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Editorial #1

Ah ha, fooled everyone... but this is definitely the last editorial, honestly! I was going to sprout about 'what I did in the May vacation,' which is always a goody, but for a change of theme and style I am going to write a few lines about the gradual depletion of fish in our waters.

Last week there was a very disgruntled fisherman who struck our TV screens, wondering why for weeks he hadn't caught anything — but it was MAF to the rescue with one of their surveys, announc-

ing low numbers of kahawai and other game fish — pleasing the fisherman in one way because he realised he hadn't lost his skills and upsetting him because he had heard that trawlers were diminishing the numbers.

What will the recreational fishermen do when local numbers have truly disappeared? Such a healthy, outdoor sport should remain part of New Zealand life, so I'll leave you with this thought: in the year 2000, what did one kahawai say to the other? "My, I haven't seen someone like you swimming around here for a long, long time."

Sarah

Editorial #2

This is the last issue which I'll be associated with as editor, although I will be around to offer my two cents worth for a couple of weeks. Then it's a full-time job and nights studying other people's notes for me. Heavy bumper. Anyway your interim (two weeks?) editors are Peter Gray aka Piglet, Simon Holroyd aka Gort and Mark Roach aka Cockroach: an unlikely trio who just happen to be eminently capable of running this paper.

Cheers
Steve

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PREZ SEZ — AUSA

Teena koutou katoa. Well that was the May hols. I hope you are all back feeling fit, refreshed and ready for the winter slog. Take heart, it's Queens Birthday next week, so you've got something to look forward to.

At AUSA we have been beaver away at our various chores. We attended May Conference at Waikato University two weeks ago. That is an annual conference of NZUSA constituents and the hot topics were the Education Amendment Bill and what stance Student Associations

would adopt in the lead up to the October elections.

The general consensus on each campus is that we have given up on the Labour Party because of their tertiary education policy and education will be the key issue when students go to the polling booth. (All remits from the Conference will be posted on the AUSA Notice Board over the next two weeks).

We also met Kate Deverall, President of the National Union of Students Australia, who, like many around the world, was shocked at the draconian reforms facing New Zealand students.

Another item of interest was the NZUSU Tournament review out of which has come a series of recommendations (printed in this week's Craccum), which will form the basis of a discussion paper on each campus. AUSA would value any feedback from interested parties, come and see me or Andrew Wickers the Sports Officer.

We've also heard word on the grapevine about a certain piece of music genius about to hit the airwaves. It's called F**K Phil Goff, a rap song concocted by three 'concerned students.' Keep an ear out for it as it may become the 1990 national student anthem, especially during our National Week of Action against Fees, July 16 to 22. But — my lips are sealed!

If any of you are having trouble making the second fees instalment and are considering dropping out — Please don't! Come and see us or the Academic Registrar first

Take care possums, ka kite anoo, e hia maa.

Ella Hen



PREZ SEZ — ATISA

Unfortunately, due to unseasonal sunspot activity, David was unable to give his column to Craccum again this week. After his pioneering launch of the Hubble Space Telescope, David has taken a holiday in the south of England for a couple of weeks. Thanks to a special grant from ATISA, David was able to afford a comfortable hotel and has reported by phone that staying for the final of the Whitbread race was well worth the extra expense.

To keep you up with ATISA, the two Vice-Presidents have penned the following thoughts....

Hello, hello, hello!

I've been asked to write a few words. firstly I would like to say that I haven't particularly got anything I want to say but because Max looked seriously like he was about to cry I thought I had better do something to fill in the huge gap in the newspaper.

Well anyway my name is Rowena and I am one of the Vice Presidents of ATISA. I am a third year nursing student and I am really poor so donations are gratefully accepted as my mother is in dire need of a new shoebox to house her and my fifteen brothers and sisters. (Paul Holmes should have interviewed me — I could have told him what it was really like to be a student!).

You might well ask what I have to do as Vice Pres of ATISA, my first job is to represent the interests of students at our Akoranga Campus of ATI (North Shore) by being on the Student Executive. My second job is to make the tea and annoy everyone in the office. Ouch — Max has just whacked me in the shoulder to inform me I have used enough space.

See you
Rowena Edgeworth

PS. If you really want to know what I do contact me at the student association office in F block (Akoranga) where there is much fun and cheap tea!

Greetings to my fellow ATI colleague and to those vasily students who care to cast a moments worth of attention to the affairs of your fellow institute.

For those of you who don't know me I'm 20 years old and in my third year of accountancy at ATI. I've been involved in student politics at various levels for the last two years, and this year was elected to the position of Vice President.

The editors' not given me a lot of room to say much here so I'll get straight to the main point I want to make, would people please stop saying "well what does the students association do for me?"

The vast majority of people who ask this question say it from a totally ignorant view point as they have obviously not even read their student association discount handbook.

It seems that whenever anyone mentions the words *student* and *representative* in the same sentence people switch off and start examining the ground in minute detail. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in the students association, become a student rep or at least attend meetings that are arranged for your benefit!

You can certainly learn a lot of useful skills by getting involved in the various groups that effect your learning environment.

I wish you all a very successful year.
Greg Harrison

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Suze Wilson — page three girl

Recently NZUSA President Suze Wilson was on campus for a (Student Job Search) Meeting. Roger Pym, Education Vice President and Andrew Sporle, Welfare Officer, took the opportunity to catch up with Suze and find out more about the nationwide fees boycott and just what students south of the Bombay Hills have been up to.

RP: Suze, can you tell us just what exactly is the purpose of the partial fees boycott and who can get involved?

Suze: The intent of the boycott really is to highlight student opposition to the huge increase in tuition fees this year, and to send a clear message to both Labour and National MP's that user-pays in education is a vote loser. Students chose to or were able to pay their fees in instalments then we're asking them to withhold payment of that final instalment for about four weeks in the lead up to the General Election as a means of highlighting and focusing students' protests.

AS: Some students that we've spoken to have been a bit concerned that the boycott might mean they can't sit exams and so on. What is NZUSA's view on that?

Suze: Those sorts of concerns are natural enough and we certainly don't want to ask students to take that risk unless it's an individual decision to do so. However our understanding from university officials is that they are not intending to act harshly and I suspect that's because they don't make the fees any more than we do. Obviously if the university were to be really stropky and threaten to dis-enrol students who paid their fees even one day late then we might have to reconsider but at this stage we're reasonably confident that they will take a 'softly, softly' approach to it.

AS: Can you tell Craccum readers why we're doing all this protesting in the first place?

Suze: To put it simply, it's because we believe access to education is a right, not a privilege which is what the user-pays philosophy makes it and we don't want to see this country having the same sort of elitist system that exists in countries like Japan. Secondly New Zealand has the second lowest rate of tertiary education participation amongst all OECD countries and if we're to compete internationally and have a society where there is genuine equality of opportunity then we simply can't afford to create



Suze Wilson, NZUSA President

a barrier to education the way user-pays does. And thirdly, you know this government explicitly promised that students would not be required to pay more towards the cost of their education than they used to, and that's a promise we want to hold them to.

RP: Suze, you mentioned just then that user-pays creates a barrier to tertiary education. What actually happened to university enrolments this year — are they up or down?

Suze: Final figures aren't available yet but the information we're got indicates that the fees have hit people hard, particularly part-time, mature and women students. Over the country, we expect to see an average 3-4 percent increase in rolls but that has to be placed in context of 20 percent increases in 7th form rolls last year which should have flowed

through to an average 9-10 percent increase which is what we've had coming through in the last 3-4 years. The most startling figure available so far is an expected 18 percent drop in Massey extra-mural rolls. Given that the majority of Massey extra-mural students are women and/or part-time and/or mature students having a second go at education, that's absolutely tragic — that's 3000 to 4000 people who aren't studying, not because they don't want to but because they simply can't afford it. So yes, very definitely the fees have created a barrier.

RP: You've said only students who've paid their fees in instalments can join the boycott. What about those who haven't — what can they do?

Suze: I think what has to be remembered is that the boycott really is just one aspect of the whole cam-

paign — the most controversial part I guess, but there's lots of other things people can do like getting involved in the Education Action Group, letters to the Editor, letters to Goff, marches, pickets at Labour Party meetings, all those sorts of things. I think what we do have to remember too is that parents of students, and kids still at high school have a role to play in all this because it's not only people who are at varsity this year who are affected by the policy. I guess the other thing too is that the whole area of education, because of the Tomorrow's School's scandals and so on has been really politicised in the last couple of years — education is a political hotcake for both main parties now and university students really have got a role to play in that whole debate.

AS: Suze, we've heard rumours that there is actu-

ally life outside Auckland — can you tell us what students on other campuses have been up to?

Suze: (...various derisive remarks about Auckland deleted in the pursuit of diplomatic relations). Well as you know, a lot of energy went into enrolment week and encouraging people to consider paying by instalments and overall we're pretty confident that we've got a good strong base for the boycott and since then each campus has been setting up their campaign groups for the year. Lockwood Smith has been to Otago, Canterbury, Victoria and Wai-kato campuses and I expect you'll see him up here sometime and something that has been done is to get Lockwood to sign a pledge saying he'll resign as Minister of Education if National wins and so on, if they haven't scrapped the fees by 1992.

We're also looking at capping revues, school visits, celebrity debates and so on and gearing up to do stunts and so on on the day the second fees instalment is due. So really, the first term is all about getting people informed about the issues and the second term actually getting high profile activity happening.

AS: You mentioned the National Party policy just then — what does NZUSA

think of National's study right?

Suze: Really the only thing we've commented on so far is the commitment to scrap the \$1250 fee, and the fact that we're pleased to see National treating education as a right and an investment, not a privilege or a burden on the taxpayer. Beyond that, we're still trying to find out more details and plan to go back to Lockwood with comments after he's finished his tour of varsities. But yeah, there's a number of things about the package that do concern us which we'd like changed.

RP: Finally, Suze, tell us Aucklanders how important Auckland is....

Suze: ... You're right, Auckland is really important to the whole campaign because it's the biggest varsity, the biggest city and TV news is made in Auckland. And of course, Phil Goff's electorate is here and we'd love to see him sweat. So yeah, much as a South Islander would hate to admit it, we really need Auckland students to get out there and say that they're pissed off and words to that effect and get the message across that user-pays just doesn't work in basic services like education and that come election time we're not going to put up with it. Kia kaha, Tamaki.

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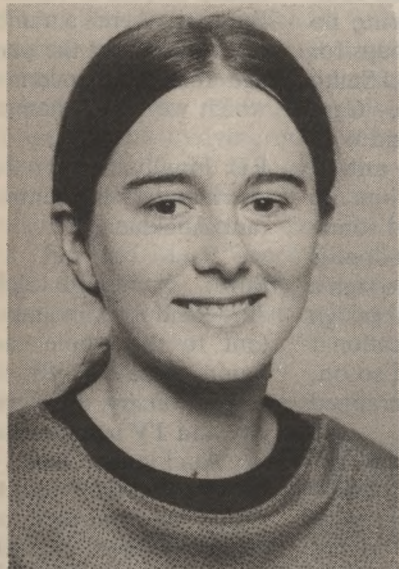
Student Discount

A.U. Students Win Awards

Auckland students won three of the nine 1990 Bank of New Zealand scholarships announced recently.

Master of Science (physics) students Monica Dance and Richard Levein received two of the three graduate scholarships and Mark Horsburgh, studying for a Bachelor of Science, won an undergraduate scholarship. All are Auckland University students.

The graduate scholarships, for students who are going for a Masters degree, are worth \$3950 each per year and may be held for up to two years. The undergraduate award is worth \$1000 per year for up to three years.



Monica Dance

The BNZ's manager of scholarships, Chris Williams, said the students were very bright and capable. But they also demonstrated maturity and interest in a variety of recreational pursuits.

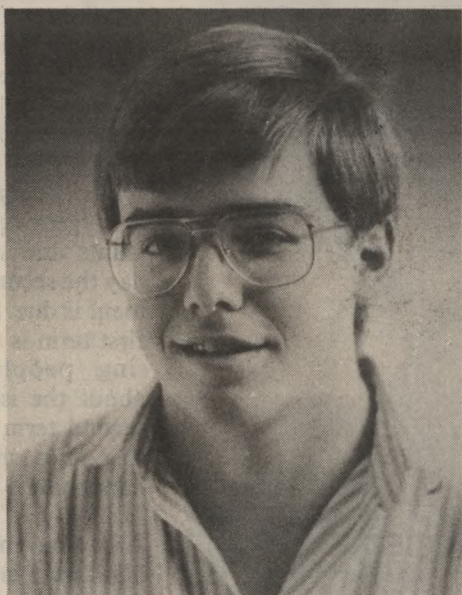
Monica and Richard are great friends, have taken all the same courses through university and play violin in the Auckland Youth Orchestra together.

As well as studying for this BSc, Mark is taking a heavy load of first and second



Richard Levein

year mathematics, physics, chemistry and German papers. He wants to do an engineering degree after he graduates.



Mark Horsburgh

TOUGH TALK ABOUT BLOKES' BOOKS

A new way of talking about men and masculinity is what an Auckland University lecturer claims to be offering.

Kai Jensen, a lecturer in English is critical of the current debate on sexual politics in our society.

"We tend to talk about a conventional 'male role' and then divide men into those who 'conform' and those who have 'seen through it'," says Jensen. "I would argue that our relationship with masculinity and femininity is more complex than that."

Jensen is offering an evening course called 'Tough Talk About Blokes' Books' through the university's Continuing Education Centre.

In the course he will discuss New Zealand men's writing from the 1930s to the 1980s. His aim is to help men make a new and positive contribution to public debate about masculinity.

Jensen: "The 'good boy syndrome' is rife — many intellectual men are too frightened of causing offence to do anything more than toe a popular

feminist line."

Jensen sees both the women's and men's movement as implicated in New Zealand society's traditional scheme of gender.

"Such movements are thrown up by the tide, and eventually pulled back into it. We need to cultivate a healthy skepticism. Remember that our ideas and information about gender are transmitted by middle class intellectual people, a section of society with its own axes to grind."

"For a lasting change, we need to ask a crucial question about any public statement; what's in it for the speaker or writer? What image of self does it imply?"

"This is a traditional stance for New Zealand male writers of rebel, bad boy, prophet in the wilderness material, a very seductive rhetorical stance. The apparent (but not substantial) success of feminism makes it all the more powerful."



A Typical Bloke?

Women Hit Hard by Fees

New Zealand University Students Association president Suze Wilson says women are dominant in the groups hardest hit by the increased tertiary fees.

Speaking at the Women in Tertiary Education conference last month, Wilson criticised Education Minister Phil Goff who had stated that he was open to suggestions about the groups who could get reduced fees. She said if women, those with low incomes, mature students and Maori and Pacific Island students were to receive reduced fees then there would be very few people left paying the full \$1250 fee.

"The basic thing to be remembered is that it is impossible to reconcile high fees with equity concerns. Given that genuine equality of opportunity for all is something this country values so highly, and for good reasons, the fees have simply got to go."

Wilson said the most dramatic effect of the fees had been the drop in the numbers of those studying part-time and extra-murally and the number of mature students.

"Women dominate amongst all these groups," she said.

Access to higher education for women was crucial if women were to

achieve genuine equality of opportunity to participate in the workforce and in society.

"While the majority of women students are still centred around traditional subjects, the number of women in university is now virtually equal to the number of men. And while the number of women in non-traditional subjects such as law, science and commerce has steadily improved in recent years we fear that the fees will seriously undermine the progress made by women in the previous decade," she said.

Of particular concern to women were families who because of lack of money are faced with a choice between supporting their son, daughter, child or mother through tertiary education.

"In most cases we expect that it will be the woman who will be the second choice," she said.

Wilson said it was particularly ironic that a Cabinet with the greatest number of women ministers New Zealand has ever had should be party to setting back the learning opportunities of women.

Winter Lectures on Immigrant Minorities

The contribution of different ethnic groups to New Zealand life will be explored at this year's Winter Lectures at Auckland University.

There are eight lectures on "Immigrant minorities in New Zealand: Their impact on New Zealand customs and cultures."

Speakers will focus on six communities — Chinese, Dutch, Tongan, Yugoslav, Samoan and Indian — with general lectures to introduce and conclude the series.

Aspects to be examined include the preservation of language, ethnic identity and homeland links, and attitudes to assimilation.

"Our population is surprisingly diverse," says Associate Professor John Packer, the series organiser, "yet many New Zealanders know little of the minority communities,

cultures and customs in their midst and their impact on the country's development."

"In shedding light on the place of various Pacific, Asian and European peoples in our society the lectures should be of enormous interest and value in a year when the country as a whole is examining its origins and its future direction."

The lectures will be held from 1pm to 2pm on Tuesdays in the Maidment Theatre, 8 Alfred Street. The public are most welcome and admission is free.

Dates, speakers and topics are:

- 29 May Professor Robert D Bedford, Department of Geography, University of Waikato. "Ethnicity, birthplace and nationality: dimensions of cultural diversity in New Zealand."
- 5 June Dr Manying Ip, Department of Asian Language and Literatures, University of Auckland. "The Chinese Community."
- 12 June Dr Robert H Leek, Department of English, University of Auckland. "The Dutch Community."
- 19 June Mr Karl Tu'inukuafe, Seddon High School. "The Tongan Community."
- 26 June Mr Stephen Jelich, Architect, Auckland. "The Yugoslav Community."
- 10 July Mr Sanerive Muliaumaseali'i, Barrister and Solicitor, Auckland. "The Samoan Community."
- 17 July Dr Kapil Tiwari, Department of World Religions, Victoria University of Wellington. "The Indian Community."
- 24 July Dr Sholeh Maani, Department of Economics, University of Auckland. "Immigrant Minorities in New Zealand: Economic and Cultural Implications."

For further information and comment please contact Associate-Professor Packer on phone 737-999 ext 8311

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Aussies, Kiwis Fighting Fees Together

Australians, it seems, don't spend all their money on Barnes tapes, fluorescent zinc and cans of Fosters — many also have to keep paying for their tertiary education years after they graduate. Australian student president Kate Deverall, who was in New Zealand recently, talked to **Max Chapple** about the current issues on Australian campuses.

Kate Deverall, president of the National Union of Students, represents about 300,000 Australians and 40 of the country's 60 universities and colleges of education (like our teachers colleges). Just 40 percent of students get any sort of student allowance and none gets more than about A\$100 a week; many get less than that.

Compared to New Zealand's policy of virtually universal grants, those allowances seem low; but

Australian students now have to pay A\$1800 per full time year of study.

Deverall says the Australian government introduced in 1986 a higher education administration charge which cost students A\$250 a year. This was on top of the long-established tertiary tax which taxed students a small percentage of their salaries when they started earning.

NUS managed to prove that the charge was hindering some women, some



Kate Deverall

Photo: Wendy Newton

mature age students and people from some disadvantaged groups. The charge was later scrapped, despite the fact the government assumed it would be accepted.

Deverall: "They just brought it in, they didn't justify it. They said 'you can earn that in two weeks work, what are you complaining about?' It was very low so I think they thought that it wouldn't have an impact, but we managed to prove fairly conclusively that it was having an impact."

Later the government commissioned the Wran Committee Report, which comes from a committee established to look at a whole range of proposals for user-pays education. Released early in 1988, the report recommended that the education administration charge be abolished and that a higher tertiary tax be introduced. But the committee recommended that the charge should vary depending on the course taken.

Deverall says the concept was extremely unfair.

"For example science teachers would be paying twice as much as people who were teaching english but they were earning exactly the same wage. We consider user pays to be somewhat unjust to begin with but that was particularly unjust."

The Wran Committee recommendations could have led to some students paying \$3000 a year but because of fierce protest

by students the fee was changed to a flat rate of A\$1800.

Once students earn over A\$23,000 a year they start paying back 1 percent of their gross income, on top of income taxes. When they start earning more than A\$25,000 the rate is 2 percent and over A\$35,000 students or ex-students pay 3 percent of their gross income. Most students don't start paying until after they graduate.

Since the new tax system came in last year, NUS has been monitoring its impact.

Deverall: "There's been a massive expansion of places in the system. It doesn't appear to have had any effect on overall enrolments which have gone up and it doesn't appear to have had any effect on women's enrolments or mature age enrolments; the only group it appears to have effected are male part-time enrolments."

"We looked at that and thought 'that's a bit odd, usually it's women rather than men who are the worst affected, these people are earning money — why?' Then we suddenly realised that basically they're the people that are paying while they're studying because they're earning more than \$23,000 already. If you're earning say between \$23,000 and \$30,000 a year and you've got dependants and a mortgage and you're going back to study to try and

improve the income...someone takes half your tax return away from you... then there's a disincentive."

Deverall says male part-time enrolments have dropped dramatically as a proportion of all enrolments and that is of concern.

"We're currently arguing for an amendment which means that basically no-one pays until they graduate."

Another issue facing Australian students is that of amalgamations. Deverall says the trend toward amalgamating tertiary institutions is leading to the original 70 or 80 institutions in the country being cut down to 40 large administrative units. The average campus size is skyrocketing from about 5,000 or 6,000 effective full time student units to 20,000 or more.

"That's caused a fair amount of debate for a whole range of reasons," says Deverall. "Traditionally our colleges of education are fairly progressive student-centred cultures. They look after their students, the administrations aren't too far removed from the student population, there are low student-teacher ratios, smaller class sizes and so on."

"That culture's being threatened by those colleges of education being amalgamated with large universities who have a much more elitist culture, are much more a 'lecturer up there and student down there' culture. And it's affecting the quality of teaching which had always been better at colleges of education."

An example is that of the visual arts students at what was the Melbourne University. Of the 800 students on the course about 500 turned out to demonstrate about the reduction in their tutor contact hours through amalgamation.

"There's a lot of that stuff going on all over the country," says Deverall.

Deverall says Australian students are not particularly violent in their demonstrations. She says they very actively demonstrated against the one off A\$250 charges and the longer the issue dragged on the more demonstrations grew.

Demonstrations against the tertiary taxes were common up to its introduction but have died off since but the outrage over amalgamation is still prompting protests.

"Certainly NUS tends to believe demonstrations

tend to be more successful the larger they are not the more violent they are."

Deverall says the union has been fairly successful in having an impact on the government's agenda.

"We don't win all the battles we fight but we usually manage to have at least a half victory. One of the proposals that actually went to the Wran Committee was an all-up-front fee; that did get knocked on the head. And we managed to alter tertiary taxes and I think we'll have more new moves to tertiary taxes to try and iron out some of the inequities within it."

The National Union of Students was formed late 1987 after the collapse of the old Australian Union of Students. Deverall says the former body which was very radical and too big and cumbersome to move itself from the 1970s into the 1980s, was destroyed because of internal division.

NUS has a good relationship with its Kiwi counterpart, the New Zealand University Students Association, who conference Deverall recently in New Zealand to attend. She says the two groups keep in touch in terms of submissions they are preparing and this has been useful in the lead up to the Australian federal elections earlier this year.

The Liberal Opposition proposed a fees and loan scheme similar to the one which collapsed here and Deverall says NUS was able to tap NZUSA for reasons why such a scheme would not work.

Deverall does not want to get involved in debate about student issues here but says that sometimes an Australian perspective may be useful.

"For example, there's debate about whether it's better to totally oppose a concept or whether you can continue to oppose totally but actually try and negotiate. It's a question of whether you're being strategic or whether you're just copping out and think that debate's interesting."

"From our perspective don't think we did the wrong thing by negotiating on tertiary tax and continuing to negotiate it."

Deverall says that approach tends to earn more respect from politicians.

"And also I think in the long run it earns you more respect from students. Don't think students want to be told 'well, we fought to the bitter end and we're sorry we lost.'"

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An Auckland premature birth the time of birth was a Wilson, from talked to Max groups around

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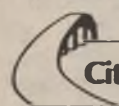
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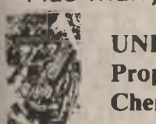
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An Auckland University biochemist's world-first findings mean premature birth, the biggest cause of death in normal babies around the time of birth, could soon be predicted and prevented. Dr Theresa Wilson, from the Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology, talked to **Max Chapple** about her work which has beaten research groups around the world.

Theresa Wilson's first son, Mark, was born 11 weeks' prematurely in Auckland in 1976 and given a 50-50 chance of survival. He lived, and his mother has gone on to make a breakthrough in childbirth which could save the lives of thousands of babies in the same situation.

Wilson, who earned her PhD in biochemistry at Auckland University and is carrying out her research on campus, has discovered a pregnancy protein called gravidin which she believes is vital in maintaining normal pregnancy.

"Most people think that we know everything about how labour starts but in fact we know very little," says Wilson. "Even though we can induce labour, once it starts it's very difficult to stop and we can't anticipate who goes into pre-term labour. Once people are in pre-term labour it's almost too late to help."

About 7 percent of births are premature, and pre-term birth is the single biggest cause of pre-natal mortality, or the death of the baby around the time of birth that's not due to some fatal abnormality.

"Something like 85 percent of those who don't have a fatal abnormality that die do so because of conditions derived from pre-term labour," Wilson says. "I couldn't say how many actually die from pre-term labour but there are about 3000 babies born pre-term annually (in New Zealand). The ones that don't die from pre-term labour have to go into neo-natal intensive care which is extremely expensive. I've heard different estimates from \$1000 to \$10,000 a day."

Wilson says the prospect of premature birth can put some mothers off the idea of having more children.

"There is a tendency for some mothers to deliver pre-term. So I think mothers that have had a pre-term baby and are thinking of having another one will probably be quite worried about the prospect of another pre-term delivery."

Wilson says children's chances of life are linked to gestation periods.

"It all depends how early they're born. Very few babies that are born at 24 weeks or below survive — I think there's been a case

of one or two. Normal gestation is 40 weeks so these babies are 16 weeks early. After 32 weeks there's usually not too much problem, but it's those between 24 and 32 that we're really trying to save."

Wilson and others she has been working with, some of whom have been doing research in the area since the late 1970s, are trying to determine the cause of labour.

"Once we know that then maybe we can find out what causes pre-term labour. In the course of that we've found this protein, which we've called gravidin, that seems to maintain pregnancy and we can measure serum levels of it. We've had preliminary evidence that these serum levels are low in women who are going to deliver pre-term."

This means that there is the suggestion that this is the vital ingredient for normal birth.

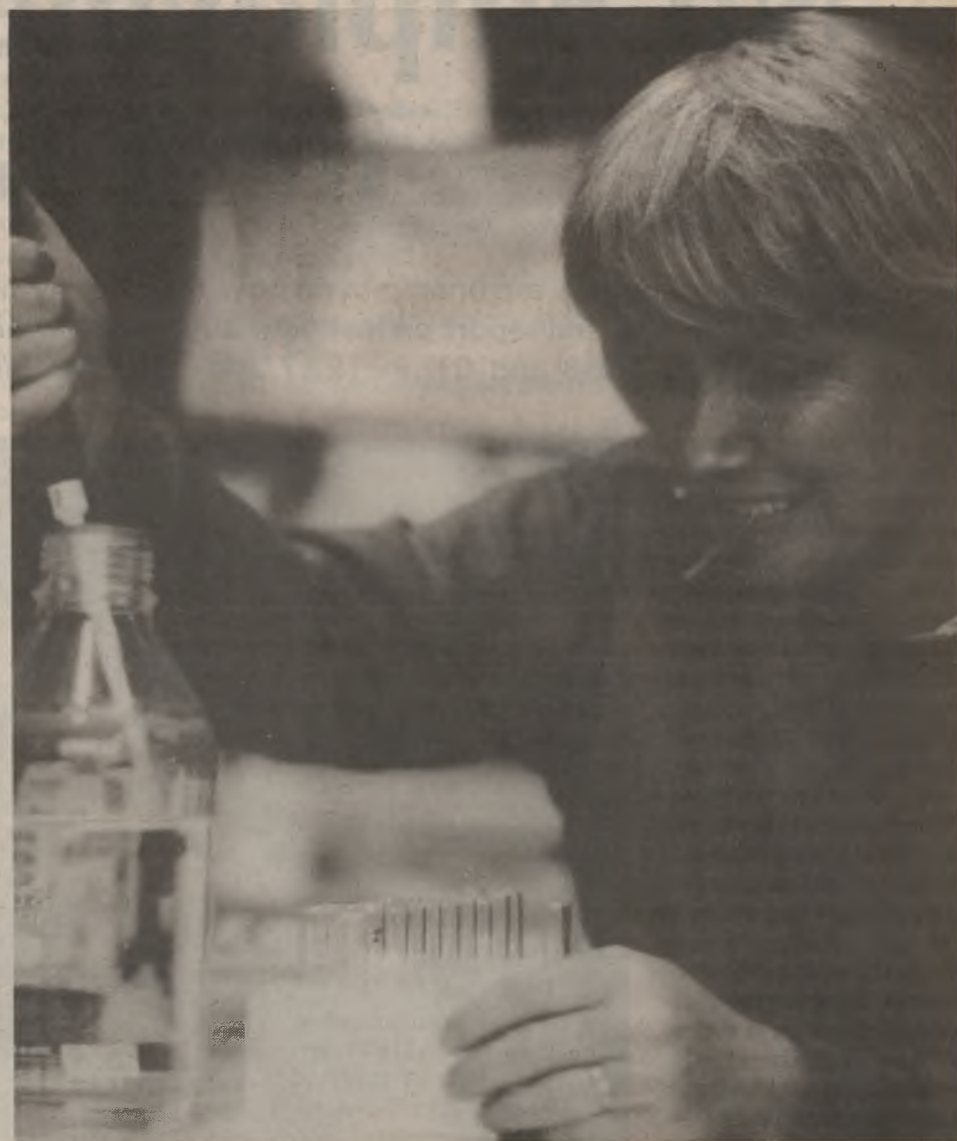
"It's circumstantial evidence — there's not a lot we can do to make the relationship any tighter. The way you can determine whether there's cause and effect is to take away one of the ingredients, like if you made an antibody for gravidin and inactivated it so women went into labour pre-term but you can't carry out that sort of experiment in humans and as yet we don't have an animal model for it."

But Wilson plans to carry out a study, possibly starting in mid-June, using about 3000 women at National Women's Hospital, in an effort to find out the best time to take the gravidin measurement.

Wilson: "One of the difficulties with the test as we have it at the moment is we've got a single serum gravidin measurement taken more or less any time in pregnancy. We've studied the levels during pregnancy and we've found that they're very high to start off with and then they decrease sharply. So what we want to do first of all is to determine the best time to take this gravidin measurement to try and predict pre-term labour."

This is the key to Wilson's work.

"If we can predict mothers who are going to go into pre-term labour then it's possible to treat them with substances such as aspirin or infomethacin which are known to inhibit



Dr Theresa Wilson

Photo: Wendy Newton

prostaglandins (fatty acids) and stop delivery pre-term. But once labour has started then it's difficult to deal with."

Wilson hopes results from the research will be usable in about 18 months, but then there will be clinical trials to overcome before they can be widely used. She says the work will probably result in a kit that can measure gravidin levels and will be used in maternity hospitals for the routine testing of patients.

But Wilson's research has been carried out on a rocky road of ethical and financial problems which could still slow the research up.

Wilson says the Cartwright enquiry into cervical cancer has made a big difference to the co-operation of patients and staff at National Womens.

Difficulties getting ethical approval for early blood samples meant she had to have some flown in from Australia.

"Because it was taking so long to get serum samples and offered assistance with serum that they had collected. It seems absurd that it's easier to get serum samples from overseas than here but that's the way it is. I think anybody doing research with human products now is finding it very difficult. I know someone who's working on milk proteins, now he has to get ethical approval to continue with that.

Where does it stop? I mean do you need ethical approval for saliva or hair clippings."

Another setback has been the destablishment of the Medical research Council which, in anticipation of its demise held back funds in the last allocation to use in redundancy agreements. Its replacement, the Health Research council, will not be giving grants until June and Wilson says her research would have stopped had it not been for a \$180,000 three-year grant from the London College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, which will meet her salary and running expenses.

Wilson says she still badly needs money to keep her technician employed. If no money comes forth, she will be forced to lay off the technician at the end of June and that will further stall the research.

But in the meantime Wilson is hopeful of success in the study, which will take at least nine months to complete.

Wilson says her experience with Mark (now 13) and her other son Peter (9) have given her a better understanding of the trauma and anxiety which accompany premature birth.

Mark's early birth led to numerous problems. He had a gut blockage and stopped breathing several times in the early weeks, and it was seven weeks before he was allowed out of National Womens. He still

has poor co-ordination, which along with deafness often accompany premature birth.

Wilson thought she would lose Peter when signs of birth appeared after just 22 weeks. However, medication quietened things down and the birth was a near-normal 38 weeks after conception.

Wilson, who was raised in Edinburgh, began her tertiary study with a Bachelor's degree in botany and microbiology at Edinburgh University. She left University after graduation and soon decided she needed a higher research degree if she was to do independent research. So she did her PhD at Auckland.

"Because although I had a plant background there weren't too many opportunities in plant biochemistry, I started working on prostaglandins and have kept working on them ever since."

She went to the University of New York in 1982 to do her post-doctorship degree and when she returned she wanted to continue work with prostaglandins.

An opportunity came up in the laboratory of world-famous gynaecology researcher Professor Mont Liggins at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at National Womens, where she began the work which led her to her present research.

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No Employment Guarantees for Graduates

More university graduates are unemployed now than at any time in the last decade. The careers advisory service's recently released report on last year's Auckland graduates says 14% are looking for jobs, compared with 12% in 1988 and 6% in 1987. **Max Chapple** talks to careers advisor **Guy Nash**.

It's harder now than it ever has been to secure a career and a degree can be worthless without communication skills, says **Guy Nash**. They're strong words, but ones which seem to echo in New Zealand's vocational vacuum.

"It's very tough out there — it's not a smooth run," says a solemn Nash. "The nature of commerce and industry has changed, the nature and structure of the public sector have changed. Amalgamation has seen local authorities change their staffing ... immediately you're seeing down-sizing. Town planning and engineering don't need so many people — there are no jobs. And jobs that may have existed in Auckland may now exist in Putaruru or Wai-pukurau. Jobs are disappearing from Auckland."

No Glut

Nash says the graduate market was not affected initially by the sharemarket crash but the pressures are now building up and creating a major stumbling block. But he says there is no degree glut.

"All the reports that have been developed over the last few years are telling us that we're behind every developed country in the proportion of university graduates per head of population. I think we rank just above Portugal and we're behind Greenland."

The problem, Nash says is that expected government expansion has just not materialised. And because of today's increasing pressures it's as important as ever for graduates to cover their bases.

"There's a degree of arrogance among some students. They think because they've got a piece of paper they're going to waltz into a job."

"There's perhaps a feeling of slight superiority, a feeling of 'well I'm alright now I have my degree.' What they really should be saying is 'I'm on the trail now I have my degree.'"

Nash says the careers advisory team would never actively discourage anybody from doing anything. It encourages people to follow their own



Photo: Wendy Newton

Guy Nash — Auckland University Careers Advisor

interests but perhaps "broaden the base to take some alternative investment."

Nash: "The university clearly encourages people to study in their own fields of interest and we identify with that. Therefore one can major in macramé or fishing or filo pastry. However, it comes back to the point about insurance for the future. Perhaps taking a paper in another direction would enable them to have a wider range of choices."

"We would not try to turn the university into a vocational factory. Our role is to advise and provide a service to enable people to shuffle their cards a little more productively."

Versatile

Nash says a degree is a starting point only.

"When management studies first started up people qualified in management and therefore thought they should be managers. That wasn't right — they had some theoretical understandings of the principles of management but they still

needed functional experience to earn the right to proceed into management. Ten years later we've got that one right."

"A degree creates skill in an individual as having the ability to learn... that's a key issue — learning transferable skills which mean you can step from a situation which perhaps doesn't fully utilise your abilities into something that really does."

A key point Nash stresses is that students should think about their careers early.

"This university doesn't necessarily deal with people at the end of their study programme. We're very keen to see people who are planning to come to university and in fact some of the school leavers that are planning to come to university don't come here. As a result of information we might make available to them they might go to another university and we wear that mantle very comfortably because tertiary education is the name of the game."

The service encourages consultation before and during study.

Nightmare

"In that way you can put a jigsaw puzzle together which makes a good picture. If somebody turns up saying 'hey, I've finished my last exam. What do I do now?' it's a bit of a nightmare because at that stage they're looking for a job. The whole career thing is almost immaterial."

And Nash drives home the point that a job is not a career, but it may be a stepping stone towards one.

"What we're trying to do is to help people identify early an appropriate course of study to help them develop their own personal intellectual skill and their personal make-up. That will enable them to put those two together and identify an appropriate career for them."

Just as there is no waltz into any course of study in today's highly competitive world, there is no guarantee your degree will get you the job you really want, says Nash.

Communicate

He says the job search is influenced by three fac-

tors; your qualification — its relevance and its grades; experience gained through part-time or full-time work; and "the major point" according to Nash, your personal style, skills and motivation. He says communication is vital.

"One can have a beautiful qualification yet be unemployable if they can't express what you want to do with that piece of paper."

"Linked with communication skills is this thing called confidence. Confidence is a result of information and this is a point that we labour hard and long. If they know more about what's out there then they'll be more confident when they approach an organisation."

Advantage

In today's world of high living expenses, school fees and other financial strains, many students have to work part-time while studying. Nash says even menial work can be turned to students' advantage if they direct it in some way.

"Something can be gained out of every work

experience.

"I recall talking with a young lady who had completed a Masters' in geography. The contact that got her job was in fact made by her serving lunch to a group of people. Somebody dropped a question in her direction and one of the people said 'you're just the person I'm looking for.' It wasn't a sugar daddy incident — it was a genuine professional approach. Energy is very visible."

Change

In 1969 the careers and appointments office was founded as a comparatively small operation hiding away in the dungeons of the old arts building. In the early 1970s it moved to its present home above the upper lecture theatre and founder Ron Stacey retired in 1974. He was replaced by Colin Pascoe as the careers adviser and Guy Nash replaced him in 1976 after moving from his position in the personnel department of AHI, now Carter Holt Harvey.

Nash: "We've brought to the job I guess a little more commercial approach in that we were bound into the highways and byways a little more than the previous folk. I think it was probably the more positive activity of penetrating the labour markets outside."

Since he began, Nash has tried to project the service outside and works closely with employing organisations.

Information

The soon-to-be-confirmed appointment of information officer was aimed at building up the office's information service, says Nash.

"The objective of the concept was to enable students to have easy access, on a self-directed basis, to identify material that will support them in their career choice."

"Having done that, surveyed the material, they would then be encouraged to come and talk with one of the careers advisers and we would help them interpret their career search."

To further aid its information network, the office may soon have a computer-assisted career guidance system. The Ministry of Education is now working on a national programme which has a targeted start date of next year.

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Plans to save low-lying lands from inundation by rising seas have been nuked by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, according to top climatologist Jan van der Ploov.

Speaking from the headquarters of the Royal Dutch Centre for Climate Research, at 5732 feet above sea-level in the Austrian Alps, van der Ploov is pessimistic about the Netherlands' chances.

"There is now no serious opposition to our belief that global warming caused by the Greenhouse Effect is the reason for rising temperature, causing mean sea levels to rise and less and less water to remain bound in the polar ice caps. We had only one chance to halt this global calamity... and then Gorbachev came along."

But where is the Gorbachev connection? Professor Helga Mkbele, Director of the Pan-African Climate Commission, based at 6340 feet on Mt Kilimanjaro explains:

"In the 60s and 70s we tried to tame the excesses



Professor van der Ploov

of modern consumerism through the environmental movement. But now even the Soviets are buying plastic crap. In 1979, a high-level meeting of international climatologists was held in Kathmandu, Nepal. It was decided that human civilisation had only one chance. It was a hard decision, but

one we could avoid no longer — to balance the warming Greenhouse Effect with the well-documented Nuclear Winter.

"The dust from nuclear explosions would act like a filter in the atmosphere, stopping heat reaching the planet.

"We searched for a sui-



table candidate for the US Presidential elections and thought we had a winner with Reagan. When he chose Alex Haig as Secretary of State, we weren't disappointed. There was talk of limited nuclear exchanges — we were ecstatic... and then Gorbachev came along."

So what hope now for the billions living at sea level? According to Herman Steinberger of the US Federal Climate Commission in Colorado Springs, humankind has one more chance. If limited nuclear war is unlikely, then the explosions must be set off deliberately.

"What we need," says Steinberger, "is a large, dusty, isolated, under-populated country to nuke the crap out of."

According to sources close to the United Nations Global Climate Watch, based in Mexico City, there was unanimous agreement over the proposed venue for the life-saving detonations.

"If one requires a large, dusty, isolated, under-populated country, one can't ignore the possibilities of Australia," said Professor Sir Hugh Buckpasser of the Royal Imperial Institute of Climate Studies in Tibet.

"Ja, I agree," said Karl Grossewasser of Deutschinstitute Klammerfludde from his field research station in the Ural mountains.

"Steady on, mate," claimed Dr Bazza Macquarie, "what about giving Indonesia a go?"

With decreasing East-West tension, the prospects for the Australian outback are looking pretty grim, but considerably better for the New Zealand ski industry.

Cancer Kills Climate Boffins

"Climatologists dropping like flies," screamed the lead story of respected British medical journal *The Lancet*.

A recent shift in emphasis from traditional urban and coastal meteorology to new high-altitude research has been blamed for killing off the cream of the world's weather scientists. At high altitude, the body is exposed to much higher doses of lethal ultra-violet Radiation.

In the past two years, every major mountain range has seen the establishment of meteorological research facilities. The Himalayas are estimated to host several hundred climatologists, while the European Alps are reported to be "standing room only."

British Climatologists Union General Secretary Cyril Strathclyde, warns his members to take precautions. "Stay indoors, I say. If the bosses want to know if it's raining they can take a look out themselves."

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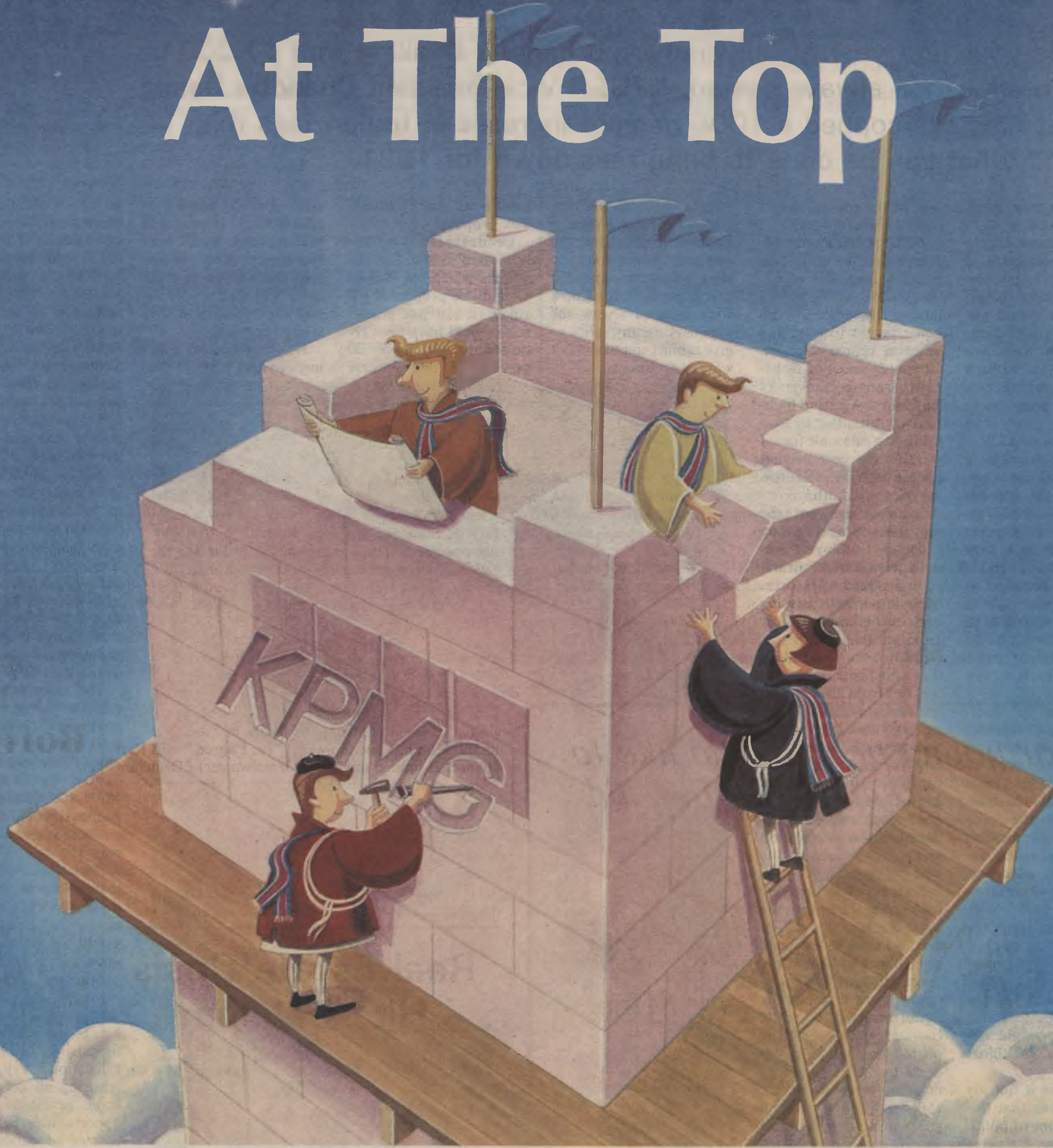
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It's election year again. If you were at university in 1987 you'll remember processions of politicians in campaign mode promising, among other things, that students would not pay more for their education. In 1990 that has turned into a hollow pledge. This year students paid, on average, nearly 1000 percent more than last year's fees of \$129.

Higher tuition fees have been in the air since the first term of this Labour Government. Russell Marshall, then Education Minister, warned that higher education was increasingly becoming a drain on the public purse. The solution, according to the Government was to charge the 'user' — the students — more for their education.

Opposition to 'user-pays' amongst students and the public was immediate. Prior to the 1987 election, thousands of students participated in street marches and other protests. Public submissions to the Government's review of higher education came out overwhelmingly against 'user-pays.' With an election in sight the Government backed down. Ministers promised students that fees would not be increased and the Labour Manifesto stated that students would not have to pay a higher contribution.

During 1988 it quickly became obvious that this promise was one of political expediency. Labour's new education team of David Lange and Phil Goff had no real commitment to keeping tuition fees down. The simplistic theory of user-pays was in ascendancy in the Labour cabinet. Many of them appeared to have derived their analysis straight from the Treasury briefing papers presented to the incoming government. In between a mass of jargon (including that classic piece of Treasury-speak 'psychic benefit' — what you and I might call enjoyment) this document argues that at a tertiary level the benefits of education are largely 'captured' by the individual. In other words, the student is the

user of the education and should therefore pay.

NZUSA has never disagreed that the individual benefits from the education process. Obviously we have all benefitted from being taught to read and write at primary school. Obviously some of us benefit from a university education by getting highly paid jobs. But to turn this into a rationale for increasing the cost of that education is an extraordinary leap of faith.

Students are not the only users of the education process. Employers benefit from a highly trained and skilled workforce. More importantly, society itself benefits, not only from graduates with specifically vocational skills (law, medicine, engineering) but from graduates in the sciences and humanities who have been taught how to think, rather than how to do. If we are to function effectively as a democratic society we need people who can intelligently assess information and recognise propaganda when they see it.

So it isn't very accurate to describe students as the only users of education. It's also hard to calculate the balance of benefit between students and society. In terms of economic benefits, while some courses lead to well-paying professions not all students in these courses go into employment. Overall, a university degree is no guarantee of a meal ticket for life particularly when graduate unemployment is only slightly lower than the national average. Many people, particularly mature second-chance students come to university not only to enhance their employment prospects but to learn, for the enjoyment of discovering new ideas and new skills. Treasury, of course, argues that this is a benefit too, a positive psychic benefit (enjoyment) captured by an individual and therefore it should cost. Presumably if you don't enjoy your lectures you are entitled to a refund or maybe to be paid to attend them.

The ideology of the Treasury briefing papers

largely captured the new Labour cabinet. When it became obvious that the public submissions on tertiary education opposed user-pays, cabinet set up a committee to review the submissions; in reality to give cabinet some advice it wanted to hear.

known as the Graduate Tax proposal.

Graduate tax is actually a bad name for the scheme which the Hawke Committee proposed. All students, not just graduates, would have been required to pay back 20 percent of their course

costs. It proposed that students would take out government guaranteed loans to cover these costs and they would repay the loans once they started earning.

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cent of course costs. They admitted as well that the actual balance of private and public benefit cannot be measured. 20 percent was a convenient figure. In some ways we were lucky. Treasury recommended 30 percent in their briefing papers.

The loans scheme was another deferred payment user-charge. Students would get a loan from a bank to pay the increased tuition fees, then pay back the loan once they started earning over a minimum threshold. Because students didn't pay their fees while actually at university, the government argued they hadn't broken their promise; a nice piece of political double-speak.

The loans scheme had other advantages for the government. It would have brought in a lot of money from the banks in its first year of operation while the Graduate Tax proposal would have taken some years to come up with the cash. The Minister also believed that the loans scheme could be designed with sufficient equity 'safeguards' so it would not adversely affect under-represented groups.

Students' Associations regarded the Minister's commitment to equity as being inconsistent with increasing tuition fees. Education is a vital part of ensuring all people have equal access to society's opportunities. Because the cost of education affects whether or not people take advantage of it, students associations argue that the government should fund it. Unfortunately even before tuition fees were increased, the cost of a tertiary education was already a disincentive to some.

Tertiary education has always cost students more than just their tuition fee. It means living on a Student Allowance that is less than the dole, giving up the opportunity of earning a proper wage for 3-4 years, covering the costs of course expenses such as textbooks and field trips from holiday savings and, for many students, working part-time while study-



Charlotte Denny — NZUSA Vice President

This committee was chaired by Gary Hawke, a professor at Victoria. Its members were all appointed officials and it did not consult any members of the public. It met throughout 1988 and reported in December with a set of proposals that had nothing to do with any public submissions on tertiary education. In particular, the public opposition to higher use charges was ignored. The Hawke Committee recommended increased tuition fees with a deferred repayment scheme. This came to be

costs (a figure of around \$2000 per year) as a surcharge on their taxes when they started earning. It was a complicated and short-lived scheme. In January of 1989 the Inland Revenue Department announced it would be impossible to administer.

The government's response to the Hawke Report was "Learning for Life" or as it soon became known by students 'Loan-ing for Life.' "Learning for Life" accepted the recommendation of the Hawke Committee that the tuition fees be in-

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Money coupled with other factors such as cultural attitudes, family expectations and peer pressure, and the school system itself, has meant the universities have been dominated by students from a fairly narrow range of backgrounds. The position of some of the under-represented groups has improved in recent years. Notably, women now comprise half the population at most universities, however, they remain concentrated in the Arts and Law faculties and constitute the majority of part-time students. A fully commercial loans scheme would have been extremely disadvantageous to women because they would be regarded as 'poor' risks by the banks who would be likely to refuse them a loan. Accordingly, the government built into the scheme a number of equity safeguards to protect commercially unattractive clients.

Unfortunately the same equity considerations made the scheme very unattractive to banks. It was much more complex than an ordinary commercial loan and the banks were never happy at not being able to select their clientele. There was a complex arrangement for interest so the government would pay the real rate and the student only the nominal rate. All in all it was an unappealing package. In June, the Bankers Association advised their members not to get involved in it. David Caygill accidentally let slip to Victoria students that the

loans scheme was off. Subsequently Phil Goff tried to negotiate with banks individually but was unsuccessful. In September, he was forced to declare the scheme dead and announced instead that students would have to pay up-front fees.

Goff blamed the Students' Associations for the collapse of the loans scheme, stating that they had put pressure on the banks and done their members a grave disservice. In fact, the Associations had met with the banks on one occasion and provided them with a background paper on overseas loans schemes. To say the students were responsible for the collapse of the scheme overstates the influence of students as a lobby group. As one newspaper remarked ironically afterwards, 'with power like that, students could find themselves in demand everytime anyone needed to give the banks a nudge on interest rates or mortgages.' In fact, as the Government's own financial advisers on the loans scheme, Deloitte Haskins and Sells, noted, the scheme collapsed because it was too complicated. As their report stated "equity' became synonymous with 'complexity'".

The problem with the loans scheme was that it tried to give over the responsibility for implementing the government's social policy objectives (ie equity) to the commercial sector. Unfortunately banks have no real interest in ensuring their loans are given out on an equitable

basis. They're more interested in whether a loan is commercially profitable. But unless the loans scheme had guaranteed equity features, the government could not claim it was living up to its promise of broadening access to education. One of the most important keys to access to education is money; how much you pay, how much you get.

1990 is the first year of substantial up-front fees. There are many reasons why it could also be the last. National have already pledged to scrap the fee if they are elected in October although there are other aspects of their policy that aren't so great. The way Labour are currently performing in the polls a National victory is looking increasingly likely. The influence of the student vote in several key electorates is also something to keep MPs sweating. There are at least five seats around the country where there are more students than the Labour member's majority. If students make clear their opposition to fees to their local Member and indicate it will influence how they vote, the impact on the Labour caucus as a whole could be significant.

Of course those five seats won't lose Labour the election by themselves but in combination with the other disaffected groups, students could be a deciding force in this year's election. Over the next four months you can expect to see a lot of MPs trailing back onto campus for the first time in three years. Make sure you ask

them where is their commitment to education as a right not a privilege.

To keep the pressure on the government, we need to make the strength of our opposition clear to them. All campuses have anti-fees groups or Education Action Groups which

organise activities to highlight the issue. Look out for forums with your local MPs on campus, letter writing campaigns and rallies later in the term.

In the meantime, don't take the increased fees as inevitable because a government gains a big ad-

vantage when people assume a political decision is irreversible. In fact, two user-pays schemes have already folded. It's a volatile area of policy and the challenge to students is to make user-pays a dirty word when it comes to education.

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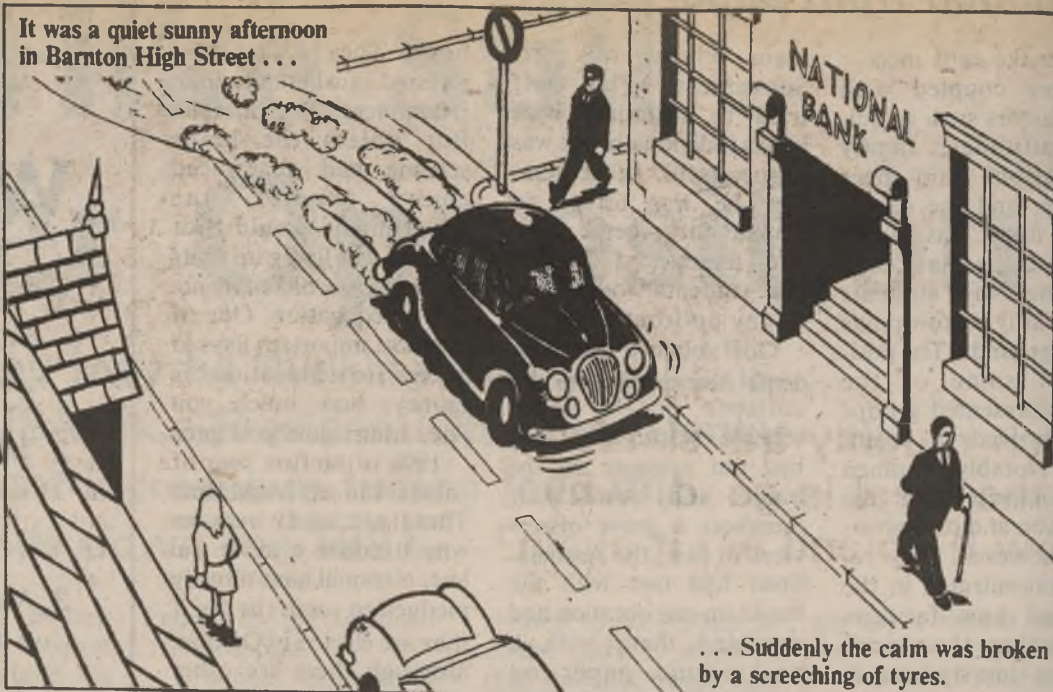
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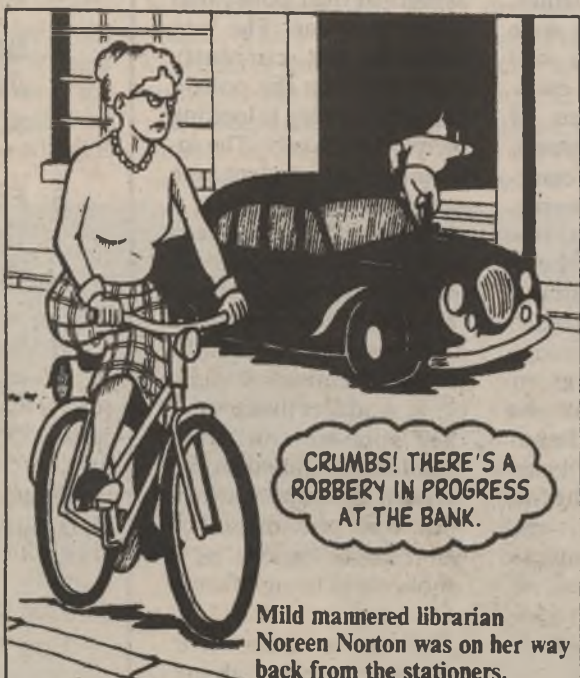
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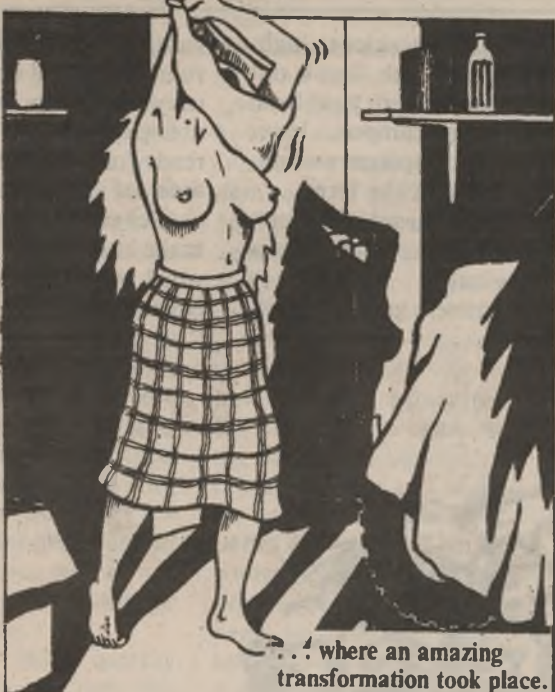
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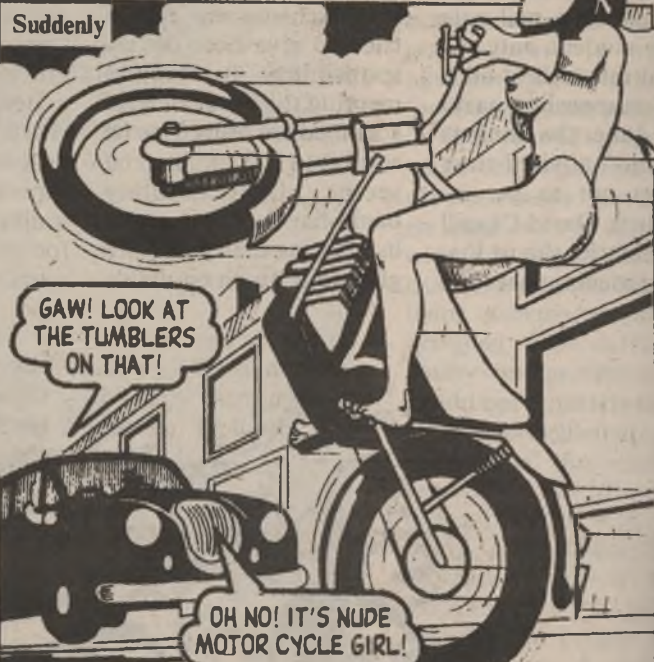
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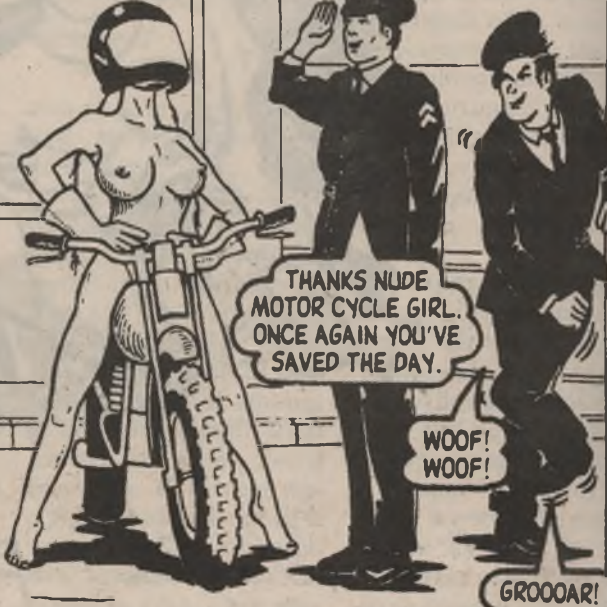
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Philosophically minded European critics have a saying concerning repeats which roughly translates as "if the meal is good, why throw it up and eat it again?"

Sage advice indeed, so why did TV3 totally ignore it by airing Oliver Stone's excellent Vietnam film *Platoon* for a second time within five months? And why are they already repeating their first series of the *Oprah Winfrey Show* and the top rating *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*? The answer is of course that the channel currently lacks as much money as it does ideas: it has little choice but to thin out its schedule to its most watery yet.

What's more, with NBC's pullout there's no white knight on the horizon to save TV3 from receivership. Given TV3's assetless state and their consistently low ratings local capital has been understandably slow even considering a rescue package and the other logical candidates, the Australian networks, are in the midst of their own debt crisis.

So I guess its up to TV3 to shape up themselves if they are to attract a buyer. To this end they have pressed ahead with a new local production that may prove to be a ratings winner, even if it won't win any medals down at the Broadcasting Commission, namely their new

wrestling show *The Main Event*. "There's a real chance that people will get hurt," claims commentator Butch Bradley (ex Perfect Match) in TV3's tongue in cheek PR release. "These wrestlers aren't breathing the same air as you and me," adds co-commentator loud mouthed American Basketball coach John Dybvig, rather promisingly. (At this point I go and watch a tape of said programme).

Did I say ratings winner? Oh dear. With only twelve "star" wrestlers and only four necessarily slow bouts per show, *The Main Event* seems destined to wear thin pretty quickly. When the inevitable comparisons are made between it and TVNZ's US import *The Superstars of Wrestling* it has to come off second best. The *Main Event*'s budget is obviously far lower, the fights are less aerobically choreographed and the crowds are embarrassingly small. About the only similarity with *Superstars* is that the front row is made up of scrawny fourteen year old males.

These defects I'd half expect anyway. The real disappointment was Dybvig and Bradley's failure as

commentators, especially after their campy reviews. The problem is that they are too self aware. Whereas *Superstar*'s er ... genius stems from the deadpan goofy pretensions of Jessie Ventura and Vince McMahon, Bradley and Dybvig just can't convince me to suspend my belief that the Russian Brute really comes from Palmerston North. It actually requires quite a bit of skill to persuade an audience that the over grown steroid abusers in colourful nappies trying to thump the living bejesus out of each other in the ring are actually heroes of macho camp. TV3's team just don't have it, and the result is a wrestling show that vacillates lamely between the stupid and the outright embarrassing.

If you watched TV3's epic *The Brotherhood of the Rose* (an NBC mini-series filmed in New Zealand) then, like me, you were probably lost by the pathetically cryptic plot and improbable characterisation, but had a highly enjoyable time playing spot the local actor and name that location. So just how well did you do?

Well, on the acting front the CIA head at the pre-credits 1944 international spy summit was none other than Chic Littlewood. But Chic (who reappeared two minutes later in a Caltex ad) was only the first in a long line of familiar Kiwi faces hamming it up in bit parts. Others deserving honourable mention include the

ubiquitous Phillip Gordon for his portrayal of a CIA operative who had mysteriously chosen to perfect a Kiwi accent although he was being sent to Cleveland; Frank Whitton, who played a Panamanian priest with an enigmatic Irish lilt and presumably the redoubtable Bruno Lawrence was in there somewhere too (he always is). Brilliant stuff.

And what about those international location shots that produced that nagging sense of déjà vu? Apart from the obvious — such as Queenstown doubling for Wyoming — highlights included Connie Selleca making a phone call from Washington DC's Capital Hill (aka the War Memorial Museum); various scenes at the Israeli's American Embassy (Dunedin's social services centre) and of course those casual shots of the Florida shoreline (Waitamata Harbour). Alas such fleeting glimpses of Godzone are about all we get in the way of local drama on TV3 these days, not including *The Main Event* of course



A new seven-episode story arc has begun on *Wiseguy* that sees Vinnie going undercover in the corrupt record industry by starting his own label.

Being on the savvy side our man Vince has already signed up a couple of young hopefuls played by Deborah Harry (pictured) and one-time Eagle Glen Frey.

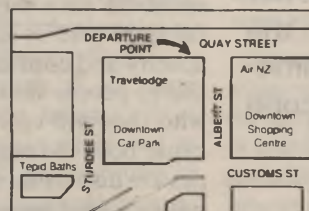
In upcoming episodes he will also encounter various rock and roll low lifes in the shape of Mick Fleetwood, Patti D-Arbanville (famous for being Don Johnson's ex) and a manic Tim Curry (*The Rocky Horror Picture Show*).



TV3's despondent President of Programming, Kel Geddes, is led away by officially appointed receivers.

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New Labour — a viable option?

On April 9, New Labour Party Leader Jim Anderton spoke on campus. Self-styled raging moderate, **Martin Linnet** was on hand to hear how the movement that considers itself the new dawn in leftist politics is progressing.

If numbers are any gauge then it would seem that the NLP is making little headway. When Jim Anderton spoke at Auckland University last year it was to an audience of I guess around 250 students. Today, though, there are just 36 hardy souls in attendance. Anderton blames the last minute switch to another lecture theatre. Still having faith in the ability of people to read a four foot high notice then walk fifty metres to an alternative venue, however, I wonder whether there may be other reasons for the low turn out. Reasons such as the party's disunity (such quaintly named factions as the Permanent Revolution Group, the Communist Left and Left Currents have sprung up in and around its organisation) and its resulting inability to produce any substantial policy — a problem highlighted by this speech that rests on idealistic vagaries such as "we will start promoting employment as a fundamental right."

So why have these 36 students (35 European, 1 Asian) sacrificed their lunch hour to come along and see Jim Anderton, cappuccino socialist extraordinaire? To stop myself succumbing to the mind numbing boredom of his Cantabrian drone I compile a rough list and come up with four main reasons:

(1) to pick up tips on how to dress like Barney Miller.

(2) Because they enjoy hearing Anderton — who was born into money and owns his own manufacturing business — launch into his patronising, paternalistic and guilt inspired diatribe against the system on behalf of the working class man (yes man, just ask ex-NLP vice president Sue Bradford about that one).

(3) Because they have tunnel vision: they love to hear righteous condemnations of Roger Douglas's deregulation of the New Zealand economy but are blind to the collapse of centralised planning in Eastern Europe where hundreds of thousands of workers took to the streets, quite ready to lynch anyone still advocating Anderton-style policies of increased state intervention. And for God's sake don't mention that socialist governments in France, Spain and of course the Soviet Union have all moved towards the free market or you'll really spoil their fun.

(4) Something in the water.

As for the speech itself? Well it was blathersgate; an almost word for word repeat of the self-justifying, self congratulatory one that he gave here last year. A speech that had a vitality then but which now has an air of desperation about it, with the only new ingredients being an attack on the media and some really rather silly

political hyperbole in reference to the government. His claim that "it's just like Pol Pot's gone through the bloody country," (oh dear, isn't he on your side of the political spectrum, Jim) and comparing Richard Northy and Helen Clark to collaborators in Nazi Germany were the most extreme examples of this, with their delivery being given a surreal, creepy edge by the audience's deadpan reception. Unsurprisingly amid all these accusations of selling out, the issue of why Anderton stood on the same platform as Roger Douglas during the 1987 election — surely the decade's worst case of individual political dishonesty — goes unaddressed.

The question and answer session, however is more illuminating. In response to a question on the NLP's environmental policies Anderton says that he opposes the government's ban on native wood chip exports on the grounds that such short term measures cost jobs. Unfortunately for Anderton an increasing number of people of all political shades are coming to realise that damage to the environment is more than just a short term issue — it's a problem that's right on top of us now, a battle already partly irretrievably lost. No short term cost such as increased unemployment can rationally be weighed against the long term cost of making

our planet uninhabitable.

Another surprise comes with Anderton's reply to a patsy question about how evil, monolithic Labour and National parties don't want electoral reform, specifically proportional representation, a boon to small parties and naturally part of NLP policy. "Yes, that's true, proportional representation is a help to minor parties and it would help us — no question," he begins, adding how under PR small players like the NLP can come to hold the balance to power. But then the questioner becomes slack jawed as the NLP leader says "I still have, you know, intellectual reservations about it." As my tape recorder whirs on he quite articulately refutes his own party's pro-PR policy using the examples of the ongoing constitutional crisis in Israel and his own personal experience of how Social Credit MPs Bruce Beetham and Gary Knapp voted for the Clyde Dam when they held the balance of power over Muldoon. "I think there are just as many problems as there are benefits," he sums up.

It seems to me that the only logical reason why Anderton is opposed to PR, the only system which his party has any real chance of gaining parliamentary representation, is because he is still playing system politics. Rather than being a long term viability he sees the NLP as a



Jim Anderton

pressure group on the main Labour Party that will be reintegrated after their probable defeat to National at the next election, presumably with Anderton as the new leader or at least very senior. This may be the game plan but I can't see the likes of Palmer, Prebble, Moore or Clark letting him get away with it, which will leave the NLP as an isolated and purely destructive force in New Zealand politics, just as Social Credit, the Values Party and the New Zealand Party were before it.

Lastly a word to you NLP members out there: before writing an angry letter to Craccum complaining about this article why not write one to Anderton himself first, asking to elaborate on his outdated views on green issues and proportional representation. Oh, and while you're at it why not also inquire about his stance on abortion or pay equity. You might just find that his reply has more than a little in common with what the Good Book has to say on the subjects.

President Re-enters Election Race — for NLP

AUSA president Ella Henry has been selected as the NLP candidate to run against Phil Goff in the coming elections. Ella had put her nomination forward for the seat earlier in the year then dropped out due to family commitments and the impending birth of her second child.



Speaking on campus recently Ella stated that her reasons for rejoining the electoral race were twofold, "There is so much apathy and confusion out there, people don't know who they will vote for because both the major parties are displaying so many policy weaknesses. The voters need a viable alternative and I believe the NLP provides that alternative. I also think it is important that a student stand against Goff, one with a high enough public profile to give student concerns a voice. We've been ignored for too long, our concerns are valid, not just based on selfishness. Education is a resource, not a commodity and we have

to fight any regime that tries to make us change our perception of education."

NLP will be releasing its education policy on the Auckland Campus next week (Thursday 31 May). Jim Anderton will be on hand to answer any questions relating to the policy. Weather permitting a forum will be held in the Quad at 1pm, otherwise the meeting will be transferred to B28.

Abolition of the 1990 tertiary fees and a commitment to funding education entirely from general taxation are key features of the NLP education policy.

However Ella is keen to

point out that NLP are addressing a broad range of issues that concern the wider community. "Obviously the economy and economic policy of the present government are causing enormous distress for large sectors of New Zealand society. The link between the economy and unemployment cannot be denied and unemployment has got to be the one big issue that almost no one has been able to avoid. Students can't find holiday jobs, many know people who have been made redundant, rationalised, down-sized, or had their business pushed to the wall. Neither party is offering us much hope for a real change in direction,

just more monetarism wrapped in fancier rhetoric."

"We need to stand together and say enough is enough, no more pain. I hope I can look forward to the support of those members of the University community who share my views. We'll be meeting regularly on campus to prepare campaign strategy, organise the general dogs body work associated with a campaign and support other Auckland student candidates, Jenny Walker in Mt Albert, Mark Philip in Onehunga, and Wayne Hope in Remuera.

It looks like a very busy year ahead for the Student Pres....



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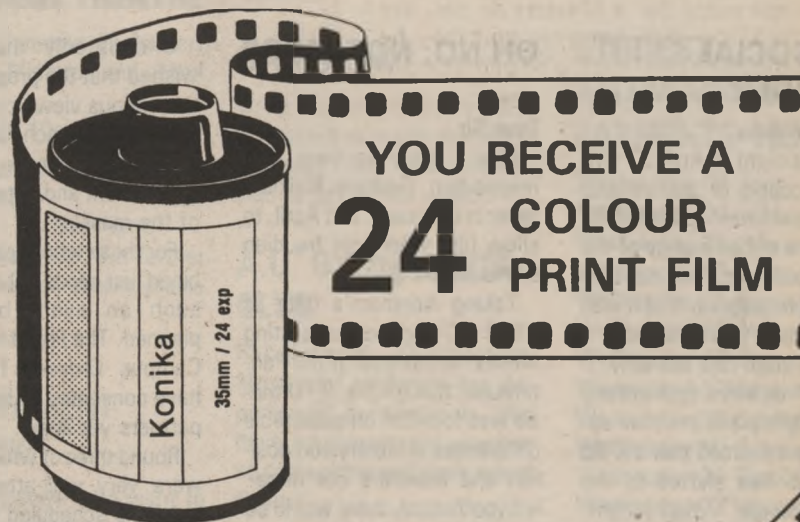
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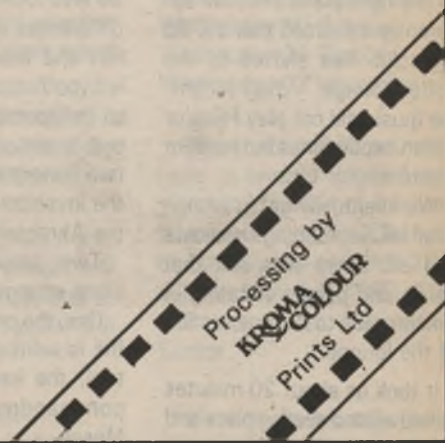
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"Such Sweet Thunder"

Sylvia Rand's show "Such Sweet Thunder", which art critics gushed over at the New Zealand Festival of the Arts in Wellington, continues at the Maidment Theatre until Thursday.

An old English tapestry made from the threads of the women in Shakespeare's plays, Such Sweet Thunder is a one woman show with high emotional impact.

Rands, who played Polly Hanlon in TVNZ's 'Hanlon' and Maria Klein on 'Gloss', casts aside convention in this very visual medley which looks at love, repression, marriage, birth, death and other common experiences. And on top of that, she has a shower on stage.

Performances are at 6pm Monday and Tuesday and 8pm Wednesday and Thursday.

"The Two Marias"

A case of mistaken identity which leads to a woman nursing a stranger whom she thinks is her daughter is the basis of a play which opens at the Little Maidment theatre on June 23.

The Two Marias, directed by Aucklanders Sam Scott, is the true story of an identity mix-up which leaves one Maria dead and the other with the first woman's mother.

Staged by women, the four woman production is a Maidment TheatreLab project aimed at giving students an opportunity to make a production which focuses on enhancing their skills. It will star non-student actors Rachel House and Tina Frantzen as well as students Fleur Couper and Tania Anderson.

The Two Marias, written last year by Briton Bryney Laveray, is set in Spain and looks at parental relationships, lesbianism

and the media. Director Sam Scott says it is an interesting new production which should appeal to both school groups and older people.

The Two Marias runs from June 23 to 27 and will start at 6.30pm daily and 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure"

Subtle, intelligent, hilarious — none of these words could be applied to "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure".

Two 'excellent' Californian dudes (Bill and Ted) are about to flunk their history assignment. It is vital for the future of the planet that the boys pass their assignment because failure will mean separation of the two friends and the end of their rock band whose music and lyrics are destined to usher in an era of global peace. Hence, future interfering types send the boys a time-travelling phone booth (an astoundingly original idea). Tumbling through time they meet (and abduct) Socrates, Genghis Khan, Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Beethoven, Abraham Lincoln and Billy the Kid, dumping them all in a California shopping mall.

Avoid the Regent Theatre until this movie has gone.

"Thunderbirds F.A.B."

Those of us who belong to the 'post hula-hoop, pre Star Wars' generation were raised on the Gerry Anderson puppet action shows — 'Supercar', 'Stingray', 'Thunderbirds', 'Captain Scarlet', and 'Joe 90'. The live stage show 'Thunderbirds F.A.B.', at the Aotea Centre had only to mimic the genre to have the audience in constant stitches. It was a memorable evening.

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FRIED FREUD

Dear Editors

Conan the Bloke's aptly titled homophobic winge ('Offensive Material', 30 April) demonstrated an interesting pattern of behaviour among real blokes — let me explain.

Firstly it is true that we despise most in others that which we fear most in our selves. It is false that human sexual orientation is an open and shut affair whereby we are either 100 percent gay or 100 percent straight. The truth is that most of us are peculiarly bent.

Conan and his ilk are no different but they are the victims of socially condoned sexual oppression. They have had an excessively rigid male stereotype imposed on their budding sexualities that did not and does not allow for normal ambiguity and flexibility of feelings.

To conform at all costs Blokes have repressed from their conscious minds (and so will deny it) any awareness of their own departures from total stereotypical normality. But their guilt and infantile fear of reprisal for not conforming cannot be suppressed and are manifest in the behaviour and attitudes of many.

Blokes continually strive, for example to be the extreme real piss-drinking, don't give a damn, heartless bastard Kiwi bloke. Do you wonder why?

They also must strike out at those they fear the most — the non-conformers. Anyone not

adherent to a blokes simplistic set of acceptable types is immediately classified unacceptable and subject to hatred. They despise most those who challenge their frail self-concepts and stir the frightened conflicts of their sexuality.

Conan the Bloke said it all and better than I can. He praised 'Dori' because they are good for 'shafting' but only if they are 'cute' and 'nice' and with a bit of luck a virgin. His hatred for women unlike his drab ideal he does not conceal. In fact he wants the world to know of his Blokeness as if that will confirm it for him.

Homosexuals are even more so an object of unrestrained hate to Conan and again his simple mind must impose a basic stereotype on Gays; they all wear boatshoes apparently.

He wants to direct violence at gay men in order to expiate himself and his erotic elusions of grandeur of himself as the punisher. These two facts combine with his deeply repressed sexual desires to form his publicly printed homosexual fantasy: He wants to fuck gay men with a seven foot shaft of wood and steel right where they like it. That's OK Conan, but get their consent first.

The last thing I want to do is describe what a real man should be. Too many blokes and others have been doing that all year. Take Betty H for example. Betty, I am soft but I can be hard too and I don't like

being told to be something just because you think it should be so.

Bigotry thrives on institutionalised social norms that restrict peoples' roles allowing them to be exploited and manipulated. When we are free of sex stereotypes, what ever their design, for men and women, then we can be free of sexism.

Mort

SMALL DICK

Dear Flossilda

Where have you been all my life? Let's throw off the inhibitions and get it on like wild, rampant sexy things. I thought I could never feel this way after Fenella left me for poofy Phil Schofield, but the thought of your luscious woolly coat pressed against me gets me really quite randy. Will you help to sport my oak? Sink my tadger?

Yours in drooling anticipation
Cockroach

GENERAL WHINGE

Dear Editors

Why haven't the cultural and sporting clubs been told how much money is available for AUSA grants this year?

Why did Roger Pym, an unwilling candidate, end up doing a one-man Orientation without adequate managerial and financial support?

Why haven't heads rolled? Or is \$60,000 just a drop in the ocean to some people?

Yours in amazement
Bollocks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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FIJI SOCIAL BLUNDER

Dear Kiwijians

On the night of April 27 (Friday) a couple of enthusiastic friends and I went to the Fiji Social in the coffee lounge of the varsity buildings. It did not take me long to discover that it was a social of a contrary taste.

You'll soon find out why.... It took us some time getting to the right place because apparently it seemed that a K'Rd nightclub had shifted to the coffee lounge — that's right, the music did not play Fijian or Indian exotic tunes but modern western.

We eventually got in amidst a full house, rubbing shoulders and all. There was still that music and people vibrating in synchronism to it in one section of the lounge.

It took us about 20 minutes to find a good seating place and that after stealing somebody else's chairs. As our eyes got accustomed to the dim environment we found to our sheer surprise that there were Fijians. Ok, social, never mind them.

Well, the music went on and on and we sat waiting and waiting for something different. Of course, being a Fiji social, we eagerly awaited to see some dancing to a 'lai' or 'tab-la' or something to that effect — as they would normally have had at the University of the South Pacific. By twelve at night our (or at least mine) behinds had got bored and ready to hit the sack. Suddenly, the music was killed and the lights came on. The fish-market type atmosphere died to a near pin-drop hush momentarily as everyone awaited the next move.

Moments later an official sprang up and shouted "socials over can you leave now." Of course nobody did. As I had anticipated a couple of hound dogs walked in — police! There was movement as some left, scared. The cops themselves disappeared into the dark. The music fired up again — I waited outside — it stopped for good — eventually we got home.

So what happened to the real social, pacific type of atmosphere of a so called 'country-social night.' Couldn't they fit something in? Come on organisers. Put more go in yourselves and let's show the world some of our stuff too! We had the numbers. There could have been some very successful entertainment for all.

Psyde H

OH NO, NOT MORE

Dear Sir

May I reply to your correspondent Graham Blaikie's letter in Craccum, 2nd April, to show him where his Freudian slip is showing.

Taking Abraham's date as 2100 BC and not contesting Moses' authorship of the Pentateuch, though the JEPT thesis was founded on detectable differences in literary composition and therefore not merely hypothetical, there would be an indisputable 700 years of oral tradition between these two historical figures, despite the invention of writing in the pre-Abraham era.

Two incompatible conclusions emerge from this study.

One, the promise of a land for the Israelites to Abraham and two, the keeping of the ten commandments given by Moses.

Joshua Chap. 1:2 related that after Moses died, his successor Joshua was commanded to seek the promised land that had been denied to Abraham, Isaac Joseph and Moses, Deut. 34.4.

How could Joshua keep the second commandment, to love ones neighbour as oneself, and retain the first Commandment to respect ones God, while fulfilling the long awaited (700 years) contract with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and take the lands of their neighbours the Hittites to be the inheritance of their seed.

Even the Christian interpretation of the Mosaic Commandments from the retributive rendition of the Old Testament, to the compassionate rendition of Christian ethics has not been followed by any other country or church that has called itself Christian. The two great wars in this century were waged and numberless atrocities were perpetrated by nations and leaders, calling themselves Christian.

To return to the end of my first letter for the Freethinkers, there is still reason to have faith that reason and modern knowledge, can found a system of belief, to serve an enlightened future, "We have here on Earth the stuff to build new Edens."

Yours faithfully
Eric Bell
OLMAUF

SLAUGHTER

Dear Craccum

Last term the pages of your august newspaper were filled with argumentation from the religious and irreligious on matters both weighty and insignificant.

Undoubtedly many have wished that the proponents of the various views could be let loose upon each other in a gladiatorial arena, to the amusement and entertainment of the masses.

For those whose philosophical blood lust needs to be satiated, such an event has been planned. The Freethinkers and Campus Crusade for Christ have consented to be sparring partners yet again.

Round three of what last year were very well-attended debates, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 1 pm, B10. The moot is "That Christianity is Beyond Reason."

All are welcome, especially medical personnel and morticians.

Graham Blaikie

CANTA RANTER

Dear Craccum

Firstly, thanks ever so much for those editions of your wee rag. I must express my delight on finding that there are still literates in our countries (sic) largest city and that you can manage to bring out such an enjoyable publication. I do hope you chaps (and ladies) enjoy our lovely *Canta* which we so carefully produce almost every week.

Secondly, I do feel quite strongly about some of those letter you published, and am obliged to present my views thereof. Initially, it was that Paul Sharp fellow who gained my attention with his rather ill-written thoughts on the native question. If only the chap concerned would learn to write clearly and logically, not to mention citing an occasional source or reference for some of his outlandish claims. What, perchance, are we to make of his initial claim that the existence of pre-Maori people in our fair country is merely a myth, only to follow on with a statement to the effect that the original inhabitants slowly developed into the people now known as the Maori. Reconcile these, if you will, Mister Sharp.

This does seem to lead rather to the current trend for groups of so-called Maori to claim all sorts of things from this poor country, as restitution for wrongs supposedly done them in the past. Surely the first step in such a claim would be to publicly establish the prevailing system of land ownership and transfer in use by the native population at the time the treaties were signed.

As I understand the topic, the Maori simply killed or enslaved the current possessors of land they wanted, and generally

lived in a primitive and warlike manner. As for there being one race here, the Maori apparently recognised only family linkages and quite happily carried out extensive pogroms against their competitors. This puts them morally on the same level as any other genocidal race or creed, such as the Communists, Nazis and Christians (all minorities, Jews and Muslims respectively).

Christians. Well, much as I would like a nice Christian for my entertainment of a lunchtime, it appears that since we broke our last one no-one is prepared to take up the position of head preacher at Canterbury. The poor man we had before decided that GOD recommends him not to preach to us again, and has not returned. As a result, I appeal to all good Christian groups (rather antilogous I know, but "never fear, the idea's clear") to form an association dedicated to providing a weekly sermon in "the Amphitheatre" (our outdoor lunching area, no lions allowed) during a lunch-hour of your convenience. This would be purely for our edification and involves no risk of personal injury beyond the odd swim in the Avon (testing for witchiness, you understand. Can't afford to have false prophets on campus now, can we?). Freethinkers need not apply.

Finally, PIGLET. Ha. Wow, you do write a lot of letters for such an obvious intellectual cripple (comprenez (sic) vous?). I expect you were part of that wee group heavily involved in the fracas in Dunedin and incidents on the way down. Well thanks ever so much, don't bother coming back. Still, keep stirring the excrement in Auckland, it might rot otherwise.

Anyway, Mr Plod lifts his visor (he's one of those who likes to wrap his thighs around some throbbing German machinery) and asks "You're not very bright are you?" After I told him I wasn't and I was thinking of becoming a traffic officer, I found myself lying in the gutter with hairline fractures to my skull.

Now oil barrels can be a problem. Especially those ones in the middle of the road when you want to pull out of the carpark and head down to the Stanley St intersection in the evenings. No problem. Just kick the suckers out of the way and watch them roll down the hill. Caution: this should preferably be done in a well inebriated state, ie, a couple of hours in Shads before you go home. (NB This does not imply you should drink and drive though, get some poor bastard to chauffeur you.)

May scallops rock your Tadger Cockroach

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Society Persecuting Irrational Christians

GOOD FOR BUGGER ALL

Rodney Goodall

Well mate, now that you have finished deriding British culture, colonial NZ and the place of the Union Jack on the NZ flag, you may allow me to suggest an alternative emblem — the many pronged flesh forks with which the old Maori ate one another. This is a more appropriate symbol of the self-destructive character that this country is assuming.

Furthermore, while the Maori culture has a lot to offer colonially-derived New

Zealanders (other than just a tourist industry) it is not, as you suggest, greatly enlightened. I would venture to say that the rights of women were never paid much attention (at least from a modern perspective). Naturally, the practise of slavery and the ritual execution of those slaves during events such as Pa construction need not be mentioned.

So, how about getting over this self-hate complex with your colonial origins and putting the past into perspective. Basically, we all have ancestors that were right bastards at one time or another and bitching about which bastard was worse is pissing into the wind — you'll get your own back.

PS. Just a kind note to that hairy-legged trollop, Betty H: when a bloke wants your services, he will ask for them. Until then, your opinions don't count for much, do they?

COPPED A BEAUTY

Dear Bill and Ben

Know wot you mean lads. Recently we too attracted the attention of the black and whites. This chap on duty decided to pull us over and have a friendly word. Meanwhile, everyone else continued to U-turn behind his back, but did we get any thanks for taking the heat off you?

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Zealand in 1945 I have been a goot little Kivi. Since the unfortunate death of my wife and children I have so little to live for but to pine away my remaining years in my Totara Heights villa, drinking excessively and watching old war movies.

Where is the justice?

Yours,
Hans 'Hessy' Heinkel
Secretary of Labour Electoral Committee Mt Roskill

P.S. Why are showers in New Zealand so small? I could barely fit my wife and children into one.

THE END OF HISTORY IN NEW ZEALAND?

Dear Editors

In an article much debated, in countries where such debates take place, Francis Fukuyama argued that we were facing the end of history. He based his argument on Hegel; that conflicts between ideologies had, with the collapse of communism, ended, and therefore history itself was at an end. Hegel was of course wrong, as Marx proved. And Fukuyama was wrong too.

The counter arguments ranged from; communism does not exist in its pure form, to these pointing out the existence of ideologies, other than communism that 'oppose' Liberal-capitalism. Putting these arguments to one side let us have a look at the situation in New Zealand.

Before 1984, a long time ago, we had a right and a left wing party. Since then the Labour Government has slowly (rapidly?), moved (crawled?) rightwards. Thus, within the beautifully unfair two-party system, we have two right wing parties. Taking Fukuyama's argument let us apply it to the New Zealand political system. Both major parties are fundamentally in agreement and the only truly left wing party is consigned to the margin of error in the opinion polls. Thus ideological conflicts in New Zealand are dead. New Zealand can lead the world in one area at least, it will have been the first country to have declared history dead on arrival.

Vangelis Vitalis

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BUILDING ON THE ART OF BUILDING

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Bernstein and Gershwin — The Music of America.
June 30, Commencing 8pm, ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre.

SUBVERSIVE ACTS

A collection of short stories by NZ women writers. Submissions for the above anthology to Dr C Dunsford, R.D.2 Matakana, Northland.
Deadline October 31 1990.
Stories may be subversive in terms of content, theme, style, language etc.
Maximum length 4000 words.
Send stories now.
Please send SAE for return of work.

ELLA BOPS GOFF?

You can make this happen by coming to the New Labour Party meeting at 1pm on Thursday June 7 in the Exec Lounge, 1st Floor AUSA Building.
We shall work on planning Ella Henry's election campaign against Goff in Roskill. Be there!

AUCKLAND FILM SOCIETY

May 29
"In the White City", Swi/Por 1983, A Tanner 6.00pm and 8.15pm.

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Until June 9:
"Not now darling" theatrical production, War Memorial Hall, Ellerslie.

Motorway tree-planting, Mangere/Auckland Airport.

May 29 — July 24:
1990 Winter Lectures — "Immigrant Minorities in NZ", Maidment Theatre.

May 30:
'Treaty of Waitangi 1840—1990 and Beyond': Workshop 3 Ferndale House, Mt Albert.

June 1,3:
Auckland Country Music Spectacular 10th Anniversary Awards. Auckland Town Hall.

June 2,4:
Seventh Southern Comfort Jazz and Blues Festival. Sheraton Hotel, Auckland.

June 2—17:
'Fletcher Challenge Award Exhibition, for Excellence in Ceramics', Auckland Museum.

June 6:
"Bring and Buy" sale, Mangere Senior Citizen's Lounge.

CLUB ROMA

Thursday June 21: Bitumen Waltz celebrate the release of their debut recording 'Love or Near Offer' with a cassette launch at Club Roma. Cassette available in shops in June.

WOMINSPACE JOURNAL LAUNCH

Thursday June 7, 7.30pm at Wominspace. Music by Jo Mackay and Turijja Readings from the Journal. Journals on sale. Refreshments. Only \$6 for entertainment and refreshments. All women welcome to the launch of "Glass Beads and Blue Stockings". (Now available from UBS and Women's Bookshop too).

ARTSPACE

6-8 Quay St
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AUCKLAND CITY ART GALLERY

The Auckland City Art Gallery is due to open in mid June after asbestos is removed from the building.

The gallery has been shut for a month, since the 'Two Centuries of Landscape Art' exhibition finished, to get rid of the asbestos and the gallery's administration has been operating from the Fergusson Building in Queen St. Staff move back to the gallery on June 5

The gallery's exhibition opens to the public on July 5 and is called 'Romance and Irony.' It shows recent paintings from the United States.

EDUCATION ACTION GROUP

Every Tuesday at 1pm in Rm 138 (Behind TV Room). Activities to plan this Term include a National Week of Action (July 16-23), stunts, posters, chalkings, education forums, speeches, rallies, marches, parties etc etc etc. Please come along and participate — it will be fun and we desperately need your input.
See you there Tuesday.

Roger Pym
Education Vice-Pres.
PS. For further info please do not hesitate to contact me at AUSA.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Tuesday May 29, 1pm, Exec Lounge: "Sex — Why Wait?"

Tuesday June 5, 1pm, B-10: Debate with Freethinkers: 'That Christianity is Beyond Reason'

MAIDMENT LUNCHTIME MOVIE SEASON TERM 2

May 28 'Jumping Jack Flash' (100 mins)

June 11 'Angel Heart' (113 mins)

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Princess Wharf, Sunday 17th June. 10am-3pm. \$7 site on the day. Refreshments available.

Come on, get those parts out of the closet. Spectators — free entry. Band and tattooists.

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WINTER WORKSHOPS, MAIDMENT THEATRE

1. The Dynamic Performer. Michael Mizrahi and Mari Adams.
June 9-10, 10am-3.30pm.

2. Introduction to stage design. John Parker.
June 16-17, 10am-4pm.
Student fees \$40. For further enquiries and enrolment, phone 793474.

TOURNAMENT MEETING

All those people who went to Easter Tournament in Dunedin, on the train please see the Sports Officer before Friday 1st of June to discuss the placement of the leftover money from the stay at Canterbury.
If you don't front up before Friday you will miss out!

All those who rowed and haven't paid their \$10 bring this also as the Rowing Club is carrying your debts.

RKS ART

A display of landscape photography by Alan Miller.
22 May-8 June 1990, Tues-Fri 11-5
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GAY STUDENTS

Social Meeting, Fridays 4.30pm—7.30pm.
Exec Lounge, AUSA Rm 137.
All gays welcome including ATI gays.

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DEBATE

Freethinkers vs Campus Crusade for Christ (Round 3)
"That Christianity is beyond Reason"
June 5, 1pm, B-10

FOWKES ALIVE

By Bill Direen.
Performed by Soluble Fish at the Little Maidment.
June 7, 9, 13 and 16, 8pm, \$10.

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