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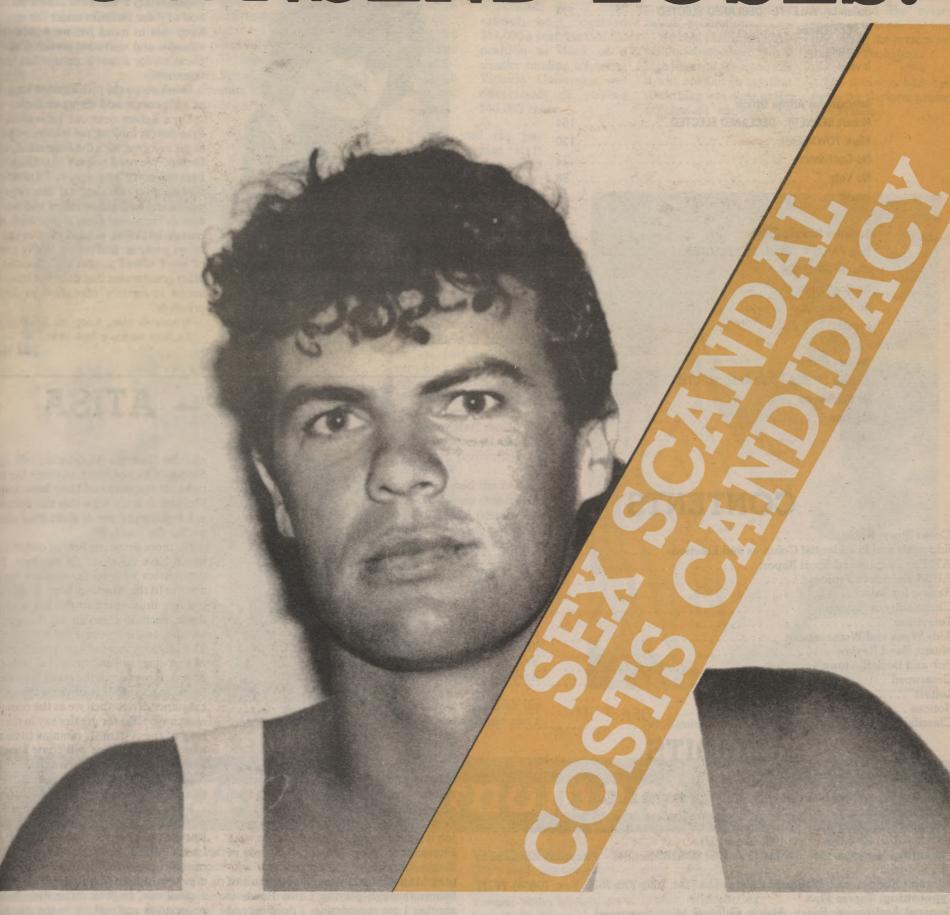
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Editorial #1

If you read last week's Editorial you would have noticed that it wasn't really one — but a story instead (printed in the wrong place). To compensate, this week I decided to write something topical and relevent, however due to our flat not having a telly (a soon to be resolved sitution) or anyone around here buying a newspaper, I realised this week I do not know anything topical and relevent.

Instead, everyone will again have to put up with a short, sweet column about nothing.

Environmental Affairs Office

Editorial #2

It's nice to see so many people taking an avid interest in my private life (and views). Many of you will be pleased to know that it's basically in a state of ruination. Also I've missed all the cricket which is a bit of a bummer.

Otherwise everything is pretty bad: I haven't seen my bed for a long, long time; perhaps this week...?

See ya Sleepy

PREZ SEZ - AUSA

Kia oro taatou. One of the items of discussion at last week's S.R.C. was Shadows Bar and the hours that it is opened. Some students had put a motion to S.R.C. expressing concern that the bar was not open from lunchtime onwards.

At Exec we modified opening hours so that on Thursday and Friday Shadows is open from 12 noon but there are a number of constraints on the way we operate the student bar.

For those not at last week's S.R.C. I'd like to reiterate some of the difficulties we face managing a bar of this nature. We presently hold a Food and Entertainment Licence which covers our functions rooms



and Shadows. Through the University we are also able to allocate booth licences for specific club functions.

At Shadows and AUSA functions alcohol is to be sold as an adjunct only to food and entertainment. Therefore extra opening hours means the expense of providing extra entertainment and a drain on income from the bar, which is necessary to cover costs and pay wages.

If we do not provide adequate and appropriate entertainment we jeorpardist our licence. This is particularly applicable as we face the massive changes to the Liquor Licencing Act which apply from April 1st this year.

The Licencing Commission has not been particularly sympathetic to licensing student bars and ATI struggled many a year to gain their on-campus bar. We must exercise our licence with care and responsibility if we are to ensure the retention of these facilities under the new Act. Keep this in mind for we would lose a valuable and well-used service if our application for a new licence is not treated favourably.

Don't abuse the privileges we have, help us to increase and improve them!

On a lighter note our Education Vice President is looking for interested partie to get involved with the Education Action Group. We need helpers to maintain our Fees Boycott Campaign, to increase presure on politicians against user pays education and to organise rallies and marches against increased fees. If you have some energy left after a hard day in the salt mines come up and see us. We've got lots of work ahead to sort out this and any other government that does not have open access to tertiary education as its contorinciple.

Whatever else, Keep on Smiling. Ka kite anoo, e hoa maa.

Ella Henry

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PREZ SEZ - ATISA



I sit writing this column as an imposter, as of midnight last night (12.3.90) I am no longer the President of the ATI Student's Association. After two years in the job it is time to go. As indicated last week I have other career options, the study of Rugby League for the purposes of winning Master Mind is one. The pursuit of fitness through playing Lawn Bowls is another I am considering. I don't intend to rabbit on about what I have done at ATISA in the last two years. Some would say too little and some would say nothing at all, far be it for me to destroy their images. One thing I would like to say is that hopefully within a month the Tech

and the Students Association will sign a Student Charter which outlines the basic rights of students and their basic responsibilities. It is my hope that this document will begin a process of attitudinal change within the institute.

No more decisions behind closed doors which have an effect on students. Even committees with representatives are not adverse to this practise. Institute adminis trations must learn to consult with students, include them in all decisions as partners in the institute not an intrusion. The ideology behind last year's reforms is that the system must be consumer driven. If we forget the other crap the reforms involved, it is obvious that if it is consumer driven then we as the consumer must have a far far greater say in the ru ning of the system. It remains to be seen whether this change will come about, if students are persistent in their efforts though it will be hard to ignore the inevitable

From next week this column will be written by the new President David Rhodes (an Engineering student and all). I wish ATISA and all the students who read this paper well for the 1990 year and urge you to take some active role, if only a small one, in your respective Students Association and make it do the things you and your classmates want it to do.

Keep watching Master Mind and your local bowling green and perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of me. On the bowling green I'm the one without the walking

Regards
Brett Williams

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TUTORS "BETRAYED" AS SENIOR STAFF RECEIVE PAY BOOST

ATI DEANS GET 28% MORE, TEACHERS HOPE FOR 3%

Tutors say they have been betrayed by the Auckland Technical Institute in its move to award senior staff members pay rises up to 28 percent.

The tutors say the institute is back-tracking on its policy of promoting tutors on merit and has returned to a system where only a set percentage of staff can be promoted. But ATI's administration has denied the claim.

Pam Hunter, chairperson of ATI's branch of the Association of Staff in Tertiary Education, has labelled the pay rise "excessive" and says tutors will be lucky to get a 3 percent increase in their award.

But ATI director John Hinchcliff has defended the pay increases, saying they are to attract and retain senior staff.

The two-phase ATI pay rise is for 31 heads of departments, deans and associate directors and will cost the institute \$300,000

a year. The school's four deans will each see their annual incomes jump from \$53,000 to \$68,000.

Hunter said the increase put senior staff incomes up to 28 percent above award rates while they retained the benefits of their award. She said the jump was unfair and tutors were angry at the change in promotion policy.

"They feel they've been betrayed or sold short .. we would have advised that ATI spin the increase over a longer period of time. That way both groups could have got something from it."

fraction of 1 percent of the institute's budget. He said all staff who received pay rises deserved them.

"After the students, they're our most precious resource. We've got to attract and retain them in order to provide the best education possible."

He said that before the pay increase the head of nursing, who he said was responsible for a large school, only received \$53,000 a year. He said the position as head of a smaller nursing school at Victoria University was advertised as paying \$40,000 more.

Dr Hinchcliff said that the pay increase would come in two stages. The first increase would be back-dated to March 1 and the second would come into effect in August.

ATI Associate Director David Brook said it was "mischievous" to claim the staff pay increases were given at the expense of the tutors' promotions.

He said that in an institution where there was a high demand for resources it was not fair to say that something was done at the expense of another. An order of priorities had to be made, he said.

The ATI had a problem of attaining and retaining senior staff and that the problem was not solved, he said.

Brook said the new system of promotion on merit was only a recommendation from the Academic Board and the system could not come in until 1991 when the present system was abolished.

No decision had been made on the new promotion system.



ATI Principal, Dr John Hinchcliff

Hunter said the pay jump for senior staff could be at the expense of promotions for tutors.

"We're concerned that it is being given to one group. Why can't the money be divided equally between staff management?"

Hunter criticised the disparity between tutors' and senior staff promotions.

"We have to prove that we are performing at a very high level before we get a promotion and we have to compete with a lot of other people." She said the senior staff would get their pay increases whether they were performing or

Hunter said the branch was concerned that it was not consulted despite the fact the institute aspoused to a participatory management style. It was also concerned at the high percentage pay increase for the senior staff.

"We are going through a very tough wage round at the moment and we will be lucky to get 3 percent and it could be even worse,'

Dr Hinchcliff said the pay increases would cost a



Pam Hunter, staff representative, ATI

DB Easter Tournament Report

Well things are cracking along at a furious pace from my side of the fence. I have sold out of all the transport I can get, so if you wish to come down I have a waiting list you might like to try out, otherwise you're on your own - which unless your parents are awesomely rich and charitable is going to be a rather frightening experience as all trains and planes in and out of Dunedin are now full, but for those of you still crazy enough, there is still the buses, private cars, rental cars and the ever faithful thumb.

If you are one of these crazy people that are taking alternative transport

don't forget to come in and see me — as places on varying teams are filling fast - here's a short update (remember I'm writing this almost a week before you're reading it): Rowing: All full but maybe able to squeeze you in if you're nice to me.

Cricket: All full, no negotiations.

Debating: Taking care of themselves. See the debating society.

Tennis: Males all full, no females to date.

Athletics: Open entry at the moment.

Swimming/W/polo: All full - maybe places for swimmers but W/polo

Other sports still available: Large Bore Shooting, Cycling, Table Tennis, Windsurfing.

I also have no entries for teams for Women's Hockey or Volleyball so unless you bring a full team you won't be able to play for Auckland. However, you may play for another university if

there are spaces available.

Anyway I've run out of time on this one. Next week a wrap up of tournament and a preview of the annual Waikato vs Auckland rowing regatta. So until then "good luck to you and your family."

STOP PRESS: Surfing is on. See Andrew Wickers for details.

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AUSA PROFILES

This year Sports Officer Andrew Wicker's agenda looks something like this: organise sports teams; their tournaments and transport; play rugby for 'Varsity under-21's and row for Varsity Club; chair Sports Council; act as President for NZU Rowing council and oversee NZU Sporting Blues; complete BA full time.

Andrew didn't have to campaign for the postion of Sports Officer.

"I was the only person who ran." Job perks — the private office, free transport to sporting events and a small amount of stigma — would not for most people make up for such a heavy schedule. So why do it?

"I like sport," he explains simply.

Andrews main method of organisation is to find out exactly what's going on.

"If I've made a mistake it's my own fault but if someone stuffs me up I get pretty pissed off." It's an approach which may help a career in criminology or the police force. Andrew is thinking about this.

Free time comes down to Friday and Saturday nights which are spent "getting horribly drunk" with friends. Recently those friends have walked right past him, the now unrecognisable Andrew with the new crewcut. But Andrew is pleased with the effect. "It makes me more streamlined."



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Andrew Wickers, Sports Officer, AUSA



Alan Newman, National Affairs Officer

Alan Newman is our National Affairs Officer. He assists allocating student money to all social, sporting, cultural and political activities on campus. He also promotes the interests of students affected by all New Zealand political policies; a suitable responsibility for a man with such strong political beliefs.

Alan says he is opposed to the recent moves to give AUSA fee exemptions to

student groups.

"Quite aside from the fact that these moves will result in increased fees for the diminishing band of payers, they have underlying implications which have not been thought through by the applicants.

"The list of groups grows even longer: med students, law students, engineering students and now the part-time students too, who somehow fail to see that they are in a position to make more use of the campus facilities than those with a full workload."

Alan also opposes paying AUSA electives and similar political activists a salary "for pushing the causes they believe in."

Financial concern for the poor student stretches to a push for the introduction of a \$2 budget lunch.

"After being forced to carry my own lunch onto campus for a couple of years I believe there's a genuine need for it though I find resistance to the idea from the yuppified middle class majority."

After five years at Auckland University completing a BA and starting a BCom, the political studies major claims he can hold onto his "fading youth... by exploring strenuously remote corners of the South Island with the Tramping Club."

He considers himself a "senile student."

"But I haven't yet joined tritos club."

RACINGFORSAFETY

TEACHING SAFE DRIVING ON THE RACE TRACK

Squealing tyres in mummy's Mirage or taking a Humber 80 to 110kph is the closest some students get to motor racing. Craccum's Max Chapple spun some rubber at Pukekohe race track while undetaking an advanced driving course.

Heather Spurle is doing 180kph as she approaches the 90 degree right hander - nothing unusual for the experienced Formula Pacific racing car driver.

What is unusual is the car shes driving, a straightfrom-the-showroom family saloon. And her pas-

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senger, a young driver who is looking to improve his practical driving skills by travelling at similar speeds in the safety of the racetrack.

As the Mazda 626 GT roars around the Pukekohe circuit, Heather explains a new technique for changing down which is aimed at making driving more comfortable and safer. The method involves using all three pedals at once.

"The idea is like in the old days with double declutch gear change. These days with synchromesh gearboxes it's not as important to do the de-clutch part but it's still quite important to have the engine revs moving at the next

Sound like track-side jargon? Heather Spurle says the technique, when mastered, has valuable spin-offs for the average motorist. She says the lurch drivers experience when they change down without using the accelerator can be dangerous.

"And if you're driving in the wet or if you're driving in a situation where it's an emergency, that can make you lose control of your

"If it's going to spin, it's going to skid, it's going to do something because the car is changing attitude. The secret is to keep the brake pedal application quite smooth but allow the gear change to be made without upsetting the car."

But in the briefing room beside the track a dozen students are being tutored by New Zealand Group N saloon car champion, David Slater. This is the third year he has run driver skill courses in Auckland as part of a Mazda sponsored Drive A charity day.

Today Slater, who received much of his training from driving guru Jackie Stewart, teaches with an accent on smoothness of driving style.

"What we're trying to do is make you perfect chauffeurs so the managing director, who is sitting in the back .. can almost write a letter, certainly not spill his pink gin."

Slater stresses correct driver posture and advocates sitting reasonably close to the steering wheel. He says you should have plenty of left leg support by placing the left foot firmly on the footrest or wheel arch. But more of a problem than bad posture, says, placement.

"The wheel is not a grab handle. We find the commonest fault with people is the way they hold the steering wheel.

'You can't control a car with both hands at the top of the wheel or both at the bottom or with one playing with the gear lever or whatever. You have to hold the steering wheel at approximately 10 to 2 (on a clock face).

"You should be able to fo round most corners on a highway by having your hands here and being able to turn the steering wheel

"If the steering wheel turns any further than that, the tyres and wheels get so far round that they're not pointing in the direction the tread pattern is. If you turn it too far the car won't turn the corner."

With stress on firm brakes but gentle acceleration, decceleration and braking, Slater explains brake lock.

"When we hit the brakes the suspension goes down in the front. If we hit them too hard .. there's no suspension travel left for the wheels to go up and down over the bumps. The moment the wheels leave the ground the first time the brakes lock

"If you have the prescence of mind and it's very difficult in that situation, you must lift off the brakes. You may have to pump them a little bit but don't lock them because locked wheels don't stop."

This leads Slater to talk about understeer and oversteer so his students know what to do when cornering goes wrong.

Understeer is when the front wheels are turning but the car goes straight ahead because of its speed. Slater says in this situation the driver should resist braking and ease off the

Before leading his students out onto the track where they will put this theory into test, Slater reinforces the key point of his advanced driver training method — the need for finesse behind the wheel. And as he says, that need not lessen the thrill.

"A lot of us drive and think we're driving fast because we're howling round corners and throwing people around the car and slamming on the brakes and making the tyres squeal. But you can drive just as fast, if not faster, without that happening.

"What we're trying to show is that it is possible to drive fast, to brake hard, to accelerate hard without snapping people's necks, without knocking their heads against the windows and still drive fast."

And drive fast he does.





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David Slater (left) coaches trainee, Ian Angove

REASON OR CHRISTIANITY

This article is a response to Reason and Christianity which appeared in last week's issue. It will outline some of the main issues raised and present some replies to them.

The first claim made by Mr Ross was that: "The presence of a living God ... is a truth which cannot and has not been disproved by any scientific process or reasoning." Actually it is impossible to prove a negative. The fact that no evidence can count against something does not mean that it is likely to be true. If I were to say that; "there are undetectable fairies at the bottom of my garden, I know that they are there because you'll never be able to disprove it," it would be an argument of a similar sort to this claim. Also it is generally considered that the more testable or "falsifiable" a theory the more scientific. Naturally religion wants to avoid this.

For the next three and a half columns Mr Ross explains how the Bible has retained the original message intended by its authors who were writing thousands of years ago. This is rather puzzling as Freethinkers generally don't dispute that it was all intended to be taken quite literally and seriously, however this is quite a different matter from whether its claims are actually true.

They recognise that amid myth, legend, folklore and pseudo-history there can be found much authentic history in the socalled Book of Books.

Contradictions

Perhaps the best way to investigate whether the Bible is literally true is to let it speak for itself. Mr Ross himself suggests that "surely the Bible would be correct on minor details like this..." (referring to the amount of money the Jewish King has to pay the King of Assyria), "evidence to the contrary would throw doubts on the veracity of the whole record." Here are a few examples that may provide those doubts:

Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign and he reigned for three months and ten days ... 2 Chron 36:9

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign and he reigned in Jerusalem three months... 2 Kings 24:8

The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel and he moved David against them to say "Go, number Israel and Judah"... 2 Sam 24:1

And Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel... 1 Chron 21:1

There is nothing too hard for thee ... Behold, I am the Lord, the God is all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?... Jer. 32:17:27

And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron... Judg.1.19 (So much for Omnipotence).

For his eyes are upon the ways of man and he seeth all his goings... Job 34:21

And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden... Gen. 3:8 Also 11:5; 18:20f (And Omni-

God is not the author of confusion... 1 Cor.14:33

I form the light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the lord do all these things... Isa 45:7 (And Omnibenevolence).

The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish... 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil... Prov. 16:4

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempeth he any man... James 1:13

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham... Gen

If any man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple... Luke 14:26

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and yea know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him... 1 John

God is Love... 1 John 4:8 God is consuming fire... Heb 12:29

The AUFT have literature containing more contradictions in the Bible which is available to all those interested.



Mr Ross's section "Is it a true account?" continues with several appeals to authority (Professor X of Y university says ...). It is worth noting here on matters of Biblical histroy, as in most matters, there are always contrary authorities to be found and even though you may have 42 letters after your name and be worshipped by your colleagues you can still be wrong.

Pertaining to the flood; if it had actually occurred there would be a huge layer of strata covering the entire globe dating back several thousand years, when most of the creatures of the earth supposedly died. However there is no evidence of such a layer.

Mr Ross suggests in his section that many attempts have been made to explain away the miracles of the Christian religion. I, myself, think that unbelievers should no more need to do this than Christians feel the need to explain away the miracles of other religions. The onus is always on those attempting to establish a theory. Those who deny the alleged instance do not have to prove the negative. Nevertheless, if you are interested in this subject I suggest that you start with Hume's On Miracles. I myself have previously debated on this sort of thing

so I will say a little on the

Mr Ross suggests that "very humble men" were so fortified by the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives that they were prepared to suffer all sorts of terrible things. Presumably what impressed them were Jesus's miracles. Yet when told of Jesus's resurrection, at first they did not believe it. They thought the stories "idle tales" (Luke 24:11; Mark 16:11-14).

One did not believe until he had touched Jesus (John 20:25-27). Obviously nobody would have found the resurrection so hard to believe if Jesus had performed any of the miracles these disciples are said to have witnessed. They should have been prepared by his past acts to believe anything. Could they have seen him walk on water and create loaves and fishes out of nowhere and yet doubt a report that he had returned to life?

We are told in Matt 28:1-15 that the soldiers who were guarding Jesus's tomb became extremely frightened when an angel descended from heaven to announce the resurrection. But the soldiers were nonetheless so unimpressed that they allowed themselves to be bribed by the Jewish Priests to keep quiet about it and instead claim that Jesus's disciples came and stole the body

while they were asleep. How could they have the courage to tell lies about someone whom they had just witnessed with their own eyes to be dangerously supernatural? Their rather bored matter-offact reaction fits right in with the unbelief of the disciples when told of the resurrection.

In the section "rebuttal of the gems" Mr Ross quite rightly notes that the series of quotations from Ingersoll doesn't provide a full repudiation of the entire Christian worldview. We didn't expect it to, although our group has a library of Freethinker's literature that I think makes a fair attempt at The claim that science

has not disputed anything in the Bible is truly remarkable. Belief in God and science are rival interpretations of the phenomena of nature. To the theist, God is the cause of all change. Science teaches that the changes that occur in things have their causes in the things themselves. As both interpretations cannot be correct, science and God are mutually exclusive. Science claims that the earth is millions of years old and that all organisms evolved from simpler life forms. The Bible claims that God made the universe out of nothing approximately 6000 years ago (according to bible genealogies), over the period of six days, Adam being formed from dust and Eve from Adam's rib. As these hypotheses are not identical, at least one of them must be mistaken to a degree. If we insist on a literal interpretation of the Bible then evolutionary theory collapses along with virtually all modern biology. Otherwise the Bible must be given a "liberinterpretation, meaning that it is admitted that at least portions of it are false.

Finally Mr Ross insists that the bad things that some Christians have done were due to the "excessive zeal of men" rather than "the nature of Christ, His followers (Christians), or the Bible." I think that it is because people of earlier times believed everything in the Bible and were prepared to act on it that Christianity has been bathed in blood.

Just look at what the Bible says on the following issues:

And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod and he die under his hand .. if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money... Exod. 21:20,21

Difference of Religion

If thy brother.. son.. daughter.. wife.. friend.. entice thee secretly, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods,"... Thou shall not consent unto him.. spare him.. conceal him:.. but thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones that he die... Deut. 13:6,8-10

Fire on the Sabbath

Whosoever doeth any work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations on the sabbath day... Exod. 35:2

Blasphemy

And he that blasphemeth in the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death... Lev. 24:16

Being a Witch Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live... Exod. 22:8

To quote Mr Ross on this matter: "The Age of Grace, which was ushered in by Christ...never contained any exhortation to the Church to kill, torture or force anyone to accept any point of view."

And Jesus: "But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them bring hither, and slay them before me." Luke. 19:27

"He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one." Luke. 22:36

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." Matt.

Of the men of the Inquisition Mr Ross says "... people of the time, generally, were superstitious and primitive in their conceptions .of justice. To judge them by modern standards is absurd." How odd. If the Bible is the perfect moral guide as many Christians suppose, what need is there of a "modern standard," particulary one that owes its inception to the godless thinkers such as Paine, Bentham, Mill and Russell? He is correct when he says that it is those who "defied authority and stood against hostile crowds" who have changed the face of civilisation, but these people are not the disciples of Christ, but the freethinkers.

Jason Des Forges **Spokeperson** Auckland University Freethinkers

NB. All Biblical quotations used by the AUFT are from the King James Version.

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TELEVISION WITH TRAVIS BRICKLE

Every week, two or three letters pour onto my desk at Craccum. Interesting queries, helpful suggestions and the occasional casual death threat — I try to read them all, and in the interests of encouraging further public discourse on our favourite mass medium have decided to publish a few of them below:

Dear Travis

I have been watching the Oprah Winfrey Show at midday during the week and as a reserved Kiwi bloke have derived much voyeuristic pleasure from watching her coax tacky confessions of teenage pregnancy, intimate plastic surgery, dwarf fetishes etc from her extroverted audiences. Could you tell me if there is more from where this came?

Mike Bosephus Tamaki

•There sure is, Mike. TV3 is doing well with Oprah but if they really want to recover in the ratings war then they should import the extra crass talk shows fronted by Geraldo Rivera (who had his nose broken by a flying chair during an onscreen fight between guest "experts" on America's race question) and Morton Downey jr, a bugeyed and genuinely unbalanced individual. In terms of the evolutionary

scale Morton and Geraldo stand somewhere between ozone-depleting chloro fluoro carbons and bison dung, and as such are perfectly suited to the medium of tabloid television.

Morton recently hit US headlines with a claim that he was attacked by a gang of neo-nazi skinheads during a visit to the Los Angeles Airport men's room (ratings were sliding at the time). Unfortunately all that eyewitnesses saw was a deranged Morton trying to shave swastikas onto his own head with the aid of a pair of scissors and a felt tip pen and consequently he is now temporarily out of a job. Perhaps TV3 could hire him directly. We need someone on New Zealand television who can tell it like it is.

Dear Travis

I have been watching the new will they-won't they sitcom (yupcom?) "Anything But Love" and was wondering if you could tell me whether Jamie Lee Curtis and Richard Lewis ever actually do work up the nerve to bonk.

> Blair Nemon Northcote

•I'm afraid they never will, Blair, because:

(1) American programmes are subject to the most puritanical censorship this side of Iran (sex if not violence wise) and

(2) Anything But Love's producers will have noted how Moonlighting's dramatic spark was totally doused by the consummation of David and Maddie's relationship. It's true that Cheers survived Sam and Diane's decision to finally jump between the sheets, but then again that show contains two elements that Anything But Love lacks, namely an ensemble cast and funny jokes.

Dear Travis

I feel that I must write to you to express my extreme distaste at the way Jim and Penelope present the weather on One Network News. Their pronunciation is terrible and half the time they stand in front of the weather maps (not that anyone can decipher the new ones in any case!). How I wish that Sue and Veronica would return with their simple good cheer and clear presentation.

> Melanie Kitchener-Jefferson (Mrs) Takapuna

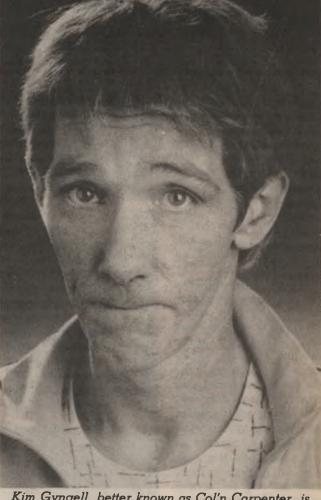
•Letters on this subject continually infect the TV pages of the Listener, Star and Herald (where they are egged on by the prehistoric Barry Shaw) and are really starting to annoy me. I mean what is wrong with you people. Why do you spend so much of your time tormenting vourselves over a two minute weather broadcast and why can you still not understand it? Don't Jim and Penelope talk slow enough for you? Those new-fangled satellite maps are hard to grasp aren't they, what with them having at least three different weather symbols and all. Here's a handy hint though, Melanie - "burn time" means how long people should stick their heads into a microwave.



Why don't you make one of those trendy what's "Hot" and what's "Not" lists.

Rory Spazbecker Queensland

•What a splendidly shallow idea:



Kim Gyngell, better known as Col'n Carpenter, is the nerd of **The Comedy Company**, on Thursday March 15, at 7.30pm, on Channel 2.

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•Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Joanna Paul on TV3's 10.30 News
Sale of the Century winners losing control of their facial muscles

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•the Gummy Bears

•Fair Go's Kevin Milne

•Late night films starring Sean Penn

•Fresh Up ads

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the Dirty Dancing seriesEnglish soccer (edited by three year olds)

•The Comedy Company (until they come up with some new ideas for sketches)

•Holmes reporters with silly moustaches

•the oh so precious Tracy Ullman Show

•Superstars of Wrestling

•Rachel Lang, Muzza and the git with the beard presenting At The Movies



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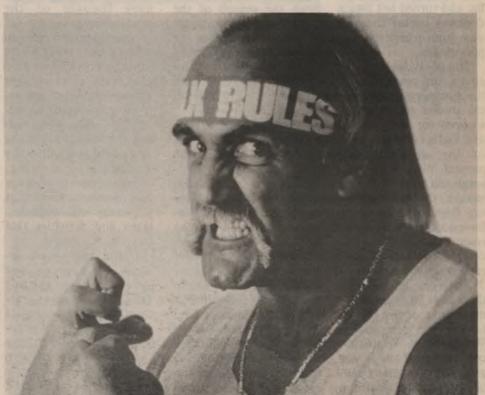
Perfect Match, TV3's fun prime time show is holding special auditions, Friday 23 March, 12-5 pm in the Little Maidment Theatre, so make new friends, win one of the fabulous prizes, and enjoy a holiday away with a real fun bunch of people.

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returning to university is steadily increasing, indicating a need for retraining or qualifications necessary for a place in the workforce. Where children are involved, good, affordable childcare is an important issue. The university offers excellent childcare in its two creches and the day care centre, however how long these facilities can cater for the demand and what provisions have been made for the future are issues that require constant attention.

I am an adult student and returned to varsity last year after an absence of ten years. My son Sam who will be three in June, attends the university creche while I study history part-time and work as Student Parent Resource Officer.

I place great importance on creating a balance between my job as SPRO,

The number of women part-time study and famiturning to university is ly life. It requires a certain eadily increasing, incating a need for retrainroutine certainly helps.

> The SPRO position is a very diverse one which makes it an extremely interesting job. At the beginning of the year, parents are settling themselves and their children into university life and problems arise such as parking, finding out about available facilities, finding their way around and generally becoming familiar with the place. I want to have information 'on hand' to offer parents as I feel it will save time and energy for them.

Another aspect of the job is organising "Kids Week on Campus" which is going to be heaps of fun. Scheduled for mid-March it is a week of lunchtime activities at the university for children and parents. It serves two main purposes; that of providing

entertainment and also to raise awareness about student parents and children at university.

Sitting on creche and daycare management committees are also duties of the SPRO and what is important with this area is not only day to day management of the various facilities around the university but also looking towards the future.

Previous SPRO's have been involved in campaigns for obtaining new childcare facilities for substantial reductions in fees, for instigating "Kids Week" and generally raising awareness about student parents. Issues regarding the welfare of student parents will always be arising, therefore I look forward to a full and interesting year.

Fleur Lethbridge Student Parent Resource

KIDS WEEK

As you look up from the first assault wave of your text books, you might notice that the University appears to be swarming with children under three feet high. Don't worry - it's only Kids Week on Campus.

Strange as it may first seem, University is going to become more and more the abode of the "little people". The AUSA study Women at University (1988), revealed some surprising statistics. A third of the survey respondents were twenty five years of age and older. Nearly twenty percent of the women on campus have children, and many without kids at present were concerned with issues of childcare and how it affects their careers. So even though many in the student body have little to do with small children at the moment, it's not going to stay that way.

And that's where Kids Week provides a range of opportunities. It gives student parents a chance to take a well-earned break from the round of crechelecture-creche, and have some fun with their kids at a Students' Association function. Watch out for them at Shadows on Wednesday and Friday nights — and perhaps even regularly. Parents don't partic-

ipate much in dances, beer fests and pub crawls, so they really enjoy a chance to meet others in situation which welcomes their children.

It also provides an opportunity for students to have some contact with a section of the university community that otherwise they would never see. And instead of only seeing children in an unsympathetic context, students get to see them at activities that are totally geared towards fur for littlies. Which makes for much goodwill and understanding all around.

Kids Week on Campus

During the week of March 19 to 23, there will be daily lunchtime activities for the children of all members of the University community. Students and staff are invited to join in and bring a kid to Kids Week on Campus. Listen to BFM for daily updates if it's wet.

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Monday: Magic Castle – Hi Ho the Clown Venue: Old Barrack Wall (if wet:

StudAss Cafe)

Time: 12-2

Tuesday: Puppet Theatre, Teddy Bears' Picnic

Venue: Rudman Gardens (if wet: StudAss Cafe)

Time: 12-2

Wednesday: Magic Castle - Happy the Hobo

Venue: Old Barrack Wall (if wet:

StudAss Cafe)
Time: 12-2

Kids Night at Shadows

Time: 5-7

Thursday: Madame Salami's Garden

Venue: StudAss Cafe

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Friday: Aunties

Venue: Rudman Gardens (if wet:

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Kids Night at Shadows

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WHAT IS WOMANSPACE?

Mrs Mulakaleene, the old woman from the deli down the road told me about this cool place. Following her directions I came to the first floor of the Student Union Building and turned left into a doorway across the halway from where the free phones are.

Today I lay on the couch and read some of my commerce and political studies texts, then I stopped for a cup of tea and had a rave with a few of the women sitting around. We had a bit of a laugh and I went off to my lecture. Oh yeah, one of my friends turned up to have a look at some of the resource material on birthcontrol, or thrush, I can't remember which.

Yesterday I'd gone up there too, I'd arranged to meet some of my friends to celebrate international Women's day. We ate chocolate biscuits and it was great to see so many people there. Someone sitting next to me was eating alfalfa sprouts, wheatfree bread and decaffinated

coffee, still I 'm sure I caught her eyeing my hot chips and chocolate milkshake.

Next week I'll go up after my four lectures in a row stint. Getting away from the squash of the quad I'll take some tapes, sit sipping tea, eat my lunch and listen to Tracey baby on the tapedeck, unless that other woman wants to listen to Metallica again.

Catherine Dale

The main activity I have seen happening in Womanspace is tea drinking. Womanspace provides coffee and tea making facilities, seats and a stereo in order to make this activity easier and far more enjoyable. It seems that all sorts of women partake in this activity as there is a wide range of women who use Womanspace. These women use Womanspace to grab a quiet moment, relax and put their feet up before they move on to their next lecture.

Womanspace is a place to catch up on reading for

tutorials and because a wide range of women go there it is often possible to find somebody who has already done the papers you are doing and who is willing to tell you what they thought of the course.

Womanspace is also an

information centre where you can post and/or read notices that cover a diverse range of subject matter, beginning with the accommodation board and ending with notices informing you of the next university Feminists meeting. Womanspace provides a link between women at university with organisations and activities that happen off-campus.

Ultimately Womanspace is a place to meet people, either existing friends or making new ones. Womanspace serves to make university a friendlier place and to help people get to grips with university life. So drop in and pay us a visit sometime.

Susan Rae Women's Rights Officer





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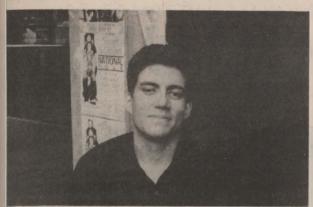
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BJ: Yes, it's good to see another generation on campus.



Roger: Students make more mess than kids. And it's a shame that Goff's policies are keeping parents away.



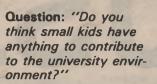
Mike: They add flavour to the place and they're fun. They smile and the rest of us are just a pack of arseholes.



Melanie: As long as they're not in nappies — I don't like nappies.



Dia: Very much so; half the university population will be mothers one day, so it's good practice.





Darien: They're probably brighter than the students.

(We were glad to have a small kid ac-

companying us, as a

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Jason: They're cute and they have an ability to think laterally which adults could learn a lot from.



Sue: Kids are the best people on earth.



Shannon and Naomi: It's really nice to see little kids wandering around. If their parents are here then they should be here too. I think it's wrong to cut down numbers at creche — there should be lots of opportunities.



Richard: More kids in lectures would make it more interesting.



Steve: They certainly brighten up the place. And they're entitled to be here as much as their mothers.

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MUSIC

Some say that Chicago Smoke Shop, who recently played in Auckland, are the number one rhythm and blues band in the country. Dave Crampton spoke to Darren Watson, master of music, performance, and skilful self promotion.

Chicago Smokeshop revolves around three core members: Darren Watson, Richard Te One (also of Hot Leftovers) and Aaron Te One. They have been together for nearly five years and in that time have released an album, two singles (with video clips) and have supported such bands as Robert Cray and George Thorogood. More recently they smashed their house record at the Southern Cross Tavern and are at present putting the finishing touches to their new album.

Chicago smokeshop's first self titled debut album was recorded in August 1988. Two weeks later they were signed to Pagan records, New Zealand's number one independent label. The album sold out of its first pressing within two weeks, at the same time as they were touring as a support to George Thorogood and the Destroyers. So far over 4000 units have been sold, something Watson considers is pretty good. However all the blues fans were buying the album

April/early May. It con-





Auckland isn't centred around videos, film or substandard bands!

Chicago Smokeshop have a record of pulling big crowds so I sought to find out why the band is so successful at it. Darren's response - "I dunno." But he does have one suggestion.

"It might have something to do with the fact that we work on a show as well as music. However the music comes first, it always will. A lot of bands tend to be introverted. They tend to play to themselves instead of playing to the crowd. Music is about entertaining and challenging people in their heart and in their head and just moving them. It is not about how cool you can be on stage or how introverted or extroverted can I be. Our aim is to entertain the

pretty busy over the next few months. Their next gig is this coming weekend at the Southern Cross Tavern and then the big interest will be centred on how well the new album goes. This one will also be out on compact disk so there won't be any waiting around hoping for a CD release. Watson thinks it will sell well.

"It's original music, it's New Zealand music and it's aimed to chart. I will be disappointed if it doesn't chart because the songs are worth it, I mean, I have to say that because I wrote the songs. When the album is released we'll hopefully do a tour, but for our record release party we'd like to do a big gig in Wellington - an extended horn section, five to six backing vocalists we'll just do a big show in

April/May. The venue will have to be bigger than the Cross because that stage is too small. It's just big enough for seven. However we've got a couple of options open. The Oueens Wharf is a possibility. The City Council were talking about helping us out. Our last gig at Queens Wharf got rained off. However things don't usually get organised until about eight weeks before they happen - at the earliest anyway."

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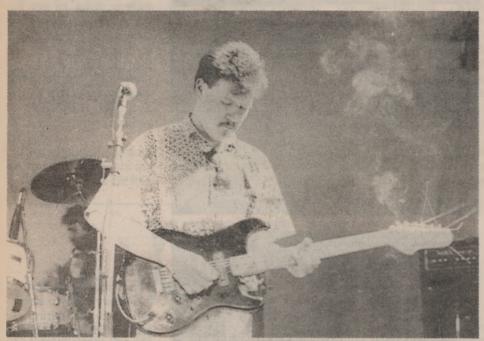
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Today, when Chicago Smokeshop go out on the road, they are assured of a great response from a public who have been looking for a band combining exciting live energy, great songs and skilful musicianship, for a long, long time. Five years down the track and a lot of dues paid but Chicago Smokeshop aren't looking back. The band is looking to a future brighter than the Wellington sun.



"I should start by saying that we are a rhythm and blues band. Everybody seems to think we are a blues band, however we haven't been playing straight blues for two or three years. Also when people hear the name Chicago Smokeshop they tend to think of dusty old hippies with long beards singing ZZ Top covers. The name is not condusive to what the band does anymore which is why we are going to change our name in future. We are taking the Chicago off and just calling it Smokeshop for the release of our new album. In any case, most people call the band Smokeshop. Chicago was relevant to us when we started out five years ago. We were blues when we started out and we needed a name which identified with that without having to add the name Blues Band to the end. So Chicago Smokeshop it

and all the purists were waiting around for the compact disk which was never released.

Towards the end of March last year the first single 'Mind on my Sleeve' was released and was among the top thirty songs for seven weeks or so. Nine months later their second single 'Another Man' was released. Watson considers that this song is a bit of a sleeper.

"Another Man' is a good song but whether it is top 20 material, I dunno. It is hard to tell how the new single is going as the charts have recently started up again after their annual break, which sort of coincided with the airplay of the single. However there's plenty on the new album though three or four singles off the new album should take us through the rest of the year."

The new album is untitled at present and will be released around late just original music. It's great. It has got a five piece horn section, hammond organ and piano. Most of it was recorded live in the studio. In the last album there were a few overdubs. A lot of people don't believe that but there were. The new album sounds huge. It was mixed and recorded at Marmalade Studios in ten days (the first album took only three days) and was produced by Richard and Aaron Te One, Tim Farrant and Watson. It should be out on Pagan.

Although the band always pull in the crowds at the Southern Cross - last count 600 people on average over the two nights, the big crowds also turn up at Zaks in Hamilton, where they have played six times to at least 600 people per night. They recently played in Motueka to 400 people. Watson reckons that people aren't coming to see bands as much as they were -

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The Occi has two bars although apart from the location the E-team is at a loss to note any significant difference between them. Both bars are bordering on toilet width. It has been postulated, but not proven, by Flossy and Steve X that all four walls could be spat on from the centre of each bar. This theory is probably best left untested. One should also avoid pushing chip pack-

ets into the ashtrays as there roams a somewhat bizarre Homus occidentus creature who, it would appear, exists for the sole purpose of burbling and possibly abusing (although we can't tell because he burbles like a burbly thing) those who dare trap the spirit of the chip packet. This creature also poses as a grey-haired barmen and isn't such a bad bloke once you get to know (and un-

derstand) him.

A warning to those who are underage or look underage with no ID. The Occi is especially tough on policing the law and so are the Police, who are always keen for a Friday night chat.

Style Hint: If you look underage the secret is to initially walk past the bar to the fridge and pull out a chilled vessel (with confidence) and proceed



Patrons watch TV (out of shot) from the bar



"They make us take our workboots off"

— A local keeps his feet at maximum distance.



The E-Team Rating

Next week: The Rising Sun — will it set on the E-team?



The Grande Old Occidental Hotel.

to make your purchase. If expecially young, nod knowingly to the toughest guy in the bar and remark, in earshot of the barperson (but not the tough dude), "one for you too mate?" Pause conveniently and order a jug of your ale and a shandy. Smile a lot and wave as much money around as is financially possible. Move to the furthest seat from the bar and dump the shandy in the most strategic pot plant. At this stage you will either be set or out for the night. If you notice someone laughing at you, remember the E-team has spies in bars everywhere.

As noted in the style hint, the Occi is another of those classy pubs that offers chilled glassware. The range of beers with which to fill this glassware is standard, as is the price.

The facilities are basic, with high tables and cubicles in the Public bar and wall-seating with sparsely dotted tables and chairs in the Lounge bar. The two bars have an ensuite accessway via the mens toilet. Squeemish women should use th forward accessway. Squeemish men should hold on till they get home.

The Public bar has a TV (no volume) and no juke-

box which makes it an ideal meeting place, especially in that yawning gap between lectures and the movies. It is just off Queen Street and horrifyingly accessible to all manner of Autobank machines.

The Occidental is a tried and true "tavern" with genuine atmoshere. Three years under threat of demolition have kept this drinkers' yardstick from the Yuppies' pink and apricot designer brush. Death before disco! Long may it remain the same. Cheers big aural recep-

ticles
The E-Team

LITERATURA

Among the first pile of books that Steve gave me to review was a collection of New Zealand poetry entitled *Demon Lover*— Other Poems and Pictures.

It contains 12 very fine poems, written maimly by women, that are all short (none going over 20 lines) and are easy to read. That does not mean that they are simple — poetry never is. Despite their length, every poem gets its message across, more often that not packing a punch that moves your stomach and brings tears to your eyes, especially if you are the sensitive romantic type.

The title is taken from the first poem in the volume, "Demon Lover" by Piers Davies, and as it would suggest, the primary theme of the collection is love. However those poems that do deal with love do so in its saddest, most unwanted forms, love that is lost or turning sour and all the associated pain and hurt that is involved with the ending of relationships.

Personal favourites are Kathleen Grattan's "Tread Softly", Lorna Boyes' hopefull piece "Sayonara" and "Topography" by Mari Hunt, who is also the editor of the collection. She has done a brilliant job putting the poems together and Monique Endt's illustrations are not only excellent, but they are more than suitable to accompany the poems.

Overall an intelligent, worthwhile effort, almost as good as a Billy Bragg record to depress the hell out of you. These poems are the sort that should be read many times over a bottle of cheap red wine (or two).

Trust me — the effects are great.

Topography by Mari Hunt

The long hill was not there the days we walked it

you would often pause for endearment

the halts stretched the pleasure, our slow pace

euphoria not endurance the road was a length

of love, never long enough.

There was no hill there then.

Dear Steve

What a good idea! Eliminate crime by eliminating criminals.

No criminals, no crime. Yes, let's do it.

Depending on the crime, different death penalties could be applied. It's a well known fact that an important human desire, resident in the population, is to obtain the gratification from witnessing a gladiatorial fight to the death or for the uneducated masses, simply a good death will suffice.

A meat hook in the back is promising, but not really as good as some real public spectacles like mass hangings or crucifictions.

Whatever the methods used they should be mechanical for best effect. For example gassing is out.

The important points are to kill deviant crime before it gets a second chance and to give the public a catharsis, while rigorously purging the crime.

Yes, it must be done. The pansy liberals have had their chance.

> From **David Keenian**

PIGLET PIE

Dear Steve

Re Piglet (or is it Pikelet, pilget)? Well, what can I expect from a real Kiwi joker? I was actually surprised that he didn't toss in a few quips about the Maoris, Jews or any other so called "minority groups." Obviously the poor thing (and I mean that literally) is suffering from a massive inferiority complex regarding the female of the species (especially in the culinary and sexual areas). However, the essence of your arguments eludes me - what have environmental issues got to do with women's rights? Or. for that matter, Neighbours? I guess you had to make up all sorts of crap to substantiate your argument (or rather lack of). Anyway what it boils down to is that women are better than men and certainly better than pigs.

Yours in rampant feminism Bushpig

PS. To Pig Farmer — count me in for a slice, preferably the

PPS. Lovies and kisses to that over-blown windbag the Blue

GEMS POLISHED

This is a letter in reply to the letters published in your journal, in response to my article 'Gems.''

Your correspondents point out that Ingersoll's statements do not qualify as an argument, and they are quite right. The article was composed of a series of quotes from Ingersoll's writings, and lectures and were chosen becuase they seemed

to be the best expressions of both my own thoughts and those of the Auckland Univeristy Freethinkers. Thus, it is not an argument presented, but the exposition of a po-

Bruce Williams, one of your correspondents, on page 18, says, quite rightly, that the Bible "contains records of injustice, war and death." What he fails to point out is that in the old testament, god is portrayed as an extremely violent and volatile individual and most of the instances of injustice, war and death were perpertrated by God himself: acts which if performed by any human would be condemned as the work of a psychopath or extremely terrible criminal.

Johathan Beazer (p 17) writes that Atheists have done terrible things. This is not an accurate statement and I do not want to excuse the appalling acts performed by some people. However, it seems to me that the examples he cites (the Soviet Union, Cuba and China) are communist, totalitarian states. While Atheism is the official position of these states, they seem to perform atrocities more because they are totalitarian than Atheist. It also occurs to me that if Christianity really did affect people's ethical behaviour, as is covetly alleged, then it would only be nonchristians who engaged in any significant evil, but this is clearly not the case.

Mr Williams goes on to point out to us that Nicholas Copernicus was a christian. This is true, and I venture to add that this is why he was allowed to live. Bruno, an Atheist of around Copernicus' time was burned alive by the Roman Catholics for his beliefs. It may also be added that for thousands of years, there was no real knowledge of the way the world functioned and magic does not seem a bad explanation in the face of this, but as knowledge increases there seems less justification for arbitrary guesses about the nature of the world.

Finally, I wish to apologise to Mr Williams and the other readers of my article, for neglecting to append my name to it. I can assure my reader that it was not due to a "lack of guts" but rather a simple error on my l am

Nicholas Pullar **President Auckland University** Freethinkers

REAL CHRISTIANS

Dear Philip Ross

It is text worshippers like you that give Christainity a bad name. Religious people like you who reduce the Spirit to the accurate transcription of Jewish popular mythology and law, with all its ancient moral baggage, have no place in the modern world. Accurate transcription is no guarantee of relevance or wisdom, or value at all. Do not continue to embarrass modern Christians by continuing to call yourself one. A more appropriate name for your religion would be Proto-Jew, Temple of the Scroll-Heads, anything but Christian.

You are by all means entitled to your quaint beliefs, but they've got very little reference to credible Christianity, and less to the pressing concerns of humans and the world in 1990. A credible Christianity is one informed by both theoretical discourse and tradition and justified in praxis. Mr Ross, get your act together with the rest of us enjoying Spirit-invigorated movements that defeat alienation and injustice, just for

Exclusive focus on text is counterproductive to both Christians (image) and humans at large (function). A Christianity embedded in elements such as theoretical discourse, tradition and praxis is the only way to give it the credibility it is capable of.

Alan Smith

FUNNY FEES

Hey Steve

When I saw how Phil Goff made everyone pay huge fees I laughed, how I laughed.

It made me remeber when I first came to university (I paid two thirds of a dob of dingos dung for a year's tuition. Everybody did in those days)! That year was the election, when Muldoon's luck finally ran out.

Lange's star was in the ascendancy. During the lead up to that election, the student associations all over the country pledged their support for the Labour party. They held rallies and printed numerous posters and flyers extolling the virtuous, honest, socialist labour party canditature. This was all financed from student money. I still remember people from the New Zealand University students Association ('our' national body, which we at least had the brains to leave, even if it was only for a few months) flying up to Auckland, no doubt all paid for by the student slush fund, to campaign hard and long for, amongst the rest, Phil Goff. He was 'one of us' soon to be 'our man in parliament.'

The University Students Association did a real good job too. So many students believed all the good things that the Labour people said would come

And they were endorsed by all the University Student Associations too. In the end, the Associations were like party branches, only they cost nothing for the Labour Party to run, because we paid it all from the student slush fund.

I remember at a party, on election night when Muldoon conceded defeat; everyone cheered. All the students (it was a student party) cheered and hoorayed and were euphoric. I laughed at them. Everybody said that now students would have it better.

Then we got Marshall as Education Minister. The run down of the system, its standards and its accessibility be-

gan. He pointed the user pays cannon at tertiary students, on the advice of Treasury and the Reserve Bank.

Then came Lange and his main squeeze, she who told him how to think. Gosh, he cast a long shadow over the NZ political scene, albeit a round one.

What an eclispse of principles. Then came Goff who put it all into effect. "Our man inside Government," they said. Enuff said.

I get the joke. So I laughed at the lines of students paying over a grand each.

You always get what you pay for! And you guys paid to pay. You probably don't get the joke yet but you will, you will.

How about the fees protest March last year. Wasn't it all fun? I recall a woman from the Labour Party got up and gave us a big speech. "We support you students," she said. 'Don't blame the Labour Party for your troubles."

I laughed at this one. It's easy to get the joke. Here's the punchline: "Don't blame the Labour Party (and all it's minions, workers, members, politicians) for what the Labour Party has done to you!

Still, I suppose someone took it all seriously. I sure hope so, or there won't be anyone to laugh at next time.

Anyway since you got what you deserved, maybe you can laugh with me.

Your jovial and rotund comrade, vote Labour and trust me darling Rick Perini.

ASK HARRY

Dear Steve

Isn't Tokoroa the centre of the universe? Lizard

ANGRY RETURNS

Allo Students

I'm angry. I'm really angry. Some peurile little first year Matt Livin-at-home-whiledaddy-pays-for-my-education has got right up my nose.

So this little fascist wants to keep out the poor so he won't be thrown out for being an academic anus.

What a twat! I get so angry by people who think we should pay more - we already pay 87 percent of our earnings in tax anyway. Yep. Think about it turkey, I know that's hard for a mere Eng Lit pleb, so I'll spell it out. We pay more than enough tax for our education (and our parents are taxed for us too) and this poor little country needs more educated peo-

Since great old NZ is the most poorly tertiary educated country in the western world (only 8 percent of NZers have graduated from tertiary education and you won't). It seems amazingly stupid to suggest we should limit it even more to only snively little teenagers who by no fault of their own are sent to university by mummy and

Grow up and smell the student masses (we all know poor students can't afford Yves St Laurent deodorant). When you can be self-sufficient - no student allowances, no dole, no free medical attention, no ACC and no money from the olds then we might sit down and talk about being responsible (but where did contraceptives come into it anyway)?

God you make me angry. **Angry of Rudman**

POINTLESS

Dear Editors

If RM Bennett thinks he can lend a bit of weight to his point with the old "F-word" then he'd better get a few things straight.

Firstly you've got to have a point to give weight to. Secondly, in the absence of having a point, you're not likely to get much of the old "F-word" anyway. Thirdly, what is a foulmouthed sod like yourself doing running for international rep? I'd rather have my balls slammed in the flat freezer than be represented by a pointless eunuch. Give it up Bennett.

P.S. Have a nice day. P.P.S. I'd also like to congratulate the Craccum editorial staff on providing the best student publication in several years. Keep it up.

BACKSHELF DRIVER

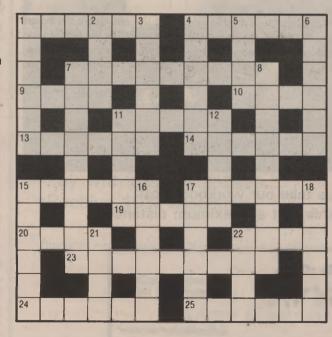
Dear Craccum

Last week I had an important appointment to see the Dean of Commerce about the future of my studies. I got into my car in plenty of time to make the 20 minute drive to 'varsity. Three hours later I was startled to find that I still hadn't arrived.

It was only then I realised I had been lying across the parcel shelf at the time! Luckily both Alastair and myself saw the funny side. It just goes to show, these "Dean" blokes aren't so bad after all!

Victor Pratt

CROSSWORD



SOLUTION NEXT WEEK

Solution to Crossword, Issue 3:

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I am a little concerned that you feel students do not 'deserve' or for that matter need a cheap (note not free — nothing in this world is free including a universtiy education at \$200 per year — the old price). [Education? — Ed]

You seem unaware of 'double dipping' this is when people pay for something two or more times. Students, since 1989, have paid tax on their allowance, amounting to at least \$10 a week. We also pay secondary tax, of around 30 percent on any honest parttime income, meaning I pay at least \$20 per week. This alone would pay my fees of \$1250. Then there is GST, and I do not want to know how much that accounts for in my weekly budget. My mother also pays income tax and GST, as the government seems to believe families should pay for our education. That apparently is not enough, I am then charged \$1250 specifically for my education. Where does my hard earned tax go? I hope it is not spent on narrow-minded students like yourself.

In your Bugger All in English Lit you don't come in contact with economists, which is something of a shame. Any self-respecting economist would tell you that increasing a country's education level leads to a decrease in unemployment and also one would hope, people's ability to think. Therefore our education is of benefit to society. This is highlighted by the fact that all of cabinet has been through tertiary education (and I can see that they are your mentors). If you believe that your degree is of no worth, why are you doing it? Or are you just selfish like that?

You also believe that those who can't afford education don't deserve it. Does this include people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who are trying to better themselves? Iknow that people like us (poor) are often forgotten about by the majority of the middle class but that is no reason to not give us a chance. Pull your chauvinistic head out of the sand and look around you. Not everyone has parents with healthy bank accounts.

Nicole Humphries BA

NO NOUSE STRAUSS

Dear (!) J Strauss

You appear to be as illiterate as you are insignificant. At no stage did I imply that "Shadows is great." In fact, if you are having as much trouble reading the last letter as it appears, it seems as though I will have to spell it out to you: nondescript non-entities like yourself who obviously know stuffall about pubs, Shadows, university and drinking should be studying. Since I started drinking in Shadows I have not failed a single paper (0/18) so my 'poor brain' can't be as 'added' as yours.

Before you start abusing people you should find out who they are. No-one I know knows who you are, so you must either be a first year or a novice drinker so you are hardly qualified to abuse Shadows. On the other hand most of the regulars know who I am so the patronage can't be of a low standard, as you suggest. You're just a bit out of your depth boyo! Incidentally, I am too poor to drink as much as I would like (as I used to), but I still spend a lot of time in Shadows because:

1) it's handy.

2) it's got dartboards
3) it's where everyone I know

(or want to know) goes at some time during the day.
4) it's cheap (but not as cheap as it used to be).

5) the kiwi was pulled down over 2 years ago.

PS. Love your Blue Danube, or was that R Strauss?

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Dear Editor

I'd like to know what part of New Zealand is the centre of the universe. How about a poll? Flossy MacMarino

GUN-HO!

Dear Steve

During the holidays some strangely funny things happen, one of which I now relate.

My friends and I were partaking in a traditional NZ pastime, shooting opossums and bunny rabbits. On this particular night we were well equipped with several dozen beers, three automatic rifles, including an assault weapon, two shotguns, a Holden ute and some homebuilt rum.

Driving around the gravelled rural roads we would aim our 15,000 candle power pencilbeam search-lamps into the bush to spot the reflected light from the eyes of any critter stupid enough to stop and stare back. Then we'd pump as many bullets into the bastard as we could manage before it disintegrated altogether.

Having eliminated some twenty bunnies, seriously injured scores more and killed or maimed at least thirty opossums, we decided to head for home and replenish our declining supply of soft-nose ammunition.

Around the bend we came and lo and behold at the foot of a bluff was a bush and staring out over the top was the brightest pair of opossum eyes you've ever seen.

Well, Rob was quick — six shots stabbed out in the dark. The doctored ammo should have dissolved the opossum into a pile of snot, but No! Twenty yards away, the eyes continued to glow.

In went Trev with an entire twenty round clip of 7.62 NATO ordinance. Any one of these 1950 mph babies will tear off your arm — hit opossum and it just disintegrates. Not even pate or snot left. No

need to gutshoot with this power. No point really. But, after the echoes died away, the eyes stare back defiantly. Super opossum!

Able to take many direct hits without a flinch!

This could not be allowed to happen.

"Eat buck shot!" screamed Pete.

Actually he fired three no.2 bird shots and two solids from his shotgun.

The indestructible opossum ate all the metal and didn't budge.

After staying around for the rest of our ammo to be contemptuously ignored by Superopossum, we turned for home again, seriously discouraged. Even a rock John threw had failed to have any effect on the rodent of steel (which no doubt, by now he was). Not having a flame thrower or rocket launcher was proving to be a grave strategic blunder.

The next day we drove out to the spot to see if our enemy had in fact been supernormal or if he really was lucky not be hit. There, at the foot of the bush were about twenty-five dead or dying opossums.

We surmised that as each opossum got hit and fell down, his mate popped his head up to see what all the fuss was about!

I'm not sure if there's a moral to all this, maybe someone else could say for sure. Most extraordinary night's bag.

Your friend Harry

SHADOWS STAFF

Dear Editor

I fully support all the verbal intercourse that is printed here by Girt, Grot, Gort and Strauss concerning Shadows.

The main problem as far as I am concerned is one concerning the service we customers get, or rather the lack of service we get. I refer to the following: how many times have you waited to be served while the staff talk to each other, or stand in the corner and hope that you will go away so that they won't have to disturb themselves and actually have to serve you. It has happened to me and many others frequently. Also, have you ever tried to get a jug on a Friday it's bloody impossible! Because there are not enough of the mothers to go around.

In other words perhaps, if the staff got their act together and worked as staff (i.e. they are people who are paid wages to work and serve customers (you and me) as opposed to doing something only when they feel like it), then the service would be much better (i.e. acceptable).

If the staff don't like this then perhaps the management should do what the management in any other business would do, get rid of them, and get people who are happy to do a good job.

As for the shortage of glass-

wear, it's bad enough to have to pay for the beer, but then not to have any containers to pour it into..... bloody pathetic!!!

(Known by many... feared by none)

CAPITALIST HYPOCRISY

Dear Editor

Roger Telfer (Eastern Europe: A Rising Imperialist Tide? March 12) is correct to deplore the right wing analysis of recent Eastern European events. These no more represent the failure of socialism than the state of the West represents the victory of capialism. In the first case, socialism has been perverted and in the second, there is no victory. While it is true that "developed" Western countries have a more comfortable living standard than those in Eastern Europe, a valid measure of success (never mind victory) must include the whole capitalist system. How well does it work if one includes South and Central America, Africa and Asia? In these areas capitalism, both as a local economic system and as an influence of the rich world, has produced poverty and repression more savage than that experienced in the USSR.

The problem everywhere remains how to temper competition with cooperation. Do the winners get enough from conspicuous consumption to justify the starvation of the losers?

Some form of socialism still

Some form of socialism still seems the best bet to me.

Yours A. Raymont

HALF EXCLUDED

Dear Eds

A small step for (most) men, a backward stride for *Craccum*. The eds don't appear to have read Max Chapple's sensible article, which does refer to the problems of *people* who suffer from disabilities. But they've happily settled on being antagonistic. Thanks for so completely excluding me from the human race.

That is what is using 'men' as a generic term does for many women. Brilliant.

Yours Tanya Wood

Ed Replies: Whilst I feel I must defend myself against any accusation of deliberate antagonism, I do appreciate your point of view. As I'm sure you are aware, the line was a slight variation of Armstrong's much quoted words but we felt that to have substituted "people" for "men" woud have resulted in too great a degree of obscurity in the reference. Nevertheless I regret any offence caused by this decision and apologise unreservedly for it.

Sincerely Steve

HAMMER SLEDGE

Fellow Romans

It is my belief that there are few differences between males and females apart from the physical ones and those due to social conditioning. Given that this is true and that "God is neither physical nor subject to social conditioning, why is "He" called a He? Perhaps Philip Ross could enlighten us all?

If you are upset with a prospective \$150,000 varsity phone bill, why not let Telecom know? Specifically, send 150,000 used card-phone cards to:

Don Sledge, 147 Shore Road, Remuera.

Attach the message, "I hate change (unless it's to get rid of a profiteering monopoly!)."

Dave The Team

GROWN UP GRADUATES

Yo Steve Baby

What's this I hear about how you got your second name?

Anyway, just dropping you a short jot to say what a real doi job the E-team are doing with their Pub Call column. As former members of the E-team we feel proud that in the not-too-distant future, some of these fine young specimens of E'ness will join the ranks of one of our organisations.

The M.E.-team and the PhD(E)-team

ROUND THREE

Dear Editor

In response to the article "Reason and Christianity", by your Technical Consultant, Philip Ross, I would like him to provide a bibliography for his research.

Readily available references, e.g. Encyclopedia Britannica, do not support his claims. And certainly the painstaking Biblical scholarship made during Ingersoll's lifetime, 1833-1899, denied Philip Ross' assertion that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch, in the 15th century B.C.

Moses' life span is generally thought to be in the 1300 century B.C. And the Pentateuch was written in four periods. The Yahwist or Prophetic peri-

od, composed in the 9th century B.C., followed by the Eloist (Elohim and Yahweh being alternate names for God), composed in the 8th c. B.C., then the Deuteronomist period of the 7th c. B.C., and the Priestly period composed in the 5th c. B.C.

These four sources were amalgamated into the present Pentateuch in the 4th c. B.C. and as they embody the Laws of Moses are also called the Torah, and constitute the first five books of the 38 books in the Old Testament.

The reformation begun by Luther in the 16th century was followed by critical Biblical scholarship in the 18th century by J.G. Eichhorn (1781) and K.D. Illgen (1798) that initiated, mainly in Germany, associated investigations in anthropology, archaeology and history.

An important discovery in 1887 was the finding of the Tell-el-Amarna tablets that showed that as early as the 14th c. B.C. an unsuspected world of peoples lived in States united in political and cultural ties.

Genesis states that the first parents, Adam and Eve's first son, Cain was a tiller of the land while Abel was a sheephearder, thereby virtually datestamping them as living in the agricultural era, that has come to be related to a comparatively recent development in the evolution of mankind by anthropologists.

Modern theologans have come to regard the biblical stories as mythological, and arguments for the existance of a creator God, which for centuries were thought to be sound and were used for the instruction of priests and clergy, have all been shown to be false when subjected to modern philosophic analysis of language techniques.

Modern society has not yet devised a coherent religion, defined as a system of belief in which one can have faith on grounds of reason.

Since Ingersoll wrote, more knowledge has been discovered than existed from all previous ages, and given the will to found a system of belief, a philosophy of wisdom distilled from modern knowledge, we could yet see this poet's vision come true:

Earth Is Enough

We men of Earth have here the stuff Of Paradise — we have enough! We need no other stones to build The Temple of the Unfulfilled No other ivory for the doors — No other marble for the floors — No other cedar for the beams And dome of man's immortal dream. Here on the paths of every day — Here on the common human way Is all the stuff the Gods would Take

To build a heaven, to mold and Make
New Edens, Ours the stuff

Sublime
To build eternity in time.

Eric Bell Hon Life Member A.U. Freethinkers

subjects of concern. These may be sent to us, or delivered (as indicated). Letters should preferably be typed (or written editors' discretion, provided this does not appreciably alter the intended meaning of the letter.



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

WOW, STEVE!

Dear Steve

Wow! You were in the Dominion Sunday Times. I'll bet you're getting dirt mail thrown at you for saying that there are too many people pursuing useless degrees at university.

The sad thing is you are so right. The good thing is you had the guts to say so.

It's all very well to claim that somebody has to take the broad humanities and this is true. But when the vast majority take these subjects on that pretext, when in fact they are in no way productive members of society, then the finger must be pointed.

The problem with your comments is that they have more than a grain of truth in them. It is this truth which irritates your detractors, hurts their feelings and causes them to take up their pens.

In concluding, I comment that I am in the Law and I now feel many of this faculty and many of this profession could do with a serious kick in the teeth. Yes, we too, are not productive at all, some ask. Enuff said.

Here's to a productive education

Yours faithfully Susan Watt

PULITZER PRIZE

Dear Steve

Equality is rubbish. I'm better than everyone else. It's so obvious. You're all trash. So there.

> Signed King Tim the First

LEMUR IN A JAR

Dear Myrtle Lemur

Don't bother going back to Madagascar as lemurs are rapidly becoming extinct there too. Your best bet is to become a pet for some friendly biological anthropologist who knows how to keep you in the manner you deserve.

David Inabarrow

CHAPLAIN **TRASHED**

Dear Editor of Craccum

Ray Galvin's (University Chaplian) utterances on politics are based on heresay; as are his religious beliefs.

As with most of his ilk he makes it all up as he goes along and provides no hard evidence to support his contentions.

Having entered the public domain, by way of having his article "the situation in world politics according to Ray Galvin" published in the NZ Herald, Mr Galvin now reacts bitterly when his flowery nonsence gets shot down in flames by well reasoned debate. The arguments refuting his superficial comments were published by the Herald; a public forum for the dissemination of information afterall! He was fairly challenged and found wanting.

How can someone, whose personal life revolves around what amounts to little better than witchcraft and mythology, face reality? Can such a person be in any way capable of passing reasoned and informed comment on topics alien to the compartmentalised "faith" or "belief" system they submerge themselves in?

It's time the incense burners went back to what they are reasonably equipped to do; begging for favours from their superior being, who is probably sick of all the pious whining and cajoling, surely.

Think carefully about it...

If your life is based around heresay; how can you expect to be able to detect truth or recognise reality and then make informed comment?

Further, how can you expect your theory to weather the neccessary critics and thussly prove its inherent strength (or suffer for its exposed flaws)?

Mr Galvin felt aggrieved about his hurt feelings and wrote to the Herald to so say. He complained "unfair" and "personally insulting" logical argument to shoot him down!

Obviously he is not used to being questioned on matters of belief, at least not while wearing the cleric's cloth and standing behind the pulpit! He gets angry when his weaknesses are made naked..

This all goes to show Mr Galvin's pronouncements of "dogma" are not open to question.

How very different to the rest of the world reality where only be challenging and questioning and learning can we get towards the truth of any matter. Blind unquestioning allegiances to pronouncements of heresay rob us of this ability.

"If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen" goes the saying. And it bodes well for Mr Galvin to consider this before his next sally forth from behind the pulpit.

Ignorant pronouncements in open forum will elicit a response. Wearing the title of chaplain does not a substitute for rationality make. No doubt we will be seeing a Galvin tirade against this particular letter of mine.

But this is to be expected! This is a university and as such it is supposedly for open thought and a serious search for logic and truth' University Chaplain notwithstanding!

In closing, Ray, grow up. Your ideas aren't worth a toss.

Thank you Craccum for an open forum to tell this demagogue to naff off. He is a disgrace to the concept of a university.

Yours faithfully M. Levin

TO THE WRECKERS

I changed my name to JX1723 to save money on expensive custom number plates. done just as you said in the

first issue. But it's not such a good idea, 'cause I got a ticket for not having a rego or warrant of fitness displayed on my front right extremity. Then I got towed away for exceeding 60 minutes parked at a bar.

So I'm changing my name back again.

Yours faithfully

PORK FOR PIGLET

Dear Piglet

God how I want you. I have waited too long for a truly virile

I want you to take me.

I want your man smell near

You sound so sweet and kind, I bet your little house is all ready for me to clean.

You'll love my cooking, you little love petal

You can get me tiddly if you want, but those bubbly little things go in my nose which makes me feel funny.

I know you are a big strong man, but be gentle with me, my dewey red rose.

Charlene Porker

WE'RE WONDERFUL

Dear Ed

Congratulations on presenting a both interesting and groovy music page. I hope this turns into a regular feature in Craccum.

Yours RAV

PIGLET PISSED

POEM Destroy is good War is Love Chicks is fun Piss is Piss Chunder is Piss Crash my car is really a bad ex-

> Yahoo **Piglet**

LAMB CHOP

Dear Lamb fan

Any attack on my mentality by a raving sycophant such as yourself is of course totally unsubstantial (look it up cretin). You miss the point that 99 percent of the letters in Craccum (not Torso!) are "of such minor nature." So what if it was the Star not the Herald, everyone knows the Star is much less discriminatory with their letters to the editor.

I also feel secure in the knowledge that a poll (but not a poll tax) taken from a crosssection of students that read both 1988 and 1989 Craccum/Torso would show a distinct favouritism towards the quality of the former. Judging from the numbers left over at the end of the year 1988 would seem to have been far more popular.

I hope this is the end of this trivial little episode.

Goort PS. Why don't you sign your name? Is it too embarrassing to print?

E-TEAM OK

Dear Editor

As a first year out of town student I have really enjoyed your excellent column "Pubcall."

So far I have tried every pub and found the E-team's observations and recommendations to be spot on.

Keep it up E-team, you're jolly fine fellows.

George Cambridge-Smythe PS. How about a list of recently reviewed pubs (ratings etc)?

RACK OFF BIGOTS

Dear Steve

Yes, yes, away with the born again bigots. What a great idea! This is the time to sweep these mentally constricted ones out; before they anesthetise anymore luckless minds. And I

"They have no place on campus, where our intent is the pursuit of knowledge, as opposed to ignorance and superstition."

(Your earlier correspondents to the letters column were correct. I couldn't say it better myself).

Let's eradicate the vermin. Next time you see one say "Rack off."

Yours R W Green

ASK EINSTEIN

Dear Steve

Isn't Huntly the centre of the universe?

Harry

FLOGGING THE FLAG

Dear Editor

Jesus Christ, R M Bennett spouts bullshit. Only a complete anarchist could have anything against our flag. In some countries, abuse of the flag can be considered treason, I would like to see that enforced here. That would soon get rid of the trendy radicals. I think Graham Watson was dead right to abuse strong-as-jelly Pym for letting himself be pushed around by a bunch of traitors. S Hityeh

COMING TO SAVE

I was most disappointed to

read Mr Steve Amanono's dis-

paraging comments concerning

the value of social philosophy

study, printed in the Dominion

Sunday Times on March 11

1990. He is reported to have

said, "...they produce no tan-

gible results," referring to arts

students and on this basis quer-

ies my and many others' right

I take great pleasure in in-

forming Mr Amanono that the

world of human knowledge

does not begin with civil en-

gineering, proceed through

medicine, skirt around science

and end with law. Those sub-

jects grouped under the broad

heading of arts encompass the

broadest, most honest and

least specialised approach to

humanity and its many quirks

and problems of any faculty on

campus. The unfortunate fact

that a BA degree does not

guarantee a \$75,000 per an-

num job and a holiday in the Ba-

hamas every year in no way

whatsoever detracts from this

degree's enormous value in

teaching students so much

about the diversity of human

life and why so many of our so-

cieties' institutions have

evolved as they have, and, in-

deed why our societies have

Someone has to be the con-

science of our society. Some-

one has to attempt the big

questions, to do real, no-

nonsense appraisals of who we

are and where we're going.

In recognition of these facts,

I fervently hope there will al-

ways be a place at our univer-

sities for arts degrees and the

well rounded, tolerant individu-

PS. The Auckland Domain

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Patrick John Houlahan

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THE WORLD

PORKOGRAM NO 4

proper guidance.

But this does not make up for the degeneracy caused by yet more law, commerce and arts' money'grubbing yuppoid filth invading this once fair institution. These sickos with their warped ideologies, will soon demand a tofu 'n' salad bar to replace honest 'budgies,' a cocktail-wine-pose bar to replace Shadows and hairstyling tournaments to replace righteous drinking horns. These low-rent pussies must not be allowed to destroy the honourable traditions of blokedom and turn this outfit into a haven for the enemies of decent society. I propose that the offending faculties be moved to some desolate hole like Wellington which is full of bender politico losers anyway, and that the empty buldings be converted to useful purposes such as homebrewing, piss drinking

Some would say I was prejudiced, but I say no. All Dorii or any potential bloke prepared to renounce gel, boatshoes and briefcases for the Holy Trinity of chicks, chunder and liquor would be allowed to stay on probation. It's a simple solution, sensitive to the needs of all facets of society and it's still not too late to act before the sickos spawn to yet greater numbers.

Count me out Big Brother!

Ed replies: If you spent less

time entrenched in Goethe's

perinatal musings you might

realise just how tangible the

bottom of a ruck can be. With

reference to your second to last

paragraph, your arrogance is

unparalleled! (Sorry Bennett,

you're not significant enough

to count). Just who do you

have in mind for these posi-

tions? Clearly not engineers,

doctors, scientists or lawyers.

Dear Steve

I write with grave concern about the severe overcrowding in this outfit. A bloke can't even stroll from that citadel of higher learning the engineering school, to his favourite stall in Shadows without having to trample over a pathetic assortment of sickly Jason Donovan clones, 60s time-warp rejects and greasy haired nightclub scum. Admittedly much of the new dorii is good this year, with many shameless young fillies displaying great artistic talents and the potential to become truly depraved puppies if given

and entertaining dorii.

Be hard **Piglet**

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These will all be by direct credit to your bank account.

There are 37 weeks of payment for the period 26 February to 9 November 1990.

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Wednesday 26 September

Please note that you will have to present yourself and sign a declaration of full-time attendance on either 30th April or 1st May and on either 23rd July or 24th July 1990. This will be at the Recreation Centre.

Failure to do this will result in cessation of payments.

FLOWERS AT AOTEA CENTRE

The Floral Art Society of New Zealand's 25th anniversary is being held on April 25 to 28. Over 180 exhibits will be displayed.

Admission: \$7 Adults \$6 Children

Public bookings are available from early March through Bass.

RALPH PAINE EXHIBITION

This Auckland artist's exhibition consists of 3 major series or multi-part weeks — 29 Views a Year, Xeroxpolis and from the Atlas Mts to Japan.

This exhibition opens on Tues 20th March and closes on Fri 20th April at:

Artspace, 1st Floor, 6-8 Quay St, AUCKLAND.

PEN FRIEND WANTED

A 22 year old South Korean woman student who is majoring in theology at a Methodist College in Korea wants a pen friend or friends in New Zealand. She writes quite well in English. Anyone interested in writing to her please contact R.E. White, Physics, room 529, ph ext 8845 or phone 410-4817 evenings.

SKI CLUB 1990

Joining for 1990:

To remain part of the UASC experience you should

-either Pick up a membership form from the Ski Club locker on the second floor of the Student Union Building in the TV Room. It has been moved since last year.

or Send us a stamped selfaddressed envelope (big enough to put a membership form in) and we will mail you the official 1990 membership form as soon as it becomes available.

Guy Bullot (Ph 557-023)

PEOPLE AND ASTRONOMY

Discussions held at Auckland Observatory, One Tree Hill Domain.

March 22 "Exploration of the Solar System."

Cost \$10 per session, beginning 8pm.

MEDITATION A Skill for Life

Starting: Every Thursday 1pm Venue: Rm 033. Old Arts Building Cost: Free.

Enquiries: Meditation/Yoga Centre.

Ph 837-4321 Ananda Marga Meditation and Yoga.

YOUTH SUMMIT

A Treaty of Waitangi Youth Summit is taking place from Thursday 29th March to 1st April 1990, at Tapu Te Ranga Marae, Island Bay, Wellington. It is envisaged that the summit will bring together Maori and Tauiwi youth to share visions and strategies relating to a Treaty based future for Aotearoa.

ATI's Maori Studies and Community Development Department is sponsoring three people to attend the conference and is challenging others to do the same.

MAIDMENT LUNCHTIME MOVIE SEASON

April 2 - "Skin Deep", 1.05pm.

Successful L.A. writer (John Ritter) can't keep his hedonistic life on track — not with diversions around like wine (he's an alcoholic), women (he's insatiable) and song (Cole Porter's favourite). 101 mins. Admission only \$2 per film.

PHOTOSOC — AUCKLAND UNI PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Interested in photography? Want to do your own processing and printing?

•We have two well-equiped darkrooms on campus available to students and non-students.

•Courses for beginners and more experienced people will be run on various aspects of photography throughout the year.

Join **now** for 1990 Membership only \$15 AGM to be held on t

AGM to be held on the 20th March, 6.30pm. See noticeboard for more details!!

MASTERWORKS GALLERY

March 13-31. A Ralph Herschell Levy exhibition of his Ceramics will be held in the Habitat Courtyard, Parnell Rd, Auckland.

CARPOOL NETWORK AUSA

Join AUSA's carpool network. If you have spare space in your car and want to save on petrol or you need a lift to uni then pick up a carpool card from AUSA reception. Fill it out, hand it back and we'll match up drivers with passengers.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Continue with Ray Galvin, University Chaplain, on Sunday 25th March at 7.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Alten Rd.

PLASTICISE YOUR ID CARDS

Cost \$1 in the Quad.
1 pm to 2 pm all week.

SRC (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL)

Every Wednesday at 1pm in the Quad or Cafe extension. Come and hear what students have to say about AUSA policy, actions of the Executive, clubs being affiliated to AUSA and decisions made that affect you and you didn't even know it.

MERCURY THEATRE - 1990

Hamlet by William Shakespeare. The season continues up until March 31. Concessions available for students.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY

Absence/Presence by Adrienne Martyn.

A visually striking exhibition, the artist has successfully managed to portray images which suggest the possibility of narration and passage.

George Fraser Gallery, Princes St.

16 March-16 April.

EMPLOYMENTJAPAN

A programme is currently underway to employ an assistant english teacher with Hitachi Municipal Board of Education in Hitachi City, Japan. The appointment is effective from 1 August 1990 - 31 July 1992. Salary Y3,600,000 to be paid monthly. Applicants must be of New Zealand nationality and native speakers of english.

See Careers Officer for the application form and terms of agreement.

BISEXUAL CONFERENCE

If interested, remember to get more details and booking forms from the Student Association office. The conference takes place in Wellington 13-15 April.

LESBIANS ON CAMPUS

Meet Mondays 1-2pm in Womenspace. Contact Susan x858.

UNIVERSITY FEMINISTS

Meet Thursday lunchtimes 1-2pm in Womanspace. Contact Susan Rae x858.

GAY STUDENTS

4.30-7.00 pm.
Meetings every Friday in Executive Lounge (First Floor AUSA).
Just talk and drinks!
Contacts:
Richard 786-079

390-789 X808

GYMNASTICS CLUB AGM

Held on 20 March 1990 in Library Lecture theatre B10 between 1-2pm. Come along and support your club. New members welcome. Training Tuesday and Thursday nights 6-8pm in the Rec Centre. See you there!

CHRISTIAN FOCUS

Friday 23 March at 1.00 pm in the University Maclaurin Chapel Hall. Rev Ray Galvin will speak on "Green Politics and Christians in West Germany reflections on a recent study trip."



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AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING OF AUSA

The Autumn General Meeting of the AUSA will be held on Wednesday 28th March 1990 in room B28 from 1.00-2.00pm. If the meeting is inquorate, a further meeting wil be held on Thursday 29th March in room B28 from 1.00-2.00pm.

Persons wishing to have items placed on the agenda must have given written notice to the AUSA Secretary 14 days before the meeting (i.e. 14.03.90).

- WEEK EVENTS

March 16-24 "Saved of a Mermaid in his Lobster Pot" a production being held at the Pumphouse, Takapuna.

AUCKLAND FILM SOCIETY

March 20: Golden Eighties, Fr/Bel/Switz 1986. 6.00 & 8.00 pm — Charley Gray's Picture Theatre.

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Cost \$1 in the Quad.
1 pm to 2 pm all week.

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BODY WEIGHT RESEARCH

Department of Community Health, **Auckland University**

We wish to interview women who have gained or lost 2 stone in weight during the last four years. If you are at least 23 years old and can help us, please phone:-

> days - 795-780 ext 6722 evenings — 607-677

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