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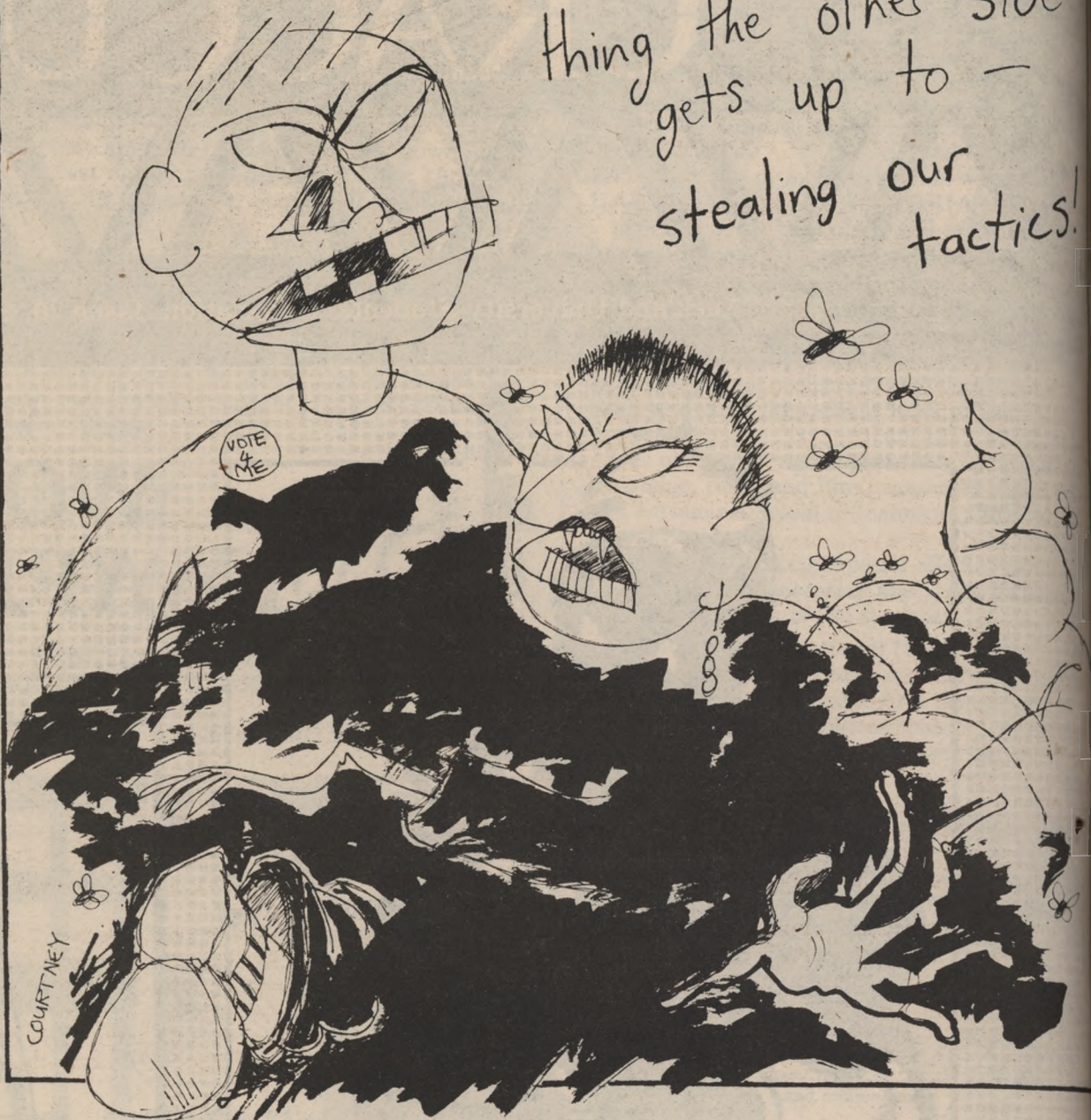
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'In New Zealand, if you have any passion, that's radical.'

- Merata Mita

This is the kind of thing the other side gets up to - stealing our tactics!



The End(s) and the Mean(s):

It has certainly been an election year. With only a couple more to go, the quad is noticeably tidier than earlier this year when competing candidates inundated our tasteful surrounds with smiling faced photos strewn with high faluting claims 'More Experience', 'to represent the students', 'to keep you informed' and always for 'the good of the Association'.

How much money was spent on these and sticky backed 'vote for' labels? For printed pamphlets either promoting one candidate or denouncing others? Sadly, I heard one woman say she couldn't run because she didn't have enough money for publicity. Hundreds of dollars were spent.

But sadder than the economics was the election climate. Backstabbing, 'camps', not talking to each other, teams working for some, while pulling down the others posters. It's always said that students politics are dominated by petty infighting and nastiness - and it seems true.

The elections at NZUSA went somewhat along the same lines. I wonder what it is I've heard opposing members of parliament actually eat lunch together. Here some don't even say hello. What is it? Why does it happen? Among a group united in many needs, concerns?

On a slightly different note: Colonialism. This week's paper looks at the South African Women's struggle and the fight for independence in New Caledonia. It's a funny business this taking over of other peoples rights, lives, lands, all in the name of progress.

I mean the British had the resources to colonize the world, so they did. The French did as well, and face it, many others have done just the same. What is this mentality which puts it's needs ahead of other's freedom? History tells us 'if you want it and can get it then it's yours'.

'An Englishman's home is his castle'. This statement from the same country that decided that other peoples homes were also their castles. Colonialism from the same people who fight for freedom to do what you like with your own land and property - i.e. strip mine, install nuclear power plants. Unfortunately they also do what they like with others. Witness Motonui.

It's all justified, of course, by the justice system brought to each country by those that took it over. Just dandy...

It's scary. Somehow it's the same mentality that allows men to rape - the same mentality that tests it's bombs on other peoples homelands - the same mentality that keeps all the world a slave under the threat of nuclear war.

It's called Might Equals Right and it's stench covers the Pacific.

- L.R.

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J.B. # 2

AUSA, NZUSA, AND THE WORLD.....

The national and local political scenes have been interesting in the last few weeks.

The Wellington-based National Front/New Force has renamed itself the Nationalist Workers Party. Only the word Socialist is missing. On a rather more serious and more worrying note Bob Jones' new party has gone public. It is possible that this will simply provide light political entertainment and take enough National votes to give Labour the next election. But if the public treat it with an undeserved degree of seriousness then we could see the emergence of an organised right wing in NZ politics, quite distinct from the two rather sorry centrist parties currently running the show. A doctrinaire right wing approach has a certain amount of superficial attractiveness but think of the long term, think of people and that attractiveness does not last long.

Interest isn't confined to that side though. That creaking you can hear is the late Norman Kirk turning in his grave at the shennanigans of his errant son. Bitter though it may have been, Sir Wallace Rowling's comment that John Kirk's decision to retire was his best, was true.

The local body elections are coming up soon and most of you will be eligible to vote - so register. For the mayoralty we have 5 or 6 pretty indistinguishable conservative white males and Cath Tizard standing. Councillor Tizard has always looked out for students' interests and she deserves our support. It's also about time that Auckland had a woman mayor.

Closer to home the holidays have seen Auckland contesting University Challenge and the



The Auckland Contingent...

Universities Winter Tournament. Of the former I am allowed to tell you nothing other than that we did better than we have done for several years. Team selectors were myself and Richard Foster and the manager was Steve Bussey. We won Winter Tournament and I am told that our billiards team did particularly well. Birmingham is doing unjustifiably badly in the English First Division. Manchester United for the Second Division, Leeds for the Third.

Also during the holidays (a superbly inappropriate name for those of us that work for your Association) NZUSA had its August Council. This extravaganza happens twice a year, this effort setting policy budgets and electing next years National Officers. For the first time ever the President, General Vice-President, Womens Vice President and Education and Welfare Vice President are all women. Despite the unprincipled behaviour of some during Election Plenary, most people feel quite positive about next year's officers. In particular I would like to extend my

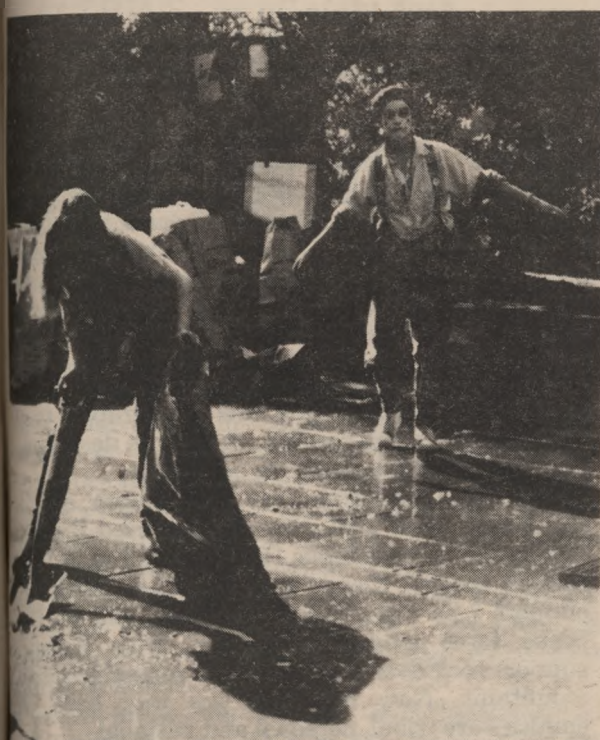
congratulations to Jessica Wilson and my commiserations to Malcolm Maclean. Jessica, who was elected President with 38 out of a possible 42 votes will, I believe, be an excellent servant of NZUSA. Without wishing to question Margie Thompson's election as General Vice President, I would express my sadness at Malcolm MacLean's defeat for that position. Malcolm has worked long and hard for MUSA, VUWSA, NZSAC and NZUSA. I hold for him a degree of esteem that I hold for few other people.

Finally the people-associated-with-the-Craccum-Reform-Group-who-don't-want-to-be-publicly-associated-with-them are calling another SGM this week to resurrect John Broad. Give them the response they deserve.

Boyle had it right - more people should take his advice.

— Jonathan Blakeman

CAMPUS NEWS



CUTS : SLOW DEATH ►

Waikato University sacked various junior academics this year. Victoria University has announced that it will be downgrading twenty professors' positions when they leave. The Auckland branch of the A.U.T. is in earnest discussion with the University about how staff reductions will be achieved here. Merv Wellington can be proud - 3% cuts are beginning to bite. Just one tiny criticism, though. The effects on departments are quite random and depend on factors like the number of staff retiring and the H.O.D's skill at political infighting.

If the University is not prepared to fight the cuts it can surely at least apply them rationally. All that is required is an evaluation of each department's value, in terms of its standing in the international academic world and its degree of duplication of facilities available elsewhere in the country. Surely if cuts are accepted as inevitable it would be better for one or two weak departments to be closed completely than for the whole University to be slowly strangled? And of course this would also bring the effects of the cuts into much sharper focus.

FORMULA FORE-STAGE ►

A minor coup for Acting Vice-Chancellor Nicholas Tarling. It looks as though a new fore-stage for the Maidment Theatre will be ordered during his temporary tenure. After three years of arguing round in circles the Theatre Committee has finally found a firm which can do the job at an acceptable price and a funding formula that suits the University and the students. The only question that remains is why it should have taken three years (and a lot of bad feeling) to solve quite a

simple administrative problem. All the members of the Theatre Committee know the answer to this question - now will they do anything about it?

GOD, MORE ELECTIONS ►

The Students' Association is to have another round of elections next week. Acting-Treasurer Linda Bennett, who has already been elected Treasurer for next year, is now seeking the position for the rest of this year. Much respected ex-President David Kirkpatrick is competing with much unrespected Senator Stephen Mitchell to represent students on the University Council. Seems like a complete waste of time and money holding a ballot, though anyone who thinks the Association would benefit from a complete change in the make up of its Executive and its team of representatives should consider voting for Stephen.

PASS THE BUCK ►

After devoting the 1983 income of the Education Reserves Trust to the construction of a new Music School it seems that the University now wishes to use this fund to build some new flats for students. Even if they are more acceptable than the pre-spa. pool town houses originally envisaged this will still mean any campus swimming pool or union hall will have to be funded from another source. Now there's a nice political dilemma for the student representatives.

MADAME CHAIR ►

The last Council meeting was chaired (and very well too) by Pro-Chancellor Dorothy Winstone. Is this a first for her sex? In our Centenary Year? Did anyone say there is no structural sexism here.....

IT WAS THE JELLY'S FAULT ... ►

It didn't take long for the Clown Party, on the last day of term two, to turn into the biggest food fight of recent times. But it was a shame that the boys had to bring out their firehoses and waterbombs. There is quite a difference between getting a mintie between the eyes, and having a waterfilled balloon land on you.

DAMPER THAN DYNASTY ... MORE CAPTIVATING THAN PRISONER ...

THE YOUNG AND THE REST-LESS

'Twas a sadist who invented Wellington. Somewhere it was decided to hold August Council there. Very silly, very cold, very wet.

In the beginning is Opening Plenary - an exceedingly boring affair, where a lot of people say things they've already said in written reports.

Robin Arthur, Prez, praised the unemployment campaign of last term, commending the positive attitude of students in general. He pointed to youth rates/unemployment campaigns, and the Southern Africa Scholarship as the projects which will be highlighted in term 3.

Overseas students co-ordinator, Emele Duituturaga, pointed to frustrations she experienced working in a part time position. The NOSAC co-ordinator is now granted moving, seconding and voting rights at National Exec, but not full membership. Long serving research officer Mike Waghorne will resign because of the demands placed on his personal and political life by NZUSA.

Commissions are the focus of councils where policy is discussed and action planned.

NATIONAL COMMISSION - new policy:

- Support was lent to upgrading and extending the Waitara outfall until full land based treatment of all wastes is developed. Further support was given for the reservation and control of Maori fishing grounds - it was pointed out that acts about fishing grounds are mono-cultural in their outlook. This policy is derived from findings of the Waitangi tribunal.

AUSA spawned policy recognising Te Wananga O Raukawa as a varsity: this is the one tertiary institution where you can learn Whakapapa, martial arts etc along with e.g. Business Admin in Maori.

- Auckland's ARM group was praised for producing a catalogue of all anti-racism/anti apartheid/aboriginal rights material available in NZ.

- Opposition was passed to any government move to abolish the unqualified preference clause from industrial agreements.

EDUCATION COMMISSION - where Alan Gibson gets his 'just desert':

- A motion of no confidence in Merv as Minister was withdrawn as it was felt such a motion should be reserved as a response to a particularly dastardly act by Merv. This does not mean NZUSA has confidence in him, by crikey.

- A motion recognising that steps must be taken to encourage the teaching of Maori language and culture at all levels was unanimously adopted.

- The commission, combined with Welfare, approved \$2000 for Peter Norrie. A Stephen Mitchell tape was of primary importance in the argument for the money. The belief that laws of natural justice should be binding on varsities prevailed, and no campus opposed the grant - to the credit of Trish Mullins, who argued his case brilliantly.

- The teacher trainee demands for reinstatement of a separate living allowance and restoration of T-Col staffing levels were endorsed.

- Te Kohanga Reo was recognised by NZUSA as a preschool institution.

- A University Grants Committee report has been tabled in parliament saying that the number of places offered at varsity may have to be limited

as a cost-saving measure. NZUSA feels that anyone academically qualified to enter university can expect to be admitted: any change to this as a result of govt policy will intensify the elitist nature of varsity. It is hoped the UGC report is sheer politics: frightening the Nats into realising how much damage they've done to education.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION - war, games:

A noticed feature of AUSA's International delegation was that Paul Sutcliffe and Bruce Cronin didn't talk to each other once during council. This may have been a B.O. problem but was more likely an intense personal dislike between the '83 and '84 IAOs. AUSA's representation must have been harmed. Nevertheless, 3/4 of new policy was moved or seconded by AUSA - the kind of Auckland domination that happened in every commission.

- A decision was made to send 2 reps to a Commonwealth Students meeting. The meeting is to investigate the possibility of setting up a Commonwealth Students Association (it probably won't) - we are sending reps to make contact with students from oppressed and underprivileged nations eg they're specifically directed to contact East Timor reps to collate more information on, and direct support for, the East Timorese who are struggling against Indonesian oppression. It's important that NZUSA is a member of the Asian Students Assoc: it 'breaks' our cliché ties with Britain.

- Support was passed for the FDR-FMLN in

NEWSBRIEFS

JOINT CENTRAL AMERICA APPEAL ►

A doctor who is part of El Salvador's Opposition Front will visit Auckland in Early September for two public meetings.

Dr Hector Silva is co-ordinator of COPROSAL - the El Salvadorean health workers' association which is providing basic health care for peasants whose lives have been devastated by their war.

Dr Silva's New Zealand tour is sponsored by Joint Central America Appeal which was launched last week by Corso, Christian World Service of the National Council of Churches, and the Catholic Commission for Evangelization, Justice and Development. The Appeal is raising funds for aid and development projects in Central America.

Until recently Dr Silva was Director of Health for Eastern El Salvador. He is also a former Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Party at San Miguel Hospital. He is a member of the Christian Popular Party - part of the broad coalition (the FDR) which opposes the El Salvadorian Government. He represented the Christian Popular Party in diplomatic delegations to other Latin American countries.

Many of his colleagues in medicine and in political work have been killed by Government forces and by para-military troops.

In Auckland, Dr Silva will speak on Monday 5 September, 7.30pm at St Theresa's Catholic Church, Wickman Way, Mangere. On Friday 9 September, Dr Silva will speak at McLaurin Chapel Hall, Auckland University, beginning at 8pm.

SPORT + POLITICS ►

For those of you who believe that sport and politics are separate issues in South Africa, the recent international rugby tour (which included a number of All Blacks) of the Republic, produced a reaction which would have shaken your principles.

The newspapers in South Africa carried banner headlines and editorials on the importance of the tour to the political goal of breaking down the boycott of the country. They also explained the policy of buying teams to make tours of the country on the basis of destroying sport in other countries if they will not play with S.A.

Incidentally, the recent sports conference, over which many New Zealand journalists have been castigated because of their non-attendance, had some very dubious aspects to it. Apart from the all-expenses paid trips - which include visits to tourist attractions, the organizers are not simply the S.A. Rugby Board. In fact, the Conference was presided over by the president of the Freedom in Sport organisation - it is easy to understand the reticence of journalists facing such an invitation.

'A great nation gains in honor and prestige by respecting the sovereignty of small, weak nations, rather than by oppressing those who fight to secure their rights.'

— A.C. Sandino

Nicaraguan general who led the fight against U.S. Marine intervention in Nicaragua 1927-33.



CHAD ►

In light of recent events in Chad, it is perhaps appropriate to devote a few paragraphs to the background to the conflict, in what is described as one of the poorest countries on earth.

The two opponents are Mr Habre and Mr Goukouni. Until 1980 France supported President Goukouni. In December 1980, he invited in 10,000 Libyan troops. Eleven months later - with OAU support - he asked them to leave, and an OAU peace force moved in. Habre, with American support took over and Goukouni retreated into the mountains. Now he is on his way back. The enmities are tribal, personal and national.

Chad is a wasteland of poverty and hunger which was created 23 years ago on a European drawing board and has never found peace since. The present war is part of a colonial heritage which saw as little thought being put into the withdrawal of the colonialists as was put into their entry.

It is now a testing ground for weapons in much the same way as the Falklands were - and just as with the Falklands, there are people among the rocks.

Source: Guardian Weekly

... their struggle in El Salvador for a Democratic Peoples Republic.

A motion condemning the use of war as a diversionary tactic ie Malvinas 'conflict', was lost, along with another motion recognising the sycophantic, wasteful and imperialist nature of British monarchy - both because not enough campuses had sufficient policy on the subject to vote. Many delegates may be rabid left-wingers but they do only as they're told by their SRC's.

The question of whether to strictly back policy AUSA already has, or to 'stretch' that policy by a kind of extrapolation to cover new proposals consistently plagued the AUSA delegation - and will have to be dealt with at SRC e.g. Auckland had to abstain on a vote calling for the withdrawal of British troops from N. Ireland because we don't have that policy at SRC level.

On the other hand caucus voted to support a vote against voluntary unionism despite not having SRC policy on the grounds that (a) if existing policy (eg for women) is 'scaled up' it may cover voluntary unionism (b) the govt is moving fast: we need policy - and thus ACTION - equally fast (c) SRC would probably support the Caucus vote.

FINANCE COMMISSION - money games:

- National HQ - Student Union House - finally has a destiny! It is to be kept, after 5 yrs of efforts to sell it have failed. It will need to be reroofed and strengthened - costing 110 grand.

- Travel costs were debated: AUSA wanted more money given to National Officers to travel on the grounds that having officers on campuses, talking to people and working with them is money well spent. In the end enough money was approved for every officer to visit each campus 3 times.

- Auckland abstained from a vote on an SGM to discuss transferring NZUSA records on to computers. Perhaps some reservation about \$30,000??

MAORI VICE-PREZ - doing things

For most, the highlight of Council was the creation of a Maori Vice-President on National Office from next year. It was argued that National Officers in the past have been unable to represent the special needs of Maori students as they've been occupied in their own areas. NZUSA should represent all students, but can't without a full-time MVP, we were told. A special committee - Nga Toki - has been created to elect and assist the MVP.

ELECTIONS - an all-night sesh.

Of next years 5 National Officers, at least 4 will be women (MVP still to be elected): a first for this 'progressive' outfit.

1984 Prez will be Jessica Wilson. From Victoria, Jess' student activism goes back to '79. She has been active in all major education/welfare campaigns since 79 and has experience organising large numbers of people eg overseeing an SCSP scheme involving 70 people. She was 82's chief delegate for Vic. at August Council and came with the unanimous support of Vic's SRC.

General Vice-Prez will be Margie Thomson who won the only contested election. Her relatively short involvement in student politics has seen her as IAO at Vic and now she has organisational experience from managing a typesetting business. Margie's reputation for hard-work was an election clincher. An extended AUSA Caucus debate eventuated over how to spend AUSA's 9 votes for GVP. The Caucus vote went 8-6 to Thomson's opponent, Malcolm MacLean, but several MacLean-backers seemed on the verge of changing their little minds.

A clash arose over whether the votes should be split 5-4 (which has not been done by AUSA since 1980 and is against exec policy) or to not vote on the first ballot so more discussion could be held with the candidates. The decision was made to split the vote (which, in view of the other campuses strong support for Thomson, didn't matter). The split implies we don't have the guts to go the whole hog: we effectively get 1 vote out of 42.

Some members of caucus felt betrayed by the caucus decision which they felt came from 'sheer political opportunism': the minority wanted at least some representation (since one delegate changing their mind would have changed the AUSA vote). This caucus savagely divided the

Photo: John Pagani



No static yet! Here's the 1984 NZUSA National Officers: From Left Margie, Jane, Ses, and Jes.

delegation which was a pity because all discussion was sensible, well argued and well thought-out.

'84's Education & Welfare V.P. will be Sarah (Ses) Salmond, current Prez at Massey. Ses has a reputation for getting things done (eg the national housing seminar there, and the introduction of SRC's at Massey). She has been described as '83's best prez.

It was 3:10am Monday. Elections had been going for 8 hours. Now only the re-election of Womens VP Jane Warward remained. Great, we thought. Bed by 4, we thought. At 5am, results of the first ballot came in: no clear majority - do it again. Warward was criticised for a poor May Council (plagued by infighting at Womens Caucus) and for spending little time at some campuses. She answered that what occurred at May was not her fault: why blame one person for a battle between many. She pledged to work more with campuses she had not been to so often. No one has said it aloud yet, so I will: she was backstabbed by the usual right-wing/Workers Communist League coalition. Thanks for keeping us up all night. At 7am Monday, Jane Warward was re-elected: a result received with a standing ovation from Auckland.

WOMENS AUTONOMY - dodging debate

A debate of Womens Autonomy was skilfully avoided by the autonomy backers: instead of debating and voting on the proposal (with a high chance it would be lost) the motion was worded to refer the autonomy proposal back to campuses for

consideration and postal vote. This way it will probably be won. The only constructive feature of the autonomy plenary was the exemplary chairing of President-elect Wilson. A threatened sectarian clash was averted by her strong, fast action.

THE AUCKLAND DELEGATION

Because the delegation was largely next year's exec, its performance deserves consideration. The Caucus discussing Peter Norrie was notable only for personal attacks. e.g. a) Peter Norrie asked AUSA to ask NZUSA for \$2000 to cover the costs of taking his case to the appeal court. Speakers felt it was impractical to give him money NZUSA hadn't budgeted for. \$2000 is less than 0.8% of the budget. In the event the money was found because the budget is a teensy bit flexible.

b) Stephen Mitchell's tape - outlining Norrie's case - was listened to 'to see how much he's going to embarrass AUSA'. Amidst this derision, it is ironic that Norrie's case is all about getting a fair hearing.

c) Some felt Norrie should not get the money in case he lost and the money was wasted.

To be fair, a motion that Norrie's case should be pushed by AUSA was won 9-1 at caucus.

d) Trish Mullins was banned from doing the traditional council dinner 'skit' in case it offended an exec member.

On the other hand, the last (ratification) Caucus was the first student meeting I have seen that didn't feature sectarian motivated attacks. Boring it was: but it proved exec can work together effectively.

Councils are a long hard 5 days, for which delegates are paid nothing. They really do do a lot of work for students.

I have to finish by quoting the best graffiti we found. Our hostel toilet: 'John Broad rules' amended to 'John Broad rules Coromandel, but democracy rules AUSA' then to 'John Broad rules Coromandel'... Another toilet, another building: 'AUSA rules OK' became 'AUSA bends rules OK'

— John Pagani

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COLONIAL PARADISE ?

This article by Yann Uregei was presented at the Suva Fiji Conference for 'Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific' in December, 1981 and backgrounds the current situation.

In Kamouda's home town of Poindimie, 1,000 Kanaka marched in silent protest carrying banners such as 'The State is responsible for his death.' It was a responsibility that the State took lightly. At the murder trial on 19 Nov, 1976, the judge accepted the defence's explanation that he didn't fire into the air as 'it is not obligatory to shoot into the air or the ground,' and gave the accused a years suspended sentence. Acting for the accused, Maitre Leder (later to defend Santo secessionist Jimmy Stevens) argued that his client should never have been prosecuted as he had acted courageously since 'most of us would have done what he did.' The French Administration agreed. It promoted the policeman into the French Ministry responsible for the Administration of New Caledonia.

For the Kanak population, the 'Kamouda affair' came to symbolise the transformation which their country has undergone since French annexation: from a tropical paradise to the 'South Africa of the South Pacific.'

With vast minerals riches at stake, Kanaks live like native South Africans, as outcasts in their own country. 3 months before Kamouda was shot, New Caledonia's (NC) TA was told by its speaker, Kanak elder, Yann Uregei:

'Kanak must put France on trial. Where is the Kanak after 122 years of French presence? He is absent from all the activities of his country, absent from the public service, absent from the political administration of NC, from the fields of commerce and education, and from the nickel industry.'

'Where is the Kanak to be found? Walking the streets of Noumea, unemployed, drinking alcohol,' declared Elie Poigoune, a young radical Kanak independence activist, shortly after Kanouda's death. 'He is playing the monkey, dancing and singing in front of those who have stolen his land. The Kanak is in the sports field busily running after medals. And he is in the churches praying. The French have made the Kanaks into great athletes and good Christians. But they have done

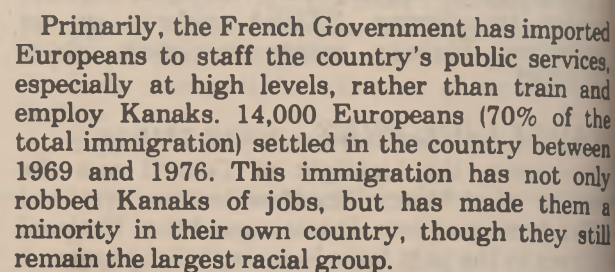
Like South Africa, New Caledonia is a land of great natural wealth, possessing rich grazing land and 40% of the Western world's nickel reserves. To allow French settlers and large business empires like Rothschilds to exploit this wealth, an apartheid like system was created. Kanaks were systematically pushed off their tribal lands and herded onto reserves, occupying some 5% of the mainland, mostly in the infertile regions of the east coast and central mountain chain.

It wasn't until 1946 that they were legally able to leave these reserves and come to Noumea. Now, however, many Kanaks regard the capital with 30,000 cars, tall buildings and believably high prices as an alien environment - a pure transplant from metropolitan France in which they are meant to play no part. Thus it is no surprise that 85% of Kanaks still live in the countryside while 85% of the French and new migrant populations live in and around Noumea.

The majority of Kanak villagers today are dependent upon money sent home by their relatives and friends working in the towns. The agricultural products grown on the reserves are no longer adequate for the needs of most Kanaks, and imported foods such as rice and sugar have become a daily necessity, demanding a source of income outside the tribe. But good jobs are hard to find. According to Jean Guiart, (Professor)... 'Before 1945, Melanesians had to give two weeks unpaid work on the roads to the State, and men and women could be called up in numbers to work at fixed salaries anywhere for a European or Japanese employer.'

Today 'Melanesians are still employed mostly as menial labourers and servants.... No Melanesian has yet been allowed to occupy a controlling job in any of the essential services (Treasury, Tax Department, Land Office, Economics Dept., Banking and Industrial concerns). Nobody has dared to think of training any Melanesian for such jobs.'

In 1976 there was only one Melanesian in an executive position in the Public Service. 80% of the country's jobs are in the nickel industry, but it employs few Kanaks, and then only as the last hired and first fired. Polynesian Islanders especially from Wallis and Futuna, are imported to do the work instead. Like all immigrant workers, with no future back home, they provide a submissive, docile workforce.



DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE

Many Kanaks were plainly fed up with being continually forced off their lands in a world of permanent insecurity. They were fed up with poor employment, low salaries, bad lodgings, violence, prostitution, racism and police repression. They demanded independence - independence for the Kanak and fear could no longer silence them. More and more they were convinced of the necessity to take direct action to win their demands, particularly for the return of their land.

Kanak university graduates who had returned from Paris formed socialist non-parliamentary groups such as the Foulards Rouges, advocating Black Power and Black Consciousness agitating for land. These groups began organising demonstrations demanding Kanak independence and turned September 24, the anniversary of the French annexation of NC, into a day of mourning for the Kanak people.

The French government responded to such affronts to public order, and to other actually illegal acts such as publishing pamphlets in native languages, by regularly bashing, arresting, detaining and imprisoning leading activists. It was a response which was to gain them much notoriety among the white and sympathy amongst the black populations. Kamouda's death only highlighted the cause of Kanak independence.

In September 1977 elections, independence became an issue for the first time. Previous electoral campaigns evolved around the theme of autonomy. Parties with independence as part of their platform won just over a third of the vote.

In the 1979 TA election, Dijoud announced an electoral reform. Only parties gaining 7.5% of the vote could win representation in the TA. It was an attempt to force unity upon the rightist parties (whose splits into numerous cliques was seen by the French as a major stumbling block to stable pro-French rule), it was mainly designed to pull the United Congress and other moderate Kanak parties into the middle ground away, from the smaller radical Kanak independence groups.

Unfortunately, along with the Melanesian independence movement, the Kanak independence movement in New Caledonia has also gained momentum. In July 1990, the Kanak independence movement, which had been active since 1979, French independence demonstration, and the State demanding the Kanak teachers' strike in July, against the Kanak in the students led to a public NC Evangelical call for Kanak

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Unfortunately for Dijoud, it did the opposite. The UC along with the previously autonomist Caledonian socialist party was pushed into an alliance with the more militant Kanak parties. The Front Independentiste was borne, comprising of five political parties.

In July 1979 election, the Front won 82.9% of the Kanak vote and 34.4% of the total vote, winning 14 seats out of the 36 in the Assembly.

The right wing French realised that only a French Caledonia could guarantee them their stolen land and taxless paradise. In the aftermath of the election these settlers became more and more vocal in their opposition, holding demonstrations and counter-demonstrations in Noumea and the larger towns. They gathered under such banners as the 'Action Committee Against Independence' and the 'Movement for Order and Peace.' Prominent politicians and businessmen soon swelled their ranks.

The French police and the para-military gave these groups a wide berth, and intensified their provocative treatment of supporters of the Independentiste Front. In August and September 1979, French police savagely attacked a series of demonstrations held by students from Noumea's only State High School. The students were demanding the re-instatement of one of their Kanak teachers, sacked for organising a protest in July, against d'Estaing's visit and in support of the Kanak independence. The brutal treatment of the students at the hands of the riot police squads led to a public outcry. At the end of August, the NC Evangelical Church adopted, unanimously the call for Kanak independence.

A French Caledonia could guarantee them their stolen land and taxless paradise.

Dijoud's efforts at land reform (the key issue of dispute between the Kanaks and French settlers) for example were being criticised by the Government's expert on NC land matters, Jean Guibert, who declared:

The government in Paris plays with the idea of land reform and handing some areas back to the Melanesians. But it has not yet had the courage to take significant action, so strong has been the reaction of the entrenched settlers threatening violence on their part if their hold on the land is touched in any significant way....

It may be that the first move will come from the Melanesians, smarting under contrast between the proclaimed intentions and the lack of any tangible action. The Melanesians all know what they want -

the land where their fathers were born or buried, where they raised round house mounds, the taro terraces and the yam fields, and the former sites of the cult of the dead still exist. They never accepted, neither in their hearts, nor in words, the injustice done to them, and regaining their land is the one thing for which they would be ready to accept the risk of some life. They will not be lured away by the offer of allotments on land bought back from some settlers, over which they would hold no traditional claim, and by settling on it, take the risk of supernatural sanctions. They also know that regaining their lost lands is the only way to force back the crippling weight of the colonial system, which murdered their grandfathers, enslaved their fathers and left them, for the greater part, as strangers in their own country.

In October 1979, the Catholic Church Commission for Peace and Justice issued a statement of support for Kanak independence.

Kanak leaders had been travelling to the United Nations to solicit support for the decolonisation of their country. It was the former colonies of the South Pacific who came to their aid. In August 1979, Papua New Guinea began the process of having NC re-listed for discussion by the Special Committee of the United Nations dealing with decolonisation. France had unilaterally taken NC off the Committee's agenda in 1947.

Papua New Guinea was also active among regional organisations, moving a resolution at the 1979 South Pacific Forum meeting in support of the NC independence. Though Australia and NZ came to the aid of France and successfully watered down the resolution there was no doubting the unanimous support for the proposition amongst Pacific Island countries. The inevitability of NC independence is now an accepted fact of South Pacific political life.

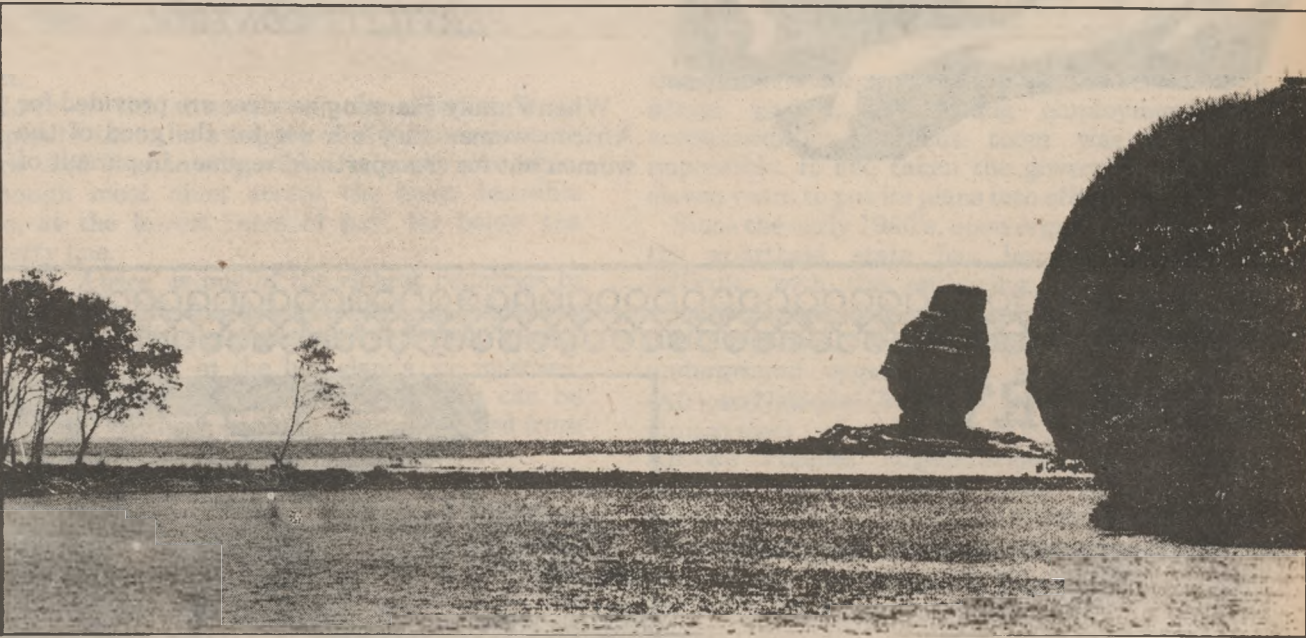
Yet France hangs on. Dijoud, his reputation in tatters after the Santo secessionist debacle in Vanuatu, was by 1980 rapidly becoming the Minister for Lost Colonial Causes. His land reform proposals, while continuing to be debated in the TA, were roundly condemned at the UC's 1980 Congress as a device to divide and rule the Kanak people. Real land reform, the UC declared, could only be achieved in a consistent manner upon independence.

Armed neo-fascist groups such as the Secret Committee for Repression and the local branch of the Oas (led by ex-Algerians), continue to organise to defend their property from the growing Kanak movement to re-occupy tribal lands. The settler 'secret armies' are backed up by thousands of armed personnel; police, riot police, paratroopers, army, navy and helicopter forces.

On April 23, 1980, the French High Commissioner told the Territorial Assembly that the most significant aspect of present day reality in New Caledonia is that the country is at peace....

'Civilian peace, you very well know, cannot be said to be settled forever. As a matter of fact, we cannot quite suppress the tensions which are the very mark of a free alive forward moving society, at least we have to do our best, wherever it is necessary, to calm down the people and create a favourable situation so as to preserve the public tranquility.'

The killer who calmed down Richard Kamouda, 'to preserve the public tranquility' not only received a pat on the back from his lawyer, but a promotion to the French Government department responsible for the administration of New Caledonia. While he and his colleagues rule, NC will remain 'the South Africa in the South Pacific.' Only Kanak independence will rid the country and the region of France's Pacific apartheid.



AN EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT...

Arrival in New Caledonia is usually at Tontouta Airport, located some 23 km away from the main centre of population Noumea. The drive into town is through undeveloped farm land and hillsides scoured with the tailings of Nickel mines, the once mainstay of this French Colony. For many New Zealanders, New Caledonia is Noumea, and more principally the sun soaked beaches of Anse Vata. There is little to indicate that a potential Algeria is brewing in this our nearest pacific neighbour.

Walking the streets in the centre one may come across some graffiti 'Respectez des droits du peuple Kanak.' But it was not abundant. But bring it up in a discussion with the local French inhabitants and it was obviously a serious topic. Often the French would point to a march held several weeks prior to my visit, 28,000 marched against independence, 144 marched for independence. Of course Noumea is home for the bulk of the 50,000 European inhabitants.

This was a common feeling amongst the Colonists or 'Caldoche', autonomy - perhaps, but independence no. Though efforts are being made to develop tourism and agriculture, the failings of nickel on the world market has left this country economically dependant on Paris.

The problem of independence is further complicated by the population balance. Of the 200,000 inhabitants the Kanaks account for only

60,000 with 50,000 Europeans. The balance is made of Polynesians, Vietnamese Indonesians and others who generally side with the European conservative view.

The main political groups involved in the Independence movement consist of a coalition of five Melanesian based parties calling themselves the Independence Front. The front dominates the local Government Council. The front wants a Kanak Socialist republic based on a philosophy representing traditional Melanesian Values.

Against the movement at the Extreme right is the Republican Congress party whose leader Jacques La Fleur warns he would never become a Kanak.

More moderate, the Caledonian New Society Federation, a white centrist party supports the Independence Front, and seeks reforms and autonomy, but opposes independence.

The stumbling block maybe the land reforms, which recognise the ancestral ownership of the land by the Melanesians. Too many of the French Colonials comment 'Look what is happening in Newly Independent Vanuatu'. Progress as we Europeans know it has stopped.

The problem is not far removed from the Maori Land situation here. Many Caledonians have been resident for more than five generations and feel that they too have a right to the land.

— John Walker



WOMEN UNDER APARTHEID BEARING TWO BURDENS

South Africa apartheid regime enforces over 2,000 race laws designed to maintain white economic privilege and white political domination. For the black majority in South Africa, apartheid means dispossession and displacement. Black women there face the twin evils of racism and sex discrimination, and bear the worst of the apartheid regimes excesses.



As black women in a racist society, as workers in a structure geared to the exploitation of labour, and as women in a male society, they are forced into perpetual bondage at the bottom rung of the social, economic and political ladder of oppression.

The impact of apartheid on the lives of African women is total - it controls every facet of their existence - where they live and with whom - where they work, how much they earn. Each day is a continual struggle for survival against a multitude of laws, regulations and restrictions, designed to control every aspect of the lives of black Africans.

Over three million people have been uprooted from the cities in attempts to control the growth of a stable African population in the cities. Thousands more have been evicted from the land to give way to the increasing utilization of land by white farmers. More and more Africans are being 'resettled' in land that cannot support even the existing population, and there are few employment opportunities.

FERTILITY CONTROL

When Family Planning services are provided for African women they act not for the good of the women but for the apartheid regime - in pursuit of

a white supremacist nation.

Depo-provera, for instance, the contraceptive drug banned in many Western countries has been used on black women in South Africa for over twelve years. This drug has the advantage of remaining in the bloodstream for long periods, and as it is in injection form, can often be administered without the women's fully informed consent.

Hundreds of thousands of African children die every year from malnutrition 'and lack of medical care'.

Abortion is available in situations similar to those allowed for New Zealand women - danger to the mother's life, foetal abnormality, damage to the mother's mental health - through a similar process of qualifying consultants. In the first year after the law was passed, five hundred and seventy women had abortions. 485, of these were white. Black women are less likely to succeed in the process of getting a legal abortion, and it is estimated that over 100,000 illegal abortions occur each year, and thousands of women die or are left infertile.

EMPLOYMENT

One of the main rationales behind the apartheid regulations is the establishment of a system designed to ensure the availability of cheap and exploitable labour. The refusal to recognise African

OUTSKIRTS

Sexual Harassment of Irish Republican Women Prisoners

Armagh, Northern Ireland, after the 'dirty' protest of 1980 and the hunger strikes of 1980-1981, women republican prisoners in Armagh Jail are now being subjected to forcible strip searching.

Since November 1982 women have been strip-searched whenever entering or leaving the prison. The searches are performed by groups of female and male prison officers, sometimes as many as 10. Between November 9 1982 and March 1 1983, 772 strip-searches have been carried out on 97 women; one woman was strip-searched 19 times in 11 days. In Parliament, Secretary for Northern Ireland, James Prior, defended the strip searches on security grounds. In fact, a large proportion of the searches take place when women make appearances at the local court.

All prisoners are subjected to the searches, regardless of age or physical condition. Women who have been searched include a 43 year old mother of three; menstruating women who are required to remove their tampons or sanitary pads; adolescent women held in Armagh's Young Offenders Unit, a woman who was 5½ months pregnant; a 3 year old girl visiting a prisoner.

Sisters - Irish women are at war - we must give them the support they ask for.

The overall escalation of harassment of the women includes strip-searches, solitary confinement, withdrawal of privileges (visits, letters & packages) and victimisation of particular women. Far from the so-called peacekeeping role of the security forces, which includes prison officers, the strip-search policy is indicative of the systematic sexual abuse of women in war time.



Picket by H-Block/Armagh of British Consulate, Queen St.

Still Walking...

'I happen to be one who believes that if it were not for women, us men would still be walking around in skin suits, carrying clubs.' - Ronald Reagan. Some might say he is doing just that...

Motorcycle 100

In Chicago recently a 100 year old woman denied a licence to ride her motorcycle, is charging the Illinois Secretary of State's office with age discrimination.

Louise Barger Hawkins, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 1, was denied a licence even though she completed a motorcycle driving course at North-Western Illinois University.

To protest the denial, Ms Hawkins hopped aboard the motorcycle of her teacher at the King High school parking lot.

- Sunday Mail / Liberation

Ta Very Much, Eh?

It's nice when men lend a helping thought... Professor G.B. Harrison of Massey has kindly written a book entitled 'Man the Lifeboats: Women and Children First' on feminists efforts to de-sex language. Those that protest the loudest, he says, 'seem to have so little sense of language that their efforts, instead of winning support, increase opposition. Many people, including women, are jarred into acute annoyance every time they hear such words as 'statesperson' or 'spokesperson'.

Nice of him to tell us what we think. Later in the book he makes mockery of sexist language suggesting that we use MAM for mankind because 'the change would be unnoticed'. Wonder what he'd think if his name was Harrisdaughter?

HELP from above

In a rare move that will be seen as a victory for feminist scholarship all over the world, a Stanford University provost has recommended overturning a promotions committee decision that would have denied tenure to award-winning historian Estelle Freedman.

Freedman, who has played a central role in developing the feminist studies programme at Stanford University, attracted attention this year when she was twice turned down for a permanent teaching role in Humanities.

Although the committee has indicated that the scholarship for which she has been awarded was not of a high enough calibre to justify the position, her supporters said that she had been turned down because she had chosen to focus her research and her teaching on feminist studies.

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units means that in the 'white' areas of Africa, each family member-mother, father, children over 16 must qualify separately as a labour in order for the family as a whole to be entitled to residence.

Women on the reserves are usually forced to live from their husbands who are working in the cities. These women and their families are entitled to any grazing or rural land. Much land is so poor as to be unfarmable, and they may have to spend their whole day gathering firewood, finding food, and carrying water just to maintain their existence.

These women are also prevented by the apartheid regulations from seeking work in the cities. And the overcrowding of the land set aside for Africans - 13% of South Africa total land area for the 17.7 million Africans as opposed to 8% for 4.1 million whites - has resulted in a shortage of non-allocation of land to women in most townships. The availability of paid work is limited, with most of the jobs reserved for men.

The presence of Africans in the cities is viewed as a potential threat to the geographical separation of the races, which is a basic tenet of the apartheid system. The Bantu (urban areas) Consolidation Act 1964 requires Africans not in possession of a permit to remain in an urban area for more than 72 hours. It is official policy not to issue permits to women, and relatively few can qualify under the 'temporary residence' provision. Even if an African woman is legally in an urban area, she must obtain a permit before she can get a job, and the granting of a permit can be refused or withdrawn at any time.

Opportunities in paid employment for African women in the cities are extremely poor. Most are employed in domestic work, with a small number in industry and clerical work. Over 60% of economically active African women are employed as domestic or agricultural workers. No minimum wages are set down. Many domestic workers are forced to live-in, seven days a week, apart from their families, and receive a wage for what can be an 80 hour week. Throughout the whole economy, African women receive on average less than half that of African men, and only 8% of the average earnings of a white

man.

However the situation on the reserves is so desperate that the struggle of African women to work and live in the cities is understandable, although most must accept the least desirable jobs, at the lowest rates of pay, far below the poverty line.

South Africa is one of the richest countries in Africa, with the highest standard of living (for whites) claims an unemployment rate of 20-25 and up to 55 percent in the homelands, or reserves. Women, children and the sick or elderly can be deemed 'superfluous appendages and banned from white areas.

WOMEN IN STRUGGLE

The 'influx control system' that denies Africans the right to move freely about their country, or to choose where they will live, is administered through the pass laws.

Under these laws, an African over the age of 16 must carry identity documents known as a pass. The failure to present a pass can result in imprisonment. These passes carry photograph and identity number, as well as details of ethnic group or tribe, details of employment, tax certificate etc. If the pass is in any way 'out of order' or contains no employers stamp, then the holder can be arrested.

The government first tried to introduce passes for women in 1913, but significant resistance forced them to abandon this idea. In 1952, the Native Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Documents Act, was enacted as a move against the growing number of black families resident in areas designated for whites. In October 1955, the Government announced that passes would be issued to women in January 1956.

Protest action was swift and accelerated in intensity, the most famous demonstration being that of August 9, 1956, when over 20,000 women gathered outside the Union Buildings in Pretoria. This day is now celebrated as South African Womens Day. The protests continued, and when, in October 1957, officials began to register women in Johannesburg, more than 2000 women were arrested during protests. However, by the end of

the decade more and more women were forced to accept passes, as gaining employment and accommodation without them was becoming impossible. It had taken the government almost eleven years to put its plans into effect.

Since the early 1960's, open organization against the apartheid state has become increasingly difficult, with the outlawing of a number of organizations and the imprisonment or banning of their members. The participation of women in underground organizations such as the ANC (African National Congress), the PAC (Pan-African Congress) and SWAPO (South West African Peoples Organization) has increased. African women realise that their primary oppression stems from the apartheid system. Their struggle is one for all of the African people to be free of that system, and the extent of their participation in the liberation struggle will allow them to determine their role in the development of a free South Africa.

— NZUSA

CHARLOTTE MANEKE — FOUNDER OF THE ANC WOMENS MOVEMENT



The struggle in this country, I believe, will be won by the women. I am fully convinced that the role of the women in the struggle of my people is a major one, and, despite all the repressive laws they are faced with, they have emerged as an outstanding group in fighting for the cause of black people in this country.

— Winnie Mandela

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JOURNEY OUT OF NAIVETY PATU !

Merata Mita once said that: 'In New Zealand, if you have any passion, that's political'. Her film, Patu, is a passionate portrayal of the movement that grew up in New Zealand in 1981 to oppose the Springbok Tour of this country. It is a remarkable document of the story of that year, from behind the protest lines.

In making this journey, Patu follows the same path that was taken by many thousands of New Zealanders in first rejecting and then fighting against the Tour. It is not a comfortable documentary to watch but it is important.

It is usual for producers of documentary films to have this to be allowed to buy film of the subject from Television New Zealand. For reasons specified by TVNZ, this footage was withheld. Nevertheless even with their less sophisticated equipment, the essence of the conflicts was well captured.

The major success is not in the graphic display of violence or in the achievement of capturing much of the action, but rather it is the way that the movement is placed in its proper context. Primarily, the context is one of a divided nation, perhaps more importantly is the meaning of protest to those who face the brutality of apartheid every day of their lives. By interspersing the action in New Zealand with interviews with South Africans, the value of the film is established beyond doubt.

The story is told mainly through the words and actions of the people who took part, with a minimum of commentary. We see the protests at various levels - from discussion and preparation of protests, through to marches and pitch invasions. We see the lengths of barbed wire and rows of mounted police as the state defends racist sport. We also see the growing politicization of the protesters as they begin to draw parallels between racism in South Africa and the racism here in New Zealand.

When the film was started, Merata Mita believed she was filming a short-term movement which would halt the Tour before it reached our shores. When the Tour continued, so did she, filming as much as she could herself and co-ordinating the efforts of people in other centres to bring together a record of how things happened throughout the year.

Now, in reflecting this approach, is an accurate portrayal of the hopes and expectations of the people who protested against the Springboks. The film begins with the mass mobilizations of July 1 and July 3, which many naively believed would stop the Tour. It examines the efforts that went into those early demonstrations and the reaction of the people involved. It then moves to the Tour around the country, showing the mounting protests and the growing anger of those who were faced with the brutality of the machine, and the increasing willingness of the machine to go to any lengths to protect apartheid sport.

It is in this last point that a seemingly long forgotten aspect of 1981 is brought back home. By the end of the Tour, many had made a commitment to fighting racism in New Zealand, and Patu is evidence of this commitment. It is a reminder that will hopefully jog people's memories and renew a renewed desire to fight the injustices that exist in our country.



Photo: Anthony Phelps

"It is not a comfortable documentary to watch..."

"... it is a film which everyone should see if only because it must not happen again."

The variations on God Defend New Zealand, by Diatribe, provides a dramatically haunting musical score which must rank as one of the most effective sound tracks I have heard. It is unobtrusive, but still manages to contribute to the emotional build-up of many of the sequences. The irony of using the national anthem will be superficial to those who marched through 1981 in the belief that their cause was not only a fight against Apartheid, but also to defend the name of their country. It is Marshall music overlaying scenes of battle.

Many will feel that Patu is too generous to the protest movement, but it is a film which tells the truth - not the truth of SPIR, or Walton, or Muldoon, but the truth as seen by thousands of participants. It is a positive film which deals passionately with a way of life that grew quickly from simple beginnings into the biggest and most horrendous experience in recent New Zealand history. It is a reminder that people made promises which few have kept in relation to racism here, and it is a film which every person in this country should see, even if only because it must not happen again.

— John Bates

PATU ! is now showing at the Academy Cinema in Lorne Street, (In the Basement of the Public Library).

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A MODERN MYTH - DRAMADILLO

STYLE: A man who eats a car; a car which eats a man; the ghost of a hedgehog Just three of the bizarre elements which make up the latest offering from Auckland's Dramadillo Theatre Company.

Called 'The Making', the group describes the show as a modern myth and like all their productions to date, it has been devised and written by members.

'We started out to do a great classical myth,' says Nick Blake, who directs The Making, 'but after a couple of weeks of struggling with it, we discovered none of us had our hearts in it, so we made a big about-face.'

New ideas were brainstormed, although time was short for an already-planned tour, and a completely new concept arrived at. The present show, they say, is completely unlike anything the group has done before.

'In fact, we've had to make some quite radical adjustments in our own thinking to allow this show to evolve,' says Blake.

Dramadillo is known for extravagant and ambitious projects like 'The Raven' and 'Mr Ringers' Apocalypse Circus', but because this show is to be toured under their own stream, they have had to rein in their natural enthusiasm for lavish costumes and set.

But 'The Making', Blake insists, will still be highly visual, with some 'extraordinary' concepts in masks and costumes. One backdrop has been painted by Auckland artist John Eaden.

Dramadillo received country-wide acclaim during their tour of the 'Mr Fingers' show earlier this year and they are hoping their name will bring audiences back for more this time.

For Dramadillo, however, as with everything they do, touring a new show is a huge risk, but, says Blake, 'that's the price you pay for working outside the mainstream. Money is a wonderful bonus!'



Roger and J.J., two corporation 'heads' from 'The Making'.

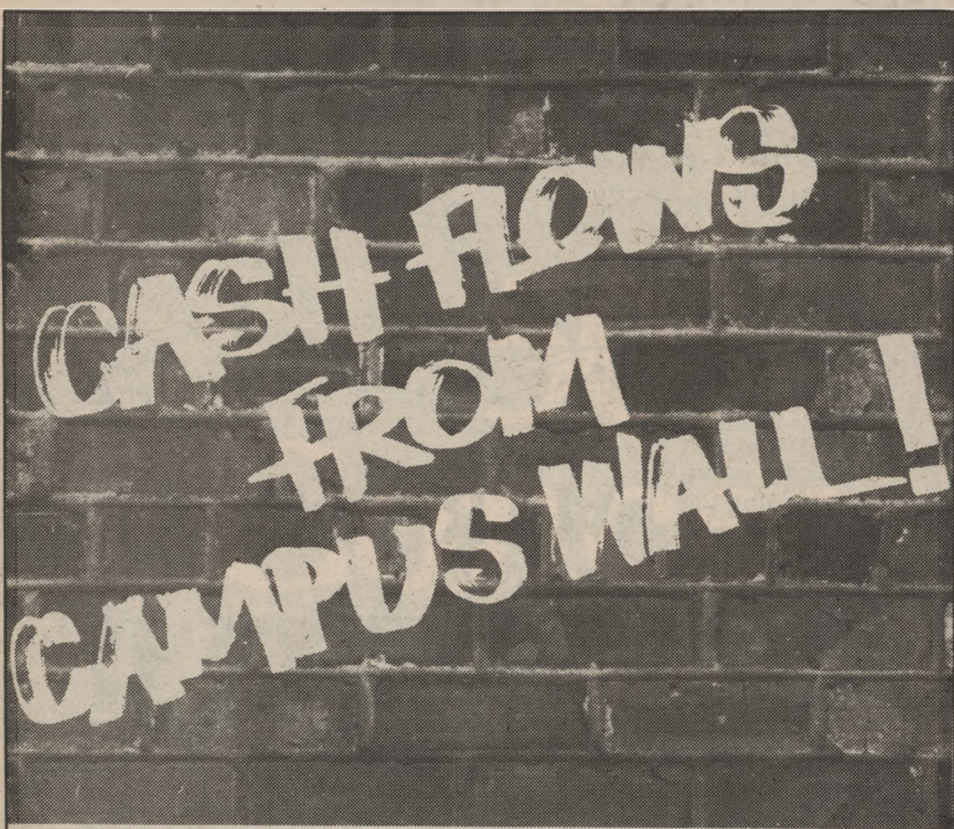
TAKE'ER AWAY: Takers (the givers and the takers) opens this week at the Little Theatre and is brand new New Zealand play by Dip Drama graduate Stephanie Johnson. This two act lyric play encompasses four unashamedly self-centred characters involved in their private life pursuits — at any costs. Images of past, present and future relationships are presented against a background of seduction, inadequacy and mental cruelty. 'Takers' will be performed from Tuesday the 6th to Saturday the 10th of September at 6pm with two lunch hour shows (1pm) on Thursday and Friday.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SINGERS:

Following a highly successful August vacation tour of North Island centres, the AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SINGERS conducted by Peter Watts will present their tour programme in Auckland on Wednesday, 7 September, at 8pm the University Hall, Princes Street.

In the smaller centres the programme included items by various individual choir members. In Auckland these will be replaced by a group of items by QUINTESSANCE, a quintet directed by John Rosser consisting of members and former members of the University Singers. The choral programme will include madrigals, sacred music of the 16th to 20th centuries, folk-songs, spirituals and part-songs. Of special interest will be Samuel Barber's 'Reincarnation', a moving setting of three Irish love poems, each in its own distinctive mood.

Tickets are available at the University School of Music.

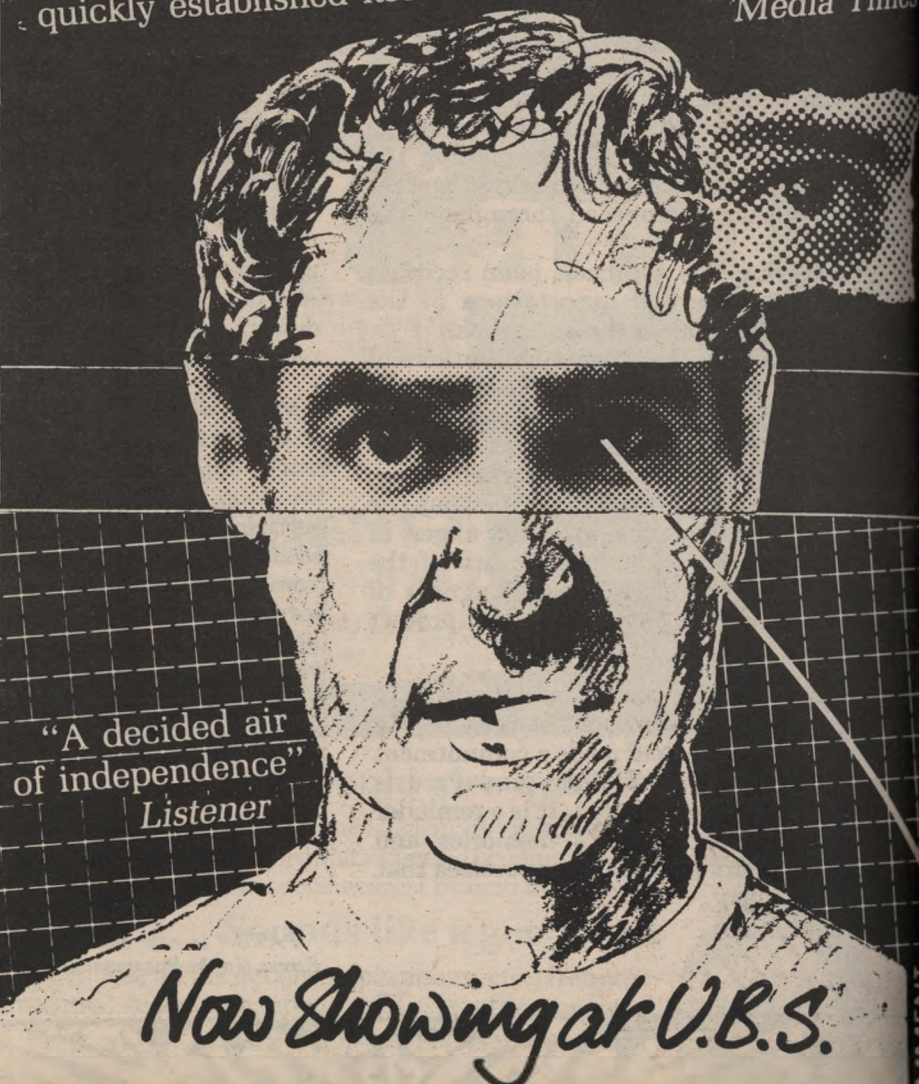


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LETTERS

◀ BOGLE BUNGLE ▶

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Graham BOYLE not BOGLE

The Prez's reasons behind Election nite activities may be
questionable value but are of indisputable style. Especially
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◀ CHRIST'S OK ▶

Craccum,
According to L.R.'s article, 'God is Love'
Christian' means follower of Christ. Not knowing the other
of the 'street family' episode I cannot say whether their
action was justified.

Unfortunately, not all Christians and churches are what they
are.

I cannot see why Telethon is classed 'Christian' - a few
Christian morals maybe - but - so what! (followers of Christ:

for difficulty in grasping Christianity, here it is in a
package: 'Jesus came down to earth, to die for our sins, so that
might be one with God and so receive his gift of eternal life'.
Don't look at Christians, look at the source (Jesus) —

In all sincerity, Susan Nankivell

S. Read the gospel of John.

◀ FASCISTS STRIKE AGAIN ▶

Louise,
the last Saturday before the end of term I was on campus
noticed a man ripping all the posters off the concrete
panels in the quad. Innocently I inquired as to what he was
and asked him to desist since some of the posters were for
coming events. He ignored me and kept on pulling them
so I again asked him to stop what he was doing. He then said
over here and tell me that'. By now I realised he wasn't

going to be dissuaded, ignored him and carried on up the stairs.

He then decided to follow me up the stairs, at which stage I
realised there was something 'wrong' with him, and decided the
best thing to do would be to go into my office (winter
tournament headquarters), and wait until he went away. When he
saw me go into the office he walked up to the door and said in a
loud voice, 'if you are a communist you'd better not ever leave
that room'. Next he proceeded to write some anti-communist
slogan on the outside of the door. He then left to continue
tearing posters down. By this stage a number of other students
had noticed what he was doing and confronted him. He got very
agitated accusing them of being communists, asking them for
their names and generally getting angry.

Then Lynn the custodian arrived and asked him to stop what
he was doing and leave the premises. This only made him
madder and he turned and punched Lynn in the face. Luckily she
wasn't hurt and now realising the guy was violent and
completely unable to be reasoned with Lynn turned the fire hose
on him. This temporarily stunned him and soon afterwards he
left the quad, overturning the black poster stand as he went.
Several people tried to talk him into staying until the police
arrived (who had by now been called). However when they
arrived he was already long gone.

I write this letter as a word of warning for other students. As
it turned out it was lucky no one was seriously assaulted by this
unsavoury fellow and I urge any students who in future notice
someone who is obviously not a custodian, pulling posters down
to give them a wide berth and tell a 'real' custodian or the
security officer because it could well be this violent character.

Yours in alarm,
Michael Barker

◀ NEDDY JETSETTERS FUND ▶

Dear Ed,

I am the person who stole S.C. Watson's cheques. I bought a
pair of Nordica Ski Boots and the best pair of Trou that I have
ever owned. NEVER in my life have I been so pleased with my
theft, its always given me a real thrill, I know where you sit so if
you want to leave your valuables unattended again I'll be happy
to get some more stuff. By the way I give all my takings to
underprivileged people, namely ME, so its a good cause. Here's
to the freedom of the press for thieves and anyone who needs
cheap ski gear see me at the Kiwi. (I'm the one with the parrot
on his shoulder).

Thanks S.C. and Melanie
Yours ... Lacrobat

◀ IN THE DOG HOUSE ▶

Dear Editor,

Having just read the letter in last week's Craccum titled
'What's Who or What?' by W.B. Moore (or was it Nigel
Goodinson and his gang's attempt to cover up the fact that they

wrote the letter by making up this imaginative student) I fail to
see how they could dare pass judgement on someone who
doesn't know them and who definitely do not know me. (Bernard
Kennelly). What they based their assumption that I am a right
winger (by the way I play hooker for my rugby team) is anyone's
guess; coin, dice, pack of cards, etc, etc. Not being known in the
University has its drawbacks but for this person (or gang) to
pass this judgement is just plain bad manners. All this week my
nominee, Grahame Boyle, has been inundated with questions
about myself and my political beliefs, even Trish Mullins
enquired, and the fact is that I have NO political aspirations, my
sole interest is sport (and elbow bending afterwards).

But why hasn't this student, W.B. Moore, if he or she exist
put her name forward as a candidate. The International Affairs
Officer's position is being contested by two so called 'left
wingers' why couldn't he/she oppose them, but is this person
really an active and involved student? Does this person want a
moderate executive? Of course all this could mean that this
person does not exist.

It also came to my attention that everyone who is opposing
one of the 'Gang of Four' has been described as either a left or
right winger, none of them are moderates.

Although I do thank this person (or gang) for giving me the
benefit of doubt as to whether I am a right winger in the true
sense or not. But I take it that this person (or gang) is referred to
University politics and not true politics in the description of left,
moderate and right politics. Therefore moderate university
politicians are left of centre on the true political scale, while right
university politics is both centre and right. Hence I must come
under those (Quote) "others who would not necessarily be
considered right wingers normally but who are in this text"
(unquote). Then this must mean that I rest on the very centre of
the true political scale, the one that really counts.

I have never been or am thinking of becoming a member of the
Craccum Reform Group, etc, I repeat that I have no political
aspirations, I consider Sports Officer as a non-political position.

If this person (or gang) wanted to allocate me on their list
surely he/she could have shown common courtesy and come and
talked to me personally instead of stabbing me in the back in
this underhanded way. It also came to my attention that
another group (or person) put out a pamphlet which described
my politics as 'neutral?'. Take the point, they don't know me
and at least gave me the benefit of the doubt and didn't make
any rash decisions.

I say to you, W.B. Moore (or the gang) don't leap before you
look, get your facts straight or as the old saying goes 'Clean up
your own backyard before you try to clean up others'

A Very Active and Much More Involved Student
Bernard Kennelly

P.S. Did you notice that my surname is spelt Kennelly not
Kenneley so are you sure you are talking about the same person
or have you got your sources (joke) muddled.

P.P.S. Boom, Boom, Boom. Just like that. Here come the
kids.

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LETTERS

◀ RIGHT SEES LIGHT ▶

Dear Students,

There once was a very racist and intolerant, white, middle class male student at Auckland University — (actually there are lots!)

One day, actually a Tuesday, in an unusually interesting and stimulating Environment 84.200 Lecture, he was confronted by a certain Dr Rangi Walker from Continuing Education, a Maori Lecturer.

Now this student had long been very intolerant of minority groups, especially gays, feminists, and Maori groups. 'Just another bunch of poofers and stirrers!' But now, thanks to the open-minded and honest lecturing of Dr R. Walker, this student has had his mind opened and enlightened, and can actually now begin to try to understand the plight of minority groups in New Zealand.

The indigenous people of New Zealand, the Maori, have a relationship to the land which we Europeans could well learn much from. To the Maori, the land is their source of life; their spiritual link to their past.

Only now can this student begin to empathise with the Maori people. He was certainly humbled by the simple, earthy, caring relationship with the land which the Maori people have. Now he can see why Maori's cringe when we wantonly pollute the land and sea, cut down trees, and mine and plunder the natural resources of New Zealand. We need to learn attitudes of respect and caring which the Maori have for so long held for the land.

'We have not inherited the earth from our parents, we have borrowed it from our children.'

This certain rather bigoted individual has also long been rather hateful of gays. Jokes and abuse were often hurled upon these unfortunate individuals. This student now wishes to apologise for himself and others who unthinkingly attack and abuse gay people. This certain student has now discovered that 2 of his friends, people he holds in high esteem, are bisexual! He has had to radically re-evaluate his beliefs, feelings and attitudes. He now realises that gay people are human too. They have feelings just as he does. They live, laugh and attend lectures just as he does. Forgive him for his narrowminded selfishness.

I appeal to students at Auckland University to begin to try to understand and care about other people, all people, regardless of what they believe, who they love, or how they live. Please don't close your heart, and shut people out of your life for any reason. They can teach you so much about yourself, and about others.

'The person who does not continue to learn, to adapt, and grow, is no better than one who cannot grow.'

Yours sincerely,

A student.

P.S. Please could Dr R. Walker present the lecture he delivered to the Environment 200 class possibly present it as an open lunchtime lecture? I believe it would be most beneficial.

◀ THAT WAS MY MISTAKE ▶

Dear Louise,

I thought I'd write to say how much better Craccum has been this year, but what disillusionment was in store for me last week. Content great, but next time you have Japanese on the cover please don't print it back-to-front! TSK! TSK! Still as the song says 'otherwise fine, otherwise just dandy'. By the way does anyone know what it says, I'd hate to betray my ignorance by having to ask my lecturers.

Stage I Japanese student

◀ #2 ▶

Dear Louise,

It's bad enough trying to read something written (not very legibly) in a language you are just learning. But when you have to hold it up to a mirror to read it things become impossible, so please ... what did the Japanese writing on the cover of the last Craccum mean. Still, the thought was there and apart from the unfortunate inversion it was well done.

Love & Kisses ETHEL

◀ SEXISM AND THE ARTS ▶

Dear People,

As an organisation in contact with a wide range of artists and administrators, we are aware of present widespread discussion on this topical issue.

In response to this the Council is planning a forum for practising artists and administrators to air their views.

A one day meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 17th at Auckland University.

So that we can organise a stimulating programme representing as wide a range of views and arts disciplines as possible, and so that the format is appropriate to the topic, we invite you to contribute ideas and suggestions, in this, the planning stage.

Our initial ideas include discussion on sexism in content, to censor or not to censor, positive discrimination, sexism in arts organisations and lesbian/gay equality.

We'd like as many contributions as possible to ensure a broad base for discussion. If you would like to contribute, please do so by the end of July.

Yours sincerely
Jo Seton, Greg Fahey

Letters should reach CRACCUM by Wednesday afternoon and can be delivered to the office or left in our mailbox at Studass Reception. They should be signed, although pseudonyms may be accepted if accompanied by a name and phone number. Short letters are more likely to be published. Thanks.

◀ SCOUTING FOR BOYS ▶

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you on behalf of a scout group that is in Eden.

We are looking for new scout and cub members. In the past we have been fortunate enough to have young leaders willing to give the boys structured independence. We would like to continue this, if possible.

Is it likely that your Association could help us by publicising our need.

It would not be necessary to start on a regular basis in 1984.

If anyone is interested could they please contact the writer.

Ms P.J. Hansen
19 Woodside Rd
Mt Eden

With thanks
Yours faithfully
Penelope J. Hansen

◀ STAND OUT ▶

Dear Louise,

Reading Mark Darin's letter (re last issue) I felt that at last someone was brave enough to stand up and be counted.

Being an ardent feminist and good friend of Mark's for many years, we are of a minority male group that has always supported the plight of women. Having rallied together around the Ivory tower in support of Womins Space. I feel women need a place to escape from the violent macho pressure of a male dominated Campus. Much congrats and support to Louise for her fight against sexism toward women and racism and allowing homosexuality to be an open thing.

◀ CLUBBING STUDENTS ▶

Dear Louise,

The Student Club will be held in the Lack-Ward Room (known as the Old Grad Bar and used as a general study common room during the day) which is next door to the Functions Room (incorporating the SRC Lounge and Functions Room Extension). These are on the floor directly above the SRC Lounge (which was to be a Bistro Bar but is now a Cafe Lounge during the day and a Club Room in the evening) and Restaurant (which is also used for club meetings and was Coffee Lounge last term.)

So what is what, and where is it around here?

THE STUDENT CLUB IS OPEN, 4-10pm. OLD GRAD BAR Monday - Friday



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EL SALVADOR: ANOTHER VIETNAM?

This Friday (Sept 9th) Dr Hector will speak in B28 at 1pm. Dr is a member of the FDR, as being involved in church and medical organizations striving to improve the lives of the Salvadoran Central American peoples.

Anyone interested in what is happening in Central America, especially in light of the US 7th 'exercising' in the region, will want to miss this opportunity to brought up to date on recent events there.

CORSO MEETING

Monday September 12 - 7.30pm Lounge. To discuss Corso on that has always been a regular basis. For further info. ring Barry Union Ext 73 or Moira University Ext 8689.

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Classes available are: Ballroom, American Jazz, Ballet, Dance, Learning to play, Self Defence, Improvers, Beginners Tennis, Musical presentation: Zits, Bits and Bows.

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WOMEN AND THE FAMILY

Sunday 11 September. Registration: 9.30 am. Venue: W.E.A. 21 Princes St, City. Cost: Members \$2.00, non-members \$3.00. Bring food to share for a communal lunch.

Workshops:

- 5 Images of mothers and children
- The daughter of the house
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S.R.C. SEPTEMBER 7

S.R.C. will discuss Youth Rates this week. Wednesday lunchtime in the S.R.C. lounge.

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2 AIR TICKETS TO SYDNEY \$200 one way. To be used by Oct 26th. Phone: 768-434.

ORIENTATION & CAPPING 1984

It is coming up to that time of year when people will be needed to organise and help with these festivals. So start getting your ideas together and watch for requests for applications!

STUDENT RADIO RETURNS

Campus Radio returns to the airwaves 7am on Sunday 4th September for the duration of the 3rd Term.

The station will be resuming the hours of broadcast of 4pm - 1am on weekdays and 7am - 1am weekends.

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Campus Radio 1404K2, second floor of Studass. Phone 322-36 for further enquiries.

AUCKLAND SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Day : 10th Sept 1983 (Saturday). Time 2.00pm. Place: Rm 144 (Next to T.V. room)

All members are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting. Refreshments are provided.

NZUSA DELEGATE

Applications are now open for the NZUSA delegate to the Asian Students Association seminar on 'Youth and Social Problems in South and Southeast Asia'. This seminar will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from October 15-22, 1983. It will be hosted by the Thammasat University Students Union with the co-operation of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The seminar will focus on child labour, slums and crime. Delegates will also take part in an exposure programme to examine the particular features of these problems in Thailand.

Applicants should have some knowledge of the topics, be familiar with NZUSA policy and with the Asian Students Association, and be willing to produce articles for student newspapers and a report to NZUSA on return. Applicants must also prepare a Position Paper for the seminar, in consultation with relevant National Officers of NZUSA. All travel costs, accommodation expenses etc will be paid by NZUSA.

Applications should be sent to:-

The President
NZUSA
P.O. Box 9047
Courtenay Place
WELLINGTON

Applicants should include a curriculum vitae and other material relevant to the application, and provide a contact address and phone number. Applications close 5.00pm on Friday 9 September 1983.

TEMPORARILY DISABLED ?

If you need some help, contact the Disabled Students' Resource Officer at Students' Association (Ph 30-789).

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL CLUB

We are holding a video evening in the Lower Common Room, Thursday 8th September at 8.00pm and showing a video of the recent Victoria v Western Australia game. All interested people welcome.

CLUBS !

Notices should be in by Wednesday noon. TA.

EVANGELICAL UNION

Welcomes you back to an exciting 3rd term at the Institution! Tues 1pm Functions Lounge. First of a series; LIFE INSIDE. Bring your munchies, don't forget your friends. See you there!

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Tuesday September 6, 6pm. Tea and discussion. What we did in the holidays. Contact: Maria Kobe, Ph 602-246.

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that a Special General Meeting of the Association will be held on the Ground Floor of the Main Hall of the Recreation Centre at 1pm on Tuesday 6 September 1983. The matters for discussion are as follows:

1. Dolan/Rademacher

THAT this Association recognises that the Special General Meeting held on 9 June 1983 was lied to and misled, AND THAT a public apology be given to John Broad, AND THAT those members of the Association who aided in misleading the SGM be censured.

1. Curnow/

THAT Rules 33(i) (d) and 33(ii) be deleted and the following substituted as Rule 33 (ii)

'If a member of the Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the member') shall be considered to have forfeited, after a period of three (3) months from his/her election to that position, the confidence of the Association:

a) the member shall be invited to report on his/her official acts over his/her period of office, with any comments he/she wishes to make, to a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, and in accordance with the Rules provided for the calling of such meeting.

b) On the receipt of this report a formal motion shall be put, that the member be recalled.

c) The motion be put to the vote immediately.

d) If the motion is defeated, the member shall continue in his/her position.

e) If the motion is passed, an election by secret ballot shall be held, in accordance with the rules for such election in which the member recalled shall be a candidate with others who may be nominated under those rules.

f) If the member refuses to make a report as above, then his/her position shall be declared vacant, and action taken according to the rules'

and that Rule 16(i) of the First Schedule be amended by the addition of a further part (i) 'that a member of the Executive be recalled'.

3. Dolan/

THAT Part 1 of the Second Schedule of the AUSA Constitution be amended to include the following:

Part 1(i) (d) In the case of a person who is the incumbent President, or who has held the position within the last 12 months of the opening of the nominations for President then Part 1(i)(b) will not apply.

MEDIA ▼

WHAT WE DID IN THE HOLIDAYS:

It is really quiet here when everyone is on holiday and we missed everyone so we thought up something really special to welcome you all back with!

There will be a Student Club in the Old Grad Bar from 4 o'clock everyday! With food & liquor & entertainment! So we need clubs & Socs to perform (see the S.A.O.). Don't be sad because you can't book the O.G.B. because you can still use it OR you can use the ex-SRC Lounge cum Bistro cum coffee bar that is on the first floor (above the Cafe Extension).

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SRC/COFFEE BAR: 9 - 5pm Coffee Lounge only 5pm on: available for club use.

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AN AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY CENTENARY EXHIBITION:

This exhibition has been organised as part of the programme to mark the Centenary of the University of Auckland, and comprises the work by 47 members of the Elam School of Fine Arts staff over the years 1950 to 1983, including three principals: A.J.C. Fisher (1924-1959), Paul J. Beadle (1961-1977) and Jolyon D. Saunders (1977 to date).

As well as painting, sculpture, printmaking and photography, this exhibition includes work by the staff of the Art School's Design department. There are examples of industrial design, graphic design, glass blowing and aeronautical design which give an indication of the variety of activities in the department.

Hours:

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RKS Arts, opening September 5th...

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I painted the forms and used tissue overlays to develop a spatial depth - a space/time framework. Being conscious of the tensions created by the spaces between, I overlaid the forms, the fossil hieroglyphic with the pattern tissue hieroglyphic. The movement created is associated with plate tectonics - the theory of the shaping of the earth's crust and thereby the existence of the fossil forms.

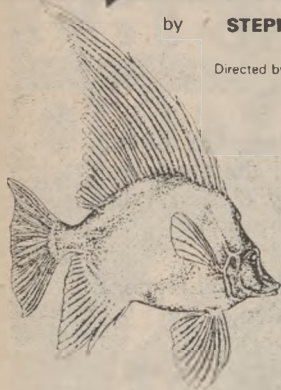
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