the checkouts known to supermarket psychologists as 'impulse bars'. They are full of easily forgotten extras such as batteries, chocolate bars, chewing gum, pens, shavers etc. While spending a boring half hour in the queues to the checkout, it is likely that you will remember you need a new pen or succumb to hunger pangs and buy some munchies.

This is where the impulse bar, comes into the picture. Don't be tempted - if it's not on your list, don't buy it.

Finally, after stretching your will (or should I say won't) power to the limit, keep your docket. When you get home, check each item off against the docket as sometimes items can be over-rung.

Happy Shopping!



VOX POP

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LETTERS

◀ WHAT ABOUT THE WITCHES? ▶

◀ MISSING OUT? ▶

Craccum, (sic) Rafkin's editorial (July 12, 1983) alaming institutions saddened me. She criticises the faults of churches, which undoubtedly exist by default of our frailty, and leaves a spectacularly gloomy view of NZ: the Anglican Church casting out the Street Kids. The subordinate role of women in religion, turning the churches for only just beginning to speak out against racism, as a rather low finale she attacks the lone evangelist in Park 'impotent to save even the pigeons'. We need a shot of optimism in this world, cutting criticisms should be left in the dark for more positive goals. If Rafkin believes in peace and justice, then unity, not enmity should be fostered between individuals like herself the churches whose ultimate aims, (through all their) are not dissimilar. Rafkin needs to shake off her own rigid prejudices and problem with Christianity. She would then, I'm sure, realise her tired old 'anti-cop', 'anti-capitalist', 'anti-racist', 'pro-' slogans, provocative and fashionable as they are, are in the struggles against injustices that Christianity has been for thousands of years.

◀ READ BATES ▶

Liz Dunn

Dear Editor, I am amazed and astounded at your article 'Better Dead Than' that was in the July 12 issue of 'Craccum'. Your article says that to refuse humanitarian aid to Vietnam the Vietnamese army of occupation has withdrawn from Kampuchea is 'the most absurd foreign policy New Zealand has ever been party to', because the immediate withdrawal of the Vietnamese army of occupation 'would lead to a military takeover by the Khmer Rouge.' This is exactly the pathetic argument that the South Africans attempt to justify their illegal occupation of Namibia. Certainly the Khmer Rouge are responsible for murdering their own people. In no way at all does this mean that the Khmer Rouge are somehow unfit to rule themselves. If the Vietnamese really had nothing but the welfare of the Khmer people at heart, why then does their army of occupation continue to attack the other, NON 'COMMUNIST' armies of the Coalition, why then does their army of occupation shell the

REFUGEE camps across the border in Thailand? Why did the Vietnamese not simply destroy the Khmer Rouge (whom THEY helped to take power in 1975) and then let the Khmer people conduct open and fair elections, and then withdraw completely, instead of installing a defector from the Khmer Rouge, Heng Samrin, as their puppet in Phnom Penh?

'The current disarray of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea' you say. According to your pathetic argument Italy ought to be occupied by the army of France or of Germany or of Yugoslavia 'for her own good'.

The Khmer people are not related linguistically to the Vietnamese; neither are the Lao, who are a Tai people, so do not attempt to justify Vietnamese imperialism as the unifying of one people.

The entire history of Khmer-Vietnamese relations has consisted of Vietnamese expansion at the expense of the Khmer people; the entire Mekong delta belong to the Khmer people before the Vietnamese took it in the early 17th century.

The truth is the Vietnamese have built an empire in South East Asia, just as their Russian masters have built one in eastern Europe (remember Czechoslovakia 1968, Hungary 1956, east Germany 1953, Lietuva, Latvia, Estonia, Poland 1970 and now?) For once the New Zealand government is right.

If you do not publish this letter in full I will understand. Also I will not read Craccum again.

Like the author of your article I also want a better life for all people, but I am not blind to the truth.

Micheal MacDonnchaidh

◀ BRIEF EXPLANATION ▶

Dear Editor,

Michael Mac Donnchaidh seems to have misread the article he so strongly attacks, and the resulting comparisons bear the mark of an appraisal of the readers preconceptions - not of the information in the piece I wrote.

I stated that a military takeover by the Khmer Rouge was undesirable - I said nothing about the Khmer people being unfit to rule themselves', but questioned (as do the 'non Communist armies of the coalition) whether the Khmer Rouge should be the sole representatives of the Khmer people.

I did not suggest that the Vietnamese were the 'goodies' but that the reality of their presence made it necessary for them to be involved in any solution - even if only to the extent of agreeing to withdraw in such a way as to hand power to the Coalition as a whole.

I said nothing about the Vietnamese unifying the people - obviously the fighting in Kampuchea indicates they have not.

I am sorry that Mr Mac Donnchaidh has seen the article as total support for the Vietnamese position - 'truth' is a concept which is hard to establish in a complex situation. The 'truth'

that I see is that the Vietnamese invasion benefited Kampuchea by stopping the slaughter which Pol Pot was carrying out. It is also a part of that 'truth' that the Vietnamese should extricate themselves in such a way that the Khmer people are given the chance of ruling themselves once more, as they did before Pol Pot. I still maintain that the New Zealand Governments position is not contributing to these aims.

John Bates

◀ K. THOMPSON #2 ▶

Dear Louise,

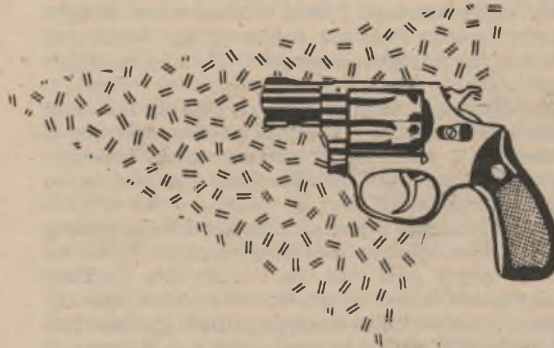
This is just a letter saying that I did not write the letter appearing in Craccum July 16 entitled 'Confirmation'.

I am not a Christian, nor do I ever intend to be one, and I completely disassociate myself from Scripture quoting, sanctimonious Bible Bashers that unfortunately proliferate in our society.

I would appreciate it if the 4 other 'K. Thompsons' on campus wrote their name in full, when signing a letter, so there is no confusion as to identify.

Yours,

Kirsten A. Thompson



◀ SHOOTING THE STAR ▶

Dear Craccum,

Have you put a patent on your vox-pop format? Seems not, because right in the middle of this weeks Auckland Star was a very similar item, complete with pretty pics and predictable quotes by the parents of Joe and Joanne student. Once again Craccum's directly influencing Auckland Journalism technique. First stop Auckland Star, next stop Metro? Please?

Love,
J. Sanders

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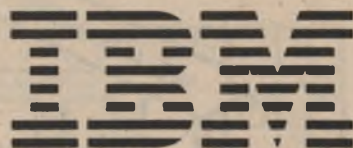
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LETTERS

◀ I'M 4 REAL, R U? ▶

Dear Students,

No doubt there would have already been a report on last week's SRC meeting in this week's issue. How such a motion was lost is incredible! When it was shown that there was some doubt as to whether the allegations (implications, accusations, call them what you may) made at the last SGM concerning John Broad's honesty held an ounce of truth.

Of course, opponents of Broad will say that it wasn't just the question of his honesty which made the SGM vote 'no confidence' in their president, but his administrative abilities as a whole.

It was, in fact, obvious that the only reason the overwhelming majority at the SGM sacked their President was because the allegations made them uncertain of his personal integrity i.e. his honesty.

It was a sad case that at the last SRC meeting only the 'politically motivated few' turned out and that as a result the motion was lost (by a narrow majority).

I suppose it shows just how farcical and hypocritical the 'Red Brigade' (the group who form the majority at SRC meetings) really are. The same old fifty fuckwits are all prepared to defend human rights anywhere around the world. In countries like South Africa, Afghanistan and Poland to name a few. But yet when it comes to our little ole corner of the world and somebody's basic human rights in our university they can't give a damn.

The fact that Executive wasn't getting on with the President has been known for a long time. In light of evidence produced at the SRC meeting it seems that because certain members couldn't legitimately get rid of their President they resorted to smear tactics e.g. MUCCRAC.

A telegram was produced from the Coromandel Police stating that the break-in that did occur was reported to the Police. As regards to the money paid into the Countrywide Building Society bank account it was shown that the action taken by John Broad was in the best interest of the project. If the project had banked at the BNZ they'd be earning 3% p.a. However, if they banked at the Countrywide Building Society they'd be earning about three times that amount. However, due to regulations controlling the building society, John had to open the account in his own name. People on the project knew what John was doing. Two months later the money was transferred back into the BNZ account.

An audit produced showed that when John Broad bought the landrover he paid more for it than what the project had in actual fact initially paid for it. A sworn affidavit was produced from one of the project team, they felt that John had acted in good faith at all times.

Those of you who voted against John Broad at the SGM, why did you vote that way? Was it because you felt that on the whole John Broad had done a poor job administratively? Or, was it because the allegations made against him led you to believe that

he was dishonest? If you voted the way you did at the SGM because you felt he had done a poor job administratively then that is your opinion and fair enough. However if you voted for the second reason do you think that in the light of the new evidence produced you would vote the same way if another SGM was held tomorrow?

What would there be to lose if the facts were brought out into the open and John Broad was given the chance to at least clear his name.

Elections are being held this week. Because of this recent fiasco I won't be voting for Blakeman, Boyle, Mitchell or Mullins, but I'll be voting 'NO VOTE' in disgust. I hope you do the same.

Michael Johnson

P.S. As for Louise Raffkin's comment that the only reason people were prepared to stand up for the ousted President was because he is a 'white, middle-class male'!!!!??? Is she for real?

◀ WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK ▶

Dear Craccum,

As a recent arrival to your shores I'd like to congratulate you on an excellent student paper - one of the best I've seen. In addition, I thought I'd share with you a tactic that has proved itself effective in dealing with sexist language and sexism generally in a university setting.

At Murdoch University in Western Australia a few years ago, the issue of sexist language was hotly debated. The student guild (union) adopted a policy supporting the use of non-sexist language and lecturers, tutors etc were given information about its use and the whys and hows. Many supported the use of non-sexist language; others opposed it. Yet while many said they supported its use, in reality this was not always apparent.

Eventually, as a means of encouraging political awareness, women were asked to obtain whistles (some tied them around their necks). When confronted with an offence, these were blown, shortly and sharply. When done in unison it is a powerful tactic, and many rather nervous academics soon learned a non-sexist vocabulary.

Elsie

◀ WHAT CAUSES A CAUSE? ▶

Dear Editor,

I am a British 3rd year student at the University of Cape Town visiting my family who live in Auckland.

As my brother and mother are both students at Auckland University, I was able to read through the last three issues of Craccum (Vo. 57, issues 13, 14, 15). I think it has one of the lowest standards of student journalism I have come across, that is compared to other New Zealand and South African Student publications.

It would seem to me that your newspaper represents the opinion, not of the student body but a small group of 'elitist', radical feminists and therefore has little appeal to the average

student. Another characteristic of your paper that indicates a low standard of journalism is your aversion to quoting sources of information for articles and statistics (eg Issue Newsbriefs: 'Black Dies At Police HQ', Outskirts 'No Doubt Standards')

In a society infinitely more egalitarian than South Africa the issues that people protest about are relatively petty compared with the heart rending problems that South Africa has under its present racist government. It would almost appear that the protestors are merely searching for a cause.

One like to take stabs
Richard Ald

◀ FOR LOVE OR MONEY ? # 1 ▶

Dear Editor,

I wish to comment on your editorial of July 12 headed 'God love'. I admire and share your sympathy for the plight of street kids, however it seems to me that your views on the Anglican Church's involvement with the street kids are rather misinformed. This is hardly surprising in view of the one news media coverage of the events.

May I correct you over the proposed use of the house on Jervois Rd. It is not intended for use by street kids, it is not intended for use by the Anglican Trust's 'own sort of street kids'. It is proposed that the house be used for solo mothers and their children. Does your sympathy not extend to the underdogs of our society? Had you considered the situation from the point of view of those waiting to move into the house?

I would like to remind you that the street kids repeatedly turned down offers of alternative accommodation made by the Anglican Trust. May I also remind you that the vast majority of social service work in N.Z. is done by churches. If the church's dealings with some situations is rather less than perfect it is probably due to the fact that the magnitude of society's problems stretches the resources of the churches to the limit and beyond. It is only when the limit is reached as in the saga of the street kids, that the work of the church suddenly becomes news. Perhaps a more useful response than criticism would have been to come to the aid of the church.

ED NOTE: At a meeting with Colin Kay over the Jervois house, the future of the home was spoken of - for street kids currently staying at the Mission. Sorry if this later proved untrue.

Murray

◀ # 2 ▶

Dear Editor,

I am disgusted and dismayed with the views of the editor concerning the Anglican Trust and street kids and christians in Craccum 12 July. Her view shows how 'narrow minded' some people can be.

What Louise tends not to mention is that the so-called 'street kids' were given a house, which they rejected as it was not to 'their' standards. The church can only do so much.



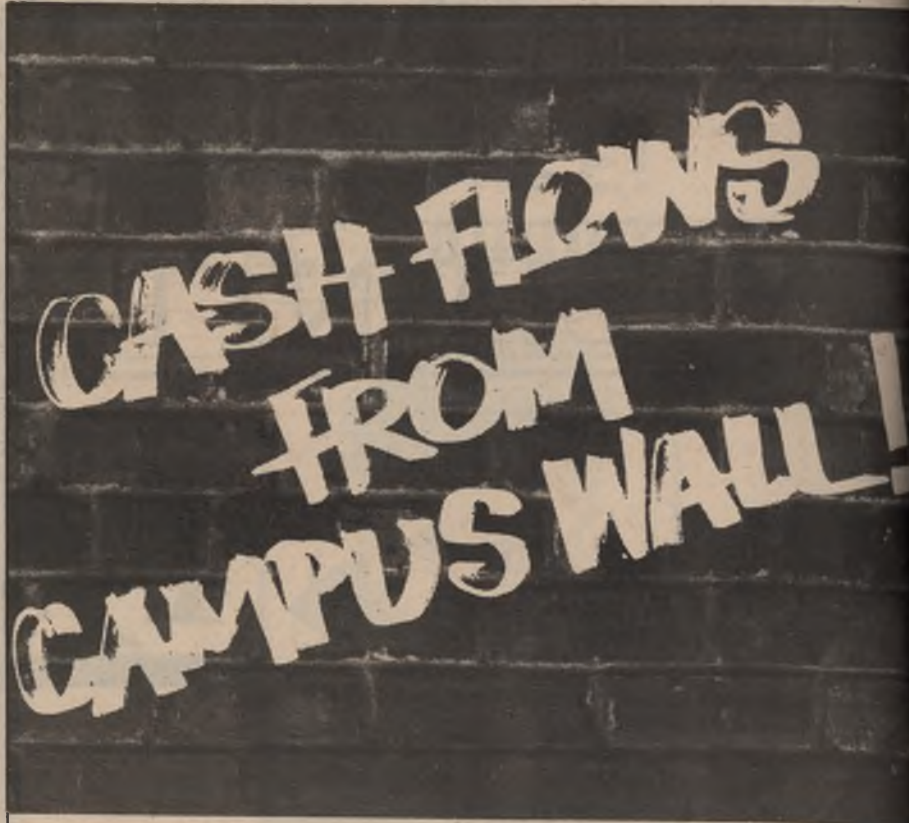
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should also be aware that the Anglican Church has set precedences for other 'street kids' in Mangere - fully set up furniture etc donated by other folk.

Craccum wants to start labelling groups in society, why they look at their own institution - AUSA. Has AUSA decided to help the 'street kids'.

the church is pretty important in society today. It is the way of society, it holds it together. However, the church not be responsible for every single person in the world today (though they try). Apart from prayer, you need hard cash, it is difficult to get these days.

people like to take stabs at Christians because they may not be to the general nature of our 'debauched' society. Do these people really know what a 'Christian' is. Jesus suffered for us Christians do suffer in some aspects of their lives on earth. being a Christian is a lot of hard work and in some instances emotional. Our lives are full of stress. We are only human and not superhuman creatures from outerspace.

any, I must admit, there were times when, to be a Christian, you were part of the privileged and wealthy sector of society, but today, things are changing for the better. Most churches open their door to those from all walks of society.

there are still Christians who believe that women should not become leaders inside the Church (including the bishop of Canterbury), that is their view, but also that is one sector of the Christian community. We do have church Priestesses and has the editor forgotten about our Holy women (or are they not real women).

editorial is just one generalised statement after another.

C.J.R.

I am not knocking atheists, but am just one Christian thought it about time to speak my view.

11.00pm, Tuesday 19th July, and I have just voted at the AUSA polling booth in the library. AUSA is lucky to have lived my vote, or that of anyone else who went to vote at this time. Let me tell you why.

As I walked towards the booth at which 4 'officials' were sitting with their cups of tea/coffee, I was subjected to an assault on the eardrums, namely shouts of, 'Oi! You! Have you voted yet?' and, 'Vote, or you're a girl!' (one of the officials was a girl herself).

It should have been obvious by the way I was holding out my library card, what I had come to the polling booth for, so I didn't mind the threat of being a 'girl' to persuade me to vote.

As the boy took my library card and studied the roll, he loudly proclaimed for all within earshot (about 100 metres), my full name and number, and that, WOW!, I was a 3rd-year student - studying COMMERCE! Then he said, 'I wonder what it means - It's just like being in the SIS doing this job. You don't want all sorts of things about people.'

While I know that information on the student roll can hardly be considered confidential, I found this boy's attitude most disturbing. I hope the AUSA DOES NOT ENTRUST HIM OR HIS FRIENDS (one of whom has been keeping a relatively high profile around AUSA this year) with any kind of work that requires confidentiality, responsibility or maturity, in the future.

With respect,
D.C.

P.S. I've been reading Craccum for 5 years, and this year's has been the best. Keep it up!

◀ CIVILISATION AS WE KNOW IT ▶

Dear Craccum,

This is another open letter in response to last weeks effort from 'Yours in Anger'.

I am not the guilty party but am just the sort of wanker who might be and find your letter confirmation of my own bigotted attitudes.

What might have changed them would be if you had run upstairs and personally thumped the culprits and then hoped like hell they didn't turn around and clean you up, as they would have every right to do if absolute equality prevailed.

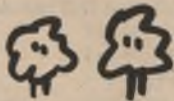
Instead you decided to anonymously bitch to Craccum damaging the reputation of a lot of women who are assertive, aggressive, sure of themselves and unafraid of men.

It won't be handed to you on a platter, ladies.

Yours in mild amusement,
Mat Dye

ED NOTE: I too, write in anger. What? Women should have to resort to violence in order to eat their lunch? After which they (you?) have the right to 'clean us up'. Talk about Rape culture!

You'd probably be the first to complain if it turned into a violent 'war' - when we do fight back they (you) call us 'foot stomping dykes'. This woman took the time to write to Craccum about her experience - I personally don't think she should have to race up and thump obnoxious boys. The patriarchy supports itself - your letter certainly shows that.



◀ LIE DOWN SHEEP ▶

Dear 'Craccum' Editor,

Priscilla Pitts is more witty, intelligent, perceptive and courageous than R.U. 12 or a dozen of his anonymous ilk. I doubt if he expresses a majority view but if he does it is the view of sheep.

Yours sincerely,
Mervyn Thompson

◀ REFORM/REGRESS ? ▶

Ed.

Thank God for your paper. It seems to be the only liberal, liberated, and even half enlightened publication in Auckland. What a pity that some misguided right wing midget-brains seem bent on 'reforming' Craccum. I know that conformity is the name of the game in NZ, but in the NZ Herald we already have a third-rate mouthpiece for the establishment - who needs another?

Our generation seems too often to forget that in twenty or thirty years, ours will be the generation in power. What we think and do now is influencing what we think and do then, and if the best we can come up with is a reaffirmation of old and outmoded values like the family, and patriotism, and the army, and the consumer society, then not only do we display a frightening lack of imagination, but we also condemn our children to the hopelessness and futility that we now experience.

Margaret Thatcher entered the labour market at a time of expanding economy and standard of living - the rewards for self-denial and hard work were there for the taking; the ultimate reinforcement of the work ethic. When she came to power in a quite different world, it was to that past that she referred. It was not any oil crisis that had hamstrung the economy, and we are not witnessing the death throes of industrialism. Oh no - we are reaping the seed of the sixties, '... a society in which the old virtues of discipline and self restraint were denigrated.'

Once you fall victim to your own bullshit you can explain anything, - crime rates, welfare abuse, unemployment, not all parts of the same problem, but somebody's fault. And look at the solutions she comes up with - The Falklands war, reinstate hanging, more big business...

And NZ isn't much different. The wage and price freeze - inflation down to single figures - what a joke. Did you realize that if you locked all the murderers up for a year then murders would be down to single figures too. Don't tell Ben Couch or he'll try it.

It's all just a game with symbols - get the people screaming about things like the mythical inflation beast, or our glorious flag, or the Rushuns. There is a very clever book out called 'When the Wind Blows' about a nuclear war, in which the preoccupation with symbols and jargon and jingoism is really played up. What the author seems to be saying is that this war is going to happen whatever, and worse, that the majority of its victims will die totally ignorant of its cause, completely fooled by the double-speak, and wrongly perceiving their world at every turn.

Assuming we survive the century, let us hope that we will be able to offer something more than that to kids being born right now. Let us also hope that Craccum reform dies a lingering and horrible death.

J.P. Ziller

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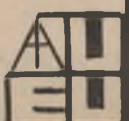
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Bursaries, each of \$250, are for the vacation November 1983 to February 1984. They are not taxable and are in addition to wages paid by DSIR at rates according to the Bursars age and experience. A 12 week period of work is required, with a short break at Christmas.

Applications are an interest in plant research with Botany, Biochemistry, Entomology or cell biology as major subjects. Selection will be made on the basis of general performance from School Certificate onwards, with the emphasis on University performance.

Bursaries are available for work in the following research programmes: with the Division of Horticulture & Processing to assist with the development of tissue culture techniques useful in fruit breeding especially the promotion of plantlets from callus of kiwifruit to create variability. At Mount Albert Research Centre, Auckland.

to assist in the Divisions cherry fumigation programme. This season research will be largely directed towards providing a method of predict whether or not fruit damage will occur following fumigation. At Mount Albert Research Centre.

to work with Plant Diseases Division to investigate the physiology of fruit-rotting fungi, with emphasis on their genetic responses. At Mount Albert Research Centre.

to assist in studies of the pattern of 'spore showers' of *Mycosphaerella ribis* (currant leaf spot) related to season and climate in Canterbury. This is limited mainly to Lincoln Research Centre.

to undertake a project on the possible susceptibility of kiwifruit vines to infection by pathogenic viruses. At Mount Albert Research Centre.

to work with Entomology Division to assist in laboratory and field studies on the behavioural responses of New Zealand native leafrollers to chemical components of their pheromones. A successful applicant will assist a visiting US scientist, at Mount Albert Research Centre.

Interested students should apply in writing, giving details of scholastic achievement and stating any preference for a project, by 23 September 1983 to:

C.A. Jensen
Mount Albert Research Centre
Private Bag
102
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NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION NATIONAL OFFICE ELECTIONS, 1984

Elections are now being called for the following positions in the National Office of NZUSA for 1984:

- President
- Education and Welfare Vice President
- General Vice President
- Women's Vice President

Positions are full-time and the successful candidates are expected to live in Auckland. The term of office is from 1 January to 31 December 1984. The salary is \$11,753 and is normally increased by the CPI for the previous year.

Officers are expected to contribute to the general activities of NZUSA as well as initiate and co-ordinate activity in their own portfolio, and all officers are accountable to the Association for their work.

Applications must be in writing, signed by the candidate, and state the candidate's full name, address, telephone and the position sought. Candidates must submit a curriculum vitae and election statement for distribution. They must stand for more than one position but may only hold one position.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm, August 8, 1983 to:

The Returning Officer,
New Zealand University Students' Association,
P.O. Box 9047,
Courtenay Place,
Wellington.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the above address or your local university students association.

The election will take place at NZUSA's August Council, Victoria University, Wellington, between 20 - 24 August. Candidates are expected to be present.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION DELEGATES TO THE COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2 1983

Applications are invited for two positions as NZUSA delegates to this conference of Commonwealth Student Organizations.

Organized by the Australian Union of Students, the Conference will include discussion on the topics of Student Organizations, Representation and Participation; Commonwealth Student Co-operation; Student Mobility in the Commonwealth; and the rights of the Blacks of Southern Africa and Black Americans.

NZUSA's delegates will be required to represent NZUSA policy. Return travel and other reasonable expenses of delegates will be met by NZUSA. Accommodation and Food will be provided as part of the Conference.

Candidates are invited to submit written applications and curriculum vitae by Friday, 1 August.

Send address applications to:
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COMING EVENTS

Social Credit - Force or Farce in New Zealand politics?

Garry Knapp will be speaking to all those interested on Wed July 27 at 7.30pm in Rm 144 Student Union Building.

NB. This is not a Social Credit Promotion but an opportunity to discuss this issue.

THE COOK ISLANDS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION SOCIAL

Will be held in the Cafeteria of Students Association on Sat 30th July 1983. \$12.00 including all refreshments. Held to raise money for Cook Island students in New Zealand and featuring the Cultural Mosaic dance group. A good cause. An excellent experience.

EVANGELICAL UNION

Come hear Peter Lloyd from the Anglican Church speaking on 'Totally human without God?' in B15 (under the library) at 1pm Tuesday 26th July. All welcome.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

MacLaurin Hall, Princes St. Tuesday July 26 6pm. Tea and discussion. All welcome. Contact: Maria Kobe Ph 602-246.

Strength and Health Club

A women's weightlifting class is in the process of being organised. Any women interested in training on Thursday nights from 6pm onwards under supervision contact Christine ASAP 764-340.

WINTER TOURNAMENT NEWS

WANTED: A keen surfer to organise a surfing competition for the Winter Tournament. So far Massey, Waikato and now Otago have expressed an interest in such a competition but we cannot have it unless there is a co-ordinator for it here in Auckland.

The actual amount of organization needed is really quite small and the competition would provide an excellent opportunity to surf some of Auckland's beautiful West Coast beaches with other keen surfers, plus the chance to get involved in all the dances and other social activities planned for Tournament Week.

If you are even remotely interested in organising such an event could you please contact the Tournament Controller Rob Young (796-555) as soon as possible!!

With upwards of 900 competitors expected during the Tournament, there will be a need for students to provide some billets. While the sports clubs should provide the bulk of these, the general body of students will also have to help out.

Anyone providing a billet to a competitor will automatically be entitled to a Tournament I.D. Card allowing them free entry to the dances and other social activities, which will include such illustrious bands as the Neighbours and Willie Dayson plus many others. Billeting competitors also gives you an opportunity to meet and mix with students from other campuses.

If you can provide a billet could you please leave your name, address, phone number, the number of competitors you can take and the sport in which you wish to provide billets at the Studass Reception desk.

Thanks,

MICHAEL BARKER (TOURNAMENT PUBLICITY OFFICER)

GERMANISTIK GESELLSCHAFT

Achtung! Alle deutsche Studenten und alle die sich fuer die Deutsche Sprache interessieren.

We are having a meeting of all students who are interested in having a good time whilst promoting aspects of German Culture. If you are bored with your current petty existence, but know that Sartre doesn't hold the answer then come to Rm 8 No. 8 Grafton Rd Wed. 27th July and we will form a club.

WAITANGI DAY

WERE you at Waitangi for the 'celebrations' this year?

A large number of people were detained by the police for breach of the peace and subsequently released after the ceremonies were over.

I am currently researching/writing about the legality of such an action and would like to incorporate as many eye witness accounts as possible.

If you have photo's or information that would help, please contact:

Jason Kemp
State Highway 18,
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Alternatively you could leave information at CRACCUM, Auckland University.

DESPERATE ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A flat/house is required by the Massey Women's Soccer team for the week of August 21 - 26th. Will pay bond, rents etc. Careful tenants. If able to help contact John Lipscombe (Soccer Club) or Rob Young c/- Students Assoc - Auckland.

UMSA - LUNCH TIME GATHERING

A lunch time gathering will be held this Thursday 28th, July in Executive Lounge. There will be speakers from Maori Students Association to give us talks on Campus Marae issues. Come to find out more about the issues and its recent development. Come along mates, to show our support and concern.

CORSO ON CAMPUS

The campus corso group sells TRADE AID goods every Tuesday lunchtime in the quadrant. On Thurs July 28th at 7.00pm Barbara Cuthbert will speak on the Trade Aid Movement and its links with Corso. Come along, to Room 143 Student Union Building, if you're interested, or Phone Barry, Student Union Ext 73, or Moira University Ext 8689.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Nominations are invited for one position as an Association Representative on the University Council for the period from the date of appointment to 30 June 1984.

Nominations should be made in writing and a nomination form is available from the Association Office. Nominations close with the Secretary at 5pm on Wednesday 3 August.

This representative shall at the time of appointment be enrolled for a degree or diploma as a full-time or part-time internal student of this University and shall before being appointed have been enrolled for at least two academic years at a University or Universities in New Zealand.

NOMINATION

Applications are invited for one position as an Association representative on the Universities Audio Visual Committee for the period 30 April 1984. At the time of their appointment and throughout their term of office student representatives on University Committees must be currently enrolled students who have passed the equivalent of one years full-time course.

Applications are also invited for two positions as Association representatives on the committee of the International Students Hospitality Inc.

Applications for these positions close with the Secretary at 5pm on Tuesday 26 July, and appointments will be made by the executive at its meeting to be held on 27 July.



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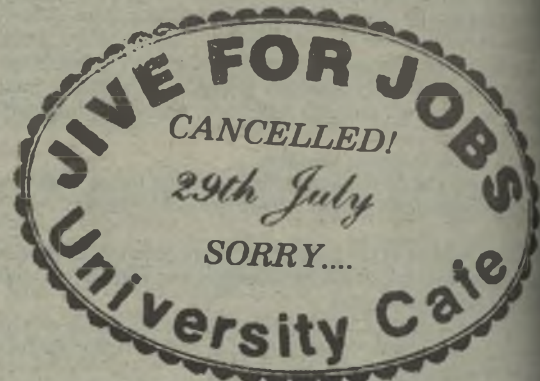


HEROES: An exhibition of paintings by Andrea Robinson New Vision Gallery, 8 His Majesty's Arcade, Queen St. July 26 - August 5.

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LIFE'S CHEAP TO THAT SORT Oh, yes Janet, the Fat Cats are screening (you guessed it Brad) The Rocky Horror Picture Show. So, come up to the lab, or at the Old Grad Bar, and tremble with antici—pation while watching the cult film of all times. Refreshments will be available Thursday 28 August at 7.30pm. Dammit Janet, I love you.



KAGEMUSMA-THE SHADOW WARRIOR: Japan club presents this excellent film about Feudal Japan by Akira Kurosawa at the Maidment Theatre Saturday 6th August at 8pm. The film is in Japanese with English subtitles and is the winner of the 1981 Best Foreign film award at Cannes. It's utterly terrific. Students \$2.00, public \$2.50.

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