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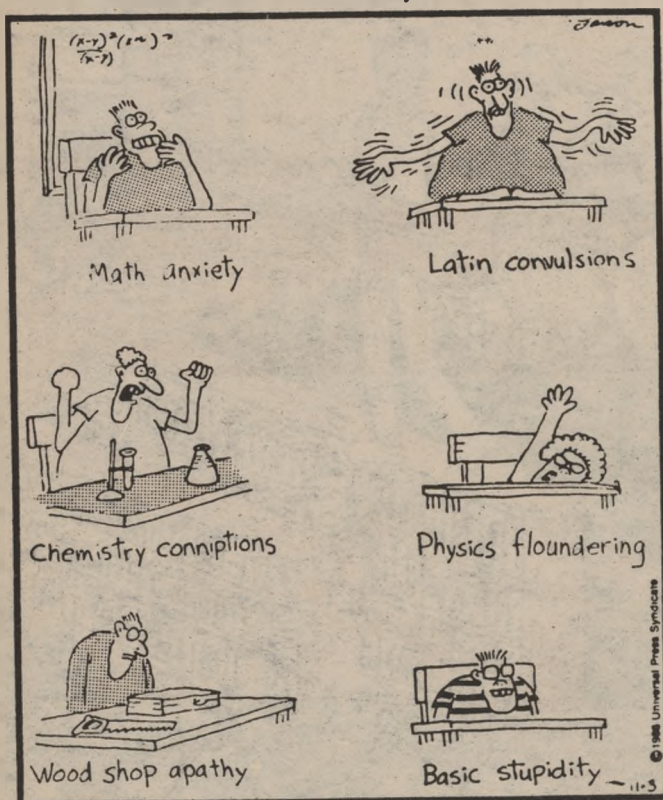
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THE FAR SIDE

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Classroom afflictions

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COLLECTIVE COMMENT

Hello . Hello again. Welcome to Auckland University 1987 style. We, being a collective of seven, are proud to be bringing you this wonderful tabloid, despite the efforts of student politicians. Comments such as 'Do we need a student newspaper?' have not helped, but here we are, in multicoloured splendor.

In case you don't know, this is who we are: David Ward, 4th year B.A. student, former A.V.P., and survivor of driving in the A.U.S.A. van. Vicki Turner, Science student and person with a suntan. Pat Stodart, Masters student and cultural type person. Ewen Smith, former Academic. Kerry Hoole, Science student, a man barely alive, and currently under reconstruction. Derek Craig, 4th year semi-archaeologist and winner of the senior paeroa champs. Rachael Callender, 3rd year B.A. woman and Sandringham dweller.

Also, the whole show could not go on without our Advertising Manager, Wendy Lawson, 3rd year yuppie (B.Com student)

O.K. Don't panic. There is no cause for alarm. You may fail, you may pass, but right now is the time to relax and orientate. Except of course, if you work on Craccum. This is why we would like your contributions. Please send us letters about anything, to the Craccum office or our pigeon hole (it fits three pigeons) next to AUSA reception. In the middle of this issue is an amazing article on what you do when you do if you do.

But on a more serial note, this week includes part one of 'The Kellogs Serial'. It's on page 15, which is called 'Camelcomicality'. Can you pronounce it. We can't, and we made it up.

Look out for our insane roving camera - people. If you don't run away from him/her/it you may end up with your profile in print.

If you've ever been into witchcraft, check out 'Witch ways' on page eight. If you like to eat, see page five.

For other stuff, see other pages.

Well, that's all folks, wobble like a jelly and stay on telly.

The Editors:

Rachael Callender, Derek Craig, Kerry Hoole, Ewen Smith, Pat Stodart, Vicki Turner, David Ward.

WOMENS PAGE

Some people say feminism is a dead issue. Women have got the vote, equal pay, the pill and paid maternity leave so why have a womens page?

Well for a start women in New Zealand regardless of race or class have never had available to them many of the liberties that all men take for granted. We have never, for example, been free from the fear of rape, or sexual assault so our freedom of movement has always been restricted. Don't kid yourselves that you're going to be free of sexual harassment on campus either. No I'm not talking about lecherous professors who tell you to lie back and think of getting A's. I'm talking about unwanted interference from your fellow students at Varsity functions and getting molested by weirdos as you go to the downstairs S.U. toilets late at night.

Now to put before you facts that speak for themselves as to why there should be a womens page this year. Last year as on the first of July 1986 there were 13030 internal students enrolled at Auckland University of these 6002 were women. That's just under half of the campus.

Let's see how this breaks up in the different faculties

Architecture	Total	Students	519	Women	146
Arts	Total	Students	5140	Women	3402
Commerce	Total	Students	1896	Women	673
Engineering	Total	Students	933	Women	76
Fine Arts	Total	Students	177	Women	106
Law	Total	Students	1013	Women	456
Medicine	Total	Students	654	Women	267
Music	Total	Students	149	Women	96
Science	Total	Students	2223	Women	704

Interesting is it not? Why is the two faculties Commerce and Engineering where one has the most chance of emerging with a degree and getting a well paid job are women so vastly outnumbered?

Why are women the majority in Arts which has the highest rate of post-graduate unemployment?

Women are still a minority, we are still an oppressed minority and FEMINISM IS NOT DEAD.

Thank you Susan C. at Registry for providing the figures.

R.L.C.



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For orientation we have organised a couple of events to which all men are invited. On 2nd March at 6.00 pm in the Executive Lounge of the Studas Building we are showing the video of "KILLING US SOFTLY" which is about sexist advertising and pornography. Admission is free, and we will be collecting for Women Against Pornography.

Afterwards there will be a discussion.

Our first FORUM for the year will be on 12th March and all men are welcome to attend.

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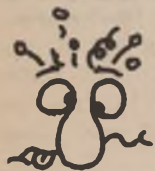
Nominations are invited for the positions of :

Treasurer and Overseas Student Officer.

In the case of the Treasurer s/he shall have passed at least two accounting papers at the University of Auckland or the academic equivalent. Each member of the association is eligible for nominations for these positions provided that her/his subscription has been paid *before* nomination.

Nominations must be in handwriting and signed by at least three (3) members other than the nominee. Nomination forms are available from the Association Reception during office hours.

Nominations close with the secretary at 5pm on Friday 6th March 1987, and an election will be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March 1987.



AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Autumn General Meeting of the Association will be held in the main hall of the Recreation Centre on Wednesday, 31 March 1987, commencing at 1pm.

If a quorum is not achieved, or the business is not completed, on 31 March, the meeting will commence or continue in the main hall of the Recreation Centre at 1pm on Thursday, 1 April 1987.

The agenda for this meeting will include -

- 1) consideration of the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1985, 1986.
- 2) appointment of auditors and an honorary solicitor for 1987.
- 3) consideration of the Annual Report of the Executive 1985, 1986.
- 4) results of the Election for 1987 Executive.

Any member wishing to propose any motion at this meeting is invited to give written notice of this to the Secretary so that it may be included in the agenda.

Any member wishing to propose a motion to change any part of the Constitution must give written notice of the proposed change to the Secretary by 5pm on Tuesday, 17 March.

CAPPING REVIEW DIRECTOR

Applications are invited for the position of Director of the Associations 1987 Capping Review, which is scheduled for the first week of May.

Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary, Pilar Alba and should contain details of the applicant's relevant experience, an outline of plans for the show and an indication of the level of remuneration (if any) anticipated.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 15th March 1987 and an appointment will be made as soon as possible thereafter.

S.R.C.

Student Representative Council - 1st Meeting of 1987 will be on Wednesday 4th March, 1pm in the QUAD. All students should come along. It will be chaired by an old, hairy man, (and this doesn't mean Bruce).



You need this, so read on. Dump the pen, toss out the Imperial and hang on to your gowns.

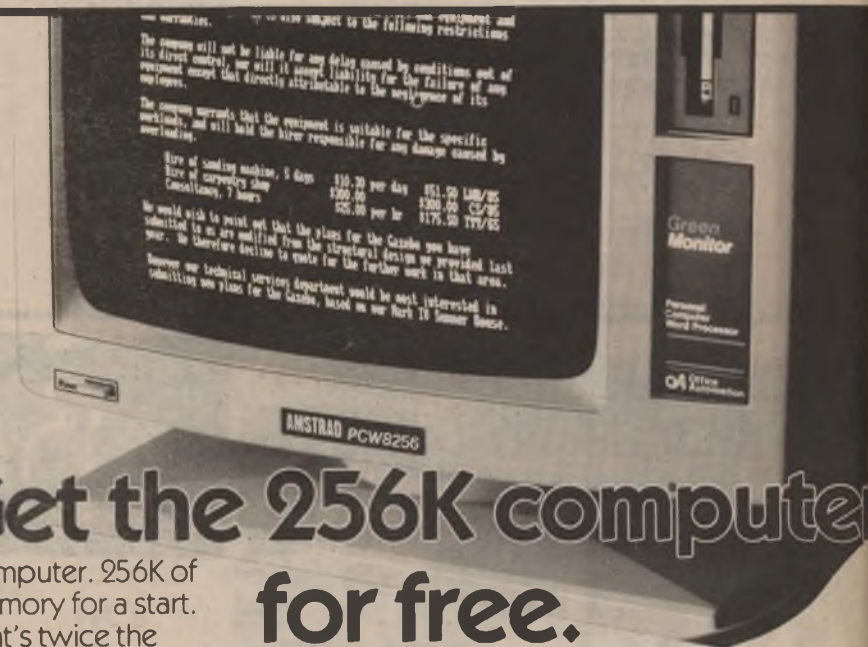
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Societies Grants Sub-Committee nominations open on March 4th and close on March 11th for S.R.C.

Societies Council Meeting is at 1pm March 17th in the Council Room (2 reps per club). Dates for Societies Grants Sub-Committee Meetings are April 25th and 26th, June 11th and July 17th. Applications must be in at least one week before hand.

Any problems or queries - see Dave Stewart, the Society Rep. in the Student Union Building.

THEOLOGY FORUM

The first Saturday morning of each month at 10am is when the Auckland Theology Forum meets in the Chapel Hall. Comprising people of all ages and backgrounds, the Forum explores issues of interest and matters of moment against a theological background.

This Saturday the theme is 'N.Z., monocultural, bicultural or multi-cultural' and you are invited to participate. Saturday 7 March 10 am - noon.

BIOMEDICAL ETHICS

Tuesday 3 March 1-2pm Dr Alastair Campbell a visitor at Medical School, will conduct a FORUM in the Maclaurin Chapel Hall.

Are you puzzled about heart transplants, in vitro fertilization, euthanasia or other issues?

Bring your questions and your lunch. Tea and coffee available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

For a hundred years, people round the world have gathered on the first Friday in March to affirm their faith together and take up one another's burdens.

This Friday there will be celebration in 170 countries as we keep the theme 'Come and Rejoice'. There will be a service in the Newman Hall Chapel (upstairs) to which all are invited.

The offering this year provides for a boat for the Rongelap people and a Bible printing press for China.

LESBIANS ON CAMPUS

Lesbians on Campus in Womenspace, 5pm Fri 6th March. Refreshment and childcare available.

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Free demonstration. March 3, 1pm - 2pm Rec Centre - Martial Arts Room

NETBALL

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ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE EXHIBITION

March 21, 22 - Stands and lecture series. Student Union Building 9.30am - 6.00pm Contact: Chris Copper, Ph 436-172.

CHRISTIAN FOCUS

Friday March 6th, 1pm. The Chapel Hall. 'Learning to Love Yourself: building a healthy self-esteem'. By John Sturt, a Christian Counsellor.

LIBRARY TOURS 1987

Guided tours of the General Library for new students will depart from the library foyer at the following times for the first week of term - Monday 2 - Friday 6 March 11.10am; 12.10am; 2.10pm; 3.10pm; 7.10pm.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BBQ

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Guide to Cheep Eats

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THE GOLDEN EMPIRE

LOCATION: Plaza Mall, Queen St.
HOURS: Lunch (Mon-Fri) 12.00-2.30pm
Dinner (Mon-Sun) 6.00-10.00pm

The Golden Empire as the name suggests, a restaurant of Chinese (Cantonese style) descent. Being unaccustomed to such delights, I was immediately enchanted with the small waterfall-type fountain to the left of the entrance stairwell. It's worth a visit to the Golden Empire just to see this fountain and the red-eyed dragons on the wall.

Lunch was our sustenance, and it appears in smorgasbord style at the Golden Empire. This is no doubt a remnant from the many hundreds of Swedish-Chinese families that settled in New Zealand, bringing the combined culinary creations of their countries.

The Golden Empire is fully licensed, set up for live music with tables scattered throughout its elegant polygonal interior.

The assortment of tasty morsels available includes the classic Chinese (New Zealand style) fare: Soup, Shrimp chips, Egg Foo Yoong, Steak 'n' capicum, Crispy chicken, and Sweet 'n' Sour Pork (with the last being my personal favourite). All the food is fresh looking and tasting, with the fruit salad desert being impressively cut from real live fruit and not from a can.

My two co-samplers munched happily through their lunch, both returning to the dishes on display for second helpings, and both agreeing that food trays were well-stocked and tidily presented.

Our waitress was pleasantly unobtrusive, occasionally returning to refill our drinks.

Chopsticks are the supplied utensil but knives and forks are available for the less well educated among us.

This was lunch, Golden Empire Smorgasbord style at \$11.50 plus GST. Evenings it's à la carte with a minimum charge of \$10.00.

Don't forget to see the fountain.

David Ward, Wendy Lawson, Vicki Turner

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Banqueting on a Bursary



Here's a yummy dish that's easy and cheap to prepare, especially in large amounts:

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE

You need:

1 large onion (sliced)	2 beef stock cubes
500 g mince	1/4 tsp oreganum
8 oz tomato paste	1/4 tsp thyme
1 pint water	2 tbs oil
salt, pepper	spaghetti, cheese

Heat the oil and fry the onions till golden brown. Add the mince; cook, while stirring till brown all over. Finally add water, tomato, stock (crumbled), seasonings and herbs. When boiling, reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered for about an hour. Add extra water if necessary.

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WATCH WAYS

HUBBLE BUBBLE TOIL and TROUBLE, is an aspect of fantasyland that we associated with fairytales and afternoons playing in the backyard with childhood friends. However in the English Cotswolds, in relatively recent times, superstitions ran rife and witchery was not a topic of fantasy but utmost seriousness. The Cotswold are in the English midlands and in the period under scrutiny technology and modern information very rarely disseminated as far as the remote rural villages within its borders. It is in such villages as these that the documentation of supernatural occurrences, as preserved in the libraries at Oxford, Stratford-Upon-Avon and Gloucester, are based. The question of whether the witch — hysteria prevalent in these parts was really a guise for the persecution of women, unmarried and widowed, or indeed founded in a degree of fact is difficult to ascertain. However the following episodes, still debated today, may aid your arrival at an opinion.

The witches of the Cotswolds in England were referred to as the midnight Hags. On 24 January 1836 Bevil Blizard died at Oxenton. He was then said to be the 'last Necromancer of Winchcombe', the last midnight Hag. The claim may very well be woefully inaccurate, for magic and witchcraft survived in other parts of the Cotswolds well into this century and there is evidence that the number of active covens is on the increase today.

Bevil, it was said, had supernatural powers bestowed upon him. Even after his death at the great age of ninety-four his spirit was unable to rest and he was frequently seen by villagers, usually at the church gates of where he was buried. Many strange stories are told of him. Once, when cutting hay in the fields, he announced to his work mates that his henroost was being robbed and left them in a hurry. To their amazement his scythe carried on working without him.

Bevil was also exceptional in that he was a male witch. The majority of witches as passed down in folklore and sometimes documented by written accounts, were women and generally although not exclusively elderly as in fairytales. There are three categories of witches identified: White ones; which befriend man and help him in any way possible.

Grey ones; who use magic for their own purposes but are not actively good or bad; Black witches; who contract with the devil to bring evil into all things. Satan has to make a formal contract with his black witches, who, for their part, have to surrender soul and body to him and sign a deed stating this with their own blood. The devil disguised as a man in black, gives a coin in receipt for this which signifies the completed sale. The new witch then has a familiar spirit given her, often a black cat, which helps her in her wicked ways and draws her blood nourishment.

They were believed to possess a multitude of powers; they could cause you to fall sick with strange sometimes fatal illness. They could prevent your milk from turning to butter in the churn, turn themselves into the shape of animals to travel about the countryside or escape from perusers, or charm away many of the common ills.

One of the witches of Long Compton would, or could, only assume the form of a white animal; sometimes a rabbit, a cat, or even a mouse. It was while she was in the guise of a white rabbit that she was run over and appeared the next day with a bandaged arm. In November 1892, the Winchcombe Recorder reported another case of transfiguration. Ady Webb was an old woman living at Broadwater Cottage. A hare, being chased, jumped in the window of her cottage, injuring itself in the process. When the huntsman entered there was Ady sitting by her fire, blood running from her arm.

Some of the spells cast had alarming effects on those close to the victim. Another story from Long Compton, tells of old Mrs H who was so badly bewitched that she could not die while her relatives were present, so at her entreaty both they and her neighbours left the room. At once there arose a terrible tumult, on rushing into the room her relatives found her possessions strewn about and her boxes and chests of drawers turned inside out in dire confusion. A black pigeon flew out of the window — the old lady was dead.

In the neighbouring village of Salford lying on the far side of the rolling right Stones, incidents of black magic are also related. A witch named Dolly Henderson lived in the village in the 1850's. She quarrelled with a neighbour and bewitched her so that she fell seriously ill with a wasting disease. In dire straits she sought out a cunning man, the English equivalent of a witch doctor, called Manning. He told her that he would help if she could keep a secret, which was that she would meet with the woman who cast the spell, on her way home. She was not to speak to her or tell anyone of her sorcery. Poor Ann could not resist telling others of the amazing events that had come to pass. Subsequently her health failed even further until she looked like a skeleton. By a strange chance she met a boy who was suffering similarly from one of Dolly's curses. Both were cured when the boy's brother threw a thorn stick at the old witch and scratched her arm. The magic was transferred to the witch who herself went into decline and soon died 'and the terror of the village was of'. This tale was related in 1897 by a Mrs Jenny Biggerstaffe and shows how seriously witchcraft was taken comparatively recently.

The extent of hysteria aroused in the area, by the common relation of the Midnight Hags deeds, is shown by the witch hunts which occurred over the period. In 1875 James Heywood killed an old lady named Ann Tennant with a pitchfork at Long Compton. He claimed

team drawing a load of hay would remain endeavour to draw it till the foam and sweat covered them, in spite of the whip could make no progress until he saw when the hayload was drawn with no difficulty. C herself frequently ran about in the form of a hare and one time there was talk of weighing her against the ch bible. This she strongly resented." (Jan 18 1905)

Later Bloom tells of drawing blood from a witch Tysoe: "Not many years ago some people arrived in Brailes for the purpose of drawing blood from Ann Durham, a reputed witch. While one engaged her in conversation another got behind her and suddenly seized her hand, cruelly scored the back of it with a large cor pin."

Possibly Agnes was fortunate in escaping the drastic and permanent remedy practised on Ann Tysoe against the Evil Eye, yet there is no wonder that old lived in constant dread of being thought witches. Bloom mentions this too;

"I have always considered that the unwillingness of village women to use the support of walking sticks in old age is that all witches use walking sticks." A woman named Ann Turner, who walked with a walking stick was looked upon as a witch. Reported strange whirring noises were heard every night in her house. Crowds used to gather to hear them but the cause was never discovered. People from the village of Radcot came over to visit and vowed her cottage was carried to the top of Edge Hill every night and came back in the morning. A stone mason, who lived near her, when asked by the vicar if he had discovered the cause of the noise replied "It's herself and the witches from Brailes that do it". "What Thomas, do you, an educated man, believe such nonsense", "I know for a fact, sir, that she rides her broomstick to Brailes every night. And she takes the form of a hare too. I have seen her myself running along by garden hedge."



to be a latter-day witch hunter and said that Ann Tennant was one of sixteen witches living in the village. By killing her and spilling her blood he was able to undo the spells she had cast. His trial triggered off hysteria against witches in the Vale of the Red Horse so that hardly any old lady felt safe. In court the crazed young man asked that the body of his victim should be weighed against the church bible — a rare reference to a bizarre ancient custom. Heywood was convicted of manslaughter and imprisoned for life but the incident may have been the basis for further attacks on thought-to-be witches.

In the library of Stratford-Upon-Avon there is an unpublished manuscript by J Harvey Bloom which relates the following: "In the village of Walford a witch and a wizard named Grace and Eric Pain, were a source of alarm and terror. Grace bewitched her own son and it was commonly said Sir Peter Poole could not rest in the place because of her. My informant Mrs Salmon, tells me Grace bewitched her brother so that he barked like a dog and he rode in chairs about the room till the sweat rolled off him; he was quiet when she was present but terrible when she left. Eric Pain, used to bewitch horses, thus a

Another of the Brailes witches was called Nance. She had remarkable powers: if she disliked a girl she could suspend her from the ceiling by her hair and if feeling really hateful could make her walk on it like a fly (the story was related and widely believed in 1914). Nance could turn herself into a white cat or rabbit and could place a spell on an over door so that it would remain shut in spite of the most desperate attempts to get it open.

The debate regarding witchcraft continues as strong as ever today, having been taken up as a feminist issue being a widely held belief that it provided a thin veneer for the persecution of women, and in much earlier times than those referenced here, i.e. the sixteenth century, method of asserting male dominance in the area of medicine which was controlled by female nurses. Nevertheless the ability of a small group of people to extend their power beyond the recognised, a possible connection with the 90% unleashed potential of humans some might argue, can not be calmly and conclusively refuted as the capability of all people can be definitively concluded.

Wendy Lawson

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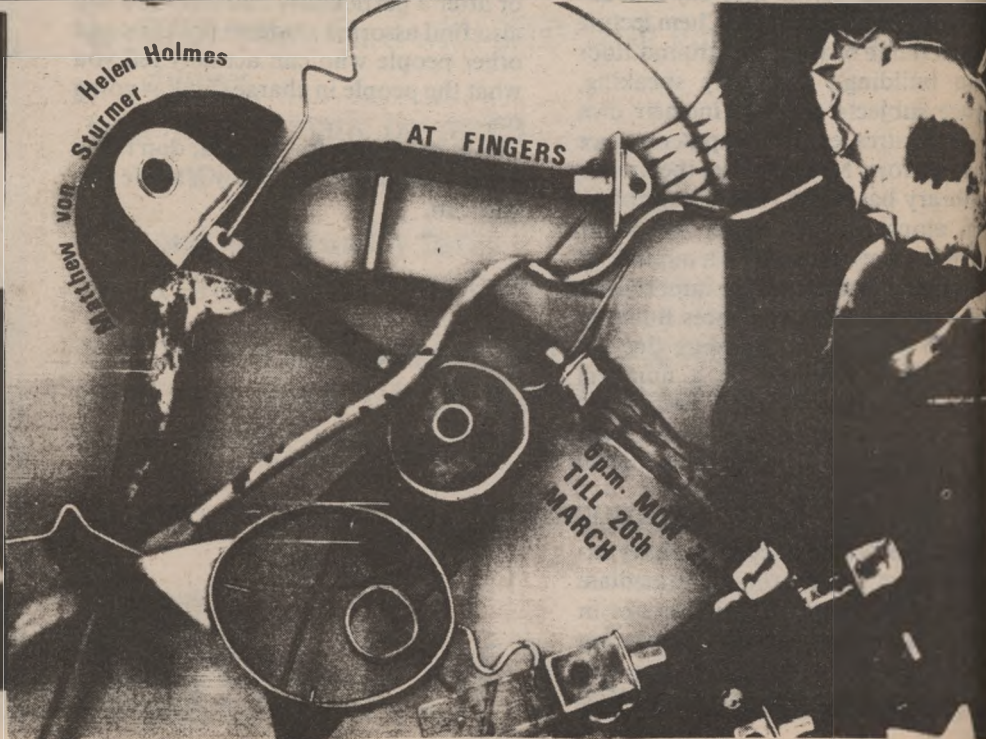
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SEARCH FOR OTTO

The image of the Citroën slid into the eyes of the man and his dog, bisecting their dark pupils like a galvanised eel, causing a spontaneous nightmare to erupt somewhere behind their human and animal retinas: the dog imagined a madman, a butcher without a butcher-shop, running wild in the sunlight with a carving knife, the man imagined a mad dog, its muzzle rising from a stagnant pond, sharp teeth visible through the yellow foam . . . then the Citroën disappeared, accelerating with an unexpected violence, leaving the early morning mist flattened against the mountain-tops."

ENIGMATIC appears to be a rather key word in any description of the film, novel, or play of "The Search For Otto". Malevolent is another term used to describe the central figure, Otto, and is not recommended for children. An excerpt from the novel below portrays both the strangeness and the imagery of violence that reoccurs through the play: The sturdy man and his sturdy dog stood outside the white-washed pub and watched the mist rise from the surrounding mountains. Otto wound down the window to study the two figures standing stock-still in the early morning unlight. Nothing moved except a black Citroën gliding silently along the main street.

Performances of the play run from Saturday the 28th of February till Saturday 7th of March at 8pm. In addition 6pm shows will be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of March. All performances are held at the School of Architectures Design Theatre. It is a play for the adventurous and those willing to experience a play of a decidedly unusual flavour. Richard Von Sturmer and Charlotte Wrighton, have previously appeared as "Humanimals" and Derek Ward with "Debbie and the Dum-Dums", sound is by Sarah Fort of Feus Productions and costumes by Helen Fuller. Donations at the door will be hypnotically received.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



DAVID WARD

'STOP THE CHOP - EDUCATION CUTS DON'T HEAL'

Education fightback slogan, 1982.

What fun it was marching through the streets of Christchurch in 1982 as a first year student. Merv Wellington and Muldoon bore the brunt of all our chants - they had just made minor but significant cuts in the Education budget. It was good to see Labour MP's out marching with us - telling us how good it would be with them in power. I took the lollipop. It tasted quite nice until mid '84 when a Labour government was elected, with the help of untold students like myself who leafletted and door knocked. 'Vote Labour, Vote Education'. All of a sudden i'd sucked through the sugar coating only to find something more bitter than I ever expected underneath.

Summer was approaching. Students Associations around N.Z. were feeling very happy about Labours election - as they had promised a fully subsidised, comprehensive and effective summer Job Scheme. The letter arrived to outline the details of the new scheme. Not only did it not improve the Student Job system National had operated the previous summer, bit it cut back. We freaked. Many people have left the Labour Party since 1984. A few other facts -

- * Accom. costs % inc rease is far above increases in accom. grant over the last three years.

- * Bursary and Accom. grant have declined in real terms under Labour - National gave us more.

- * Education spending as a % of total govt. expenditure has declined under Labour.

- * Education spending in real terms has declined under Labour.

- * For the first time in recent years serious proposals for user pays University Education have been pushed.

- * The Summer Job Schemes for students have been cut back three years in a row.

The list goes on. Needless to say, Labour no longer has my support. Neither does National, in fact one might as well be the other.

This year being a crucial general election students should make themselves felt as an effective group. Both parties have poor performances in the education area, and must be made to buck up their ideas.

Monday Feb 23rd, Richard Northey, the Labour MP for Eden came on Campus. He disputed our figures about the declines, and made a public commitment to fight for a return to at least the levels under National - if our figures proved correct.

Welcome back. Enjoy the first term, and remember, don't take any nice looking lillipops from strangers.

Keep Smiling

Graham

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NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary at 5pm on Friday 6th March 1987, and an election will be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March 1987.

ANN WEBSTER — EVP

CRACCUM interviewed Ann Webster, who is AUSA's Education Vice President. Ann is one of the four senior officers on AUSA's sixteen person executive.



DAVID WARD

CRACCUM: What major things are you working on at the moment as Education Vice President?

ANN: As an exec member with the absence of a Treasurer, with the absence of large parts of our executive, with a new Administrative Vice President, and other things, I've been taking a lot of administrative type roles, for example negotiating with the orientation controllers, various things like finance committee, budget work, little bits and pieces that have to be done. However, hopefully the end is in sight for that because everybody is coming back.

CRACCUM: You said that you'd been doing a lot of work as an exec member, has there been only a few people around here doing all the work? How many (exec members) could have been here?

ANN: Well, we have been on holidays, and a lot of people don't actually start the year until the term begins, so you can't expect everyone to be keenly bunning about doing lots of things. And also with the portfolio holders, they're not paid and so you can't expect them to be slogging their guts out and doing lots of work for no return, so in a way it's wrong to complain. Well, I'm not paid in the holidays either.

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CRACCUM: This was one of the things levelled against the former AUSA Treasurer Kathy McGrave, that she wasn't working over summer, have you got anything to say about what happened there (Kathy was asked to resign)?

ANN: No. As EVP I'm working on my handbook for student representatives.

CRACCUM: What sort of handbook?

ANN: It's a book on how to be a student representative, what to expect, what the regulations are, how to do it, how to lobby, all those sorts of things. We're leaving bread and butter issues like bursaries to NZUSA because that's their business: they've got all the figures there and that's what they're based on.

CRACCUM: How do you think NZUSA are going to deal with those bread and butter issues now that they're supposed to have restructured?

ANN: I'm biased but I think they're doing really great, I'm really pleased. I like the attitude, I've got a lot of faith in the people there. I think issues like representation, getting work done effectively, are becoming really important and also those bread and butter issues are now becoming more important.

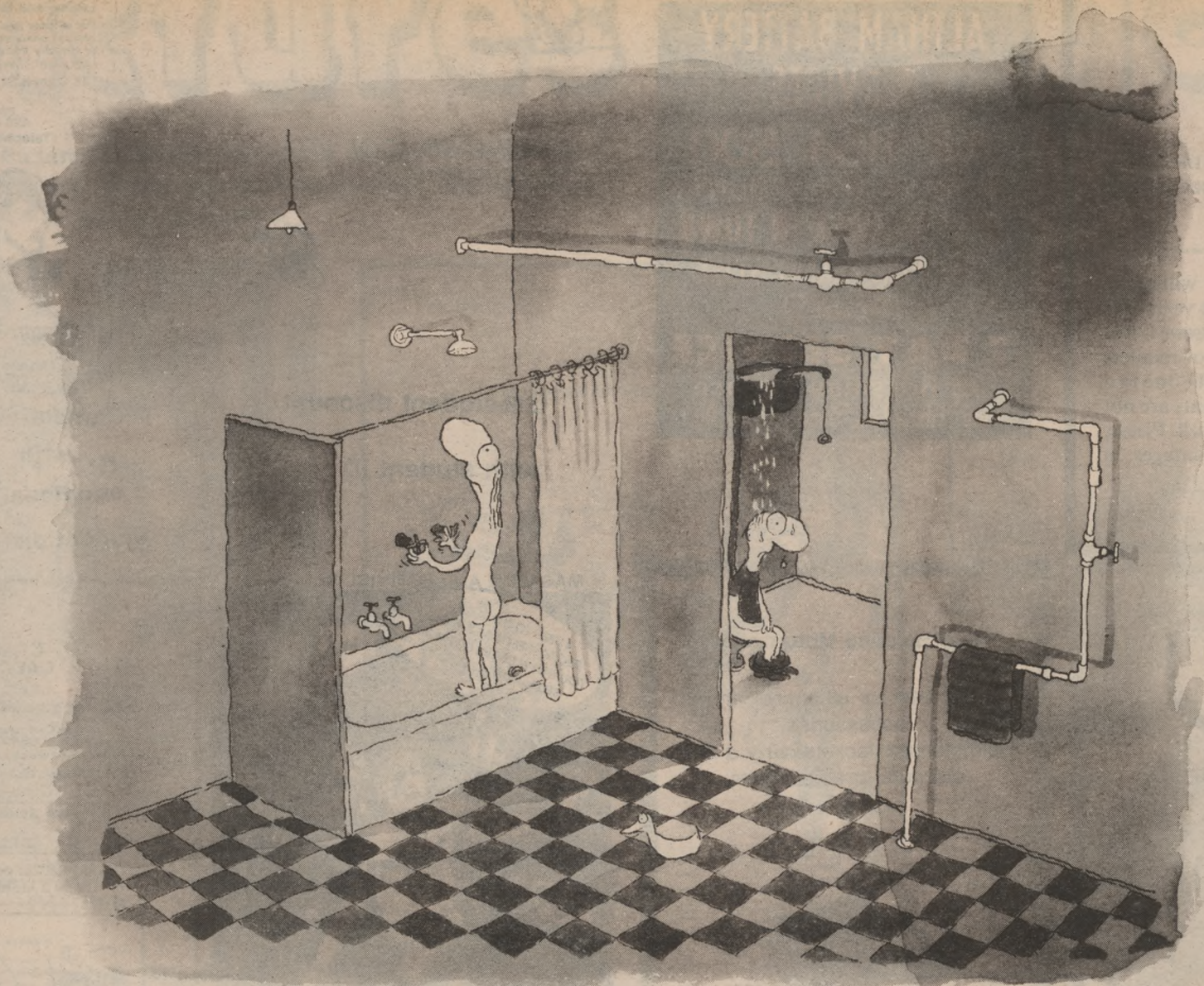
CRACCUM: Do you think they've (NZUSA) got over the problems they had late last year with staffing problems?

ANN: No. There is residual bad feeling, that's just to be expected I guess. There is a lot of dispute about whether that was handled properly or not. I don't really care what you say one way or the other, I think that's just one of those things that happens. Industrial relations are always sticky and always result in bad feeling.

ANN: I'm always doing job search of course. The government has got fed up with students harassing them about SJS, they put us really in the cactus by throwing 1.85 million at us and saying "have a good time kiddies" and that has raised all sorts of problems like accounting system, management structures, and financial ability. We've come up with some really catchy campaign ideas for user pays.

ANN: I was really impressed with the number of students who said "Cost Recovery! Sign that" (petition)...

DAVID WARD



The Case of the Landlord who did his own Plumbing

It was a bright, sunny bird-twittering day in February, when Digby bade his parents farewell and set out with his new Polytech friends on a journey into the unknown world of inner city flat dwelling.

With the luck of true beginners, they soon stumbled upon a delightfully sunny mod-con fitted house.

At once the jubilant Digby took it upon himself to collect everyone's bond money, and gave it to the landlord who following the letter of the newly established law, posted it off pronto to the Tenancy Bond Division of the Housing Corporation, knowing that they would keep it safe.

The happy group then moved in.

However, it seems no good can come to those who cop it sweet too soon. The long idyllic days of lucky star counting were to vanish the next day, when unsuspecting Elsbeth stepped daintily into the shower, turned the tap on and heard from afar light flutters of refreshing water, while around her the shower cubicle remained disturbingly dry.

The mystery was solved when Rex, who'd been sitting on the lawn leapt to his feet, as the sprinkler drenched him.

It was then the awful realisation dawned. That the landlord's do-it-yourself ability left much to be desired.

Calamitous confirmation came when Allan went to do the washing up, turned on the tap, and set instead the toilet overflowing.

Thus this once happy band unanimously voted to abandon ship to search for a perfect plumbing paradise.

BUT: "Whoa up there" the landlord commanded.

"That floor's ruined and you're going to give me your bond money for it."

"No we're not" replied Digby, "it was your penny-pinching attempts to save money that were responsible."

"We'll see" said the landlord, dialling the Tenancy Bond offices for an appointment.

So to mop up a messy saga, after both sides heard the other out they came to an agreement which was good for Digby and his friends, and for the landlord.

The moral here is:

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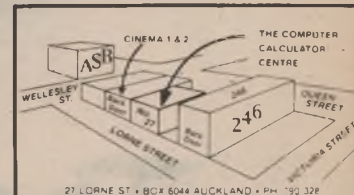
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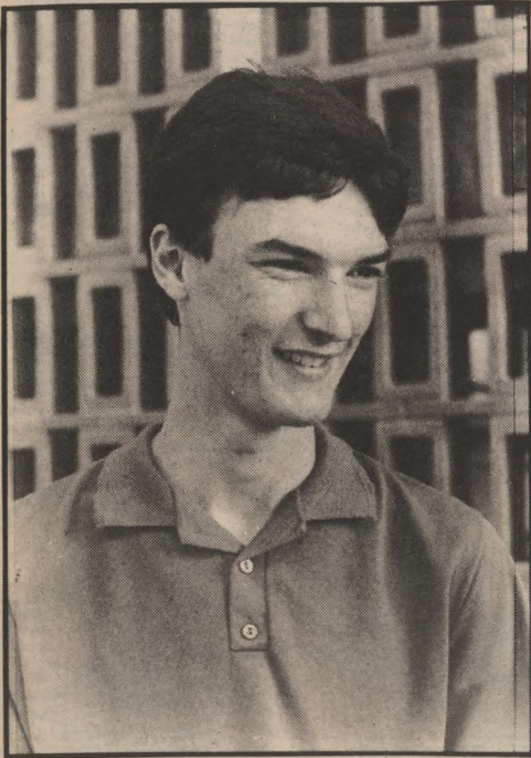
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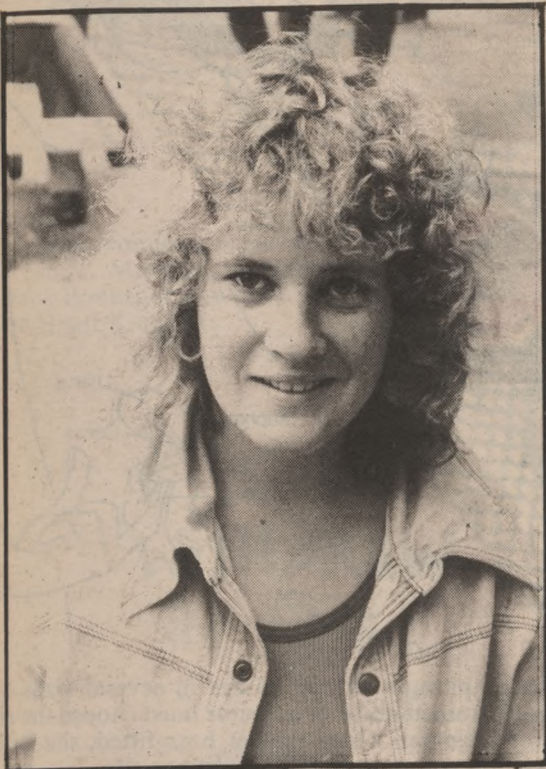
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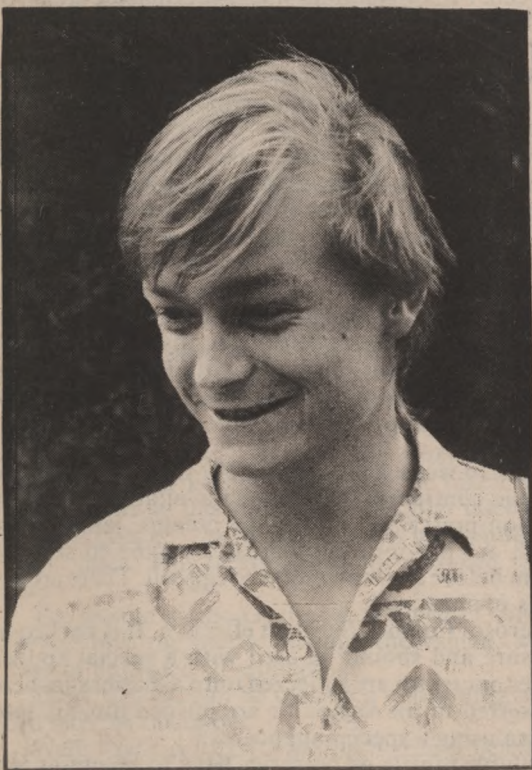
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The purpose of this article is not to encourage you all into rampant promiscuity. But rather to encourage you to have a responsible attitude to sex. Sex is not the be all and end all of life but an unplanned pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease can definitely be the end all.

Some people have the stupid notion that it's unromantic to bother about contraception — that passion should just sweep you away.

There is a saying it's not the bad girls that get caught, it's the good ones. It's not adults that get pregnant, it's morons and the very unlucky.

So, moralising over, onto the guts of the article.

If you are a woman then it is a simple matter of making an appointment at the Student Health Service which is available to all students and is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm. You can walk in without an appointment between 9 to 10 am but after that you have to arrange a time. The most common reasons women go to the Health Service after coughs and colts, is contraception. The second most common complaint with men is spots on their face. (This is true!) There are several women doctors at the Health Centre and confidentiality is assured.

The most popular method prescribed for woman at University is the pill.

The pill is a chemical contraceptive you take by mouth. While it is known as the pill, it is in fact a series of pills.

The pill works because two chemical compounds, oestrogen and progesterone, change your hormone balance, and the result is your ovaries stop producing eggs. Different brands of the pill offer basically the same two compounds in different combinations. This choice allows you to find the right blend for your body's hormone makeup.

If you follow the directions exactly the pill will give you almost 100% protection from 14 days after your first packet. From then on, as long as you keep up the correct sequence, your protection is continuous. Advantages of the pill are its reliability and simplicity and that it is free.

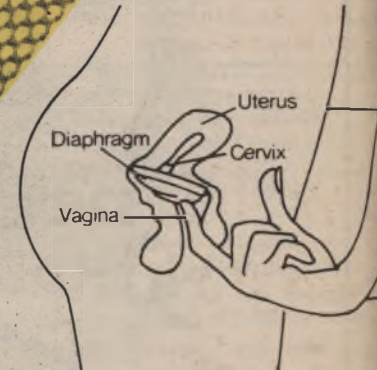
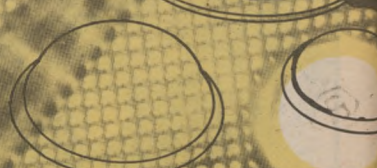
Disadvantages are bleeding between periods in the first few months or if you take pill late, breast tenderness. Also diarrhoea and vomiting can reduce its effectiveness. Nausea on the first two days of the pill, headaches and occasional skin discolouration or acne are noticed by some people. Serious side effects are very rare. If you smoke and are on the pill it doubles your risk of blood clots and heart disease.

The pill may make your periods shorter and lighter, the blood may look brownish. The pill may remove or greatly lessen period pains.

Other contraceptive methods women can use include, an injection of the chemical "progestagen" given at 3 monthly intervals which stops the ovaries producing eggs. This form of contraception is not commonly recommended by the Student Health Service.

The Intra Uterine Devices are small flexible objects made of plastic or metal in different shapes and sizes. An IUD is put into a woman's uterus (womb) by a doctor. As long as it is in place it will nearly always prevent pregnancy. After the device has been inserted the first two or three periods may be heavier than usual and cramp-like pains may be experienced for the first few months. IUDs can be left in place for several years and need no attention other than a yearly medical check. When a woman wishes to become pregnant she returns to her doctor who will remove it.

BABIES



The diaphragm or cap comes in several sizes so a specially trained nurse or a doctor must choose the right size for a woman. Once she has been fitted, she will be shown how to insert and remove it herself.

The woman places the diaphragm, which is made of soft rubber, into her vagina so that it covers the neck of her womb (cervix). This stops the sperm from meeting the egg cell. First she should smear spermicide cream or jelly on both sides of the diaphragm to prevent sperm from getting around the rim and into the womb.

All the previously mentioned methods of contraception are the most reliable and involve a woman going to a doctor.

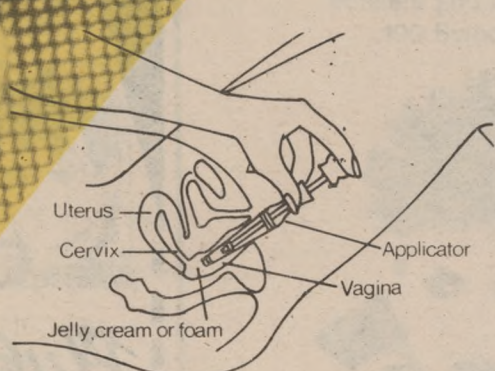
For a male, apart from a vasectomy the only reliable contraceptive method to use is a condom. Condoms also protect against sexually transmitted diseases.

Condoms are shaped like the finger of a glove and are rolled onto the penis before sexual contact begins. Extra protection is gained if the woman also uses a spermicide in her vagina. After ejaculation, the condom should be held in place close to the penis so that it remains in place until the penis has been fully withdrawn. Care must be taken to make sure that no fluid is spilt. A new condom should be used each time intercourse takes place.

Back to women (sorry men but there aren't that many reliable contraceptive methods available to you), there are non-prescription chemical creams, jellies or foams which are put into the woman's vagina to stop or kill sperm before they can meet the egg cell. There are several kinds of chemicals.

Aerosol Foam is the most effective. It is packed under pressure and should be used with a special applicator. Jellies or creams are squeezed onto a diaphragm before it is inserted in the vagina or are pushed directly into the vagina using a special applicator.

Soluble tablets or pessaries have to be put as far into the vagina as possible just before intercourse. (None of these contraceptive chemicals are completely reliable by themselves so most people only use them along with diaphragms or condoms.)



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So to wind off (at last) here are a few important but maybe unknown facts that hopefully make everything so much easier for you all.

- 1) Don't use vaseline as a lubricant, it's insoluble — use K.Y. Jelly.
- 2) Birth control pills don't stop you catching S.T.D.s.
- 3) If each of you have only one partner you can't catch an S.T.D.
- 4) For a woman the more sexual partners you have the more you increase the risk of getting cervical cancer.
- 5) Take Veneral Warts seriously, they may be a cause of cervical cancer in women.



P.S.

Men can get condoms prescribed free from the student health centre. Men can buy condoms in the good old University Bookshop and for women the nearest chemist is at the Hyatt Kingsgate.

I DIDN'T
WITHDRAW
IN TIME!



P.P.S.

There are two emergency methods of contraception which can be used after you have had intercourse, to prevent unwanted pregnancy occurring. Both methods work by preventing a fertilised egg from implanting in the uterus.

The first method is the Morning After pill. These pills contain two hormones. They must be taken as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours after intercourse.

Four pills are taken, two at first, and another two 12 hours later. This treatment is not designed for regular use.

The second method is the Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device into the uterus through the vagina, within five days of unprotected intercourse.

The I.U.C.D. can be used as a continuing method or can later be taken out.

Well, that's it folks. Nothing is recommended except the diaphragm and condom, these are the only contraceptive methods that have no dangerous harmful side effects to a persons body, unless you're allergic to rubber of course.



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So far there is no real vaccine to prevent AIDS. Condoms are the only protection we have. Doesn't it make sense to protect yourself and others?





CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Hidden among the trees at the north west corner of the campus (opposite the Hyatt Kingsgate) is the **MacLaurin Chapel**, gift to the University of the late Sir William Goodfellow.

Chapels defy definition, and the MacLaurin Chapel is no exception.

Obviously, it is a place of worship and meditation for the University community. An office of morning prayer — combining formal and informal elements — is kept on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Newman Hall) at 9am, and to this, you are invited. A service of Holy Communion is celebrated at 1.10pm on Thursdays and there are other special occasions. And many people take time for personal meditation.

Less obvious, perhaps, is the adjacent hall which is used by many groups for meetings of one sort and another. During the day there are tables and comfortable chairs for study or for friendly sharing.

There is a library of about 2,000 books from which you may borrow, and "the Chapel" subscribes to a number of New Zealand and overseas religious papers which are available for general reading.

The Chapel serves as a focus for the ecumenical Chaplains, Ray Galvin and Joh Ker, for forums, groups, etc. The Chaplains are available to all members of the University community for friendship, counsel, and such other help as they may be able to give.

Across Waterloo Quadrant stands Newman Hall (to be redeveloped by Mainzeal this year). It is the home and centre of the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy, Teresa Roughan O.P., Claire Conaglen, Moira Gallagher, Laurence Ramsay and Father Michael Shirres, although they will be operating out of Room 144, Old Choral Hall during the "renovations".

Get to know the Chapel and the Chaplains. They are here to help you.

J.M.K.
for the University Chaplaincy

XTC DEAR GOD

Dear God hope you got the letter and I pray
You can make it better down here.
I don't mean a big reduction in the price of beer
But all the people that you made in your image
See them starving on their feet because they don't
get enough to eat from God
Can't believe in you.
Dear God sorry to disturb you.
But I feel that I should be heard loud and clear
We all need a big reduction in amount of tears
And all the people that you made in your image
See them all fighting in the street
Because they can't make opinions meet about God.
I can't believe in you.
Did you make disease and the diamond blue?
Did you make mankind or did we make you and the devil
too?
Dear God don't know if you noticed but your name is on
a lot of books in this book.
Us crazy humans wrote it you should take a look
And all the people that you made in your image
Still believe in that Junk it's true.
Well I know it and so do you.
Dear God
I can't believe in
I don't believe in
I won't believe in Heaven and Hell
No saints, no sinners, no devil as well
No Pearly Gates, no thorny crown
You're always looking us humans down.
The wars you bring the babes your down
Those looks that see and never frown
And if your spin the whole world round
The hurt I see helps to compound
The father, son and holy ghost
Its just some memories of the Holy Host.
And if you're up there you perceive
That my hearts here upon my sleeve.
If there's one thing I don't believe in it's
YOU Dear God.



HORRORSCOPE

(This is not meant to be taken seriously but it's true). What no-one was rude enough to tell you!

ARIES

Aries are the most spiritually immature members of the zodiac, and consequently the one with the greatest hunger for admiration. Your impossible mission in this life is to grow up. Despite the wildness of the sign, and despite the fact that April Fools Day falls within it, there are surprisingly few outright idiots born under Aries. Although they are notorious in the Zodiac for their foul mouths.

Terrified by your mortality, you will work yourself to death to forget you are going to die. Impatient of detail, you want to be in on the big picture and this makes you virtually unemployable in your early career. One of your most annoying characteristics is taking charge of a crisis. You do this successfully particularly when the crisis is of your devising. You are never more annoying than at this time.

Warning to other signs!! Never interrupt an Arian woman. It is like walking into oncoming traffic!

TAURUS

Smart people tell us how middle-class the Queen and her values are, so it is appropriate for her majesty to be born in the intensely bourgeois sign of Taurus.

Bound by possessions to the Wheel of Life, Taurean souls struggle to release themselves from the pain-filled illusions of permanence, stability and property. Yours is the sign of the silent majority, a negative, stoical, anal sign, full of fortitude, you can carry on for years, taking your greatest pleasure in paying large insurance premiums, getting wearier and wearier, worrying about the reckless spending of the modern world. The vast class of Taurus can only be pushed so far. But when inflation devalues your savings or investments, they push you towards the edge and you will retaliate.

You lack a talent for casual cruelty and this can hold you back in your career. Luckily for you, promotion is rarely a product of talent or aptitude, and much more a question of staying in the same place for long enough. Your very steadiness allows you to be prompted well beyond the level of your capabilities.

Physically Taureans suffer from poor circulation, weak ankles, varicose veins, obesity, lethargy and kidney infections. Apart from this you are generally robust!

GEMINI

When they discover you are a Gemini no-one ever quite trusts you again.

You are intensely friendly and communicative. Strangers assume you are on coke. Your liness is accentuated by the fact that you are weird. Those close to you assume you are simply incoherent, or coked up or greedy for money, but sooner or later they will find out that you are weird. However you generally do not have serious enemies, unless you marry them.

You are inclined to make people fall in love with you to see what it's like. It is important for other signs not to sob at you, as you will only be interested until their faces go blotchy. At this point you'll go out to dinner. You can't bear to be bored, clung to and groveled before.

There is an Australasian saying 'Gemini women generally fake orgasms, but alone in the Zodiac, Gemini men fake erections as well!'

CANCER

In this, the first wholly neurotic sign of the Zodiac, you sensitive Cancerians find yourselves dominated by deeply damaged emotions. Like psychotics, schizophrenics and random murderers, you are ruled by the moon; your sanity goes out with the tide.

In the depth of the worst of your moods you long for company.

It can't be healthy to be as patriotic as you are. But history represents some security, a safe place for you. At least it can't change, like the present does. Cancerians can be tied to their mothers, and this actually gets sinister, especially to your new spouse. It's very late in the twentieth century to be behaving like that. The return to the traditional values (like 'Psycho') can be taken too far. Jealous, possessive, savage you are, and these your partner's reckon, are your more attractive qualities. You know how to make a partner feel wanted (if they rub themselves against someone else at a party you black their lights out, this hurts people less than Librans who walk away feigning indifference).



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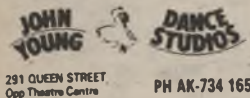
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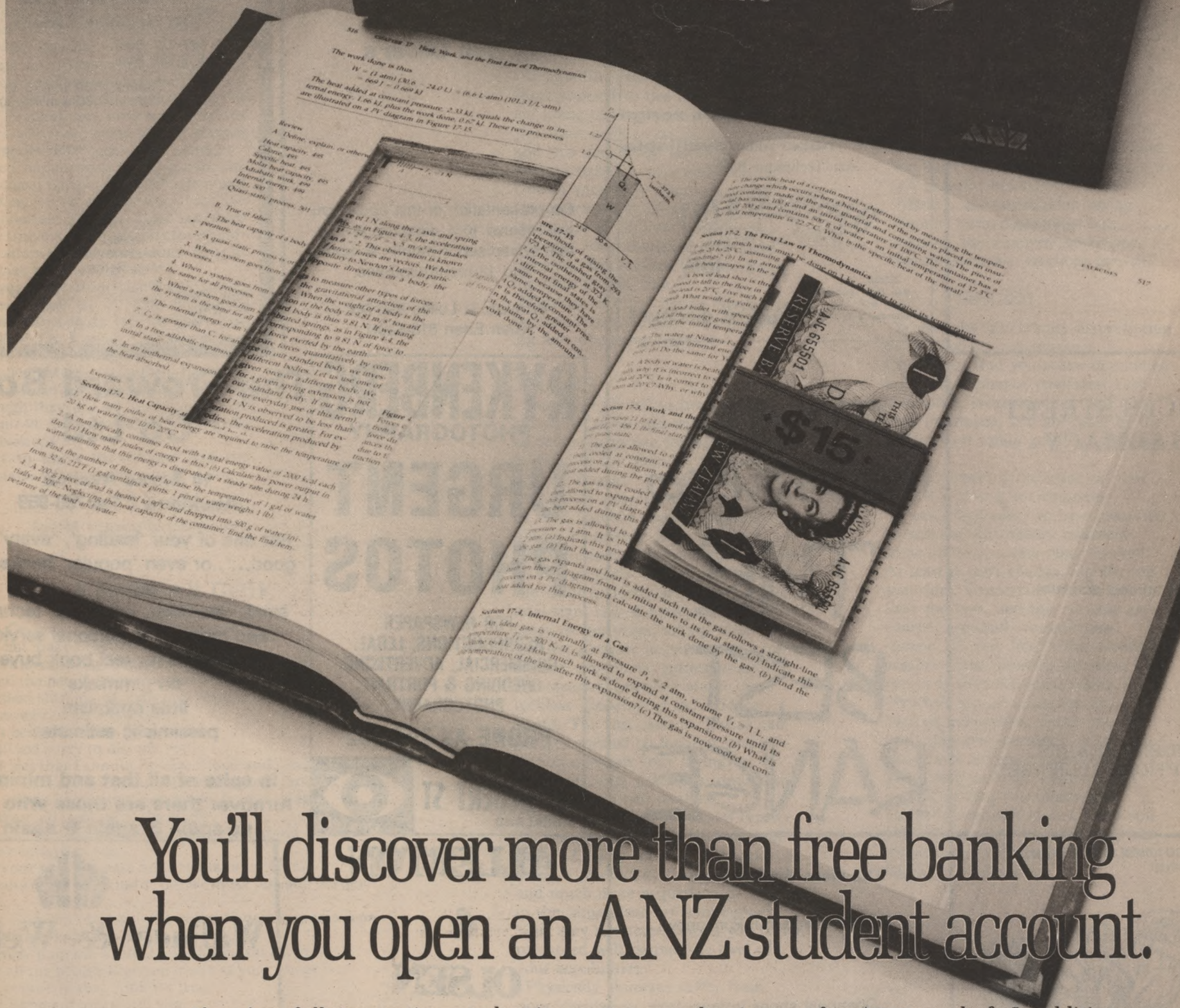
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KENNEDY KENNEDY HENDRIX

The recent election of yet another Kennedy to the US Congress serves as a gentle reminder that there are tens of extremely influential families in control of their respective areas. The Kennedy family has provided the United States, the Massachusetts in particular, with numerous politicians of high calibre. Of course everyone has heard of John and Edward Kennedy, but how many of you know that Bill Kennedy (2nd cousin of Edward John) was once elected to the Governorship of California? Instead of a ballot, a roller skating contest was held to determine the governor. Bill won this hands down, while his hands were down they became caught in a chain and Bill was pancaked onto the asphalt. Bill's evening was not the only tragedy to befall a political family.

Together the Bowie twins had a son called Dennis, who was aged 23 at birth.

He is immediately reminded of Teddy Hendrix, 69th President of The United States. Teddy was outrageously assassinated, he was shot painfully in the guitar while trying to emulate his late uncle's feat of using 'All the watchtower' to determine US foreign policy. Though Teddy himself was upset at his death, he did find a consolation of going out the way he always wanted to. Teddy made history by being the first person to die while playing a guitar solo with his tongue. It was some lick Teddy, we all miss you...

So in the political field is the Harrison family. Albert Harrison was US President for 37 minutes before he died of a bullet in the head at the post-election party. Subsequent investigation by the CIA reported this 'as death by natural causes'. Albert would have been the first ever President but for his son Roger who succeeded him. Roger Harrison was four feet two. The Harrison family recently burst back into prominence when George tried to push 'While my guitar gently weeps' through congress. The key congressional speaker, instead of 'While my guitar gently weeps' (which would have halted all exports of rubber bands) was Alan Davis, whose twin brother David wrote his campaign song 'Ch-ch-ch-space oddity'.

Together the Bowie twins had a son called Dennis, who was aged 23 at birth. Dennis' first words were 'I can't find no satisfaction'. Dennis pioneered the octagonal cereal packet, a remarkable invention which was to revolutionise the entire industry of octagonal cereal packets. Dennis was actually the person his uncle David was thinking of when he wrote about Major Tom in space. In a little known business coup, Dennis Bowie travelled to Mars and there he signed the first interplanetary trade agreement. Martians, being only four centimetres tall, discovered that Dennis' octagonal cereal packets made nifty little Martian-homes. Negotiations became sticky when Dennis accidentally trod on a Martian Deputy minister of interplanetary trade, but good shoe-shine cleaned things up.

When the next Kennedy is elected to high office, remember the other families that go often unnoticed. The Kennedy Hendrixes, Albert Harrison, and Dennis Davis of this world need the recognition they rightly deserve.

D(G)W



WHAT IS A CAMEL?

Ostensibly the Camelcomicality is merely an attempt to release an unrelenting strangeness under the loose label of humour to provide a means of relaxation for the emotionally tensed university populace. Cliches would not be cliches if they were not both true and an accurate summation, and laughter IS the best medicine.

Yet, for those of you who have not blanked your minds on picking up this stunningly under inept paper in your hot, greasy, sweaty, indolent, precipitous, iconoclastic, geosynchronous, little palms, the truth is beyond that veneer of reason.*

That truth being that we, the authors, do not give a tinker's toss about how relaxed the numbed masses are, can, or might be, but are simply using this column as a means of release, one so powerful as to be almost sexual in intensity. That release being but a plea for help, a forlorn cry from one small insignificant, unimportant, unnoticed human being among the many that have been unwittingly entrapped in a system far more vast than any of us were ready for... Sounds plausible but unfortunately it too is a load of dingo's kidneys.

This then is the real reason for this column — (and I will say this only once):

Sometime during the afternoon of April the 16th, 1796, a Tuesday, an historic event occurred — it could have changed the entire course of human history as we know it — but it didn't. This column commemorates that event. Yes, the authors are all alien life forms, taking human shape so as not to cause unnecessary exam stress or inexplicably bizarre accidents on pedestrian crossings.

Hidden in the unplumbed and unpruned depths of the CRACCUM office are lifeforms so unnatural, so altogether weird, as to almost totally be unacceptable at an SRC...

* These people shall be hereforth known as Sam

Droid

THE KELLOGGS SERIAL

SUMMER OF '69

It was the summer of '69. I was living in south-east Gisborne, cruising my life away on a surfboard, lying in the sun and soaking up the fun. The radio played 'Back in the USSR' as I drove to a semi-legendary ramshackle, sprawling, and slightly decrepit student flat.

Gingerly I approached the door, a process which required the kicking away of thistles and climbing of a mini-mountain of cement bags. I knocked, but the sheer impact of my knuckles shattered the glass on the door, leaving only the 'We welcome American Express' sign intact. I was now able to open the door by reaching inside and turning the handle. Sounds simple, doesn't it?...

Inside I danced around a bicycle, dodged an indoor cricket ball and stood on the pet buses' tail.

As I neared the kitchen my heart trembled, butterflies fluttered in my palms and my stomach became sweaty. I could scarcely believe that sitting in front of me was Gisborne's most notorious student: Andrew 'Batman' Jones. Batman had aged well beyond his 22 years, yet in this appearances still were deceiving. It was known to only a few that Batman's real age was 236, but I was lucky that he told me this straight away and spared me the blood curdling fate he had used on his opponents.

You see, Batman is not of our world.

As a form of torture, Batman would tell his oppressors about his days in the fifth form. You see, Batman is not of our world. He spent 214 years in the fifth form. In the time Batman was at school in Robin Robinson Memorial College on the planet Gotham, the school had had 43 principals and 2 principles. The principals were Adler through to Zimmerman, and the principles were thus: 'Always look on the bright side of life,' and 'Look out for the large economics textbook the 7th formers are dropping onto you from the upstairs window.'

Batman was a nervy character, who startled easily, spilling his banana juice and unconsciously uttering when he saw me: 'Holy Cow!'

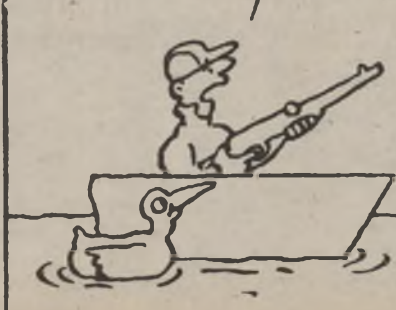
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Specialist advice and information

Wait until you see the whites of their eyes.



They're wearing dark glasses.



Tsk. They're cunning, those hang glider pilots.



BRAD'S BARYSPHERE

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Bat Kaye Woodward

Bats Paul Kean and Robert Scott

Photos Keri Hoole

This Friday **Orientation 87** flies in for your exclusive physical pleasure, the flying nun band, **The Bats** and throws them on stage at the **Galaxy** (early Mt Eden Road, number 33 to be precise). Backing the Bats will be 'The Letter 5' and 'The Barbs' in the last of Orientation 87's Galaxy Gigs.

Featuring singer/songwriter/guitarist **Robert** (is he a doctor?) **Scott**, guitarist **Kaye Woodward**, Bass Guitarist **Paul Kean** and on Drums **Malcolm Grant**. The Bats have drawn in the crowds up here and around the country having filled such establishments as the Windsor (R.I.P.) and then proceeded to make venues rage on through the night and often past closing time.

Their latest output on flying disks was the E.P. **'Made Up In Blue'** which was recorded, while on a European tour last year, in the 24-track Point Studio in England. English Music Magazine N.M.E. (New Music Express to those not into abbreviations) reviewed it to discover 'The Bats, take an obvious care in their craft.' and that the three songs on this E.P. are 'Three poignant refrains which you'll find yourself singing merrily on the way to the bus stop.' Well that's what the Poms had to say about them on vinyl, so what are they like live, I caught them at the Windsor last year and was taken by surprise. As I've never really got off on Flying Nun Music what I expected and what I got was as different as a glass water is to a triple **Southern Comfort** with a double Southern Comfort as a chaser, I raged all night. This is definitely one concert that I **won't miss** this Orientation.

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7pm - 'Dead Famous People' \$2
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8.15pm - Measure for Measure
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6.30pm - Kiss of the Spider
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9.00pm - The Gypsy Camp
Vanishes Into the Blue

8.15pm - Measure for Measure
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6.30pm - Free Air

12.30pm - Silly Games, Quad.
1.00pm - Archaeology BBQ,
HSB Quad.
1.30pm - Te Rerenga Wairua &
Drum Sing movies in the Little
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5.30pm - Patu. Movies at the
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8.00pm - Peace Party with the
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6.00pm - KISS of the SPIDER
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6.30pm - Asylum

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8.00pm - The Happy Accident.
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8.00pm - Herbs. \$6/\$10 Galaxy.

7pm - 'Suspenders' \$2

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8.00pm - The Happy Accident
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8.15pm - Measure for Measure
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6.00pm - KISS of the SPIDE
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Hi, welcome to our weekly gardening section 'On The Plot'. This column will attempt to give a week by week guide to your agricultural problems, covering both indoor and outdoor cultivation.

Of course we shall attempt to give helpful hints on all the problems associated with growing on your plot and will try to give ideas that will allow your plants to survive to maturity.

As you know the variation of growing areas poses many problems, so our column will try to find potentially new areas to be used for your growing. Our qualified writers will tell of methods to maximise growth in often cramped and limited environments.

Included will be details on the correct way to wire up indoor growing lights (the style that doesn't blow you across the attic). On The Plot shall cover larger cropping with methods of protection to keep all the nasties away (both little and large). Also we will throw in some stories of what can happen to not only the growers, but also the animal life that can wreck havoc amongst your crop.

To get ready for next weeks 'How To Start' column, you should start collecting your gardening equipment. A few



small potting pots is all the real high tech. stuff you need to start. If you can't lay your hands on these, just punch a few holes in the bottom of a yoghurt container or two (or a similar type thing), not quite as good looking when sitting on the window sill but just as functional. You may want to find some larger lids to sit under the pots - this stops any excess water from running out the bottom of your new pots and all over everything within reach.

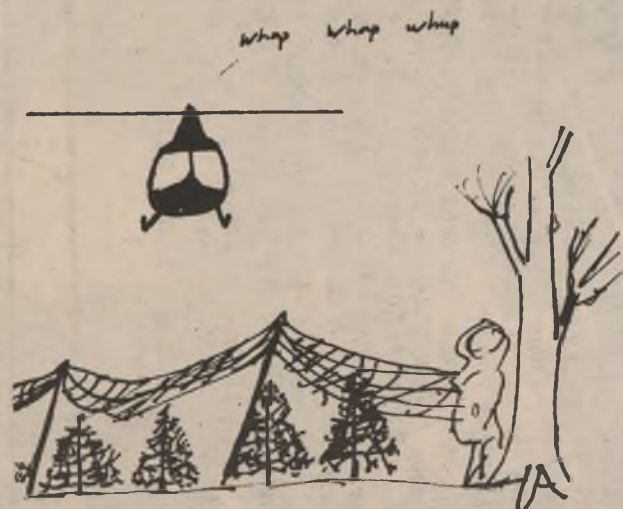
Most importantly you will have to get hold of some seeds. Here this column can't really help you, so it'll be up to you, so grab some seed from your friends, relatives, contacts etc.

If you are deciding on indoor cultivation you should be looking around for spare light fittings and tin foil. While outdoor cultivators should search for a nice private plot.

Also in this column we shall explore the possibilities of a bit of yeast cultivation in the form of home brew. So breakout the large cooking pots and scrub down your empty bottles.

Until next week.

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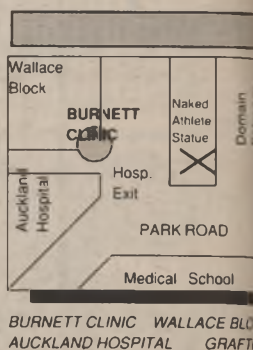
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CLASSIC CARS

Like all student cars this weeks Classic Car has unusual features. It is rare that any car can reach a respectable age without undergoing some modification of the variety labelled 'bush-mechanics'. This is always a result of student budgetry systems, i.e. no money so you do it yourself.

So on with the review, Avengers are a fairly common student car, picked for initial purchase price, (Cheap!) and relatively managable maintenance and running costs, (Again cheap!).

Down to specifics, the subject is a 1970 AVenger 1500 cc 4 door saloon of English assembly. Some of the modifications that have been induced onto the vehicle include a CNG unit which has done wonders for the economy - from a previous 32 mpg around town to an equivalent 55 mpg (approximately). However the power is dramatically



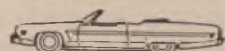
Before the present owners got hold of it.

reduced, the owner, a 5th year student, claims that it used to be able to do over 100 mph and has passengers to prove it! Alas no longer and 90 mph is the fastest in recent years that has been achieved.

Modifications have emphasised, or produced, some of the weaknesses; the addition of two 40 watt spotlamps for instance alerted the owner dramatically to the weakness of the electrical system - only three fuses for all power. As a result one winters night on a back road outside Ngaruawahia the spotlights were switched on, and as a result the power failed on; spotlights, headlights, indicators, horn, and the fuel pump on the CNG unit. That was 1985, since then they have not been connected up electronically.

Regular excursions onto the backroads of this great country have resulted in the suspension being rewelded on, three times in the last three years. The count on exhaust repair is beyond the driver.

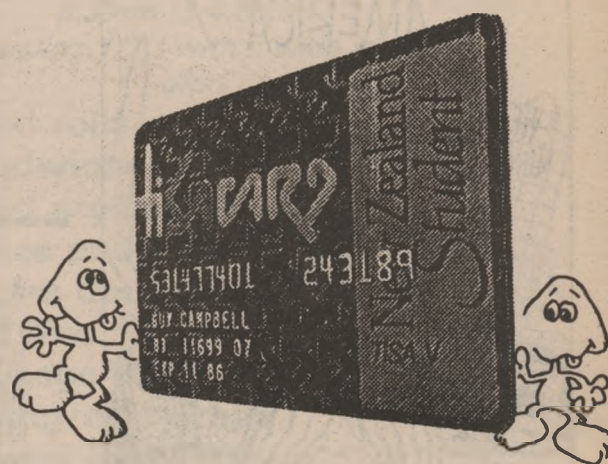
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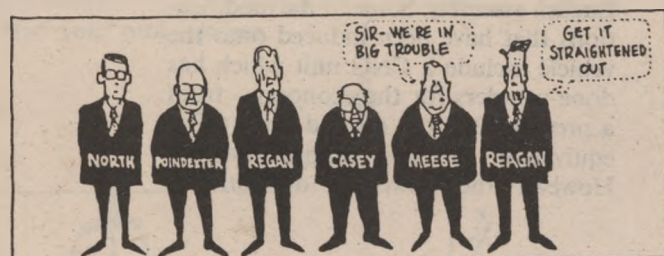
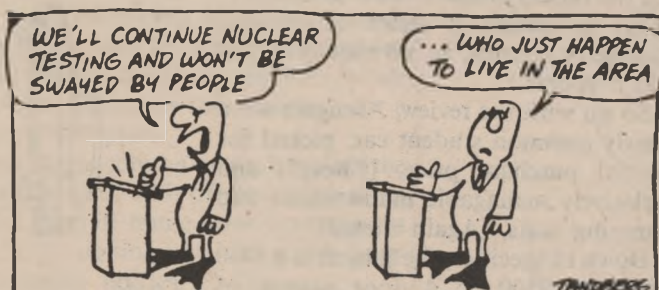
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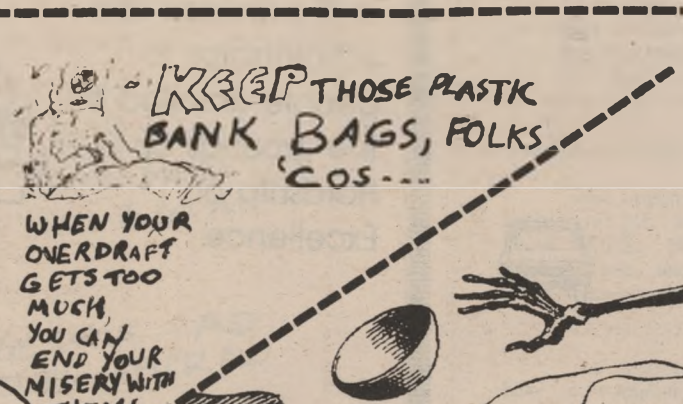
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Aikido -

Aikido is a modern form of martial art. It is a blend of various martial arts, including Judo, Karate, and Tai Chi. The first half of the article discusses the history of Aikido, while the second half discusses its techniques. The article mentions that Aikido is a non-violent martial art, and that it is a form of self-defense. It also mentions that Aikido is a form of physical education, and that it is a form of mental training. The article concludes by stating that Aikido is a form of life, and that it is a form of love.

SPORTS

TRAMPING CLUB

Contrary to the impression given by the presentation handbook, Tramping Club does exist. This club isn't just tramping. It cater for all types:

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L.G.M. -	Thurs 11th March

All events are advertised at the noticeboard with details.

More info ? Contact :

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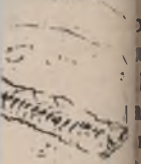
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Aikido - a different martial art

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Aikido is a Japanese martial art whose modern form was perfected in about the first half of this century. The word Aikido is actually made up of three words. 'Ai' meaning harmony, 'ki' loosely translating as spirit or inner power and 'do' which means a way or path. The techniques in Aikido strive to harmonize with the attacker so there is no longer any conflict of forces, one blends with the attacker so that two forces become one moving in the same direction. The opponent is then overcome not by using more force against them but by redirecting and reinforcing their force in such a way as to make them lose their balance and then bring them under control.

Aikido uses principles of leverage and balance and circular movements to redirect the force of an opponent. It uses the technique of irimi or entering into an attack so that the opponent is drawn into your circle enabling you to use your ki or power to defeat them.

Aikido is performed in kata style, that is, a formalized style of practice. One person is 'nage' or thrower, the person who performs the technique; the other is 'uke' or the receiver of the technique, the person who provides the attack initiating the technique. Because of this kind of practice competition is not possible in Aikido, - instead we learn from one another how to perfect the body of techniques which make up Aikido. There is no conflict between the nage and the uke as each is learning from the other. One has to learn as much to be uke (to be able to receive a technique and be thrown safely) as to be able to perform the technique as nage. To be uke in Aikido is, as one person once put it, 'to turn the fear or falling into the joy of flying'.

Who can learn Aikido ? Well, anyone really. If you're strong enough to pick up a tennis racquet or lug your textbooks around varsity then you're quite strong enough to learn Aikido. The strength in Aikido isn't so much muscular as mental. Don't worry too much about being fit, you'll pick that up as you go along; because of the way you use your body in Aikido, fitness in Aikido is different from other sports. Even if you can run a marathon you may find that Aikido wears you out at first - that's just because your body is getting used to a different way of moving you get used to it pretty quickly.

The University Aikido club practices twice a week at varsity, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 - 7.30 in the martial arts studio in the rec. centre. If you're interested come along and try it out. There is a demonstration on March 3rd at 1pm in the rec. centre martial arts studio. So come along and have a look after all seeing is believing.

Contact number Irene Stockley 266-9188.



YOGA

So what is this thing called Yoga? Well, if you think it's a bunch of people sitting around getting high sniffing incense, listening to Indian music and trying to balance on one leg, you're wrong! "Yoga is physically an active exploration of body and mind", says Bud Hooper, of The New Zealand School of Yoga. Bud is giving classes at the Recreation Centre this year. He has taught and was trained at The New Zealand School of Yoga for four years in the Iyengar Method by Mike Byron-McKay.

Beginners yoga classes introduce you to the basic positions, postures and methods of breathing. Yoga is a well balanced wholistic approach to exercise. It works the body and mind together without over-developing individual areas as do a lot of Western sports or fitness exercises. Postures (asanas) can also be performed for curative or health reasons. By stretching the muscles, massaging the internal organs and toning the nerves throughout the whole body, the health of the practitioner can be greatly improved and many diseases can be eliminated or eased. It is excellent for mental and physical relaxation and is the best known method of relieving stress. It gives tremendous health benefits, bringing about a state of well-being in the body and intellectual clarity in the mind.

Asanas are performed with concentration. In this way, both the internal and external systems are influenced, so that the nervous system, endocrine glands and internal organs as well as the muscular-skeletal system are encouraged to function properly. The muscles, bones, nervous system, glandular system, respiratory, excretory and circulatory systems are co-ordinated with each other so that they help one another and don't oppose each other. Asanas make the body flexible and able to adjust itself easily to changes of environment and conditions.

Taking these factors into consideration it can clearly be seen that asanas maintain the physical body in its optimum condition and encourage an unhealthy body to become healthy. Mentally, asanas make the mind strong and the power of determination and concentration are developed. Equilibrium and vitality become the normal state of mind after regular practise.

Whilst Yoga is refreshingly non-competitive, it is personally challenging and provides a never-ending source of personal growth and positive achievement, promoting confidence in one's own body and ability.

Well the university sports year is just beginning and already things are hotting up. If you haven't already been told the gym is charging a membership fee of \$55.00.

This is a one off cost that allows free use of all facilities — no more paying for each game of squash, or quarterly weights gym fee.

This may be a bit of a shock for those who only visited once in a while for jazzercise. But anyone who has looked around at outside gym prices will soon realise how cheap our gym really is. This fee will reduce the long queues at the counter (a Godsend for anyone arriving 5 minutes before their squash game) as staff will not have to handle all those charges.

Away from Auckland University, mark this on your calendar — BNZ Easter Tournament. Come April 17 at Waikato University 12 sports ranging from athletics to yachting will be in action, not to mention some serious social events as well.

If you're interested pop in and visit our sports officer, Jill Segedin, at her office in the gym.

Now if you think you're really hot stuff, this year the UNIVERSAIDE (World Student Games) is being held in Yugoslavia July 8-19.

These games rank 2nd only to the Olympics in size and NZUSU will hope to send representatives in 4 sports:

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Frances

Fine Arts, 2nd year.
Bit silly really because I have my
own rec. centre at home. It's a
multi-storey sports complex in-
cluding a gym, pool, spa, sauna,
hairdresser, masseuse and
manicurist.



Richard

Science, 3rd year.
It's a bum system cos it mucks up
the clubs but I spose it's more
fluent for them.



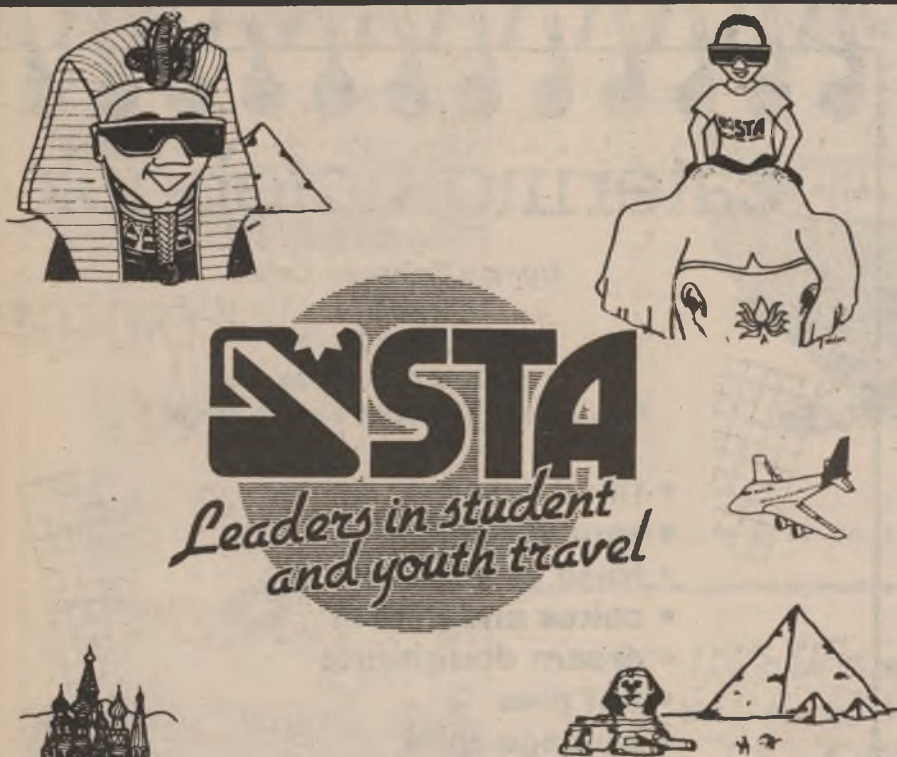
Ross

Mathematics, 5th year.
Didn't know you had to.



Ann

Arts & Commerce.
The University has been subsidising
the rec. centre heavily and unless
we contribute towards its running
costs, we would have lost it. There
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organisations ' buraucracies that attempt to introduce
large and hilarious amounts of 'equality' or 'non-sexism'
into the writing, spech & pens of today.

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should be questioned, the proper use of the english
language means that the use of the general use of the male
participle when referring to the human race is right and
proper.

All this 'person'ing should be stopped. It is an abuse of
the english language as well as being humorous ' am-
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Your

Master Q.E. Peurill

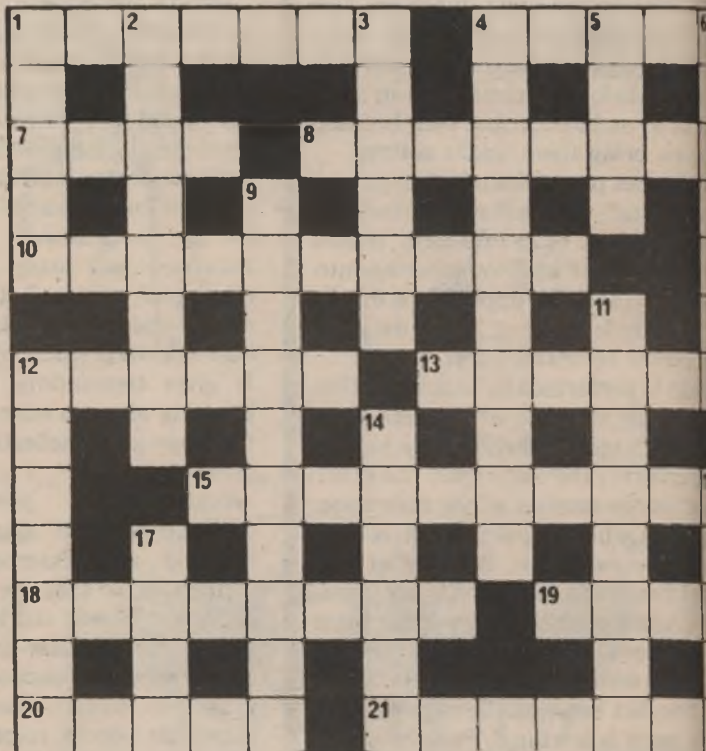
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ACROSS

1. Agitate (7)
4. Deceitful trick (5)
7. Invalid (4)
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12. Cheery (6)
13. Uncertain (6)
15. Get worse (10)
18. Trespass (8)
19. Bereavement (4)
20. Subsequently (5)
21. Denial (7)

DOWN

1. Black and white bear-like
animal (5)
2. Corresponding (8)
3. Reveal involuntarily (6)
4. Prescient (3-7)
5. Parched (4)
6. Nobility (7)
9. Succeed on bare margin (6,4)
11. Disgraceful (8)
12. Unemployed (7)
14. Swordsman (6)
16. Support for blackboard (5)
17. Cast an eye over (4)

UC READABLE LETTUCE

FIRST LETTER, EH ?!

Dear Craccum, editors & readers,
So good to have a student collective not an out of touch !a?7*;% editor like last year! We're all expecting a high (not stoned) level of editorship this year you lot !

Congrats to Peter and Jill for an orientation handbook 110% better than last years one which to my chagrin had no index! One small warning to those who read the piece on toilets. To my knowledge and acute discomfort, the women's loos under the bookshop are not always open 24 hours a day and certainly not 7 days a week.

I'm not one of these students who runs a car but the idea of a carpool this year seems inspired! Make sure this gets wide publicity especially via Craccum which every right thinking student reads (or at least will read this year if the editors and students try hard).

Megan Wishart

VOTES FOR PEACE

Dear Craccum,

As 1987 progresses the general elections loom closer and closer. With National and Labour both occupying similar political ground, one of the few issues which separates the parties as far as policy goes, is the nuclear issue: are we going to allow nuclear ships into our harbours?

At present the lines are quite clearly drawn: Labour says NO and National says YES. It is unwise however, for the anti-national movement (aNM) to place all its eggs in the Labour basket. The end result is that Labour can fob off the aNM with compromises (who else are they going to vote for?). National on the other hand can not lose support it never had and finds its political ground in the support of ANZUS AND OUR "allies". The aNM could then find itself following the F.O.L. into the political wasteland.

The best option is to operate on marginal seats, pressuring candidates to either support a nuclear-free New Zealand or to risk election defeat. 'Votes for Peace' is operating on this basis and 1987 is likely to be an interesting year for political observers.

Yours,
Grant Simpson.

Nigerian Bachelor Seeks Penpal

Dear Craccum,

I was introduced to you by one Mr Joseph Jerryton. I am suffering from loneliness, as a result I so much appreciate making friends of unmitigated intimacy from all over the world and New Zealand most of all.

My present predicament has utterly created a fatal destruction to my efforts in life. I am an orphan suffering bitterly in all respects, this makes me lonely and unhappy. I am the only one person responsible for my feeding, school fees and other financial commitments. I would be very happy if you kindly introduce me, also to many other friends in New Zealand, mostly people that can assist me while I am in New Zealand to further my studies as well as to escape my dangerous difficulties. I cannot take pains to write down my detailed sufferings in this letter hence its huge nature. I would sincerely appreciate your assistance, considering my difficulties I would not fail to make you my sincere pen-friend in New Zealand, kindly reply urgently by air mail postage.

Hopefully to hear from you and other peoples you have introduced me to. You are a person in my life. A little of my background:

AGE: 20
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NATIONALITY: NIGERIAN
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I wish you success in all efforts.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Opia Mervynn Qwynns Chimma

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SUICIDES

Dear Craccum,

People may well voice concern at the suicide rate, yet little is done in the way of prevention. Perhaps it is the way of us not so robust souls to harbour thoughts of death on the wrong side of the tracks, for we all know in this and every town there are always some who fall through society's safety nets or live outside it's boundaries. It is no wonder that we continue to eliminate ourselves in that our achievements, however costly, are mentioned mostly when they hit the court news, and our attempts to correlate with polite society are consistently greeted with rejection, ignorance, or contempt.

Socially, last year was a particularly cliquey one, especially in the field of partying where what had once been a grand mix filtered into small groups of like-minded people abandoning those they were well qualified to help. I do not hold myself guiltless, but would if not be better if we all made ourselves a little more open-minded, that those in danger of slipping though to oblivion, might have a greater chance of being caught before they fall forever from our sight?

Yours etc.,
Susan Heap

WORLD ENDS AND NOBODY NOTICES

Dear Ed,

I saw the end of the world this morning and I wish to express concern at how boring it was. It filtered through my curtains at about 6.30 am. (which I consider a gross invasion of privacy) and just flopped about my room making rude noises and belching smoke.

After about 10 minutes it blew me away. I complained to consumer affairs but I was told that the end of the world is never as good as it's meant to be. I hope this is not so and do you think I could get a refund?

Concerned Citizen

Flat Finding Fickleties

Dear Craccum Staff,

I would like to bring to your attention that Select Home Listings although given in the Orientation Handbook as the best flat finding service available are in fact next to useless. After paying \$72 (including the 10 student discount) we found that the service was extremely poor. They provided a short computer printout consisting of some available flats, most of which were inappropriate anyway. The assistance given by Select was in fact terrible.

On the other hand Dial-a-Home was less expensive (at \$55) and was far more helpful. Not only did they give us a listing but they also spent an hour to an hour and a half ringing around to try and find us a home but they were very helpful and friendly also. We found that they were a very good company to deal with. Unlike Select they actively helped us and appeared quite concerned about our welfare.

We feel that the Orientation Handbook did not do enough research into the listing agencies and did not give an accurate assessment of them. We feel that in this respect the Orientation Handbook has misled students and we feel that in fact Dial-a-Home is a far better agency to use.

Yours sincerely,
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