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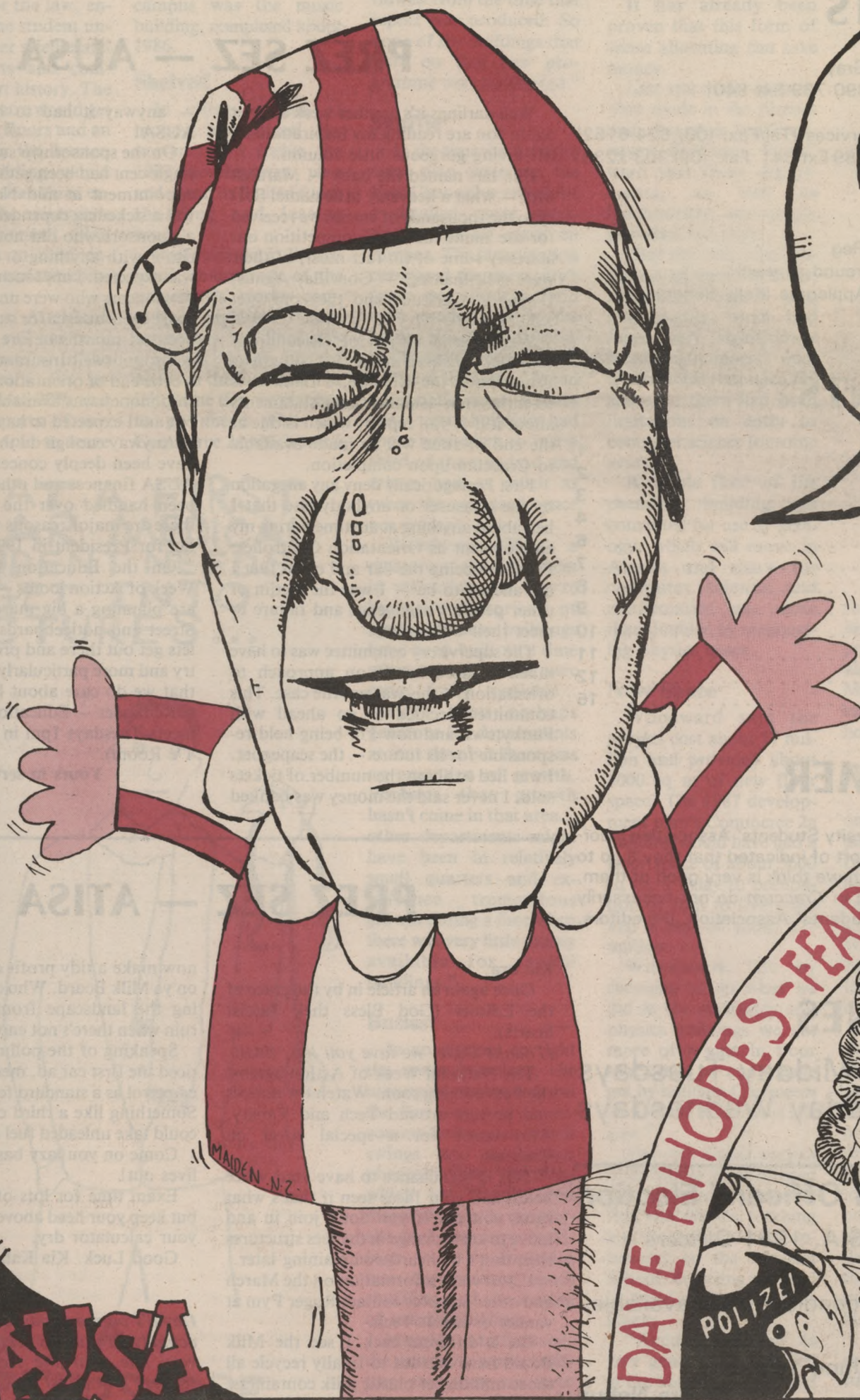
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ATISA

EDITORIAL

It was fantastic to see all the interest given to the recent election of the new Craccum editor/s. What made it even better was that Peter, Mark and myself were the 'chosen ones.' Thanks heaps for your votes.

I think we've come up with a well balanced team:

- * A science student to organise it.
- * An art student to draw pretty pictures.
- * And an engineer to get drunk and abuse people.

(Just kidding Peter!)

Within that team there are two men (blokes) and one woman. And one woman is said to do the work of two men.

But now we're in, we want to hear from YOU! Too often Craccum gets letters and phone calls about content which people don't like.

Why is it that people will continually complain about certain matters but do little to change them? Why don't you sub-

mit something that you would like to see instead of complaining about the current material?

I'm glad that Jo Mackay has decided to contribute to this newspaper even though she lost out to us. It shows you that there are interested people out there.

Some others have started to present us with articles and interesting information which is great ... but we want **more, much more.**

At present what ever arrives is printed, there is so little input from students that we have little choice in what can go in. I'm pleased to say that in this issue we have 2-3 articles from people around the varsity. I hope this continues and will encourage others to do the same and not only university students but tech students as well — it's **YOUR** newspaper.

Wendy

PS. Hi Andrew.



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Midday Tuesdays

Letters, Notices

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Returning Officer for 1991 Officers' Election

Applications are called for an A.U.S.A. 1991 Officers' election Returning Officer.

Remuneration is \$200. Terms and conditions are available from the AUSA Secretary.

Applications close on Friday 29th June 1990.

Deidre Nehua
Secretary

PREZ SEZ — AUSA

Well darlings it's another week and yet again you are reading my inspirational life-giving gorgeous little column.

Ella has named the baby — Marama Mia — what a heavenly little name. Sorry to the thousands of entries we received for the 'name the baby' competition but honestly some of (in fact most) of them were sick making — Gonzilla, Agnus, Gwenyth, Gertrude and they only get worse!

Well, on the subject of Orientation! While not wishing to use this column as Council for the Defense, I think it is essential that I make some statements about it. My full report, which is due at the end of June will be made available to Craccum upon completion.

First I categorically deny any allegation by the treasurer or anybody else that I lied about anything at anytime during my employment as Orientation Controller. Far from being the liar and cheat that I am alleged to be — I was the victim of other people's negligence and failure to meet their obligations.

The supervisory committee was to have taken a more hands on approach to orientation — this was not the case. This committee decided to go ahead with Funkytown and now I'm being held responsible for its future — the scapegoat. I was lied to about the number of tickets sold. I never said the money was banked

— anyway it had to be banked with AUSA!

On the sponsorship subject — not a single cent had been gathered prior to my appointment in mid November. There was a sickening dependence on traditional sponsors who did not come through either with anything or not as much as was expected. I approached many would be sponsors who were unable to assist because their budget for such activities had been set months before.

Groundswell Insurance went bust after the end of orientation so no sponsorship money was available from them — but am I expected to have crystal balls?

Anyway enough on that subject. I have been deeply concerned at the way AUSA finances and other activities have been handled over the last few years. These are major reasons why I am standing for President in 1991.

On the Education front. National Week of Action looms — July 16-20. We are planning a big march down Queen Street and noticeboards etc for info — lets get out there and prove to the country and more particularly the government that we do care about Education.

Reminder — Education Action Group meets Tuesdays 1pm in Rm138 (behind TV Room).

Yours in service of students
Roger Pym

PREZ SEZ — ATISA

Kia ora.

Once again an article in by the grace of the Editors (God Bless their fascist hearts).

(Thanks Dave, we love you too, Eds).

The National Week of Action against the Fees coming soon. Watch for notices and posters around Tech and Varsity. Also watch for a special cover on Craccum.

This is your chance to have your voice heard and your faces seen if that's what turns you on. If you don't join in and move to see a change in the fees structures then don't be heard complaining later.

If you want information on the March and other activities contact Roger Pym at varsity or me at Tech.

On a different tack I see the Milk Board have decided to finally recycle all those millions of plastic milk containers. Interesting that the reason for this stated on national television was "well we can

now make a tidy profit on them." Good on ya Milk Board. Who cares about saving the landscape from environmental ruin when there's not enough money in it?

Speaking of the pollution issue, I noticed the first car ad, mentioning unleaded petrol as a standard feature capability. Something like a third of all cars in NZ could take unleaded fuel and only 5% do.

Come on you lazy bastards, sort your lives out!

Exam time for lots of people I know but keep your head above the effluent and your calculator dry.

Good Luck. Kia Kaha.

David's been a spoilsport this week and actually gave us his presidential — very late. But the team managed to squeeze it in. (Just make the cheque out to Craccum Dave).

SPACED OUT

— We're running out of room

In 1987 Auckland University released a plan which outlined six new buildings and two major building extensions to cope with an increasing student roll. But since then there has been no new building work on campus despite the roll rise and it is now estimated the university needs about 20 per cent more space to bring it up to British standards.

It sounded like a great idea: eight new construction projects to boost university space and give faculties their own buildings. There would be new buildings for the law, engineering, the student union, computer science and geology, arts and commerce and art history. The computer centre would get another two floors and an extension to the human sciences building would give it more than three extra floors. The university's 1987 development plan was enough to send engineers into ecstatic combustions.

For years Auckland University's roll has been on the increase — in the last two years, for instance, it's risen 20% and there are reports of students being told to leave

bulging lecture theatres as overcrowding hits the arts and commerce and economics areas in particular. Despite this, the last new construction to go up on campus was the music building, completed about 1986.

Shelved

In effect, a lack of money has forced the university to shelve the 1987 development plan and spend its limited funds shuffling and leasing space.

Professor Jack Woodward, chairperson of the university's works committee, explains: "There are no new buildings programmes firmly on the books at the moment. The initial one that we planned to go ahead with was Commerce 2a which was a

building for commerce on Grafton Rd and although we undertook some preliminary sketch plans on that we never had finance to carry it ahead."

Woodward says the development plan was never officially abandoned but a lack of government funding has meant it has not been possible to proceed with it.

"It was very much a future development plan dependent on the flow of capital moneys and the capital moneys have never flowed from the time that report was produced. So none of the buildings that were on that new programme were attempted."

Shuffle

At the time the development plan came out the Vice Chancellor called for a detailed usage investigation of all space on campus. The investigation compared the university's space per student ratio with standards set by the United Kingdom University Grants Committee.

The investigation found a dramatic range in space use — some buildings had space equivalent to just a third of the standard and others had as much as twice the standard space per student.

Woodward: "That's a measure of the differences in utilisation and they're basically historical of course because buildings have been built at a time when capital grants were more freely available... they've been perhaps generous for departments at that time but there was an exception of growth. Perhaps that growth hasn't come in that area... other departments might have been in relatively small quarters and experience tremendous growth during a time when there was very little money available for capital buildings."

Busiest

In an attempt to right the space injustices, the university embarked on the first stages of an accommodation plan which swings into its busiest phase this year. The plan, which has already seen major changes in the physics and chemistry buildings, includes inter-departmental space shuffling and the leasing of nearby buildings.

Maurice Matthewson, the university works registrar, says there are three reasons for the decision to shelve the development

plan and concentrate on accommodation planning:

- Capital works funding is inadequate to finance new buildings at a rate to satisfy demands.
- Existing facilities are under used and space in existing buildings is not equitably shared between departments.
- With the downturn in the property market leasing or buying buildings near the campus are attractive options.

Savings

It has already been proven that this form of space allocating can save money.

Last year major changes were made in the physics and chemistry buildings, where Professor Woodward says those departments, as well as biochemistry, were amply provided for space.

"But the two other occupants of those buildings, computer science and mathematics, which had faced very significantly increased numbers, were tremendously cramped for space ... there had been limitations on entry to computer science for some years."

A whole floor of the chemistry building was converted for use by geology, which will move in August and space for computer science and mathematics was more than doubled by reallocating physics space.

New Space

Woodward says the project cost about \$7 million and provided about 5000 sq m of new floor space. The 1987 development plan's Commerce 2a building would have had a floor space of about 3600 sq m, a delay to occupation of four to five years and a cost of about \$17 million.

Woodward: "So by choosing to do what we did in the chemistry and physics buildings we got more of a gain in floor space than we could have got by building Commerce 2a at 35% to 40% of the cost."

The next major project is to relieve hard-pressed human sciences by moving first year medical teaching and the department of optometry to the Medical School, deferring the need to build a human science block.

"Accommodation is very generously provided at the Medical School and there's a tremendous shortage of space within

WHAT A FIRST YEAR ENGLISH STUDENT NEEDS TO GET INTO LECTURES...



A SHOE HORN.

the human sciences building," says Woodward. The pediatrics department will also be moving out of the Medical School when its suite at the new children's hospital is available.

Desperate

Among other proposals on the accommodation plan are the moving of law from the library into leased space, shifting education and Asian languages to buildings in Waterloo Quadrant and Eden Trc and taking Art History and fine arts to leased space.

Woodward says one of the faculties most desperate for space is commerce and economics and says any plan developed must provide space for that department. The space allocation plan proposes to shift the faculty from its present homes in Alfred St, arts, architecture and the lower lecture theatre to the interim A and B buildings and the Old Choral Hall by mid 1991.

However Woodward says the university will start to run out of underutilised space after the Medical School project. And

indications are that the institution is already overpopulated for the space available.

Standard

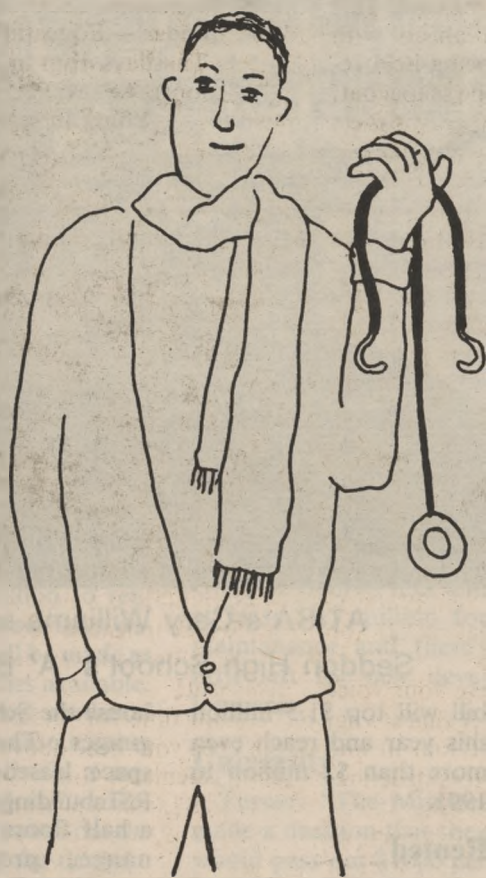
At the beginning of last year the average student-space standard of Auckland University matched those set by the UKUGC, says Woodward. But after an 11% or 12% increase in student numbers last year and an 8% jump this year, the university is losing ground. According to Woodward, the university now has about 83% of the space of the UKUGC norm.

"The longer we go on with no additional building development but accommodating increased students year by year we must get worse."

Tertiary institutions formally take over responsibility for their own funds management on January 1 next year and will get \$1000 per effective full time student (EFTS) for capital works. All capital equipment, leasing costs, minor works and alterations and possibly even

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WHAT A FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT NEEDS TO GET INTO LECTURES...



A STETHOSCOPE.

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maintenance costs must come out of that, and Woodward says the university can only hope to meet its needs by rationalising space and leasing nearby properties.

Can't cope

"We simply can't build new buildings at the rate required to cope with either a backlog or with continuing new students," he says.

One project that works registrar Maurice Matthewson believes what should be the top priority if funds become available is a new Student Union complex on the corner of Alfred and Symonds Sts. The present building, designed to service 10,000 students now has to cope with a roll of 16,000.

Matthewson says central facilities should be developed before teaching space is expanded. But no plan has been finalised for a possible new building and work is in exploratory stages.

Complex

One who would agree with Matthewson's comments about giving the student union building priority is the AUSA president Ella Henry. The association has already presented the university with a proposal for a \$25 million complex.

"Up at the students association we feel the pressure a lot more than some of the faculties of the university because we have to cram people into cafeterias, the hall and things like that," says Henry. "It's in the student welfare and in the student amenities that you find the real dearth of space."

Henry says there are real space problems in some teaching departments and does not agree with Matthewson's suggestion that overall there is not a space shortage.

"I don't particularly agree with that because I think if you've got 500 or 600 people trying to get into a lecture theatre that only fits 420 then you have space for problems."

Overcrowded

"You just have to look at some of the stage one papers like management studies, commerce, law, education. Some of the stage one education papers have got three streams and there's still 500 people in each stream."

"What was happening last year and I know because I went to one of the lectures, was that lecturers were saying 'As soon as all the seats are full you other people have to leave because you're not allowed to sit in the aisles.'"

Henry also points out that some lectures have as few as 20 people in them.

Henry says the association hopes to incorporate into a new student union complex all of the student welfare facilities such as Student Counselling, Student Health, the Student Learning Unit, Student Job Search, Student Travel in order to make them central and under one roof.

"Then on top of that (it would house) all of the

students association administration and obviously an expansion of social activity space like bars and food outlets and finally retail space."

Supermarket

Henry says she would personally like to see a supermarket on campus.

"No decision has been made but I'm a student who's also a student parent and I'd love to see some place on campus, because there isn't anywhere in town where you can buy cheap groceries. There are a lot of students who live quite close to the city who don't have cars."

Despite high hopes, Henry says the university could be loathe to commit itself to any new work before the election in October. Especially when there is no provision for universities to borrow money written into new Government legislation.

"I know council doesn't want to make any commitment to massive borrowing until it knows a

whether it's legally allowed to and b) if that's going to be the way university capital expansion is funded under the new regime."

Reality

Henry said it was unfortunate that the university had shelved its developments but said it was a reality of tertiary education.

"Since 1987 tertiary education's undergone so many massive reforms that the administrators of universities are actually terrified to get too involved in massive expansions whilst the reform is going on because nobody knows where the reform is going to end. Especially if some of the things that appear in the National party's education policy occur, it's feasible that a university could go bankrupt because they will have to take full responsibility."

Under the present arrangement the University Grants Committee sets aside money years in advance so universities plan

ahead. But under National's plan universities will be paid depending on that year's roll, making forward planning next to impossible.

Drop

Henry: "So if we have a massive drop, as is planned sometime in the mid 1990s when .. there'll be fewer people to actually go to universities ... you could have overcommitted yourself, and it's only the university that's overcommitted not the Government."

Henry says accommodation planning is a holding move but sees it as positive.

"Overall I'm optimistic about the way they're looking at space utilisation so long as it doesn't mean that students suffer, so I see as being a first priority that the university make sure library space is adequate, that centralised equipment and resources are adequate and that student welfare and student amenities are adequate."

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New Campus No Closer for ATI

Its many ageing buildings, high rent bills and meagre central government funding have put ATI into a development rut. Consultants have designed the institute a \$150 million Wellesley St paradise, but will we ever get it when this year's capital works funding leaves less than \$2 million for development?

Photos: Wendy Newton

The last new building to go up at ATI's Wellesley St campus was built 18 years ago — dreary old E block with its function-only symmetry and bare concrete. That and K block, the small three-level construction off Mayoral

Drive, are the only two purpose built for ATI.

This reality doesn't inspire much joy in ATI associate director Ian Turner, who looks across the institute from his office in A block, which was originally built for Seddon

Memorial High School and opened in 1964.

"Our number one problem is that we have a very old complex of buildings here; one of our buildings goes back to about 1905 (B block); we've got about two buildings which are

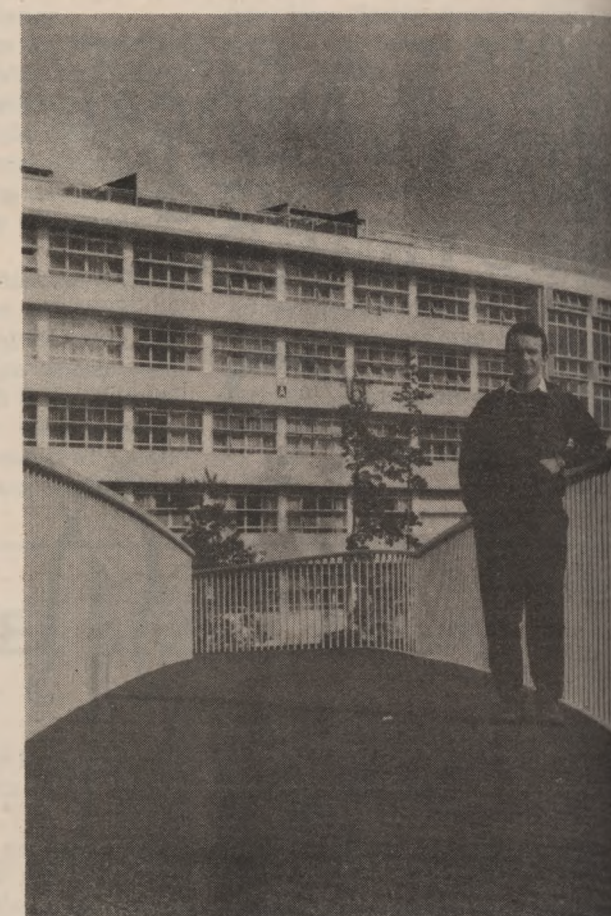
old inner city factories which were taken over. There are really only two, or maybe three, buildings of all of our seven buildings on this site that have got any sort of life in them at all."

Maintenance

The age of the buildings around him and the fact they have to be replaced some day are not Turner's only worries. As the old buildings age, they create serious maintenance problems.

"I could spend \$3 million if I had it right now just on maintaining some of these older buildings," he says. "There are two or three roofs that are getting to the stage where they've got to be replaced or extensively fixed; stacks of old toilets that have been in 15 or 20 years and badly need refurbishing and so on."

On top of these headaches is a staggering rent bill, built up as the institute takes courses off its undeveloped campus to avoid over-crowding. This



ATISA's Gary Williams and Seddon High School's 'A' Block

bill will top \$1.5 million this year and reach even more than \$2 million in 1991.

Rented

In its stable of leased space are offices and classes in Cook St, the first of which were rented eight years ago, and the buildings at 450 Queen St which

house the School of Languages. Then there is space leased in the old RSL building and two and a half floors of ATI's finance, property and personnel divisions in the new teal-coloured tower on Wakefield St.

While the city campus's problems snowball, the situation says Turner is

Therapy

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ATI Associate Director Ian Turner with a model of the proposed Wellesley St Campus development project

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to high standards and
more recently than the
Wellesley St buildings,
sports a brand new four-
level building and 20 re-
locatable classrooms
among other buildings.
And the ATI's next priori-
ty is to erect another large
building at Akoranga, an
\$11 million five storey
block (AG block).

Mayoral Drive and
Wellesley St where the
City Council-owned
Youth Resource Centre
building now stands. Ne-
gotiations are underway to
clear the way for de-
molishing the centre.

Complex

Those two buildings,
which would probably
cost \$20 million each
according to Turner, may
house commerce and hotel
and restaurant studies.

Other possibilities

count of whether the insti-
tutions have got good
buildings or bad buildings.

"The university is going
to get a grant which will be
two and a half times big-
ger than ours because their
EFTS is two and a half to
three times bigger than
ours, but by and large
their set of buildings is
pretty well developed."

Turner says university
and teachers' colleges have
buildings which are, on
average, three times more
valuable per EFTS.

institute's moves at rede-
velopment, saying they
will benefit the students in
the satellite classrooms.

"If it provides for the
off-site campuses to be
moved back to one
centralised area then that
will benefit students and
we need to have that."

"At the present time
they're denied access to
basic services and facili-
ties, for example access to
a decent library facility,
access to cafeteria facili-
ties, student lounges, ac-

block be turned into a li-
brary, although Turner
says there is not enough
space in the block.

Williams: "You cannot
provide internationally-re-
cognised degree courses
without providing ade-
quate research and library
facilities. Our library facili-
ties at the moment are to-
tally inadequate."

Williams says he's hap-
py about the way ATI has
consulted the association
over changes, but he says
building must allow for

On average they're doing
anything from 25 to up to
about 35 hours a week
contact time, which is
certainly in excess of what
they do at university,
which means the pressures
on them are far greater."

Williams is angry the
government has not pro-
vided more money for de-
velopment despite
increases in the ATI roll.

"At the same time when
government's saying they
want a better trained stu-
dent population, a better
trained workforce, they're
not providing the tutorial
facilities in terms of
buildings."

Money

ATI's funding contrasts
sharply with that of Auck-
land University, some-
thing Williams is not
happy about.

"We've got 28,000 stu-
dents coming through this
tertiary institution, Auck-
land University only has
about 16,000 and yet we're
going to get considerably
less money under this
formula."

"I can't think of another
formula which you can use
but the fact is that
universities in the past
have always received far
more in terms of capital
works funding because of
their status and because of
their position. Polytech-
nics have always been seen
as the poor cousins."



Therapy

The block is to house
occupational therapy,
which will be transferred
to ATI and Dunedin when
the Central Institute of
Technology in Trentham
shuts its OT department.
Art and design will be
transferred from Wellesley
St to the new building, as
will some other classes.

Turner says architects
are now working on the
project and it is hoped
contracts will be let in Oc-
tober or November. If all
goes well, the building will
be ready for the 1992
academic year.

But what about develop-
ing the aged Wellesley St
site? At this stage Turner
leads me to the ATI coun-
cil boardroom where in a
corner sits a slightly dusty
model of a possible devel-
opment for ATI — a
development which would
double the campus's space
on the existing site. Turn-
er says the model was built
last year when architects
were asked to look at
ATI's needs and come up
with suggestions.

\$150 Million

It seems they looked at
ATI's needs but not its
budget; the architects
estimated complex would
cost \$150 million to re-
alise. But Turner says de-
velopment will be made as
money becomes available.

"I call it my medieval
cathedral because it takes
400 years to build a me-
dieval cathedral," smiles
Turner as he points out the
highlights of the design.

The ATI's second devel-
opment priority after AG
will be the first stage of the
Wellesley St complex — a
plan to build two large
buildings on the corner of

suggested by the architects
are to build in the large
carpark in St Paul St,
replace the library with a
complex of buildings,
demolish the lower part of
A Block and create a large
pedestrian area where the
A block carpark is now.
That carpark would be
moved underground the
buildings would be around
the periphery keeping out
noise. The architectural
merits of B block mean
that building will probably
be kept, says Turner.

Savings

Developing Wellesley St
wouldn't just mean having
nice new buildings. The
institute would also save
on rent as its leased build-
ings were abandoned and
maintenance costs would
plummet with the demoli-
tion of older buildings.

"The problem with all
of that (development) of
course is the cost and we're
just going to have to work
at it as money becomes
available," says Turner.

And there lies the rub.
When ATI takes over re-
sponsibility for its build-
ings from the Government
on January 1 it will get the
less-than-grand total of \$6
million for capital works.
Take from that \$750,000
GST, \$2 million rent and
at least \$1.5 million for
maintenance and there's
little left for new devel-
opments.

University

Turner: "The Minister
made a decision that they
would pass out \$1000 per
equivalent full time stu-
dent (EFTS) and that's a
very fair way of doing it
obviously. But the prob-
lem in that decision is that
they have not taken ac-

Transition

"Our argument is that
there needs to be a change-
over period where polytec-
hnic buildings can be
brought up to scratch, or at
least to some sort of par
with universities. And
from then on money can
be shelled out evenly."

Turner hasn't lost hope.
He says the institute
should be well up the que-
ue for a special Govern-
ment cash injection and
there is the likelihood of
extensive loans. The ATI
council has set up a
subcommittee to look at
raising overseas money
but so far, says Turner,
there's nothing to report
back.

Redevelop

Considering ATI's devel-
opment quandary, wouldn't
it be more sensible to move
out of the expensive inner
city district? That is the
reason reason development
has been so stagnant for so
many years, says Turner,
but now the possibility has
been ruled out. He cites the
following reasons:

- * The site has an underly-
ing residential zone and
can only be sold as such.
This would mean selling
up would net ATI just 2%
of a commercial price.
- * Since the sharemarket
crash it has been difficult
to sell property.
- * It would be very expen-
sive to redevelop.
- * The transport system,
centred around the city, is
important to students.
- * Contact with commer-
cial operations in the city
is seen as valuable.

Support

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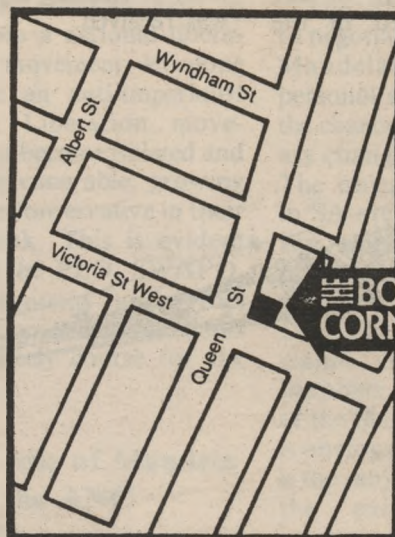
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The Boys from the Brown Stuff

Park In The Bar

The recent gentrification of the inner city has been seen to put pressure on a small number of the older drinking halls to smarten their act to take advantage of the change in the socioeconomic emphasis of the city centre. This is all very well if those in charge of the metamorphosis are in touch with what the people actually want, but all too often they are lost in their own pseudo-trendy, dislocated hip world and end up missing the mark by a substantial margin.

The impression is not so much of a good idea executed badly, or even of a bad idea badly executed, but more of a previously successful idea being executed badly in a different location. Park in the Bar looks like it has been modelled not very loosely on the Globe renovation, and while it also lacks many of the Globe's redeeming features, it has made the serious mistake of being cute on too large a scale. Quite simply the place is too big to be anything other than a renovated drinking hall. The E-team chose to review this bar because it is easy to get at (being down hill from the university), easy to enter, (as it has two large doors and numerous windows), the bar proper is easy to find, (it takes up virtually all of one of the walls), and we didn't care how much it cost.

If someone should choose to accelerate rapidly along Jean Batten Place (heading north) and fail to stop at Fort Street then they might just demonstrate that it is indeed possible to Park in the Bar. Unfortunately, nobody was willing to investigate this possibility during the E-team's visit, so entertainment was restricted to the juke box. In total contrast to most other aspects of the bar, the sound system was one of the better ones that has been experienced in a pub for some time. There was a good selection of music and sound quality was excellent. Volume was set at that magic level where the music is loud enough to listen to but not so loud that conversation is impaired. Also worthy of positive note are the chairs that were very comfortable and in plentiful supply. The

rest of the story however, is not so rosy.

The E-team appreciates as well as anybody the value of a dollar. As a single entity, the dollar has very little value at all. However, if a number of them are gathered together in one location, such as a wallet, they can attain a not inconsiderable degree of purchasing power. At Park in the Bar it was discovered that a much greater than usual number of these were required before anything substantial was received in return. In short, this bar is expensive, though not in the way that a Breitling watch is expensive, but more in the manner that a traffic infringement notice is expensive. To be specific, \$4.90 for a double is exorbitant when compared with \$3.70 at, say, the Globe, or even \$4.50 at the Queen's Head which does

at least have a cosy, attractive interior. The prices alone were an injury, but the pretentious nature of the staff added insult. Service was adequately fast, but lacked severely in the social pleasantries.

One would expect that due to its location, Park in the Bar could rely almost exclusively on the transient customer for its longevity. This hypothesis was supported by one particular patron who was seen to be scanning a leaflet entitled Scenic tours, and therefore could be assumed to be a tourist. Alternatively, this place could become a haven for people with a severe drinking problem, in that they would run out of money long before any serious damage was done. A similar scenario could develop for people with an eating problem for basically the same reasons, although

the selection was quite good.

As far as atmosphere is concerned, PIT Bar has a lot of volume but very little substance. The patrons can be broadly described as non-descript in that the E-team can't really remember anything notable about them. If the bar proper was removed, then one might be left with

something that quite unsurprisingly resembles a factory cafeteria, at which point the upright piano might look less out of place.

After a brief survey of toilet facilities, which were found to be satisfactory, the E-team removed itself in an unprecedented event which saw it capable of finding its own way home without the aid of the local constabulary. PIT Bar was and we expect still is a disappointment. It is unusual for the E-team to explicitly denigrate the image of a pub but on this occasion it was unanimously felt that this bar had overstepped the line. If prices were more reasonable, then the place might perhaps have some appeal, but at this stage all we recommend is that readers might like to consider it as an alternative to the Grafton Rd carpark.

The E-Team Rating



Hangar



Pretentious



High Cost

THE E-TEAM

Varsity Expansion at Tamaki Site?

Auckland University is looking at setting up a second campus at its Tamaki site which was used for the Commonwealth Games village.

The university council has approved the purchase of games buildings and has referred a preliminary report on the possible Tamaki development to its site development committee.

Works committee pa-

pers presented to a council meeting last week said that by redeveloping existing university buildings, leasing space and buying buildings from the Commonwealth Games Village Company many of the needs identified in the

1987 development plan could be satisfied at a fraction of the cost of construction of new buildings.

Deficit

A works budget suggested the increase in useable space could be achieved by the end of next year if a \$2.3 million deficit was carried forward and the level of funding expected was received.

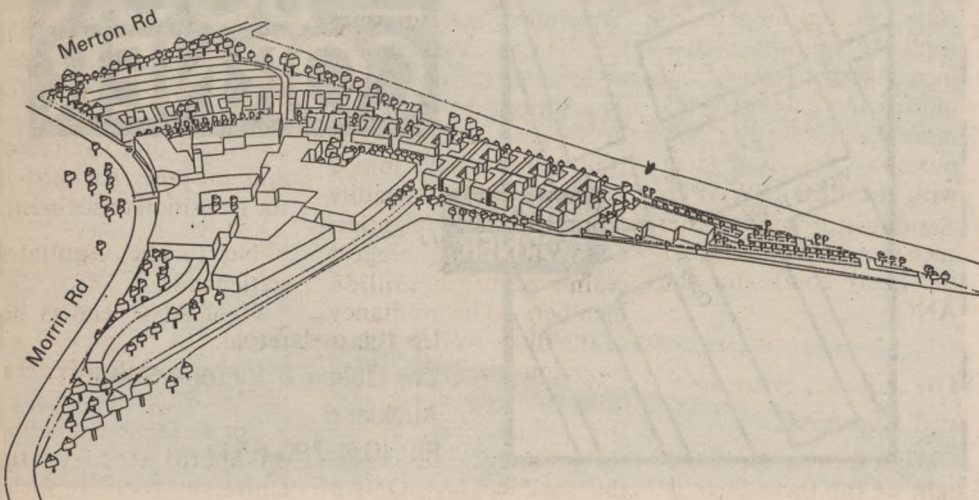
The university already owns the 13.2 hectare site at Morrin Rd, which borders the sports park called University Park.

Consultants Jasmax said in a report to the council the potential student roll for the Tamaki Campus would be 6800 effective full time students and the campus would comply to United Kingdom University Grants Committee space standards.

Proposal

The report said the proposed campus was made up of two main precincts. The first would include an academic area in the heart of the complex and library and administration areas. It would also include the administration side of the student union.

The other precinct would be made up by the other sides of the student union and library buildings and would include a recreation centre and student residential accommodation.



A sketch of the Tamaki Campus proposal

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the SOUTH AFRICA: No to a Negotiated Settlement

Roger Telfer for the University Socialist Society

The release of Nelson Mandela has once again focused attention on South Africa (SA). The ANC lead by Mandela has committed itself to a process of peaceful negotiation with the apartheid regime. This is a betrayal of the South African (SA) workers and their allies in the mass movement for liberation. The ANC's perspective that apartheid can be peacefully negotiated away has grave dangers for the masses of Southern Africa.

Why has the apartheid regime freed Mandela, unbanned the ANC and entered into a process of negotiation? Why has the ANC, the focus of Black struggle in SA committed itself to this process of negotiation?

The answer to these two questions is likely to provide the framework for political development in SA.

The liberal left around the world as represented here by HART etc, view the unbanning of the ANC and the release of Mandela as a victory for their political tactics, of boycotts and sanctions. This view is an insult to the Black masses whose militant opposition to the apartheid regime has shaken the very foundations of the SA government. This is a victory for their tactics for mass struggle, through independent mobilisation of Black workers and their oppressed allies. The tactics of strikes, mass demos and organised boycotts have threatened the very existence of SA capitalism.

The mass uprisings of the Black masses during the first and mid part of the 1980s opened up the prospect, not only for the destruction of apartheid, but that of South African capitalism. At this time the thought of peaceful negotiation with the murderous white racist regime would have been unthinkable. The very nature of apartheid means that you cannot separate the struggle against legalised racism from that of economic exploitation. This is crucial. The SA ruling class will be prepared to reform the structures of institutionalised racism as long as it does not threaten their control of domestic capitalism.

Apartheid and Capitalism

Apartheid exists for a material purpose, it is not simply a method of legalised racism. The subordination of Blacks in SA is the pre-condition for their

super-exploitation under capitalism.

Imperialism, colonial oppression and the smashing of Black resistance left the Black masses with nothing except their capacity to labour. The low cost of Black labour has given SA capitalism a powerful advantage over its western rivals, laying the basis for the advance of SA capitalism and Imperialist domination of Southern Africa.

The subordinate economic position of Blacks needed to be reproached and justified. This was achieved physically by a repressive state apparatus and ideologically by racism. Taken together they form apartheid. The material basis of SA capitalism. The SA capitalist class will concede reforms only if it believes that its system of exploitation of capitalism is not threatened. Thus the danger of negotiation.

Origins of Negotiations

The SA government's decision to enter into a process of reform is fundamentally designed to try and contain the revolutionary uprising — evident in the early eighties, but is also shaped by other important considerations. The success of the apartheid regime in fracturing the Black resistance movement after the upheavals of the early and mid eighties is an important contributing factor. Both Botha and de Klerk implemented a classic divide and rule strategy aimed at splintering the Black opposition. This has partly been achieved by massive state repression under the guise of a 'state of emergency,' arrests, detentions without charge, torture and blatant murder.

The Botha/de Klerk government has also fostered Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha movement. Inkatha are bands of thugs who have replaced state police and army into the townships. The methods of Buthelezi's private armies is terrorism and they have been involved in strike breaking and anti-union activity.

While using Buthelezi to foster a rule of terror on the one hand, the apartheid regime with varying degrees of success has tried to create a layer of Black middle men, negotiators with which the government can do business. By selectively sponsoring conservative Black sections the government has tried to establish a Black

elite in the homelands and a Black middle class in the townships.

The policy of divide and rule is backed up by the way apartheid institutionalises ethnic and regional divisions.

The fracturing of Black opposition has had a very negative effect on the Black movement. De Klerk by inviting a splintered Black opposition to the meeting table hopes to maximise the possibility of a moderate solution.



Role of Stalinism

Another decisive factor which has drawn the ANC into negotiation has been the collapse of Stalinism, evident in Eastern Europe from October last year. Apart from discrediting even the idea of an alternative to capitalism the collapse of the Stalinist regimes has reinforced the position of Imperialism world-wide.

Gorbachev's reconciliation with western imperialism, includes concessions and withdrawal from its former 'spheres of influence.' the Soviet Union's support of third world liberation movements, was done to facilitate increased bargaining power with western Imperialism, rather than any commitment to world socialism. The Soviet Union cynically views such struggles as bargaining chips of imperialist conference tables.

Gorbachev and the stalinist bureaucracy recognises their future in integration with western imperialism, to save their own stagnating economy and are prepared to concede defeat and even withdraw from third world struggles fighting imperialism. This has had serious consequences for

various national liberation movements in conflict with imperialism, including the ANC.

Namibia, dry run for South Africa?

In Namibia, the Stalinists have withdrawn from the National Liberation movement under the banner of the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO). This isolated the movement and allowed world imperialism

negotiation, the ANC will enter them in a state of weakness. While the SA ruling class will grant reforms in order to avoid revolutionary change, they will not as de Klerk has stated negotiate themselves out of power.

The ANC strategy for SA is closely linked to that of the South African Communist Part (SACP). The two organisations have organic links and the ANC receives Moscow backing through the SACP. The SACP is a stalinist party, committed to the stalinist 'stages' theory of revolution. This maintains that the tasks at hand are the achievement of bourgeois democracy, ie, a stage of 'democratic' capitalism.

This is also the perspective of the ANC, the achievement of bourgeois democratic rights, ie, the vote, for a multi-racial capitalism, built on the exploitation of the Black working class.

The ANC was never a socialist party, but a petit bourgeois nationalist organisation given a 'socialist' gloss by the participation in it of the SACP. If the ANC agrees to peaceful process of reform, it must compete for political power with the white political parties. This means transforming itself into a bourgeois political formation in order to channel any mass militancy into the confines of the bourgeois political process.

Mandela's release is to be welcomed, however the reasons for his release are just as important. Mandela has been the focus of the Black struggle internationally and is the one person who potentially can gather a majority of the Black masses behind him. This makes Mandela the ideal spokesperson for the 'Black masses' and was obviously targeted by de Klerk for this role.

The ANC's willingness to negotiate, coupled with Mandela's moderate personal stance, squashes the chance of a revolutionary change in SA society. The objective conditions in SA are ripe for socialism, workers have joined militant unions steadily from the early eighties; COSATU, the biggest claims over a million members. The militancy of the Black working class is obvious, what is lacking is the subjective conditions, the existence of a revolutionary leadership in the working class. Only a revolutionary vanguard can lead the Black work-

ing class and its oppressed allies forward to socialism.

The strategy for the emancipation of the Black masses must unite the struggle against apartheid and capitalism with the serious organising for socialist revolution. The Black masses do not need to go through the bourgeois democratic stage advocated by the stalinist SACP and ANC. Black workers need revolution. Only by combining the dynamic of Black struggle against apartheid and capitalism into a struggle for socialism and real freedom will any real progress be made in SA.

The Solution is Workers Power

The crisis of leadership in the Black working class needs to be resolved, by the formation of a revolutionary Marxist party capable of drawing behind it militant workers, unemployed and youth into a common fight for socialism. Only such an organisation can effectively fight the betrayal of the ANC leaders and their stalinist cohorts the SACP.

The ruling class strategy of negotiations are intended to prevent the victory of the Black masses. The ANC must not have secret talks or do deals with the de Klerk regime. The ANC leadership must be called into account, by the mobilisation of its own rank and file and independently by the trade unions and marxist tendencies within SA.

The only way to defeat the sell-out is mass action, by the working class and its allies. Against the strategy of negotiation, Black workers must build organs of struggle based on existing factory and township committees. Councils of Action must unite the exploited and oppressed in a common fight against the ANC sell-out and build workers power. Only the combined strength of all SA's oppressed, led by the Black working class and its revolutionary vanguard, can vanquish the reactionary system of apartheid and capitalism and progress forward in the transition to socialism.

* No to the negotiated settlement.

* Fight ANC leaders betrayal.

* For a socialist Federation of Southern Africa.

For further information on South Africa or the University Socialist Society contact Roger, 3600-116.

The role of Mandela and the ANC

What seems clear in the light of these facts is that while the apartheid regime is pushing for ne-

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERCOACH

Some things that happen in this world make you have faith in the human race again. One such event occurred the other day, and the Supercoach was left dewey-eyed, with a big lump in his throat.

I am of course, referring to the Knighthood which was bestowed upon that great cricket exponent, R J Hadlee. Sir Richard is the greatest cricketer New Zealand has ever produced, and one of the greatest bowlers and all-rounders in the history of the game. His knighthood left me ecstatic with joy, and as I've previously said, gave me faith in the world again. Anyway one just hopes this honour boosts his already impressive form on this tour.

The Great Britain League team has been having a bad run lately. After narrowly beating the President's XIII, they have lost to both Canterbury and Auckland. Unless they pick up their game, they won't trouble the Kiwis much. And there certainly was a bit of biff in the Auckland vs Great Britain match. But as I tell my boys at practice "A bit

of blood on your hands makes it easier to hang onto the pill." Anyhow, the Kiwis have got quite a strong line up and look like the favourites to me. However, I would have liked to see young fellas like Mark Nixon, Mike Kuiti and Dean Loneran get a run. As Sarah of Whitaker PI says "Those young fellas may have less experience by they certainly have lots of vigour."

Well, the All Blacks continued their unbeaten run in the first test against Scotland. It was however distressing to see a few holes in the All Black defence — they looked a bit rusty after their seven month lay-off. On the plus side there were good debuts by Walter Little and Ian Jones, and a superb come-back by Keiran Crowley. Jones was a mainstay in the lineouts, cleaning out his Scottish opponent and ably replac-

ing the dependable Murray Pierce. And Crowley fully vindicated his re-selection in the side. His defence was solid, and he packed plenty of punch when he ran with the ball. Hopefully the cobwebs will have been blown away from NZ's game by now. It was a creditable performance by the Scots last Saturday, but by the time you read this, I think they will have lost for the second time. At least they showed in their first test that they've got plenty under their kilts.

The Silver Ferns seem to have bounced back to get the better of the Aussie girls in the netball — hopefully they can carry it on in the final.

And the Supercoach is going to make a prediction for the World Cup soccer. I'm sticking my neck out at this early stage and picking the Poms. I reckon they'll buck their ideas up and come through to win. And just finally, Matt Ridge is still playing good footie for Manly — good to see.

So there ya go. That's the week as I saw it and next week I'll talk about the second footie test, how the Pommie league players are getting on and I'll have more on the cricket and soccer. Until then, remember this was not just one man's opinion, it was the view of the Supercoach.

1990 DB Draught Universities Winter Tournament

"Is Winter Tournament going to happen this year?" The question on every sportsman's lips at the moment. The answer is a 'shaky' yes. Negotiations took place between the NZUSU and 'powers that be' at Waikato University to achieve the stated result. It cannot be emphasised too much that the behaviour before, during and after tournaments must be exceptional for both Easter and Winter Tournaments to continue. Vice Chancellors are all too mindful of the highly publicised and damaging Easter Tournament of 1985, 1987 and 1990.

The 1990 DB Draught Winter Tournament at Waikato will be the first run under recommendations of the NZUSU. On the campus competitors will be selected through clubs organised overall by

the sports officer, Andrew Wickers and team manager/s. Initial team and individual entries are required to be lodged with the sports officer and Waikato's controller. People who have not filled out eligibility, billeting and behaviour forms, cannot compete at Waikato. Student IDs must be brought to Hamilton in order to register.

The sports competed at tournament this year are: Badminton (Mens and Womens) Cross Country Debating Mens Hockey Womens Hockey (7-a-side) Netball Squash Soccer (Mens & Womens) Basketball (Mens and Womens) Cycling Fencing Karate (Okinawa Hoju)

Rugby League Shooting (Smallbore) Underwater Hockey

Get your initial team and individual entries to me before July 10 to aid tournament planning.

Invitation sports are a way of introducing the sport of full tournament status or introducing another facet to tournament. This year the following sports are being considered: Mens Netball Indoor Cricket Theatre Sports Womens Rugby Surfing Squash

This list is by no means the final sports, however there must be committed support for any of these sports to ensure inclusion. Again clubs and individuals must communicate with the Sports Officer.

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CHARACTER STUDY:
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whether he likes you, once he has made that decision you will most certainly know where you stand.

He is a somewhat sadistic and devious person who takes a great deal of pleasure from physically dominating those not versed in the finer points of the game, barbaric, but since the ultimate goal is domination then any such vehement tactics are justifiable.

He is not known for any undue athleticism and relies almost totally on the fact that he is bigger and stronger than anyone else. He attracts such nicknames as "The Bear," "Beast" or "Beef" and these names are quite obviously related to the stature of the man.



Once leaving the paddock his aggression dissipates and he returns to 'civvy' street as gentle as the next man. A known gentleman with the women and by no means a chauvinist pig, he would be a good catch for any unsuspecting young girl.

But beware! If he goes home via the clubrooms things could change drastically. The once gentle giant has now become a very highly pissed bloke, chundering all over everything, swearing, whistling at chicks and muttering unintelligible comments.

This transformation is one which occurs so quickly that continuous monitoring of him should be undertaken but really ... We props are great guys!

WOMANSPACE SPACE

New regular feature COCKTIONARY

VAGINA: Was the Latin for sheath or scabbard (for a sword)!! In his comedy "Pseudolus" Roman playwright Plautus (c250-184BC) makes a euphemistic joke using the word vagina in "Did the soldiers sword fit your sheath?"

As a result the word vagina was directly adopted into English in the late 17th century as an anatomical term for the female organ.

Military terminology from the erotic vocabulary of males. The male lover as a soldier — stabbing-tense-like a bow-shooting off an arrow of sperm. This is attack assault, victory and defence, defeat surrender.

How gross! Erotic Heroism
Ref: *Women Words*, Jane Mills.
Josephine Tetley-Jones
Catherine Dale

PS. Josephine and her cartoons will be back next week.



"Isn't it wonderful?" Princess Matilda looked radiant. "You see Zoology is my subject and I'm planning to write a paper on Animal Behaviour and now I have my very own frog. I wonder if a frog could be trained to retrieve balls from wells?" she mused.

Then she smiled dreamily, knowing that she at least was going to live happily ever after.

Anne Cooper

Hiya! A bit late into the term for women's space — thought we'd start with a fairy-tale story.

Hope this term you're not getting too cold, essayed under or letting the 'blokes', whoops I mean 'bastards' get yah down.

Kia kaha! We'll be back next week.

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Come what may!

Once upon a time, in a far off land, there lived a King and Queen with three beautiful daughters. The eldest, the auburn haired Princess Marigold, decided, at the age of 18, that life at court was not for her and one night she slipped out of the palace, leaving a note on the hall table, and got the boat to England. Having signed on for the dole, she was now travelling round the country with a well-known pop star. She was in other words a groupie. The Palace press officer explained her absence by saying she was following a musical career abroad and in a way, that's just what she was doing.



The second daughter, the blonde Princess Bismarck, had also opted out and become involved with a strange religious sect. She was to be seen in the main shopping street of the capital stopping passers by and trying to convert them. Luckily, she used an assumed name and with her head shaved, except for a long pony tail, strange painted marks on her nose and a long blue robe, she was quite unrecognisable. The statement from the Palace announced that Her Royal Highness had taken up missionary work.

The raven haired Princess Matilda was the youngest daughter and she was by far the fairest, if you know what I mean. By the time she had come of age, the Kingdom was in such a sorry state that the King had been forced to borrow enormous sums of money and now he was out of his tiny mind trying to think

of ways to meet the interest payments. He was also worried that his subjects might begin to ask awkward questions if he allowed another daughter to fade into obscurity. After all, they had to have someone as a leader of fashion, didn't they?

Then as the King sat in his jacuzzi one morning, a smile came over his face. Inspiration had hit him at last. He would marry Matilda off, just like they used to in the golden days. She'd object naturally at first, but she was a kind young woman and fond of her old Dad. He thought he could talk her round — the promise of a crown jewel or two might help. They were only paste but would she know? He closed his eyes and thought with pleasure of all the revenue a royal wedding would bring — TV and film rights, video sales, sets on the processional route, souvenirs, special issues of stamps and how about an increase in tax on flags and bunting? Just think of all the tourists who would come flooding into the country and another thing, a distraction like this might get the workers off his back for a bit.

But who could he persuade to marry her and more important, who could she be persuaded to marry? Princess Matilda was certainly attractive but unfortunately at her Christening the 'Wicked Fairy' had wished brains upon her, a fate which hadn't befallen the Princes in the neighbouring lands. Most of the good-looking princes were either working as male models (not quite what he imagined for a son in law) or were busy trying to get into television. One, Prince Richard had succeeded and was now to be seen reading the News — incognito of course.

No, he'd have to look further afield. Hold on, what about Prince Phillip of France — no danger of his becoming a male model and his family had money and might be willing to go halves with wedding expenses.

Prince Phillip was not a pretty sight, well below

average height (a spiteful person might have described him as a dwarf) and beginning to run to fat. He already had a slight stoop and his extreme bow leggedness gave him a most unusual walk. His large protruding eyes were a rather unpleasant muddy colour and his croaky voice and thick accent made him very hard to understand.

Try as he might, the King couldn't think of another candidate, so he approached Prince Phillip's family to sound them out. Naturally, they were delighted with the suggestion. They had long ago given up hope of finding someone short-sighted enough to want to marry their son. So eager were they, that they offered to pay threequarters of the wedding costs if necessary. Prince Phillip seemed pleased as well.

"So far so good," said the King to himself, "Now to persuade Matilda to marry Phillip."

"I hadn't really planned on getting married at all, Papa," she began when he put his proposition to her. So he quickly brought up the subject of crown jewels, hoping to tempt her, but Matilda was not to be won over with the promise of jewels.

"Oh come off it Papa," she laughed. "As a child, I always suspected they were paste, so I did a chemical analysis of them to make sure."

"Oh, those wretched brains of hers." The King sighed and then realised his daughter was still speaking.

"Anyhow, that sort of stuff is considered pretty hick nowadays. I mean how many people wear tiaras to discos?"

The King scratched his head, that was a poser and no mistake.

"I give up," he said at last.

"Oh Papa, you really are a fool," Matilda said, affectionately squeezing his arm.

"Thank you my dear," he said trying to look suitably modest.

"Look Papa, I can see the mess you're in and I'd like to help. I feel rather sorry for this poor Phillip person, I mean he looks so grotty but I'll marry him on one condition."

"Anything my love!" said the King eagerly.

"That you let me enrol for an evening degree course in Science."

The King was delighted and readily agreed. Prince Phillip had no objections to his bride being busy four nights a week. After all, it would leave him free

to follow tradition and spend his evenings in the pub with the other husbands.

The wedding was arranged for September so that the Princess could be back from the honeymoon in time for the start of the academic year.

I won't bore you with all the details of the wedding — weddings are much the same the world over. I will just tell you that Princess Matilda looked beautiful and that the sun shone.

Thanks to Prince Phillip's family's contribution, there was plenty to eat and drink and then after a decent interval, the happy couple retired to the bridal suite as happy couples are wont to do.

The next morning at 8 o'clock there was a tap on the door of the Royal Bedchamber and in came a Palace maid-servant with the early morning tea. She was more than surprised to find Princess Matilda alone.

"Er, excuse me, Your Royal Highness," the maid-servant began, putting the tray down on the bedside table, "but ..."

"Oh, it's quite alright, don't look so worried. His

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ASTRAL ANYTIME — puts stars in your eyes

ARIES: 21 March — 20 April

You little tart, back on the rampage again this week. You may regard your energy and enthusiasm as an asset but don't be surprised if your moves into foreplay encounter a few rebuttals from your would-be sexual partners. After all, Ariens have fervour but are not known for their sensuality. A little subtlety will go a long way. And if you are in a relationship, it's time to be honest about your sexual promiscuity — your confessions may irritate a few sore points but Astral assures you they need to be looked at sooner or later anyway. The uglier ones are either STD or signals that it's time to move on to fresh blood. Six is a good round average for this week.

TAURUS: 21 April — 20 May

Dear stable, enduring, affectionate Taurus. If your Arien or Saggitarian partner ditches you this week, jump for joy and send a donation to Astral, as they're better out of your life. Use the obstinate side to your nature to retrieve all those borrowed records and psych lecture notes that your ex managed to acquire. Otherwise, this week is an excellent opportunity for some of what Astral terms 'Tranquility time' — time for quiet introspection of the deepest centre of your being. Turn your concentration inwards and you will reap great rewards. Just wash your fingers first.

GEMINI: 21 May — 20 June

Get prepared for one exciting week. Your inquisitive nature will lead you to all kinds of exciting novel experiences. But if you are gay or het, beware; avoid dures condoms if at all possible as Saturn is eclipsing Mercury this week and they are quite unstable. Lesbians can breathe easier but are advised to go on a diet.

CANCER: 21 June — 22 July

Hair is the key to the fulfilment of your desires for all of this month. Others will find any sign of hair on your bodies, particularly unkempt, overgrown patches, compellingly attractive. So don't shave your chin or your legs and cultivate that rank moist undergrowth in your armpits and pubic regions*. These weird attractions, caused by some aberrant radiations from very rare unstable isotopes in the cosmos going through a particularly troublesome half-life, occur typically only once every 5 millenia or so. Even hair on your back or ears is acceptable this month, so make the most of it while this insane fad lasts if you're unlucky enough to resemble some kind of mutant ape. Astral also advises you to wear pure white, or if you have light hair, black to make fallen hairs particularly obvious and also encourages you to pick up cats and fondle them (not in that sense you perverts) to add their hairs to your sex appeal. Happy hunting.

LEO: 23 July — 22 August

Leo, you popular, pleasure loving, spontaneous flirt. Don't take it personally if your charms don't beguile this week, though. In fact, your all important ego may be in for a lashing worse than your most extroverted S & M session (which you won't find as simple to collect from ACC either), unless you make some radical changes to your physical environment. Astral orders you to uproot those soggy discarded condoms from your walls and armchairs before they start to grow any taller, dye your sheets, (stains are really tacky) and burn a few cartons of Playboys or Cleos to cover up that smell. Your generosity would be then most profitably manifested in hosting a debauched champagne brekkie in the week-

It is one of the worst-kept secrets of the millenium — that the stars are linked in a most *intimate* way to our sex lives. The previous prudery of astrologers has led to them shrouding this obvious fact in euphemisms such as 'some minor health problems could arise' which means your AIDS test will be positive, or 'Lucky number: 7' which really means 'go buy some new sheets, you'll be bonking 7 times this week.'

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end which Astral herself would be delighted to attend.

VIRGO: 23 August — 22 September

Astral would like to dispel a few myths about Virgoans. Virgo is a very powerful sexual sign, especially for women. The original Virgin was not a prude, but a Goddess. The Virgo does not belong to anyone, but is her own mistress, aware of her powers and values. She makes love when and where she chooses to and never gives up her right to self determination. So shake free of those childish sexual jokes about your purported sexual inexperience or frigidity and believe in your autonomous right to enjoy or refrain from sex! Astral also suggests that this week is a propitious time to buy a new dress, particularly a short slinky sexy one like the one the WRO has just bought. Virgoan men luck out for a prediction this week. Astral advises them to read the forecast for Scorpios instead and just thank the elements that it's not their sign.

LIBRA: 23 September — 22 October

Librans always have a problem with making decisions and this week will be no exception. You will be faced with choosing between two potential lovers. Astral advises you to slip into some lateral thinking and a sexy little number, bypass the pathetic 'which one is right' question and pick up them both. That will balance the scales nicely and keep your bed very cosy all week. Astral warns however, that if one of them is a Saggitarian whom you've met at a co-dependency course, s/he will dump you within three weeks. But that's fine, they're sleaze-balls or sluts and only in game for the exercise anyway. If both your lovers turn out to be co-dependent Saggitarians who ditch you, Astral gently observes that you're probably a social drop out to pick them in the first place and encourages you to attend her con. Ed. psycho-therapy classes which are offered at very compassionate rates. Just present this horoscope and ask for the emotional cripple special.

SCORPIO: 23 Oct — 21 Nov

You know you are obsessed with sex and death and your nature is typically secretive and full of seething sensual power. Astral grimly counsels you, however, to keep your hands off yourself this week. Remember that myth that if you masturbate you will go blind? Well, a particularly large and ugly asteroid crashed into Pluto, your underworld sign, last Thursday, causing a new and unforeseen planetary shudder to emanate from the regions of doom and death, with unprecedentedly serious consequences for those under its influence. This fable becomes true for you this week (yes, Astral can hardly believe it herself, but she's thanking her mystic gurus that she's not a Scorpio) — so don't touch those private parts, at least not until after next Monday night, Espe-

cially if you're under 6 feet tall, have blue eyes or have five toes on your left foot.

SAGGITARIUS: 22 Nov — 21 Dec

You are naturally inclined to lack foresight and be absentminded, but that is no excuse — condoms are still a must! Astral's advice is to keep a supply on you at all times unless you are lesbian, in which case it is best if you don't, as you may forget you had them and get into all kinds of misunderstandings with your lover when she discovers them and your credibility in the dyke community may take a nose-dive. Look out for Thursday night, when your amorous spirit will be freed to roam in the garden of sensual delight — if your partner permits it. If your partner is Taurus, ditch him or her as soon as possible. Bring an irrepressibly optimistic and foolhardy type, you at least may pick up someone else there which Astral thinks is fine even if they are emotionally crippled Librans, as long as you ditch them as well within three weeks.

CAPRICORN: 22 Dec — 19 Jan

The advice for the Capricorn this week is to develop your muscular awareness, an overlooked but essential aspect to your sex life. Not heeding this advice may lead to deep regrets in the very near future. Great stamina is one of the Capricorn's main strengths, but if your haven't the apparatus to cope with it you could be in for some aches and pains not to be easily kissed better. Advanced level fitness clas-

ses in the Rec Centre coupled with some meditative yoga would suffice, but Astral would prefer you to attend rebirthing classes and do Sufi exercises as she can then wrangle a cut from your instructor's takings for the clients referred.

AQUARIUS: 20 Jan — 18 Feb

It's the rare aquarius that has been sexually successful lately. Your natural difficulty in coping with instinctual, raw and passionate emotion has been exacerbated ever since Uranus and Saturn, your two planetary influences, fell out over a territory dispute last May. Saturn's at present filing proceedings in the Cosmic Properties Court, but the case is not due to be heard until late next month. Astral advocates you burn poppy seeds to precipitate an out-of-court settlement because until it's resolved no amount of psychoanalysis will diminish your increasingly repressed sexual feelings. So try not to be embarrassed when an uncontrollable nervous twitch in your entire pelvic region develops, avoid Relaxing Tea and Camomile as impotence is imminent and Astral suggests that you are best to take up knitting to work on your long term coordination.

PISCES: 19 February — 20 March

Pisces makes a sensitive companion and an imaginative lover and forgives partners' infidelities readily. If that partner is an Arien, though, Astral suggests you don't as they have been welching on you this week, aren't likely to reform in the near future, probably carry 3 varieties of STDs and aren't your type anyway. If they are rich bastards (if rich they are almost certainly male) consult your lawyer as there may be a way you can sue or blackmail them. Although an uncharacteristic action for a Pisces, Astral assures you that the long-term financial gain will give you the security to dream in comfort, bonk in the luxury of quiet seclusion, or set up your own illegal drug outfit — all visions, impractical, but alluring to the student Piscean. And finally Astral has a special warning for Piscean men this week, that you not swim anywhere near where Virgoan feminists are fishing, unless you have already lost your foreskin.

*Astral Anytime is not in a time-warp. As a professional astrologer of the 1990s, she has bought right into the capitalistic ethic and with help from the Social Welfare Department has started a sideline business marketing astrological aids under the brand-name COSMOCARE.

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The press releases TV-NZ sends me are on the whole very professional and informative (ahem). But occasionally they go a bit overboard when they try to hype the star of one of their shows who in reality is pretty colourless. This usually consists of some trivial, inane or outright irrelevant fact being dragged out of Mr Boring Actor's past in an effort to make him sound interesting and watchable. I have been faithfully recording the more extreme examples of this phenomenon, and present a selection of them here in this, the official TVWTVB Trivia column.

Cheers

Woody Harrelson, who plays naive country boy Woody Boyd, admits that he "really lost control" upon finding instant fame as a member of the *Cheers* cast, spending all his money on fast women, drink and drugs. Harrelson, says he has more stability in his life now but is still "no monk either." His nice boy image has also been tainted by stories in the tabloid press about his father,

who is serving a life sentence for killing a Texas Federal judge.

Kelsey Grammer (*Frasier*) became emotionally traumatised during the early eighties after his sister was murdered by a serial killer. However thankfully he found solace in surfing, meditation and of course acting. (The Herald chose to print this verbatim on Tuesday 19th).

George Wendt (fat barfly Norm) is a big fan of hardcore (a cross between heavy metal and punk) having fallen in with the wrong crowd on the Los Angeles scene before his big break with *Cheers*. He lists his favourite groups as being Husker Du, Asylum and The Replacements.

Space Cadets

LA Law's Harry Hamlin (Michael Kuzak) says he comes from a privileged background. His father was a NASA space engineer, who worked on the Saturn 5 project. (This is my personal favourite; how TVNZ imagines that

reading this piece of information will encourage anyone to watch *LA Law* is utterly beyond me).

Mark Mitchell, chubby star of *The Comedy Company* says his weight problem began with his habit of drinking port from Vegemite jars at lunchtime as a schoolboy.

John Hillerman, who plays Higgins the English upper class snob with such conviction on *Magnum PI*, is really a Texan.

And you can quote me on that

"I think it's human nature to try and find someone to mate with to re-populate the Earth. That's all the dating scene is." *LA Law's* resident sex symbol **Corban Bernstein** (*Arnie Becker*) dishes out a hard headed piece of post modern social analysis.

"I've read that the reason why I'm anorexic - and I'm not - is that I died of starvation in a previous life during a



Kylie Minogue: fashion victim or famine victim?

potato famine." Kylie Minogue on tabloid rumours.

All this and Acting Talent too

Tony Robinson, better known as Baldrick out of *Blackadder*, is considering standing for the Labour Party at the next British general election. Perhaps he has a cunning plan to fight unemployment (not involving turnips I hope).

Angela Lansbury has secured a deal with CBS worth a reported NZ\$40 million to stay on for ano-

ther season of her top rating series *Murder She Wrote* (maybe she'll buy TV3).

Married with Children star, **David Faustino** (*Bud Bundy*) has formed his own rap group, who will have their first record out soon on the Motown label.

Ken Wahl, the tall, dark and brooding star of *Wiseguy*, has no formal acting training (what? Surely some mistake...).

Recognition

In a poll conducted recently in Los Angeles only one in five people could put a name to *Harrison Ford's* face, despite his status as the Eighties leading box office star. The reticent Ford pronounced himself pleased with the result, commenting, "I wouldn't change anything about my life right now, except maybe my nose."

Bruce Barry, who plays ruthless property dealer **George Baxter** in the *Flying Doctors*, required dental surgery after being assaulted by a group of youths who he says confused him with his soap character. They followed Barry from a video parlour where he had been arguing with his grandson (who wanted to stay there), and when he got into a taxi one of them punched him in the head through a half open window. Serves him right for landing Sam and Emma with such a high mortgage I say.

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LETTERS (Continued from page 14)

THE GUV'S RAVE

Dear Eds

Having recently watched the election of Editors to Craccum and the inevitable postmortems about why and what affected the outcome I would make the following observations.

Given the lack of hard line campaigning and the apparent lack of student interest in left or right wing politics it would seem reasonable to suggest that the new Editors were elected more on personality and performance. The "Wicked Triumvirate" who are now in power had the advantage of being able to demonstrate that they were already doing the work and bring the paper out on time. Jo on the other hand had to tell the troops what she would do to improve the paper.

When the voting began and we are talking about a full Quad rather than two days of polling, it became clear that the majority of people were there to support their friends. The outcome in favour of the Triumvirate is without a landslide mandate to go off and do wild and nasty things with the student paper.

The new editors said in their campaign speeches many of the ideas reflected in Jo's campaign, "more student involvement, more information about the AUSA, more ...etc..." Thus it would seem to me, if our new Editors are true to their words and if those who supported Jo really do care about the future growth of Craccum, then we can expect a wonderful community of free thinking,

open minded, cheerful people working together to bring out the best student rag in all of New Zealand.

As a final observation it will also be interesting to watch as the Tangata Whenua, the Tau Iwi, the Pakeha and those yet to sort themselves out, accept this open hand and take up the challenge to become involved in the workings of our paper. Imagine it, all of a sudden the paper became something worth taking home and students were making use of the thousands of dollars it takes to bring it out, what would those who cover their lack of ability to motivate use to explain the so-called apathetic students they so badly want to lead?

Paul MacD Gourlie

PS. Just to prove that 'student apathy' doesn't exist, next week I am going to tell you about how we are going to plant 100 Totara trees in the Auckland Domain and also how we can make something truly stunning out of Shadows by only spending \$100,000.00.

FREETHINKERS OFFEND

Dear Nicholas Freethinker (?)

I had the dubious but enlightening privilege of being in the same upper Common Room balcony with you and your cronies on Tuesday during the debate (?) with Grant Gillett in the Quad.

I was prepared to hear some excellently organised rebuttal. Instead you rushed off to find

a little book and then hunted through it for "nasty things about Jesus," while making lots of unconfident mutterings amongst yourselves.

Your argument seemed to centre around a strategy of repetition and rude personal references to the speaker (Grant).

Originally, I had thought of the Freethinkers as a group of misguided, but rational and polite philosophy students who had nothing better to do than pick holes (or try to) in other people's ideals, but now I am convinced that you are all of the above minus being polite and rational.

Some of your arguments were obviously frantic.

Yours in sympathy
Ian 'Throw me to the Lions' Lewis

PS. Hi, 6th Floor, embarrassed?

SHUT UP SHORTY

Dear Craccum

I am grossly offended by the cover of issue 13.

Making fun of short people is just not on. We short people should be proud of our height, we should not have to stand on a box and try to be tall.

And as for the tile - another joke at the expense of the short people.

I am shocked - no - terrified at the callous attitude you display towards those who are shorter than yourselves, through no fault of their own. I hope this won't be repeated.

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Diminutive of Devonport

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BOOK REVIEW

MAY WEEK WAS IN JUNE BY CLIVE JAMES
REVIEWED BY GREG STRINGER
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\$39.95 at University Bookshop

Currently at the apex of his television career, Clive James analyses his talent as being the ability to "turn a phrase until it catches the light." It is this typical self perception that makes Clive James one of the most popular media figures of modern times.

In the third and final part of his *Unreliable Memoirs* Clive brings to an end the initial stages of his journey from Kogarah to London. Any worries that a burgeoning television career would tarnish the famous Clive James wit can be laid to rest. 'May Week was in June' is the most stimulating of his books so far; he challenges the reader on several levels, both humorous and intellectual. Whereas volumes one and two dealt with geographical journeys, this volume is a journey of the mind.

Clive shows that being

an Intellectual and possessing an intellect are not necessarily the same thing. Clive opens his mind to the reader at its most formative stage, we not only know that Clive fell under the spell of Yeats, we also know why and in what setting this occurred. Clive James always had the ability to make you laugh, now he shows that he can make you open books again. He makes the reader strive to find his or her own voice - his being so persuasive.

And herein lies the danger, in adopting his voice it is easy to lose sight of your own; yours does exist only if it hasn't been honed to the gem-like perfection that pulls together in a constant rational thought.

'May Week was in June' begins at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where Clive largely goes his own

way as far as study goes. He falls victim to that mysterious affliction of reading everything that isn't on the course. Many, including this writer, are congenital sufferers from the same problem.

Clive addresses his problem as being something akin to 'pathological evasiveness'; he would go to any lengths to avoid facing his responsibilities. He laments his fated personality; "I hid from my thesis in the pages of books, hid from my native language in a sub-world of smatterings and hid from myself in the theatre."

The real success of Clive James at Cambridge was in the theatre, at Footlights. The Shelly thesis was shelved at an early date, instead Clive threw himself into amateur dramatics.

In those two years of Footlights the original seeds were laid in what was to become Clive James the television personality. In his time as director he left behind the 'boys will be girls' drag act of the past, instead he concentra-

ted upon tightly written anti-performance sketches. Some of these acts seem to have been of an incredibly high standard of invention, indeed Footlights laid the foundations for British comedy for the next twenty years.

These Footlights days were punctuated by excursions abroad, the skiing incident in Austria being one of the funniest in the book. Even these passages show a gradually maturing Clive, in realising his limits only then was he able to explore his talents to their fullest extent.

'May Week was in June' is all in the memories, the mood of the times and how a young Australian felt when confronted by civilisation. These memoirs are never unreliable, Clive James catches the times too astutely for that.

He finishes this book by stating that he has covered only the beginning of the journey, that he just began to cross the floor toward the light, we should be thankful that he shared as much as he did with us over the last three books.

AMADEUS

Theatre workshop's production of "Amadeus" by Peter Schaffer is a play about "The man, the music, the magic, the murder."

Theatre Workshop's production directed by Gabriel Ried is ambitious and slick. Both the set and the costumes are stunning. The set relies on a minimalist base with pillars being moved and period furniture interchanged for each scene. The costumes are fabulous and in contrast to the sparseness of the set.

The arrangement of the play features stark special effects and 'Cameo' backdrops. The bulk of the play is narrated by Antonio Salieri and traces Salieri's story of Mozart's career and his own envious despair at Mozart's genius.

Paul Norell as 'Salieri' handles the transition from old to young and

from envy to obsession with ease and manages the sometimes lengthy monologues with skill. The character of Emperor Joseph II is performed with energetic flamboyance by Michael Bayley. Along with his performance that of Tim Ruby as Mozart provides some much needed comedy and light relief from the sometimes overbearing intensity of Mozart, showing his immaturity as a social being yet his genius as a composer.

Hinemoa Elder as Constance, Mozart's fiancée and then wife, developed her character well, beginning as the vivacious young socialite and finishing as a serious and fatalistic mother of two.

There is a large cast in this production and all provided good performances. Theatre Workshop has an excellent pool of talent and this is evident in Amadeus.

The season continues until June 24th, with concessions for students and the unwaged.

Cath Townsend

ROSS'S REP

The Editors

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Dear Editors

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LETTERS (Continued)

ROSS'S REPLY

The Editors

This letter is to reply to many inaccuracies that have occurred in the Craccum letters column lately. The first correspondent I must deal with is Nicole Humphries. I did not think such ignorant and idiotic persons would be able to make it this far in the education system. Ms Humphries correctly points out in her letter (Craccum 18 June) that editorial replies are for the correction of wrong information. This is about the only thing she gets right in her letter. She states that "Your editorial replies to these people did not recognise what they were saying, all they did was pick on meaningless items that made you three seem not quite so bad." However the editorial replies to the infamous RM Bennett's letter do correct false information. The interim editors were selected by the CAB and not by Steve as Mr Bennett states. His bid received no votes from Board members, a fact he chooses to neglect. The other replies in question simply refute cheap abuse from Mr Bennett, or point out the inaccuracies and omissions in his letter. I for one am not in the habit of recognising what people say when it is false.

You then also seem to blame the interim editors for items that appear in the May 28 issue. This issue was produced by former editors Steve Amadio and Sarah Murray, and therefore the interim editorship had no say in what went into it. You have the right to complain about Craccum, but not to say that the blame lies with innocent and competent people.

Your complaint about the labels used on letters is also very tedious. These labels are obviously meant to be tongue in cheek and as you will see in the case of your letter are not always insulting. The editors are given the power to put what they like, within reason, on the paper. This is called editorial license. You almost seem to be saying you have the right to censor this.

I am extremely happy with the job the interim editors did on issue 13, 18 June being their last, and I am happy to see two of them re-elected for the rest of the year.

Yours sincerely
Ross McLeod
Media Officer 1990
CAB Chair

MR GREEN PANTS MEETS JENNY CRAIG

Dear Editors

As a normal male with a healthy natural heterosexual preference I was appalled at the lack of oestrogen that was clearly evident at the SRC meeting held on the 13th of June. The disproportionately high number of deviants present on the losing side raised questions to the moral fibre of New Zealand's future leaders. What

can we, of the persuasion that God intended, do to prevent this depravity? After very careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that there are three things that must be done to aid our cause.

These are;

- 1) Regular injections of oestrone.
- 2) Free distribution of the 'Big Lady Shavers.'
- 3) Increased awareness of the benefits of Jenny Craig.

Let's put an end to the repugnant behaviour of this minority. This world does not need pillars of salt.

Morally yours
Mr Green Pants

NICE LETTER FROM JO

Dear Eds

Actually this letter is more to everyone else, particularly to those who supported me in my bid last week to become editor of Craccum. Firstly, thank you to all those who came to vote for me; your effort was appreciated. The results were close, even debatably inconclusive. I strongly recommend that in future in an election for a position such as Craccum editor that is likely to generate over 200 supporters for each side, that it not be held in the Quad (or cafe), but that preferable a ballot be held or that the meeting at least be in the Rec Centre, where it is possible to count voters more accurately.

However, now that we have Piglet, Cockroach and Wendy as editors, let's get behind them and challenge them to live up to their declared free editorial policy. Go talk to them about your ideas. They're not getting enough input. Let's stop them having to scrape porno mags for cover ideas and humour.

It's a real pity, as I know there is talent out there. It's our paper and our money. We can start complaining if they refuse to publish our articles. I have spoken to both Piglet and Wendy and they are both seriously wanting to do a good job. So give them the benefit of the doubt and contribute. I certainly shall be. I want to see a good paper appearing around Auckland University for a change, even if I'm not at the helm.

Jo Mackay

BENNETT'S BIT

BH from Northland and Fellow Students

To all of you expecting a reply from me in the last issue of Craccum I am sorry if you were disappointed. BH specifically asked for a reply and in light of the abuse the editors have poured on me I felt duty bound to reply. I did mean to reply but I was censored. I handed in my reply to the pig himself, in the corridor outside my office. Half an hour later the pig was back. With him was two other blokes — Steve and Ross "I'll kick your stinking teeth in" McLeod. Over the next half hour I was

subjected to the most virulent verbal abuse I have ever experienced. Steve and Ross measured up my office planning where to stick their symbol of white imperialism. (It's the media officer's office too).

Before leaving Steve threatened to put his fist in my mouth, Ross to kick my stinking teeth in and the pig warned me not to piss him off or I would end up with bruises like James Dolan (one of his friends?!). What you may ask were the contents of my letter? You will never know because the pig said he would never publish it.

Needless to say the pig shall henceforth be referred to as the chief censor.

The Midnight Cowboy's prophetic comments have proved to be true. The chief censor justified his refusal to publish my letter on the basis that it was libellous and boring. This despite the fact that there is no such crime of libel in NZ statutes. I suspect he meant defamation. The chief censor added that his censorship was for my own good! He told me that he consistently removed letters "libelling" (defaming) me. Last week there were 5 letters of a probable defamatory nature. I am of course deeply indebted for the chief censor's protection of my name.

As to the allegations of boredom, I can only say that my last letter provoked no less than 7 replies from: Nicole Humphries, Martin Linnet, Dick, Franklin Biguilly, Dave the Team, Mr Green Pants and yours inimically The Midnight Cowboy. I would also imagine that the letter which provoked three engineers (one of them honorary) to physically threaten me would be anything but boring! Of course you'll never know just how "tediously boring" my letter was.

As the Midnight Cowboy writes "This victimisation because of ideological differences between Mr Bennett and the regime cannot be allowed to continue without recriminations from those who believe in a free press."

I however, am much more moderate. All I ask is that the Editor please explain to students the specific nature of his censorship policies, so that all those who wish to submit material to Craccum may express only views with which the censor feels students should be exposed to.

Yours requesting guidance
RM Bennett

PULL YOUR HEAD IN TREV

Dear Trev

I didn't say I did sociology, I merely suggested that you take this course, but oh dear, your first presumption about me is correct, I have done sociology. Unfortunately the Earth didn't move for me, as many of the subjects discussed were fairly accurate statements according to my opinion, not that my

opinion is a Gods end.

1) Maori were repulsed because they were outnumbered a million to one and had their naivety about outside cultures used against them.

2) Your presumption about my heritage is wrong, I'm not English, although I speak the English language; this doesn't mean I follow the English culture, which is quite a wide statement and really undermines English culture by putting it under one title.

I really don't consider it fun cheering for the underdog (and you could make your point without undermining sociology you hypocritical sod). I do put my shoulder to the boulder as you so aptly put it, to achieve more for New Zealand, it's just that my idea of achievement is different to yours.

3) Studying the laws, religion and cultures of other places may improve our ideas on these subjects. Like not killing each other, stealing and undermining sociology.

4) I can't be bothered debating your points about fairness of trade when your king won't honour the Treaty, which is a legal document in international law.

5) In my analogy (which you got entirely wrong), the idea was 'Borrowing' not selling. Try learning to understand what you read. Maybe then you will learn something.

6) There are people that bludge

off the system, but the so-called productive workers are also going down (Chase, Judge Corp, Equiticorp, Government etc). I also find it amusing that you profess to being a wanker. 7) I didn't believe everything they told me in sociology, I just reinforced my own ideas and changed them where necessary.

If being useless means being open minded, according to you, so be it. Please define your idea of a 'proper job.'

I worked for five years before coming to university, so I have worked in the real world.

I'm glad I did sociology and I will repeat my request that you do this course, if you are right, you have nothing to fear about it.

Let's enlighten Trev
Rodney

PS. Maybe the flag should show Trev on a noose.

PPS. I love Rugby and I will take pride in watching the Scots get wasted at Eden Park.

ROAST ROGER

To the Editor

"In the service of students" signs Roger Pym in the column at the start of Craccum (Issue 13).

Rather ironic isn't it? Roger Pym (EVP) was elected into a position of responsibility who with his fellow executive have authority governing AUSA.

They make decisions that affect you and I and decide what to do with all the money we give to AUSA in fees. Yet this supposedly responsible executive member managed to lose \$80,000 of our money!

Incompetent, with no relevant experience to take on position of running orientation Roger decided to "have a go." Hey if it didn't work out, its not his money is it? No, it's ours. How can someone like this be elected to a position of responsibility when he abuses it?

This \$80,000 debt affects us all. How can AUSA offer is more or improved services to students when the funds for these keep getting 'lost.'

Executive and his friends who elected him to be Orientation Controller are just as bad as him. Why didn't AUSA advertise more fully for a position where there is access to such a lot of money? Were his expenses monitored?

The worst thing about all of this is that Roger Pym is thinking of running for president next year. Imagine what would happen then — if students are really interested in what goes on at AUSA and where their money goes, make sure people like Roger Pym who muck up don't get back in to do worse.

All I can say to Roger is: What a bastard in the service of students indeed.

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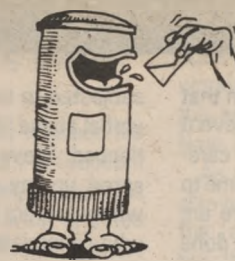
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RETURN OF THE WALLY

Hey Eds

Guess who I saw in Shads the other day? None other than the Che guevera of AUSA Graham Watson himself. Boy has he changed. No longer the lean and hungry student type Mr Watson looks more like a prosperous and rather well-fed yuppie. No more the 'freedom' scarf around the neck, now it's a nice jacket and thin red tie look.

Methinks that the ex-Prez is still a part-time student (?) but he certainly looks more like a young executive on the way to his first mill. Does this mean he is actually gainfully employed? Shock and surprise time. Does this mean there is hope for student politicians yet?

Actually if he's so well off, why didn't he shout drinks for the bar while he was honouring us with his rather subdued presence? I mean I would if I was that rich and dropped into Shads with a red one in my pocket. A red drinking token you horrible, smutty children you.

Just thought you'd like to know that.

Yours with a raised wrist
Pubspy

MEDICAL OPINION

Dear Craccum

I recently attended the Engineering Society elections and after reading the article on Mark Townsend's shock defeat to Elle MacPherson I would like to add a few comments of my own.

Firstly, although Mork Tensand was at first stunned by his defeat he soon became quite

excited when told that as President Ms MacPherson would be attending all engineering functions including such events as the Smoko. Mask even went as far as to say that Ms MacPherson had, in fact always been better suited to the job and had far more to offer engineering students than he himself did.

Secondly although not officially part of the Engineering Society Executive anymore Mork Tashkent received special dispensation from the meeting to act as President until Ms MacPherson's solicitors tied up legal matters to end several modelling contracts prematurely, so as to enable her to assume her full responsibilities as Engineering Society President.

Finally, Elle has said she cannot accept the position until after the final closing date for player contracts in the Sydney League competition. She is hoping for a lucrative deal to switch codes from modelling to league. She has not received any offers better than the one from the Engineering Society, but she has received several interesting propositions. She is still hoping that Graham Lowe will sign her on as the Manly hooker.

Until these matters are resolved Mack Twosend is in effect the Engineering Society President and I wish him the best of luck.

Yours sincerely
Dr Nikolai

CANE TOAD TALK

Dear Tighthead Tim

It is obvious you now have your SKY decoder and are enjoying the Air New Zealand replays of the State of Origin Rugby League matches.

What is also apparent to me

and the lads is that you know diddly shit about the game.

A real bloke supports Queensland and not the dorks from South of the border. The only reason you support *The Blues*, is because you can associate their team colours with your Rheineck can.

You also pathetically tried to expel your knowledge of our fine game with whimsical murmurings about Lazarus and Monster McGaw. Any real bloke knows McGaw is a pussy and wouldn't get into a spot of biff in case he messed up his hair. In a fight Mark McGaw would have a better chance of catching butterflies than actually hitting someone. 'Sparkless' McGaw as he is affectionately known would be better off playing reserve grade in Papua New Guinea, and is without doubt an utter girl's blouse as he earns his living wearing blue for another diabolical team - Cronulla.

Maroon is where it's at; ask Matty Ridge, Graham Lowe and Queensland, they wear the colours proudly. We are the ultimate football team, either outpointing or outfighting NSW. We took care of Roachy in Origin 2 and the only way NSW could win a fight would be if they bugged us to death.

It's also interesting to note Tighthead Tim that NSW pretenders to the Crown missed out on Aussie selection. Where are Monster McGaw, Elias, Lazarus and Stuart now? Beating off about their misfortune.

Instead fine Queensland boys are in the team; the likes of Meninga, Backo, Walters and Langer.

Face it Tim, when it comes to League you don't know shit from pancakes. Become a ma-

rooms man or Come and meet thy maker.

Yours divinely
(King) Wally and the boys
PS. Dear Buddha, I feel I'm more qualified for the job of God - yours, Wal.

MORE FROM MARTIN

Dear RM Bennett

The first paragraph of my letter to you last week should have read: "Yes, I do know that the 'communist' governments which recently fell in Eastern Europe were really fascist ones, but they only turned out that way because of the impracticality (and vast unpopularity) of the socialist doctrines they tried to implement initially."

I trust that this corrected version is more insulting to you.

Yours faithfully
Martin Linnet

UNDERCOVER AGENT REPORTS

Dear Piglet and Co

Congratulations on getting rid of Gort from your group (collective is such a communist word). I told you he would try to screw you over money and do bugger all for it. He's a waste of space, almost as bad as RM Bennett (but I guess there will be enough said about him elsewhere so I won't bother to degrade him - could be looked upon as being trendy). Pity you had to include a female in your group to appease all the femo's on campus. But then I have seen you and Susan Rae having very cosy conversations. Can't you stand up to them like you used to before you were reincarnated - or was your death all a hoax. Mind you, you could redeem yourself by only having her there to do all the work while you claim all the credit.

Last week's issue was the longest read of any issue I can remember in my 7 year association with AUSA. No I must rate it second to the issue in 1985 that called me (and a couple of others) both a rapist and thief. The student news in last week's issue was both timely and some of the best articles I have read in Craccum. Dia's sacking was not only totally justified but it was long overdue. All the SAO does is book bands for Shadow's she spent 7.5 hours a day doing that. Ask yourself how she filled in the time. I was really disappointed that you didn't include her in the Orientation report as well. She must have had a lot of input into that fiasco, it is part of

SAO's job description.

With Phyllis Comerford representing her from the Union AUSA has every chance of winning any unfair dismissal case. Phyllis was President of the Otago USA in 1983 when she censored the Capping Mag and nearly lost her job - only a few lies saved her. She's also an ex-AUSA typist so she must know first-hand how much work Dia actually did.

As for Roger Pym, I think wherever he has a business scheme it should be classified as a notifiable disease - even more so than AIDS. Hope the Orientation result doesn't affect your Campaign for President Roger. Did you know that if you can lose \$80,000 plus over 2 weeks in 1990 you could lose \$2,080,000 plus in 1991. Just goes to show what happens when Exec appoints one of their own to run an event - they don't care. If Dia was sacked why wasn't his resignation asked for, I mean the main purpose of the Executive is to run the association and the only body that can make financial decisions is the Executive. And he wants to be in charge (along with his bumchums) next year. Capping's still the only event each year that students appreciate - mainly because it's run by piss-heads for piss-heads.

I also hear that the real reason Shads was on strike a couple of Fridays ago was because they're getting rid of a few staff. why? I love going up to the bar and having the choice of 3 or 4 barstaff to choose from. I'm disappointed there wasn't a picket out front but then that would've meant all the barstaff doing something all the time and we couldn't have that now could we.

One thing did hack me off about last week's issue and that was the notice you ran for those murdering scum more commonly known as the ANC. Last year when I was in South Africa (which I must rate as one of the most beautiful and friendly countries I have ever visited - not to mention real cheap to live in), I met many a white who all acknowledged that the Blacks would one day gain majority rule, but why should they give into bastards who don't care who they hurt (mostly blacks anyway) in the bid to achieve their aims. How many of the people do you see who are calling for Multi-nationals to withdraw their capital out of SA, aren't getting three meals a day and don't have a roof over their heads because they are out of a job. Name a leading (so-called)

statesman that deserted his wife for a younger woman and didn't pay any maintenance on his children's upkeep. No it's not David Lange but none other than that person who is beyond doubt - Nelson Mandela. Who cares about him now anyway, he's out of prison so it doesn't really matter if he carts it now.

What a shame I wasn't able to make that meeting, but then again us sub-contractors have to make a living somehow. It just wouldn't feel like I've done a days work if I haven't wolf-whistled at at least 10 girls as they walk past the site each day.

Your humble and obedient servant
Agent Speights

PS. Maybe you should check in the SRC Executive minutes just to see whether all the present Executive members haven't lapsed according to the Constitution. I'll even give you a helping hand - does the name Richard Cornes mean anything to you?

WELL WE THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY

Dear Editors

Although your article in Craccum 18 June is amusing, yet again I am forced to laugh at humiliation as a joke.

I wonder why such an article has been printed. Is it maybe because one of the Editors, Mr Peter Gray was once on the Engineering Society Executive. Now Mr Gray was completely useless, he was too busy writing letters to Craccum to have time to help ENG.SOC provide facilities and functions for the members who elected him.

Or was it because he resented the fact he couldn't live up to the proud tradition of those on the ENG.SOC Exec? Yes folks he can't skull beer.

For one who wants the support of the engineers, why do you continue to stab them in the back?

Yours
Mark Townsend
(the real) President of the ENG.SOC

PS. And you spelt me bloody name wrong.

CHIVALRY

Dear Editors

It would seem that the criteria for selecting the Knights of today lie not in the honour with which a person performs their job. Perhaps the Queen has decided that simply having a job in New Zealand is worthy of a Knighthood.

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Roger Pym
Education Vice-Pres.

PS. For further info please do not hesitate to contact me at AUSA.

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St Andrew's Church, Symonds St, Special Chaplaincy. Service for visitors. "The Meaning of Life". Speaker Ray Galvin. All welcome. Supper afterwards.

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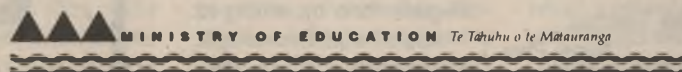
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