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P.S. A special sorry to Wallis from G. for muddying her nice white trousers.
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EDITORIAL

Well it's forty years on from the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. And what has the world learned?

Ironically, the country on which the first atomic bomb was used - Japan - is the very nation who, today, is considering dumping nuclear waste into our Pacific Ocean. The people of Japan, forty years after Hiroshima, are now still suffering the side effects of the US solution to war. And yet Japanese politicians are making decisions which have the potential to affect the people of the Pacific in many of the same ways.

The French still insist on testing nuclear weapons even with the testimonies of Mururoa, Bikini and Kwajalein fresh in their minds. The US and the Soviet Union see the Pacific as the perfect place to test their medium range missiles, and now China is getting in on the act.

Now we have the perfect bomb. Kill people but leave all the buildings intact. The designers forget that radiation means buildings are inhabitable for hundreds if not thousands of years afterwards, whether they're standing or not!

The New Zealand government finally took some notice of the large peace movement and said 'no' to a US politician and nuke ships and submarines. What's so amazing about that? About time I say. Politicians all over the world are out of touch and it's up to us to tell them what's happening.

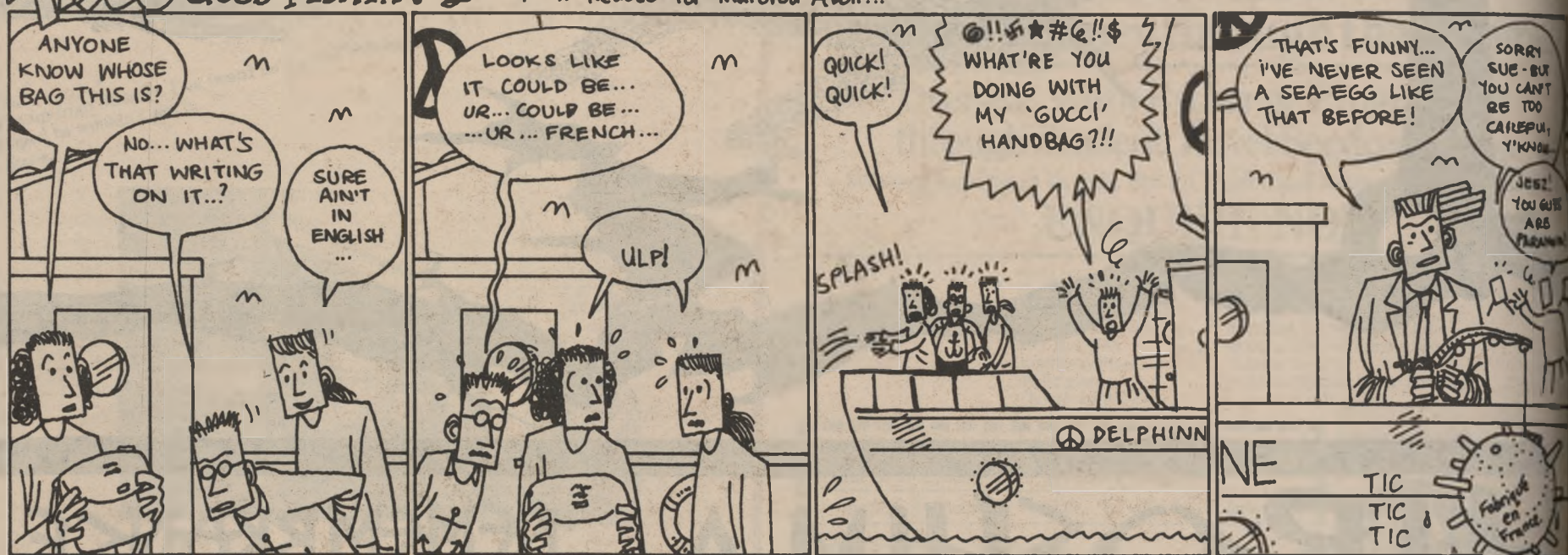
Maggie Thatcher recently said: 'I don't know what all this fuss about student grants is about. Carol managed to pay her way through. But we had to pay for her skiing holidays, of course.'

So I ask again - Forty years later, and what has the world learned?

-Janet Cole



TISCO Goes Fishin'! by Kupe. This week, Tisco is on board the Greenpeace boat, 'Delphinne', as part of the Peace Flotilla, headed for Mururoa Atoll...



NEWSBRIEFS

ANOTHER LEAK ►

Remember the French ship *Mont-Louis* which sank in the Channel last year with a cargo of the highly fissile (read very very explosive) uranium hexafluoride. Well, an empty barrel from the lighter recently washed ashore on the west coast of Denmark. One could be forgiven I think for wondering just where its contents are.



SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE — EVERYONE'S FRIEND ►

The South African Police served every South African (sic) irrespective of creed and colour.' So said the chairperson of the House of Delegates Ministers' Council, Amichand Rajbansi to 123 Indian police at their passing out parade. Furthermore, Mr Rajbansi stated the time had come for all South Africans to unite in peace and harmony; to unite behind the force (note that) that was dedicated to the ideal - the South African Police. An unusual perspective considering the number of Black people shop in the back whilst fleeing the police during the police-fabricated 'stoning incident' at Uitenhage.

STILL WAITING FOR RONNIE ►

Wonder of wonders, in Washington the Reagan administration (but not Reagan himself) said in a statement that it was South Africa's own policies that were chiefly responsible for the upsurge in violence. Reagan has yet to condemn the state of emergency though.

TERTIARY STUDENT FEES IN AUSTRALIA ►

Still on that side of the pond, Finance Minister Peter Walsh is again arguing strong and hard for the imposition of fees on tertiary students. The figure mentioned was \$1400 per university student. For those that cannot raise this a special loan at commercial rates could be granted. The theory is that since 1962 the percentage of the student population with high-income parents has been stable at 55% whilst the percentage of students with low-income parents has been a little less stable at 20-27%; 20% 1962, 27% 1975, 23% 1980. This is despite the abolition of tertiary fees in 1975. Walsh reasons in a typically short-sighted manner that the low-income groups are subsidising the education of the high income elite and that tertiary fees would in some way rectify the matter. Personally, I would have thought that establishing a fee for all to pay would only further exclude the low-income groups from higher education. But then I'm not a politician and anyway everybody is free to apply for the loan.

There is hope though that the matter will die a suitable death; 21% of Australian Labour Party voters and 43.8% of Australian Democrat voters said the reintroduction of tertiary fees would cause them to change their vote. That sort of backlash the Australian Labour Party cannot afford.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR ARAB MURDERS IN ISRAEL ►

After one of the more spectacular criminal trials in Israel, three members of a Jewish underground group were sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of three West Bank Arab students. Twelve others were sentenced to terms ranging from four months to seven years. In reply, defendant Yehuda Etzion declared 'in the court of history I'm 100% not guilty' and called on Israel's government to finish the job his group had left undone. The murder charges arose out of a machine gun and hand grenade attack on the Hebron Islamic College where three students were killed and thirty injured. In the Knesset, Haim Kaufman has tabled a motion calling for all underground members to be pardoned and Foreign Minister, Yitzhak Shamir is to meet with the Justice Minister to discuss pardons. Both men are members of the Likud faction in Knesset. Incidentally, groups of a similar persuasion are calling for a mandatory death penalty for all Arab terrorists.

RACIAL VIOLENCE IN LONDON ►

On the subject of racial violence, East London has for the past five years been the focus of racist attacks by right-wing and neo-fascist groups. In the latest attack, a pregnant Asian woman and her three children were burnt to death as a result of the deliberate firing of her home. Furthermore, this attack was only the latest of three attempts since 1982 to set her house alight whilst it was occupied. Unmesh Desai, a prominent Asian leader and head of the Newham Monitoring Project has recorded 1200 racist attacks since 1980. Whilst the attacks were previously contained within inner London, they have now spread to new housing estates and Mr Desai believes there is increasing evidence the attacks are organised. The police meanwhile are investigation every avenue.



NGA WAHINE

WHY WOMEN'S HEALTH

Imagine sitting around with a group of woman friends, talking about experiences with doctors, hospitals etc. I think it would be fair to say that a lot of women would be able to relate times when they have been badly treated, poorly advised, have had their problems trivialised and have basically felt powerless in terms of having any control over decisions made about them.

Women are now taking an opportunity to learn more about their bodies, define their own health needs, look into alternative methods of health care and also question the structure of the medical care system.

Until quite recently, women have been looked upon as the healers.

Around 3 000 BC, in nearly all areas of the world, goddesses were extolled as healers, dispensers of curative herbs, roots, plants and other medical aids.

In Sumer, Assyria, Egypt and Greece until about the third millenium the practice of healing was almost exclusively in the hands of priestesses.

Around 14th - 16th Century Europe, for all but the very rich, (it was the rich who could purchase the 'professional' medical advice.) healing had traditionally been the prerogative of women. The art of healing was linked to the tasks and spirit of motherhood; it combined wisdom and nurturance; tenderness and skill.

The conversion of the Roman empire to Christianity crystallised attitudes towards women and women healers however. The Roman gods were replaced by one all-powerful god whose duties included healing and who delegated the role of healing to His chosen successors. Thus men were confirmed in their role as official healer.



The witch trials established the male physician on a moral and intellectual plane vastly above the female healer. In the 14th Century the Church decreed that any woman who healed without having studied, was duly a witch and should suffer death.

For black women the problem of losing control over their healing is even greater as the colonising white culture takes over and trivialises their health care systems as 'black magic' or 'witch-doctoring' in a manner which can accurately be described as medical imperialism.

Medicine has now become a vast business inextricably linked with our profit-orientated economy. Preventative health is low priority, medical care sometimes helps when we are sick but does little to keep us healthy.

Drug companies are making huge profits from drugs and devices which have been proven to be harmful, even fatal to women and their unborn children. Examples such as the Dalkon Shield, Depo-provera and Thalidomide are just a few which have been made public.

Women are taking more interest in womens health issues because we want to be able to make informed decisions about our health, reclaim control and relearn some of the knowledge which has been lost.

We also want to present a challenge to the medical system. A challenge to them to take our health matters seriously, not to write us off as neurotic women when we start talking about premenstrual tension, ovulation pains, depression etc. We expect to be taken seriously and treated effectively.

The most fundamental thing we as women can do to reclaim some control over our health is to learn more about how our body works so we can be more aware ourselves of things that may be going wrong.

Health must remain a 'women's' issue as long as the present system denies women access to safe, effective birth control methods, safe abortions and relevant health information. As long as drug companies continue to make huge profits by selling products often harmful to women, 'dumping' into other countries those drugs judged unsafe in some countries.

As long as all this continues women have to keep fighting, arming ourselves with accurate information relevant to our health, as we see it.

Sandy Scarrow
with the help of *Our Bodies Ourselves* by the
Boston Women's Health Collective.

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A reprieve for the Scotts Building: CHASED AWAY

On July 30 the Auckland City Council's Planning Committee decided not to permit the complete destruction of the old Scotts building in Victoria Street. The decision was a brave one for the council to make and a victory for the concerned people who acted quickly to raise the issue to public notice.

The Scotts building has stood elegantly and undisturbed in its Victoria Street site since 1882. Most of us see it everyday and take it for granted. Perhaps naively, because it was only a week before the planning hearing that the public became aware of plans to demolish it and redevelop. It has been bought by National Pictures Limited, a subsidiary of the Chase Corporation, who had intended to incorporate this site into its new 'Finance Centre'.

The Scotts building has a C2 classification which means it is '...of a quality and character which, though of lesser importance (than C1 category) should not be wilfully removed, damaged or altered in a major way unless there is a compelling reason.' The Chase corporation had to supply an acceptable 'compelling' reason. They did not. Perhaps they didn't take their submission seriously enough and were caught off guard by the large attendance at a usually poorly attended meeting. Perhaps they viewed the meeting as a mere formality. Perhaps the only 'compelling' reasons were of expedience and cost efficiency.

The evening before the hearing Auckland architect Graeme Burgess warned on local TV that a C2 classification allows for no public notification in such an application. There is a very real danger therefore that buildings could simply disappear with no forewarning. It was only a matter of luck that Burgess learnt of the danger to the Scotts building the previous week and it is much to his credit that this old and beautiful building has been given a reprieve.

the hearing

The council's principal planning adviser Mr Childs agreed with the Chase corporation that the building should be destroyed. He reported that although the building clearly merited its scheduling and its destruction would be 'a matter of considerable regret', it appeared virtually impossible that the building could be restored and remain economically viable and that the cost of preservation was likely to 'outweigh potential benefit to the public.' This was contested by both the advisor from the NZ Institute of Architects, Mr Allison, and by an architect from the Historic Places Trust, Jeremy Salmond. Neither saw any compelling reason why the facade could not remain. Salmond then rejected the argument that a C2 classification was indicative of lesser architectural or historical merit. It is precisely because of its merit that it is scheduled thus.

Graeme Burgess then spoke on behalf of the Citizens Committee. He questioned the degree to which the council investigated the possibility of saving the facade and suggested that the fact that there was no engineering report submitted indicated that it was never very high on their priorities anyway.

Representatives of the Chase Corporation claimed they had given all due consideration to the possibility of retaining the facade of the building but expert opinion had assured them of the

illadvisedness of any attempt to do so. Burgess raised the question of whether the expert opinions presented by architect Mr Batty (BNZ facade) and engineer Mr Boardman (Customs House project) could really be so commanding since they had only dealt with one other facade - the BNZ. He felt advice should be sought overseas where it is common practice to re-use buildings of merit. An alternative plan, proposed by Mr Batty, to incorporate some of the features of the old facade into a new facade structure was described by him as being 'like something out of Walt Disney'.

Perhaps the most damning question came from Councillor Yates who asked why, if Chase had known they were dealing with a classified building, had they not submitted a design compatible with the old structure.

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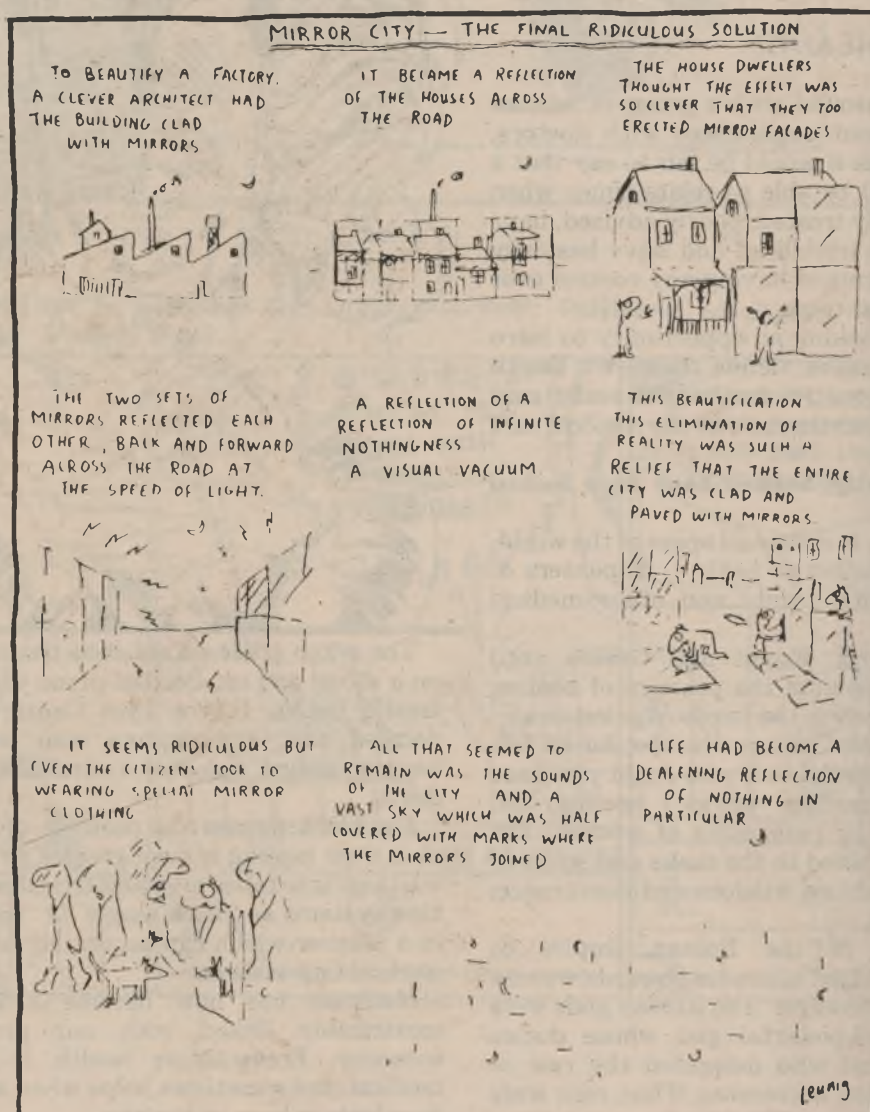
Chase have filed an appeal which will be heard in the next couple of weeks. Some Aucklanders, however, have begun to take action and will continue to monitor the situation and apply pressure. It is extremely important to them that Auckland's architectural heritage is preserved before it is bowled over by the galloping

development occurring at present. These concerned people, including both professional and lay-people, have formed the Development Action Committee which aims to promote urban development in a manner more sensitive to community needs. They stress that the accent is on development, not simply a reaction against it. It's hoped that they will be able to complement organisations like the Historic Places Trust and the Civic Trust and that they will be able to use the media to promote public interest in the nature of development and to influence the result.

The large attendance at an otherwise poorly attended planning meeting is a very encouraging sign that people wish to temper development to a fuller sensitivity of cultural, historical and aesthetic values.

The Development Action Committee will meet at DKD cafe, behind the Civic at 6pm August 6 (today) and anybody is welcome to come along. And a reminder - the fight for the Scotts building may not be over.

Jim McCulloch



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CRIMES OF PASSION

Director: Ken Russell
Scriptwriter: Barry Sander
Screening at Cinema 2

Crimes of Passion starts and finishes with Bobby Grady (John Laughlin) in a discussion group. The topic of conversation is self, sex and relationships. Bobby denies that he has any of the hang-ups the others in the group talk about, after all he is a secure man with a loving wife of 11 years and 2 wonderful children, but he cracks with the taunt, 'you must be a lousy lay'. At the end of the film he is, as the saying goes 'A little older and a little wiser,' but without the security that he had with his fantasy that he had a happy marriage.

The film in between is Ken Russell's attempt to rebuild his reputation as the enfant terrible of the cinema by portraying sexuality in cinema. This reputation he gained with his 1969 version of *Women in Love* by D.H. Lawrence. *Crimes of Passion* certainly achieves new heights, or depths, (depending on your perspective). The film is deliberately provocative and maintains a consistent level of being sensational, original and stylish, and all at the same time. But the question remains to be answered: What is the purpose of it all?

Crimes of Passion follows Ken Russell's usual shock treatment approach by providing offensive sexual jokes, anti-lesbian, anti-semitic remarks, but also, acute comments on the cruelties arising from sexual inadequacies and subtle images such as the shot of Bobby Grady reading the John Fowles novel *The French Lieutenant's Woman*; the story of a independent woman of the 18th century who comes to an understanding of her own sexuality. Such shots show that Ken Russell can provide layers of meaning, quite apart from his films being crudely sensational.

Barry Sandler's script draws Bobby Grady into a triangular relationship with a woman of the night, China Blue and the Reverend Peter Shayne, a hell-fire and brimstone preacher, who is out to save China Blue. The story spins in crazy circles through a film noir/crime thriller, a parody of a love story and an account of sex and marriage in suburbia.

The script seems to develop a Freudian joke: that a wife is like an umbrella, sooner or later one takes a cab. Freud explained this joke in *Jokes and their Relationship to the Unconscious* '...a bewildering and apparently impossible simile, (which) may be worked out as follows. One marries in order to protect oneself against the temptations of sensuality, but it turns out nevertheless that marriage does not allow of the satisfaction of needs that are somewhat stronger than usual. In just the same way, one takes an umbrella with which to protect oneself from the rain and nevertheless gets wet in the

rain. In both cases one must look around for a stronger protection: in the latter case one must take a public vehicle, and in the former a woman who is accessible in return for money.'

Crimes of Passion could be described as Ken Russell's 'Men In Love'. Bobby Grady spies on China Blue (Kathleen Turner), he is intrigued by her dual life. Eventually Bobby fulfills his own: unrequited passions with China Blue, but she rejects his proposition to have a relationship not based on the payment of money with the line 'I'm a whore, you're a trick. Why spoil a perfect relationship.' China Blue prefers to be in control of the fantasies she creates as each new trick is a new role to play. The third character in this triangle is the Reverend Peter Shayne (Anthony Perkins) who is definitely lost in some Alfred Hitchcock psycho role.

The film just avoids the traditional male fantasy storyline of the strong male hero saving the fallen woman. The heroine in *Crimes of Passion*, is

Crimes of Passion



the author of her own salvation as Bobby, the all american football star, is always flat on his back when China Blue needs a hero. Parody is Ken Russell's traditional style, this film is no exception as the whole storyline is larger than life. As well, Ken Russell inserts a cable TV video into a 'what is the state of our marriage' monologue from Bobby to his wife. That marriage is death video, parodies the scene it is inserted into.

The disturbing thought about *Crimes of Passion* is, that while the parody may provide insights into roleplaying and fantasy in marriage nevertheless the audience will only take from the film what they want to see. In the screening I went to half the audience left during the final encounter group scene. They were not interested in hearing Bobby Grady's monologue that it's lonely living without fantasies but it is OK to be scared. They were there only for the sexual violence - which had obviously finished. I can see the time in the near future when *Crimes of Passion* will be on the sex-triple bill in the suburban cinemas along with the anti-pornography film *Not a Love Story* which, ironies of ironies, is already there.

You are deluding yourself if you think *Crimes of Passion* '...elevates vulgarity into expressionism' or '...that one of Russell's major concerns with this film is to point out the difference between pornography and eroticism'. That pornography is in the eye of the beholder is about as much insight *Crimes of Passion* will provide. The script says it all:

Rev. Peter Shayne. 'How low can you get?'
China Blue. 'As low as you can afford.'

You will have to take *Crimes of Passion* as you find it. Is it a brilliant insight? Or is it voyeuristic parody of Ken Russell's own flamboyant style?

Morris Averill

THEATRE

WILD HONEY

Anton Chekov (version by Michael Frayn)
Mercury Theatre. Dir Jan Prettejohns

In his introduction to the new version of this play, Michael Frayn writes: 'In 1920, sixteen years after Chekhov's death, a new and unknown play by him came to light. The bulky manuscript, in Chekhov's own hand, was found inside a safe deposit in a Moscow bank. The title page of the manuscript was missing, and with it all record of the play's identity and origins...It is agreed by all authorities to be Chekhov's first extant play' - and in typical Chekov style we are taken after the long cold Russian winter to a country estate for a month of 'Wild Honey'.

A group of family friends - (the Voynitzens, the Triletzky's and neighbours) - are meeting for their yearly summer holiday on the Voynitzev's estate, a holiday that is to end in tragedy or relief, (depending upon how you look at it), three weeks later. The plot centres around the forbidden sexual attraction between singles and couples at the turn of the century - rather like a modern *Games People Play* and somewhat similar to the last production at the Mercury, *Caravan* - including the swapping of partners and stolen kisses.

Rather farcical in its humour, the chances to laugh liven up the play for the audience. This is much welcomed,

for in wintertime at the spacious Mercury the intense feeling of summer on the stage doesn't pervade the auditorium - we nearly froze in the circle.

Jan Prettejohns has directed excellently, encouraging full use of the stage area and of Tracy Grant's set which contains a wooded forest in the background that stretches into nowhere, and within which the actors are able to hide or run about. The foreground is used as Anna Petrovna's garden and Platanov's house, as well as the extremely vital railway line.

In the main female role, Liz Hawthorne doesn't have to act, she simply portrays her flamboyant self and sustains a perfect Anna Petrovna. Philip Holder as Platanov is hateful and endearing (that laugh!) all at once. Such a character - it's hard to imagine what all the women see in him - or is Chekov trying to say something about women's madness while in love? the female characters certainly blind themselves to Platanov's true character - how easily women put men on pedestals. Interestingly enough though, Chekov also exposes the fickleness of the man in love, and in fact Platanov ends up a victim of his own lust - or is he a victim to the power of women? Whatever the message is, Platanov is the victim and Philip Holder plays the part excellently.

All in all, it's an excellent production, though unfortunately for the Mercury this sort of play doesn't seem to appeal to the average Aucklander who scrambles to buy a seat for the contemporary melodramatic farce. If you do go, remember it's two and a half hours long so have a nap before you go - just in case, and if you're hungry they've got all sorts of 'health' bars in their confectionary area now - so there's no excuse to feed your hypoglycemia with that chocolate bar anymore!

Wallis
Theatre sleuth



INVITATION TO A SECOND-CLASS CARRIAGE

The new Theatre Workshop production, performing this week only in the Maidment Little Theatre, is the Auckland premiere of *Invitation To A Second-Class Carriage*, by Wellington playwright Anthony McCarten.

The play is about the 1953 Tangiwai rail disaster. At 10.20pm on Christmas Eve, just 24 hours after Queen Elizabeth II became the first British sovereign to set foot on New Zealand soil, the northbound express from Wellington plunged into the flooded Wangaehu river. 153 people were killed. Most of the dead were second-class passengers, because the second-class carriages were at the front of the train.

History's most famous eyewitness account of the tragedy was that of Cyril Ellis, a 27 year old Taihape post office worker. He said:

'I was driving from Taihape to Rangataua. At the road bridge at Sulphur Creek I saw the water was over the high trusses. I turned my truck round and got out to see if it was possible to get through. Looking back I saw the train approaching. Although I could not see the railway bridge I had a premonition that something was wrong.

'I had a five-cell torch with me. I said 'Good God.' I jumped the railway fence and ran up the embankment. Screaming and brandishing my torch I ran down the middle of the track for 100 yards. They never saw me. I jumped clear when the engine was 20 yards away. They never attempted to stop. I could not see the driver or the fireman.

'The train went straight on over the bridge. Halfway across the engine and the first carriage nose-dived into the river. You never heard such a noise. It sounded as if the engine had exploded.

'Car Z, the first of the first-class ones, came to a dead stop on the brink and then keeled over at a sharp angle. But the coupling held, the guard came along. I don't know where he came from - he seemed dazed.

'I said: 'For Heaven's sake get the people out of that front carriage. I tore like a bat out of hell, got into the carriage and shouted: 'Everybody get out into the carriages behind. It will go any minute.'

'The guard opened the far door and saw the water below. He said, 'Good God, we have lost five carriages and the engine.'

'With that, the coupling cracked. We all went over the brink. I still had my torch in my hand. It was as if we were spinning round in a barrel of water. I gripped on to the luggage rack. Other people were holding the rack. When the car came to rest on its side, I put my elbow through one of the upper windows. '... The water was nearly over our heads. There was only a three-foot gap between the water and the windows. Luggage was strewn everywhere. I was yelling out to people to stop panicking.

'... I was standing on a seat inside and John (Holman) was fishing people along to me. We passed the torch to each other as we needed it. I smashed another three windows to get them out. Finally there were only two men left, including one of about 80. A lavatory door had fallen across the old man's legs, pinning him down. The other sat on the door, with his feet caught under a seat. A dead girl lay across a seat with her head back in the silt on the bottom of the car. 'When we got all the people to the top I called to the shore for a rope. There was no response.'

Invitation To A Second-Class Carriage is set on board the train, before, during, and after the crash. It's a most original and unusual play - a far cry from documentary. The seven actors are Paul Rose, Miriam Yates, Kim Blackburn, Leo Schulz, Russell Jefferson, Anatoly Frusan and Maxine Fleming. It is directed by Paul Hagan, who produced Theatre Workshop's *Sex Merry-Go-Round* in 1983, and *The Butterfly's Evil Spell* last year.

Performances are Tuesday to Friday (August 6 - 9) at 1pm and 8pm; and finally Saturday August 10 at 8pm. Tickets to ride are \$5 to \$3. Don't miss the train!

penpushers

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED: True life stories of women in pop.

Sue Steward and Sheryl Garratt
Pluto Press, \$21

Women in pop? Who are these neatly categorised figures (or other faces) with whom endless picture books and music programme interviewers are concerned? Apart from the legions of playmate-come-vocalists who throng the top twenty with their pallid male equivalents, who

stands out as being more than a glamorised, glorified microphone stand?

The subject is, of course, at once huge enough to be unexplored territory and common enough to be almost hackneyed. The authors of 'Signed, Sealed and Delivered' can do no more than state the terms and point the way, suggesting each chapter be expanded into a whole book. If at times they irritatingly state the obvious or skim superficially over a particular period/artist, it is really through lack of space rather than a deficiency in understanding.

There is a certain pleasant incongruity between the book's magazine-style presentation (large, attention-grabbing print, short readable sections and lots of photos) and the feminism that informs it. I felt these two facets were a winning combination, show and subversion intertwined, but two people I spoke to felt *Signed, Sealed and Delivered* did not meet their expectations. One said she thought it was a trashy throwaway, and the other told me she found it boring and academic. Perhaps what we expect both from a book of 'feminist analysis' and from a book about 'pop music' has become as cliché-ridden and limited as the terms themselves.

The 'true life stories' in which the book finds its source are amazingly diverse, frequently funny and often sadly repetitive in their tales of discrimination and other problems breaking into and surviving the industry. Carol Wilson, director of independent record company, InterDisc: 'people said that they didn't think it would work with me running a record company, because they didn't think that men would work for me ... they said they didn't think groups would sign to a woman. This was in 1979. I had signed the Human League, Buzzcocks, J.J. Cale, Tom Petty and the Police, and they said that!' Vi Subversa, singer and guitarist with the Poison Girls: 'Obviously we're not a number one 'Smash Hits' band, but the odd feature could go in, nevertheless. There's huge resistance to us on that level. They've actually said, 'Oh, but the kids don't want to see older women! And they quote letters from their young fans, which is precisely why we ought to be in there.' Karin Clayton, former tape op, now manager of SARM Studios: 'I don't think women are made aware of professions like this. When I was at school, I remember a careers class where they asked what we wanted to do, and one girl actually said, 'I want to be a sound technician in a studio'. And everyone gasped and said, 'A what...?' All the others had said a hairdresser and a secretary and things'. Vivian Goldman, on her experience as a staff writer at *Sounds Magazine*: 'To go in there every day, you had to be wearing a suit of armour ... they would try to trivialise and belittle woman's politics as much as they could ... you have to make sure that your work is really impeccable - you really do have to do it twice as well as a guy to get the same place, and even then, you are resented.'

Whether they are talking with the women on the factory floor at E.M.I., speaking with Sandie Shaw about the way her first record company signed her up, without hearing her sing, on the strength of the way she looked, or describing the career of the

exceptional session bass player Carol Kaye, Steward and Garratt are informative and far-sighted; they flavour their prose with personal experience and show a lively disregard for the self-important posturings of the 'rock world'. Their empathy for the women they write about sometimes dulls the edge of the criticism that elsewhere gives the book such bite: glamour agents, such as Sheena Easton, who help perpetuate the restrictive and exploitative image of women in pop, escape any real censure. However, if the point of the book is, in the end, to add a slice of herstory to the shelves of pop literature and to persuade, in the most winning way possible, that 'It's the whole game, not a few rules, that really needs changing', then *Signed, Sealed and Delivered* is a definite success, if not the definitive statement on women's part in pop.

Paula Morris

WINTER'S TALE

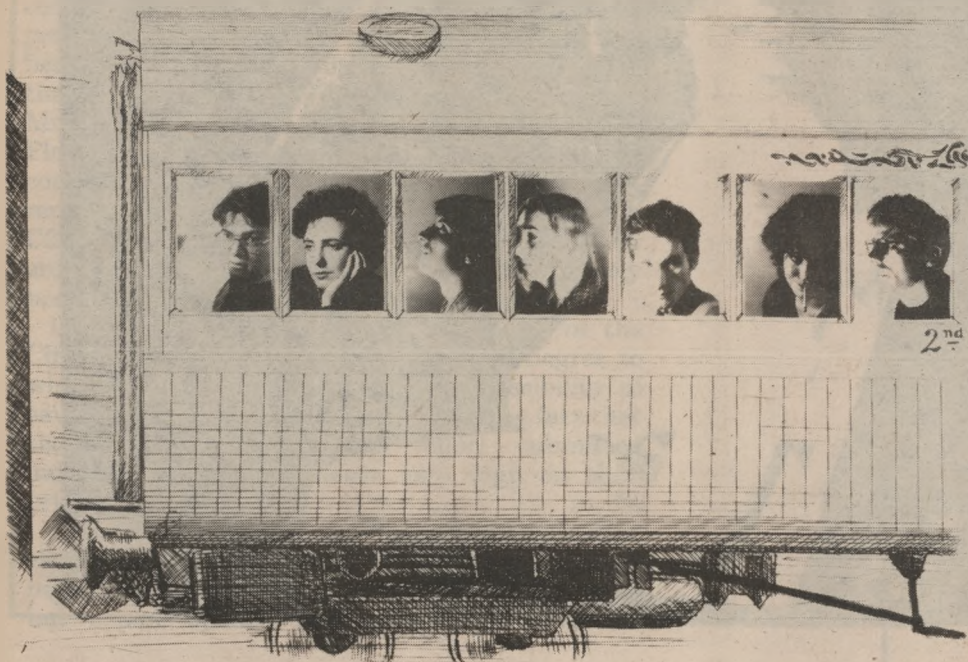
Mark Helprin
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too dear at any price

Billed as a fantasy-saga, this incoherent and interminable story cobbles together every commonplace of a tiresome genre. Its few admirable exponents, like Tolkien and William Morris have unwittingly unleashed a legion of untalented imitators, struggling in the exudates of their own feeble imaginations, they steadfastly refuse to drown until they have passed at least 500 pages.

At least a Mills and Boon romance, written to a strict formula, is guaranteed to satisfy the equally programmed expectations of its readers. No such equation can be found operating in this novel. Its only distinguishable service would be to the intractable insomniac. The brief perusal of a page will induce a state of vacancy or pleasant torpor; the administration of an extra paragraph should render the patient senseless. Higher doses, even an extra sentence are not advised except in cases of utmost severity. Over-exposure may lead, in hyper-sensitive types, to irreversible coma or brain death.

For what it cost to bring this convocation of unendurable drivel to print, two or three aspiring and talented writers could have been published. The extensive patronage of mediocrity in television, cinemas and the publishing industry can only drive the genuine artist to despair to coo those talents towards ignoble ends. A good artist in a good society should justifiably expect to make a living at her/his craft. In reality very few writers can maintain themselves solely with the proceeds from what they write. The bitter fruits of this neglect are to be found throughout society. A generalised effacement that extends from books to architecture is everywhere in evidence. Just as books can be written to the most banal of formulas and find a ready market, so too can developers introduce a soulless reflective wasteland into the main street to New Zealand's largest city. Like Magritte, we stand in front of the mirror and can discern no distinguishing characteristics.

Nigel Hooper



Pacific Studies

Although our links with the Pacific are centuries old our eyes have been turned towards the British homeland and colonial Australia for many years. The University is attempting to redress this by establishing the Centre for South Pacific Studies, by doing so recognising the importance of the Pacific to New Zealand and the needs of Pacific students.

Dr Epeli Hau'ofa, a reader in Sociology at the University of the South Pacific, an anthropologist and a creative writer has been interviewed for *Craccum* by SYLVIA 'AKAU'OLA. He is here in Auckland for 2 months and will be participating in the conference on Pacific Studies this August here at Auckland University.

Auckland Conference on Pacific Studies ...

I am here at Auckland University as a Fellow in the Centre for South Pacific Studies, but based in the Department of Anthropology. I am also here to participate in the Conference on Pacific Studies on 19-22 August.

The Conference is sponsored by the newly established Centre for South Pacific Studies within Auckland University. The Centre was established to cater for the needs of Pacific Island students at Auckland University. The proportion of Pacific students is still relatively small but is increasing rapidly so there was a need to establish such a centre. The Centre will not only cater for students but it will establish contact with islands in the Pacific with which New Zealand has the closest contact.

The aim of the Conference is to focus attention on the major issues and directions in contemporary Pacific Life. The Conference has invited prominent Pacific Island scholars and intellectuals to state their perceptions of the issues. There are two main themes for this Conference. The first has to do with the political economy of the island states and the wider Pacific region. Can in fact the smaller Pacific nations maintain political independence and integrity in the face of their need for development projects and aid subsidies - must they inevitably fall more and more under the sway of the metropolitan powers such as the United States, Australia, N.Z. and France?

The second, and closely-related theme, is that of national and cultural identity. Here, the main speakers will be creative writers, artists and scholars from the S/Pacific region. They will be joined in their discussions by NZ Maori and Hawaiian speakers.

This conference is the first major undertaking of Auckland's Centre for South Pacific Studies. Through it, the Centre hopes to establish close relationships with Pacific Island Scholars, regional institutions and Pacific Islander groups in New Zealand and to seek from them ideas and advice as to how Pacific Studies might be most usefully developed within a New Zealand University setting.

There will also be 2 evening sessions of the conference, open free of charge to the public. The first is at 8pm on Monday 19 August in the Conference Centre, 22 Symonds St, at which the Hon. Richard Prebble, Minister for Pacific Island Affairs, will speak on 'Plans and Prospects for the Pacific Islands Ministry.' On Wednesday night at 8.30pm in Human Sciences Lecture Theatre No. 1., Albert Wendt, poet, novelist and professor of Pacific Literature at the University of the South Pacific, will speak on 'Novelists and Historians and the art of Remembering.'

Among the best known of all those who are invited to the Conference is Albert Wendt, who has a very long connection with New Zealand. Some people from the University of the South Pacific are invited including sociologists, economists and historians. Also you have highly qualified scholars who are working outside Universities in government departments and churches, like Dr Fred Sevele, Dr Teo Fairbairn and Dr Kilifoti Sitati.

So in this conference, you do not only have the academics but you also have the intellectuals working in non-academic institutions. One of them



is Raymond Pillay. He is a writer, but was a lecturer in English at the University of South Pacific and resigned to go back to his roots. A representative from Vanuatu will speak on the problem of Nation Unity in Vanuatu. Someone from New Caledonia, a representative of the Kanak Liberation Front will talk about the movement for Independence in New Caledonia.

Papers presented will be quite interesting because they are *not* heavily academically oriented. They are appealing not only to specialists but to the general public. Speakers, especially on political economy aspects, will present papers both representing establishment and non-establishment views.

For students it only costs \$10 for the 4 days or \$3 daily.

University of the South Pacific ...

This is one of the very, very few institutions in the world that is owned by a multiplicity of governments. It is owned by eleven South Pacific countries which include: Kiribati, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Nauru, Fiji, Western Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau, Niue and Cook Islands.

We have an on-campus roll of about 2,000 but we also have extramural or Extension Studies students of about 4,000. Extension Studies

Centres in each of the eleven countries which are called by everyone the USP centres. It is through those centres that we conduct classes with students doing a degree or diploma course. We have an efficient means of communication between the centres because we have satellite hook-ups throughout the islands and in fact someone from the Solomon Islands can talk to someone in Tonga or the Cook Islands. Lecturers from the main Campus Conduct classes with students throughout the South Pacific region in one go. Centres also conduct their own tutorials using local tutors. We have a very wide-ranging network because there are also satellite hook-ups in Hawaii, Mainland U.S. and Australia (Canberra). Although we have that efficiency you must remember that we're dealing with islands spread through a vast amount of sea, tens of thousands of square miles, so it has its problems too. Papers are usually sent by plane and there are some places where there are no flights and boats get there once a month, like Tokelau. But otherwise, verbal communication is no problem.

We also have other students at USP, that is, students from Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. Also some Kanak students from New Caledonia. Kanaks themselves prefer to be called as such rather than New Caledonians. USP is a very mixed sort of place. It is a regional university just like Auckland being a Polynesian City.

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS 1986

Cultural Affairs Officer

KERRY HOOLE



Q: What will the Cultural Affairs Officer do?

A: Cultural Affairs organises all sorts of exciting events such as Capping, International Students Week, the AUSA Film Festival, Cerebral Rinse (Pre-Exam Entertainment) as well as assists in the organisation of events such as Orientation, the Photo Competition, Students Arts Council tours (including art works, bands and live acts) as well as assist clubs to organise. The CAO also does dull and boring things that most of Exec do like publicity for General Meetings, going to Exec and SRC meetings and trying to solve student and Association problems through Executive and SRC.

Q: Who is Kerry Hoole?

A: I'm a 5th year BSc/BA majoring in Computer Science and doing part-time varsity this year. I've been an active helper and organiser around the Association for about 3 years.

Q: What sort of things have you done around the Association?

A: I've been heavily involved in the organisation of Association Events such as Orientation 83, 85, Capping 84, 85, and numerous one off events such as the Netherworld Dancing Toys concert in the Cafe two weeks ago. I've been involved in many club events, these include *The great Egg Drop*, *K.A.O.S. (85)*, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show Cocktail Party (84)*. Clubs I've been involved with include the Yacht Club (Publicity Officer 81), Video Klub (Treasurer 85), A.R.A. (Auckland Revolutionary Army - President 84, Treasurer 85) and Aurora TV (Advertising Manager 83, 84).

I have also been assisting Mark Allen (present CAO) for more than two years and therefore know what the job involves and I am familiar with the N.Z. Students Art Council which the CAO works with to bring the Arts to students, at affordable prices.

Q: What new ideas do I have for next year?

A: Quite a few:

- Trying to set up an Auckland Students Arts Council.
- Setting up a Faculty Tour around campus to tour acts/arts around the faculties ie Med School, Engineering School, Elam etc.

Summing up I will be available for students to approach me with ideas for events on campus if I am elected. Get out and vote on Wednesday and Thursday and have your say in choosing your Executive.

P.S. Hi Sharon, did you get the postcard?

P.P.S. Hi Briony.

DAVID STEWART

- * to make university a far more interesting place during the day
- * to bring bands on to campus at a reasonable price for students
- * to create a social atmosphere for the enjoyment of students.

The C.A.O. should be there to create a better social environment for students to show that there is more to life than just lots of study, university is a learning experience and the most important is meeting and being able to get on with other people. I believe the best way to accomplish this is through club activities in such things as impromptu events, light hearted social events, meetings to provide people with opportunities to meet others, discuss and exchange ideas, dinners, picnics, B.B.Qs, screening videos, films, forums, workshops, late nites, silly games, lunch time things, food faires in the Quad, bands for lunch.

I believe there should be more small scale social events, such as 20 to 100 people as in special club meetings, ethnic events, especially on Mondays, Tuesdays. There should also be large scale dances with big band names in the New Zealand music industry, playing in the Cafe and the Rec Centre to give access for students at a reasonable price.

Environmental Affairs Officer

STEVEN BUSSEY



Mao once said - 'The revolutionary must move through the people as a fish moves through water.' Now, whatever else you may think of him Mao was no fool, and so we of the Auckland Revolutionary Army are pretty much in favour of a) people, b) fish and c) water inasmuch as we, being revolutionaries, ideally prefer to move through the a) like b) through c). The simile could be extended to cover b) birds/frightened wombats/berserk six-ton killer whales and c) small clouds/loose loam/ large soggy masses of breeding jellyfish - etc etc ad infinitum. We are certainly not going to let any oppressive counter-revolutionary fiend befoul our favourite environment (a) and (c) lest our ability to locomote through the above mentioned like (b) be in any way hindered.

I myself am greatly admired amongst several species of evergreen banana, and am distantly related to a rare variety of Northern carnivorous electric snail.

I am also of the opinion that oppression is environmentally, not a good thing (see way et at 1985: AUSA Policy statements). I am also opposed to the felling of trees to make newspapers, and the slaughter of hamsters to make berets.

Long live the revolutions!

Solidarity Siblings!
Vote Sibling Bussey!

RICHARD CASEY



My name is Richard Casey and I am a third year B Com/LLB student. I have a strong interest in environmental affairs and am a member of the Royal NZ Forest and Bird Protection Society.

I see the position as requiring student input, informative debate and positive action on environmental issues affecting New Zealand.

The present government pledged to introduce lead-free petrol, yet to date there has been no action in this direction. This is one of the many issues I would take up if elected.

At a more local level I feel there should be student input into Auckland's urban transport policy. Better bus and ferry services, the provision of cycle lanes, and the raising of car-park charges are all possibilities for the conservation of scarce resources and the easing of city traffic congestion.

I am also committed to improving the environment in and around the Student Union buildings. The amount of litter in these areas is deplorable. I see a need for more rubbish bins and greater awareness of this problem.

Finally, if voted in I will be an independent executive member, voting in your best interest. For an E.A.O. with new ideas vote Richard Casey.

MAT KINDLEY



Kia Ora, hello,

Well I have decided to restand for EAO in 1986. I am in my 4th year of a Botany/Ecology BSc and this year I have been branching out into planning, geography and law (environmental of course!). I have been active in the environment movement for 3 years. My interests include worker safety, permaculture, mining, energy projects, recycling, the current review of environmental administration, natural ecosystem preservation etc.

What does the EAO do?

Well it is a position where you can put in as much time as you like. I have attended safety committee meetings and researched the disposal of radioactive waste at med school. I have written articles for *Craccum* on environmental issues. I

have been involved in the Environment Group for over 2 years and have organised many meetings. Off campus I have been very involved in the Native Forests Action Council where I am co-chair and newsletter editor. I am also a member of and involved in many other environmental organisations, as well as working in the environment field for the last two summers. Experience is necessary in writing submissions, letters and lobbying politicians.

Well, what do I hope to do next year?

We greenies need more representation at NZUSA level e.g. PAAC. I want to continue with articles, forums and liaising with environment organisations - getting a better awareness of environmental matters. Representation on university committees is important - such as safety and works. There is one project that I have not been able to do this year and that is a Recycling Centre on campus. I would envisage this involving the 12,000 students, the university departments, and catering. I would make this a priority for term one.

International Affairs Officer

JAMES DOLAN



I am James Dolan, a student currently studying for a BA/LLB.

I'm standing for International Affairs Officer for a number of reasons. Firstly I have a long standing interest in world affairs and already devote much of my time to this subject.

I feel I can offer a balanced point of view and represent your interests more fully on executive. Unfortunately all too often in the past it was the views of a mere handful of students, and only the views of those students, which were expressed as representing all of us on campus. I believe this is wrong and if elected I will endeavour to change this.

I would hope to bring to this position a common sense approach less likely to alienate people and more in tune with mainstream student feeling. It is for this reason that I am standing as an independent rather than standing for any one political faction.

If elected some of my objectives for 1986 would be to:

- Arrange debates on topical issues.
- Promote student awareness by reprinting articles from reputable international publications.
- Endeavour to explain to students AUSA policy, if possible through a regular column in *Craccum*.
- Review outdated AUSA policy in relation to international affairs.

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JOHN WAY



I fervently believe that I, John Way, am the best suited and able person to become International Affairs Officer of AUSA - destined to hold this office by the irresistible historic forces of social evolution. Not only am I a wonderful human-being (my opponents are not wonderful human-beings - some of them aren't even wonderful) and a Grand Reg of the Auckland Revolutionary Army, but I have actually seen Overseas and I am fairly convinced that we should continue to have affairs with them.

International Affairs is about intercultural exchange (a good thing), injustice (not a good thing), conflict (a bad thing) and oppression (a very, very bad thing). Generally speaking, it is ARA policy that oppression is a jolly antisocial and depressing item, and should be done away with more or less right away. Also injustice. We may also have a bash at conflict (after we've had a bash at Alf's Imperial Army).

My personal field of study is the oppressive nature of societies dominated by small, bloody-minded newspapers, and the high incidence of intercultural conflict brought about by the wholesale slaughter of small homeless rodents to cater for the growing trade in tasteless and structurally unsound berets. Long live the revolution! Vote Sibling Way!

FRASER WOOD



Hi! I am a second year BA student majoring in political studies and I am presently standing for the position of International Affairs Officer.

I see the role of International Affairs Officer as having two main functions. Firstly there is the educative role where I will aim to provide balanced information on international issues that would be of interest to the entire student body, in a medium readily accessible to students. For example - speakers in the quad, a column on International News in Craccum, the building of a permanent display case in the Lower Common Room and the establishing of formal contacts with student associations in other countries. All of these will provide an interchange of ideas and experiences valuable in understanding international issues.

The second main function of an

International Affairs Officer, I believe, is to facilitate debate. This is a very important part of the position as no one should ever presume to have a monopoly on information or a certain point of view. Although I am a member of several groups on campus, I place a very high emphasis on this aspect of International Affairs. I will, therefore, provide forums for valuable debate entertaining different points of views on student concerns.

As far as experience is concerned I have been rather fortunate in having three years travelling overseas before coming to varsity. Although I have been relatively uninvolved in student politics until recently, I have been a member of various different clubs, I was an International Affairs delegate to May Council this year and an ASA (Asian Students Association) delegate to a PAAC (Public Affairs Action Committee) meeting in June. At present I am the only student representative going to an International Conference in the Philippines later in September, where I hope to make valuable contacts with students from other countries.

Presently our involvement in International issues seems to be limited to South Africa and the Pacific. I believe more emphasis should be placed in the regional context of the South Pacific of which we are an integral part and special emphasis should be placed on nuclear free and independence policies.

Violations of student rights are no less important nor less urgent is Asia or South America for example. Living in New Zealand we enjoy the luxury of relative political freedom - more so than students in many other countries. I believe we must use that freedom constructively - not squander it. In this vain I believe I will be an effective International Affairs Officer by facilitating debate on a wide range of issues which affect the international arena and have consequences for us all!

Media Officer

BRYCE COAD

Do you think the media on Campus should be entirely open? I do, and as I believe this is currently not the case, I am standing for the AUSA Executive position of Media Officer.

My name is Bryce Coad. I have been at University for a couple of years, and while I haven't been on AUSA Committees attendance at numerous SRC's and General Meetings have given me a participants perspective on AUSA and the political figures involved. I'm basically unhappy with the majority of Executive Members, while I appreciate the moves for change by the Senior Executive members. I believe change is necessary, and wish to get on the Executive to push for changes in the



Student Media, and to promote disseminations of information.

CRACCUM - After the Partisan attitude displayed over the recent Presidential elections my confidence in this paper is rapidly diminishing. I believe the Craccum Editor should be democratically elected, as this would provide an editor accountable to students. However I don't believe Editors should be selective in which letters they print purely to manipulate student opinion to be concurrent with their own. Another meeting has been called to get the Craccum Editor being elected, for which I am one of the chief petitioners.

CAMPUS NEWS - This years Executive denied Campus News access to AUSA information - cos it didn't like the paper politically. I supported the move by the President and Leighton Duley at an SRC meeting to give Campus News the access to information it now shares equally with Craccum.

CAMPUS RADIO - This runs well. I have often been up and observed it's operation, and discussed matters with Radio staff. I am glad to see the recent increase in Student news, and would continue to encourage such positive use of the airwaves.

FREE PRESS - One classic example of a necessary change relates to TISA card. This student discount card has been prohibited from being advertised in Campus media, by this years Exec, despite protest from the President and Vice-Presidents. The majority of Exec didn't like the person who manages the discount service. Personal prejudices should not deprive students of what could be useful information.

EXPERIENCE - As well as being a student, I have worked for 2½ years. During this time I had committee experience on the Branch Committee of the NZPO's city faultroom. I was often a delegate for this committee which made decisions concerning millions of dollars. I have been involved in various student clubs. I have had limited media experience, as this term I became a Campus News staff member. If elected, I will resign from Campus News, because a Media Officer should be impartial.

Please get out and vote on the 7th and 8th of August and elect a good executive working for your interests.

KIRSTEN COLLINS



My name's Kirsten Collins, I'm a second year B.A. student, co-news editor at Campus Radio and I'm standing for position of Media Officer in 1986.

My involvement with student media in the practical sense began this year when I joined the Campus Radio news team. But my involvement started last year even as an 'ordinary' student reading Craccum and listening to Campus Radio. That experience showed me that student media plays an important part in and has a lot to offer to student life, politics and

'culture'. It also performs a vital role in offering an alternative to the 'established' media - an alternative that both questions and confronts students.

In a University as big as Auckland it is important to establish some cohesive links between students so that information and ideas can be exchanged. Craccum and Campus Radio are both vital to this, and what has been produced this year sets a precedent for a high 'professional' standard of the media. As Media Officer I would seek to maintain this, and would support changes aimed at improving this present level of 'professionalism'.

My experience as a News Editor has reinforced my belief in the need for communication among students. The Media Officer chairs meetings of the publications board which grants money to student groups for magazines, newsletters etc. These publications are another facet of communication - bringing students into contact with the clubs and societies on campus. Effectiveness of this kind of communication is important in creating greater student involvement in all aspects of university life.

Working with the news team has also offered me the opportunity to take part in the day to day running of a station. Student media should involve students both in the sense of audience participation and in providing an opportunity for practical media experience. I would like to see this opportunity widened and publicised, and as Media Officer I would offer my full support to the continuation of the media workshops run by Craccum and Campus Radio earlier this year.

Lastly, because I place so much importance on student media as part of varsity life, I also place considerable importance on the position of Media Officer in its role of liaising between executive and media. I feel that my enthusiasm for the media, belief in its worth to students and a desire to maintain and improve the status of media on campus, will all contribute to my effectiveness and commitment as Media Officer - both on executive and in the capacity of Chairperson of the Craccum and Campus Radio administration boards (and the newly formed media complaints tribunal).

National Affairs Officer

ADRIAN HOLROYD



I, Adrian Holroyd, being of sound body, do hereby make my policy statement for the position, known, if not to all them at least to sundry, as NAO (Please do not confuse this with EIEIO).

Well girls and boys, with me around things are certainly going to be different. Not that they wouldn't be different without me around. Mind you, it's just that the

difference there might be if I wasn't would be so similar to the difference you have now that you'll probably sleep through next year as well. Face it, nothing is more appalling than a difference that lacks sparkle. (No disrespect intended to the current NAO).

And, as I was saying, with me (a revolutionary) in Office, there'll be no worries in that sector. In fact, there'll be no worries at all. Ever. Yes siree, with sibling Holroyd of the Auckland Revolutionary Army in power, National Affairs will be a whole lot of fun I can tell you. Here's a couple of tit-bits to get you interested:

- * I will move to have oppression of any kind made illegal nationwide (not just where it suits the police). Anyone found guilty of oppression will have their lips nailed to their kneecaps.

- * I will move to make my own job superfluous; National Affairs generally involve thinking Nationlike, having National Pride, which generally involves Other-Nation-Bashing. This is a very bad thing.

- * The Swanlake Media Corporation will become the all powerful publishing body in N.Z., and will take special interest in any student publications that give bad press to lemmings.

Fight Oppression! Freedom for the People!

Up the Revolution!!

Solidarity Siblings

WAYNE McDUGALL



Hi, I'm Wayne McDougall, a 1st year student doing a B Com. I've become involved in student affairs; a few examples are Physics Class Rep, Chess Club Treasurer, S.R.C. Rep on the Publication Grants Committee, and always having a keen interest in student policies.

It is too easy to sit around complaining. I see the position of National Affairs Officer as an opportunity to take positive action on issues of student concern.

National Affairs have become increasingly important with the election of the Labour Government. Such major changes as GST and the Bill of Rights are being rushed in. I see it as vital that students be informed of these changes and their implications. AUSA may be your only organisation with a national voice that you have a say in. Students must have the right to voice their views on issues of national importance; issues that affect us not only as students, but for the remainder of our lives.

And there are many other issues that I would be deeply involved in as National Affairs Officer. Housing, unemployment, the economy, government - I feel that we are letting the government get away with too much because some of their policies are acceptable. Already we are seeing signs that their economic plans are going astray as inflation soars.

Further, we must ensure that their promises are kept. I am thinking of such areas as gay rights and the

protection of native forests. If elected as NAO, then I would be working in close co-operation with the Environmental Affairs Officer, International Affairs Officer, the Welfare Officer and indeed all the Executive as National Affairs touches such a wide range of student life.

My job would involve actioning AUSA policy. Here we are also looking at other aspects such as the Bursary Support Package and Racism in Aotearoa. We need to look home, after the cancellation of the Tour.

With the winds of change touching the association, we need a dynamic, enthusiastic National Affairs Officer to deal with the sweeping reforms of the Labour Government and the perennial problems of New Zealand. I can bring a breath of fresh air to this position.

RAYMOND WHEELER



I first enrolled in 1981 and have been a full-time student for four of the five years since. In this time I have seen a number of Executives operate with a variety of success, and have participated in many of the referendums, SRC's and general meetings that have occurred over the years. Last year I ran, unsuccessfully, for the position of SRC Chairperson. To date, I am a class rep for two papers and a committee member of the largest club on campus.

Every year, student politicians mount their bandwagon's and expound on the wonderful policies they will implement if elected. Well quite frankly I'm not prepared to make such rash promises.

Next year's student politicians need to be a different breed. What is urgently required is a group of individuals who are prepared to look at the problems facing students objectively, and to search for new alternatives to alleviate these problems.

The present economic climate being what it is, I see it as very unlikely that the bursary will ever become a living wage. It was initially intended as a grant and study aid only. Nevertheless, present lobbying should not cease and the government must be seen to realise that we need good summer employment to compensate for the expenses of studying.

With regards to accommodation, Auckland is unlike other campuses in that the city is so highly populated that transport and accommodation costs are phenomenal. Combined with the fact that inner city housing is becoming popular with the highly waged, we end up with a situation where we are probably worse off than most other University students around New Zealand. There are various successful accommodation schemes on campuses around New Zealand but I feel that facets of all these schemes may be needed to produce an accommodation system that is workable for the geography and attitudes of Auckland.

Graduate unemployment is another area of concern and is at present running at about 8%. This is particularly interesting when broken down to individual faculties, with arts at about 8%, science at 10% and law at 15%. In contrast, commerce is running at practically nil. It is apparent that some work needs to be done in this area.

Essentially what is needed is an Executive that will co-operate for the benefit of ALL students. So NOW is the time for concern. NOW is the time to ensure our money is wisely spent. And to this end I have chosen as a campaign slogan OBJECTIVITY: 'Students before Politics.'

Overseas Students Officer

SYLVIA 'AKAU'OLA



My name is Sylvia Akauola from Tonga. I am a second year student of the Arts Faculty doing a BA majoring Maths/Anthropology. My experience ranges from youth leadership to being a high school teacher - I taught for four years at Tonga High School. I am now President of the Tongan Students Association. I have been involved in the Overseas Students Collective in activities like Cultural Mosaic and International Students week. I have also worked with other students in preparations for the coming Pacific Studies Conference. I would like to stand for Overseas Students Officer because I am interested in promoting the welfare of Overseas Students in all aspects. That is:

Educational activities eg. OSAC/Fees
Welfare and Cultural activities eg. Orientation/holiday jobs/
International Students Week
Social activities eg. get together/dances.

Also I would like to facilitate and coordinate activities to provide closer links between overseas and local students.

Societies' Representative

SHAUN JONES



I am a 3rd year Science student majoring in Physical Geography. I have been involved in clubs around the university over this time.

The position of Societies Representative is involved in the liaisoning between clubs and societies and the executive. This includes chairing a clubs grants committee, which decides the allocation of grants to fund the activities of clubs and societies on campus.

The promotion of clubs and societies and a greater improvement in the Clubs and Societies grants budget is first and foremost in the mind of the intending Societies Representative. A greater representation of clubs and societies on executive and an increase in the awareness of executive of the input clubs and societies have on the social life around campus.

TRISH SHAW



I'm a 4th year BSc student, finishing my degree in Chemistry this year. Next year I will be doing two papers COP so I will have plenty of time for my Exec duties.

I am the current Societies Rep and I have found the portfolio to have three main areas of work:

(a) *Helping clubs with general queries* - how to run functions, how to book rooms, contact people etc. This requires being available a reasonable amount of time; even leaving your home phone available.

(b) *Affiliation* - most of this work is in the first term and involves answering questions on how to fill out forms, (what forms?), and checking the technical details such as percentage of non-student members etc. The Socs Rep has to be at every SRC for club affiliations to answer questions and has to make sure that each club has a representative present for questions as well.

(c) *Grants Committee* - The Socs Rep chairs this committee. This year there will be three Grants meeting (two have been, one to come). The first was a whole weekend and the second an evening meeting. Each meeting takes a lot of preparation. Getting applications from clubs, distributing them to the rest of the committee and helping clubs prepare their applications.

Having grasped the basic mechanics of the portfolio, I feel that a second term of office would enable me to expand the positions' work. Particular areas of work would be:

a) a new van for Club and Soc use.
b) a regular contribution by clubs to Craccum and Campus Radio.
c) continuing work in the area of Faculty Club Commonrooms and their funding, for example, Med School, Engineering and Law

As well as portfolio duties there are general Exec responsibilities eg helping advertise general meetings, Exec meeting etc. I have enjoyed working on Exec and I feel confident that, if elected, I will be able to continue working with the rest of Exec.

I am also on the University Public Relations Committee, AUSA Finance Committee and I am the 1985 School Visits Organiser.

For the position of Socs Rep it is important to have experience and continuity, and I can offer these qualities.

DAVID WARD

I've been a member of several clubs since I first came to University, and I think it's about time that the masses rose up and threw off the shackles of outdated

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As Clubs and Sox being, I shall be allowing myself to be intimidated (or even irritated) by the vile minions of certain well-known student publications or the approved confederates of a certain president of a certain student organisation not a million miles from the very spot.

live the Revolution!
Solidarity, Siblings!
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Sports Officer DOUGLAS ALO



Hi guys! Doug's the name, and I'm your Sports Officer encumbant. I took over from Bernie Kennelly when he resigned half-way through this year. I've played most major sports including rugby and rugby league at club level, cricket, trampolining and parachuting. I'm currently an active member of A.U. Samoan Students Association, N.Z. Karate Association varsity branch, and a past member of the Strength and Health Club. So much for past and/or relevant experience!

The major policy with which I swept (or should I say squeezed) into office was that of approachability. An open ear to clubs and a friendly face at executive level. This I believe I have achieved, although the task of coming to terms with the job half way through the year and immediately before a Winter Tournament was at first somewhat daunting.

I also made a commitment to minority sports groups, in particular the martial arts of which there are none on campus. To that end I affiliated a second Tae Kwon Do club, and am currently working on expanding the Winter Tournament karate contest to cover more than one style (there are four on campus). To these ends I have held meetings with the chief instructors of N.Z. Tae Kwon Do Federation, N.Z. Karate Association and the N.Z. Rembuden Karate Institute.

At the time of my election I was asked what I was going to do to make campus sports facilities more accessible to women. Then as now, I believed that the decision to participate in sports was one very much up to the individual, male or female, and there was little that I could do to increase that desire.

I have organised some womens self-defence classes for the third term, hope fully for free, and I now realise that it would have been more politically expedient to have them before elections, but I guess I'm just not a political animal.

Finally, I want to make a suggestion. If you really want to know who you're voting (or not voting for) come by my office and have a chat. Judge for yourself whether or not I'm competent to be holding office. That afterall should be the deciding factor, regardless of my race, sex or personal convictions.

RAOUL FENELON



Hi, my name is Raoul. I thought you might love to know about me. Judge for yourself that I am a worthy Sports Officer for you.

I am 37 and am in my 14th year of varsity, currently studying small furry animals and double majoring in unified field theory and wheelbarrow design. I have B.Sc's in Astronomy, Trampolining and Plate Tectonics; and am a dab hound at streamlining flatfish. I have field experience in bacteriological warfare and I know how to build A-bombs. (I've got one at home under my pillow!)

I ran away from home at the age of four and served on tramp steamers running errands for the Captain and occasionally sinking an enemy submarine, before spending an interesting period as an accountant for the Mau-Mau in Central Africa. At the age of 16 I flew to Paraguay in a home-built gyro-copter made from an old bathtub, some condensed milk cans, and a conveniently weird rodent. There I sold prawn canapes in an isolated mountain village until I was recruited as a mercenary before inventing a new kind of windscreen sealant and learning an interesting pub trick involving a Wagner electric spray gun, a six inch nail, the other blokes pint, and an unsuspecting frog.

At various times I have been the political leader of all the major nations of the world, although only for short periods so this doesn't really count. However, as a member of the ARA. I feel it my solemn duty to fight oppression, tackle tasteless tabbeds, and pompous puffed up, plagiarising berets.

I was a member of my schools 1st XV and 1st XI, was captain of the swimming and basketball teams, and represented Auckland in Cricket, Badminton, Skiing, Weightlifting and Gardening. My current interests are gymnastics, yachting, ludo and mountaineering.

I am not of your World,
Vote Fenelon A.R.A. Solidarity
Siblings!

JILL SEGEDIN



Hi, I am Jill Segedin and I am running for Sports Officer for 1986. I am a second year B.A. student and I play cricket, rugby and hockey, cricket being my main sport. I want to be your Sports Officer because I love sport and want to represent the sporting people of this university on the executive.

I believe sport is a very important facet of the university. It is an excellent compliment to academic studies and a very good way of getting involved in university life. However, I feel that sport has been neglected in the running of the Students' Association and in the last few years the sports officers have made little effort to change this. As Sports Officer I would endeavour to increase the prestige of sport on this campus and work with the executive to achieve the most I can for sporting people.

I feel that more publicity of sport is needed on campus. I would like to see increased emphasis in *Craccum* and on Campus Radio as well as general information of sport on campus in all areas rather than just in the Rec Centre. With increased publicity I would hope to encourage more students to get involved in sport especially first year and women students. Now that individual fitness is being recognized as very important, getting involved in a sport or fitness classes is the best thing one can do. This university has excellent sporting facilities with the Rec Centre right here on campus, the complex at Merton Rd, and a large range of sporting clubs to suit almost everyone.

I am confident that I can do the job of sports officer well and feel that I will be able to work with the executive. This year I have tried to get more involved in student affairs. I am working, at the moment, with the three winter tournament controllers in the area of publicity.

If elected I will make myself available to any sporting person as I feel communication between you and your executive members is very important. I would be representing you so I would try to voice your opinions as much as possible.

SRC Chair

BERNARD KENNELLY



I'm a fourth year BSc student majoring in Maths/Physics aiming to finish my degree this year. Over the last two years I have taken a very active interest in the Association attending nearly every SRC meeting and also being on the Executive as the Sports Officer last year and for the first half of this year. I have also been the Official AUSA delegate to the various NZUSU Easter, Winter and Annual General Meetings as well as the NZUSU Finance Committee Meeting. I know how the Association functions and have the relative experience to organise meetings for students.

The SRC Chair is a very important position on the Executive as this is the position where the majority of student input is supposed to come from. Too often in the past the position has been abused by the people holding it because they show

their bias one way or another in the discussion on the motions. They have also shown scant disregard for the student view when a motion they personally disagree with is passed. I have, at various times as an AUSA delegate, had to vote the way AUSA policy dictates rather than my own personal view and would have no second thoughts on doing so again in the future if it means that the students view is being pushed.

I've chaired many committees within the Association, including the Sports Grants Sub-Committee (in charge of \$24,000 of student money), Sports Council (Sports equivalent of SRC), Winter Tournament Organising Committee and the occasional parts of Executive meetings. I have a very good grasp of the Associations Standing Orders as well as the Constitution and believe that I have the experience to be able to chair SRC's very well.

JOHN PAUL II



My Children,

In such confusing times we all need guidance. A friend, a parent, a neighbour, a pope - a helpful pontiff to assist on lifes stormy seas. A person with knowledge of both the bible and dress sense. I feel I fit these criteria, being the planets only pope. I feel I am suitable to ride on All's conservative tide, being experienced in faith, guilt and fear.

Upon entering the post I intend to use my ideas to alter SRC based on the teachings of Mathew, Mark, Luke, John and Huxley. I see the post as a chance to express myself politically outside of the bureaucratic role I normally am forced to play.

For SRC meetings I would encourage the continual playing of loud evil music and settling of potential arguments through violence.

Once I have gained a taste of the running of AUSA I intend with the help of my ARA siblings to extend activities overall campus. This will include funding groups interested in looting pillaging and generally breaking things.

Eventually all forms of spiritual, social, political and psychological oppression will be crushed. This will involve the breaking down of all doctrine, dogma and logical positivists, their running dogs, lackies and gerbils. The existing social order with its calvinistic philosophy will crumble and fall as a massive upsurging of personal liberation will cover the country. All Post Offices, banks, embassies, offices, factories, schools, churches, buildings and trees will be raised in an orgy of liberation and destruction.

From the remnants of the old order will arise phoenix like the Pacifist/Anarchist Golden age, the final stage of the social evolution. But before this I will be nice to animals, pick up litter and generally make SRC's a fab place to be.

JBII - The evolutionary anarchist candidate.



Hi, I'm Kirsten, this year's SRC Chair.

I'm a 4th year Arts (and ex-Law) student who's been active in student politics for the last couple of years.

So why am I standing again?

This year I've really enjoyed doing the job of running SRC's, organising publicity, drawing up the agenda and minutes and ensuring the weekly meetings go off smoothly. This year I designed a new SRC poster (there hadn't been an SRC poster for 2 years) and have rewritten the Standing Orders (the rules of the meeting to clear up anomalies and ambiguities)! In a lighter vein I've restored the Chocolate Fish award for the most interesting/funny/boring speeches.

This year SRCs have had a larger number of students attending regularly than ever before, in part because of the number of controversial issues that have been raised. In these situations, what is needed is a person who knows the constitution and meeting procedure thoroughly. I feel I've got the experience and skills to continue to efficiently run SRC's.

In 1986, if I'm re-elected I even have a few new ideas!!!

— run SRC's in different faculties like Med School, Engineering, Elam etc.

— bring back guest chairs like Tim Shadbolt, Cath Tizard.

— relocate SRC's in a venue that is carpeted, quieter than the Cafe Ext.

— get the SRC budget increased, to permit increased advertising.

— Don't forget to vote Tuesday and Wednesday but more importantly come along to SRC's every Wednesday 1pm in the Cafe Ext.

(you might even win a Chocolate Fish)!

ANN WEBSTER

Kia Ora,

My name is Ann Webster and I'm a second year Arts student majoring in Education and Psychology. I'm standing for Welfare Officer because I feel it is one of the most important positions within executive as it involves considerable liaising with University administration and students. The duties of Welfare Officer are anything involved with the welfare of students which gives the elected person a very broad base of concerns to work within so I'll outline my personal fields of interest.

Obviously one of my major concerns is one that involves most of us - bursaries. I believe that the criterion for receiving special assistance should be more flexible particularly for the accommodation and hardship grants. This is a problem that will require co-ordinated work from all the executive members with responsibility in this area, as well as work from the student body. Student accommodation is another problem related to students low access to finance and as it is unlikely that we'll all be able to manage on our bursaries next year, one that needs urgent attention.

I am very interested in continuing the work in which this year's Welfare Officer has made some headway especially as regards some form of dental service for students. Colin has also been very helpful for student/parents and as a mother I would like to continue with this work. I would like to be of some use to the ethnic groups on campus who



have to cope with an education system which is orientated largely towards the Pakeha. Lastly I think

that the welfare services which are available should be widely publicized so students know where they can get assistance.

I have had very little experience within the Association or in the type of role that Welfare Officer requires - this however does not daunt me. I have the qualities necessary for the job, as I am determined, sympathetic and concerned about students physical and mental welfare.

Women's Rights Officer

LISA SABBAGE



Kia Ora, my name is Lisa Sabbage. This is the final year of my degree in English and Art History. I've been involved in student politics for almost two years now, having been to two NZ Student Councils and a February workshop as a WAC (Women's Affairs Commission) delegate for AUSA and also a Students Arts Council. At the moment I'm the SRC Secretary, a member of the Womenspace Journal Collective and the Womenspace Collective itself, as well as being a contact person for the Harassment Grievance Procedure. This year I was one of the Orientation Co-ordinators, organizing the Womens Film Festival, Freudian Slips, activities for International Womens' Day.

I see WRO as a vital position in that it represents women at this university, responding to their problems and needs, on both a personal and political level. I see three main areas of concern for women at University:

Getting there - Unemployment affects women to a great extent as they are limited to areas of work traditionally relegated to them. Thus women students often have difficulty in funding summer jobs

and stay at university. Of course this problem is not unique to women alone, but it is intensified in our situation because as govt. statistics show, women often receive less pay for the same jobs that men do.

Staying There - Once at university women are not encouraged to enter faculties which have traditionally been associated with men (eg medicine & engineering). Support groups are necessary so that women can get the affirmation they might not otherwise receive. Even in departments where the number of women students is high, the proportion of establishing support groups, facilities need to be encouraged to have an active policy of employing women in teaching positions.

An effective Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure which has the confidence of all students should continue to be pushed for to ensure that those in positions of power do not exploit that power.

University is an extremely alienating place and can be more so for those returning to study after a break. For women with children the availability of an accessible and open Creche facility is essential in order for them to study and participate freely in university activities. Specific recognition and support needs are to be available for women dealing with other difficulties at university - Maori women, Lesbian women, women of colour, and Overseas student women, for instance.

Continuing to live outside university - University is not isolated from the rest of society, although we tend to forget this. What affects women outside the institution also affects women within it. So it's really important that education about sexual violence against women - pornography, rape, incest - taken place, raising the awareness of both women and men students about the manifestations of the problem and what can be done to solve it.

Finally, I see the position of WRO as a collective resource for all women students to use, providing personal and political help, information and material, time and space, a facility for your expression as women.

Parent Action

At enrolment this year the members of Parent Action ran a survey of over 500 students/parents to assess the need for childcare on campus. Currently we are focusing attention on the problems of parents with schoolaged children, for although most people can appreciate the types of difficulties student/parents of young children have there is a prevalent attitude that once the children start school the problems are over.

The survey has shown that respondents have a total of 624 schoolaged children. Given that many courses are in times outside of school hours, particularly in the Social Sciences where many returning parents' field of interest lies, some very serious difficulties begin to arise.

This for many means doing a degree arranged around school hours, something that is unacceptable in view of principles such as equal access to education.

Student/parents also face many other difficulties in attaining a university education. School aged children may be less demanding in terms of physical care, but they sleep less and require more care given to child interaction. This severely limits student/parents energy and available study time.

For this reason Parent Action is proposing a supervision scheme whereby schoolaged may be provided care while their parents are left free to make choices about the course their degree will take.

All students will know that to do papers that they are not interested in means that they often lose incentive and perform badly or dropout, so in the interests of student/parents having the chance

to enjoy and feel motivated by the papers they are doing, we hope that students will be supportive of the supervisor scheme.

Student/parents contribute over \$3,500 a year to the Student Union for which we feel we see very little in return. Because of the lack of childcare parents do not have the option of using many of the available facilities and the social attitude toward student/parents is not receptive to them being involved in activities with their children.

The supervisor scheme would also be extremely beneficial for single-parents who do not have the support of a partner and can therefore find getting study-time extremely difficult.

Student/parents are beginning to feel discriminated against because they have children and although we 'choose' to have children or at least to raise them ourselves this does not mean that we should be penalised by society. We also feel that children are a portion of society that people like to keep hidden away in homes or schools. It would be far more desirable if children could be an accepted part of the university system giving their parents the chance to have a role within the university also.

There is a principle of educational access involved in these problems for parents. We supposedly all have the right to attain what we will within the education system but the current lack of childcare facilities means that student/parents do not have equal educational access.

Parent Action also feels that the limited childcare available is particularly penalising women as the role of caregiver often falls to them.

Access to education



Therefore we see childcare as essential for women to have the capacity to make choices about their lives.

Parents do not see their children as burdens but enrichments, they only want the chance to continue their individual lives. It is unreasonable to expect a person to sacrifice all that motivates them to care for a child (something which most people do not find enormously stimulating). Many parents within our group say that their university life has improved their relationship with their children rather than impaired it as has often been claimed.

Basically an unhappy, unstimulated parent makes for a dissatisfied child, many parents need outside interests to make them feel stimulated and useful. Parent Action hopes that students will support our case as the lack of childcare facilities at Auckland University means that people do not have equal access to education, and we should all object to such limitations being placed on people who want to learn.

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The Disarming World

A Scientist speaks:

'Scientists must be pioneers of the new, huge peace army, for they are able to understand more deeply than anyone else what modern war means,' said French researcher Irene Joliot-Curie in 1950, just a few years after the end of the Second World War and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Today, in view of the aggravated international situation and the growing danger of nuclear war caused by the increased build-up of nuclear might on the part of the USA and NATO, this statement is as meaningful as ever. Professor Friedrich Jung, M.D., Director emeritus of the Central Institute of Molecular Biology of the Academy of Sciences of the GDR (East Germany), Chairperson of the Council of Elders in the Medical Research Council of the GDR and member of the GDR Peace Council, spoke on the peace commitment of natural scientists in a recent exclusive interview.

The question of war and peace has always preoccupied humanity. Today, however, when new weapons systems are constantly being developed, the question has become more acute than ever before for the inhabitants of the earth. How do you as a scientist view this problem?

The methods of waging war were always determined by the degree of scientific and technological development. The harnessing of atomic energy, the progress of the biological sciences, of chemistry and microelectronics have led to a decisive change in our times: although wars have certainly always brought much suffering to humanity, the new nuclear and chemical weapons of mass destruction, combined with missile technology, threaten humanity with self-destruction.

This already began during the First World War with the first chemical weapons. It continued with the development of nerve gases, with the discovery of ecological poisons and with the production of napalm - both the latter were used by the USA in Vietnam - and reached the dreadful climax in the unleashing of nuclear energy over Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Now, at the end of the century, there are neutron weapons, cruise missiles and the treat uttered by Reagan of a 'star war', of hurling down fire from space. We also know about the possibility of biological weapons, of causing dangerous illnesses by means of genetic techniques or of the production of highly poisonous toxins through biotechnical processes. The presently existing nuclear weapons alone are sufficient to wipe out every living thing on this earth many times over.

The cause of this misuse of science is no more secret than the cause of war in general. It is the striving for predominance and for the power and force necessary for that. The crime of Hiroshima was not necessary to the military struggle against imperialist Japan; rather it was a signal from Truman as to who would have the say on this earth. It was a threat which was repeated with the development of the hydrogen bomb, the neutron bomb, the Pershing and the cruise missiles, as well as with their deployment in Western Europe, and which has come to a peak in the US administration's first-strike option. This policy pursued at the behest of the military-industrial complex and the most aggressive interest groups in imperialism has repeatedly and systematically undermined the efforts towards equal security and arms control. It has brought incalculable suffering to the peoples through direct military aggression in such places as Vietnam and

Grenada, or by means of covert actions as in Chile, in the Middle East, in Nicaragua and El Salvador, and it continues to do so. And there exist scientists who have placed themselves at the service of this policy, who have delivered up their knowledge to the possessors of power, 'to use it, not to use it, to misuse it, whichever serves their purposes ... they have betrayed their profession,' to use the words of Brecht.

During your visits to numerous European countries you have been able to convince yourself that the worldwide movement for peace and disarmament has achieved new dimensions in view of the acute threat posed by the US policy of arms build-up. What significance do you attribute to this development?

I should like to proceed from the axiom that the ensuring of peace is a basic principle of our social system. This was already expressed at the founding of the USSR, and it was also the fundamental principle of the establishment of the GDR 35 years ago. It is borne by the firm will of all our citizens. We are thus not an inconsiderable part of the worldwide peace movement. It is also certain that the struggle for peace and disarmament in the world has developed into one of the greatest social forces, into a mass movement. There are two problems confronting us. The first, and most obvious, is that the present nuclear potential threatens everyone, regardless of his or her adherence to this or that philosophy or social systems. Scientific analyses of the results of a nuclear attack show very clearly that there is

no chance of survival. This compels us to peaceful coexistence, and the peace movement is succeeding more and more in making that clear. The second problem is more basic: it is that of trust. The defamation of socialism and of the socialist states has always been a recurrent theme. How often has Reagan stated that for him we are 'evil itself'? And using every trick in the book the capitalist mass media 'confirm' this! Our socio-political programme, our housing construction, our health system and particularly the care for mother and child, our efforts in the spheres of education, culture and science, indeed the entire way in which we live in socialism demonstrates the opposite: that our society is pledged only to peace and to a happy future. This is the actual basis of trust, also of our

I believe that nature has given us the drive for perception, so that we, on the basis of better knowledge about ourselves and the world, can make our life more beautiful and easier. In this sense the control over nuclear energy, molecular biology and genetics, biocatalyst chemistry - all these are to be regarded in the same way as our insights into the laws governing our life together in human society. As a scientist I have the duty of always seeing things in relation to the whole. As a medical scientist I know to what a dismaying extent I can manipulate life today through biocatalysts or surgery. As a doctor, however, who has this knowledge at his disposal, I also know that I must constantly pay attention to the dignity of my patients. Man is to man a res sacra, a holy thing, and

'A Duty to see things in Relation to the Whole'

trust in the declarations of the leadership of this society with regard to the renunciation of a first strike, to the desire for disarmament and the necessity of a world free of nuclear weapons. The international movement for peace and disarmament, in which the doctors and scientists are active, is increasingly successful in making that clear.

How do you as a scientist regard your particular responsibility for the future of our planet in this connection?

If America builds up its nuclear arsenal, what is to prevent the Soviets from keeping pace?



US soldiers with nuclear missile: The debate goes on.

Herman J. Kokojan—Black Star

never an object. Exactly the same is true when, for example, a physicist or chemist knows that his science can have a retroactive effect upon human society and influences the question of 'war or peace'.

Knowledge is an obligation. It obligates one not only with regard to the results of one's own work, but also in general. When we see people around us living carelessly for only the present day, we cannot remain still. We have to enlighten people as to the nature of the new weapons, which are no longer weapons in the normal sense, but rather means of mass destruction. We have to enlighten people about the effects of the USA's enforced arms race on our quality of life, and not least about the unceasing efforts of the governments of all socialist countries to stop this madness.

What role do the scientists of our country play at an international level?

One of many examples is our work in the movement of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. First we have analysed the results of a nuclear war with exact scientific methods and have shown that no matter what variants one poses, such a war would represent the 'final epidemic', for which there is no cure. This finding, backed up by the authority of a professional group particularly competent in questions of the life and health of mankind, cannot be ignored by any responsible politician in the world. The same is true for the positions taken by other committed groups of scientists, particularly the physicists. Naturally, we scientists also make our advice available when it comes to concrete measures, for instance agreements in disarmament negotiations, and I can see that this advice is welcome here and is put to use. Only one meaning for it: to serve peace and the happiness of its citizens. This state will never misuse science.

The scientists of the GDR, in my opinion, can be proud of the contribution that they have made to the struggle of the friends of peace throughout the world. At the present stage in which all bear great responsibility, the development of events and the intensity of the fight against the incendiaries of a new war demand of scientists as well that they increase their efforts even more. Through their knowledge and experience as well as their scientific authority they can and must make an important contribution to the saving of mankind from a nuclear catastrophe. Herein lies the highest expression of the humanist character of science and of its responsibility towards the peoples.

All questions which today are recognised as being global and not subject to postponement can only be solved through the common efforts of people and the joint work of the scientists of the world.

I am in agreement with the view of Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the SED Central Committee and Chairman of the GDR State Council, that the present international situation is not irremediable, but that one has to do something to improve it. Here I recall the 1970s with their positive achievements in carrying out the principles of peaceful coexistence between states with differing social systems. We scientists of the GDR as well will intensify our activities in order to contribute to an improvement in the climate of international relations during the 1980s.

BURSARY NEWS

BURSARY NEWS - THE SUMMARY

NZUSA's contribution to the Governments Bursary Review is the Student Support Package. Over the past few weeks *Craccum* has focused on specific areas of the Support Package. This week *Craccum* summarises it.

The basis of NZUSA's argument is that the state has a responsibility to ensure that everybody has a living income. Therefore the government must ensure that a student's income during the academic year combined with summer earnings is enough to live on. This is to make sure that students are not placed under any more strain than their academic work demands, and also to widen the range of people currently attending University.

It was with this aim in mind that NZUSA developed a raft of proposals to create a comprehensive package of student support.

BURSARY

- Accept current three tier structure of:
 - (1) Basic Grant (Tertiary Study Grant)
 - (2) Accommodation Grant
 - (3) Means tested Hardship Grant
- Widen eligibility to include:
 - (1) all students from their first year
 - (2) students on short courses
 - (3) secondary students over fifteen on a fully means tested basis.
- Raise the income level restrictions
- Review eligibility for overseas students and students dependent on a spouse.
- Keep bursary if pass half a full-time course (currently more than half).
- Students failing should have second chance by keeping the bursary for a second year.
- Students should be able to receive the bursary for as many years as they need it, i.e. unlimited tenure.
- All Grants inflation adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index.

Basic Grant

- Set at a fixed level - not means tested.

Accommodation Grant

- Available to all students living away from parents home regardless of age - not means tested.
- Increased to compensate for rent and power increases.



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Hardship Grant

- Make available to more students than currently.
- Mechanism to target assistance.
- Combine current hardship and special hardship grants to cover actual deficits.
- Make available to students with:
 - (1) low income due to low summer earnings or lack of parental support.
 - (2) high expenditure eg accommodation, travel or course costs.
 - (3) special circumstances eg having dependents or being disabled.

WELFARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- Students, as a low income group, need special assistance:
 - abolition of tuition fees
 - free medical and dental services
 - exemption from prescription charges
 - adequately funded welfare services on campus

- transport discounts
- housing assistance
- eligibility for Family Care

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

- Introduce three tier employment package:
 - (a) Permanency for Student Job Search with adequate funding to:
 - find work for students in public and private sectors
 - administer subsidised job schemes
 - (2) Retain Partial Subsidy: which creates a number of jobs, but the potential for employer abuse must be removed by stricter administration.
 - (3) Introduce a Fully Subsidised Community Based Safety Net Scheme, to assist students who cannot find other work or those disadvantaged in the job market. Only community organisations will be eligible to employ students under this scheme.
- Retain eligibility for the Emergency Unemployment Benefit with:
 - (1) no standdown period
 - (2) no parental means test
 - (3) income restriction as for Unemployment Benefit (currently \$25 per week).
- Overseas students to become eligible for subsidised work and retain eligibility for E.U.B.



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He WATSON About?

Classic is something that everybody wants to have read but nobody wants to read.

Mark Twain

Craccum is a classic student newspaper. I would like to be able to read the paper thoroughly, but I'm finding this more difficult. I am aware the Editors disagree with my opinion on election of Craccum Editors, and am aware they have supported another Presidential candidate - fine. People are entitled to their opinions.

To extend these personal opinions to the tone of the paper never does not do the credibility of Craccum much good. As a student I would love to have total confidence in AUSA's newspaper. As it stands I feel Campus News (despite its right beginnings) has captured more appropriately the mood of student opinion.

Articles such as the bogus Presidential column of last week written by the Craccum Editor are a waste of student time. (Ed: Graham failed to meet his twice extended deadline for last week's column. In the light of his election win, the bogus column hardly be called a 'tactic', more like a joke. Some people take them. Back to you Graham). Readers will only be disappointed, which is unfortunate as Craccum has some important messages.

Since the last column I wrote we have had a General Meeting to change the constitution to elect the Craccum Editor. The vote was 162-88 in favour of the proposal, yet 14-15 short of the required 2/3 majority needed to change the constitution. As it was so close the meeting will be held again on Monday the 18th August (last week of term). If you forgot to come last time and want to see change, please turn up to the meeting. Currently we are unsure whether the venue will be B28 lecture theatre or Rec. Centre. Upon clarification this will be clearly publicised. As the Craccum Editors are rightly chasing me up for my opinion as I'm beyond the deadline I'll curtail this quickly. Would all people who were good enough to vote in the recent elections consider voting in the AUSA Executive Elections this Wednesday and Thursday. This year I have had a difficult time with the majority of these 12 positions occupied by people who have consistently acted against student opinion. I suppose this is because in last years Exec elections only 1/3 the people voted as in the Presidential elections. The President and Vice-Presidents cannot achieve their election aims without a co-operative Executive. I am not going to endorse any Candidates in Campus Media or lecture speaking, as I don't feel it is right for me to try to influence your vote. A number of capable people are running for election and I naturally have personal preferences for most positions. Some of these preferences represent people with very different viewpoints. I would welcome anyone who wishes to know my personal preferences to ask me on a voting student to another voting student basis. Please scrutinise the candidates carefully, and make a positive decision at the polling booths next week.

Thanks,
Graham

EXECUTIVE

Exec Report - Wednesday 31 July

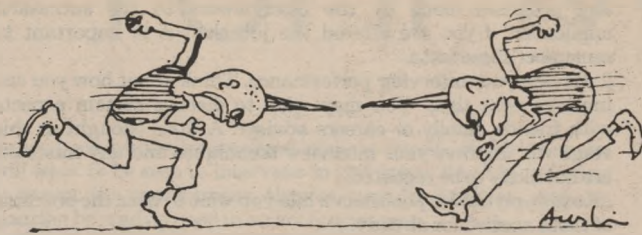
The meeting opened at 6.40pm with most Exec members and various interested bods present. Yes, that's right. The meetings are open to all students - the next one being Wednesday at 11pm where recommendations on next year's Association Fee will be decided. Exec decided to end the meeting at 11pm and several items got tabled until this Emergency Exec Meeting.

An example of this is a submission from the Auckland University Medical Students. They believe that since from 2nd years on they have very limited access to AUSA facilities, they should be able to pay a reduced rate, as the Teacher Trainees do. A committee on the subject of fees recommended 50% reduction for sixth years, and the Treasurer was satisfied with any plan, provided an increase in fees for other students compensated for the lost revenue. The Treasurer also reported a catering profit for the June quarter of \$24,000 although this could be revised down by \$15,000 for a truer view.

Exec also rediscussed the assault case during the Engineering capping. They want to know why the police weren't called in and urged ALL involved in the raids to come forward. The Maori Students Officer said, 'Mana is measured by what you DO, not what you say.'

The issue of TISA Card was again discussed and it was decided to have a major debate early in the 3rd term to which all interested parties could be invited. President Graham decided to go on with a 1/2 hr 'debate' against Exec wishes. The majority of the 1/2 hr was too short, especially as the Managing Director was likely to speak for much of this time. During the discussion, Graham said, 'I have never gone against Exec policy yet, but there is always a first time.' He also exclaimed 'I have no qualms against going against joke Exec Policy.' No clarification was given on what Graham considered joke policy.

There was also considerable discussion over whether Graham should be on the Committee to appoint Co-ordinators of the Chain Centre. Several Exec members felt Graham's interview technique left something to be desired. Examples were given of coming in late, eating his lunch, calling away other members for



private discourse, putting his feet on the table, leaving to campaign and not taking an interest. Graham defended himself saying he was inexperienced at the first interview and one example was not an interview for a staff member. Graham was finally appointed as the staff are responsible to him but he was urged to improve.

The final item of note was an expression of regret at the resignation of Secretary Bob Lack. Many Exec members felt regret regret was not a strong enough word, but Bob said 'Don't get so emotional about it ... I have done my best.' Exec couldn't even give him life membership - he already has it!

The meeting closed at 11.10pm.



Wayne McDougall

SRC REPORT

SRC Report - Wednesday 31 July

The meeting opened at 1pm with about 200 present. The enticement of free beer may have had something to do with this. Far be it from me to suggest this was an attempt to stack the meeting, but please come to S.R.C's. The more students present, the more difficult it is for groups to manipulate YOUR Association's policy.

The minutes of Exec and the last SRC were received and four clubs were affiliated. One was the Bucket Club - objectives include 'using student facilities cheaply!' - their affiliation was carried with acclamation (ie everyone clapped).

Several reports were received. There included G. Watson's and R. North's May (!) Council Reports and SRC Chair's proposed amendments to the constitution. Watch for these at the Winter General Meeting.

Our Environmental Officer Matt Kindley brought forth a motion supporting the Heritage NZ proposal. This was a Labour Government proposal designed to remove control of natural lands and waters from those departments devoted to 'developing' them. Thus the Forest Service wouldn't control native forests for example. The motion was carried, and Matt earned a chocolate fish for 'Greenie of the Week'.

Then came the election of delegates to the August Council. This meeting of representatives from all NZ universities is being hosted by Auckland.

Items of note: Tony Bell withdrew from Finance and Administration to stand for Co-ordinating Delegate. R. Wheeler, nominee for National Affairs Officer, stood for the National Commission but was narrowly defeated. A division was called for, but the claimant agreed to a hand count in support of the two delegates which was carried.

The three delegates to the Women's Commission are standing as a group and will only have two votes. The Maori Students' Council will determine the delegates to the Maori Commission.

Bernard Kennelly spent his time insulting his drinking companions by waving a sign with 'Yay' and 'Nay'. Obviously he was implying they were too intoxicated to use their judgement and/or too stupid to vote for the best delegates. He also felt the need to abstain or dissent with every motion.

Our President also stood for the position of Co-ordinating Delegate. Questions were asked relating to whether he would represent AUSA policy or speak as 'Graham Watson the Person'. Graham stated he always followed AUSA policy, and Rosemarie North received a Choc Fish for her effective questioning. It was also suggested that Graham be appointed a delegate to Invercargill! Graham also received a Choc Fish and a 'ticket to Invercargill' to compensate, but was not elected. Tony was questioned on his plans for restructuring NZUSA and gave some draft ideas.

After these elections the Engineer's illegal beer was confiscated and suddenly the number at the meeting dropped. You will, however, be pleased to know that all of AUSA are observers. (Dissent: Kennelly). Further, the South-West Men's Toilets are now known as the Jonathan Blakeman Memorial Shithouse.

At this stage the quorum walked in and out several times. The person who finally re-established it received a Choc Fish for her pains. This enabled a motion relating to the funding of the Commission in Defence of Student Rights and the Asian Students' Association to be passed. This cleared up the outstanding motions from last week in a revised form.

The meeting was CLOSED at 2.30pm and Kirsten Thompson earned a Choc Fish for dealing so brilliantly with an unruly, long meeting. See you there tomorrow.

Wayne McDougall

August Council Delegates

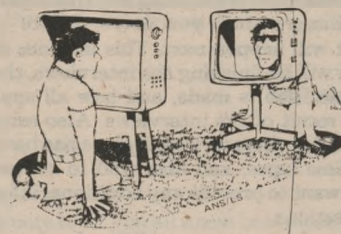
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JESS SEZ

Well, hello out there in TV land. This weekend we have been having a National Education and Welfare Action Committee (NEWAC) meeting in Wellington. Delegates from every campus came, except for Christchurch who didn't get here before the airport closed. We talked about scintillating things like the Bursary Review, the Goods and Services Tax, Assessment etc.

One interesting little titbit is the latest in the Government's employment package - a little pink book called 'Skills for Young People'. If you haven't really caught up with all this employment stuff yet I thought I might tell you the story.



The Employment Saga

or
How Not To Solve The 'Unemployment Problem'

Chapter One, A New Dream

Elect a Labour Government. Socialist. Protectors of the poor and needy. Champions of the underdogs. Social Welfare state was their dream, remember??

Chapter Two, Complications

Appoint Cabinet. Divide 'Labour' into two categories 'Work' and 'Unwork'. Give these each a Minister. Make the Minister of Unwork a real Burke.

Chapter Three, Set Up A Committee

To solve unwork problem, try the great Kiwi solution, set up a Committee, not too big, not too small. Make it of three MPs. Scott, Mallard, and Austin.

Chapter Four, Publish Some Reports

Really confuse people. Publish two reports, one called 'A Review of Employment Subsidy Programmes; A Framework for Consultation' (or, The Grey Booklet) and another one called 'Government Transition Education Committee Summary Statement' (or the Scott Report). Make sure they substantially negate everything your Government stands for. Blame the victims for their unemployment. Rip off beneficiaries. Help the rich.

Chapter Five, Have A Conference

Organise the 'Employment Promotion Conference' to discuss all these submissions and have lots of public consultation. Invite lots of unemployed people and then complain that they smell and eat peas off their knives. (Switchblades probably...) Accuse their leaders of being undemocratic and unrepresentative and then ignore the standing ovation given in support of them.

Chapter Six, Ignore The Conference Resolutions

Look, don't worry that all the Conference Resolutions were totally opposed to your Reports. Go ahead and implement them anyway. Phase out fully-subsidised work in the public sector (ie Government departments etc). Make the private sector subsidies easier to get and more lucrative to the employer. Don't worry about all those full-time workers getting sacked in order to employ people on the subsidy.

Chapter Seven, Secrecy

This is very important. After the Conference, make sure that no-one knows what is going on by setting up a secret committee of Department officials to 'implement the Conference Resolutions'.

Chapter Eight, You Blew It

Look, we said secrecy was important. Don't let certain secret draft documents on Training Allowances get leaked. Now look what you've gone and done. They've found out that you are planning on putting all young people on a pittance, cutting the dole, abolishing the Bursary, and other choice options.

Chapter Nine, Crime And Punishment

Now, identify the buggars who released that paper to the public. Oh, so it was those nasty unemployed people was it? What business is it of their's whether we want to cut the dole. Why don't you just cut off all their funding. Well done! Go to the top of the unpopularity and petulance chart!

Chapter Ten, Panic

Have a Cabinet Meeting on June 28. Things don't look good do they? People are beginning to expose the fact that the old 'unwork' policies aren't working. You'll have to do something fast, and try and make it positive. Now look back at your Scott Report and some of the harmless Conference Resolutions. Couldn't you get something out quickly about the old 'transition' side of things? A bit of the old 'Education for Life' rhetoric? Well, go to it folks, you've got five days to write it.

Chapter Eleven, The Pink Book

Got your book: 'Skills For Young People'. Nice title, good bit of fudging, that. Have a nice launching, talk about your commitment to giving young people skills, training and whoops, you forgot JOBS. If you do your launching well enough, people might not notice that you are blaming the victim, implying that young people can't find work because they are untrained (rather than because there are no jobs), not addressing the causes of unemployment, cutting the dole, keeping the same allowances proposal but taking out the figures and any reference to the Bursary.

Chapter Twelve, The Unwritten Ending (or)

The Sun Sets On The Employment Scene

Well, what next?? The Pink Book is out now and there is an inspection copy at your students' association. It's up to us to try and avert this story from reaching its destined conclusion. Submissions on the book are being received until 13 September. Submissions can be a one page hand-written letter. Read the book (takes one hour maximum) and write your letter soon, ie in your next lunch hour or when you need a break from the old swotting.

Good luck with those end of term essays and stuff.

Lots of love.

Jessica Wilson

PRESIDENT, NZUSA



SELECTION INTERVIEWS CONTD

CONCLUDING THE INTERVIEW:

- If the interviewer is skilled they will signal the end of the interview by outlying the procedure of the follow-up. If you sense that the interview is finishing and this aspect has not been covered-ask! Ensure that you know before you leave the interview what will happen next. This includes details of when the interviewer will be finishing the interviews, the time likely to pass before a decision is made, and how all applicants will be notified of the result of the interviews. Also establish who you should contact after the interview if there has been no news after a reasonable time lapse, and also who to contact if, after the interview, you want to provide any additional information or ask any further questions.
- If you consider there are any additional points about yourself which you haven't had the opportunity to express - now is the time.
- Express your interest in learning the result of the application.
- Smile - regardless of how the interview went and take your leave positively. Remember that you will leave a final impression for good or ill. You will certainly be discussed once the door has closed behind you.
- Sometimes at the end of the interview you will be asked whether or not the job still interests you - it is wise at this point to express continued interest - allow yourself time on your own to think about it. You can always phone in the next day and withdraw.
- You may be asked at the end of the interview if you will accept the job - allow yourself time to consider. State your interest in the position and the fact that you look forward to an offer in writing.
- You may be asked on what date you could take up the appointment - it is important to have some ideas on this. In most instances you will not be eligible for much annual leave until you have been with an employer for 12 months. Therefore a short break between university examinations and taking up any position would be in the interests of both you and your employer - remember employers are seeking the most suitable applicant - their choice will rarely be made according to which applicant is able to start first!

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

- Give yourself a break then try to assess the interview for future reference. There are two aspects to this assessment:
1. Think back objectively over the questions asked and your

answers. Note any commitments you gave about priorities you would establish if you were appointed to the position etc. Note any promises made by the interviewers to the successful applicant - if you are offered the job then it is important to remember these facts.

2. Review your interview performance. Think about how you can improve next time. You may wish to discuss certain aspects with friends, family or careers adviser. A little thought at this stage will improve your interview techniques and any mistakes are not likely to be repeated.

- Keep applying for positions while you wait to hear the outcome of those applied for already.
- If you miss out for positions it is generally because you were unsuited or there were others better suited.
- Remember that how you handle the interview is an indication of how you'll handle the job. A passive, dull unimaginative applicant could well be perceived as an unmotivated employee. The disorganised blunderer may be energetic but
- Everyone gets nervous before an interview; there is no such thing as the perfect applicant or the perfect interviewer !!
- All applicants can build skills and improve performance. Good luck and if your performance needs uplifting we're here to help.

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Computer Science - UEB Industries

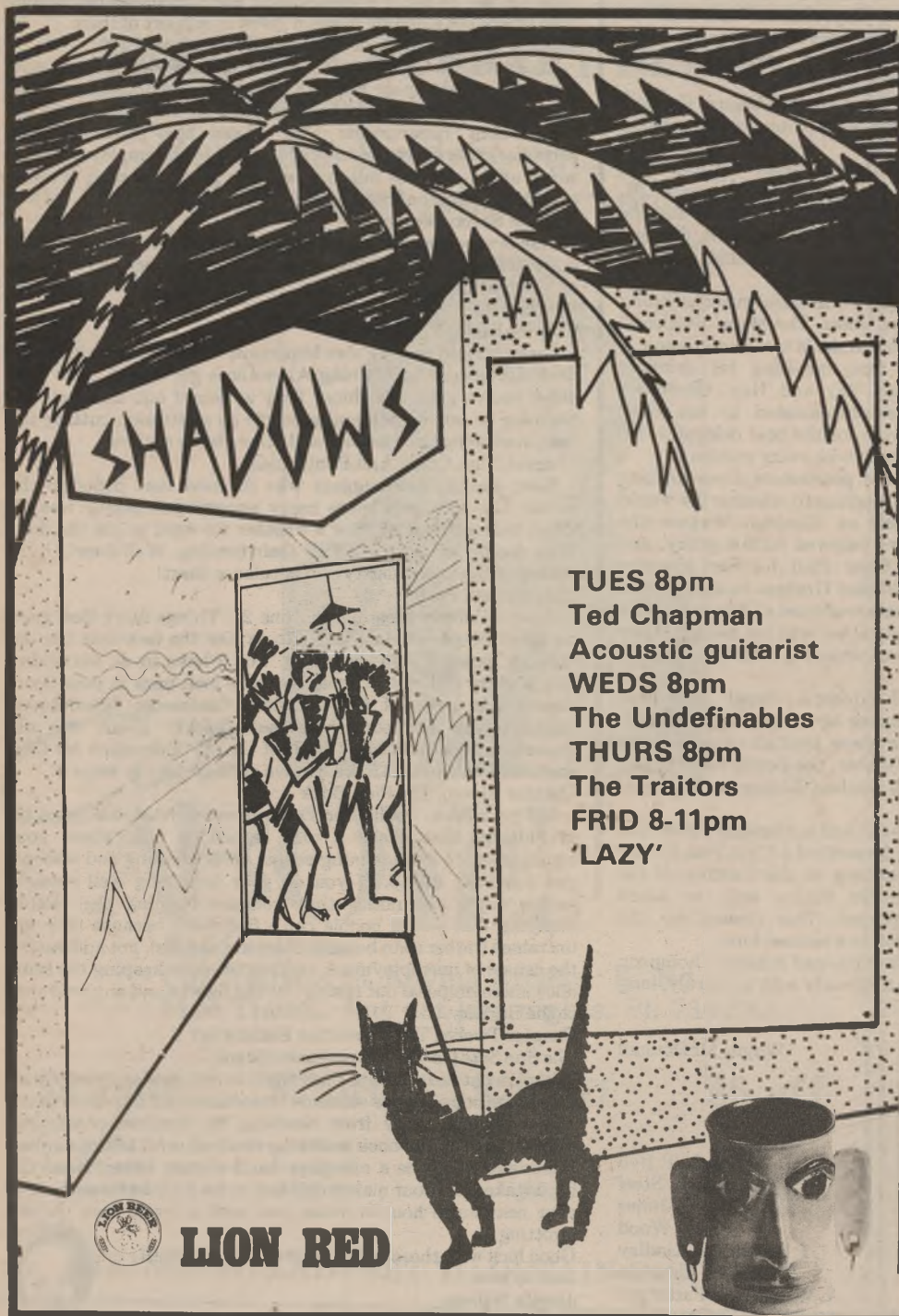
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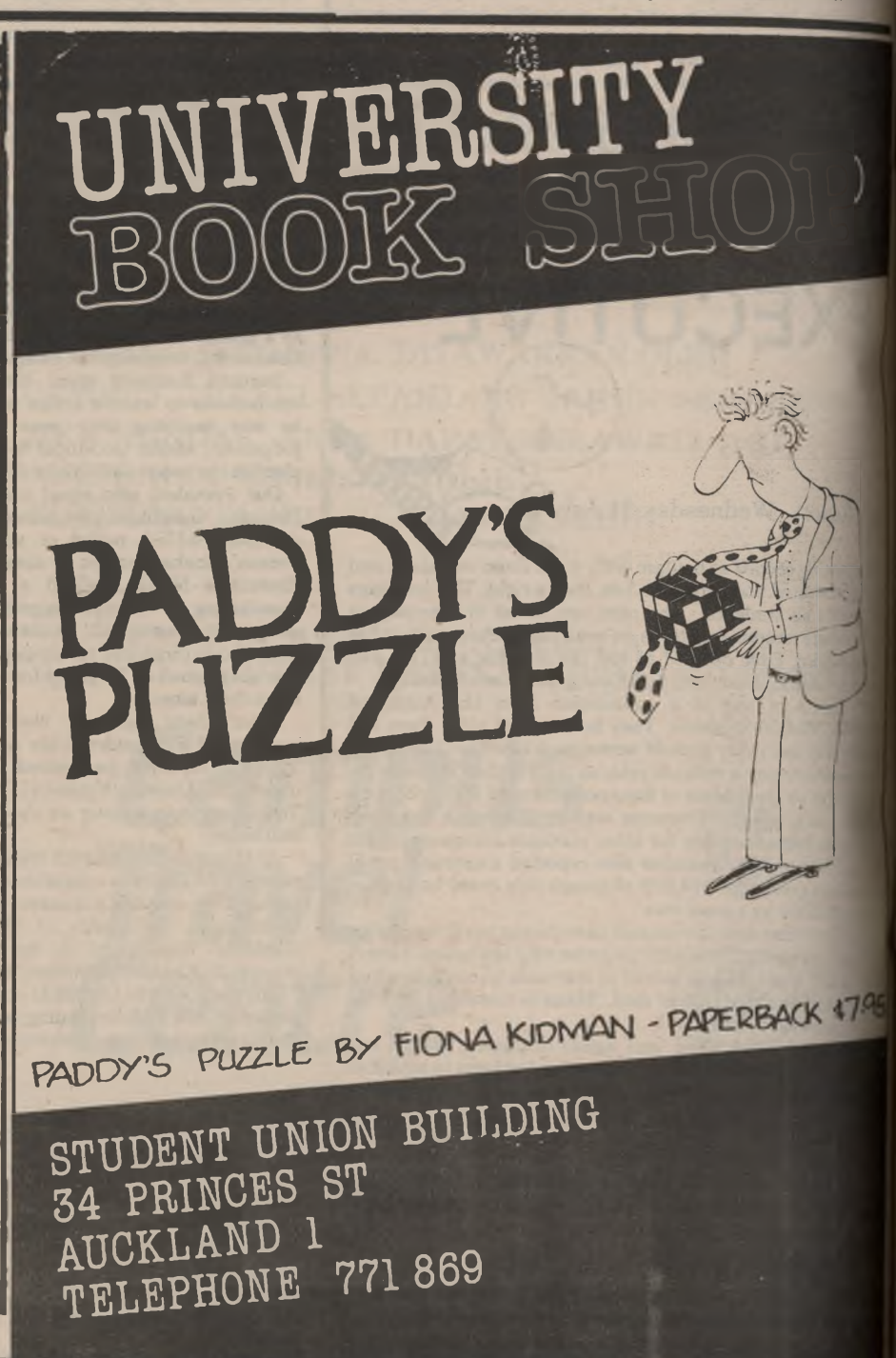
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◀ SOUR GRAPES ▶

Dear Editors,
I would like to comment on the way in which you handled the presidential elections. It is possible that because of your so serious bias against Graham Watson and the way in which you attacked him, you could have indeed helped his campaign as I suspect there may have been a large number of students who would have been turned off Bidge Smith simply because you supported her by trying to discredit her opposition. Although I did not vote for Bidge, I have no doubt that she has the capability to be a good president, however I think it is sad that you managed to cheapen her campaign by being so aggressively against the opposition.

And as for the latest Wats-he-on-about column; well, that sort of childish sour grapes with the smug little disclaimer will win you many friends and will probably add fuel to the fire and the Craccum editors should be elected by the students.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Tillett

◀ A SERIOUS CONFLICT ▶

Dear Craccum,
I find myself in a conflict which perhaps you can resolve. Is it more desirable to watch the mid-day movie in the AUSA TV room or more justified than the desire of others to watch the Soap Opera on the other channel?

Today's movie *The Illustrated Man* only rated 2 stars in the newspaper but I still thought it would have been more interesting than *Days of Our Lives* etc. What I'm trying to avoid saying is that I (and many others I've discussed it with) find the soaps a kind of shit. I don't think they are of much value but I don't wish to sound holier-than-thou because, I know there are cultists out there who can't bear to miss an episode.

So what can be done? Do we get another TV for the other channel? But then what about the forthcoming 3rd Channel? Does this problem even merit debate?

Yours in conflict
Norm

◀ NOT THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ▶

Dear Craccum,
When people like something they don't usually go around writing letters to say so. But I just thought I'd take the time to say how funny I thought the NOT-THE-GRAHAM's column was.

As some people remarked to me (Graham for instance!) perhaps it was in bad taste but does that matter? Such shows as *Not The Nine O'Clock News* probably seem equally bad to their viewers. Is that a good reason for banning humour? Because it is too close to home?

I think the ability to laugh at ourselves occasionally is a great asset. It brings things into perspective and I for one would like to thank Craccum for making me laugh, as well as think. It is even better when you do both.

Wayne McDougall

P.S. I think the Editor's Note was even more amusing - because it was so devastating!

◀ RACIST EMPLOYMENT ▶

Dear People,
Further to the recent article by Mary-Ellen Barker in the Auckland Star regarding the Auckland Hospital Board and multi-cultural insensitivities. It is relevant to point out that the Mount Albert Community Mental Health Centre has been attempting to implement a positive discrimination policy with regard to the position under appeal for some time. Before the position of Centre Co-ordinator (then referred to as Project Officer) was vacated in 1984, the consensus of the staff was not only to implement a policy of positive discrimination, but that this policy should be demonstrated in action both in the advertisement and also in the interviewing protocol for any future staffing positions. Carrington Hospital Administration, and through them, members of the Auckland Hospital Board were well aware of this philosophy and policy action. Nevertheless, there was an unexplained delay originating from the Auckland Hospital Board in advertising the project officer position once it was vacated.

The Auckland Hospital Board did finally concede that a replacement was necessary, but specified that this should be done as a temporary with-in-the-team arrangement. A member of the Mount Albert Centre staff took on the Acting Project Officer role for a stipulated six months, while another therapist filled the clinical staffing gap.

At the termination of this six month period, in March 1985, the need for replacement and the Centre's policy on positive discrimination was restated to the Auckland Hospital Board. Plans for a community hui to collectivise community support and involvement in the implementation of this policy had been discussed with the Carrington Hospital Administration.

However, the position of Co-ordinator was then advertised with an apparent refusal by the Auckland Hospital Board to include bi-lingual advertising or to implement any action that might reflect a positive discrimination policy. This was contrary to recommendations from the Race Relations Office, as well as the expressed policy of the Centre. Strong opposition to the method and nature of advertising and the selection process was made with an ensuing refusal to readvertise on the part of Carrington Hospital Administration and the Auckland Hospital Board.

Any ensuing public debate on cultural insensitivity needs to recognize that this is an orchestrated and prolonged issue. As for Mr Alan Blackburn, described by Ms Barker as a 'pakeha white male' - if it is true that he has worked in the field of race relations then he must be very aware of and very sensitive to

issues such as institutionalized racism. Surely, if this is so, he will want to be seen to intervene in this issue, if not by refusing to accept the appointment, then at least by insisting that the position be readvertised in an anti-racist way.

Should Mr Blackburn remain inactive however, one can only speculate as to what that implies about his values and belief system.

Yours faithfully,
Robyn West
for ARM, ANTI RACIST MEN

◀ A FAILING IDEOLOGICAL SYSTEM ▶

Dear Ewen McQueen,

How can you patronise your friends so? How can you insult their intelligence so? One thing I admire about friends of mine with religious beliefs is that they keep them to themselves. How can you say that your friends are not *lucky* enough to be Christians?

There is nothing lucky in believing in a failing ideological system. Religion only survives in this increasingly technological age through the fact that it provides a useful escape from the pressures of a society so dependent on the technology which, ironically, serves only to refute the viability of religious beliefs.

Religion evolved in people to explain the unknown and to answer questions such as, why are we here? Now that we know why the sun rises in the morning, why our crops fail, surely religion is outdated. I can't tell you why we are here, there is no reason - isn't life enough fun without having to hope in vain for something more.

What penetrates my nostril is that there are billions of people with thousands of different beliefs trying to justify or explain their own existence. The fact that none of them agree with each other (and insist in killing each other off in their arrogance) shows that none of them have the answer. Why do people need to believe they are more than a chemical reaction? - religions reflect a common desire in the human species to believe they are something more valuable or worth while than the common garden parsley plant.

As a budding anthropologist I can recognize that as people evolved an increasingly species-centric concept of self, they required a mechanism to support it - religion. Now, as increasing knowledge reveals the fallacious nature of this belief they must cling on to it more strongly than ever, merely to justify their existence on earth.

Do not insult your friend's intelligence, spiritual well-being or realization of their own mortality by assuming you are better off than they. Ignorance excuses your beliefs - nothing excuses your condescending attitude.

Cheers Big Ears: C.F.R.

P.S. Hello Mum!

◀ NA RAIBH SE MAR SIN ▶

Dear Editors,

I keenly read your article on Te Reo Maori, for our struggles have much in common, but there at the end I read '.... in an overwhelmingly monolingual and monocultural Anglo-Celtic society. 'Na raibh se mar sin' I hope that when ye mean is Anglo-Saxon society. In any case such an Anglo-Celtic society could be neither monolingual nor monocultural, by definition.

Go raibh do seachtmhaine agus caogad as bhearla Maori insan mbladhna.

I am, with respect,
Micheal mac Donnchaidh

◀ VOTE FOR KERRY CAO ▶

Dear Craccum,

Kia Ora. I have been Cultural Affairs for two years now and in that time, there have been a core group of people who have got up at ungodly hours, have sweated blood, have consoled me and celebrated with me. Without them, many events would have died. I cannot sing their praises high enough and so I'll try to let some people know re this letter.

My flats: Franklin Rd, Gargoyle House.

Other Flats: Potautau St, 2 Argyle St, Collingwood St plus others. (You know who you are). But the main people whom I have counted upon and have come up trumps are Chris Barnes, Pat Stoddart, Janet Cole and Kerry Hoole. Thanks all of you especially. That's the first part. The second part is to recommend Kerry Hoole for Cultural Affairs. He knows the job, he will carry on the work I've started. I dragged the position up and Kerry will continue the job. Please vote for him.

Yours, Mark Allen
CAO 84, 85.

P.S. KAOS and ARA Rule. SOLIDARITY REG!

◀ I'M ME ▶

Dear Barry Worthington II,
Sue Smith VI,
Peet III,

Get fucked. I'm me, and not you three.

Yours,
Jonathan Blakeman

◀ SHIT-FACED SHEEP ▶

Dear Craccum,

A few years ago the then editor of this paper published an editorial describing students as 'shit-faced sheep'. Both the authorship and the accuracy were hotly debated at the time.

The Presidential elections have, I think proved the proposition. In the time that I've been associated with this place competent and progressive women have stood for President or EVP 11 times. On a number of those occasions their primary opposition was one or more conservative men. Guess who won. Not just a majority of times, but in every instance.

What's up boys? Is it a fun and ego-satisfying 'liberal' thing to do to vote against racism in South Africa? But why does it become so much harder to start seeing the links and changing things a bit closer to home? Can't possibly tamper with the status quo and threaten our own oh-so-cosy positions now, can we.

Yours in the paddock,
Charles Atlas

◀ FOR BETTER OR WORSE ▶

Dear Craccum,

Just a quick note to let you all know how much I enjoy reading your reputable journal. I've been a reader of your illustrious paper since, oh, 1978, and never missed an edition. Though I've never been in total agreement with the paper's leanings (0.05% agreement), I do feel that the journalistic content is bloody good with respect to quality, etc, etc. Exception just being the sour lemons rubbed into the last few pages of the recent post-election issue. Remember it's the students who decide upon their Executive - they get what they deserve - for better or worse. Craccum now sixty years (?) on should be above 'knee-capping' elected officers just because it does not like the colour of their trousers etc, etc (I'm trying to be tactful in putting all this on paper). Keep up the good work - please refrain from pettiness.

Yours eversoespecially,
Gavin D. McLellan

P.S. This will be the last letter I ever write to Craccum (cross-fingers).

◀ ON THE BUS ▶

Dear Pam & Birgitta,

I was travelling home the other day as I always do, on an ARA bus, and with nothing better to do than stare out the window at Metropolitan Auckland, I started to think.

I thought about racism in NZ, racism in South Africa, John Minto and the protest movement, the rights of black South Africans, the removal of civil liberties of rugby players and the roll of the Government in all this.

I thought about world conditions and the lessons of history - I thought about influential leaders, Mahatma Gandhi, Ronnie Reagan, David Lange, Maggie Thatcher, Fidel Castro, Idi Amin, Pat Stoddard (!!!)

I thought about Julian White - boy did I think about Julian White. Never in the field of human endeavour have so many opinions been expressed so often by so --- PHEW! --- by so unobtrusive a Stage II chemistry student!

I thought about Graham Watson and student politics - I thought about legalisation of dope on campus (if it's good enough for the President ---)

I thought about Maori language, Maori land, Waitangi Tribunals, the rights of the various tribes etc.

I thought about life, death, God and abortion, contraception, matrimony, invitro fertilization and surrogate mothers.

I thought about the French in 'Nuke Caledonia', the testing at Mururoa, *Rainbow Warrior* and Neo-Nazi right wing French terrorist groups who happen to like cruising about the South Pacific in orange inflatables and large white yachts.

I thought about Vince Martin, Basil Simpson (who?) and large rubber tyres; Lou Reed, David Byrns, Brian Eno and Nina Hagen.

Then I got off the bus.

Yours philosophically,
Sock. R. Atees

◀ MOONIE TUNES ▶

Dear Craccum,

It's been an educational year so far.

A few Wednesdays ago I learnt which crowd to invite and which not to invite to a SRC when you attempt affiliation for a new club like CARP. And they told me religious bigotry was going out of fashion.

Another observation: a new broom seems to be sweeping clean in the Student Union. My old dear reckons they did well to vote him in for a second term. There certainly appears to be plenty of folk eager to help him. Some of the older bristles seem to have fallen out due to executive wear-and-tear or old age. Oh well, as one Pope said, Let's not dwell on what we tried and failed in, but what is still possible for us to do.

Now about CARP. Yes it's finally here in N.Z. and you can bet your muesli slice it's here to stay. The initials stand for Collegiate Association for Research of the Principle. With all due modesty, its the best thing to happen to this campus since the first moonie landed on the earth. It's a club with ideals and vision for the 80s heading for the 21st Century. To quote the all-time best seller: '... Whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is kindly spoken, whatever is lofty and whatever is praiseworthy' Carp puts its mind to these ... or goals to that effect. However this is University and brainwashing being a relative and popular past-time, we may differ on definitions. No doubt you'll let me know. If you can overcome the inertia of apathy and/or bigotry - 'Check it out' as the folks in Mangere say.

Good luck for spring cleaning and don't spare the bristles.

'Fa' for now
S. Suafa

P.S. We need more brooms to clean up the world.

(Ed note: The Unification Church - you know, the Moonies - are the Parent Body of CARP).

CHAPLAINS' CHAT

JMK for the Auckland University Chaplaincy

FORTY YEARS ON

This year the events of 1945 have been recalled for the political dividends they have to offer, forty years on.

Today, on the anniversary of Hiroshima, *Time* magazine reminds us that all subsequent history has been lived in the shadow of that event. Laurens Van der Post in *The Night of the New Moon* claims that the atom bombs saved his life and the lives of many others in Japanese camps. Peter Goodchild on the other hand, writing the popular biography of J. Robert Oppenheimer, *Shatterer of Worlds* claims that had communication been clearer, the Japanese surrender would have been made before Hiroshima. The keepers of the Kremlin and the protectors of the Pentagon like all those who come under the large umbrellas of their influences, are prisoners of the fear of nuclear war. Indeed, none of us can escape.

The vital issues today concern the way we handle that fear and the means we use to build a human community based on truth and justice, on honesty and charity.

Only just and honest and charitable means can achieve that end.

For this reason, especially in the University community, we need to examine carefully the judgments we make on others. In particular, we should avoid the easy prejudices against those who differ from us, whether individuals, parties or nations. Allow room for the others to change their mind, to be generous, to grow. And allow room for ourselves to change our mind, to be generous, to grow. Let us stop painting ourselves into corners by condemnatory judgements.

It is hard to believe that the world can play the game of cat and mouse for another forty years without an incident or an accident igniting the nuclear stockpile.



HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE FLATMATES

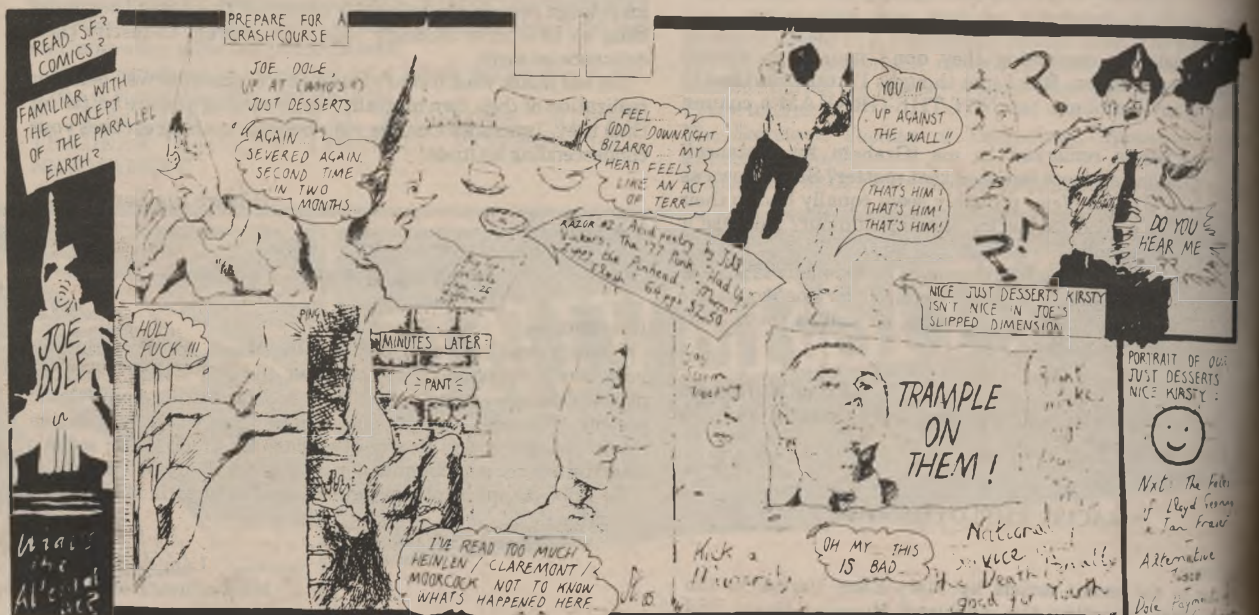
Cauliflower Soup

Saute one onion in one T olive oil. Add a little garlic, caraway and dill (1/4 tsp). Add water, 1 medium cauliflower chopped, 2 T white wine (optional), 3 tsp green herb stock, 1 whole carrot and 1 stick of celery (remove both after cooking). Simmer for 45 minutes, add more water and herbs or stock if necessary for taste but it should be subtle at this stage (rosemary and bay leaves are nice).

Save 2 cups of liquid, 1 cup cooked cauliflower and blend the rest (by mashing or putting through a sieve if you don't have a whirlygig). Make a roux (cook 3 heaped T flour in 1 oz butter - don't burn, stir all the time) and whisk in the stock of the soup - adding the stock gradually and stirring all the time to prevent lumps forming. Add to the blended soup with the cup of cooked cauliflower.

Reheat - adjust seasoning. 5 minutes before serving add grated cheese, when you serve stir in 2T of cream/yoghurt mix into each bowl. Top with chopped parsley or some fresh dill.

Soup manages to be quite a staple around our house - appearing in a large pot on Sunday and turning up in a casserole on Wednesday. Soup has to be one of the easiest most convenient foods - always make more than you need and keep the extra in a sealed jar in the fridge. Once you've made it all you need is to toast some bread (put in a toaster until light brown) and prepare a salad and you've a fulfilling meal. This recipe is very subtle but delicious - we always have cream and cheese overdose as we like rich fattening foods. The quantities make enough for four moderately hungry people to eat most of it in nearly one sitting.



Nuclear Flashpoint - The Middle East

A talk at St George's Church Hall, Ranfurly Rd. Weds 7 Aug. 7.30pm.

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Nomination forms are available from AUSA. All enquiries should be directed to the Media Officer Rm 211 of the Student Union Building, Ph 30-789 ext 839.

ANYONE can apply! Nominations close August 30th.

Engineering School Ball at the Sheraton on Friday August 9. Tickets on sale 1-2pm in Eng. School Foyer.

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UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE 1985

After rigorous testing and untold questions the selection panel has finally picked the 1985 team to represent Auckland. They are:

Grant Mataga (Captain)

Grant Shirreffs

David Diggelmann

Adam Lowe

David Mathias (reserve)

Should any of the 4 team members get hurt by a bus tomorrow then David will go and Michele McNae will be reserve, pending another bus accident.

Thanks to all the entrants who had to put up with us especially Allan Christensen, Kirsten Thompson, Peter Frawley and Jack Longworth who got so close but are now miles away.

Big heaps of thanks to Grant Moffat, Annette Morgan and Mick Merrylees for all their time and also Jonathan Blakeman who surely owe me a jug or three!

Here's betting we win, Richard Foster.

Arts

JUSTART POSTER EXHIBITION

Artists respond to racism and social injustice. August 2nd to 8th. Copies of the prints available to buy. See your IAO for details.

Ngā Wahine

WOMEN IN EDUCATION

Women in Education meeting Thursday 8 August 1pm Room seminar E. Education Department. All women welcome.

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CRACCUM STAFF MEETINGS

If you are interested in helping in any way - layout, writing, researching, or just offering ideas, come up to the office, 3rd floor, Mondays at one. We'll also have some tea and bikkies.

Clubs

H.U.G.

Heterosexuals Unafraid of Gays. A meeting for all heterosexual students who support sexual choice will be held in the Council Room (Student Union) at 1pm on Thursday 8th August. Bring a friend.

UNI GAYS

Uni Gays meet every Friday, 4pm Rm 144. Fun, politics, OK to be Gay - come out, come along.

Gay Action - Wed 5pm Lower Common Rm. Gay mem active for Human Rights. Support us - Support the Bill.

A.R.A. WIDE GAME

The A.R.A. is having a Wide Game in Cornwell Park this Saturday (10th). If interested contact Kerry Hoole in Rm 111 or leave a note in the ARA Pigeon Hole at Studass Reception.

General

DISABLED STUDENTS ACTION GROUP

Meeting this Thursday (8th August) 1-2pm in the Council Room, AUSA. An informal meeting to discuss any issues and to meet the new DSRO Adele Barnhill. Bring your lunch. Tea and coffee served from 12.30. Further info from Heather Brockett, AUSA (ph 30-789)

CORSO PRESENTS KANAK SPEAKER

George Fyson, recently returned from New Caledonia, where he attended the June FLNKS Congress, will speak and show slides on the Kanak independence struggle. Rm 144 5pm Wed 7 Aug.

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EPICENTRE: HELP NEEDED

Kia ora. Epicentre is at present short staffed. We're asking any interested students willing to work voluntarily for a morning/afternoon/day a week in an interesting and exciting environment to get in touch. Drop into EPI, if we're open, or ring 31-508 during the day, or 685-924 (ask for Adrian) at night.

CORSO BOOKSHOP

The Corso Resource Centre has expanded its range of books and magazines on Aotearoa, Trade Unions, Pacific, Latin America, Asia, Women in Development, Anti-Nuclear, Third World and Development and Social Change. The Resource Centre is just down from K'Rd, in Pitt St, opposite the Farmers Bus Stop and is open 9-5 weekdays, 9-8.30pm Thursdays.

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