

378.95
C88
(Dup)

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

7 MAR 1990

RAL LIBRA

CRACCUM

ISSUE 1, 26 FEB 1990

TEL: (09) 366-0413 or (09) 390-789

FAX: (09) 303-2236



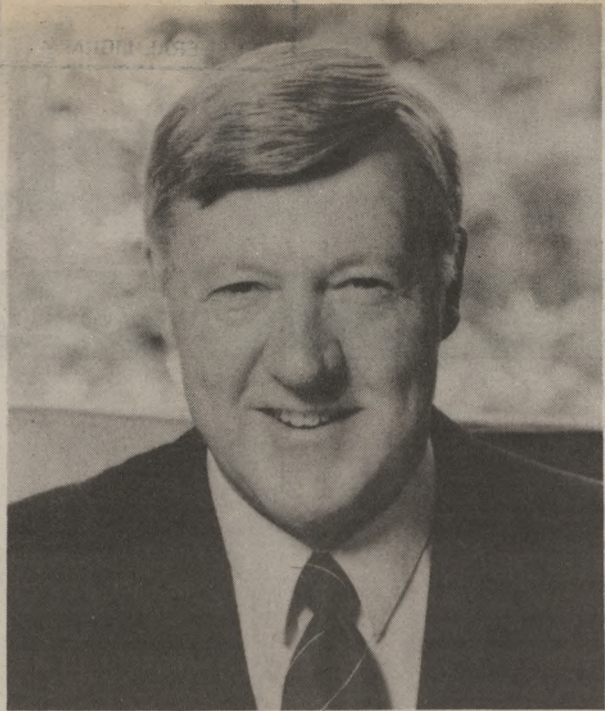
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND LIBRARY

P91008195

NZ6C
378.95
C88
1990
v.64

AUSA

ATISA



As a new and momentous decade begins I extend a very warm welcome to first-year and returning students, especially those new to Auckland. This is a time of enormous stress and change for university students and staff alike. As you adjust to a ten-fold increase in tuition fees, we face the biggest upheaval in tertiary education in 30 years. *Learning for Life*, while positive in some respects, has created alarming scope for bureaucratic and political interference in our operations. In the name of accountability we will have to pour our precious energy and money into explaining and justifying our performance to the Ministry of Education, all to little apparent purpose. Yet essential facilities are seriously overtaxed with little immediate prospect of relief.

Despite the difficulties which beset us all and the gross overcrowding, there is still plenty to celebrate and enjoy. This university still attracts and retains staff from around the world with enviable teaching and research records. They will

not merely equip you with vocational skills but impart something equally vital in today's complex, fast-moving world; the ability to think critically.

The pressure to pass papers with high grades notwithstanding, there is far more to university life than the ceaseless and perhaps joyless grind of study. Be sure to take advantage of the exciting range of cultural, sporting and other recreational opportunities. Your years here will be far richer for it. Savour too, the many attractive spaces on the campus, particularly the magnificent trees, gardens and lawns around the Old Government House.

Whether you be full-time or part-time, just out of school or a mature adult, I wish you a happy and prosperous year. Remember the staff — academic and general — are here to serve you and never be afraid to seek their help. Beneath the daunting size and apparent anonymity, this is a friendly and human institution.

Dr Colin Maiden
Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to ATI.

For many of you the process of entering ATI has not been easy. The competition for places in some courses has been intense. Congratulations to you for being selected. And congratulations to those choosing less popular but absolutely crucial courses. I hope your course of study successfully prepares you for your preferred vocation.

In the past ATI students have achieved enviable results in national examinations. We want this success to continue. We are proud of the dedication and competence of our staff. With your willingness to work hard I am sure you will achieve your educational goals.

I do not believe education should be narrowly technical concerned with just tools and techniques. Education should enable us to be responsible and creative citizens.

Responsibility and creativity cannot be force fed. You learn these virtues as you question, analyse and examine the ideas and assumptions of existing knowledge and technical skills. Asking questions is the fundamental skill for creative learning. So do not hesitate to speak up in class or out of class. Keep asking those questions of your teachers.

I hope you will participate fully in the extracurricular activities. We have a lively and progressive students association, ATISA. They will welcome your participation in their activities for 1990. Make their activities your activities and join with them in their organisation if you can.

I hope you will be pleased with your progress through 1990 and that it will be most successful for you.

Dr John Hinchcliff
Director



... and hello from

The beginning of a new era, the beginning of the academic year and the beginning of a new *Craccum*. For the remainder of 1990 and hopefully beyond, *Craccum* will be aimed at both University and Polytechnic students. In the past the width of Wellesley St might as well have been a million miles. The students at the largest University and the largest Polytechnic in New Zealand seemed to have nothing to talk about. All this has changed — our favourite bull in a china shop — Phil Goff has seen to that. While no one with half a brain would welcome the metamorphosis of education from a symbol of equity to a commodity with the same value as a second hand car, the matter of the status of polytechnics and universities is altogether different. The implications of "Learning for Life" in this area are generally welcomed by polytech students. The belittling of an educational qualification simply because it is obtained at a tech rather than a university is an attitude which is elitist and certainly not in the interests of anyone. An interesting argument used in the debate on whether universities should lose their monopoly on the granting of degrees is that the type of education obtained at varsity promotes critical thinkers who can analyse ideas and not be baffled by bullshit. When you remember that nearly every member of the cabinet has a university degree, that argument falls apart. Where was the critical thinking which should have exposed the New Right ideology as dangerous when applied to social policy. Buried somewhere under the lust for power and the just consumed sheep meal from Bellamys no doubt. The quality of education is the only criteria for examin-

ing its worth, perhaps the spirit of cooperation between ATISA and AUSA will ensure that misconceptions on both sides of the fence or both sides of Wellesley Street in this case will be buried and forgotten.

Welcome to 1990 and I wish you a successful year ahead.

Regards
Brett Williams
President ATISA

CREDITS

Editors: Steve Amanono, Sarah Murray
Features Journalist: Max Chapple
Technical Editor: Tony Bell
Technical Consultant: Philip Ross
Advertising Manager: Joe Babich
Typesetting: Theresa Platt
General Assistance: Steve Levien, Gerald Ryan, Moira Barber, Peter Gray, Rachel Currin, Steve X and Wissy Gray and Des.

Special thanks to Roger Pym for his unflagging efforts.

DISCLAIMER

CRACCUM is published by the Auckland University Students Association but ATISA have been very nice and sort of indicated that they'll go to prison for us if it's the tech stuff at fault which I think is jolly good of them really, don't you? By the way, the views expressed in CRACCUM do not necessarily represent the views of the Auckland University Students Association or the editors.



Haere Mai, welcome, new and returning students. Hope enrolment wasn't too horrific and you all survived with some dignity (and cash) intact. Don't be surprised if you have recurring nightmares about queues for the next few months!

1990 is shaping up to be a very interesting year. No doubt you've all heard about the 1990 Fees Boycott Campaign by now. We will be distributing information throughout the year about the importance of this campaign.

What I want you to keep in mind is that by boycotting the third year instalment during the general election, we will make the strongest stand against this government's user-pays policy on education.

Even if you chose not to pay fees by instalment we need your commitment and energy. Come up and see the fees campaign co-ordinator in the Student union buildings.

On a less sombre note, I hope you've picked up your Orientation card and are coming to join in as many fun activities as possible before setting in to work, work, WORK.

Remember, we at the Association are here to assist you if you need advice or help with anything so drop in and say hello. Keep your head down. Your tail up and your beak clean. Ta, ta for now.

Ella Henry
President AUSA

On Februa
February
occurred
which I
than a
in quan
to notici
dent affi
It seen
tional P
permissi
in the Q
tain eno
bers to b
affiliatio
permissi
Mr Roge
Vice-Pre
tation co
and Cra
this to b
The pro
began
Zealand
down by
Says
several c
ed then
flag."
Mr M
son, M
was at
Headqu
when he
bemusec
discussir
"At
believe i
parently
lem and
propaga
but not
"I adv
flying it.
Howe
raise the
time the
the Stud
Mr Pym
than the
quote h
flag a s
He desc
National
"rude"
He clai
thing's a
But M
lies th
not "ove
"I sh
what wo
[United]
was kiel
for flyin
Stripes!"
Cracc
Roger J
commen
Ed: "W
blem wi
cisely?"
Pym: "I
commen
would ju
ion sky-l
Ed: "Yo
to take
think
prepared
Pym: "I
complair
He di
complair
went on
Young N
the situa
selves in
Maybe
powers

FLAGGING PATRIOTISM?

On Friday the 17th of February an incident occurred in the Quad which has caused more than a little consternation in quarters not often given to noticing day by day student affairs.

It seems the Young National Party was granted permission to set up a stall in the Quad in order to obtain enough student members to become eligible for affiliation to AUSA. The permission was given by Mr Roger Pym (Education Vice-President and Orientation controller for 1990) and Craccum understands this to be normal practice. The problems, however, began when the New Zealand flag was taken down by the Young Nats.

Says Pym, "I received several complaints. I asked them to remove the flag."

Mr Maurice Williamson, MP for Pakuranga was at National Party Headquarters in Auckland when he overheard several bemused Young Nationals discussing Pym's actions.

"At first I couldn't believe it. There was apparently no physical problem and National Party propaganda was allowed but not the flag!"

"I advised them to keep flying it."

However when they did raise the flag for a second time they were ordered off the Student Association by Mr Pym. Sources other than the Young Nationals quote him as calling the flag a symbol of fascism. He describes the Young Nationals to Craccum as "rude" and "obnoxious". He claims, "The whole thing's a non-issue."

But Mr Williamson believes the fuss is certainly not "over nothing."

"I shudder to think what would happen in the [United] States if someone was kicked off [campus] for flying the Stars and Stripes!"

Craccum approached Roger Pym for further comment:

Ed: "What was the problem with the flag, precisely?"

Pym: "I'm not prepared to comment on that — it would just blow the situation sky-high!"

Ed: "You were prepared to take action. Don't you think you should be prepared to explain it?"

Pym: "No. I got several complaints."

He did not name the complaining parties but he went on to say that the Young Nationals just used the situation to get themselves in the media.

Maybe so but if their powers of prediction are

such that they are able to anticipate the furore that erupted simply over the raising of our national flag, then at least we have one party displaying a capability for vision.

Incidentally, Mr Williamson shared a little irony with us after the discussion. With a grin so wry I could hear it over the phone, he informed Craccum of a group on campus a number of years ago then recognised as leaders in liberal and open thought. They were the Progressive Youth Movement or PYM.

Description and Dimensions of the New Zealand Flag

The New Zealand Flag features, on a royal blue background, a Union Jack in the first quarter and four five-pointed red stars of the Southern Cross on the fly. The stars have white borders.

The notice that appeared in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 27 June 1902, gave the following technical description of the stars and their positions on the New Zealand Flag:

The centres of the stars forming the long limb of the cross shall be on a vertical line on the fly, midway between the Union Jack and the outer edge of the fly, and equidistant from its upper and lower edges; and the distance apart of the centres of the stars shall be equal to thirty-six sixtieths the hoist of the ensign.

The centres of the stars forming the short limb of the cross shall be on a line intersecting the vertical limb at an angle of 82° therewith, and rising from near the lower fly corner of the Union Jack towards the upper fly corner of the ensign, its point of intersection with the vertical line being distant from the centre of the uppermost star of the cross twelve-sixtieth of the hoist of the ensign, and the distance of the centre of the star nearest the Union Jack from the point of intersection shall be equal to fourteen-sixtieths of the hoist of the ensign.

The star nearest the fly edge of the ensign shall measure five-sixtieths, the star at the top of the cross and that nearest to the Union

Jack shall each measure six-sixtieths, and the star at the bottom of the cross shall measure seven-sixtieths of the hoist of the ensign across their respective red points, and the width of the white borders to the several stars shall in all cases be equal to one one-hundred-and-twentieth of the hoist of the ensign.

The New Zealand flag may be made to any size, but in all cases the length should be twice the width.

special significance attached to the New Zealand Flag.

Within certain guidelines, the New Zealand Flag may be used in a number of ways. (It can, for example, be flown, paraded, or hung in a window.) Similarly, the correct way to display the New Zealand Flag varies from one situation to another.

The aim of this is to simplify flag flying, which otherwise may seem too complicated and not worth the trouble. Whether you fly the New Zealand Flag on a daily basis, or just on special occasions, this will be helpful as a ready reference.

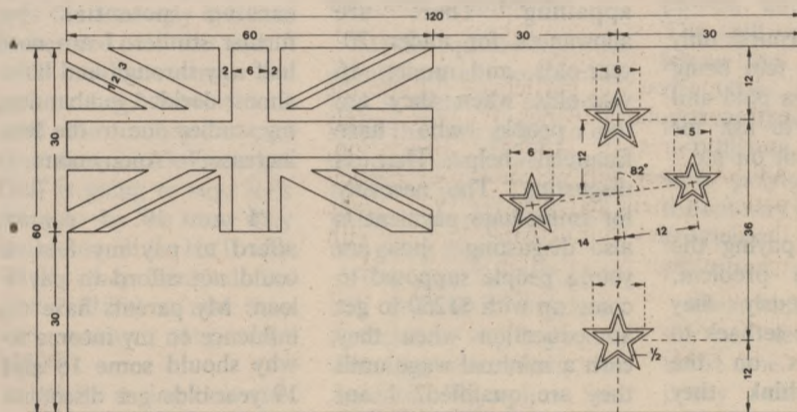


Diagram Showing Proportions

NOTE — Distance A-B determines size of ensign. When A-B=30, other dimensions are as shown.

Flying the Flag

The New Zealand Flag may be flown on any day of the year, usually during normal working hours, and in a variety of places. Often, flag flying is observed on a 24-hour basis, especially when buildings are floodlit. Continuous flying, however, shortens the life of a flag, and it may have to be replaced more often.

The New Zealand Flag should never be flown in a dilapidated condition.

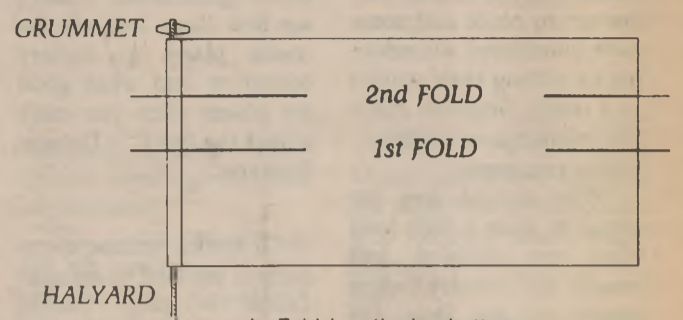
Flag flying is particularly encouraged on those days of the year designated days of national commemoration.

History of the New Zealand Flag

The design of New Zealand's national flag emerged gradually, over a number of years, before being officially approved in 1902. Efforts to create a national flag can be traced back to the early days of European settlement.

A flag was chosen in 1835 from several designs by a meeting of northern Maori Chiefs. It became known as the "Flag of the Independent Tribes of New Zealand."

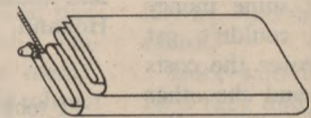
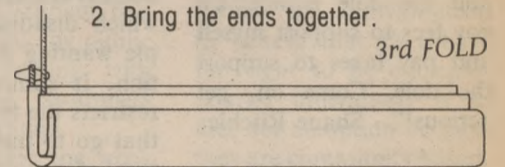
Surprisingly, many people are not aware of the



1. Fold lengthwise bottom-side to top-side once and then once again.

2. Bring the ends together.

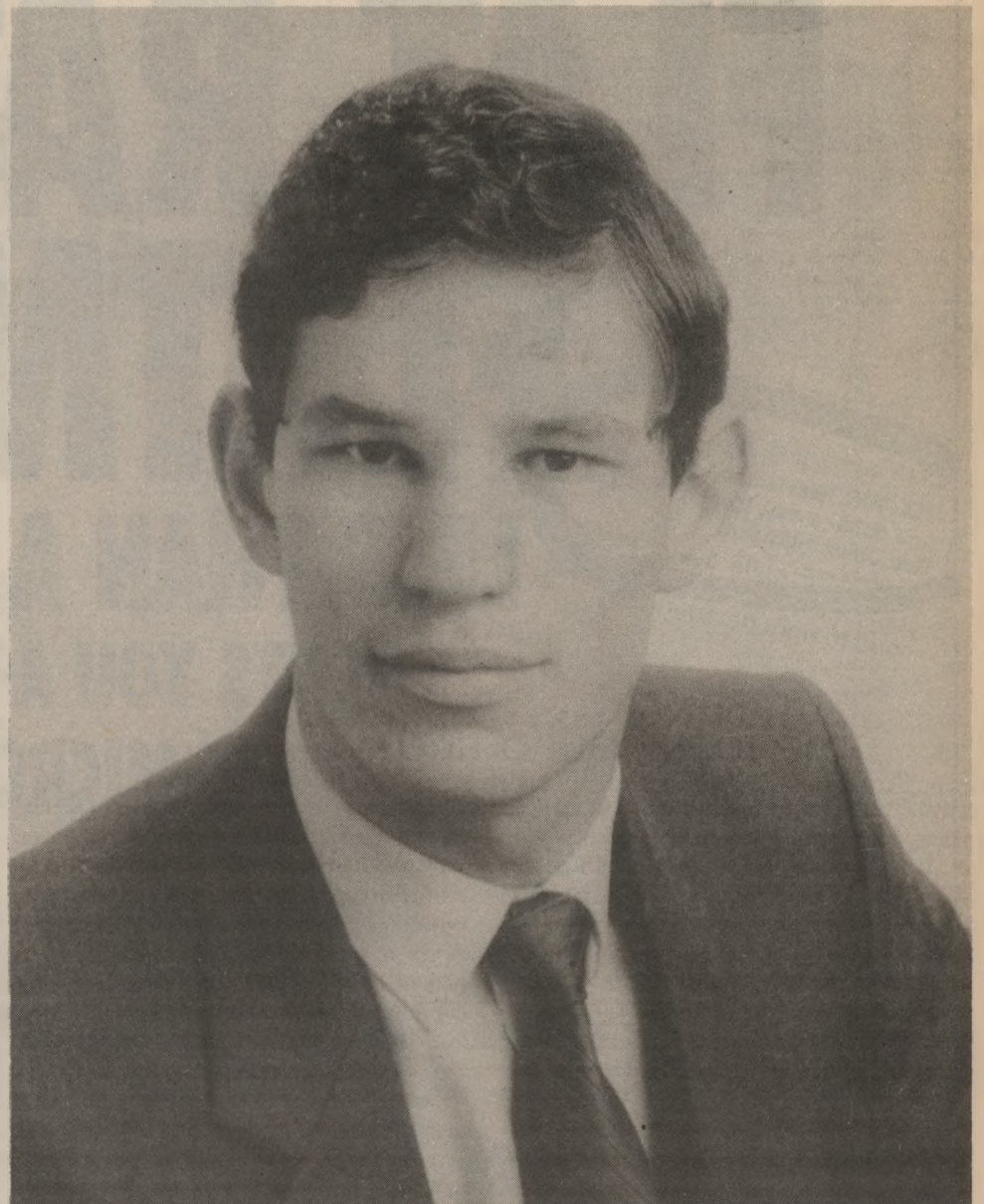
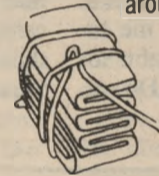
3rd FOLD



3. Now concertina by folding backwards and forwards towards the hoist edge.



4. Keep the Flag bundled by winding the halyard around and under itself.



Bruce Alabaster, New Zealand Chairman of the Young Nationals, whose delegation at Auckland University was ordered off following complaints about the group "flying the New Zealand flag."

FEES SUCK — STUDENTS

by Max Chapple

The real impact of the tertiary fees has struck students in the face as they line up to enrol and some have considered abandoning or cutting their studies as a result. Students made the following comments:

“Why should fees increase to such a high level when my studying will benefit the country, when people on the dole are paid for producing nothing? Students are an investment in the future and the dole is not. I’ll pay fees to support myself and pay taxes to support the dole. Come on, get serious!” - Shane Ritchie.

“I think it sucks because it is too much. Last year I had to get work to get some money but I still couldn’t get enough to cover the costs of the fees and the other costs of this year. I’m going to try to take out a bank loan. I hope they give a \$5000 loan to people that don’t get \$87 a week. I might have to leave to get some money so I can come back again.” - Scott Latimer.

Increased fees will make it very difficult for me to continue. I’m in debt to my parents already. Do we

intend to have an unqualified and illiterate future generation? I can’t see how these fees will increase places in tertiary education and what good are places when you can’t afford the fees?” - Delwyn Riesterer.

“It stinks because everybody is entitled to an education of their choice; because the only people that are getting off the full fee are people doing vocationally orientated courses, which disadvantages people wanting a full education. It stinks because it restricts the type of people that go to university. The type of people that go to university is already too restrictive in that it’s white and middle class.” — Lyn Holland.

“I took one course only because of the fees being higher. The boss paid and I didn’t want to ask for \$660 to be spent on me.” — Anonymous.

“Personally paying the fees is not a problem, although obviously they will be a major setback to many students on the campus. I think they should be reduced.” — Stuart Warren.



“The effect of the increase on myself (a white 20-year-old male) is appalling. There are allowances for under 20-year-olds and under 16 year-olds when they are the people who have financial help. That is disgusting. The necessity for immediate payment is also disgusting - how are young people supposed to come up with \$1250 to get an education when they earn a minimal wage until they are qualified? I am not amused.” — Anonymous.

“I am a single income earner with a young family attempting to increase my earning potential by further studies. I am now half way through and have almost decided to abandon my studies due to the fees increase.” - Anonymous.

“I am 19. I cannot afford to pay my fees. I could not afford to pay a loan. My parents have no influence on my income so why should some 18 and 19 year-olds get discounts and not me? I have not yet paid my enrolment fees as

I only have \$200 of the necessary \$1000. I don’t think I will be able to finish my course. I am very disappointed in the support offered by the Government. Let us learn.” - Anonymous.

“I am paying for my own fees but cannot get an allowance because my parents earn over the the income test. I find it very annoying that a lot of teenagers can go on the dole and use our tax when I have to study and struggle with part time jobs.” — C. Downer.

“I was intending to take two or even three courses this year, expecting them to cost about \$80 or \$100 a piece. The increased fees have meant I could only afford one course, after which I have \$4 left in the bank. As a full time worker I feel that I have already paid for education with my taxes. I don’t know how the hell those less well off than me are supposed to get an education. Education should be the last thing that is made user-pays.” — Peter Jenkins.

FLAT RATES FOR FLATMATES

LESS THAN A \$1 A DAY RENTS YOU A TV, VIDEO OR MICROWAVE

Flatters — put a ring-around this deal! Rent a TV, Video or Microwave for less than one dollar a day.

Bring this advert in and receive a special student discount.

DOLLAR RENTALS

TV • VIDEO • MICROWAVE
Phone 733-330 Branch at PANMURE,
MT ALBERT RD, KARANGAHAPE RD, OTAHUHU.

CITY area, tidy, furn \$180.
COLOUR Televisions for less than
one dollar a day. Ideal for flatters.
See Dollar Rentals.
FACE style living. Pa
country
bond to right person

UP North. 4 bdr house. Clos
to beach. Nice family home
\$220 p.w.
UPPER valley location. Love.
rural setting. Inn lease family

VIDEOS to rent. Less than \$1 a
day. See Dollar Rentals today.
Don't miss out.

by Max
Stude
not to pa
ment of t
protest
Governm
But te
will not
saying
would p
risk. Th
opted t
awarene
The N
versity st
is encour
pay by in
can put
Governm
tion time
last pay
The
written t
they take
is suppor
versities.
Auckl
Student
protest
Rachel I
are pu
pressure
the cost
increase
them this
She
allowance
with mo
hard-pres
the insti
roll of 17,

FEES BOYCOTT URGED

But Technical Institutes refuse to back NZUSA protest

by Max Chapple

Students will be urged not to pay the third instalment of the tertiary fees in protest at the new Government fees system.

But technical institutes will not support boycott, saying withholding fees would put students at risk. They have instead opted to raise public awareness over the fees.

The New Zealand University Students Association is encouraging students to pay by instalments so they can put pressure on the Government around election time by withholding the last payment.

The association has written to students urging they take the action, which is supported by all universities.

Auckland University Students Association protest co-ordinator Rachel Dore says the fees are putting extreme pressure on students and the cost to students will increase if students pay them this year.

She claims hardship allowances are insufficient, with money for just 90 hard-pressed students in the institution's predicted roll of 17,000.

A spokesperson for university vice chancellor Colin Maiden said he was not yet in a position to comment on the fees protest.

The standard tertiary fee for this year is \$1250, depending on conditions, and Auckland University students also pay an \$88 AUSA fee and a \$33 welfare fee. They face penalty charges of \$22.50 per instalment if they opt to pay their fees in three parts.

"We have spoken to students who have roughly got the fee together and it's taken them all summer," says Dore. "They haven't got a hope in hell of paying for books, course fees and photocopying and still live. How are they going to cope?"

Dore says students of certain faculties and stage three students face extra charges.

"A medical student I spoke to said she's going to be paying around \$700 for books this year and they've got to be latest editions. It also means the books they've got can't be sold so they're in a real poverty trap".

She says some families will have to re-mortgage their homes to send their children to university and part-time students will be disadvantaged. High fees means they will take longer to finish their degrees, she says. By the time they do, adult students will be less likely to get good jobs because of their age, she says.

Dore says women who rely on their partners for money will also be disadvantaged because their partners may not want them to study.

She blames Education Minister Phil Goff and says the fees may increase if they are paid this year.

"If students scrape together, beg, borrow and steal the money to pay their fees you know what Goff is going to say. He's going to say 'we knew they could do it.' He'll say 'Well, they scraped together \$1250 so now they can scrape together \$1800.'"

"We're saying that students pay by instalment and that means they're in a position of some power. They can consider a partial boycott later in the

year.

"Really, waving flags and stuff isn't going to work but we're going to do that anyway because everybody loves doing it. But we're dealing with a monetarist Government; we have to deal with numbers. Withholding fees is very meaningful."

Dore said students would not be encouraged to withhold payment of the third instalment if it was going to harm them.

"We're not telling students to endanger their enrolment or their education in any way, just encouraging them to withhold the third instalment.

"If the squeeze from the administration comes on and if there are repercussions that are going to endanger students we will say to them 'pay'. The whole point is saying that we're not going to pay."

The Auckland Technical Institute Students Association is going along with its national body, the Aotearoa Polytechnic Student Union, in opposing the protest.

ATISA and APSU president Brett Williams says the possible protest was

discussed at three APSU national meetings but was not supported.

"We came out saying that we couldn't ask our students to jeopardise their chance of sitting their exams and finishing their courses."

He says APSU decided to make the student fees an election issue by public awareness, starting with an education awareness week around June.

Williams says the week will probably finish with a combined education conference attended by student unions, political parties, trade union, employers and the media. They will probably talk on issues like education for the 1990s and user pays philosophies, he says.

Williams says he hopes each polytechnic around the country will invite local politicians to speak on education.

Meanwhile, Dore says the new fees policy is a racist one. She says the policy talks about "families" in a way that suggests the Government assumes a family means mummy, daddy and two white kids.

However, Pacific Island, Maori and Asian families are more like a broad kinship network where there is mutual obligation, she says.

"These people are being crippled by their situation. The thing that in other European groups gives people the individualism to believe that they have the right to be entrepreneurial individuals is in fact not an option because they are community based.

"The policy is like saying you can come to university as long as you live like us. And that's why it's racist."

Dore said there would be a rally and meeting on the issue in the lower common room on March 6 from 1pm.

Australian Example Followed

Australian students felt the financial pressure of fees, when in 1986 it was announced they would pay A\$250 towards the cost of their education. This was doubled in 1987.

New Zealand students are about to run the fees gauntlet first hand.



BANKS SPLIT RANKS

As new tertiary fees put pressure on most students the banks are charging interest for many student loans and a major lender has axed free first year loans. While the new approach by lenders is worrying some, Auckland University's student leader says banks should be giving budgeting advice, not just issuing chequebooks. **Max Chapple** reports.

If you go down to the bank today, you're in for a big surprise. For a start, if it's the BNZ you're walking into, you won't come out with free money if you're a first year or part time student.

In a major turn around, the bank has canned its interest free \$500 overdrafts for those students and is upping the amounts available to second and third year students. It will now charge senior students for their loans, at a lower rate than it charges other members of the public.

Roderick Carr, chief manager of the bank's retail financial services, says the bank is positioning itself for serious students.

He says BNZ, which itself has 27,000 student customers and together with the National Bank covers about 70% or 80% of the market is changing its focus.

"The message that we have is that we still are definitely committed to the student market. What we are doing now is saying we can lend a serious amount of money for a longer period of time.

"There will be a greater emphasis on the bank seriously lending some money and the bank making the commitment."

Carr says the move was prompted by the realisation that senior students needed more money for longer. But he also hints at the risks involved in lending to first year students interest free.

"Something like 50% of all students that enter University aren't able to complete their course of study. They get themselves into the difficulty of having to clear up very substantial debts but not having completed a course of study."

Carr also points out the

lack of loyalty gained by the free loans. He says the banks' policies enabled students to "run around several banks obviously getting overdrafts ... here and there and possibly somewhere else as well and after having been with the banks for a period, three or four years, their commitment was no greater as a consequence of that."

Something like two thirds of all tertiary qualified people join their banks after graduating, he says.

"In order to qualify for the (new) loan people have to come and have an interview with the branch that will give them that loan. (With the \$500 interest-free overdrafts) all you had to do was fill some forms."

Carr says the average BNZ outstanding student loan last year was \$492, just under the \$500 level.

While he says students' bad debts are no more risky than those of the general public, the \$500 loans were expensive to administer.

Carr says there is no set limit on student lending funds, so all eligible students will get loans.

The BNZ's change in emphasis on student loans has been matched partially by other banks' decisions to offer bigger loans at comparatively low interest rates - most from 11% to 15% - but the ASB, National, ANZ and Westpac have kept their \$500 overdrafts.

While the financial strains on students grow, banks are on the lookout for students who try to take out overdrafts with several banks at a time.

A National bank spokesperson says some of the multi-overdraft students were caught last year when the Government

started direct crediting bursaries. That way banks can pick up accounts not receiving deposits. The spokesman says that in the past students deposited their bursary cheque in one account, withdrew it and deposited it in an-

other. Now he says the number of sneaky bankers has decreased.

"People still try it on but they're caught out a lot and it's not worth it for them because they will find that their cheques bounce quickly."

WHO'S OFFERING WHAT: MAXIMUM STUDENT LOANS FROM THE MAIN BANKS

•THE NATIONAL BANK

\$500 interest free overdraft available;
Additional \$2,000 overdraft available: 13.75% secured, 15.75% unsecured;
All students judged on individual circumstances by branch manager.

•BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

No free overdrafts for part-time or first year students;
\$5,000 overdraft available for second and third year students to help with study expenses: 14.25% secured, 18.25% unsecured.

All loans at the discretion of the branch manager. Once you have borrowed \$1,000 you are entitled to a \$250 interest free loan.

•AUCKLAND SAVINGS BANK

\$500 interest free overdraft for first year students.
\$1,000 interest free overdraft for second year students.
\$1,500 loan for first year at

11%.

\$3,000 loan for second year at 11%.

\$6,000 loan for third year at 11%.

Loans at the discretion of the branch manager.

•ANZ BANK

\$500 interest free overdraft or bursary advance available;
\$2,000 loan at 11% secured, increases every year of study up to \$6,000 for third year students;

Loans and overdrafts at the discretion of the bank manager.

•WESTPAC

\$500 interest free overdraft available for first year students, increases to \$1,000 from year two;

\$2,000 loan for second year students and on, up to \$10,000 total before graduation and \$15,000 after graduation — 14.75% secured, 17.45% unsecured (maximum \$5,000 unsecured);
Loans at the discretion of the branch manager.

Your vision of the future could win you six weeks in Japan . . . all expenses paid!

THE JAPAN AIRLINES 1990 STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

Here's the chance of a lifetime for two fortunate New Zealand students to travel to Japan to experience six weeks on campus at Sophia University, Tokyo, studying subjects of their choice. It's a unique opportunity to meet the people, absorb the culture, take sightseeing trips and make new friendships . . . for free!

Over 600 students from the Asia-Pacific region have been successful in JAL scholarships in the past 17 years, and perhaps 1990 could be YOUR year of destiny.

This year's essay topic is "What changes in the world do you predict in the last decade of the 20th century", and all university students in their 2nd and 3rd years may enter. (Japanese language skills are not necessary.)

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

- Students should register their interest by filling in and forwarding the coupon.
- Relevant information including closing date for entries will be supplied to you.
- The essay, plus a series of personal interviews, will be the criteria used to select the two New Zealand winners.
- Study tour and scholarship will take place mid-July/August 1990.
- All airfares, accommodation and a daily living expense allowance will be paid by Japan Airlines.

To: Mr J. Somerville, Assistant Regional Manager, Japan Airlines Co. Limited, P.O. Box 4479, Auckland.

Please register my interest in the 1990 JAL Scholarship, and forward all relevant information to me in due course.

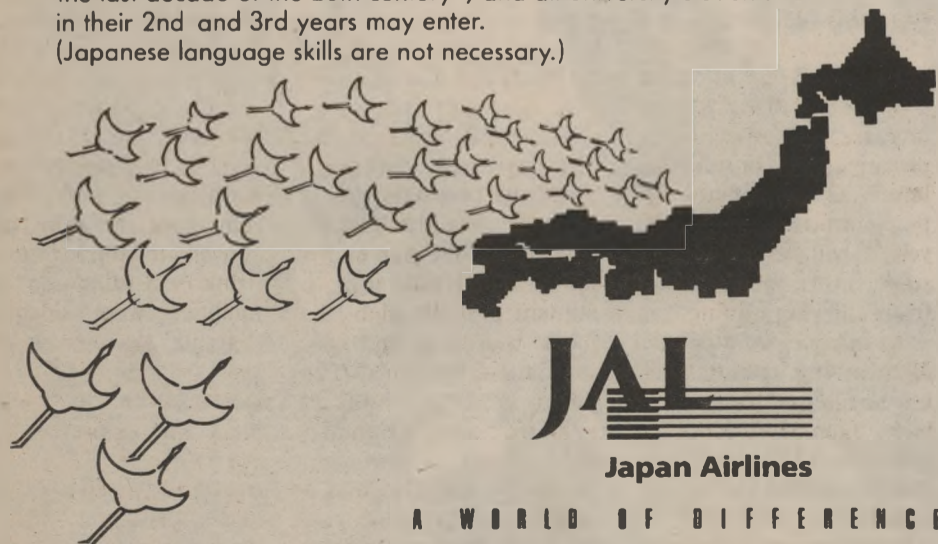
Name _____

Address _____

University _____

Study Year _____

Course Being Taken _____



The ASB, National and ANZ banks all said they were interviewing all overdraft applicants and asking them whether they had other accounts.

The bank's new attitude toward students has drawn criticism from ATISA president Brett Williams, who says banks are making things harder for students.

"We're concerned they have made it harder for students to manage their finances and the other thing is that they did it without consulting students," Williams says.

"The banks are saying that fewer and fewer students are loyal and will change banks at the drop of a hat. With all the students I've talked to it's because the banks that they were originally with have stuffed them around in some way. Of course they'll go to another bank. Other customers would."

Williams said students' treatment had a lot to do with the banks' branch management and not with their policy.

He said many students who were happy with their banks stayed for three years with the same bank.

The treatment of students by banks, and comments that students are irresponsible with their money, have raised questions over the advice the banks give their tertiary customers.

AUSA president Ella Henry says students naturally have financial problems and need help with their money management.

"It's been very easy for students to access this cash and there's been no accountability at that stage," she says.

"Two years ago they were living on pocket money. Somebody gives them \$500 and a cheque book with no budget counselling."

Henry says she will applaud any bank which is prepared to give financial counselling to students.

"I would like to see all the banks involved in assisting stage one students," she said.

Henry said banks should take some responsibility for the irresponsibility of students.

"I think there is a certain amount of irresponsibility in throwing money at young people if they're not teaching them about saving, banking and financial management."

Henry said it was up to all student service organisations to provide students with the techniques for living responsibly. She said AUSA was planning to start a budgeting advice service soon.

Meanwhile, Brett Williams says ATISA has tried in the past to get a student's financial advisory service set up by ATI

administration. He says the administration rejected the idea.

"It's something we've tried to do here. We have an employment budget officer but because of all the stuff she has to do in employment, budget advice sort of can't have a high priority."

Williams agrees that students need financial advice.

"Most young people don't really know how to handle their money and if they got good habits early on, it would stand them in good stead for life."

MARUIA MEMO

The Maruia Society (formerly the Defence Society and the Native Forest Action Council) has notched up number of conservation victories in the fifteen years since it has been formed. The preservation of all North Island lowland forests on public land, large areas of privately owned forests and additions in recent years of tens of thousands of hectares to our national parks and reserves are some of the successful campaigns we have been prominent in.

Our most critical campaign at the moment, and a most pivotal issue for all spheres of conservation in this country, is Geoffrey Palmer's Resource Management Bill. Despite the Prime Minister's best intentions, the bill's defects have far reaching consequences for New Zealand's natural heritage ranging from protected forests under threat from mining to historic buildings.

At a seminar at Auckland University on February 18 we discussed the bill and speakers' topics ranged from the bill's disregard for the Treaty of Waitangi to the possible sweeping aside of the important case law which now protects our coastlines.

Specifically, the following issues are seen as major defects of the bill:

- The Maruia Society's plea for national parks and other specifically protected areas to be closed to mining has been rejected. The Minister of Energy will still be able to veto a Conservation Department decision to protect an area from mining.

- The bill would let mining companies force their way on to private land against the wishes of the land owners in many circumstances. This would be done by getting an order from the Planning Tribunal and in the same way mining companies will be able to get onto conservation land despite opposition by the Conservation Authority and the Minister of Conservation. The immediate effect of these provisions will be a large increase in prospecting on private and conservation lands. Once mineral deposits are found and proven it will be difficult to stop future governments from allowing mining.

In many cases a council or planning tribunal will not be allowed to say no to mining on environmental grounds. They will be merely limited to setting conditions. The decision whether or not a mineral may be mined is made under part IX of the bill,

which specifically excludes any consideration of the effects of mining on the environment.

- The bill is virtually useless for preserving native forests on private land. Proposed "Heritage Orders" cannot be used where their effect would be to reduce the market value of standing timber or render forest lands free from environmental exploitation. The bill has six other effects with possible disastrous consequences for natural areas such as coastlines, rivers and lakes.

Another topic of major concern for the Maruia Society are the tropical rainforests of the Oceania region. While the destruc-

tion of the rainforests in South America has gained world-wide attention, the forests on Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the larger Pacific islands add up to a significant proportion of the world's rainforests and they too are under severe threat.

Being a national organisation with sizeable resources means the Maruia Society has been able to mount a campaign in these areas with full-time active campaigners.




On March 31 in B15 (the Library lecture theatre) there will be a one day seminar on tropical rainforests. It starts at 9am and goes to 4pm.

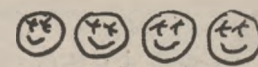
Paul Travers

LAST WEEK

The Craccum Editor, in his infinite wisdom, has commissioned over 40 years of pub-crawling experience (us) to provide a potentially thirsty market (you) with a regular review of watering holes in your immediate vicinity (for Arts students amongst you a watering hole is a pub).

To aid you in this vital task we shall use a cave-painting style of accreditation for the establishments under review. For the non-engineering students we will also provide a written appraisal covering some of the finer points such as decor, ambiance, cleanliness...

	All-Round Quality/Range of Alcohol and Vessels	1 = Crap 5 = Choice
	Quality of Service	1 = Arse-Holes 5 = Mates
	Quality of Facilities	1 = Long Drop 5 = Regent



A legend - The Kiwi Tavern

Saturday the 24th was the second memorial anniversary of the demolition of the fabled Kiwi Tavern. The Kiwi was situated on the corner of Symonds and Wellesley Streets.

Of the two bars only a select few could tell which was the public bar or the lounge bar. By day it was a student pub. By night the locals moved in and only the staunch remained. The beauty of the Kiwi was its ugliness. Plastic chairs, cold pies, a dungeon dunny for the boys and a sad assortment of outdated video machines.

To be fair, it did have some plusses - an eight

and a quarter inch TV set and a juke box which established New Zealand entertainment standard. The piss was good. The price wasn't too bad and the service punctual (when it was on time).

The superannuitants amongst you will remember the Kiwi as a convenient stop for a quick drink or a full coma. The facilities were adequate (barely), the conversation less than intellectual. It served anyone. In a word, it was almost perfect.

Next Week: The Alexandra Tavern.

Happy Drinking from the E Team.

The Auckland University Club



23-25 PRINCESS STREET AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND

FREE DRINKS!!

Yes, two free drinks of you join

During Orientation, other Orientation offers include:

- Pints only \$1 Wed 28 and Thurs 29, from 7.00pm. (This applies to Silver Fern and Old Thumper).
- Pints for only \$2, for two weeks.

THERE IS MORE!! The University Club provides:

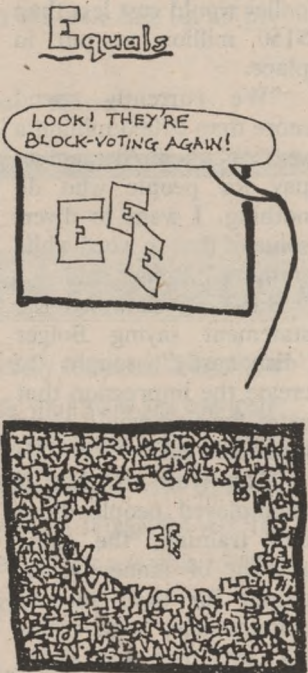
- Restaurant
- Billiard and Darts Rooms
- Garden Bar and Balcony
- Juke Box
- Lounge Bar
- Reading Room
- Reciprocal Rights to University Clubs around the world (eg Oxford, Cambridge).
- Lunch & Club Grub (closest burgers to Uni)
- Pleasant Victorian surroundings
- TV Room

MEMBERSHIP ONLY \$30

Plasticised ID card provided

To apply see the University Club, 23 Princes Street, or University Quad stall over Orientation

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!



NATS PACK FINDS FAVOUR WITH STUDENTS

by Max Chapple

The National Party's new tertiary education policy has drawn qualified support from Auckland students associations.

The policy would see the Government's controversial tertiary fees scrapped and make tuition free for all full time students up to when they get their first degree.

National says their policy would cost less than \$150 million to implement in its first year, but the Government says it would cost \$400 million.

National's policy has been welcomed conditionally by both the Auckland University Students Association and the Auckland Technical Institute Students Association.

AUSA president Ella Henry told Craccum she had concerns about the chances of older students under the system but said National's policy was commendable.

"My initial response was that I was pleased to see a more responsible attitude being taken to tertiary education in regards to the user-pays philosophy."

She said she viewed the policy with caution.

"We have to, with government policy, look very closely at the small print. After all it was just six years ago that the Labour Government was promising that we would never have user-pays education."

Henry said she was pleased at moves to decrease students' costs.

"I applaud the National Party's moves to rescind the tuition fee. I also applaud their move to increase post-graduate bursaries."

However, Henry said the policy needed further investigation to uncover the anomalies like National's stance on mature students.

Under the policy, post-graduates who don't get scholarships will have to pay up to 25% of the cost of an average tertiary course.

"I am concerned that mature students may face more stringent criteria," Henry said.

Henry said she did not want anyone to get in the way of school leavers who wanted to go to university but wanted neither group penalised.

"New Zealand has a high participation rate of middle-aged students in tertiary education, they make a tangible contribution to society and the economy which must be safeguarded as much as the rights of school leavers."

She said what was needed was a Government which started from the premise that we can afford education.

"What we have at the moment is a Government that says we can't afford education but we can afford frigates," she said.

ATISA president Brett Williams said he was behind the move to scrap fees but concerned about making post-graduates pay part of their fees.

"That's where I think the discrimination of older people comes into it," Williams said. "They're actually discouraging people from reaching their full potential."

Williams said a Government working party on student loans last year found that most post-graduate's contribution to society far outweighed their personal gain.

Williams said he would

also await with interest details of National's student support and said he wanted National to increase the possible income students could earn while getting the living allowances. National said it will not do this.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Phil Goff has said National's policy would add \$400 million to tertiary spending.

When he outlined the policy, National Party leader Jim Bolger said the policy would cost less than \$150 million to put in place.

"We currently spend more than \$1000 million a year on unemployment to pay for people who do nothing. I want to divert some of that to worthwhile training," Bolger said.

But Goff slammed the statement saying Bolger "dishonestly" sought to create the impression that extra funding would come from dole cuts.

"The truth is that if unemployed people move into training, the same amount of money is required for their income maintenance, with training costs over and above this amount."

National's tertiary education policy focuses on the concept of Study Right. Under Study Right, tuition fees for a first tertiary qualification, up to a maximum of four years for full time students would be paid.

After that period, students would have to pay for up to 25% of the cost of a tertiary course unless they qualified for one of the boosted post-graduate scholarships.

Part time students would qualify for the free fees up to their first qualification, but the four year limit would not apply. Where part timers failed and repeated papers, they would have to pay 25% towards the fees of papers they failed.

Students going for a third tertiary qualification or a level below undergraduate level would pay full fees.

A living allowance would be available for students, except for those on traineeships or post graduate scholarships, for up to five years. It would not be means tested on parents' incomes but the present income limits of the students qualifying would still apply.

The allowances would vary for under 20-year-olds depending on whether they lived at home or away from home. Grants would be available and would be partially funded by money



saved when the means testing system was abolished.

For industry, National says it would set up a new traineeship scheme to help more people get trade and craft qualifications.

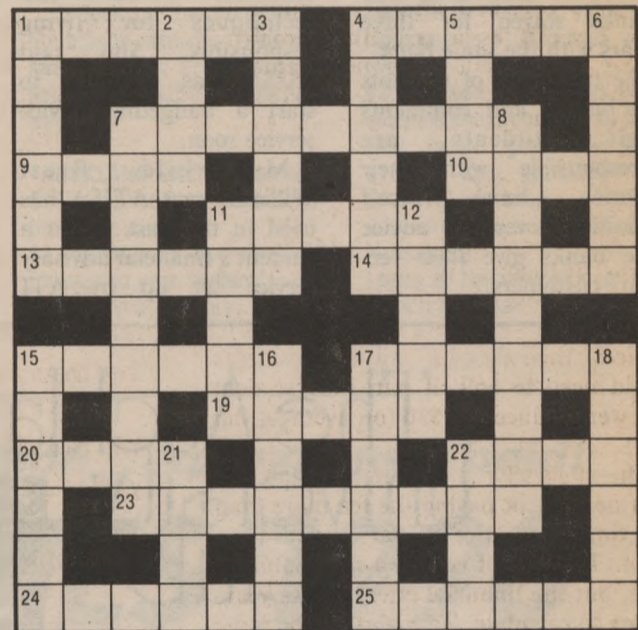
Under the scheme, industry training organisations would be able to draw on the Study Right to meet trainees' tuition costs and to provide an incentive

to employers.

National proposes a Training Opportunity Programme (TOP) to integrate courses now available through ACCESS. Students would be able to work through the courses at schools, polytechs and community programmes to gain a recognised qualification.

National says the TOP scheme would give students the means to obtain a National Certificate — a formal qualification that would confirm its holder's achievement and ability to potential employers. The National Certificate would be an option for form six and seven students.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Mourn
4. Excuse
7. Medicated Creams
9. What is owing
10. Dregs
11. Remain Upright
13. Nuance
14. Twist
15. Airport Runway
17. Embrown
19. Jetty
20. Slat
22. Nothing more than
23. Child
24. Titillate
25. Annual

DOWN

1. Yellow
2. Give out
3. Being
4. Primps
5. Decomposes
6. Ordinary
7. Darkness
8. Gleaner
11. Tube for drinks
12. Midget
15. Attitude
16. Opportunity
17. Bold
18. Power
21. Dry, white wine
22. Rocky plateau

BITES CAFE

Open 7 Days — Eat in or Take out

- Breakfast:** Daily fresh hot pies, sandwiches
- Lunch:** Fish and Chips, Burgers, Light Meals, salads.
- Dinner:** Sirloin Steak \$8.50 (200 to 225gm)
Cheese and Chips \$5.50
- and many more....*

SPECIAL OFFER

1/4lbs + Cheese + Egg
Burger \$3.30
Victoria St East, Lorne St
Phone: 396-334

Limit One Coupon
Per Customer per
Visit



WHERE DOES THAT DOLLAR GO?

Your student association pays for many things. This newspaper is one of them. And it does this out of the \$60 membership fees nearly every student at Auckland University pays. You may think yourselves lucky. Last I heard it was \$100 at Waikato.

For your \$60 you get everything ranging from a radio station to a theatre to a free phone. But we won't look at what services AUSA provides for 1st subscription. Instead it has become topical to talk about a fees reduction for part-time students.

One view, which has prevailed in the past, is that all students should pay the same fee. All have equal access to the same facilities, and more importantly all may be represented, either individually or collectively. Very important when you're before the University discipline committee. But in the cold wind of user-pays, part-time students feel they don't have time to take advantage of AUSA's services.

Some suggest that AUSA can assist the disadvantaged groups, such as women students, who study part-time by reducing part-time students fees. I oppose that suggestion because you will also benefit those people who are both working and studying, who can well afford to contribute fees. I see it as a targetting problem. AUSA can benefit those disadvantaged groups far more effectively by distributing the fees it collects — if the students choose to do that.

Another suggestion is a fees reduction. Either a flat differential between a full and part-time student, or on a per-paper basis. The financial implications to AUSA in terms of loss of fees is the same. But if AUSA was to maintain the same level of services, then fees for full-time students would need to be \$69, if part-time student fees were reduced to \$30 (on average, flat rate).

The suggestion I favour is a flat rate with no student paying the fee more than five times, ie, after 5 years you are exempt. The 5 is of course a negotiable figure, but the financial effect of five years is easy to calculate. To maintain the same level of income the fee would need to be \$70. (Actually \$ 69.57). However, I add that if the fees reduction for medical students and the refund to engineering students were removed then the fees could be left at \$60 (AUSA would be losing 57c in that deal).

You may not agree, but \$60 is good value, and has not kept up with inflation. What will be debated is a matter of equity. I believe the exemption method deals with the problems of the small post-

graduate papers, means that all pay the same for their representation, that those studying and working will pay a fair whack and a mature age student doing 1 paper a year for 21 years will pay a fair amount.

So what do you think? If you wish to add anything to this discussion, or want to express your opinion, you may like to:

- a) Write a letter to the AUSA Executive and ask for a reply.
- b) Write a letter to Craccum.
- c) Go along to SRC (Every Wednesday, 7pm in the Quad).
- d) Attend the Autumn General Meeting where a decision will be made (in all probability).

What do you think?

Editorial #1

To people who are reading this, I hope you all had a pleasant summer break with many uncontrollable, exciting adventures.

For those just beginning varsity, remember to crouz along to a few Orientation events in order to make friends with other new'uns who have been dazzled by the great sites and sounds on campus. Good hunting!

Sarah

Peace be with you
Steve Amanono

Editorial #2

Well it's 1990 and the faculties of eye-sight and Engineering have both declined to sever their already tenuous links with my person, so it seems we have, as your elected editors, managed a first attempt at providing a student-oriented publication which is a little more interesting and

entertaining to the average student. Please feel free to relate your evaluation of this to us.

Now, the more observant amongst you may have noticed a foreign logo in the corner of the front page, not to mention the presence of two off-campus columns and an ATI content in the features. This is a reflection of our absorption of the Technical Institute periodical *Kronikle*. So if you are at a polytechnic in Auckland, remember this is partly your paper; read and respond.

PS: Serious flag-watchers — spot the deliberate front page error in flag etiquette.



More money, more flexibility

If you've successfully completed at least your first year of study, you'll know just how tough it is to manage your finances while studying. Realistically, you're going to need additional money to help you get through the year. The Bank of New Zealand has a realistic solution: Campus Account.

Sure, you'll need a cheque account or ATM card, or both. Perhaps a credit card as well. But most of all, you'll need an adequate loan to help with fees, books and living expenses.

With Bank of New Zealand Campus Account, you'll be able to borrow up to \$10,000* at an interest rate substantially less than our normal rate (currently up to 5.25% pa less).

You don't have to borrow the whole amount immediately, unlike other student loans. You can draw from your loan account when you decide, and if you have some extra cash (say from a holiday job) you can make a lump sum repayment and reduce your interest costs. You'll still have the full amount of the agreed loan available — you can redraw whenever you need to.

With Bank of New Zealand Campus Account, you don't have to pay off both the principal and interest within a fixed period. We only ask you to meet interest payments on the loan while studying, making it easier to make ends meet.

The Campus Account also provides an interest free overdraft facility of \$250 on your cheque account and a free Autocard for convenient cash

access at ATM machines. Additionally a \$300 Bank of New Zealand Visa credit limit, free of the annual fee is available on application.

And even when you finish your studies we can help you with our Graduate Package of financial assistance.

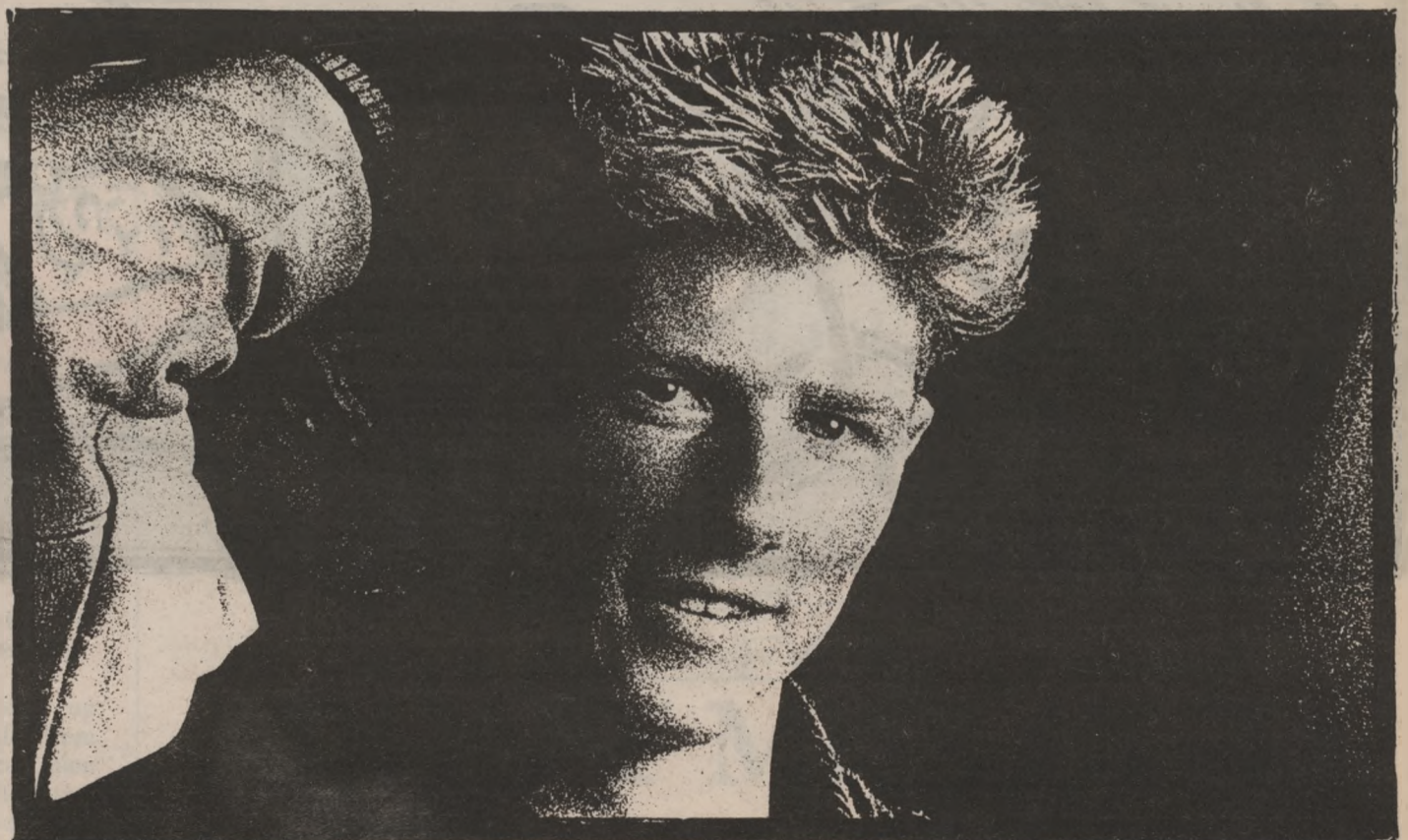
For more details on all the benefits a Campus Account offers, call into your local Bank of New Zealand branch. We're also on every campus!

* Depending on year of study. Normal lending criteria apply.

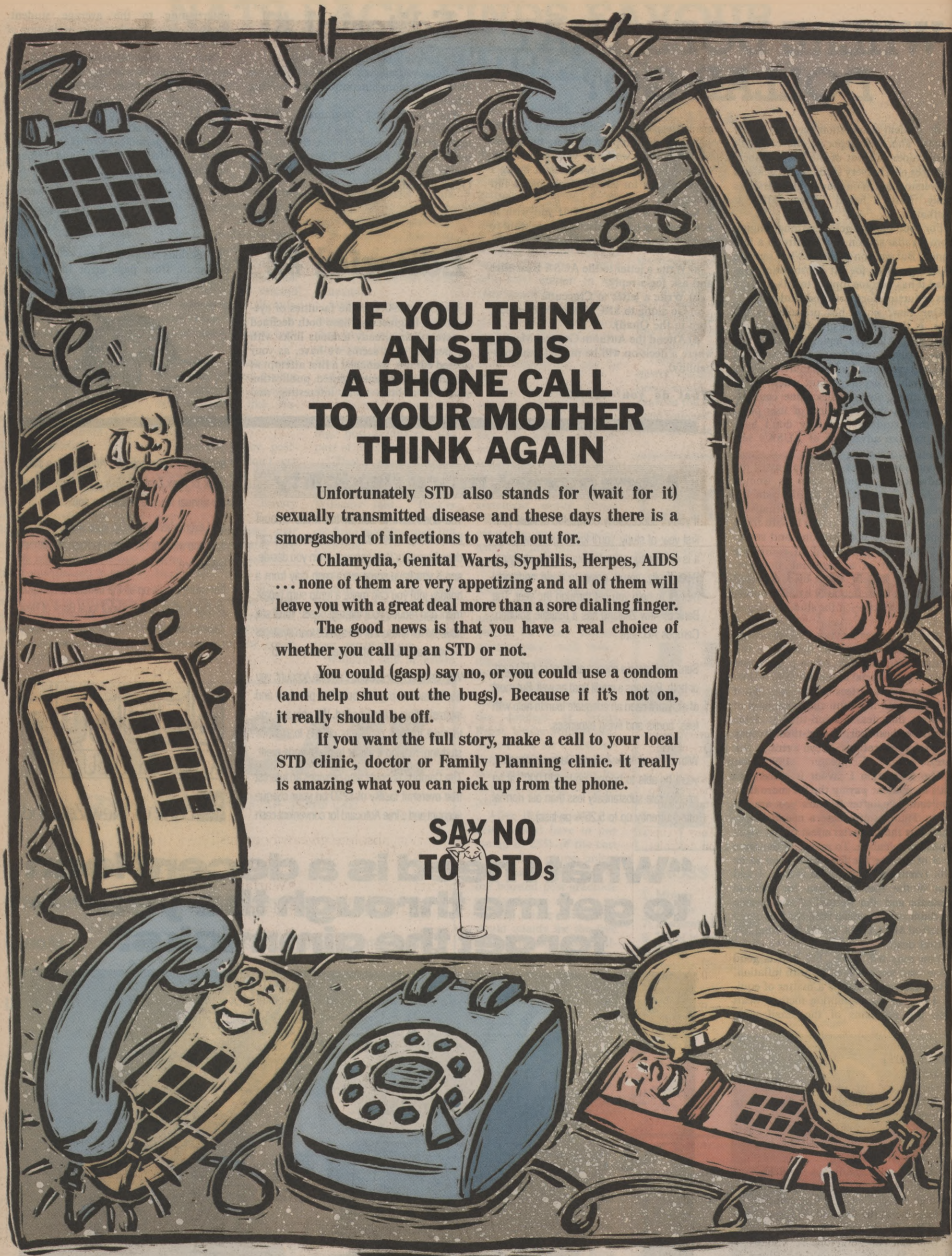


 Bank of New Zealand

“What I need is a decent loan to get me through the year — forget the gimmicks!”



C3959



IF YOU THINK AN STD IS A PHONE CALL TO YOUR MOTHER THINK AGAIN

Unfortunately STD also stands for (wait for it) sexually transmitted disease and these days there is a smorgasbord of infections to watch out for.

Chlamydia, Genital Warts, Syphilis, Herpes, AIDS ... none of them are very appetizing and all of them will leave you with a great deal more than a sore dialing finger.

The good news is that you have a real choice of whether you call up an STD or not.

You could (gasp) say no, or you could use a condom (and help shut out the bugs). Because if it's not on, it really should be off.

If you want the full story, make a call to your local STD clinic, doctor or Family Planning clinic. It really is amazing what you can pick up from the phone.

SAY NO TO STDs



Department of Health

This color
"pissopol
played in
ing past
tions.
A cont
in the wa
with oppo
the alcoh
of the ga
was likely
ious illne
those pi
These
regarded
what exa
those who
pated, an
many yea
cess in ot
resulted i
blems sup
Anothe
duled, so
perfect of
intereste
vestigate
themselv
...we sug
old cloth
car keys
have a go

O

Orient
a feast
mainstre
entertain
many hea
nias have
festival p
are a pro
fun and a
to be mi
opportuni
to enjoy t
they emb
studies.
The Or
will run f
to Sunda
everything
fordable
with an A
Card.
We sug
an Orien
cause of t
generous
includ
•One fre
Alfies stu
Wednes
February.
•Free en
nightclub
March.
•Free en
campus O
(not club
cludes all
events, Ca
Lounge et
•Free win
swell Brea
all you ca
else pay \$
•Reduced
Powerstati
•Reduced
tation T-S
•Mystery
The Al
card gives
of discoun

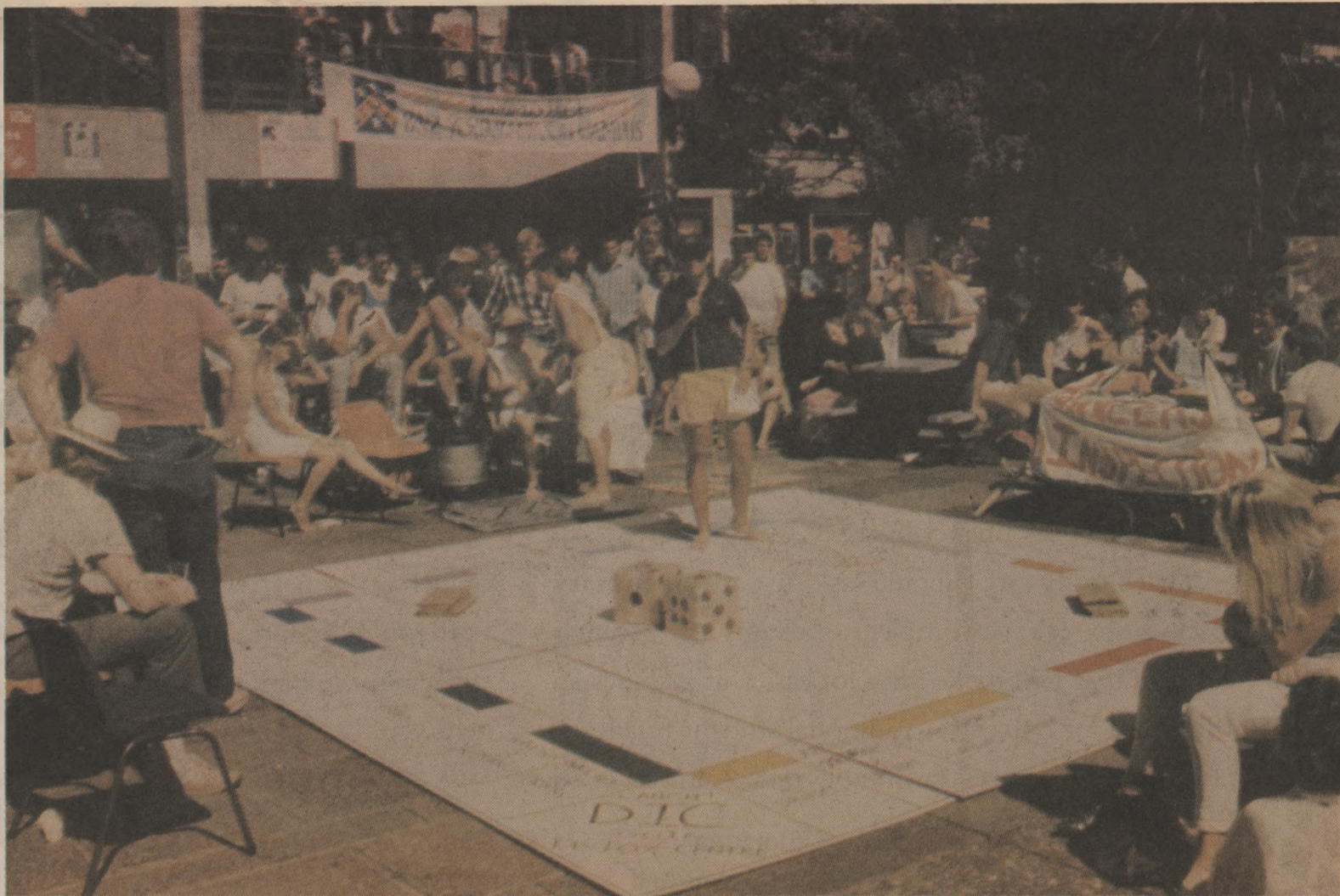
This colourful game of "pissopoly" has been played in the Quad, during past years' Orientations.

A controversy erupted in the wake of this game, with opponents claiming the alcoholic debauchery of the game's participants was likely to lead to serious illness on the part of those playing.

These claims were regarded as being somewhat exaggerated by those who had participated, and the fact that many years of gross excess in other centres had resulted in few such problems supported this.

Another game is scheduled, so it will provide a perfect opportunity for interested students to investigate the game for themselves...

...we suggest you bring old clothing, leave your car keys at home, and have a good time!



ORIENTATION UPDATE

Orientation 1990 will be a feast of fringe and mainstream arts and entertainment. Although many headaches and hernias have been part of the festival preparations, they are a promise for greater fun and an experience not to be missed. This is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy themselves before they embark on serious studies.

The Orientation Festival will run from Friday 23rd to Sunday March 4th, everything is at a very affordable price especially with an Alfies Orientation Card.

We suggest that you get an Orientation Card because of the advantage and generous discounts which include:

- One free drink at the Alfies student night — Wednesday 28th February.
- Free entry to Alfies nightclub 9.30 Sunday 4th March.
- Free entry to all on-campus Orientation events (not club events) which includes all the Maidment events, Cafe events, Coffee Lounge etc.
- Free wine at the Groundswell Breakfasts and \$2 for all you can eat - everyone else pay \$5.
- Reduced entry at the Powerstation.
- Reduced price on Orientation T-Shirts \$5 off.
- Mystery prizes.

The Alfies Orientation card gives over \$100 worth of discounts and free entry

etc for only \$20 and \$10 to 1990 B-Card holders. So get one early and save heaps for the duration of the Festival. There is something for everyone in this year's Orientation 1990 line up.

Here is a Programme of last minute changes. So get your Orientation card and join in the fun.

Tony Weber
Orientation Assistant

Orientation: Alterations

See your 1990 Orientation Handout for all details.

Changes to schedules events:

Red Cafewill not play Wednesday and Thursday in HSB Cafe.

Toga Party

Toga Party

Toga Party

Main Cafe Saturday 7pm.

Sticks 'n' Shanty will not be among performers at Sunday's Mardi Gras.

Heavy Metal Night

Sorath

Blue Denim

are the bands which will be playing (Wednesday).

To repeat, pick up Orientation Guide from around the Student Union for a complete rundown of all events, times and costs.

BIG MONEY \$\$

CAN BE SAVED AT THIS YEAR'S

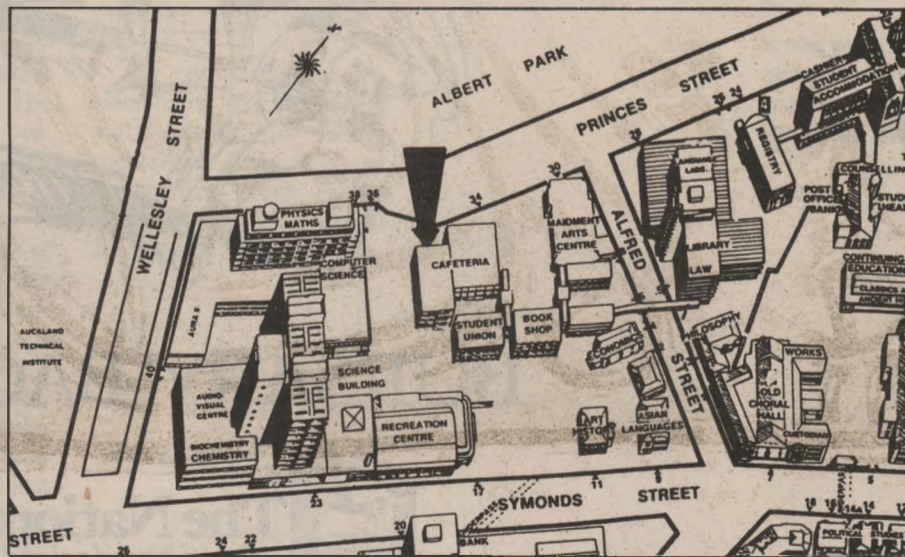
University 2nd Hand Bookshop

- Stationery at factory prices
 - New and used textbooks, very cheap
 - Thousands of new books
 - Lecture pads 10 for \$9 (Save \$4.25)
 - Ring binders dirt cheap!
- at absolute giveaway prices!!

- Arts
- Sports
- Childrens
- Sci-Fi
- Sciences
- Warfare
- Maori Studies
- General Interest

and new books arrive every day

From Tuesday 20 February, until Friday 2 March
Student Union Building, Princes Street



DON'T MISS OUT!

IT'LL GIVE YOU A FINANCIAL BASE WHILE YOU'RE STUDYING

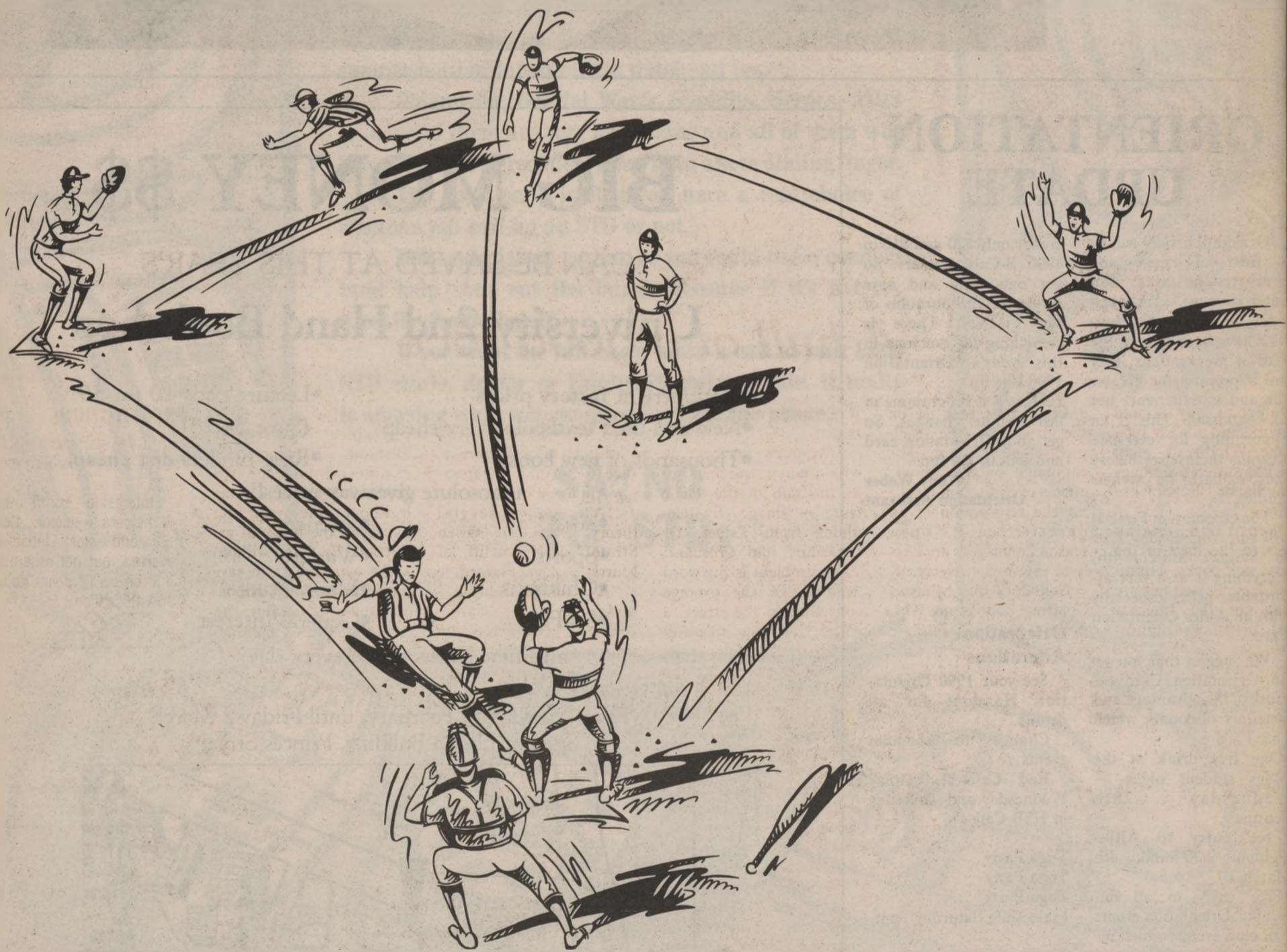
You've enough on your plate getting through your course - without having to worry about how you'll survive the year financially.

That's why you should ask us about Bursary Back-Stop. It's a complete package of banking services that will make life a lot easier. It includes an ISIC card for only \$10. Additional student finance is also available at very favourable rates - in fact, you

can apply for an interest-free advance of \$500.

For more information about Bursary Back-Stop, call into any branch of The National Bank (there's a branch on or near every University campus).

If you're looking for a financial hand while you're studying, we have the banking package designed to help you.



BURSARY BACK-STOP



The National Bank
of New Zealand Limited

A registered prospectus may be obtained from any New Zealand branch of the Bank.

© NBM 0314 SAATCHI

Only half
the world and
of the Whi
leet has suff
at the hands
whales.

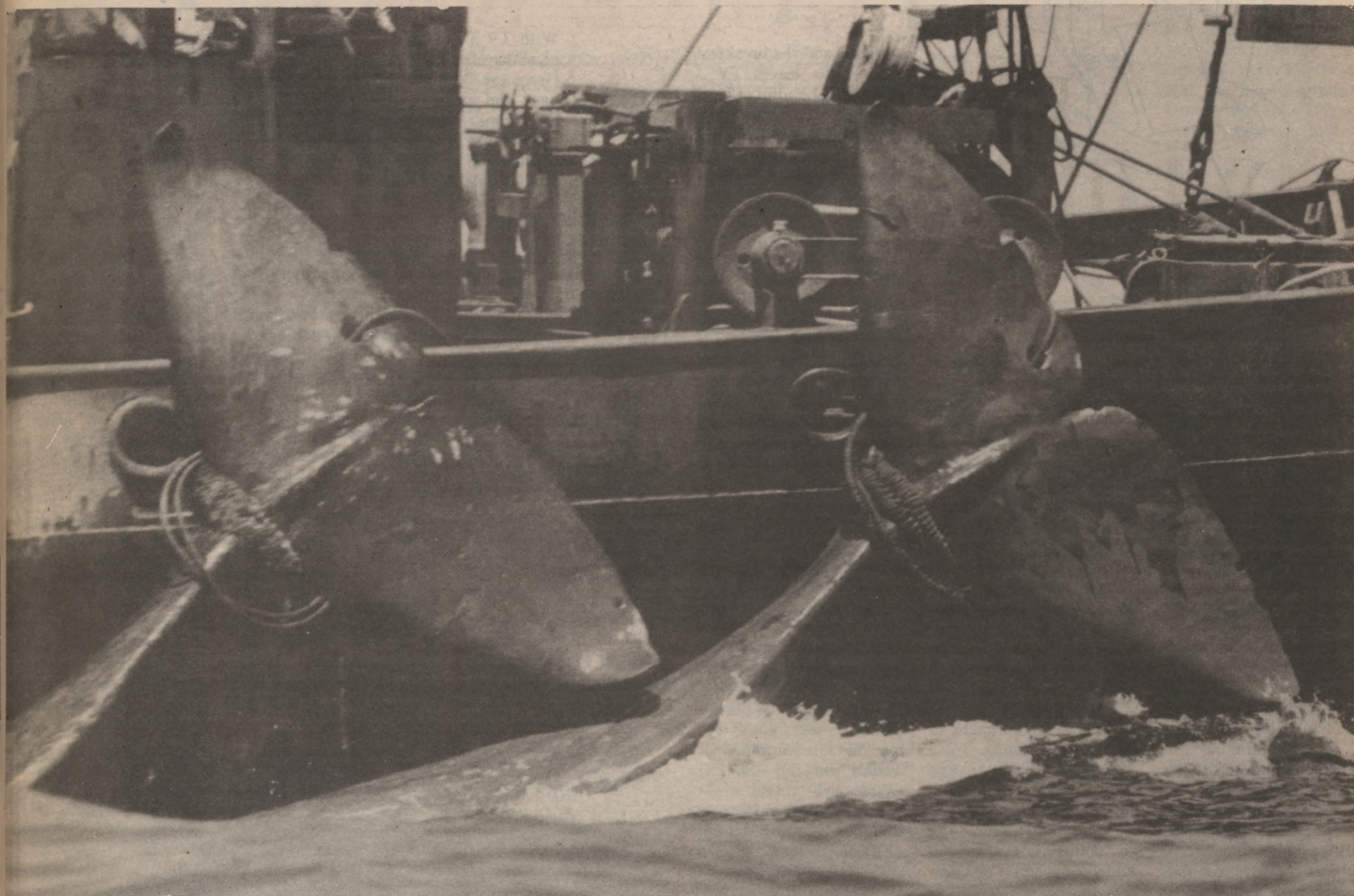
Likened
sailors to the
U-boat wolf p
per of leading
calling for
ional Whali
sion to 1
moratorium c

"It's defin
ern," under
Blake, whose
ager 2 curre
Whitbread 1
his dangerou
whale numb
we'll see a si
vestment in
ence before
Whitbread, w
e sailing in b
ay last rou
ace."

He denied
te was pulling
he fear of a
was ruining h
and described
is "absolute l

When pres
ails of whale
Blake is evasi
ensity of res
depends on
ut I'll pr
Taiwan, Kore
ill have en
ext Whitbrea

SAVE THE SAILS



A hull of a good race

Only half way around the world and already 10% of the Whitbread yacht fleet has suffered damage at the hands (flippers?) of whales.

Likened by veteran sailors to the days of the J-boat wolf packs, a number of leading yachties are calling for the International Whaling Commission to revoke its moratorium on whaling.

"It's definitely a concern," understates Peter Blake, whose ketch *Steinlager 2* currently leads the Whitbread fleet. "With his dangerous upsurge in whale numbers I think we'll see a significant investment in whale deterrence before the next Whitbread, which I won't be sailing in because this is my last round-the-world race."

He denied rumours that he was pulling out because of the fear of a whale strike was ruining his social life, and described the rumours as "absolute blubber".

When pressed for details of whale deterrence, Blake is evasive. "The intensity of research really depends on sponsorship, but I'll predict that Taiwan, Korea and Japan will have entries in the next Whitbread."

Coming as they do on the heels of the well-publicised Greenpeace campaign on the adverse effects of driftnetting, calls for the resumption of an unrestricted "open season" on whales are likely to cause controversy.

Neither Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer nor Opposition Leader Jim Bolger were willing to discuss the issue. Mr Palmer's office strenuously denies that a secret cabinet committee has been looking into the matter.

"No comment, but you can quote me on that," quipped a Prime Ministerial spokesperson.

Ironically, it is a variation on driftnetting that is seen by some as the solution to the delicate problem of multi-tonne whales.

Dr Hans Lingsdurf, a research fellow at the Taipei Marine Mammal Research Institute, made these comments in a speech to the IWC's recent meeting in Vladivostok:

"Nobody likes to see photos of gaping tuna or bug-eyed dolphins, but by increasing the mesh size of the driftnets we can allow the less danmgerous dolphins through the nets while culling the big ones.

A one metre mesh does the trick."

Lingsdurf touches on what many researchers see as the nub of the whale issue — image. By telephone from Taipei, Dr Lingsdurf told *Craccum*: "The problem is the word 'whale'. To the average consumer in the street, a whale is a huge, peaceful mammal, gracefully cruising the coastline for the benefit of tourists. At the Institute, we prefer to call them 'moblie marine by-product centres' — and dangerous ones at that!"

There is widespread disagreement in the scientific community about the causes of the whale problem. In a recent research paper titled 'Whales and Cocaine — Blowhole or Snorthole?', University of Southern North Dakota Professor Sammy Klondike proposes a whole new approach.

"I believe that, in fact, there are no more whales in the oceans today than there were before. It's just that they spend more time at the surface than they used to."

Klondike goes on to explain that the massive ozone hole over the southern ocean has resulted in a chronic sunburn crisis

among the southern whale population, causing whales to swim at the surface to cool off in the freezing Antarctic winds.

"A controversial theory," says Dr Owen Strathclyde-Heathcliff of Morris College, Oxford.

"A load of rubbish," says every other marine zoologist contacted by *Craccum*.

So the question remains: are whale populations reaching dangerous proportions? Dr Tsing Choy of Korea's Institute Culinaire du Chien believes so.

"By comparing the incidence of marine mammal attacks on racing yachts over time, it is apparent that ocean racing will face extinction within 20 years," claims Dr Choy.

The evidence seems irrefutable. We face a dilemma. Endangered in its own environment by the fickle policies of human legislators, the ocean race pauses at the brink of extinction. By doing without a few whales we can save the ocean race as a symbol of human endeavour and ensure that our children and our children's children will be free to navigate the open seas in safety.

PROSTITUTION!

CRACCUM staff meetings are held at 9.30am Monday mornings.

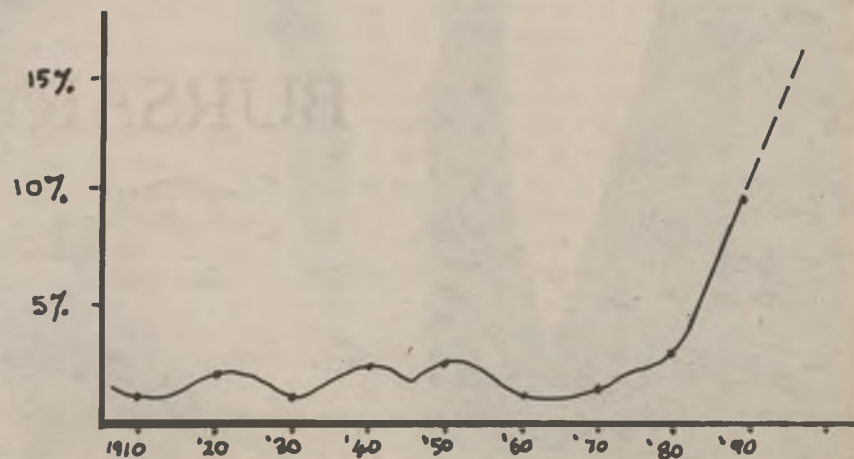
All interested contributors and helpers welcome. Concrete and steel fetishists preferred, but not essential. Come on up (2 floors above AUSA Reception).

the elephant

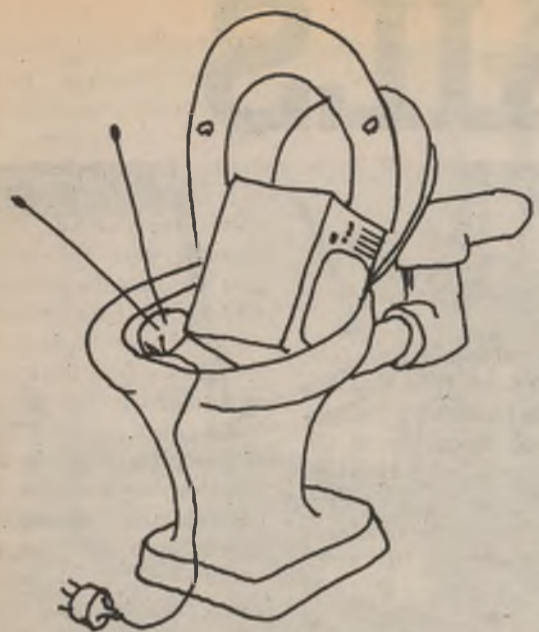
i saw a mouse... today my mouse

it ran away under a car and then it was part of the tar in between the stony bits

sammy



TV WITH TRAVIS



Way back in 1987 when TV 3 was named as the third successful channel applicant I was among the majority who thought that relief from the boredom of TVNZ's Muldoon induced complacency was at hand. However even before TV 3 finally made it to air last November it had become apparent that my initial optimism had been somewhat naive.

TVNZ had not reacted to the threat of competition by upping the quality of its programming but rather by importing Julian Mounter from the UK (along with his pet yacht) as its new director general and taking a nose dive towards lowest common denominator television.

Under Mounter's market driven reign Channel One viewers have been introduced to the dubious delights of tabloid TV news, a shrinking budget for quality drama, documentary and arts programmes and the 4077th repeat of M*A*S*H. Meanwhile over on

Network Two it has been bad news for the discerning couch potato with the launching of Monday to Friday primetime screenings of Neighbours, Sale of the Century (Wheel of Fortune will be upon us soon too) and the embarrassing Blind Date (come back Chuck Woolery, all is forgiven).

In addition to having such a destructive effect in state owned television TV 3 has also as yet failed to fulfill its commitment to local programming. TV 3 has so far received more than five million dollars in licence fee funds from the Broadcasting Commission to compensate for the added expense of producing local shows. But in response to its distant third place in the three way ratings crunch, TV 3's hardnosed programming president, Kel Geddes, chose to take the advice of visiting heavies from the giant American network NCB - and axed local shows Laugh INZ, A Current Affair, 60

Minutes and the breakfast news. This leaves TV 3 with just a handful of local content that is in any case all cloned by TVNZ. And believe me I can wait for their Neighbours look-alike soap to make it to the screen.

Having said that, TV 3 is not all bad. It does have the first class sitcoms Rosanne and Murphy Brown, Phillip Sherry's National News at least lacks One Network News' cartoon hype and several hit movies such as Good Morning Vietnam and Dead Poets Society wait in the wings. The trailer to the upcoming McPhail and Gadsby vehicle Letter to Blanchy also looked quite promising. But the gems are widely spaced in a wasteland of vacuous mini series, cast off American cop shows, (yet more) Australian soap opera and tired Benny Hill reruns.

There is hope on the horizon as next month the interminable Summer of Tennis will end and Kel Geddes will reveal a revamped primetime line up designed to pull TV 3 out of its disastrous downward spiral in the ratings war.

Though with TVNZ preempting him with new series of Minder and Blackadder on One and fresh doses of LA Law, Wiseguy and China Beach on Two, Kel may well find himself on the first plane back to Queensland next time the NBC trouble shooters come down to examine the red ink. Got the feeling?

With TV 3's axing of A Current Affair the lights have gone down on the ratings war between Paul Holmes and Genevieve Westcott. It is now time for someone to stand back and make an objective, measured analysis of why the Holmes show carries on while A Current Affair has been laid to rest. Meanwhile here is my highly opinionated point by point comparison between the two tabloid style news rivals.

1 THE PRESENTERS

Paul Holmes: With his leprechaun grin, wise-guy quips, insufferably variable intonation and all round confrontational stance, Paul Holmes is often a slur on the good name of professional broadcasting but seldom boring.

Genevieve Westcott: Has amassed many years of experience in high level current affairs. To TV 3 she is an honorary Kiwi but to most of the rest of us her overbearing accent, smugly blonde good looks and Leeza Gibbons-like ability to hide her pregnancy all suggest that she was really assembled in a media factory somewhere in North America.

the life of the their husband/son/disabled pet cat.

A Current Affair: Channel One viewers switching over from Holmes had already discovered that New Zealand is governed by a tyranny of vicious gangs, a cruel and incompetent health service, crazed Maori radicals and evil time-share resort agents. Finding nothing new on A Current Affair they switched back.

3 MISCELLANEOUS ATTRIBUTES

Paul Holmes: — Is the only current affairs host ever to have sung with the Pogues on live TV.

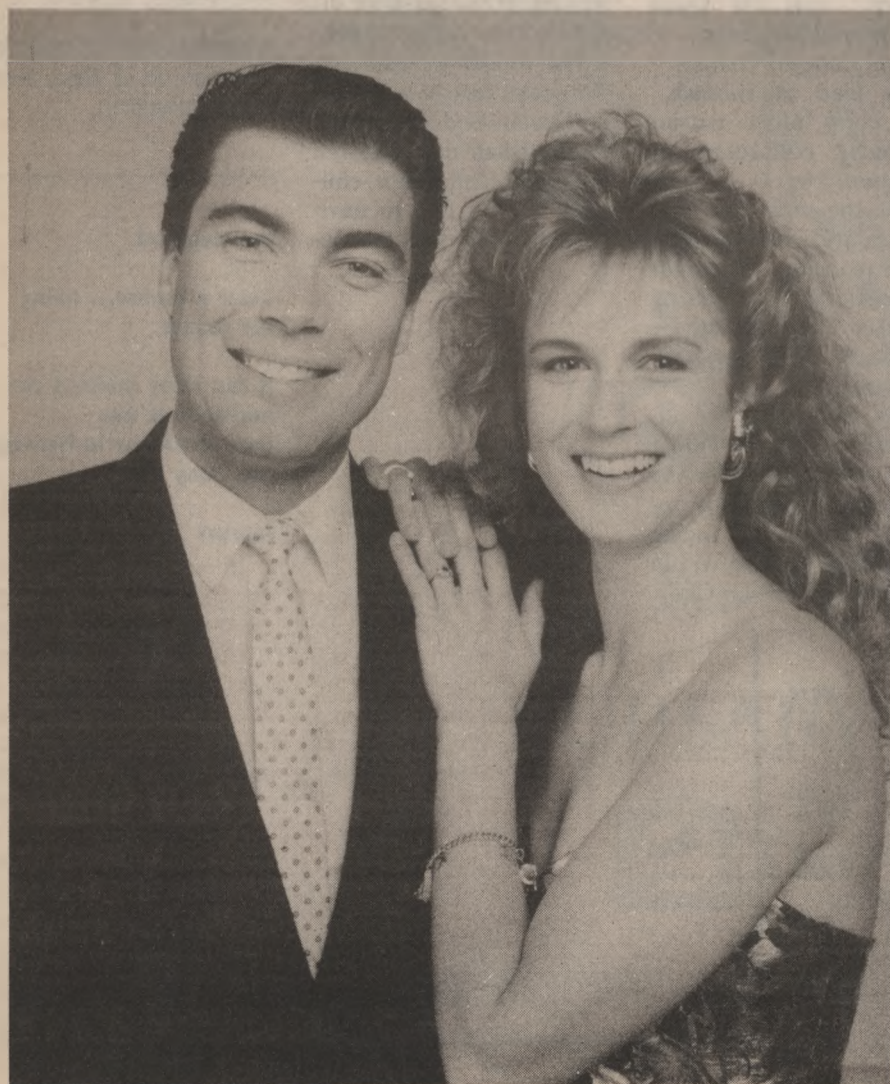
— Doesn't listen to trendy, cynical critics who make fun of her Canadian nationality.

All of which brings us to the crux of the matter namely:

4 THE RATINGS

Holmes: On air first months it maintains a solid top twenty placing holding its own against Kylie and Jason.

A Current Affair: Could not even make the top 10 during its second to last week. I kid you not. In fact maybe I do kid you as,



THE STORIES

Holmes: A happy mix of popular prejudice and cheque book journalism, Holmes has scored big with stories such as his championing of a working class family barred from a holiday in a time-share resort, its expose of conditions at Princess Mary Hospital's ward 12 (currently undergoing an Ombudsman's inquiry into its creative editing) and assorted interviews with crying widows after the rising crime rate/natural disaster/light aeroplane crash claimed

— Made the only entertaining appearance so far on Blind Date.

— Somehow made it 800 metres to the shore after a helicopter crash at sea last year.

— Has the ability to survive under water for periods of up to ten minutes through a process of suspended animation.

Genevieve Westcott: — TV 3 executives were too scared to can her show until she went on maternity leave.

quite by chance, your truly was a participant in the AGB:Media audience survey during that crucial week. Maybe if I had admitted to watching A Current Affair it would have nudged into the top 100 and been saved. As it was I chose the moment to rebel against my status as a mere statistic and claimed to have watched nothing all week but Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Sorry Genevieve

QUEEN'S TEA PARTY

If there was ever going to be an event on the 1990 calendar it was Waitangi Day. And the place to be on February 6th was Waitangi. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi an estimated

As the sun rose over the hazy waters of the Bay of Islands, the normally sedate settlement of Waitangi was teeming with people. From the four winds they came. Coaches released load upon load of passengers into the expectant throng. Cars lined the roads into Paihia and Waitangi for kilometres, hoping to find a parking space so the kids wouldn't get tired walking to the Treaty grounds. Road blocks sealed off half the township of Waitangi, and a tent city had bloomed overnight. There was a feeling of excitement and expectancy. Something significant was about to happen.

The night before saw the navy being allowed back into the Waitangi commemorations. Six years after the Labour Government excluded a naval presence, Sir Graham Latimer of the New Zealand Maori Council welcomed them back. A concert celebrated the freedom of Tai Tokerau given to the gleaming white sailors. They responded with several frigates, a brass band and a fireworks display.

The previous days had been a hugely successful 10th Aotearoa Maori Arts Festival, with many participants coming up from the Commonwealth Games and the Polynesian Arts Festival. The festival had drawn together the many groups in an expression of Maoritanga.

Another source of pride in Maori renaissance were the waka taua. The 20 intricately carved war canoes assembled at Waitangi in a display of tribal mana.

No Ordinary Picnic

By 8 am the seating around the Treaty House grounds was filled with zinc-nosed spectators, singing Christians and chilly-bins. About a kilometre away a group of about 50 Maori protestors were encircled by a ring of uniformed police carrying batons. The police ensured the protestors were not allowed into the Treaty grounds and at one stage used batons on the protestors trying to cross the bridge. As well as a strong visible presence patrolling the grounds, undercover police mingled with the crowd.

No Admission to Protestors

One police tactic used to keep any protestors away from the events was to issue trespass notices to people suspected of being a threat. T-shirts with "Honour the Treaty" were considered inappropriate, and they were banished from the grounds, along with their owners, for two years.

Once the grounds had been searched by the bomb squad, a full-scale re-enactment from 1840 was performed in front of the Treaty House. A cast of 300 actors presented significant pieces from the debate surrounding the Treaty, as seen by William Colenso, played by Bruno Lawrence. The mix of the earnest Captain Hobson, the defiant Hone Heke and the rowdy rabble of settlers helped set the signing in perspective.

As the presentation finished, the Red Kiwis split the blue sky with their air show antics. Then attention turned out to sea where a flotilla of frigates, tall ships, racing yachts, rowing boats were gathered. In an impressive display the waka taua led the Royal launch across the sparkling water. The sight of the mighty vessels with the paddles moving in time as the crew chanted is a memory that will remain with many of those present at Waitangi.

Mixed Reception

The Queen was greeted with chants of "Go home Queen" and two-fingered salutes from the protestors as she landed on the other side of the river. She appeared nervous of the reception she received from the protestors up to their waist in water 100 metres away from Te Tii beach. As she travelled up to the Treaty Grounds a wet T-shirt was thrown at her as well as abuse. However, most people overcame their inhibitions and clapped and cheered the Monarch.

The presence of the protestors in the Treaty House grounds upset the clean image the police, politicians and participants were hoping for. Banners calling for the Treaty to be honoured were unfurled and constant chanting accompanied the speeches.

25,000 people were there. They included the Queen, descendents of signatories to the Treaty, the media, tourists, politicians, police and protestors. Keith Lyons was there and gives his impressions of the event.

Irreverent Reverend

The speeches themselves were not without controversy. The Queen conceded that different language and perceptions led to misunderstandings. She went on to admit that the Treaty "has been imperfectly observed".

The most surprising speech was delivered by Bishop Wakahuihui Vercoe. The Anglican Bishop of Aotearoa came straight out and said Maori get no justice because Pakeha haven't honoured the Treaty. He told his shocked audience that:

"you have marginalised us... the language of this land is yours, the custom is yours, the media by which we tell the world who we are is yours"

Bishop Vercoe stated he wanted the Treaty to be the "means by which we are made one nation... so that my tino rangitiri is the same as your sovereignty."

Prime Minister Replies

Geoffrey Palmer, the Prime Minister, was quick to defend his Government's record and he attacked Bishop Vercoe's speech. He pointed out that the Treaty gave New Zealand law and democracy, and it also gave protestors a right to express their views.

Later, Mr Palmer said lawful protest was appropriate because it happened at the signing of the Treaty in 1840.

The Queen, for her part, apparently took little notice of the actions of the protestors. She left for a cup of tea with the descendents of those who signed the Treaty in the shade of the Whare Runanga, where the heat was not so intense.

After viewing some of the entertainment on offer, from Sam Hunt to the National Youth Choir, the Queen left, again to a noisy goodbye from both supporters and protestors.

Positive

Others saw the events as bringing together Maoridom. The waka were regarded as useful projects in engendering pride and the arts festival indicated

Maori renaissance was growing. One of the waka was sponsored by the Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council in the campaign 'Kua Makona' to encourage moderation in drinking. The events certainly brought together Maori from all over the country.

Security

There were estimated to be 3,500 police, army, naval and traffic officer personnel at Waitangi. The Prime Minister commented that "the numbers of police were very, very substantial." On top of this figure were hundreds of Maori wardens who were visible at the Treaty House grounds.

At the request of the royal tour organisers, their presence was discreet. Not so subtle was the police helicopter which noisily buzzed over the Treaty House grounds during the proceedings.

The rumours of the IRA targeting the Queen, Maori radicals receiving caseloads of arms washed up on Northland beaches and the missing rocket launcher eventuated to nothing. Even the Black Power gang stayed away. Following their convention at nearby Kawakawa, they boycotted the celebrations. Instead they played a game of rugby league.

The person in charge of police security later defended letting protestors into the Treaty grounds saying there was a fine line between the rights of protestors and those of the crowd. The cost of security for Waitangi Day, as for the Commonwealth Games, is met by taxpayers.

Media

The large media contingent at Waitangi mainly said the same things: it was great and the protestors caused little trouble. Much of the coverage was shallow and could just as easily have been written by someone in Wellington with a programme of events and a TV.

Along with photos of the Queen and the waka, the event to get the most ongoing attention was the speech made by Bishop Vercoe. Politicians tried to use it to gain political points. The Prime Minister dismissed the accusa-

Protestors

The protestors maintained a presence at Te Tii beach throughout the events. The marchers from the north, Te Kawariki, were restrained from crossing over the bridge and the Treaty grounds. Others like Dun Mihaka, bottom-bearer to Royalty, set up shop near the bridge and talked to the passing waka crews.

The protests themselves were low-key and often unco-ordinated. When the Queen arrived about 200 people lined the beach to wave banners and jeer. The diversity of groups such as Project Waitangi and Expose 1990 led to isolated acts and sometimes disagreement about the kaupapa of their action.

A total of thirteen people were arrested for trespass, disorderly behaviour, obstruction and breach of peace. This included a student from the University of Waikato. The small number of arrests doesn't reflect the level of protest or the degree of feeling at Waitangi. Most people sympathised with the sentiments of the protestors in calling for the Treaty to be honoured. But some objected to their methods in disrupting the celebrations. These attitudes were illustrated when the protestors were cheered as they marched along the beach at Waitangi.

Despite being dismissed as low key, the protestors used the world focus on Waitangi to draw attention to the injustices of the last 150 years. Syd Jackson maintained that the situation of Maori people had not changed because they were without their land and their right to determine their own destiny based on economic and political power. He argued that Maori would go back to their sub-standard housing and low-paid jobs.

Women at University this year make up at least half of the student population, a far cry from the days when a woman at University was considered to be a novelty. The Auckland University Students Association provides services and facilities for all its members, a small number of which are solely for women students. For example, women students have the services of the Women's Rights Officer, Susan Rae, at their disposal. The Women's Rights Officer can help people having problems with University courses, she can help people get to grips with the Students Association, she is a contact person for harassment complaints, and also she is a resource person having information in her office on a wide range of issues. Women students also have available to them Womenspace, which, at times, can act as a sanctuary away from that chaos that reigns in the Quad. Womenspace has coffee and tea making facilities, a stereo, both of which help to create the relaxing atmosphere up in Womenspace. Both the Women's Rights Officer's office and Womenspace can be found on the first floor of the Student Union building, next to the Lower Common Room. As well as all this the Student Union also provides such things as tampon machines and extra lighting around the Association. All of this adds up to make a life that the first woman graduate Kate Milligan-Edgar would find unbelievable.

NOW STUDENTS CAN AFFORD SERIOUS COMPUTERS

Unitron computers are now available in New Zealand at the kind of prices that making buying anything else a waste of money! Whether you require an AT compatible for home or a 33MHz 80386 powerhouse for your LAN we have just the machine with all of the stops in between.

Unitron U220

12MHz 80286
1Mb RAM - expands
up to 5Mb
20Mb disk drive
Enhanced 101 key
keyboard
14" monochrome
monitor
1.2Mb diskette drive
Complete with 12
months warranty.



ONLY
\$1990
+ GST



ECLIPSE
TECHNOLOGY

11-13 FRANCE ST, NEWTON, PHONE (09) 796688 (3 lines)
FAX (09) 792185 | P.O. Box 37421, Parnell, Auckland.

Welcome:
iastic sports
you know at
pening arou
as I will not
to rowing cc
There are
be brought
split them in
pick'n'mix:
the NZUSU
Sports Unio
in the Orient
further edifi
look at some

Easter T

Every year a
New Zealan
sporting con
down to pla
get drunk ar
play for real
Blues (and t
Easter tou
ways to start
waste some
the sports oi

- 1 Athletics
- 2 Cricket
- 3 Cycling
- 4 Debating
- 5 Rowing
- 6 Large Bo
- 7 Swimm
- 8 Waterpol
- 9 Tableten
- 10 Tennis
- 11 Volleybal
- 12 Womens

Last year T
ed to:

Peter Shand
Kate Jerram
Kevin Schule
Kaye Nordst
Dallas Seymc
April Ieremie
Mark Weldo
Nick Hall (B
Tina Bell (H
Robin Dillim
Jason Hewitt
Gary Lund (S
Lisa Horrell (I
John Timu (I

SPORTS



Welcome: to all you budding enthusiastic sports people out there, this is to let you know about all the sporty things happening around campus in the near future, as I will not be around at Orientation due to rowing commitments.

There are several topics which need to be brought to your attention and I have split them into separate articles so you can pick'n'mix: Firstly, I'd suggest you read the NZUSU (New Zealand Universities Sports Union) Newsletter already printed in the Orientation magazine *GO!* For your further edification here is a more in-depth look at some of the activities.

Easter Tourney

Every year at Easter all the universities in New Zealand get together for a week of sporting contacts. In short, many will go down to play some not-so-serious sport, get drunk and fall down, while others will play for real in their chase for University Blues (and then get drunk and fall down).

Easter tournament is one of the greatest ways to start the sporting year so why not waste some time doing one (or more) of the sports on offer, which are ...

- 1 Athletics
- 2 Cricket
- 3 Cycling
- 4 Debating
- 5 Rowing
- 6 Large Bore Shooting
- 7 Swimming - mens/womens
- 8 Waterpolo
- 9 Tabletennis
- 10 Tennis
- 11 Volleyball
- 12 Womens Hockey

Last year University Blues were awarded to:

- Peter Shand (Debating)
- Kate Jerram (Basketball)
- Kevin Schuler (Rugby)
- Kaye Nordstrom (Athletics)
- Dallas Seymour (Rugby)
- April Ieremia (Netball)
- Mark Weldon (Swimming)
- Nick Hall (Badminton)
- Tina Bell (Hockey)
- Robin Dillimore (Netball)
- Jason Hewitt (Rugby)
- Gary Lund (Soccer)
- Lisa Horrell (Hockey)
- John Timu (Rugby)



If you wish to participate in any of these sports, come and see me as early as possible in the second week. I will then be able to put you on to the relevant coordinator.

There are also limited seats available on our group bookings which will work out much cheaper and as this year we are going to Dunedin, you cannot afford to miss out on travelling with the main group of Aucklanders.

So whatever your interest, be it sport, drinking or socialising and spectating give Tournament a go and I promise you'll enjoy it!

STOP PRESS: Surfing is being included this year.
See the Sports Officer.

Boat Race: Auckland versus Waikato.

This rowing race was inaugurated last year to commemorate Waikato's 25th anniversary and has become an annual event.

The race is over 3000 metres on the Waikato River in Hamilton for men's and women's eights.

We are endeavouring to provide free transport for a limited number (ie, two bus loads). We have the race and once we've beaten Waikato at the river we return to their university to beat them in the bar. Then the buses return to Auckland and nobody has to drink and drive — isn't that thoughtful of us?

This is a fantastic day and will become bigger and better each year — so get in now while you still have the chance and its free!

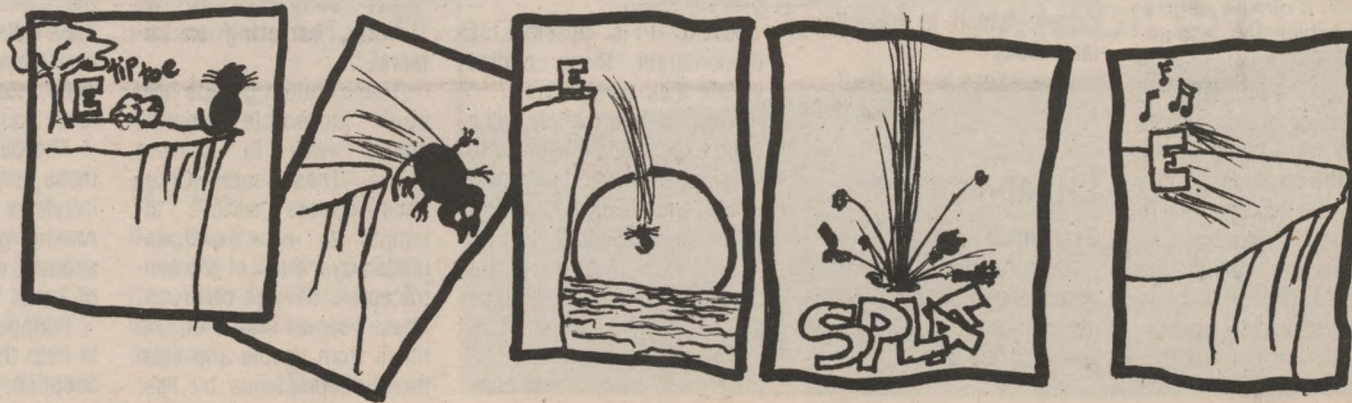
PROPOSED DATE: FRIDAY 30 MARCH.

Thursday March 1 is your chance to join a sports club of your choice as club representatives come out in force (Quad and Rudman Gardens).

If some clubs are not represented on the day it's because they're too busy but if you want to join them come and see me.

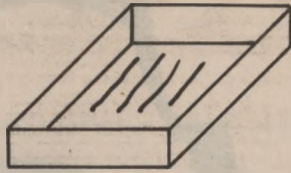
PS The Rowing Club is not too lazy, we're at the National Champs so see me when I get back (March 5).

E meets the Black Cat

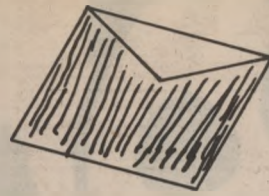


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Craccum welcomes letters to the editor from readers, on subjects of concern. These may be sent to us, or delivered, as above. Letters should preferably be typed (or written neatly) on one side of the paper only. Short letters are preferred over long ones. All letters must include name, address and telephone number of the writer, even if a non-deplume is used. Letters that are offensive or obscene will not be printed.



DELIVER TO
Craccum, 3rd Floor,
Student Union Building,
Auckland University.
or ATISA Office, ATI.



POST TO
Craccum,
Auckland University Students Association,
Private Bag,
Auckland.



FAX TO
Craccum,
Auckland University
Students Assoc Inc,
(09) 303-2236.

HELIPORT

Dear Editor,

I was wondering if the university might find it in their heart to transform the roof of the recreation centre into a heliport so daddy can drop me off on the way to work. The traffic is such a hassle these days....

Tooled Pip
Charles

CONTRACEPTIVES

Dear Craccum,

I am disappointed that the condom vending machine in *Shadows* is always empty. Surely in these days of AIDS awareness it is imperative that all students have ready access to these wonderful little devices. I also think that a selection of different types would also be appropriate because variety is the spice of life!

Cheers
Big Ears

INCORRECT

Dear Ed,

Imagine my surprise in early January when I read a letter to the *Herald* signed:

Michael Lamb
Editor Torso Magazine
(Auckland University Students Association)

There are several inaccuracies in this:

1. Michael Lamb was editor, for less than a year, in 1989, but the letter was almost certainly written in 1990 (it was about the destruction of the Salvation Army Hall which was over New Year.)

2. The recognised and registered name of the newspaper/magazine is still *Craccum*. Last year Mr Lamb used the name *Torso* on the last few issues. Any name change of *Craccum* must be done with the consent of AUSA, or else it is unconstitutional. When informed of this Mr Lamb hurriedly tried to organise a Special General Meeting (which was also unconstitutional) to legitimise the change. Fortunately a timely shower of rain just as the vote was being made stopped the farce dead in its tracks. I note however that in the Orientation Handbook he still insists on calling the paper *Torso* when in fact it is still *Craccum* as any conversation with the current editors would have made perfectly clear.

3. As the disclaimer on all issues of *Craccum* must state (more or less): "Craccum is not the official newspaper of the Auckland University Students' Association", including the last line of the signature above would appear to be an attempt to increase the respectability of the author. It may instead have just been (yet another) oversight on Mr Lamb's part.

Incidentally the content of the letter to the *Herald* was probably superior to anything in *Craccum* during the whole of 1989.

Gort
Craccum Co-Editor 1988

GROTTY BAR

To the Editor of Craccum

Shadows is a pox hole. It is dirty, with unwashed sticky carpet and a dark, dank atmosphere. The furniture is decrepit and one would hesitate before sitting on one of the chairs lest the microbes migrate to a clean host.

What a disgrace!
Every campus has a decent bar, except Auckland.

Surely there is somewhere better for us to go?

Yours faithfully
J Strauss

IMPERIALIST FLAG

To the Editor of Craccum

What is wrong with the NZ Flag? It seems that some of us are too good for the flag. Why after all, it has the Union Jack on it, a symbol of "Imperialist Colonialism." Frankly, so what? It's part of our culture and I'd rather have an imperialist past than a cannibal one any day.

If you reckon you're too good for the imperial glory of earlier times, then piss off, because the University is part of the imperialist colonial culture which is New Zealand today.

Salutations to the flag!
Trevor Bold

CHEAP PLATES

Dear Steve

Save money on expensive personalised number plates by changing your name to your existing one.

Signed
JX 1293

FLAG FOLLY

Dear Editor

It is with concern that I hear of Roger Pym (Vice President) removing members from the Quad, because they had a New Zealand flag.

Roger will know he has always enjoyed my support. He is also aware of how much more vibrant student activity was a few years ago. As a major participant in that time I can assure Roger the main ingredients were tolerance and encouragement of as many perspectives as possible. Freedom of expression, not just the Party line.

Should Roger wish to see the New Zealand flag as a symbol of White Imperialism he should feel free to do so. While I cannot subscribe to such a self-flagellating white liberal perspective (as a matter of philosophical integrity) I am glad there are others gullible enough to do so else I would have no yardstick.

Apart from this incident Roger still enjoys my full support, and I love him as a mate. I only ask Roger to think of a very serious campaign in 1985 when tolerance of people's freedom was important to us all.

Please don't let this flag folly happen again. I know this incident caused concern to one of the most on-side MPs we as students have.

Yours
Graham Watson
SRC Chair 1984
Pres 1985, 1986, 1987
IAO 1988

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS

To the Craccum Editor

The case in favour of allowing international adoptions is impossible to refute. The inconsistent nature of governments, churches and other international bodies causes arguments, but does nothing to assist those in gravest need.

Often it is possible to demonstrate these bodies violate their own ethics.

What standard of life will a child experience if allowed to languish, unloved, uncared, unfed, uneducated in an impoverished country?

The fact that there are people prepared to sacrifice so much time and effort to bring up these children as their own, in the best conditions NZ has to offer,

makes opposition to the adoption a cruel and cynical denial of life.

There can only be one thing worse than murder by hatred, that would be murder by neglect.

It has been said by the Catholic Church's JPD division, among others that:

a) Overseas Governments don't condone these adoptions.

Yet who can be held more responsible for the children's plight?

"Out, out, out, damned spot," says their Government. It's as if they can make the children disappear by pretending that they don't live anyway!

b) Overseas agencies don't want adoptions due to cultural concerns.

Ah, the tyranny of culture! Yet, what is culture, but an invention of man? And what culture is there when you are starved of the opportunity to live a decent life, because you are an orphan locked out on the street, locked in a bleak institution or worse, starved, prostituted, exploited... by your own culture in your own country, by your own people.

How does it feel, when you're trapped in useless poverty for the term of your natural life?

c) Donations of money are a more appropriate form of assistance.

The old "just put your money in my pocket and I promise..." routine. Probably ranks up there with the greatest lies in the world such as, "the cheque's in the mail" or "I'll respect you in the morning."

Seriously, what is a more appropriate form of assistance than giving up one's own time, love, care and providing all the things that children really need. An ongoing commitment to real care is a "far, far better thing" than tossing money into some invisible pocket.

d) The Church holds international adoptions to be "wrong, bordering on immoral."

These church groups hold such incredible wealth, stored away in bankers vaults. These same Churches oppose serious attempts to ease overpopulation by the use of any contraceptive devices or drugs. These same Churches rip tithes from people and steal their independence by lies, threats of divine retribution

and empty promises.

These same Churches invest a great deal in overpopulation of the third world because that keeps the Church membership high in those places, its power great and marketability in the developed world at a maximum.

What good are clerics' pious refusals to allow real help?

e) The rules of international political and social agencies are not favourable to international adoption.

Who makes the rules up? These rules are just trumped up devices, made by men, many of whom are evil.

Most of these agencies have a vested interest in keeping the third world in turmoil and decay as it increases their influence. They don't want to relieve suffering if it means losing one iota of power.

The real rules, those of conscience, charity and compassion, don't tell us to avoid adopting or showing kindness "outside our own tribe."

Are there other principles such as the ones we make up, like conscience, smugness or political expedience, which now outweigh the principles of doing good, common sense, rendering the best help and care.

Is the tyranny of ignorance of others' suffering ever going to be alleviated by pretty words and inaction? Can anyone really permit these children to die little by little, secure in a well fed, contented frame of mind?

Can we be secure in the knowledge that token assistances to these children from the "responsible agencies" will assuage our consciences? After all, if you obey the rules in the system, what more can be done?

In conclusion then a number of monetary, political, social and religious groups are not doing that which is the "best good for the most people." Instead they claim to be doing the right thing, but in fact impede those who really want to do so.

The Catholic JPD is one of these, proudly broadcasting its views over Radio Pacific. Another group is the UN and another, our own Department of Social Welfare.

I support the people trying to help the less fortunate by adoption. What thinking human being could do other-

wise?

Your friend
Matt Lew

NORMAL PORN

Dear Craccum,

Why do we get *Pink Panther Triangle* and *Out* at the bookshop but there's no normal pornography for us decent bastards to cuddle up to at night when the only hags in *Shadows* were lesbians?

J.F.S

P.S. Can I borrow some of your stock until they start selling it?

ORIENTATION

Yo! Ed bro,

This Orientation stuff looks pretty tame, eh? What are the best events?

Agitated (?)

•Ed replies: Musically there's pretty good value to be had listening to that bloke with five strings and one vocal chord in Queen Street. Alcohol-wise, the Classy Orgy and the Norml function could be very good.

Not being a real Orientation freak I couldn't comment on the rest.

P.S. About the fifth Friday of term 1 is the Engineering Disorientation Bash (individual ha bands, mega cheap booze). Otherwise, ask around.

BAD DEAL

I wonder how many students have been abused by the heavy-handed security on the door at *Shadows*. They don't have any idea how to handle students, hope I'm not going to be subjected to the same treatment I was last year. If time that all of us who have got a bad deal stand up and be counted.

Had-it-up-to-here

•Ed note: This is my sixth year here and I feel obliged to point out that in all of the time my association with the resident and hired security has been most satisfactory. I've had occasion to witness such wrongdoing as you impugn (from many security companies) but on those rare occasions it was more a case of the security men showing the normal human behaviour after extreme provocation than a deliberate vendetta against individuals.

As for "standing up and being counted" you could start by printing your real name.

ATI POW

A pow (welcome) to Maori students at a gathering of the Maori Institute's Ma Block on Maitland. Liaison officer of the gathering chance for their fellow students to enjoy a hangi. Start in the evening.

MENS HI

Trials are taking place over the weekend for the winter season. Sunday 12p, Monday 6pr, Saturday 12p.

Be at all

Held on the Lloyd El. Paki

Please p. Graham Hall or Tony Bell

or leave a message at Cr

New Members We can help transport

GET IT R

A major error perpetrated by the 1000 Handbook. Since individual ha bands, L.I.O.N.Z. names as Student when in fact written as Student. The phone number (unfortunately) can't find you at a civic ask for Student Gart 498-369

AND HOW WEATHER

Dear Craccum How goes it completely out working my timetable. My, were we pugn (from many security companies) but on those rare occasions it was more a case of the security men showing the normal human behaviour after extreme provocation than a deliberate vendetta against individuals. Happier times

NOTICES

ATI POWHIRI

A powhiri (formal welcome) to ATI's first year Maori students will be made at a gathering of all of the institute's Maori students in A Block on March 8. ATI Maori liaison officer Joe Nadan said the gathering would be a chance for Maori to meet their fellow students and enjoy a hangi. The formalities start in the early afternoon.

MENS HOCKEY

Trials are being held this weekend for the upcoming winter season.

Sunday 4 March
12pm-3pm

Monday 5 March
6pm-8pm

Saturday 10 March
12pm-3pm

Be at all three trials

Held on the astroturf at
Lloyd Elsmore Park
Pakuranga.

Please phone either
Graham Hall 520-4309 (wk)
591-533 (hm)
or Tony Bell 546-162 (wk)
523-3101 (hm)
or leave a message for Tony
at Craccum.

New Members Welcome
We can help organise
transport if required.

GET IT RIGHT

A major error has been perpetrated by those responsible for the 1990 Orientation Handbook. Some illiterate individual has listed the L.I.O.N.Z. Club contact names as Steve and Grant, when in fact they are clearly written as Stove and Gort. The phone numbers are (fortunately) correct so if you can't find us in Shadows, ring at a civilised hour and ask for Stove 892-856 or Gort 498-369.

Gort

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDENT STUDY AWARD

Any final year students interested in fostering an understanding of local government, whilst receiving a cash grant of \$2,000 and assistance in vacation and permanent employment, apply before 31 March 1990.

Further details are available by writing to:
The Secretary
NZ Society of Local Govt
Managers
P.O. Box 3079
Wellington

NATIONAL BISEXUAL CONFERENCE

First ever!! Easter 13-15
April, Wellington.

For more information and
booking forms contact the
Students Association office.

HAMLET SHAKESPEARE

One of Shakespeare's
greatest plays is being performed
at the Mercury Theatre. Opening date is
March 3rd. Student concessions
are available.

MASTERWORKS GALLERY

An exhibition of Ralph
Herschell Levy's ceramic
work will take place between
March 13 and 31 at the Masterworks
Gallery, Habitat Courtyard, 251 Parnell Road.

FLATMATE WANTED

A room is available in a
brand new town house in the
Mt Roskill/Mt Albert area.
Rent \$70 pw, with a possible
lift to and from the city daily.
A clean, tidy female is preferred.

Ph Stacie, 793-304.

CAMPUS PHONE BOOTHS

Telecom will shortly be
converting all phone booths
on campus from coin to card
operation. The University
Book Shop will be selling
phone cards from 26 February
1990.

DEBORAH HARRY N.Z. TOUR

Tickets available from
BASS for the concert which
will be held at the Powerstation
on March 9th.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB

A.U. Rugby Club will be
operating transport between
hostels and the Merton Road
University Park this year (so
no excuses!)

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY TRACK CLUB

A.U.T.C. welcomes new
members and will provide
coaching and experience to
young athletes.

For further information
contact:

Tim Peskett 520-1607
Bryan Bates 788-145
Dave Hipkins 687-212

TRACK CLUB AND A.S.T.C.S. SCHOLARSHIP

Open to all, if prepared to
join and compete at a consistent
level for AUTC Club in the 1990
season. If interested, forward
personal details and an outline of
athletic achievements before
March 31 to:

Bryan Bates
AUTC Secretary
19 Cowan St
Ponsonby
Auckland 12

LIBRARY TOURS

For all those unaware of
how the library operates,
guided tours (which are
strongly recommended) are
provided during the first
three weeks of term.

ORIENTATION

— is underway. For a hip,
funk, really groovy boogy-
down man time, be there.
Last opportunity for 1990.

CRACCUM STAFF MEETINGS

All interested students are
welcome at Craccum staff
meetings. We are looking for
people to assist with reporting
events around campus,
photography, layout and production.
Training in process
camera work, photographic
techniques and other facets
of newspaper publishing will
be given during the year.

Be a part of New Zealand's
largest student newspaper,
as it enters the new
decade.

Cut ABOVE!
Savings
\$10 OFF

- CUTTING AND BLOW-WAVING
- PERMING
- HAIR-COLOURING

• YOU MUST BRING THIS ADVERT TO OBTAIN DISCOUNTS

Cut ABOVE

CUT ABOVE LOCATIONS

TAKAPUNA	PH: 463-132	LORNE ST.	PH: 390-689
FARMERS	PH: 366-1612	DOWNTOWN	PH: 790-987
REMUERA	PH: 520-6213		

**ATTENTION JOURNALISTS,
PHOTOGRAPHERS, WRITERS
Craccum needs you!**

**UNIVERSITY
BOOK SHOP**

YES!

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN
BOTH BRANCHES OF THE UBS
WILL BE OPEN**

**8.00 — 6.30
ALL WEEK!!**

**THE LORNE STREET SHOP IS ALSO OPEN
TILL 8.00pm FRI & 10 — 1 SAT
50% STUDENT OWNED!! 50%**

**UBS CITY BOOKS
2 LORNE ST
AUCKLAND 1
Ph: 733-749**

**CAMPUS SHOP
STUDENT UNION
34 PRINCES ST
AUCKLAND 1
Ph: 771-869**

LETTERS (CONT)

AND HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Dear Craccum
How goes it? What a completely out of it holiday; working my tits off to pay for these fees. Great stuff huh. My, weren't the cash registers out in force at enrolment? I'd just like to say "bollocks" to who ever thought of the idea of extracting large sums of money from students at the start of the year and slowly dribble it back to them week by week! Happier times ahead I hope?
All the best.
Steven Mahoney

MALE LESBIAN

Dear Craccum
I am a concerned engineer. Every night I toss and turn trying to reconcile my lust for women with my position in society as a caring, environmentally-sensitive, ozone-friendly person. Yes, I desire women. But this lust is wrong! I am plagued with self-doubt. I feel shackled to an anachronistic tradition of male dominance. It is only now that my problem had become apparent to me ... I am a lesbian, trapped in a man's body!
Is there anyone who can

help me work through this problem?

Write to, Piglet
C/o Engineering Society

Yours in anticipation,
Piglet

MY BOY

Dear Steve
When I heard you were the Editor of Craccum, I laughed and laughed and laughed ...
Steve's Mum

STOP DAMAGING YOUR SKIN.



STOP DAMAGING
YOUR SKIN.

IMMUNAGE UV DEFENCE
CREAM AND LOTION

You're looking at the most ambitious moisturiser we've ever created in defence of your skin. It has a dermatologist recommended SPF 15 to help block out UV rays that weaken skin support structure and devastate surface skin. Plus a superior rich creamy moisturising formula that leaves skin looking soft, luminous and ready for make-up.

Immunage is available in two luxurious formulations: Immunage UV Defence Cream — rich, indulgent, pleasurable to the touch; and Immunage UV Defence Lotion — light, silky, quickly absorbed, perfect for those who prefer lotion.

Immunage. It's the beginning of environmental protection for skin.

FREE SAMPLES OF
IMMUNAGE WHILE STOCKS LAST

ELIZABETH ARDEN

Opening Gift with purchase: Chloe Bath and Shower
Free with purchases over \$55

SUPPORT YOUR CAMPUS PHARMACY



OLD ARTS BUILDING
EAST WING
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
PHONE (09) 771-991
FAX (09) 771-991