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Hi everyone. Hope you all had a happy Easter. I certainly did down at Easter Tourney in Otago. The sport didn't go too well, with my rowing team not quite beating the competition but we tried hard and rowed strong.

It seems like this Tournament had a bit more attention and scandal surrounding it than the last few, and yes, you're right, I'm going to give you my opinion on the riot like thousands of others seem to have. I must admit that to be a member of

the police must be a daunting task, especially when there are heaps of students in a pub singing 'Darling, I'll say goodbye even though I'm blue' and choruses of Old MacDonald owning a pig farm while you were asking everyone to leave the pub. To be hassled so much and not be able to do much about it must be frustrating. Perhaps this is why, when everyone did leave, things became a little bit out of hand when we gathered (loitered?) on the street.

The girl I was sitting beside was the first one to be bitten (it that's what you call

matter an ice-cream or that superfluous piece of potato on their plate.

The Dunedin riots should be put in perspective. Just who is sufficiently qualified to do this is a moot point. Nevertheless, please allow me to try.

A small number of stupid, despicable people maliciously threw at the police bottles, bricks and other dangerous objects. These people were basically half-drunk students.

A large group of students in all states of sobriety irresponsibly stayed at the scenes of violence and greatly exacerbated the situation which the police were forced to deal with. This was unfortunate, but basically quite the predictably silly human behaviour which one might expect.

Police were exposed to a highly tense situation, the like of which many of the officers would not have previously experienced.

In retrospect, it is possible that the utilisation of police dogs was not as well targeted as it should have been. Certainly it is fair to say that many of those who started out as euphoric sprinters back and forth became hostile in the extreme, as the dogs wreaked previous injuries on some of their slower friends.

But to react by taking up arms against front line police is like blasting the poor unfortunate who fields the complaints at Telecom.

In the final analysis, the whole unruly situation was born of the lack of facilities for controlled drinking by students and non-students under twenty years of age, at a time of a great social occasion when socialising, as it has been for decades in NZ, consists of rubbing shoulders while consuming alcohol.

That it happened during Easter Tourney is completely irrelevant, because anyone who believes that a similar crowd of non-students would not have behaved as badly or worse is not being completely realistic.

Well, that's my piece. Suffice it to say that if I was underage and not allowed to drink in Dunedin at Easter, or Auckland at Capping, or the Mount at New Year's, I can't say I'd feel too enthused going off to fight and die for Mr Holmes' kind, sitting in front of the fireplace. You'd probably have a few of your smarmy, sarcastic jibes saved up for us then, too, wouldn't you?

In pity and disappointment
Steve
(veteran tourney-goer)

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a huge hunk out of someone's leg) by a frenzied police dog its trainer could hardly handle. This was slack as there had been no loudhailers asking people to move, just straight attack which seems unjustified and is the reason that so many students began to rebel.

Well, from there I missed a lot of the riot, trying to organise an ambulance to pick up Kate, all to no avail as the streets were cordoned off, so it was a mammoth effort getting out of the area.

I can see why some students who weren't there are moody about the whole af-

fair, when pillocks like Paul Holmes go on national television saying "why aren't their fees increased more to stop them galavanting through the countryside" which is irrelevant and only decreasing our support for the anti-fees campaign.

Media coverage is almost always biased and this was another prime example, undermining us, the whole student population from Auckland to Otago. Stink dudes!!

Anyway, until later
Sarah

PREZ SEZ — AUSA

Teena koutou katoa. No doubt you've all caught up, somehow, with "the great Dunedin fiasco" over the last two weeks. Like us, at the Association, I'm sure you condemn the actions of the motley few who took to the streets of Dunedin. Particularly the cretin who threw a dart at a police officer. That little act of defiance



displayed the intellect of a true psychopath.

Our initial investigations indicate that of the seventy delegates sent to Easter Tourney no Auckland competitors required medical treatment or were arrested. I am optimistic that our teams were not overtly involved in the 'rioting' for which I am pleased and grateful. However, we are obviously going to have to look at the way these national events are being organised and monitored because it seems that certain elements perceive national Tourney as an opportunity to let loose and boogie.

I'm no spoil sport but I don't ever want to see a repeat of the sort of behaviour captured so vividly by the cameras on Dunedin's streets. It was a night of shame for all students involved, especially considering that in other countries at other times students have taken to the streets in opposition to repressive and tyrannical regimes. Remember Tienanmen Square, the Prague Spring, Paris '68 — when motives were kindled by oppression rather than too much cheap booze.

On a lighter note I'd like to take this opportunity of congratulating our Journalist — Max Chapple, for winning a Highly Commended Junior Reporter Award at the Quantas Press Awards. Congrats Max — I'm sure all regular readers of Craccum appreciate your contribution to our paper's new improved look.

That's all folks. Ka kite anoo, e hoo maa.

PREZ SEZ — ATISA

Kia ora.
"Politics is intimately related to human mediocrity."
Mario Varga Llosa (Presidential candidate for Peru).



This knee-chopping quote from last week's Time Magazine just rounded the week off nicely.

I have been abused, accused, ignored, branded a racist and reprimanded by my wife and children.

All this because my commitment to the ATISA and to humanity has made me be politically active. It's obviously time for a drink at the bar.

So... I borrowed a car because mine was crook and headed off for a two day Easter break. I got the flu.

My romantic sojourn with my wife was dampened by somebody else being at the ski-lodge and three's a crowd. I get home. My car gets stolen with my wife's cheque-books and my best suit in it.

Oh well. It's insured???

No! However the ever vigilant police found it 500 metres down the road and round a corner with all of my property plus some of the thieves.

Things have got to be looking up, right?

I apologise for vomiting up my petty doings on you, but this is life and we all live the mediocrity of it, hoping it could be otherwise.

Have your life be great. Now! Have it be powerful. Have it be complete. And enjoy it.

You might as well, right!

RIOT

Auckland has condemned Weekend student violence.

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Defence

Hill rejects student violence.

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RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT

Auckland University Students Association president Ella Henry has condemned the action of those involved in Dunedin's Easter Weekend student riot, saying the behaviour was 'appalling.' She said all Auckland University students were also disgusted by the violence.

By Max Chapple

"I think the general consensus around the country is yes we are disgusted by the rioting but we do not accept responsibility on behalf of all students for the actions of a small, irresponsible, foolhardy minority," Henry told *Craccum*.

"Even if there were 1000 students involved, and I doubt very much that all of those 1000 were students, there are 60,000 students around the country." **Grateful**

Henry said a special group would be set up to identify any Auckland University students involved, who would face disciplinary action if found. But Henry said it was understood no students from the university were arrested or injured in the outbreak of violence.

"I didn't recognise any Auckland University students from television pic-

tures. I was pathetically grateful because of that," Henry said.

"Students associations around the country are also contributing to a central fund ... which will be used as a reward to help identify the individual who threw the dart at the Police officer, which lodged in his neck and resulted in his requiring serious medical attention."

Inquiry

Henry said there might well be cause for a national inquiry into national sporting events after the riot, which she said was the most serious trouble made at a university tournament.

"There have been incidents over the years that have made me feel that we may well have to assess the involvement we have at Easter and Winter Tournament, the kind of activi-

ties that occur and the structure of national sporting tournaments of this nature."

She said all students had a responsibility to review the way they saw tournaments.

"Too often it's viewed as a chance to go away, get on the turps for the weekend and party till you drop. Whilst I'm not for one moment trying to suggest that students should not be involved in that kind of social activity, I think that there is cause to look at perhaps the way we send supporters who are not actively involved in sports down there."

Subsidised

The students association subsidised the costs of 70 tournament-goers at a cost of \$6000. Henry said all the people in the group were competitors and had to pay the balance of their



\$300 fare themselves.

Henry said she was 100 percent in favour of encouraging sporting events. "But obviously no rational person is in favour of the kind of behaviour that occurred over the weekend."

She said the image of students was greatly harmed by the violence.

"I think that it will be many months before the general public begin to take student activity seriously and I think university students are involved

in an enormous range of socially constructive activities that receive no publicity."

Publicity

I would hope that there were enough Mr or Mrs General Publics with children at university or tertiary institutions who are somewhat diffident about this publicity because they know their children haven't been involved in these activities but there is still a wide body of people who will respond to com-

ments like 'the next time students say they pay too much in fees just laugh at them because they don't pay enough.'

"The reality is that the majority of people at universities and at tertiary institutions, under the new funding regime of user pays, are actually having a much harder time surviving."

"I would say the 16,000 people who are students at Auckland University ... will be outraged by this slur on their character."

Vandalism "Unacceptable" say Police

Dunedin's police chief says he hopes he'll be retired by the time Easter Tournament returns to Otago. And he won't be living in North Dunedin, the site of the student riot.

By Max Chapple

Superintendent Bert Hill, the Dunedin District Commander, told *Craccum* he was "shocked and disappointed" at the behaviour of those involved. He said that before the riot the police had a good relationship with the city's students.

Hill said he believed no Aucklanders were among the 21 people arrested over the four hours of the April 14 tumult.

Between 1000 and 1200 people were in and around Castle Street, North Dunedin, at the time of the riot. Hill said several hundred were actually involved and the rest were spectators.

Hill said the riot started about 8.30pm when a car was set alight in Castle St and the disturbance grew quickly when young people were joined by a group of people, mostly students, after a nearby hotel closed.

Defence

Hill rejects suggestions the police provoked the violence.

"The police kept out of it at one stage and were set

upon by about 100 students who were throwing bricks etc and the police had to charge in to regain control and protect themselves."

He said the police dogs, which injured about 10 people, were not let loose.

"The dogs were on short leads with their handlers and the dogs were used as a second line of defence to persuade people to move from the area. A lot of the people concerned took no notice of requests from the police to shift and the dogs seemed to be the only effective way of shifting them."

"The primary concern that I had was that these tinder-dry double storey flats could have caught fire or collapsed from what seemed like hundreds of students that were moving through them."

Alcohol

Hill says the situation was not helped by the fact that the nearby hotel was closed and many people had nowhere to go. Tournament competitors had organised dinners, but some were held in pubs,

where under 20-year-olds could not enter.

"I think it was caused by a mixture of (those involved) being a bit liquor-ed, it being a nice fine Autumn Dunedin night and the fact that a lot of the visiting students didn't have anywhere to go."

"I was shocked and disappointed by the behaviour. It's a pretty sad commentary when the police have got to don protective clothing and have to go and use force when a little bit of common sense (by students) could have prevented it."

Unacceptable

Hill said the police has to respond to complaints.

"Turning over cars and burning cars is unacceptable. The police receive complaints and of course the police didn't know who the exact offenders were and the situation got out of hand from there."

He said that generally the relationship between the police and students in Dunedin had been good until the riot. Now they had to work on re-building that relationship, he said.

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Media coverage of the university sports events was finally achieved over the Easter Break, something the New Zealand Universities Sport Union has been trying to promote for years. But unfortunately the focus lay not on the hockey turf or volley-ball court, but on actions of a large group of students and young people squaring up against police in Dunedin on Saturday night.

Traditionally the night for sports dinners, tournament participants were dotted around town in various restaurants enjoying prizegiving ceremonies and presentations, while a large group of students and non tournament attendees were gathering at a party in Castle Street, North Dunedin. Strict licensing laws had forced under twenty year olds onto the streets, and participants in a car rally organised over the Easter period were enjoying the warm night when the Gardens Hotel, 200 yards away from the party was closed down by a fire alarm. Students and other young people who vacated the hotel moved down Castle Street to join the group of partygoers, and police were called to disperse the (by now) large and noisy crowd as the disturbance was causing concern to neighbours.

The presence of police, fire engines, tow trucks and police dogs led to a rapid increase in numbers as students and members of the general public flowed into the area to watch the 'show'. Unfortunately a group both on the road and lining the houses in Castle Street began throwing bottles onto the road and at police, who were forced to don riot gear and move in to break up the crowd. Several people found themselves on the wrong end of a police dog, including many who were uninvolved with the incident but who had come to watch.

The events of Easter Saturday overshadowed what was otherwise a well run and competitive Easter Tournament. Commonwealth Games swimmers, Mark Weldon and Phillipa Langrell, an NZU Women's Hockey team of NZ representatives and a high class Rugby League match which attracted a huge crowd of spectators received little or no attention from the media, who preferred, and still prefer, to focus on the negative aspects of the Easter weekend.

NZUSU Executive Director, Roger Wood, said that the tournament social events had gone off "without a hitch". "Unfortunately we cannot organise activities for hangers-on and members of the general public uninvolved with our events. However we do accept



that the role and control of supporters needs to be looked at, and the emphasis on alcohol as part of the student culture needs to be removed", he said.

"Obviously we hope to be able to hold future tournaments; the sports themselves should not be the ones to be punished for the actions of others. However, in these times of high student profile in the

areas of fees and education campaigns, we cannot allow the work done by NZUSA and the Students Associations in educating the public about the real plight of students to be undermined by the events surrounding tournament".

The Sports Union have commissioned an urgent review into all aspects of tournament organisation, including the manage-

ment, size and control of teams travelling to and from the event, media coverage, disciplinary procedures and the role of future tournaments. NZUSU hopes to discuss the report with the Vice Chancellor's Committee in four weeks time, and to set in place recommendations that will ensure the events of Easter 1990 are not repeated.

University sports tournaments are likely to be canned following the student riot which marred the Otago Easter Tournament, according to Auckland University student sports officer Andrew Wickers.

By Max Chapple

"They will probably be cancelled from now on," Wickers told *Craccum* when he returned from Dunedin where 21 people were arrested after violence erupted among students in Dunedin North.

Wickers said the violence was the worst ever seen at tournaments, which have been a part of university life since 1902.

"In 1987 there were riots at Waikato on campus, but nothing compared to

last Saturday night. That was by far the worst."

Success

Wickers said the riot was "not what we were there for" and the tournament was a success in



WANTED

Student leaders decided to offer a reward of \$500 for information leading to the conviction of the individual who threw a dart at a police officer during the disturbance in Dunedin on Saturday night.

National student president Suze Wilson said that she believed most students shared the abhorrence of the wider public about this incident in particular, and she hoped that the gesture made by Students Associations would go some way toward repairing the relationship between students, the police and the general public.

Ms Wilson also emphasised that there had been a number of other equally serious incidents that occurred on Saturday night and that students associations believed these should be pursued with equal vigour.

"There is no intention of embarking on a witch hunt or of attempting to ignore other incidents of violent behaviour", she said. "This is simply an indication of our deep concern about what has happened," Ms Wilson said.

Student leaders also agreed to make every ef-

fort to identify the troublemakers and take disciplinary action against the individuals concerned. Suze Wilson said Students Associations' disciplinary powers can range from a reprimand to fining, requiring community work to be done, to removal of all privileges and banning individuals from future student associations events.

Serious offenders could also be referred to the university Proctors or disciplinary committees who have powers to expel students from university. Students Associations will also participate in the urgent review of Tournaments, being conducted by the University Sports Union. "The basic message we have for the troublemakers is to grow up and own up, because we are as disgusted with your behaviour as the rest of the country," she said.



terms of sport. Auckland came third overall, behind Otago and Canterbury.

But he said the violence, which he said no Aucklanders were involved, would probably ruin the event.

"The Vice Chancellors Committee met after 1987 and basically said that we were on a thin line. Maybe we're being a bit pessimistic but I honestly cannot see tournaments continuing."

"We'll fight as hard as we can to get them continued because we don't think that it was the sports people's fault or that we should suffer because of what a couple of idiots did down there."

Facilities

Meanwhile, Auckland University registrar Warwick Nicoll suggested future tournaments could be put under threat after the

violence.

"Tournaments are really reliant upon the use of university facilities and tournaments are supposed to be primarily sports events. And if this is what's happening it questions the use of facilities."

He said it was likely the Vice Chancellors Committee would be discussing the matter.

Nicoll said that irrespective of who took part in the violence it was not the way to behave.

Sympathy

"It's a most inopportune time for students to be behaving in that sort of manner because it's at the stage when they're requesting a degree of sympathy from the public because of the Education Amendment bill," Nicoll said.

"Students also want sympathy over fees and I think they've lost it."

RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT RIOT

"Student disorder 'worst since the Springbok tour' " screamed a front page headline in last week's Otago Daily Times, a product of the media field day which followed the student riots in Dunedin North at Easter. But was it a simple case of drunken student louts versus the police? Max Chapple talks to Auckland University students who were there....

Auckland University Students Association media officer James Dolan was in a group of about 30 Auckland student sport-people which arrived at Dunedin's Gardens Tavern at around 8pm on April 14. He says the beginnings of the riot which was to make National news began there.

"There were a lot of people milling outside. The publican had shut the doors of the pub and the police were proceeding to throw under-age drinkers out. It was soon after that the publican decided things were getting a little bit out of hand and he decided to shut the pub at which stage someone decided to set off the fire alarm. The pub emptied."

He says the group, which some say included 500 people, then joined a street party in nearby Castle St, an area with a large number of student flats.

"It was because of the fact that the group of people coming out of the pub basically had nowhere to go — there were no pubs in the vicinity; and the fact that there was also a fairly rowdy party going on down the road, which apparently had turned a bit nasty, that culminated in bottles being thrown around and cars being pushed around."

"I would say it was a bit of aggression going on at this particular party that started it. When guys start pushing cars around, which obviously they don't own, people start getting a bit aggressive about it."

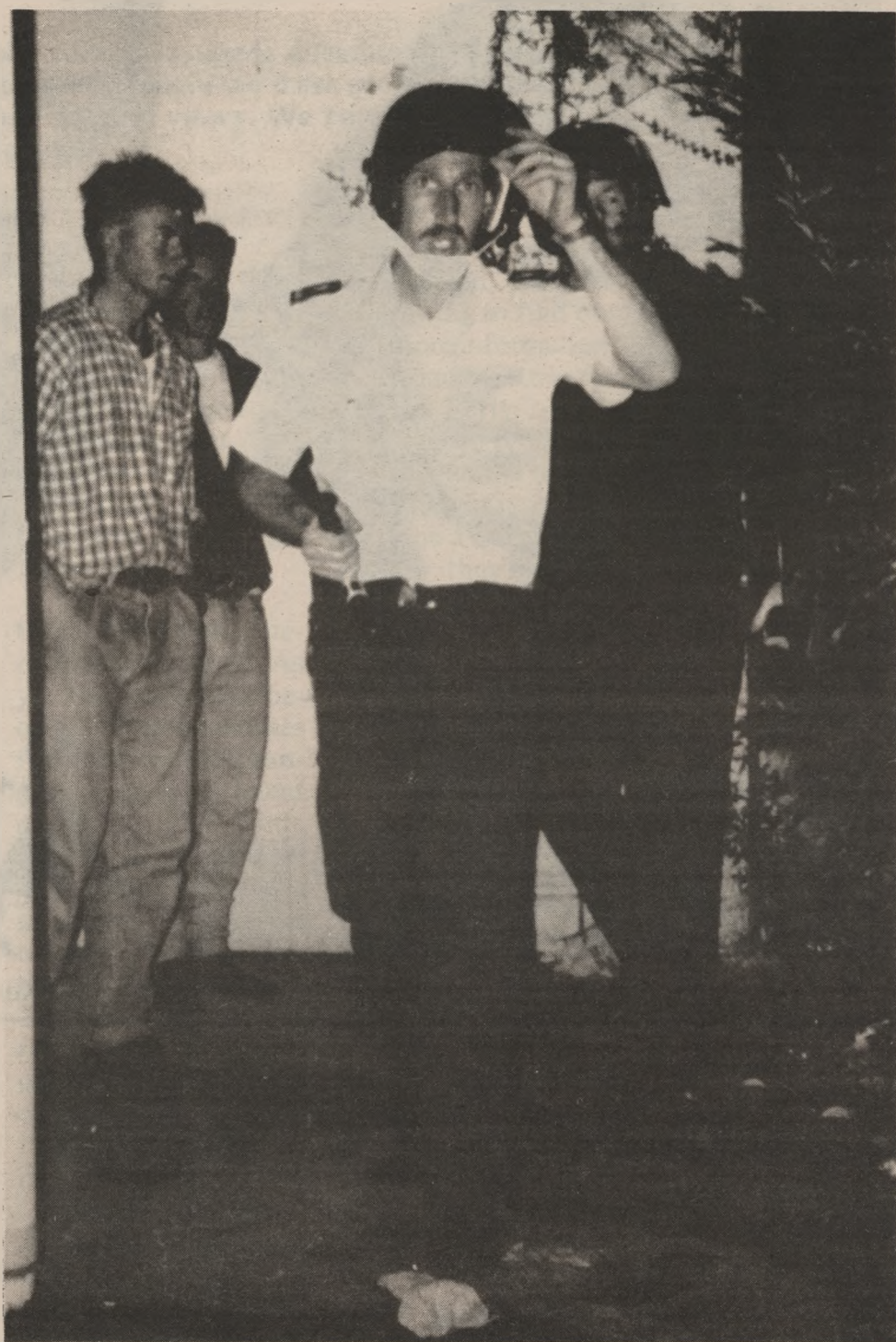
At this stage, police say a sofa was set alight and cars were rolled and set alight. Later students threw bottles, tiles and bricks and vandalised fences and destroyed a garage roof.

Dolan: "It was largely the people coming out of the pub — they observed it. It was like a spectator event. The word got around that there was this thing happening and students from all over Dunedin migrated."

"I wasn't actually involved because when this bottle throwing started our group decided that we best get out of the place and we went on to another pub in town."

Dolan says most involved in the riot were students, but says all Aucklanders were accounted for and met in another pub at the height of the riot.

"From what I could see they weren't uniformed in any way, they weren't from any particular



university. I presume from that they were mainly local students. Certainly I didn't see any Aucklanders. There were no Aucklanders in the thick of it — they turned up at the next pub."

Dolan says the police were wrong in shutting the Garden Tavern.

"The only time I saw the police was at the pub where I felt they were making a bit of a mistake in closing the place down. But apart from that I didn't see them attack anybody. I understand that they did let a number of police dogs go loose in the riot. They had given people a chance to move on ... to a large extent they were fair game."

"There were a number of innocent people that were bitten by dogs but again no Aucklanders were involved in that."

In fact 11 people were bitten by dogs, which police say were on short leads.

Dolan says the riot was disappointing for the image of Easter Tournament and the group of Aucklanders wanted no part in

it. He suspects local students and other South Islanders, in town for the \$500 car rally were responsible.

"Our team's behaviour was almost exemplary and the trouble just wasn't our scene at all. Down in Dunedin it's like a student city — everywhere you go there are students and I think that element down there of loutish young students and I think they were the ones that actually became aggressive towards the cops."

"That wasn't what the tourney was all about and I don't feel it was largely tourney people, I feel that the competitors in the tournament were to a large degree spectators in that particular riot."

But that won't stop the tournament's, as well as student's reputations suffering a severe blow, he says.

"It's serious in the fact that these sports events will probably suffer because of it. It's serious in the fact that perhaps the Government can now be even harsher and use these sorts of incidents as ex-

cuses for that.

"I feel that there certainly were a lot of factors involved, it wasn't as the media painted it. The Easter tournament isn't, as they say, a place where students go and get pissed. There is a lot of serious competition, there's a lot of non-serious competition."

He says the organisers of the tournament must take some responsibility for not organising entertainment for all competitors on the Saturday night. All sports had special dinners, but some were held in hotels where under 20-year-olds could not attend.

"It was plain to us that they didn't have anything organised for Saturday night. There has been trouble in the past when they try to shut bars and stop people from having a good time. Bear in mind that this was at 8pm on a Saturday evening."

Another AUSA media officer, Ross Fischer, walked down Castle St just before the riot broke out. This is what he saw: "While I walked

through there were parties all along the street that had come out in to the street. There were say 50 people running amok, breaking fences and stuff and there were a handful of police standing there trying to prevent that. I think that was the nucleus of the riot."

"It looked like the police were just trying to keep order. There were no long batons or police dogs there at that stage, just a handful of police trying to calm things down."

It was people starting to get a bit loose and stupid. It was that which would have started it in my opinion."

Fischer supports the claim that Aucklanders had no part in the violence.

"To my knowledge Aucklanders were not actually involved at all in the riot other than trying to avoid being bitten by police dogs travelling back to another bar. The police dogs were being pretty indiscriminate on who they bit. They weren't actually just honing in on trouble makers all of the time."

Student sports officer Andrew Wickers, who was at a rowing dinner in the Garden Tavern when the main violence broke out says the police wanted the tavern to stay open.

"Once the fire alarms were set off at the Gardens the police came in and to my knowledge the police asked that it stay open but the management asked that it close. There were a few people bottling the police but they just moved everyone down. It was just natural progression, they just moved down to this party. There were too many people there and they were probably getting upset with cars going past so they decided to barricade off the road for a street party and that's when the cars got rolled."

Wickers says he and two other rowing controllers, from Otago and Canterbury, went to Castle St.

"None of us recognised anyone there. It was to a certain degree supporters that had come down. It was also to a certain degree non-students. We decided we'd help the police try to clear it because it was not going to help Tourney."

"When we went there and told people to move on the main replies were 'we're just watching, we're not doing any harm,' and 'we're not students, don't tell us what to do.'

Wickers says the police dogs did injure bystanders.

"I think the dogs were probably a bad call but at the same time, in the heat of the moment, I don't

think you can blame them. I do know they were understaffed."

"Those that took part in the riots were idiots and should be condemned for it and I think the general student body will condemn them. But to generalise and say that the student body is made up of idiots is not on."

Student Peter Grey says the police did not know what to do.

"They closed the bar and everybody decided en masse to move down the road. There was a whole bunch of us Auckland guys, 12 or 15, jogging down the street army style, making a lot of noise and that."

"The first paddy wagon turned up, came flying up the road and actually tried to push me over I think. I was trying to get away from them ... their door came out and just about cleaned me out."

"We moved off after that because we didn't want to be any part of it, and as we were going we heard a few cans being thrown. That's when the bad stuff started happening — once a few cans had been thrown and bottles came in."

Grey says that before the police arrived there was no riot.

"It was like a big street party. There were a lot of boozed people around and I think someone had taken an old sofa out on the road and burned that, but it was their own sofa. There was no vandalism going on. When I was there the next morning at 9.30am there wasn't a single broken window in the whole street. That's a pretty strange riot."

He says the police should have used a calmer approach.

"They could've sent a few guys walking up the road to see what was going on. But no, they sent paddy wagons going a pretty good speed up the road. When it did actually become a riot they brought the dogs in and were letting them loose. They were sicking the dogs on to girls."

"You talk to anyone that was there and they've all got stories about being beaten up or seeing people being beaten indiscriminately."

"They weren't giving their numbers to anyone — they had their coats on over their numbers so you couldn't tell who they were. It was really loose."

"There was a riot. They blew up a car and there were bottles being thrown but there was no riot before the cops turned up. I think it was just inexperience. They didn't know what to do."

CAPPING REVUE

REVIEW

TREAT IT RIGHT

At the maidment Theatre until May 5

Confused, bewildered and uncomfortable is how I felt after seeing *Treat it Right*. In other words, the play worked.

What impresses me most about this serious and very funny study of New Zealand race relations is that it draws no conclusions — it offers the audience the pieces and urges it to attempt the puzzle.

Treat it Right is set in present New Zealand and looks at four extreme views of New Zealand's race issues. Harsh stereotypes of characters and social levels are used throughout, but more in the name of well-meant humour and clarity than malice.

Leading *Treat it Right* are Kenny (played by Pete Smith) and Louise (Sarah Smuts-Kennedy), who meet on their return from overseas. Kenny is a jovial young Maori tied to his whanau and Louise a yuppie lawyer who did a Maori paper at university (and apologises for the

fact). Of the pair, Smuts-Kennedy puts more energy into her part.

As important as Kenny and Louise are to the play, and as real in society, are extremists Mere (Briar Smith) and Mr Earl (John Watson). Mere is a relative of Kenny and a moody Maori radical — while we're talking stereotypes, we may as well give them labels. And Mr Earl, Louise's uncle, is a commercial tycoon who wants to build a casino on land belonging to Mere and Kenny's whanau.

Treat it Right's storyline highlights the main attitudes of New Zealanders as well as looking at the relevance of the Pakeha justice, educational and economic systems to Maori. Its theme is cold and serious, but topical sitcom and a pair of outrageously funny over-the-top comperes/jesters (Fiona Edgar and Richard Haeata) make it highly entertaining.

Treat it Right is not merely a play with a message attached; it's a message with a play attached.

Max Chapple



Pete Smith (Te Rarawa) and Sarah Smuts-Kennedy play Kenny and Louise

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is for Witch Wicker Woman of the West, each and every goddess Wommin, Womyn and Woman and lady and girl if that's what you like.

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is for Ovary, Ovulating and Oestrogen reproducing the 'O' which is the naming of the circle And for Orgy And Orgasm and the O-pression of words like this.

M

is for Menstruation, the Moon and Mother That circle as the belly goes around, the world. Yes! there is the concorde but that doesn't begin with M!

E

is for Eve, our matriach or did someone make her up? Nevertheless she is our prototype — so we fight for her innocence and ours as Lanyer¹ did The first drugs bust — Eve was radical — she, put Burroughs² to shame.

N

is for not — not enough letters struggling within confinements of Alpha-Beta, which stands for Aphra Behn³ — she made money. What would Women's language be like?



No! I'm not talking about those Stage II papers that argue Mrs and Miss versus Ms, the ahistorical pronoun 'he' and 'mankind' or why mistress has bad connotations.

I'm talking about that silence that might ensue. Language is silence with gaps of sound in it...

So where's the C? C is for Celebration.

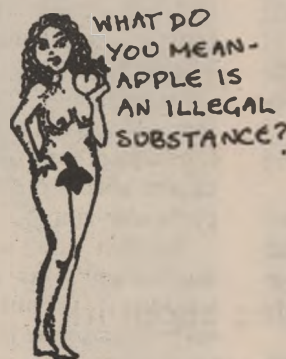
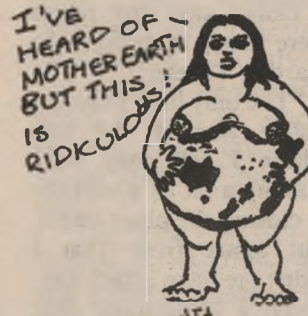
NB: The original text was found in burial caves of the Craa-pean Age — circa 2300 B.C.

¹Emelia Lanyer — 17th century poet who wrote an "Apolygie for Eve".

²William Burroughs — wrote "Junkie", 20th century.

³Aphra Behn — 17th-18th century playwright, novelist and poet. First woman to make her living from the pen.

Catherine Dale Josephine Tetley Jones



ONLY 150 POLLING DAYS UNTIL THE ELECTION

With the opinion polls pointing towards a National Party win in October's general election, we thought we'd ask some decent, level-headed citizens for their political views. We couldn't find any so we asked students instead....

Suzanne Lloyd, science (university): I wouldn't vote Labour because they're charging university fees. I probably won't vote.

Joe Babich, engineering (university): I'm going to vote National because Dad said to.

Jennie Rutherford, arts and commerce (university): I'd vote for National because I don't like Labour's policies about students' payments and grants and all that. Basically if you don't like Labour there's nothing else, so I'll vote National.

Stuart Thorp, architecture (university): I'm not too sure. I sort of get a little bit disillusioned by the whole lot of them so I'm a bit undecided. They are all as bad as each other in a lot of ways. I think all they do is just bring out an opposite policy to cover a different group of people.

Carolyn Gow, accountancy and law (ATI): I'm going to stick with Labour because I reckon the reason they've had so many problems is because for the screw-up that National did. What Labour's doing, from what I've learned in economics and everything, is bas-

ically the right thing but New Zealand and it's economy just has to pay the price for a couple of years before it starts to get right. I understand that things have to get worse but hopefully they'll get better soon.

Greg Harrison, accountancy (ATI): As yet I'm undecided because of the candidates for my area (Pakuranga), I want some decent candidates. I'm a little bit dissatisfied with Labour's policies at the moment because they're creating too much unemployment. The issues that are raised and the campaigns that are presented will swing my vote in the appropriate party's favour.

Catherine Field, planning (university): I'm definitely not voting Labour because I reckon they've ruined the economy in the last six years. I won't vote for National. I don't think, because they haven't got a strong enough opposition, they're pretty weak. The other alternatives are pretty slim so I haven't decided yet. It's a bit of a worry.

James Clark, marketing (ATI): It'll have to

be National, but I'm still waiting to find out a bit more information. There's no future in the Labour Party — it's not going to be a question of whether they're going to win it, it's going to be a question of whether they're going to survive after the elections.

Jamee Norling, arts (university): I'm actually undecided at the moment. I haven't looked at party policies too closely and I think I might vote National because they've got a few good policies for next year and I'm feeling slacked off with Labour.

Marlon Burdge, law (university): I'll vote for the Social Credit party because I don't want to vote for Labour or National. They're ratshit.

Stuart Flyger, science (university): I won't vote for anyone because of apathy.

Wendy Newton, science (university): I'll vote for a small party because I don't believe in the bigger parties and I'm not very interested in politics.

Ross Fischer, arts (university): I'm going to vote for National because basically I think Labour is gay.

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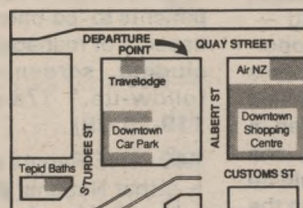
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Cervical Cancer Inquiry Challenged

On Friday 20th April a statement of claim was made in the High Court of New Zealand. The Applicant challenges the veracity of the findings of the Cervical Cancer Inquiry and seeks an order that they be set aside.

Judge Silvia Rose Cartwright, a District Court Judge, presided over the Cervical Cancer Inquiry and is named as First Respondent. The Attorney General of NZ is named as Second Respondent.

The action has been brought by V Smith, a retired school teacher, who had previously presented a submission to the Inquiry.

The Committee of Inquiry was appointed because of an article published in Metro (June 1987). In this article allegations were made by Sandra Coney and Phillida Bunkle concerning the treatment of Cervical Cancer at National Women's Hospital. The Inquiry ultimately resulted in a report being submitted to the Minister of Health, the Honourable David Caygill on 29 July 1988.

The action is based on several arguments as follows:

1) "That the basis for the Metro article was an erroneous interpretation of a 1984 McIndoe et al paper." That is, that the Metro article was based on faulty premises.

2) That Judge Cartwright "in her Report of the Cervical Cancer Inquiry 1988 erroneously interprets the 1984 paper." It is alleged that the Judge's medical advisers also failed to interpret the 1984 McIndoe paper correctly. Thus they inadequately advised the Judge on matters pertaining to the Inquiry.

It is further alleged that the motives of Dr Charlotte Paul, one of the advisers to the Commission, are suspect.

3) "That the Cartwright Report has no scientific basis."

"29. APPENDIX 3 of the Cervical Cancer Report calls for a review of the histological classifications of some 200 cases excluded from the 1984 paper. A number large enough to alter progression percentages.

"30. SOME clinicians disputed the classifications of the pathologist Dr McLean.

"DR McLEAN'S histology (and pathology) were unquestioned when patient files examined.

"32. THE Report states — 'We have noted a number of cases of this sort, where there has been debate

about the initial histology. We accept that Dr McLean's review of the original histology will have led to the final classification. Nevertheless, an independent review of the histological diagnosis of these cases should be undertaken if there is to be a final scientific assessment of progression to invasion and the outcome of treatment at National Women's Hospital (page 230 CR)

"33. THE review should have been undertaken before the report was written. Reputations have been ruined and the evidence is not in.

"34. FURTHERMORE the First Respondent's bias is shown when she prejudices the outcome by saying — '...if a substantial proportion of microinvasion cases on review were re-classified as CIS only and included in the analysis, then the progression rates would be higher than calculated in the original publication.

"35. PROGRESSION rates of course would be lower if a substantial proportion of microinvasion cases on review were re-classified as CIS only and included in the analysis as remaining as CIS. Only a review is capable of establishing progression rates and the accuracy of Dr McLean's classifications."

4) Judge Cartwright "because she did not understand the paper by McIndoe et al was not capable of evaluating its value against Professor Green's publications."

5) The statement of claim says:

"47. THAT the consultation Clinic at National Women's Hospital was meeting 'the cultural, emotional, family and social consequences of the diseased,' (CIS) as well as providing 'accurate information concerning diagnosis, treatment and future management of the disease.' (Page 119 CR)

"48. THE Report lists criteria for the future needed for patients to 'co-operate in all aspects of management including screening and follow-up.' (7a-e Page 119-29 CR)

"49. THE Report states: '...that National Women's Hospital has for the past 30 years adopted a policy of assiduous and thorough follow-up of patients diagnosed with CIS. For some time hardly a patient was misplaced. Dr Green himself wrote to patients on occasions and took great pains to enquire about their health and families and to reassure them. Miss Owen in 1987 was

working part time at the clinic, has given superb service to the Hospital over many years. Her care and ingenuity in locating patients, unaided by computerised facilities, deserves the warmest praise as does her unfailing courtesy and willingness to help locate files for my medical advisers and Inquiry staff.' (Page 49 CR)

'...Very few of the patients interviewed by the First Respondent had complaints about the doctors at National Women's Hospital or about the treatment they had received.' (Page 155 CR)"

"50 THE 1984 paper states that —

'...none of the 617 patients observed in the first 17 years, and only 29 of the 331 in the last five years have been lost to follow up.'

"51. SURELY this indicates that the Consultation Clinic was fulfilling the criteria listed in the Report of the Cervical Cancer Inquiry as being necessary if patients are 'to co-operate in all aspects of management including screening and follow up.' (Page 120 CR)"

6) The applicant states that "there has been a real likelihood or reasonable grounds for suspecting

that the First Respondent (Judge Cartwright) has been biased against Dr Green and Bonham and the Medical Profession."

"53. THE grounds upon which the Applicant seeks relief are that there has been a real likelihood or reasonable grounds for suspecting that the First Respondent has been biased against doctors Green and Bonham and members of the Medical Profession before and during the course of the inquiry and in preparation of her report in that:

(a) She prejudged the issue of the Doctors Green and Bonham's involvement in the treatment or lack of treatment of patients at National Women's Hospital.

(b) She indicated a degree of partisanship by/before the appointment of the commission and during the conduct of the inquiry and in the report expressing opinions antagonistic to members of the Medical Profession and in particular Doctors Green and Bonham.

(c) She thereby rendered herself unable fairly to enquire into and report upon the matters referred to in the terms of reference.

The following is relied on to establish there are reasonable grounds for this allegation:

(a) The statements made by the First named Respondent prior to her accepting the commission: 'The rights of women and children are firmly entrenched in legislation in New Zealand, but full social acceptance of these rights is probably still some time away while those in the most powerful positions in the country continue to be predominantly middle age, middle class and male' (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific Country Nomograph Series No 12, 1985, Page 191)

(b) That access to research resources (specifically: funds and skilled researchers) must be made easier for those outside academic circles i.e. local interest groups and organisations (including ethnic and other minorities, women, the unemployed, the disabled) so that research serves the interests of the disadvantaged, not merely the moneyed and those trying to further their careers.' (Report of Committee Appointed to Review the Social Sciences Research Fund Committee 1987, Page 37)

This report was delivered to the Honourable Ann Hercus and the Honourable Robert Tizard on the 4th day of May 1987, five weeks be-

fore the commission was established.

(c) That the said report assisted and was consistent with the Labour Government's policy of moving money from biomedical research towards consumer initiated social research. The Commission Report provided the justification for this fundamental change.

(d) That one of the parties, Sandra Coney consulted with the Minister of Health, Michael Bassett, over the choice of Judge to undertake the Commission. Sandra Coney recommended to the Minister the First Respondent.

(e) That the Medical Researcher appointed to assist the First Respondent, Dr Charlotte Paul is the colleague of Professor David Skegg of the Otago Medical School and a co-author with him.

Prior to the First Respondent's appointment, Professor Skegg had engaged in a bitter dispute with members of the academic staff at National Women's Hospital.

It was Professor Skegg who coined the phrase 'The unfortunate experiment' in relation to Professor Green's work.

It was well known that Dr Green maintained that no-where have mortality rates been reduced by national cervical screening and that it could not be justified on a cost effective basis (in New Zealand 1989 \$14 million).

Dr Paul's views over the value of national cervical screening were in accord with Professor Skegg's and she was hostile to Professor Green's views on national cervical screening.

The same Doctor Paul made the complaint to the Auckland Hospital Board concerning Clare Matheson's treatment at National Women's on which so much of the Commission's report is based.

(f) That on the anniversary of the delivery of her report the First Respondent attended a meeting with the co-authors of the Metro article, Sandra Coney and Phillida Bunkle and also with Clare Matheson as witness and party and received a gift from these persons who considered themselves the victors of the Cartwright Report.

(g) That the Judge refused to accept the sworn testimony of Professor Green, Professor Bonham, Mr Bruce Grieve and Mr Bruce Faris that at the time no concern had been voiced by Dr McIndoe nor Dr McLean at the 1966 Committee meetings nor was any documentation tabled



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there by Dr McIndoe.

(h) That the judge charged Professor Green with misleading the inquiry when Professor Green denied receiving any communication or memorandum from Dr McIndoe dated the 15 April 1969.

Except for reference in other of McIndoe's memorandum or letters, no evidence was produced to show that in fact Dr McIndoe had forwarded such documents to Professor Green or that he in fact had received them.

A copy of such a memorandum with a hand-written date and unsigned was found amongst Dr McIndoe's papers.

(i) That the judge allowed evidence of swabs taken

from the vaginas of new born babies to be admitted as evidence including allegations that such testing was based on racial discrimination.

These matters had nothing to do with the terms of reference and press coverage was emotional and prejudiced the credibility of the evidence given by Doctors Green and Bonham."

If these allegations are proved correct, then the impartiality of our court judges would be called into question. If this action is upheld it would indicate that politics had encroached on the ability of the judicial system to deliver justice independently.

DB Draught Easter Tournament Results

Otago	1st
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Cricket	3rd
Cycling	1st
Debating	3rd
Fullbore Shooting	2nd
Rowing	2nd
Swimming	1st
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Tennis	1st
Volleyball	1st
Waterpolo	1st
Womens Hockey	1st

Canterbury	2nd
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Cycling	2nd
Cricket	2nd
Debating	2nd
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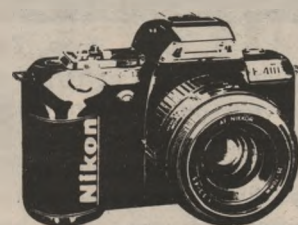
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Auckland	4th =
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Lincoln	4th =
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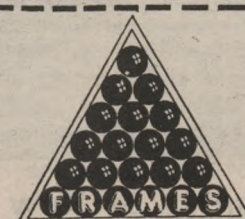
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TELEVISION WITH TRAVIS BRICKLE

After utilising my in house contacts at TVNZ and TV3 I am now in a position to be able to exclusively reveal the upcoming additions to their respective schedules for the competitive winter viewing season. Somewhat surprisingly it appears that all three networks have departed from their usual staid mix of sitcoms and games shows and will be taking a bold step into radical programming. But that's deregulation for you. Remember, you read it hear first.

Following the phenomenal success of 'Superstars of Wrestling' TVNZ has astutely purchased two of its spinoff shows. 'Superstar Blood Test,' which acts as a platform for the superstars of wrestling to prove that they have real courage away from the nanceyboy theatrics of the ring, looks to be the most promising of these. In the pilot episode Hulk Hogan must demonstrate his bravery by allowing himself to be tied up, blind folded and dropped into an empty floatation chamber, where he must face Sean Mooney and his tag team of 17 giant cave wetas. Then batten down the hatches for an attempt by the Macho Man Randy Savage to munch his way through eight cups of dry bran inside fifteen minutes, aided only by half a glass of lukewarm salt water. Hosted by Robert Stack.

STB will be complimented by 'The Superstars Speak' a show that will probe issues salient to pro-wrestling. In the first week Ravishing Rick Rude leads a frank discussion with the studio audience on steroid use and winkie shrinkage, and Andre the Giant chairs an animated panel debate between De-

molition and the Bushwackers on the trauma of discovering you have an IQ below room temperature.

Fans of the high life should be looking forward to 'The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous New Zealand Special,' on TV1 which will document Robin Leach's recent sojourn to our humble shores. Watch for the clip revealing how celebrated yachtsman Chris Dickson keeps Godfrey, his pet marino lamb on board KZ7 during big races for good luck. Also appearing will be Kiwi rockers Ardijah who take Robin for a ride in their hotted up Holden Torana and Kiri Te Kanawa, who will explain why she is such a symbol of Maori pride in 1990 even though she lives in England and sings in Italian for a German record company.

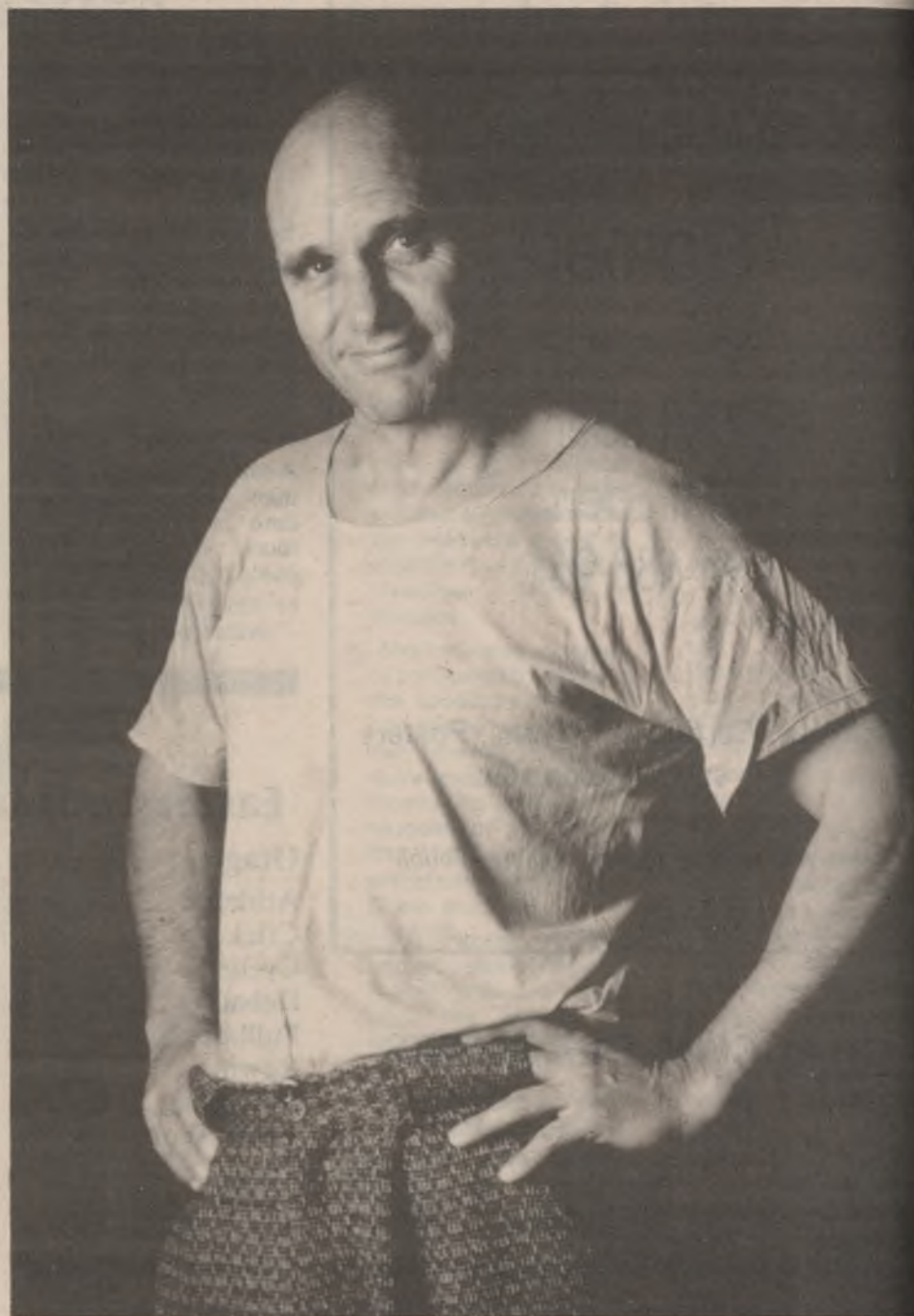
Action fans will be in for a treat when TV3's 'Killed by the Tizards' hits our screens. Each week New Zealand's most famous political family — former cabinet minister Bob, mayoress of Auckland and Governor General to be Cath and aspiring MP Judith Tizard — will hunt down and kill a prominent public figure nom-

inated by the viewers. Lotto presenter Doug Harvey is rumoured to be the leading contender for the inaugural victim role now that Philip Sherry has gone into hiding. I must say it's good to see TV3 finally putting some real effort into increasing their local programming.

The gap in TV2's science fiction schedule left by the banishment of 'Dr Who' to Sunday mornings should be more than adequately filled by the premier of the ground breaking local mini series 'Spaceprobe 2036.' When the Bluff Aluminium Smelter finally runs dry in the year twenty thirty six it is up to the gregarious Captain Trevor Tasman (Bruno Lawrence) and his crew aboard the Endeavour 2 to probe deep space for a possible substitute.

Keen eyed Auckland viewers may spot that the lunar station Bruno strolls through in the Mars sequence is actually Chase Plaza, but otherwise the special effects (supplied by the Wild South Team) are dazzling. A cameo appearance by Rob Lowe as Glowthor, King of the Venus Fish People should help overseas sales.

There aren't many programmes around today



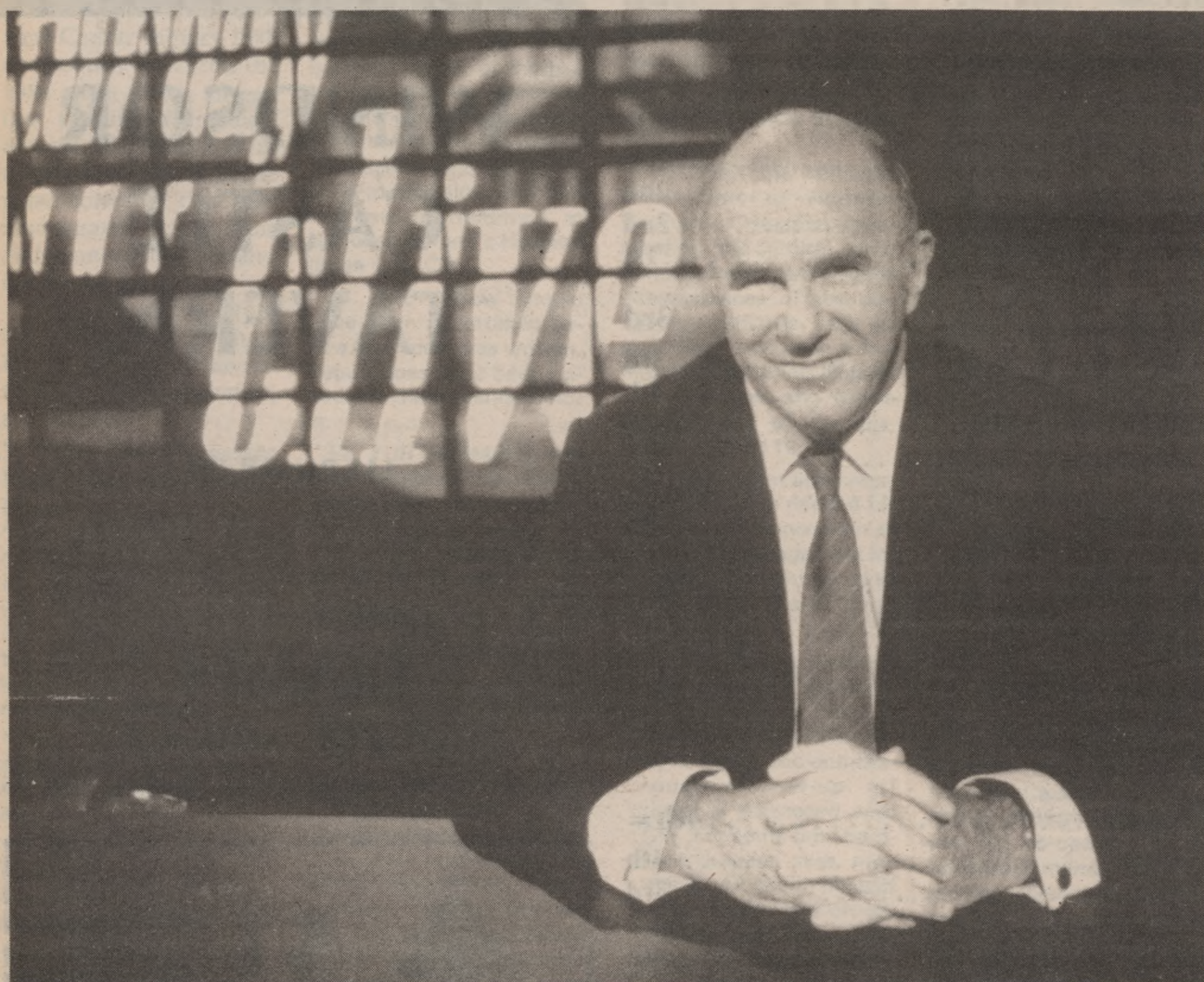
Bruno Lawrence: total eclipse of the hairline

that the whole family can watch, but thankfully this situation will be partially remedied when 'Jason Donovan's Australia' debuts on TV1. This quirky show received a slightly unkind reception from overseas critics ("unmitigated crap" — The New York Times) but was a massive hit with audiences. Keep an eye out for episode three in which Jason makes a visit to a Sydney hotel to watch top Aussie pub comic George Smilovitch, only to discover that George has abandoned his trademark redneck banter in favour of a more esoteric brand of humour. "Did you hear the one about the agnostic, insomniac dyslexic?" he asks his baffled audience. "He stayed awake all night wondering whether there really is a dog."

TV3 should be on to a ratings winner when it screens 'Rob Lowe: A Life,' a Hollywood tribute to the bratpack star killed in an apparently motiveless attack during a promotional trip to New Zealand by Ralph Tizard, who stabbed him in the

throat with an old cheese knife. An all star cast features, including Johnny Depp who sings a medley of Rob's favourite movie themes and Rachel Lowe who shows that she shares her late brother's ambition to make it in Hollywood by using the occasion to unveil her new exercise video. However at a bummering three hours long this extravaganza is probably best avoided by those who think that Lowe was a talentless twat anyway.

Back to reality for a moment, the quote of the week comes from Senior Sergeant Gubb in reference to Saturday Night Clive's pisstake item on our Crimewatch series. Gubb told TVNZ's Networks publication (issue 29) that Clive James is a "short, fat, balding man whose eyes move when he speaks. He's a number one suspect miscreant." Perhaps Clive will have a few choice words of reply when he arrives in the country next month to make a documentary about our 1990 celebrations. Watch this space.



Clive James: wanted by New Zealand police

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The Globe, one of the E-Team's regular haunts, is strategically placed between O'Rorke Hall and ATI, and is only a short stroll from varsity (and it shows!).

Photos: Wendy Newton

Until the mid-eighties the Globe ranked up there with the Kiwi and the Queen's Head as 'student/local' grovel pubs. With the removal of the pool tables and the associated accoutrements a few years back, the Globe sucked the big chrome apricot and the Banana Bar was born. With the surroundings following the laws of entropy, and returning to a comfy but tatty state, a new year's marketing ploy saw the birth of the Banana Republic (same bar, new colours, goodbye Tintin).

The Banana Republic Bar (henceforth to be

Was the manager trained at McDonalds? Does he have a degree in Hamburgerology? We think so.

The Globe caters for the lunchtime crowd with long rolls being the best value for money, toasties quite nice and pies bad value to the max. (However if you crave a good nosh out, the Breakfast Club across the road comes with an E-Team Recommendation). Nachos lasted 30 seconds in front of a starving E-Team (ever seen seagulls at the beach?).

Entertainment at the BRB consists of one pin-ball machine and gazing out the window. The boys

On tap at the BRB is Lion Rouge, Rheineck and Whitbread. At \$3.00 a real pint it's OK value. Spirits are also well priced and the fridge is well stocked with various ales (including Newcastle Brown Ale, that lovely brew).

Oh by the way, there are four other bars at the Globe:

1) **The Corner Bar:**
Quiet, often crowded, phone.

2) **The Other Downstairs Bar:**
Older clientele, more up-market.



known as BRB) is the closest the Globe has to a public bar. It requires a 'reasonable' standard of dress, although during the day this means clean as long as they like you and you're not underage.

Style Hint: If wearing a Swanny, don't complain about the music, eh J.S.?

The music, oh the music. The BRB has BFM type music, which means that if you stay there long enough you'll hear something you love (and something you hate). The music has a tendency to be a tad loud for a quiet lunchtime pint.

Style Hint Globe: During the DAY you're a pub not a NIGHTclub.

When asked, the staff will crank down the volume. The staff at the Globe are numerous and give courteous service, continually preventing the soggy elbow syndrome.

of the E-Team were forced to invent their own game to while away the hours. It started with an innocuous comment in late '89: "Wow, dudes. Have you checked out the number of smelly things in the urinal?" It escalated into an all-out debate between the advocates of 77 or 78. Eventually 77 won out and a new passtime was born.

3) **The Upstairs Bar:**
Restaurant, excellent jazz at night, take your Gold Card.

4) **The Garden Bar:**
Hahahahahahaha....

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P.S Donna gets the E-Team vote for most-nice bar person of the year.

The E-Team Rating



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Your choice of the word 'bloke' is reassuring as a bloke I am. I don't cook jam, eat quiche (unless I'm hungry) or wear kaftans, but I do believe that a bloke can be a gentleman and vice-versa.

I don't wear boat shoes, but have been known to pull on the old sea boots, me being more the crimson pirate than the pink yachtie.

You see, the issue at hand here is 'machismo.' Go right back to our primordial existence where the men were better suited to hunting and defending, where a sterile number of either sex was undesirable, where because the hunters were weary after their efforts it was only right that those that hadn't been out all day should cook the bounty.

I have machismo. I can win bread (or croissants if you fancy), I can bring home the bacon (or the pate de foi-gras if you prefer), I can put you with child, I can defend your honour (or your seat in Shadows) and all this while maintaining a certain decorum, politeness and sense of decency and without being domineering (unless you're into that) or without losing my own identity or independence.

Do not get me wrong; I drink beer with the best of them, play contact sports and am not adverse to the attentions of any lovely that happens my way, I

just do it all with more of a caring attitude.

I can relate to Agent Speight's ideas of a real man not having to chunder to prove his masculinity. Call me old fashioned, call me slightly chauvinistic, but never call me a chauvinist pig.

Now my Lady Cleo, you may wonder why I include you in this letter. The reason is that you strike me as being regal and intelligent and I therefore offer you a place beside me on my own throne.

Unfortunately my Lady, I have already offered my services to Charlene Porker and implied an availability to the women of The Campaign for Better Quality Blokes. You will therefore have to get in line although you do hold enough importance for me to show favour upon you and slip you to the front of the queue should you be deserving (ie show eagerness).

In Amused Anticipation of
Grateful Women
Bill. E. Goat

MORE REASON

Steve and Others

I would like to respond to every letter about my article "Reason or Christianity" especially as I think that, with the exception of Mr Lee's letter they are poorly argued. However for space purposes I will confine myself to Mr Blakely.

Your letter begins with an argument from analogy describing how it is possible that even great works, such as symphonies, may seem distorted if they are not taken as a whole and in context. This is true for many things, including works of art, but I think the Bible has at least

some other functions other than being aesthetically pleasing, rendering your analogy invalid (all analogies are formally invalid anyway). The Bible makes claims about the world that can be either correct or incorrect, that is, they have truth values. If then, the Bible claims that something is true at one point, and then contradicts this later, it obviously shows that there is something wrong. I agree that if we think that no actual error has occurred the surrounding text should be examined for any relevant textual information to support this claim. (Mr Jurgens claimed that I am distorting the text by using "...") rather than giving the full verse, however, this punctuation was inserted by Craccum editors).

I disagree in that I don't think theists are successful in this. You state that "Jesus like other Hebrew orators made use of hyperbole." This is acceptable in a secular context in which Jesus as a Jew, was trying to save other Jews from what he saw as the imminent end of the world. It is not however, acceptable if the Bible is considered the inspired word of God for all mankind. If this were that case there would be no need for hyperbole, there would be no language difficulties or textual corruption, nor a need for creative Christian clarification; every sentence would hold within the most sublime truth and a beauty far in excess of anything man has ever produced.

Moreover, if everlasting life or eternal torment (an atrocity makes a mockery of the idea of omnibenevolence) were dependent on the veracity of the Bible, it would be virtually an

obligation on God's part to keep this, at least, flawless. And as creator and sustainer of all things, continues perfection in this wouldn't be a problem.

Yet the Bible appears more as a book written by superstitious and ignorant men thousands of years ago, riddled with myth, absurdities and inconsistency. If you insist on absolute contextual accuracy, then you should insist on viewing the Bible as the product of its time, and not as something that has much relevance in the twentieth century.

You finish by claiming how atheists such as Bertrand Russell are often "crippled with gloom" and fail to answer the big questions. I will allow Russell himself to say a little on this matter; "I believe that when I die I shall rot, and nothing of my ego shall survive. I am not young and I love life, but I should scorn to shiver with terror at the thought of annihilation. Happiness is nonetheless true happiness because it must come to an end, nor do thought and love lose their value because they are not everlasting."

I do not, like K Barry, claim this to the final word on the matter, rather I look forward to a continuation of debate, for, as Nietzsche said, "If you wish to strive for peace of soul and pleasure, then believe, but if you wish to be a devotee of truth, then enquire."

Jason Des Forges
AUFT

HEIL MIKHAIL

Dear Steve

I see the champion of peace, Mr Gorbachev, has reverted to hype in Lithuania! Yes, the mighty Soviet armed forces are being employed to do what they do so well; crushing the civilian populace.

Hail the loving application of repression! Praise the peaceful conflict resolution of suppression. Glory to the co-operation of the organs of state in another purge.

As has happened in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, Albania, Romania, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, right through the history of the totalitarian communist system, so we see again the severe application of brutal imperialist power.

In a couple of weeks, let's ask the Lithuanians whether Mr Gorbachev's moderate peaceful ways can be believed and trusted. Has the leopard really changed his spots?

...And the peace movement wants us to unilaterally disarm. How naive! Human nature never changes. Power will always be the goal of the tyrant. Wimps spouting weasel words provide the tyrant's greatest window of opportunity.

Remember Chamberlain; "Peace in our time." He gave in to Hitler to avert a war and look what he got! The Romans reckoned if you want to enjoy peace, prepare for war. They were right too. When they failed to heed this advice, their destruction was completely assured.

The reason is simple. Nature abhors a vacuum. Provide a vacuum of power (ie flinch on resolute military defence) and then in will rush the aggressor.

What can keep him out? Words? Ha!

It seems those who ignore the lessons of history are doomed to repeat the mistakes.

Peace groups make me puke. I'd really like to see them make peace to an incoming barrage of machine gun bullets!

From
J Santucci

MOVE OVER JIMMY BAKKER

Dearly Beloved

On Thursday not a week ago I was a hopeless sinner found wanting in the (bank)balances. But on Friday my life changed forever as I discovered destiny within the pages of "Truth," an ethereal publication and thinly disguised Bible of my new God. Yes friends, I have accepted the incredible Hulk Hogan as my personal Lord and saviour and have had my prayers to him answered in the form of his loss in the WWf final so he can take up full-time preaching of the good word (singular).

Anyone who can change from the green freak of a low-rating TV show to a blond lusus naturae starring in god's mighty plan to wrestle control of men's hearts from the devil wins my soul completely and Hulk fits the (dollar)bill perfectly. Sinners, let it be known that He knows you as well as any evangelist knows his bank account and you can't hide from the big final. There is only one winner.

Yours in purgatory
Dave The Team

BOLD BOLLOCKING

Dear Steve

In reply to a letter you received from Trev Bold about the 'British' colonials coming to NZ and making it such a wonderfully nice place to live in. I think Trev Bold should pull his head from out of his arsehole and see the light.

The 'British' in all their arrogance seemed to and still do, believe that their culture is better than any other and 'enlightening' from them to others gives the others such a big advantage because the 'British' seem to believe they have saved many people from self-destruction.

What on earth do the British think? That Maori culture has nothing to offer? In all fairness I believe Maori culture has to offer more in the ways of enlightenment than any British religion or culture.

When the Poms took over NZ, did they bother to study and unbiasedly judge what was better for Maori people? The Poms also seem to believe that they introduced law, religion, technology and culture. Maori people already had their own laws, religion, technology and culture long before the Poms turned up.

As for a 'fair trade' between NZ and Britain, I can not

remember seeing any agreement made between Maori and Poms that was upheld for any length of time.

The Poms took the land from the Maori and now that they want it back, the Government is complaining.

Let's put the Treaty into terms so simple that 'Trev' will understand them better. Let's say Trev had a very nice car and I asked him if he would mind if I could use it. He said yes and I drive off for a short time. While I had the car, I had it repainted into a colour 'Trev' didn't like and had new seats placed into it. When Trev asks for his car back, I say "No way, look at all the work I have put into this car, I'm not giving it back."

Most 'normal' human beings would say the car was still Trev's and I shouldn't have changed it in any way and I should return his car right away and repair my damage.

The Treaty obviously doesn't involve a car and in reality giving all land back would cause revolutions. But Maori people are only asking for Crown land and I believe they are being very fair under trying conditions.

As for going to WW I for Britain, well the British killed thousands of NZers and Australians at Gallipoli alone, because it seemed to be a good idea. The British were the only ones to believe their idea would work.

I could go on but what Trev has written is uneducated and trivial. Maybe Trev could be 'enlightened' to what really happened if he did Sociology 82:101. He may learn something about New Zealand.

"How truth pricks the conscience," if only Trev knew the truth.

I don't know what your ancestors were, but I can safely say you are a "Moron" even though we have never met.

Your so called evidence is unfounded and I can only pity you for what you are.

Lets enlighten Trev Bold
Rodney Goodall

PS. A good NZ flag is one without the Union Jack on it.

TRAP, TREV?

Dear T Bold

I believe an example is in order Take a certain gentleman/prophet/son-of-God (delete that not applicable to your personal belief). This being (for lack of an all-encompassing word) was found guilty of a crime by the government of the time. He was sentenced to die "in a spectacular way" (your words!). That being is now the basis for probably the biggest religion this planet has seen. I am sure you will admit that this was not the aim of his judges. This seems a basic flawed example in your method, never mind whether he is guilty or not.

Yours
Scottie

PS. What does the 'T' stand for? 'Totalitarian'?

PPS. I am not a Christian (as my other views seem to show).

Craccum apologises
lay in printing of the
letters.

OPINE AWAY

Dear Ed

With reference to wars which occur in Craccum, I would point out something seems many people gotten.

If someone else's opinion, that opinion theirs and theirs on not extend to the outside universe nor even the Bombay Hills. (one person says (what mean it or not) is a gospel).

Why then do we have many objectionable Piglet's (and others) Have we not the freedom of speech (and freedom waste not your time like me!

Yours in

RALPH PICA

Dear Picasso

I would be interested in chasing your version of ploding pizza in a toilet cubicle," that display last week.

I would be interested in it to my collection includes "Pizza hut tree," and "explosion a HR Holden."

You
Patron

PS. How did you get the wall?

LET ME HEL

Dear Steve

So Piglet, in "Poi 4" forwards your denouncement of "in" crowd. Being and attractive too, bly one of the de ples he lustfully re

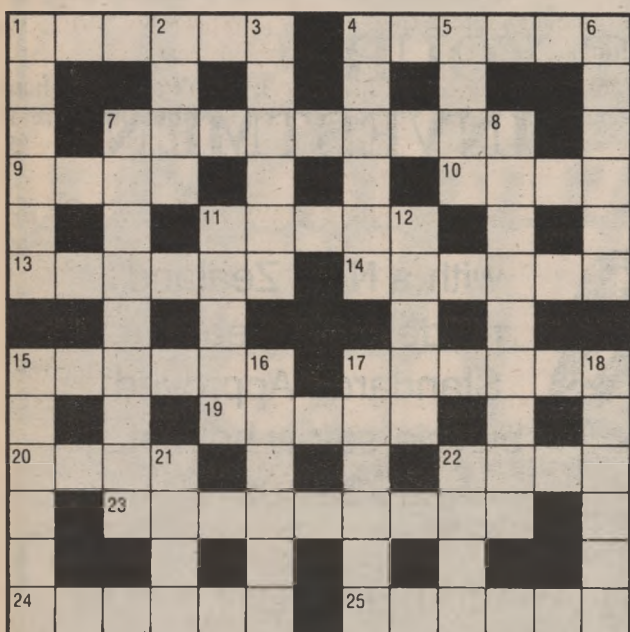
I can tell his pure taste for the styl Auckland, thinly veiling to become one obviously, he yearns of us girls sigh at t his Timberland shoe as we rip the butto his Country Road uncontrollable desi

Piglet, you must the theory of us fill a good, hard, deper neer is but a myth. you, so you will not to wile away your F jesting with your n the size of your un parts, over bang games.

I can show you that makes me and swoon, from the glance, barely long read the RayBan la glasses, to the lazy must assume to po: the seats above the To begin, you will le through the Law I your Daddy owns Meet me at one where.

PS. Please leave track pants in th Mummy will outfit shop up the Rise.

CROSSWORD



SOLUTION NEXT WEEK

Solution to Crossword, Issue 7:

Across: 1. Caller 4. Refund 7. Solicited 9. Moot 10. Dead 11. Liken 13. Driven 14. Defend 15. Filter 17. Avatar 19. Litre 20. Ease 22. Pool 23. Tradition 24. Encore 25. Carpet.

Down: 1. Calmed 2. Loot 3. Raisin 4. Raised 5. Feed 6. Deeded 7. Socialist 8. Detention 11. Level 12. Nerve 15. Fierce 16. Riddle 17. Arctic 18. Relent 21. Ergo 22. Pour

Across

1. Rely
4. Bend
7. Disadvantage
9. Sharp
10. Squad
11. Occurrence
13. Niggle
14. Train
15. Container
17. Bowperson
19. Domain
20. Yield
22. Against
23. Life
24. Parson
25. Followed

Down

1. Cloud
2. Fair
3. Obtain
4. Fix
5. Weakling
6. Wandered
7. Touchy
8. Household communicator
11. Kaumatua
12. Unit of heat
15. Almsman
16. Flirt
17. State as fact
18. Destroyed
21. Leave
22. Hi-lo cards

MAILBAG BACKLOG

SORT IT OUT

Steve

Who is this RM Bennett person? Why does he leap out of nowhere and start throwing accusations everywhere? I've never met him before and he has an unjustified stab at me.

Well shitforbrains Bennett, get your facts straight. I wasn't a failed IAO candidate! I was the IAO for 1989 and before you quote 3rd-hand details, sort those out too, for you are all wrong, little man.

I think it's time you realised that holding a position on Executive entails Responsibility to your constituents. Your free office and privileges are extended to you in accord with the work you do — not the attitude you hold. So — why don't you shut up with all the free flowing accusations on fascism-sexism-racist-everyone's picking on meism and do something to justify your 'exalted' station or you'll find a no-confidence motion come your way so quick you won't know what bloody hit you! And believe me, you've made enough enemies around here to see it happen.

The only thing Craccum readers want to see here from you is your report on your *positive activities*. If you keep up your present tactics — well, you have been warned. If you need advice from a previous IAO on what and how to do it — well come and ask me.

Michael-Garnet Holt
PS. By the way, if we're all so terrible to live with, why don't you go and live in one of the political systems you're always going on about, oops, sorry, I forgot, there's almost none left. Oh well, you can always shoot yourself, it's about the same.

Charlene Porker
PS. We can't keep doing it in taxis or buses or in McDonalds because I've used up all my money.

Charles Porker
PS. We can't keep doing it in taxis or buses or in McDonalds because I've used up all my money.

RE: RESPONSE

Dear Steve

RM Bennett's imbecilic reply to my last letter proves my points exactly.

1. He has no valid arguments against my case.
2. Therefore he relies on the knee-jerk reactions of his undisciplined emotions.
3. He does not have much ability to read and digest and think and learn. Witness his missing the thrust of my letter entirely.
4. He is doomed to waste his time screaming at, what to him must seem, an empty uncaring world. Really who takes him seriously?
5. He is immature. This is attested by his name calling; which no doubt he learned on the playground when the other kids beat up on him for his pectoral and how (unsavoury he was too).

Judging by the overwhelming response of students, this year's Craccum is very good. It has a larger following and indeed, participation than ever. For this the editors must be recognised.

RM Bennett is the one who is out of step on this issue when he criticises Craccum for providing students with a paper they approve of. Judging by his other nefarious habits, he's out

of step on other things too! Yes, he is the odd one isn't he!

It appears that rather than castigate myself, other Craccum correspondents and all those who enjoy this year's Craccum (and have so commented). RM Bennett needs to take a good look at himself. I doubt he'll enjoy what he finds.

Salutations to the flag
T Bold

PIGGY-WIGGY

Dear Piglet

Mummy says to ask you how rich you are.

She also said you've got one eye. But I bet it's a very pretty eye that's not too googly.

Anyway, she says you go to van shows or something. I bet that could be fun. But I think some silly-billies just wouldn't understand. That's because some people are really, really silly and dumb and you just feel like putting them in a small hole in the road.

Also, Mummy says I can't even drink or anything actually because because drinking is only for boys to make them man-like and I shouldn't enjoy anything and that any one who has a drink gets a disease thingy and their tummy goes too huge and pops.

Anyway, Mummy says that I've got you in the bolts 'cos I can just always say I've got a migraine so you can't screw me up or something. Is that wot Engineers do?

But I have to stop writing because I have to cry about you and test myself by cutting my hand to see if you love me and to check my toenail clippings on this chart to see if we will have good sex.

Bill and Ben the Flower-pot men
PS. We can't keep doing it in taxis or buses or in McDonalds because I've used up all my money.

THE FILTH

Dear Ed

Hi. We're pissed off. Actually we're really pissed off. Really, really pissed off. After sitting on the motorway for at least three quarters of an hour, we have been arriving on Grafton Rd, all prepared to the loop-around-the-traffic-island-when-the-right-arrow-is-on-trick, only to be told to generally piss off somewhere else by a friendly gentleman from the Ministry of Transport (translation; fascist bullyboy in a black and white uniform who is only a TO because he was to short and too stupid to even get into the police force). Not only that, but after having turned right and onto the motorway on-ramp lane, we found another one (looking strikingly similar to the first — are they cloning these guys or what?) at the next island preventing us from doing a U-turn. Now guess what trendsetters — it's ten minutes before your first lecture and you're back on the North-Western! Where is the first off-ramp kiddies? Yes! It's at bloody MOTAT isn't it!

Is it just us? Does anyone else know these people? If so

what are they doing this? And why isn't anyone else complaining? Does anyone know the MOT's 24-hour abuse line number? Can anyone actually get into the carpark now?

Are they from some religious sect? Should this be a design? Is this part of the MOT's incredible cunning and sublime master plan to completely balls up Auckland's entire morning traffic flow?

And also just to generally finish the day on a really bad note, the bastards have taken to coming back in the afternoon to strategically place a dirty great oil barrel (you know — the same one that always rolls across in front of your car at 8.07 in the morning with a friendly notice "Closed until you leave and go park your heap somewhere else") right in the gap between the islands where poor bastards like us would normally turn right down Grafton Rd and onto the motorway.

Are they playing mind games with us? Has this action of the MOT actually benefitted anyone? Or have you, like us, been contemplating multiple homicide involving as many uniformed personages as possible with one very blunt object (ie motor vehicle/oil barrel/whale/container ship/skyscraper?).

Would the silent masses (ie all you apathetic SCP's (Student Carpark Patrons)) who have also experienced this strange phenomenon please rise up and issue forth other such general whinges as ours. **Wishing you all triple-climatic orgasms**

Bill and Ben the Flower-pot men

UBS RIPOFF

The Editor

On the 2nd of April issue, University bookshop (UB) management "explained" their justification for overpricing textbooks by the fact that they are a private company. The administrator, Liz Elliot goes on to "justify" their prices informing us that Massey students come to Auckland to buy text books.

Their comments are not only childish but downright offending to someone who had to pay \$270 for 3 textbooks. Let's get the record straight.

Firstly UB maybe registered as a private company, but a 50 percent student ownership and with a privileged monopoly of 16,000 student customers UB are far different from any private bookshop. The problems of matching orders with sales mentioned in the article pale into comparison with bookshops who have to solicit customers from the street to survive. Stop whinging and get on with the job. Any private company would pray to have the problems UB has.

Secondly, just because Massey students are getting ripped off, that doesn't give UB the licence to do the same. What really infuriates me is UB management's attitude towards students; like they are doing us a favour. Students own UB and it's about time the

2 members who represent our interest on the UB board made that point clear.

Ripped Off

EXODUS

Dear David Inabarrow

I've found cargo space to Africa flying Air India thanks to Gary Tunnell. I'll catch you in term two pending my return.

Yours in anticipation
Myrtle Lemur
P.S. Hope Capping's a ripper.

RELATIVITY

Dear Steve

As you are aware they are no longer letting underage students into Shadows as the law changed (as of 1st April). The patronage has probably halved, is the number of bar staff going to follow suit?

James Marshall

Ed Replies; AUSA accountant Ellen Hume tells me that whilst there is not a specific policy barring entry to underage (ie. less than 20 years old) students, during busy periods these people are very much of second priority with respect to admission and underage guests are of even lower priority.

After nearly a term of the revamped, updated, expanded and quality-monitored *Craccum*, we asked students what they thought of the newspaper. These are their unedited comments:

Catherine Field, Planning (university): I think it's really good. The standard of material has improved. The articles are much more interesting, they're more relevant. They're not directed to the highly intellectual limited few of the varsity campus. The layout's good, the graphics are neat. I'm reading it more than I used to.

Stuart Thorp, Architecture (university): It's great. I wouldn't know about last year's because I'm a first year, but I really enjoy it. It's really funny, especially the letters. Very informative.

Carolyn Gow, Accountancy and law (ATI): I think it's good. I don't know what it's like around varsity but it's not easily seen. I've missed out on two of the issues at tech because I just don't know whereabouts they're posting them, so usually I just pick up one that's lying on a table. It's interesting — they cover a wide variety of things.

Jamee Norling, Arts (university): I can't compare them to last year because this is my first year but they're really good. The letters to the editor are good. I like TV with Travis Brickle — that's really funny.

Marlon Burdge, Law (university): I only saw the first one. It was quite good but they haven't got cartoons on the back though. I don't read it very much.

James Clark, Marketing (ATI): It's got to be a good thing because it's a mixture of both ATI and university. I remember reading them in the past and thinking that was something that tech was missing out on, a really good newspaper like that.

Joe Babich, Engineering (university): I think it's great, much improved over last year's. The technical quality's great, the editorial content's absolutely brilliant and apart from the fact that it's not out on time I think it's superb.

Greg Harrison, Accountancy (ATI): So far I've been quite impressed. Perhaps if you could have a few more interviews with students on various issues.

Suzanne Lloyd, Science (university): It's better than the old Craccum. The stories are better.

Jennie Rutherford, Arts and Commerce (university): It's a lot better than the last two years and almost as good as 1987. The letters are good. Last year it was really arty, this year it's more for the general students.

Stuart Flyger, Law (university): I haven't read it yet.

Wendy Newton, Science (university): I like the photographs. The letters are really interesting.

Ross Fischer, Arts (university): I think it's a lot better than previous year's because the editorial standard is higher and there's not as much stupid material going in like Knuckles cartoons and crap like that.

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Insofar as staffing is concerned, it seems too early to decide what changes are to be made, if any.

ENGINEERS WRONGED

Dear Steve

It has recently come to my attention that a large number of people don't seem to like Engineers and that this attitude stems from the misconception that Engineers are violent, war-like piss-heads who like nothing better than to get drunk and brawl.

I would like to rake issue with these people and challenge them to a fight, Engineers versus The Rest just before the Pub Crawl in Capping Week — challengers to chose the weapons.

To the Engineers who can read, don't worry if nobody answers this letter 'cos MechAnimals and Civil are keen to take on each other so just pick a side and work up a thirst.

Gos bless the E-Team ('cos no other bastard will).

Love and kisses
Flossilda MacMarino

Craccum apologises for the delay in printing of the following letters.

OPINE AWAY

Dear Ed

With reference to the literary wars which occur in this area of Craccum, I would like to point out something that it seems many people have forgotten.

If someone else holds an opinion, that opinion is theirs is theirs and theirs only. It does not extend to the outer limits of the universe nor even South of the Bombay Hills. So... what one person says (whether they mean it or not) is certainly not gospel.

Why then do we have so many objectionable replies to Piglet's (and others') *opinion*? Have we not the freedom of speech (and freedom of reply), waste not your time I say. Unlike me!

Yours in hypocrisy
Sim

RALPH PICASSO

Dear Picasso

I would be interested in purchasing your version of "an exploding pizza in a Shadows toilet cubicle," that you left for display last week.

I would be interested in adding it to my collection, which includes "Pizza holding up a tree," and "exploding Pizza in a HR Holden."

Yours sincerely
Patron of the Arts
PS. How did you get it so far up the wall?

LET ME HELP

Dear Steve

So Piglet, in "Porkogram No 4" forwards yet another denouncement of the varsity "in" crowd. Being an Arts girl and attractive too, I am probably one of the depraved puppies he lustfully refers to.

I can tell his purported distaste for the styled men of Auckland, thinly veils his longing to become one of them. Obviously, he yearns to hear one of us girls sigh at the scent of his Timberland shoes, or watch as we rip the buttons clean off his Country Road shirt in our uncontrollable desire.

Piglet, you must know that the theory of us fillies wanting a good, hard, dependable engineer is but a myth. Let me help you, so you will not be destined to wile away your Friday nights jesting with your mates about the size of your unused private parts, over banal drinking games.

I can show you everything that makes me and my friends swoon, from the distracted glance, barely long enough to read the RayBan label on your glasses, to the lazy slouch one must assume to pose all day on the seats above the coffee bar. To begin, you will learn to stride through the Law library as if your Daddy owns it.

Meet me at one, you know where.

Love
Oinky

PS. Please leave the Adidas track pants in the Westies; Mummy will outfit you at her shop up the Rise.

Yours
Scottie

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Christian (as my
to show).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

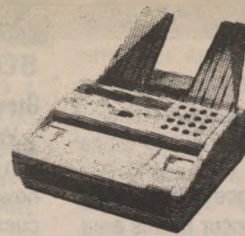
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NOT OWED A LIVING

Dear Eds

It seems to me rather peculiar that a part of the most educated sector of the population should riot because it had not drunk itself into unconsciousness. The only other apparent cause of this riot is that students wanted to show taxpayers how grateful they were for their bursary payment and how responsible they could be spending it.

There used to be a time when students would fight for more than just another pint and would actually think about using their education to benefit society as well as themselves; a time when they would work with and eventually lead the community rather than alienating themselves from it.

I am becoming increasingly assured that the role of universities in this country is to train gifted fools to take money. Unfortunately, while being indoctrinated, they manage to drink their way through thousands of dollars of money invested by taxpayers in the future of this country. All this government sponsored alcohol and they still can't hold their liquor!

The stigma of students in this country was bad enough before the Dunedin riot. I am sure that since then we have lost much support in the fight for free education.

W Jennings

PS. At least the working classes (those that pay for our beer and education) can hold sensible riot-free parties, where there are no drunken students talking high-faluting language about the texture of their vomit and its reactions with the wallpaper over a background of wailing talentless drivel that passes for most alternative 'music.'

ASBESTOS MENACE

The Editor

I was alarmed to read in the *Sunday Star* (8 April 1990) a report concerning the removal of asbestos from the Chemistry Building of this University. I'm in no position to comment upon the hazard to staff and students while this world is in progress, but wish to highlight the most obvious bureaucratic buck-passing I've met this year.

The reporter, B Jackson, records the sub-contractor foreman, B Pope, as saying "It's a bit slap happy" when queried on the apparent shambly state of the operation. The sub-contractors apparently justify this approach by stating they

were told the asbestos was "mild." By whom is not stated. The first buck-pass. The university Registrar, W Nicoll, devolved his responsibility by saying "all you need to know is that it was monitored and renovated by a specialist firm." A charming statement indeed.

Chemistry Professor, B Davis, declined to be conscious of the matter by indicating responsibility for the safe removal of asbestos were between the Health Department and the contractors, Downer Construction.

All of this makes me feel quite angry. Who looks after the students and staff of this university? I had previously thought the substantial quantities of money paid to these individuals was in part compensation for them accepting professional responsibility in the university. This sort of buck-passing has probably been the source of many unnecessary poisonings of people in the past.

Yours
Lawrence

BUSSED SUPPORTERS

Dear Steve

Where are all the patriotic Aucklanders? Heaps of time was spent by one Andrew Wickers (sports officer) organising a boat race between Auckland and Waikato rowing eights (men and women). And only thirty people came on a 'free' bus to support it.

This was largely made up of very enthusiastic engineers and only two AUSA exec members. Does this mean that only engineers care about Auckland University's reputation?

Yours
RAV

GO GARY!

Dear Steve

Not wishing to be an arse-licker, I think Gary Tunnel deserves a rousing "bally-ho" for keeping anthropology a constantly entertaining and humorous subject.

Bally-ho!

Cockroach

IF ONLY HE KNEW!

Dear Piglet and Bill E Goat

Forget about Charlene Parker. She's useless in bed, I had her last night.

Yours informatively
A Stallion

HORN SCORN

Dear AUSA Executive

Why was there no drinking horn in orientation week, this year and last year? Surely you can't deny students the spectacular acts that occur at these events? In my first year I was greatly impressed by the amazing feats of skill employed by the contestants.

It showed me the way to get out there and let off stress generated by heavy work loads.

Why should this year's and last year's first years be deprived something that has been enjoyed by others at this university.

Yours
RAV

PS. Hey, I think you've got it wrong the next letter in my name is i not e.

LEECHERY

Dear Cockroach

In reply to your letters in issue 6, I would like to say the following: I completely agree with your views of that hallowed hall of halcohol (hic), Shadows. I don't want yuppies in shadows either because it will push up the prices, and increase the number of people throwing up as yuppies can't hold their beer, and I will be sick at the sight of them.

"Tampon Talk" greatly concerned me. You obviously have not considered the welfare of the leeches. I believe they make good pets, but they would be fed a few days a month, so provision would need to be made by dorii to keep the little suckers happy. Also, it could be dangerous to blokes if the dorii forget to remove the leeches before they indulge in some horizontal jogging.

Yours in anti-yuppieism
Mean Rat

BUNDYBURGER

Dear Betty H(asawhinge)

You spineless frigid whining maggot. Did you wake up on the wrong side of bed or did your vibrator run out of diesel? Obviously you abuse "Bloke-space" as having "Bloke-space" would be sexist. Maybe blokes would like to get away from weight-lifting, hairy legged, feminist cows and have a bit of time/space to themselves.

Yours lovingly
A Bundy

PS. Your lifetime supply of Penthouses is in the mail.

PPS. I suppose there is no chance of us going out on Friday night?

NOT A BUDDHIST

Dear Hatt Mawkins

Bravo! Your letter was so touching, almost had me in tears, tears of laughter that is.

I quote from the Proverbs 20:1, if you choose to read this letter that is.

"Drinking too much makes you loud and foolish. It's stupid to get drunk."

Of course this applies only to Christians. You, being a Pigletian, would undoubtedly have some interesting phrases, dare I say it, 'Proverbs' from the 'Word of Shadows.' I look forward to hearing about them. We must get together over a pint at Shadows and swap notes.

To find out about the quickest home brewer in the business go to John 2:1-11. Do you have a personal relationship with Piglet? I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He has given me gifts through the Holy Spirit which are mentioned in I Corinthians 12:10 if you are interested.

Do you have some mystical spirit? The Gin Spirit perhaps? Your letter was very clever and I fully appreciated it.

Yours sincerely
A stoked Matt Hawkins

PS. All references from the Good News Bible. However the Bibles the Freethinkers have contain the same message, if you need to borrow one from their many.

PRIMORDIAL

Dear Sir/Madam

It hardly surprises me to witness through the media the intoxicated violence of the students in the Easter Tournament recently held in Dunedin.

The cacophonous Troglodites that dwell in the primitive lands of the south are often prone to outbursts, themselves stupified by the cold, their brains primordially stirred by alcohol and drugs.

Those unfortunately gullible visitors who joined in the mindless ritual against the equally primitive brutality of the system, obviously easily succumbed to the elements.

The hard fought argument for the present financial dilemma of the university student took a clubbing as the media boarded the old bandwagon "Students have got too much money and too much time to spend it in." Well done Easter Tournamenter! You're so cool! Any more bright actions for the student cause?

Yours entirely
Phil Goff.

HAM IT UP

Yo Steve

I wish to heartily commend the literary standards of Bloke magazine. This insightful commentary on Blokedom was truly inspiring. I particularly enjoyed the article on concrete and *Dick Huge* conjured up a few wistful reminiscences of my own. I hope Bloke continues as most newspapers are pretty sick these days, focusing on crap like the Greenhouse effect and people's rights.

Speaking of journalism, I read an abusive spiel directed at your honourable self (and engineers in general) from that cheap hack Bob Jones in the *Otago Daily Times* in Dunedin last Saturday, in between dodging the odd bottle at the *Student-Police Invitation 100m Dash and Street Party*.

This is the dude who's idea of fun is living in the Windy city and getting hit on his chromed nut with leather-clad fists by sweating semi-clad blokes. The bozo basically has a complex because he can only buy old buildings and not build new ones, not having had the benefit of an engineering degree.

Don't worry about him Steve — why be bothered about a coozer who can scratch the back of his head when he picks his nose.

On to more substantive issues; Concrete. Being a civil engineer I'm rather fond of this noble substance. It can dam rivers, blot out endangered bird sanctuaries and bury slimey, money-fiddling accountoid trash all at once. I wish dorii were as simple as concrete, a request not far out of the question. No beam needs constant praise for doing it's job. A floor doesn't go all strange and twisted every month. And no column threatens to go home to mother if you forget to buy flowers every anniversary.

Concrete is content no matter what shape it is in and doesn't mind being stirred a bit when it's all wet before being inserted. Basically concrete has got its shit together and is a thoroughly Blokeish material. Indeed, much of society's ills can be traced to a basic lack of concrete in the environment, with too much attention paid to crap like architecture and windows, which although good for chundering from tend to spoil ones view of the masonry.

On a final note, I wish to acknowledge the support from Bulbo Spongiosi in last week's issue. It's good to know that even jokers who wear white coats and look down throats for

a living are still real blokes — keep chasing those nurses guys.

Be hard
Yahoo
Piglet

PS. Perhaps a medical man such as yourself could offer comment on the Blokespace debate. I always thought it was located about eight inches below a dorie's belly button.

FORGOT MY NAME?

Dear Steve

AS I sit in the dim recesses of B28, contemplating six down on the crossword, my train of thought is rudely interrupted by the crack-crack-crack-cracking of the sound system, which resonates through my bod and causes unwanted bowel movement. Surely it is not too much to ask to replace a couple of thrashed out speakers and a microphone that's seen more phlegm than an elephant's nasal passage.

On a totally different track, and at risk of being a hypocrite, what is J Strauss' definition of "making a go of it?"

In view of his tone it would appear that running at a loss is a case for failure. Did you look at the '88 financial year for Shadows or do these figures destroy the credibility of your argument? Wake up and smell the barley, capitalist; there's more to life than money and the bar's success does not solely depend on the size of it's bank balance. I don't believe in communism that makes people poor or takes away freedom. I do believe in freedom for South Africa and for minorities. Does this make me a "liberal" or a "wimp" or both? Maybe the last case is true.

This isn't a plug for anyone and I'm not being pretentious. No more lies, no more censor, no more censure.

Anon

NOT A PIG

Dear Sir

I would appreciate the opportunity to make a few comments upon and in reply to, some of the letters published in the last issue of Craccum (issue 6).

Firstly though, I thank you for printing my, as you called it "Interspecies Kink" letter. I think is only fair and decent that lovely women (a redundant term I know as all women a lovely) should be guided away from pseudo-men who hide under the guise of beer-guzzling blokes.

This letter addresses Ms C Porker (once more), Ms Betty H, and My Lady, Countess Cleo Horatio.

Letter continued on page 12

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at Te Parenga, a fictitious sea-
side township presumed to be
based on Takapuna during the
1930s.

Students \$9. Bookings phone
the Theatre: 534-1406.

FUN AND SAFE SEX WEEK

Will be the first week of Term
II (28th May-1 June). All peo-
ple interested in helping out are
invited to meet in the Council
Room, AUSA at 1.00 pm Tues
1st May.

Welfare Officer

AOTEA CENTRE EVENTS

Wednesday 25th Saturday 28
April - Spectrum Floral Im-
ages. A world class exhibition
of flowers will be on display
from 10 am to 4 pm.

Students \$6.00

1990 CELEBRATION EVENTS

22-28 Apr: 21st Anniversary
Shell Silver Fern Motor Rally

25 Apr: ANZAC Day - 75th
Anniversary of ANZAC land-
ings at Gallipoli.

26-3 May: 1990 Focus on
Science and Technology Week.

MERCURY 1990 - SHIRLEY VALENTINE

by William Russell. April 7-May
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Meet Shirley Valentine Brad-
shaw. Housewife. Forty-two
and feeling it.

DANCEWORKS DANCE DIARY

April 25th: "Beauty and the
Beast" presented by the North-
ern Ballet Co., Centennial Hall,
Auckland Girls Grammar
School, 2pm and 8pm.

Door Sales.

April 29th: "Ethnic Dance Fes-
tival" 2pm, Mt Eden Memorial
Hall. Includes 'Spanish Fiesta'
Dancers and Xzinakas Dancers
- Greek, Turkish, Bulgarian
and Romanian Belly Dancers.

TREAT IT RIGHT

Devised by Cathy Denford and
Ella Henry.

Maidment Theatre 19th
April-5th May. Bookings at the
Corner. Students \$10.50. Per-
formances 8pm, Matinees
Tuesdays and Thursdays at
1pm. Sundays 2pm.

BURSARY BOTCHUPS COMPETITION - CASH PRIZES!!

Having hassles with your stu-
dent allowances? Then we
want to hear about it.

Send your tale of woe to the
Welfare Officer by 3rd May and
you could win \$50 (2nd prize
\$30 and \$20 3rd prize). Results
published in Craccum.

A.U. GYMNASTICS CLUB

Recreational Gymnastics.
Mostly for beginners but ex-
perienced are welcome. We
have equipment and coaches
so come along and make use of
them.

6.00-8.00pm, Tuesday and
Thursday in the main hall of the
Rec Centre. All Welcome!

AUCKLAND FILM SOCIETY

April 24

"German Dreams", W GER
1986, L Wawrzyn 6.00pm.

"Knife in the Head", W GER
1978, R Hauff 8.15pm.
Charlie Gray's Pictures.

MAIDMENT LUNCHTIME MOVIE SEASON

April 30 "Wish you were
here".

A troubled teenage girl express-
es herself by being sexually
outrageous - without under-
standing what the conse-
quences might be. Bittersweet
film set in early 50s England
with a knock out performance
by 16 year old Emily Lloyd (92
mins).

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Packs containing enrolment
cards are being received by
registered electors in the mail
this week. These must be
checked and posted back to the
Registrar of Electors, otherwise
voters will not be on the new
roll. If you did not receive a
pack or are a first time voter,
ring 0800 800 610.

THEATRE WORKSHOP

The University Drama Group
present
"CORPSE"

A workshoped comedy under
the direction of Russell
Shipman.

The Little Maidment Theatre,
April 23-29 8.00pm.

Matinees 27, 28, 29 1.00pm

Tickets: \$5 (waged)
\$3 (students)
Door sales only

Information: Kay Smith
Ph 872-824

MAIDMENT MOVIES SEASON 1990

April 23 "Young Einstein."
Nutty comedy from Down Un-
der based on the premise that
Albert Einstein not only devel-
oped the Theory of Relativity,
but also invented Rock'n'Roll.
Written, produced and directed
by Yahoo Serious (90 mins).

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al actors compete in improvised
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sions \$12.

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UNIVERSITY FEMINISTS

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

WOMINSPACE JOURNAL COLLECTIVE

Production dates for Autumn
1990 Journal:

Thurs 26 and/or Fri 27 April:
Collating and stapling at the
Print Centre.

Contact:
Sue - Home ph 604-726

LESBIANS ON CAMPUS

Meet Fridays 1-2 pm in Women-
space. Contact Susan x858.

K.A.O.S.

The Auckland Revolutionary
Army is proud to announce that
the next K.A.O.S. game starts
on Monday 23rd April. See the
people wearing the black ARA
T-shirts in the upper common
room at lunchtimes - or - ring;

Chris 418-0783

Alistair 360-0369

for more information.

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT SPEAKS ON CAMPUS

Nonhlanhla Mtshali from the
Pan Africanist Congress, the
Southern African Scholarship
Student to New Zealand,
speaks informally in Room 139
(behind the TV Room) at 1pm
on Monday April 30.

STUDENT ALLOWANCES PAYMENTS 1990

Tuesday 24 April
Wednesday 09 May
Wednesday 23 May
Wednesday 06 June
Wednesday 20 June
Wednesday 04 July
Wednesday 18 July
Wednesday 01 August
Wednesday 15 August
Wednesday 29 August
Wednesday 12 September
Wednesday 26 September
Wednesday 10 October
Wednesday 24 October
Wednesday 07 November

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.

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Performers and Directors wanted with all levels of experience
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Auditions are:

Executive Lounge: Wed 25th April 10-12pm, 1-3pm
Sat 28th April 10-12pm, 1-3pm
Room 139 Tues 24th April 7.30pm
Fri 24th April 1-2pm

For further information, contact: Catherine Amner 694-296
Lucy Wilkinson 521-2293



Capping '90



Capping Sweatshirts available 12-2pm in the Quad. \$35 each.

BLOOD DAY

Lower Common Room
9.00-3.00pm
(Give now and drink less later)

1.00pm Quad
ANYTHING LEFT?

BLOOD DAY

Lower Common Room
9.00-3.00pm

5.00-8.00pm
Shadows

UNDER TEN DRESS PARTY

Jelly and Ice Cream Eating Competitions
Jelly Bean Skulls
Best Dressed
No child molesters except with bag of sweets

DRINK THE TANKER DRY

11.00am-5.00pm
in Quad and Rudman Gardens

Band —
SPANISH FLY from 1.00pm

SPANISH
FLY

7.00am — Lectures start or missed

BUBBLY BREKKIE

on various city traffic isles.
Book at AUSA Reception.

1.00pm — Silly Stupid Games in the Quad

3.00pm — RAFT RACE
Devonport to Okahu Bay
Register at AUSA Reception

12.45pm — Judging of Stunts and Unusual Objects Competition

1.00pm

PUB CRAWL

Obtain maps from Quad.
Follow the route(s) and get rooted.



LIVER RESEARCH CLINIC VISIT

9.00am — Lower Common Room
Check out your liver after Capping. Please bring a urine sample in a sealed jar.



SHADOWS ENTERTAINMENT

ARCH HILL TUNE RUSTLERS

7.00pm

BOND ST BAND

8.00pm

WHO CARES?? THE JUKEBOX

4 HANDS

7.00pm

SHINER

7.00pm

TIN DRUM

7.00pm

THURS 26th

FRI 27th

MON 30th

TUES 1st

WED 2nd

THURS 3rd