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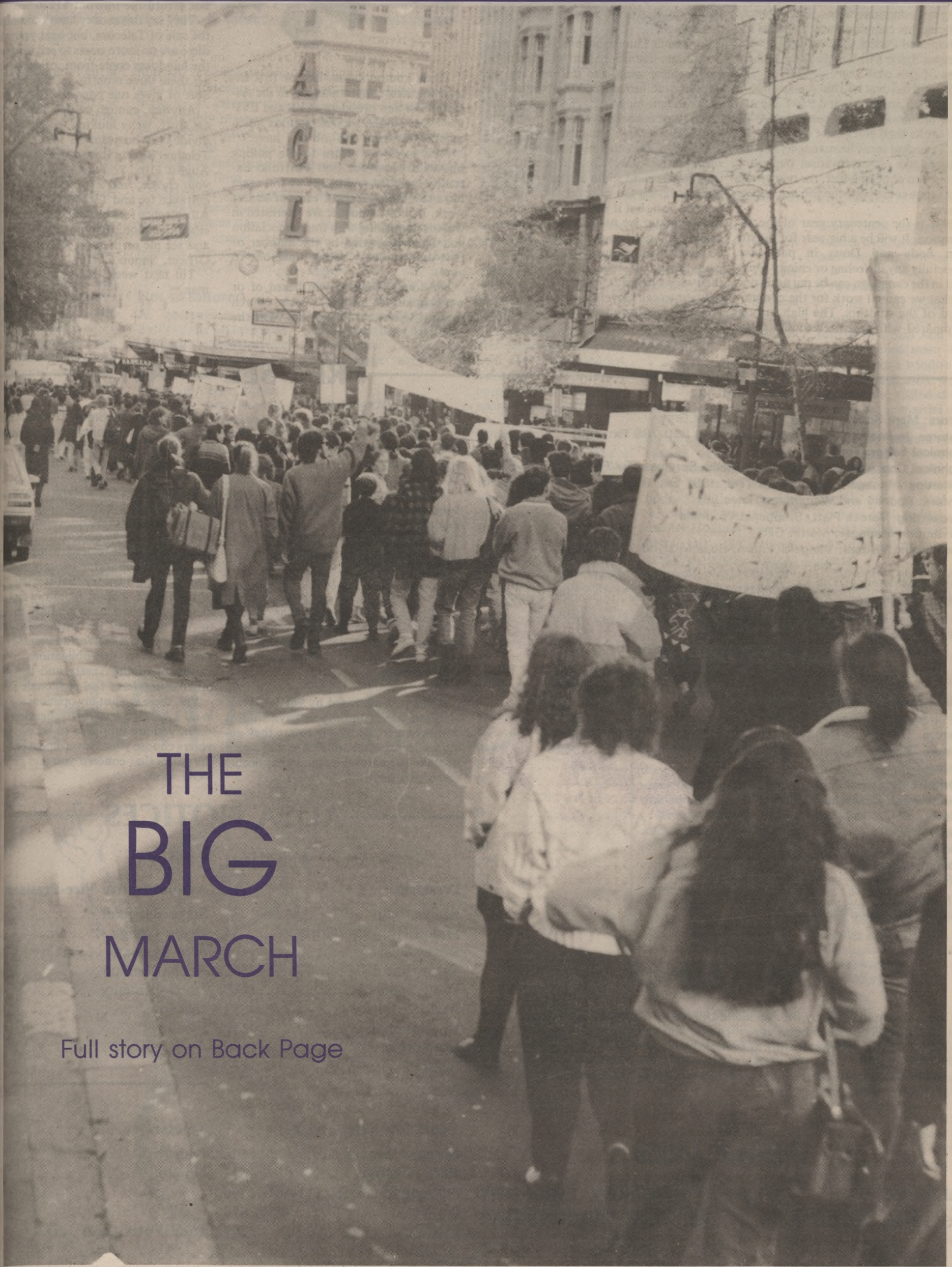
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## THE BIG MARCH

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## EDITORIAL

After two weeks or so of election campaigning we have our new President for 1991 — Doug Sadlier. The result was a bit of a shock to some, as Doug seemed initially to come from nowhere. The Student body passed over three major candidates with Executive experience to elect a newcomer to A.U.S.A politics, something not commonly done. But all credit to Doug, his campaign was based on the principles of Parties, Student Welfare and Campus Spirit and hopefully we will see some of this next year.

Being President of this Association is not an easy task. It's not a 9 to 5 job and there are always more people ready to find faults than give praise or even help. The President must be manager, student Leader, and politician all at once, and contrary to popular belief, the money and perks that come with the job are not excessive.

1991 is the centenary year of the Association. It will be a big year for the student body and Doug in particular. Hopefully any ill-feeling or enmity generated in the campaign can be put aside now so that we can all work for the common good of the students. The high turnout (compared with recent elections) shows

that there is interest in Student Politics; let's turn that interest into action.

There is no doubt that Doug will put life and charisma back into the position of President but there will only be change if students come forward with ideas. Write to *Craccum*, talk to Doug and voice your opinions at SRC or, as they say in the Marriage Business, forever hold your peace.

And while I'm on the topic of elections, don't forget that all the portfolio positions come up for grabs soon. The President has a lot of influence, but Executive is where the power of A.U.S.A is. Read the blurbs from candidates in the next issue then get out there and vote.

Of course the other big event of the last week was National Week of Action. Protest marches and so on can be very effective in swaying Governments especially in election year, but if we really want change for the better we need to keep the pressure on and right up until polling day. Executive is shaping up to be a big election issue, giving all students a chance to get their views heard. Unlike A.U.S.A, you only get to call Government politicians to account every three years, so let's not miss the opportunity to do so.

## PREZ SEZ — AUSA



Teena koutou katoa. Let me first extend warmest congratulations to the Association's new president, AVP and EVP for 1991. I hope they all gain as much satisfaction from this job as I have.

Next week we return to the polling booths to select the 1991 Portfolio Executive members and I hope we will again have the same excellent turnout as last week. It shows students are interested in what is happening with their association and I am heartened by the number of first-year students taking time out to vote.

No doubt many of you heard of or were involved in last week's March Against User Pays Education. Note the

Government's attempt to denigrate student concerns by staging the \$150 million handout to tertiary education. THE EXACT SAME TIME as our National Week of Action, expecting the public to be hoodwinked into believing that extra places is going to benefit those who cannot afford the upfront \$1250 fee.

They say this money hasn't come from the sale of Telecom, but next year when there are no more assets to sell where will the handouts come from, or do we only get them three months before elections? Sort of gives one pause for thought eh?

Anyway, enough of this heavy political stuff, we're looking for clubs or individuals who want to take part in a Telethon Bunyip Race down Queen St on August 11th. You create the Bunyip of your choice, find a sponsor to pay your entrance fee and TV2 will film the race. All entrance fees become the AUSA Telethon donation. If you're interested come and see me or the new Social Activities Officer, Simon Coffey.

Till next week, Ka kite anoo e hoo maa.

Ella Henry  
AUSA President

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## PREZ SEZ — ATISA

Kia Ora.

We marched on Thursday with about 1000 Students and assorted bystanders, kids and dogs.

I got pretty confused when I thought back on the history of education in New Zealand.

No Government in power seems to have made any massive stand on Education in some time.

Yes, Labour's \$10 million Education Boost will go down well but they did introduce the higher fees in the first place. Both parties are claiming that their system is the best and that student numbers will increase.

ATI's poll increased by 9% last year. National are promising to have student numbers increase by 4% so are they going to decrease the rolls? Are they going to claim the natural increase that occurs every year anyway?

Will Lockwood Smith's Promise to resign should National not abolish the tuition fee still stand if Jenny Shipley and not himself is made minister of Education?

Will Goff ever dare show up to a public meeting of Students?

All these issues of Education, Unemployment and law and order.

Although these issues are important to me, I will not be voting socially on them. I want to see a contry that is committed to the future. I want from my Government a commitment to the Environment, to World Peace, to Nuclear Disarmament, to the end of World Hunger by the year 2000, to the obligations of the Covenant of the Treaty and to all the other issues that I feel passionate about.

Yes, these are just my opinions and that is all I have to base my judgement on.

So, you are supposed to be intelligent voters choose your Government on ALL the issues that concern you and get who YOU want.

## AUSA NOTICES

### Election Notices

#### President

Robert Bain	39
Simon Holroyd (Gort)	34
Roger Pym	100
Susan Rae	303
Doug Sadlier	1087
Andrew Wickers	887
No Confidence	49
No Vote	30
Invalid	3

#### Administrative Vice-President

Steve Barriball	42
Derek Craig	16
Nite Fuamatu	61
Aroha Panapa	40
No Confidence	23
No Vote	64
Invalid	4

#### Education Vice President

Bernard Kennelly	628
Pare Panapa	612
No Confidence	366
No Vote	859
Invalid	67

#### Treasurer

Ivan Kirk	2,538
No Vote	2,538

Total Votes Cast: 2,532

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## DEADLINES

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# A Flaw in the Wreck Centre

BY MAX CHAPPLE

Aerobic students pounding it out on Auckland University's hard recreation Centre floor are falling victim to injuries at a rate which is worrying the centre's physiotherapists. The Physiotherapists, students and staff all say the floor is unacceptable but no easy solution is in sight.

The main hall floor at the university's recreation centre was never built for aerobic dance. The solid synthetic wood-on-concrete deck is a ball sports court built 15 years ago when nobody had heard of the fitness dance craze. However, aerobics is now all the rage and the recreation centre runs 37 classes a week. The classes each have between 40 and 80 participants and half of the sessions — the most popular advanced and wake up classes — see students bumping and sliding on the main floor with just small carpet mats between themselves and the surface.

## Victims

Physiotherapists at the centre say the floor is "devastating" and is the centre's worst problem. They say victims of the floor at a rate of at least two or three a week as they limp with shin splints, ankle sprains and Achilles tendon injuries. "It's the hardness of the floor — there's no give in

it at all," one physiotherapist told Craccum. "The majority of injuries that are probably preventable are aerobics related."

She said students shouldn't be exercising on such a hard floor.

Another physiotherapist said fewer injuries would occur if students stayed on the carpet square mats provided. But participants often strayed, she said.

## Not monitored

A recreation centre staff member said the mats provided for aerobics were pitiful and it seemed ironic that students should risk injury on carpet squares while new carpet was being installed elsewhere in the building.

The staff member claimed aerobic instructors were not monitored and could be encouraging students to do dangerous exercises.

## Inadequate

Recreation Centre boss Steve Hollings admitted the carpet square mats did not have adequate resili-

ence.

"We are doing something about it but it's not a simple solution," he said. He said the carpet being put down in other parts of the recreation centre was being paid for by the university and had nothing to do with the centre.

Hollings said the centre's martial arts floor, which does have thick exercise mats, was used where possible but it only had space for 40 dancers. He said the centre had to satisfy the strong demand for aerobics or else it would have very few members.

## Top priority

Hollings says the university's recreation sub-committee last year decided that a purpose built aerobic studio was its top priority. However, nothing had happened since because no progress had been made on negotiations between the students association and the university administration on a new student union nearby. The new building



could include some recreation centre space.

In the meantime, Hollings said, the centre was working on a solution for the aerobics dancers. He said the main floor could not be set aside for aerobics alone and a permanent soft floor installed, because that would compromise the other sports played on the floor.

## Problems

Another option was a roll-up floor covering which could be removed after each class. But Hollings said it would be difficult to store and hard to put down and roll up. He said engineers at the university were working on the technical problems involved.

"It is a problem that I

realise is not easily solvable but we're working on it."

Hollings said another possibility was to use individual mats but these would also pose storage and maintenance problems.

## Other factors

He said injuries were not always the fault of the floor and depended also on the experience of participants and the movements undertaken.

An example of the impracticalities of a roll-down floor was pointed out by Hollings when he highlighted the centre's artificial tennis surface which the centre rents out to other sports complexes. Despite being less than 6mm thick the mat took 10 people two hours to set up and four hours to put away, he said. The centre had only used the mat itself 10 times in 15 years.

## Spending

Hollings said the centre would spend as much money as was necessary to overcome the problem of the aerobics surface.

Julie Still, the recreation centre's physical recreation officer, told Craccum the floor was not acceptable and the injury rate was probably higher than it should be.

"It's hopeless. It's just not appropriate for aerobics, it's not made for aerobics."

## Barefoot

Still said some students were not helping themselves. Some did as many as 10 aerobics classes a week, which was far too many, while others exercised barefoot or in poor quality footwear.

Still said she had just written to all instructors telling them to put more low impact moves into their programmes. In low impact exercises dancers always have one foot on the ground so lessen the risk of injury.

But this solution is not seen as ideal by all stu-

dents. Some thought low impact exercises were not hard enough, Still said.

## Procedure

When asked about her monitoring procedure for instructors, Still said she often watched main hall classes from a window in the administration area. She said she visited classes held in the martial arts studio for about 15-20 minutes at random times every three to four weeks.

Auckland University Students Association sports officer Andrew Wickers said a close eye should be kept on instructors in an effort to avoid injury.

"Students are putting themselves in the centre's hands because they're doing the right thing and all these injuries are happening."

## Standard

"There's no national standard for aerobics instructors to pass which is a worrying thing because people do place themselves in the hands of instructors and they could be getting them to do some terrible exercises."

Wickers said he could understand that there were technical problems involved with getting a new floor surface.

"I can understand it but given that aerobics is so popular and there are so many injuries I think that something's got to be endeavoured."

## Popular

"If it was a commercial venture you'd be making sure that your most popular activity was well catered for, was well run and was being looked after properly .. rather than saying 'we recognise the problem but we don't know what we're going to do about it.'"

Wickers said the centre seemed blasé about what was a serious matter.

"They don't seem particularly worried... it doesn't seem like a top priority."

# CHAIROBICS





# Access Radio Heard and not Seen

It's buried beneath the Auckland Technical Institute's B Block cafeteria but Access Radio is making a big noise on the airwaves of Auckland. **Max Chapple** reports on a community radio station on the up and up....

"Lurching from pillar to post" is how Access radio staff describe the station's history as it struggled to establish itself in the mercurial world of broadcasting.

Initiated in 1986 by Pacific Island community leaders and the Race Relations office, Access Radio Auckland existed on short term broadcast authorisations from the Pacific Islands Educational Resource Centre in Herne Bay.

## Third station

It shared the same aim of its two predecessors — Radio Access Wellington, set up in 1981 and Wairarapa Access, established in 1986 — to allow community groups and individuals to broadcast. In other words, to give them access. The latest access station, formed in February 1988, is Plains FM based at Christchurch Polytechnic.

Access Radio Auckland's shaky beginnings

continued as it struggled to find studio space. After leaving Herne Bay the station broadcast from Auckland University's student

Now about 45 groups a week use Access, broadcasting in languages from Samoan to Spanish while they give news, views, and interviews of interest to their people.

Access Radio Auckland's manager is Leona Bresnehan, a veteran

land's station truly reflects the make-up of the wider Auckland Community.

"The whole concept of Access Radio is people having their own language programme, their news in their own language — the things that are important to them."



radio station BFM and the Maori station Radio Aotearoa. But early last year Access Radio found a home in student space at ATI.

broadcaster who has clocked up 20 years in programme production and journalism. She says the concept of Access Radio is an exciting one and Auckland's



was funded wholly from community donations, membership fees and the money groups pay for air time. But this year it received a \$167,000 boost from the Broadcasting Commission for operating costs which has meant added security and a reduction in air time fees.

Access Radio now broadcasts about 30 hours a week on 882AM, from Friday evenings through to Mondays, during Radio New Zealand's 1YC Network downtime.

## New Console

The Broadcasting Commission grant, together with a \$30,000 donation from the ASB Community Trust, has allowed Access Radio to buy a much needed new console which was installed recently. The station was off air for four days while the project was completed at a cost of \$23,000.

Bresnehan says the console allows the station more flexibility and the possibility of expansion.

"It's a really good start. There are a lot of things

that we will need but we'll add those as we get enough money."

## Variety

In the meantime, Access Radio Auckland is home to a wide variety of community groups broadcasting in English and other languages. Among its programmes are broadcasts from the New Zealand and Tamil Association, five Pacific Island groups, Friends of the Earth, a homoeopathy group as well as Chilean, Yugoslav and Spanish groups.

Associate head of ATI Educational Resources and Development department John Reynolds, runs a university hour on Mondays from 8 to 9am and ATI programmes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the same time.

Bresnehan says Access Radio's following is growing and more people are becoming involved.

"More people are hearing about us now and want to make more programmes ... because we're a volunteer organisation we need a lot of people."

## Improving

Access promotions co-ordinator Julie Starr agrees. After doing the BFM women's show a couple of years ago, she got the "radio bug" and says Access Radio is getting better all the time.

"It's an opportunity for people to hear their language and their people." She says some people get involved because they want to get into the industry and others because they've always wanted to give it a go.

The station third staff member is Ula Fusimaloha, a Tongan immigrant who started up Radio Tonga in 1981. He became involved in Access through a Radio New Zealand training course of which Bresnehan was an instructor.

## Boost

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# PUB-LICK EYE

Photos by Wendy Newton

Working to deadlines is what life's all about, right? Knowing this may not help in the pursuit of high class women or aid in the relocation of their undergarments, but it does mean that, once more, pub review has been performed the night before the morning after (which is when our lords and masters, those intrepid *Craccum* editors call for two A4, typewritten, doublespaced, ordered and arrowed pieces of reconstituted, dioxin-leached toilet paper).

Knowing this however, may now help you understand why so many pub review articles get off to a stumbling disjointed start. By now you would probably have noticed that this article has started more disjointed than most, and you are probably predicting it to continue rambling in that way. Why? You ask yourselves. Are our heroes and heroines the E-team on serious drugs? Do they have severe insecurities and emotional traumas due to pre and post pubescent fantasies involving small cars and older women? Is their workload affecting their ability for coherent thought? Are they illiterate bastards?

neantime, Access Auckland is home to a wide variety of ethnic groups broad in English and languages. Amongst them are broad in the New Zealand Association of Pacific Island groups of the Earth, a pathy group of Chilean, Yugoslav and Polish groups. The head of the National Resource Development department Reynolds, runs his hour on Monday 8 to 9am and ramming on Tuesdays and Fridays the same time. Han says Access following is growing more people are involved. People are hearing us now and make more progress because we're a peer organisation a lot of people.



Are they looking for excuses? No, yes, no, no, no, a 1000 times no, we just had a bloody great night out.

Jumping into our mid priced, mid sized, Japanese station wagon, an assault was launched on the heart of the city. The target, The London Bar, also known as the 100 beers bar. Situated opposite the Civic movie theatre on Wellesley St, many of you probably remember the London Bar as the pubcrawl pub that had a mobile crop of flesh blocking the doorway. This can still be found serving behind the downstairs bar, but due to council by-laws and some complex equations involving terms like

maximum, disturbed, concentrated and load that is where he stays, serving in the genuine worker type public bar (not too bad in itself if you don't feel like climbing the stairs).

Up the stairs is where you find the 100 beers bar. On entering you find yourself in a traditional, warmly decorated lounge bar. A food counter to the right knocks up good food at a good price, while to the left is the business end, the bar and seating for heaps. A pile of musical paraphernalia in the corner punctuates the sign informing of Jazz playing Wednesday-Saturday. Grabbing a window seat lets the serious 'people watchers' enter their element with a great aerial view of the Queen St/Wellesley St intersection.

A trip to the bar, which you can never lose as you can see it from wherever you sit, began our trip around the world. This pub has the largest selection of beers to be found in an Auckland bar. A menu is normally available so that your selection can be

made from the comfort of your glass.

A decision was made and our journey began with a Heineken from Germany, cruising through the original Budweiser from Czechoslovakia, a San Miguel from Manila, various brews from the Pacific and both American continents and finally back to normality with a Guinness to cleanse the palate.

In all 25 different brews from 14 countries were sampled, with the standard price for a 330-370 ml bottle being \$3.95. One outstanding drop, is Tsingtao Beer from, you guessed it, China. Due to the sudden disappearance of our interpreter we were unable to determine the % alcohol but were sure it was adequate. We were also reminded why Americans can drink for 12 hours, drive home sober, sleep and still wake up with a wicked hangover; Yank beer is shit!

What more needs to be said about this bar? The toilets, as in most bars are strictly functional, so when in there you'll need to provide your own entertainment. Service is efficient and friendly, glasses clean and plentiful, the Jazz is excellent, the environment convivial and it's close to the E-school. Basically it's a damn good spot to go have a beer, run into people you haven't seen in a while and generally get off your face. In fact, by the end of the night, the relationship between women's undergarments and the end of the world pales to insignificance when compared

## The Boys from the Brown Stuff

### The London Bar



with the beginnings of a 3rd world water induced hangover (that includes USA).

No worries, on the way out the door you can stop at the bottle shop and buy a bottle or two of your favourite cure, (E-team style hint: Avoid water as

fish fart in it), trundle home in the shopping basket and dream of 1 billion Chinese drinking Tsingtao; what a great form of birth control!

**Yours internecinely**  
**The E-team**  
PS. Oh yes, they do sell spirits.

## The E-Team Rating



The E-Team, in their eagerness to get this fine review to the Editors, forgot to prepare the 'E-Team Rating'. The usual 'ratings box' is included only out of habit. It is not a real rating and does not, in any way, reflect the views of the E-Team, either jointly or severally, toward the abovementioned licensed establishment.

# The Unpretentious Little Wine Column

In recent years good wines have moved from being an expensive habit of wine buffs, to being affordable even by students. Wine can be good value as well as great drink and if you stick to the ones that don't have the dreaded anti-freeze and don't do much mixing, then you can spend an evening in a slightly alcoholic, hazy glow and not wake up with an earth-shattering hangover.

What this column aims to do is to introduce you to some wines and grape varieties (known as varieties) that we like and hope you will too. Although we'd love to tell you all about the Chateau Lafite '65, we can't afford \$12 a bottle and neither can anyone we know. So we've placed a price limit of \$12 a bottle on the wines in this column. We're also going to stick, mainly, to New Zealand wines, not because we're national chauvinists, but we're great fans of Aus-

sie and French wines) but because it is easier to build up a bit of knowledge about them, rather than be totally bewildered about the huge selection if we include imports. It's also a myth that you have to buy imports to buy good wines. However we will include the odd import that is particularly yummy and a good buy.

We'll also try to avoid the usual wine jargon — no "herbaceous bouquet" and "gooseberry flavours" and the like in this column. But we'll try and tell

you about about how to recognise a good wine and how a wine, made from a particular grape, is likely to taste.

Above all, it's important that you start drinking and enjoying it more and more and like us, start blowing chunks of your bursary on something particularly nice you see in the local wholesaler.

This week, because we're in the depths of winter and it's cold and miserable, we thought we'd start with a real body warmer — carbarnet sauvignon (often called cab. sav). Reds can take a bit of getting used to, but it's really worth the effort. Most of the well known cab savs come from Hawkes Bay but Marlborough and Auckland are also cab

sav growing areas. On its own cab sav is often a bit harsh so wine makers blend it with other grapes, frequently merlot. This will usually be stated on the label. In France, cab sav is often a major ingredient in Bordeaux wines, sometimes called clarets. Cab sav is a great colour, a really deep ruby red. For your \$12 if it's a good cab sav, you'll get a wine that tastes a bit like blackcurrant juice, has lots of guts and possibly a bit of acid. However, if you luck out and strike a bad one, it'll look red/brown, be thin and might smell nasty when you open it.

This week we visited Wineworths in Hobson Street and Glengarry Wines and Super Liquor-

man (sic), both in Ponsonby Road. When we mention a wine we'll say which shop was selling it the cheapest.

Most of the wines we recommend are blends, but straight cab savs that we like are Penfold's '87 cab sav (Wineworths \$10.85) and Babich '88 (Super Liquorman \$11.75).

Two real cheapies which are drinkable but not great are Lincoln Vineyard's Brigham's Creek Red '89 (Glengarry) and a Montana Marlborough Carbarnet/Pinotage '87 (Wineworths) both at \$6.95. A Claret with trying is Selak's '88 Private Bin — \$10.95 at Super Liquorman. A cabarnet/merlot we recommend is Delegat's Estate dry Red (\$9.95 at Wineworths).

Glengarry's offer three wines from further afield that represent excellent value. Seaview '87 cabarnet/shiraz (\$10.95) and Chateau Reynella '87 Claret (\$9.95) are good examples of Aussie reds and from France, an '86 Bordeaux called Sirius is a good buy at \$10.95.

Wine of the week is another claret, Collards '88, which we saw in Super Liquorman at \$10.25. This is a dry wine, not too fruity and would be good with spaghetti bolognese.

That's it for this week, we'll be back with some pinot noir next column. Remember to open your bottle of wine as long as possible before you drink it.

**Bottoms up!!**  
**Lily B and the Baron**





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# WORLD NEWS

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## GOD RESIGNS!

After years of rumour it has finally been revealed today that God has resigned. A spokesman, who would only give his name as Peter, said today from the doorstep of No. 1 Paradise Street, Heaven that God had decided he'd done more than his fair share of the work for the past few millenia and it was time he had a holiday. Peter also read out the following statement from God:

"Hey what do you expect? It's not easy being omnipresent you know. I mean, having to watch everyone's disgusting little habits, tallying up the sins, and then having to deduct a few for the odd confession. It can get pretty boring waiting around for some old peasant to kark it just to see if he's worth letting in up here or sending him down to number 666. And then there's trying to give people a religious experience! Some of them are so stupid they don't realise anything's happened, some think it was just an orgasm and more recently a lot of them think it was just a good trip. Even the ones I did get through to usually managed to stuff it up in some way. Moses lost one of the tablets, Mohammed thought I was someone else and Wally Jamblat was captured by an extra-terrestrial before he logged off the PC.

"Holidays. Did you ever stop to think that I haven't had a holiday since the Creation. No golf, no sunbathing, no dropping in to the pub for a quiet one. Nothing. I didn't even get to see the Romans versus the Greeks Inter-Gods Cup Final. I hear it went to extra time before Neptune ripped one past Aphrodite's left post into the back of the net. And Allah keeps asking me over for a game of cards.

"So I've decided to resign so I can get in on some of this action while the going's good. I'm sure the world will carry on without me for a few hundred years, after all it's self-destructing quite nicely now, no matter what I do. Of course if anyone else is willing to step into the breach well fine and good, that's their problem. Jesus would do it, but he's too busy appearing in trees, walls, paintings and clouds at the moment so I

don't want to disturb him.

"Well that's all I've got to say for now. Just remember from now on I haven't got my eye on you so do as you please.

"Byeeeee."

One of the first to put himself forward as a potential replacement for God was Old Nick DeVil who said that he was the obvious choice having had some previous experience in Heaven before a minor difference of opinion with God some years ago. He also said it was about time people showed some sympathy and some taste and to just call him Lucifer as he was in need of some restraint. He pointed out that he had in fact anticipated that God might step down and had been encouraging some musicians to put subliminal messages onto record albums, adding that this worked two ways because not only would the average unsuspecting listener

hear the message subconsciously but also a whole heap of religious people who had a strange tendency to play records backwards would also hear the message. "Two for the price of one," he joked.

Christian leaders from around the world says that God's resignation would have no immediate affect on religious practices. Most said that as they hadn't had any proof that God in fact existed in the first place, but worshipped him anyway just because they believed He did, whether or not He exists was irrelevant. This of course would mean that if He did exist and had for the last few eons the fact that He had now resigned need not necessarily even be noticeable except of course to those few people go on talking to him even if He wasn't actually there.

Sceptics on the other hand doubted whether God had even resigned at all. Although they have denied His existence from the beginning they now say that if He actually says that in effect He no longer exists then they have been proved wrong all along and furthermore if He definitely doesn't exist (any more) then they wouldn't have anyone to deny the existence of and would all be out of a job.

Atheists, when told the news, said "God who?" and went back to the bar.

Otherwise life around the world seems to be taking the resignation realistically. Even newspaper reporters now feel they might have a chance of getting in to the upstairs afterlife flat rather than the basement they all expected.

**B Leevinme**  
Religious Correspondent

## THE GREAT WORLD NEWS CAPTION COMPETITION

**CRACCUM**



This week's caption competition comes to you courtesy of Craccum Issue 25. It was, of course, supposed to read "An Unfortunate Experience", relating to an article inside.

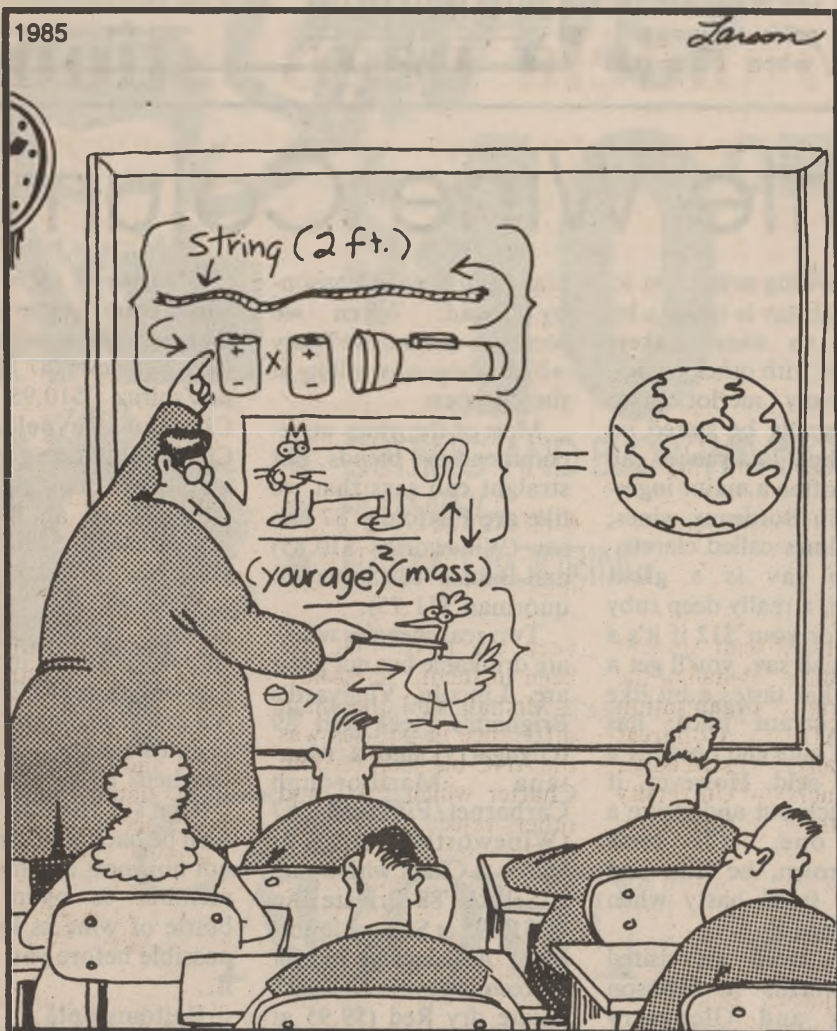
However a cock-up between Craccum and the printers obscured the word "experience" leaving the Editors cursing and the general readership confused.

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## LOST? LONELY? DEPRESSED?

Pathetic little weed, aren't you?



Creationism explained.



# Deutschland Uber Alles?

History never repeats, it just rhymes,' is an old adage that many people believe can be applied to the present day. In a previous article I argued that there were grounds for concern when Germany became united. I pointed to the fears of many European statesmen about a united Germany.

also remarked on the growing anti-Gastarbeiter mood and the disturbing lack of support for the Republikaner (a neo-fascist political group) in Germany. This combined with the Oder-Neisse line, the projected increase in inflation and unemployment and the results these had in the past seemed like echoes from the past.

The previous article, however, was not entirely correct. All this talk that a united Germany will threaten European peace is based on two things; Germany's history and its role once it becomes united.

Yet we all seem to forget one thing; Germany was not cornered the margin in brutality. The French in Algeria, the British in India, the US in Vietnam, the Russians on themselves are more recent examples that prove that Germany is not the only country guilty of horrific crimes. It is true, however, that the Germans carried out their deranged actions on a much grander scale. Or should I say the common defense used by many Germans.

And yet is that really the truth? After all the Nazis were elected, they did not march on Berlin (as Mussolini did on Rome), nor did Hitler confront an organised opposition that prepared to fight his brand of fascism (as Franco did). He was elected. It was not proven that the Germans or at least a majority supported Hitler. Many Germans claim they did not know of Hitler's anti-semitism. I find very difficult to believe. If they didn't know in 1933 they must have known by November 1938 with the adoption of the anti-Jewish laws known as 'Kristallnacht.' Of course many Germans respond to that saying that by then it was too late to resist. Too late. The resistance in Poland, France, Greece, Yugoslavia and Russia don't seem to think it was too late. It is true there was German resistance, but why was it the greatest threats on Hitler's life came when it was clear that Germany was about to be defeated?



These questions aside, it is clear that although Germany was the principal country involved in the killing of the 'inferior races,' France, through the Vichy government, facilitated the extermination campaign. This seems ironic given that France is the country most concerned over the impending German unification and it is the French who have recalled Germany's past (especially its World War II history) as arguments to halt German reunification.

Yet it was the Frenchmen who rounded up their Jewish countrymen. Worst of all they had not been told to do so by the Gestapo. Petain carried out the 'round up' campaign without any German prompting. However we do not accuse French people today of being collaborators or mass murderers. It seems hardly fair then to accuse Germans today of even worse crimes, as the French (see Debre's remarks) seem to do.

The past, then, although it is a useful starting point is not that useful a reference to the present.

And the present is a far more useful guide to the future than actions that took place 45 years ago. One could go on for ages pointing out that the Germans have no real history of supporting democracy. This seems to me, however, a futile exercise. The West Germans have lived in a democracy longer than the very country that claims to be its cradle, Greece.

So hostile are Germans today to governmental intrusion that some of them made it virtually impossible to carry out a census a few years ago.

The questions being asked seemed to threaten them with regimentation. As a result the questions had to be substantially revised. Many West Germans have supported the 'ohne mich' (without me) policy of the anti-nuclear movement. It is in West Germany and to a lesser extent in East Germany that the Greens have really taken root. In the final analysis we can not know if the Germans will hold to democracy, but then again there seems little to indicate that they won't. Who

are we anyway to set ourselves up on the flimsy grounds of history and claim that we can read the German mind?

Given the impressive record of German democracy since 1945 it seems to me there is little to fear. The present system in Germany has been in place a lot longer than the Weimar republic. German democracy is, in comparison to the Italian, Greek or Spanish systems, infinitely better. Some would argue it is fairer than the British one as well. It is true that there is racism in Germany. But where in the world does it not exist? That is not to suggest we should accept it. The opposite is true. However the Republikaner and the anti-Gastarbeiter mood in Germany are not a patch on their French equivalents. Le Pen's party enjoys a good deal more support than the German neo-fascists. In response to a question whether immigration was a threat to France Le Pen stated it was a 'mortal menace.' It is in France that one can buy that notorious forgery the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion.' It is in France that a doctoral dissertation, that the gas chambers did not exist, has been presented. In comparison then, it is France, not Germany, with its burgeoning Na-

tional Front movement that threatens European stability. That is if you believe the French arguments that they use to try to slow down the reunification of Germany.

As to the increased size of Germany, I believe it will only solidify West Germany's position at the head of the European community. This has been a fact for at least ten years. Thus instead of all this doom and gloom, the stateswomen and men of Europe should recognise that unification is an issue for the Germans to sort out. The Germans should however provide guarantees that they will not attempt to reclaim old German territories or seek to redraw post World War II boundaries. This seems to me to be a far more important issue than making veiled references to the past. The only way Germany (a united one) will dominate Europe is economically, not militarily.

We will not be hearing the tramp of boots, but we will be hearing the rustle of Deutschmarks. The task facing the world's leaders is to make sure that history does not repeat itself, and also that it doesn't rhyme — at least not to the words German military dominance.

Vangelis Vitalis

## Black concern at Mandela negotiations

South African black rights groups are angry they have been left out of negotiations between the Nelson Mandela-led African National Congress and the de Klerk Government, a New Zealand university-sponsored scholar told Auckland University students.

It has been suggested Mandela may agree to a settlement with the administration that falls short of one person, one vote system and this has concerned other black groups in South Africa.

### Forum

South African student Nonhlanhla Mtshali of the black rights organisation Pan African Congress informally discussed issues with Auckland University students at a forum recently.

She is on a Southern African Scholarship Trust Board scholarship and is in the second year of a mathematics degree at Canterbury university.

Mtshali said PAC had

similar policies to the ANC but PAC and other organisations felt there was no basis for negotiation with the Government.

### Difference

"A lot of people are not happy with the negotiations because it has only been the ANC that has been in them," she said.

Mtshali said the main difference in policies was the ANC-backed Freedom Charter which PAC and others rejected.

The charter's preamble asserts that South Africa belongs to all the people that live in it.

Mtshali: "At the moment the blacks haven't got the land and we are fighting for the land —

83% of the land is in the hands of the whites. ANC can't say the land belongs to everybody."

### Settlement

Mtshali said PAC was not against negotiation as such.

"What we are saying is that negotiations will be okay but only if they address the pillars of apartheid."

She said President de Klerk had the upper hand in negotiations and had set their pace.

Mtshali said if a negotiated settlement was not acceptable to most of the people PAC would be against it.

"What we want is democracy, one man, one vote," she said.



# TELEVISION WITH TRAVIS BRICKLE

The Broadcasting Commission, up and running for nine months, has the job of collecting and then allocating the television licence fee. It has just changed its public name to "NZ on Air" and embarked on an extensive soft sell campaign to advertise its work and encourage the payment of outstanding fees. However the way that the Commission is spending its \$77 million budget this year has come under fire from some Auckland critics, with even its very existence being questioned in some quarters. To set the record straight I spoke with the Commission's executive director and programme manager.

Emily Loughnan  
Programme Manager

Licence fee funding has traditionally been used to fund minority interest programmes on television and radio and indeed \$24 million of the \$32 million spent on television programmes so far in the Commission's first financial year has gone to this very purpose. The Commission, though, charged by the 1989 Broadcasting Act to "reflect and develop New Zealand identity," has also made the somewhat controversial decision to begin funding mainstream programmes. For example, it is co-funding *The Billy T James Show* with TV3 to the tune of \$827,000. Loughnan pronounces herself delighted with the review and ratings the first episode received and says the Commission is keen to continue operating in the area of popular TV.

So you're still eager to fund TV3's teenage soap opera, then? (Currently in pre-production).

"Very."

Make our own version of *Neighbours*?

Yeah. Well I went to Australia recently and got incredibly depressed about how over there every time you turn on the television you know exactly what country you're in. Here we've got a lot of Australian, American and British (Programmes) and not a lot of New Zealand stuff. You have to ask yourself the question: 'What happened to *Gloss*, why was that canned? Because it was too expensive to make. Drama by its nature is high cost television and it just is never going to be able to commercially stand alone (in New Zealand).'

The logic is that the Commission's funding can make the difference; allowing prime time local drama (from soap to serious to comedy) which is popular — yet still not commercially viable here or necessarily saleable overseas — to be able to cover costs.

Loughnan tells me the commission accepts that TV3, \$46 million in debt the year to March 1, is

simply unable to express more than a slight commitment to local programming.

However there is little love lost between the Commission and the \$26 million dollar profit making Television New Zealand. In his latest Chairman's report, Brian Corban states that "TVNZ Ltd has been unable to establish a sound working relationship with the commission," whose approach he characterises as "a cause for concern." What do you think about TVNZ's public whining that the Commission hasn't given them enough money?

Loughnan is singularly unimpressed. "In our first financial year they've had \$20 million income from the licence fee. I mean it's almost double what they received before."

Nevertheless, TVNZ would always like more funding because of the small population base they (and of course TV3) have to work with.

How much local programming do you think our small local market can sustain?

"Heaps! At the moment TVNZ say they're producing 2,700 hours a year. That's really hard to quantify, but ... the Commonwealth Games of course would count for a large percentage of it. Now in terms of drama that's been on air this year — adult drama not kidult — there's been half an hour or so of *Billy T James* and four and a half hours of *Laugh INZ* on TV3; nothing on TVNZ — and we're up to July." (*Shark in the Park* has since begun). "Now I think we could sustain a hell of a lot more than that."

Do you create useless layers of middle management that simply don't exist in media organisations not assisted by the State? (This question being a paraphrased quote from a certain Metro Journalist in last week's TVWTB column).

The answer is a firm no. "In the past Radio New Zealand and the Symphony Orchestra etc, etc, have got a large chunk of the licence fee. And they could spend it on printing T

shirts, flying executives overseas — doing whatever they liked. Now they not only have to account for it but they have to apply for it on a programme by programme basis and that's a really different environment. We consider each programme individually and allocate funds accordingly. We get financial and written reports as it goes. We also have the power to audit any company anytime we like, so that's something we will definitely be exercising in the future. So anybody who is using the money to get soaked up in middle management layers will certainly be found out. But I can guarantee that's not happening."

Loughnan sees the 'useless bureaucracy'-style complaints kicking around in some areas of the Auckland media as being symptomatic of "misconceptions" which exist about the Wellington-based Commission's role — misconceptions that its new \$1.7 million PR campaign will eliminate as it takes the NZ on Air message to Joe and Joeline Public. "Hopefully we'll get to the situation where, at the end of the year, everybody will be



Without the Broadcasting Commission's help, local programme makers too often wind up in the gutter.

able to identify at least one programme (funded by the Commission) that they enjoyed watching — like *Billy T*, or something that they see real value in — like the *Deaf News* or whatever."

Ruth Harley executive director

When I ask about the sensitive area of editorial control I am referred to the Commission's executive director, Ruth Harley, who won't be drawn on the issue of whether funding for McPhail and Gadsby's sitcom *Letter to Blanche* was refused because of alleged sexist and racist stereotypes, other than to say that the Broadcasting Act, which brought the Commission into existence and sets out its guidelines, "requires us to have a go at redressing imbalances which are perceived to exist in our

society about the representation of women and minority groups in the community, including Maori. So we take a rather pro-active stance on these kinds of issues."

What about the possibility of the Commission exercising editorial control over documentary programmes that may have political content? Can any of the local segments you're funding for TV3's "60 Minutes" honestly criticise the government or are there always going to be underlying strings attached to the (indirect) state funding that the programme depends on for survival? (After the interview I turned myself into the Metaphor Police).

"There's a certain amount of truth in what you say. But there are very specific guidelines for the kinds of programmes we are funding — and the kinds of programmes we are funding are the ones that enable us to address our objectives under section 36 c (of the Broadcasting Act) which is women, children, persons with disabilities and minorities in the community, including ethnic. That's the brief we have with *60 Minutes*. They can make whatever programme they like in addition to that and we don't have anything to do with it."

"And secondly, once we've approved a topic we never see the script, we never see a rough cut — we never see anything like that. So I think in other words the difficulty is more perceived than actual."

Harley claims the Commission's only interest in deregulation is how it affects local programming. That affect being ...?

I think it's a bit early to

say. It's strengthened the role of news, sports, current affairs and game shows — no question about it. And on the other hand, those are not programmes that I personally consume and they're certainly not the programmes that the Commission is charged with making. But at the same time the people like it — and you can't knock what the people like. I really believe that. I think it's quite wrong to sneer at the public taste." Hence the Commission's move toward funding mainstream programmes in addition to the minority interest ones that the majority of its fee allocation still goes to.

Do you favour a fee increase? (Both Labour and National quietly support a post-election rise).

"I think it's inappropriate for us to lobby for an increase in the licence fee at the moment because we've only been in business less than a year, so we haven't had a chance to demonstrate to the public that they're getting decent value for money. So I'm not about to go up and say, you know, 'Just trust us. We've only been in business for about five minutes and we'd like to relieve you of a lot of money.'"

Roger Horrocks, an associate professor with the English Department and one of the lecturers for the inter-departmental Film and Television Studies paper is on the Broadcasting Commission's Board. So if you have any complaints, complaints or secretly harbour a desire to make a 16 part documentary series if only someone would give large amounts of money, then I'm sure Roger will be happy to field your enquiries (although there's no need to tell him who sent you).



A scene from the recently screened *Jean — The Ballet of Jean Batten*, co-funded by the Broadcasting Commission and the Gibson Group.

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**Romance and Irony in Recent American Art**  
**At the Auckland City Art Gallery**  
**5th July-19th August**  
**Admission: Free**

## *The Democratic Impulse*

*I heard that you ask'd for something to prove this puzzle to the New World, And to define America, her athletic Democracy,*

— Walt Whitman

The democratic impulse has always been the driving force in American Art. It was free of the conservatism of European Classical standards. American Art was the freshness and optimism of Walt Whitman in literature, and the Hudson River in painting.

These artists embraced the landscape — 'this Garden of Eden' — that they had entered. And also embraced the individual as part of that landscape.

This new exhibition re-connects with this tradition; and to do so it breaks with the immediate past. This past was the abstract movement, which stressed exclusivity. The metaphysical impulse held the floor. There was no connection with the real world. It didn't embrace any principle except the

unintelligible. The likes of Jackson Pollock were unique, if only for the fact that they boggled the mind and moved the stomach simultaneously.

Thankfully, this trend has now been reversed. This collection of paintings and photographs uses all the influences from the America that Whitman wrote about; but adds the perspective of late Twentieth Century eyes. This is the 'Irony' in the 'Romance' of the exhibition's title.

The subjects in these paintings express a 'hard whimsy'; they inhabit the same environment as the film's of David Lynch. They mix the 'Garden of Eden' with the industrialised trauma of modern America.

These paradoxes are



Mark Tansey (born 1949): *Occupation*, 1984 oil on canvas.

captured by various methods; John Bowman's 'counter Attack,' places a hunting party in a familiar setting. However, one soon notices that an industrial skyline surrounds them; the land beneath their feet is littered and rutted with tyre tracks. Civilisation is everywhere.

John Beerman evokes a melancholy in the subdued colours of 'Few are the Ears that Hear It.' The wilderness was so beautiful in subject to the 1860's painters, is present in this painting from 1986. In this painting however, it is more of a lament than an optimistic anthem.

These are just two aspects of a collection filled with a wonderful diversity. Simple images are contrasted with subdued colours; the influences of Degas and Picasso are in evidence in this type of work.

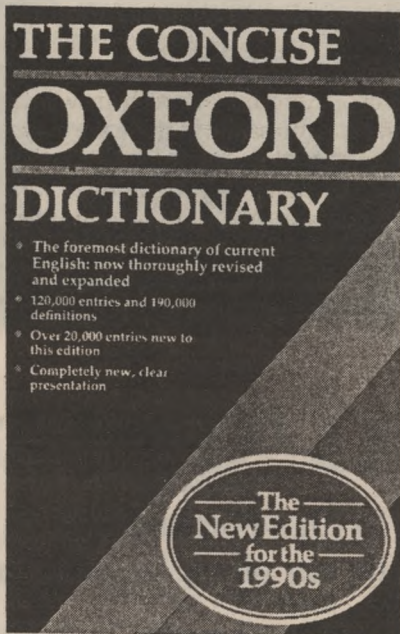
An openness and freshness exists in all the works;

the democratic impulse is strongly in action throughout this exhibition. This impulse is just about the strongest thing American culture has going for it, and you shouldn't miss this opportunity of sharing it.

Greg Stringer

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## CROSSWORD

Political Crossword  
 by Martin Linnet

Solutions on page 15

### ACROSS (Domestic)

- 1) Minister of Education, Phil \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 4) Fourth Labour Prime Minister (4)
- 7) Compared to the state of our economy the Beatles are pretty \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- 9) Using his patented Image Duplicator, this man is able to lead a dual existence as both one of the Easter Island statues and prime minister of New Zealand (6)
- 11) Mr Crap Haircut (6)
- 12) A meaningless combination of three consonants (3)
- 13) Alleged champion of the working class identified in the NZ Herald as a millionaire (8)

- 15) Bruce Beetham is only slightly more interesting than Brian \_\_\_\_\_'s head lice. (5)
- 17) The finance spokeswoman from Hell (4)
- 18) David Lange (3)
- 21) Jim Bolger, Mr \_\_\_\_\_ (10)
- 23) The only certain thing apart from death and inflation (3)
- 24) Darth Vader (5)
- 25) The year National will repeal Labour's student fee rise (4)

### DOWN (International)

- 2) Star of the seminal B movie *Bedtime for Bonzo*, later the 40th president of the United States. (6)

- 3) Casper "wine and cheeseburger" Weinberger, Secretary for Defence under Reagan, was awarded this by the Queen. (3)
- 5) "The Government must love me because they keep me out of work/ they must be saving me for something special" sang Eric \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
- 6) This century the US has won two wars, drawn one and lost one. Name the country where the draw took place. (5)
- 7) Ralph Hinkly said he attempted to assassinate Ronald Reagan in 1980 to impress actress Jodie \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 8) Controversial Democrat slogan during the 1988 presidential campaign: "Lick \_\_\_\_\_" (4)
- 10) To create from parts of other substances (4)

- 13) Middle Eastern politician who would be taken more seriously if he didn't wear a dishtowel on his head (6)

- 14) Does Gorbachev know that he has got that thing on his forehead? \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

- 16) A colloquial phrase meaning "yes". (2)

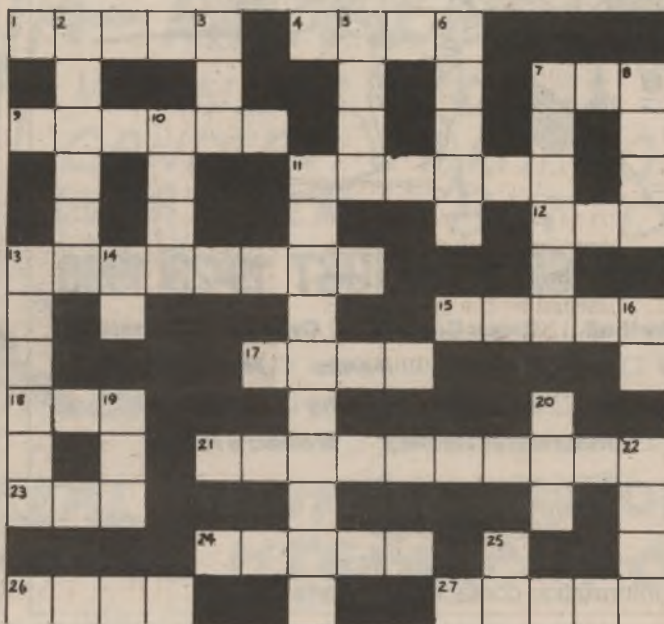
- 19) Government revenue. (3)

- 20) Embalmed Soviet premier Lenin is still \_\_\_\_\_ in his ways. (3)

- 22) Italian fascist leader during World War II bearing a striking resemblance to Alexei Sayle. (4)

- 25) Does anyone really understand the situation in Beirut? (2)

- 27 (across) It is rumoured that the Soviets shot down that Korean airliner in 1983 in an attempt to really impress actress \_\_\_\_\_ Foster. (5)





COMMENTS  
FROM THE



**Ho, ho, ho. At long last the league boys have pulled off a test victory. They always had the class and the ability, but in the third test against the Poms, they turned it into points.**

It was never too certain, with the mistakes reappearing at times, especially in defense. But it was good to see that dominant spell at the end of the first half. Young Tawera Nikau played a ripper, unloading in the tackles and running like a man possessed. The other forwards also played well, and I was pleased to see Big Brent Todd go some way to answering his critics. Tony Iro played a strong game, and the rest of the backs performed well also. But what about young Matt Ridge? He played a superb all-round game, and his kicking was just what the doctor ordered. He's fitted into the game of league, as easily as Diego Maradona would fit into volleyball. By jingo, he's turned into a points scoring machine, who just keeps on raising the touch-judge's flag.

As Sarah of Whitaker Pl would say, "When a guy can raise it that often,

he deserves a bit of praise." Anyhow, that win will hopefully stand the boys in good stead for the Aussie test later on in the year.

Another man to stand out in the test was the Pommie half-back, Bobby Goulding. However, he was not noticed for his good play. The boy is a pillock of the highest order and he should have been locked up, when he attacked those jokers at that restaurant. Admittedly they were probably yuppie pillocks themselves, but it is still inexcusable.

His attack on Gary Freeman was totally unprovoked, and he should've got more than ten in the bin. It was good to see him get that shiner for his troubles though, and it was very thoughtful of Brent Todd to give it to him. Anyhow enough said about that.

Those descendents of bread thieves have not had the most impressive of

tour beginnings. They put up a good fight against Auckland though, and the All Blacks will have to watch them. That young former NZ schoolboy rep, with the unpronounceable name had a good game for them anyway and their backs looked quite sharp too. Zinny Brooke, the New All Black looked sharp as well, in fact sharper than a shit-house rat. He turned on a good performance and with general territorial advantage, Fox was able to bang over the goals required to win. The try that Auckland scored was superb and that really is what back play in rugby is all about.

Anyway it's time to make like a rock and roll. I'll be back next week to look at the first footie test. Until then remember, this was not just one man's view, it was the view of the **Supercoach**.

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Among the many sports available for students at university is Rugby League.

An example of just how far you can go playing sport for university is illustrated by the nine Auckland University students who have made the New Zealand and North Island sides to play Australia.

Australia are here on a four match tour which includes two tests and two games against a North Island and a South Island selection.

Mike Tolich, Executive Director on the NZ Universities Rugby League Council and manager of the NZU test team, sees NZU's chances as reasonably good. He says that with New Zealand's strength in the forwards the NZU team should be able to improve on the 54-0 loss they suffered to Australia last year at Lang Park.

With only a 26-10 loss in the curtain raiser to the 3rd Kiwis vs Lions test, NZU has already shown a moderate improvement, and a win may not be far off.

A win will give NZU the confidence it needs for its 1991 Australian tour, and the 1992 World Cup to be held in Brisbane.

On a winning streak at the moment is Auckland's own university league team, who after playing themselves into 4th place in the U23 competition look set to defend the championship in this year's Winter Tourney.

This year's Winter Tourney, to be held at Waikato, will involve amongst other sports 14 league teams. Competition will be strong this year with all seven universities fielding teams in local competitions or being affiliated to local clubs.

Mike Tolich predicts Auckland (affiliated to Ellerslie Club) will win the tourney as well as finishing near the top of the U23s. He says the strong forward pack is always improving and the backs are gaining more confidence with every game.

The sternest opposition this season has come from Pt Chev and Richmond, and Mt Albert has proven to be a hard team. But with a regular squad of about 25, Varsity has been able to field a highly competitive team for every game, practising twice every week in the gym and at

the domain.

Player/Coach David Unasa, assisted by James Monaghan and Willie Edwards have been responsible for team selection and training, while an efficient management team headed by President Mike Boss have arranged midweek games and fundraising. A successful social which they organised earlier this year is to be followed by another on August 3rd. Rumours that the team management have been negotiating with current All Blacks to make the switch are untrue due to lack of sufficient funds. At Varsity it seems you play for love, not money.

Sean Mallon

New Zealand University players from Auckland are:

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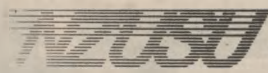
The players who made the North Island team are:

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David Unasa (Capt)  
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## LETTERS (Continued)

### FASCIST MIND CONTROL

Dear Editor

There is this bizarre idea prevalent amongst many of our parents that if you do not conform to the stereotypical white middle class Anglo-Saxon suburban lifestyle, and enjoy farting around with the ARA, dressing up in gorilla suits, getting repeatedly thrown out of McDonalds and generally having a really good time then you are somehow less than human and need to be periodically chastised back to normality. Words like 'juvenile', 'childish' and 'you're Practically an Adult' are frequently used. There then usually follows a lecture on how lucky we are, how they didn't have it so easy in their day, we've got to start pulling our weight and other people live in this house too. They say all they hear about is this silly army thing and Shadows and all this fun and games and wonder when any study gets done. The fact that farting round with the ARA is infinitely preferable to falling asleep in a metaphysics lecture seems to have escaped them. The fact that they don't keep on enthusing about how great their jobs are escapes them. The fact that we are having a really good time and they are reduced to watch Coronation Street as a substitute for lives

of their own has also escaped them.

Well, all you boring old bastards, if that's the way you want to live your lives then that's fine by me, don't stop me from having fun. That is my primary aim in life, and I'm buffered if any of you are going to stop me.

Join the Auckland Revolutionary Army, play KAOS, vote McGillicuddy Serious.

Rabbi Delgado a la Cheese-cake Cornucopia Exists Baj-zheet (the Hooded Oesophagus)

### YET MORE HANDY HINTS

Dear Editors

Helpful hint No. 103 Prevent forest fires, strip mine the Coromandal.

Helpful hint No. 104 Stop rhino poaching. Castrate a South African Seal today.

Yours M.A.T.E

PS Watch out Watchdog!!

### GOFFAW

Dear Editor

I would like to say that my vote certainly goes to Roger Pym. He expresses all my views, and will know how to spend the money properly.

Yours Votingly Phil Goff

### KRAZY KENNY

Dear Editors

I am concerned about the treatment some of my colleagues received earlier this year. Due to the over ambitious actions of a facist Customs Officer at Christchurch airport three of my associates are now facing civil law suits for kidnapping. I would like to dispel a few rumours that have been circulating.

— firstly, I knew of and had agreed on the planned itinerary of the trip.

— Secondly, my intentions were to travel to Hong Kong and then onto Hawaii for a few days in the sun. I had not planned on visiting any communist bloc countries.

— Thirdly, I had prepaid for the trip, and have since lost 10% of the fare in penalties for late cancellation fees.

— Fourthly, I am a fully paid member of M.A.T.E. and support all their anti-green policies.

— Finally, I have no affiliations with the Huntly Blind Snail Watchers Club.

Can you imagine my disappointment and anger when I was rudely awoken from a deep sleep (I admit to a mild addiction to valium) and then roughly man handled into a card-board box. Further more they have now dumped me somewhere in Southland, (where the nearest pub is miles

away, and I can't even fly) in mid winter!!!!

The next conservation Department worker I see, I'm going to peck his eyes out!!!

On the conclusion of this correspondence I shall be writing to my MP.

Yours from Tapanui

Kenny the Kentucky Fried Kea PS: Up yours at the Customs Department

### REMAINING UNCHALLENGED

Dear Readers and to those concerned

Very politely and without abuse to you both I must take this opportunity to thank you's — Dia Uluviti and M. Fraser for your very attacking works of words recently in two separate issues of *Craccum*.

My My I certainly felt that there was going to be some very hair-raising and absolute contrasting articles coming up. I wonder why you's are creating such *havoc* to a simple letter of opinion written by one who just so happened to, on *that* night, find things going so totally contrary to what he had expected.

How many times have you confronted a situation which you found tasteless and spewed things like "Oh f\*\*k this is boring"? I hate to say it but *heaps*. Remember we are all human beings who, like me, do make mistakes — right? (Try disputing this). There is nothing ideal for me or for you. It seems that both of you have some preconceived idea trapped deep inside the core of your brains or perhaps it is your hierarchy of distinction amongst others.

What I was merely trying to say was how can there be a 'country-social night' (in this case Fiji-Social Night) without having a little, just a bit, hear of our own music to add to the fun and din. Otherwise call it Varsity Social Night, Samoan Social Night or End of Year Social Night and pack it with Black Box and others alike. Why call it Fiji ... when there was nothing Fijian about the whole program apart from the familiar faces.

By the way Auntie Viti, what do you mean by 'culturally lost Fijians'. I would interpret you as being just that by putting modern western, right!! — you appear to be contradicting yourself — sorry but I have read you article over and over again to dig out the point but you seem to have confused yourself about the whole deal.

Just because you could be an S.A.O or President doesn't mean you do things your way and go pleasing every Tom, Dick and Harry.

I am entitled to my opinion and your COMBINED backlash wouldn't change my view at all.

Now try figuring another way of attacking me. Haah now look who's blushing!!!!

Psyde H

PS: I haven't used any pseudo name/identity but to help you out it's spelt as it is for correct pronunciation.

### PYMANENT DAMAGE

Dear Bludger Pym

I have the number of that Swiss bank account you asked for now that all the heat's off, and the fuzz aren't on your tail anymore.

Phil Goff

### RUDE FIRST YEAR

Dear Editor

Who is Roger Pym, and why does he have a woman on his campaign posters.

Confused first year

### MORE FROM SANTUCCIONE

Dear Piglet

Did you see Tim Hassall's letter in your 9 July issue? For someone who claims to have four degrees he has a difficult time getting his arguments marshalled.

In my previous letter I related how the Soviet Union was engaged in a military build up of an extreme scale. While we, in the West, have praised Gorbachev for removing a few obsolete tanks and guns from Eastern Europe, nothing has been said about the huge build up of Army, Navy and Airforce within the U.S.S.R.

Tim reports that in the United Kingdom Mrs Thatcher's government cancelled orders for Tornado Jet Fighters.

So what!!! Tim, you've missed the point altogether. The Soviets continue to build while we continue to play blind. What is it with our society which insulates it from unpleasant news? Perhaps it is the habit supposedly intelligent people have fallen into when they make rash statements unconnected with the argument at issue and then in a real double-think pretend they have correctly solved the challenge!!!!

It is as if I had said 'Many scientists believe the Earth's climate is getting warmer'.

Then Tim says 'The Antarctic is cold'.

Correct but unconnected.

Just for your education, Tim, here are some reasons why Thatcher's government may have cancelled their order:-

1) The Tornado, while a front line fighter today, will be outperformed by the new breed of fighters (marginally-stable, unstable and post stall types, as well as VTOL aircraft being readied for deployment).

It may prove extravagant to spend the cash on these newer types as they become available, thusly staying two jumps ahead of any opposition.

2) The fact that the United Kingdom really amounts to very little more than a third tier nation these days. It has a greatly reduced sphere of influence and will soon be annexed by the E.E.C.; eventually a 'United States of Europe'.

Obviously a new military power structure will evolve in Europe. The Germans, French and the rest will contribute much more to the defence, the United Kingdom will have a smaller burden and

will see many of its functions amalgamated within a new defence structure. The Tornado would not necessarily be a suitable class of aircraft in these new conditions.

3) The United Kingdom's economy is not the best. Amongst other things they are building a new submarine fleet which is not cheap. They had to balance one need against another. Perhaps inflation worries them too, but its just one of many factors in play. There is more to this decision than we have discussed.

As for U.S.S.R.

They may be keeping their military machine building up in order to buy time to change their system. They may fear the dislocations a cessation of production would create.

Perhaps they fear the Chinese or the Arabs or even the destabilisation and liberation of Europe. Who knows???? You don't!!!

My main two points are:-

a) The Russian civilian would be far better off if the effort of the military build up was diverted into other areas.

b) There seems to be a lack of comment on the Russian military build up at a time when any American build-up gets severely criticised.

Tim, you are a bit of a non-achiever. You're obviously pretty bright, but what have you done with your knowledge?

You are the embodiment of everything Mr Goff complains about in professional students. Four degrees have cost the taxpayer hugely. It doesn't seem they got much for their investment in *your* future; just another lay-about.

Consider if you had been required to bear full cost of your education, and I mean tens of thousands of dollars per year, then you'd be working productively today. Certainly the taxpayer wouldn't have been so disadvantaged by your over-extravagant 'Education'. You'd have the debt to pay, not the Government.

Regards and Humour J. Santuccione

### PYM-BALL WIZARD

Dear Sir

Why does Roger Pym even bother running for president? Who would even consider electing the dork who possesses the budgeting sense of a cockatoo, and passes the buck about his own money mismanagement? One would think that someone of his age would have just a WEE bit of nouse — who in their right mind is going to spend thousands of dollars on an orientation dance called 'The Acid House Party' not advertise it, then seriously expect people to turn up???

I mean really ... ! Why didn't he just call it 'The Bee Gees Revival tour,' or 'Bro Come to Town.'?

Pretty wienyish if you ask me. What a pity some people have no brain.

Interested

### SLUGGING

Mr RM Bennett

You are an unmitigated disgrace of the highest degree worse than a french fry biscuit on moulton.

To say "no group" by the publishing of your magazine.

Triangle is treason. To see new Zealand by the AIDS epidemic.

encouraging the act of homosexuality. By right to be gay, men who are closet gay come practising gay practice makes people.

this Mr Bennett, with normal New Zealanders spreading AIDS.

Your rubbishing is as unjustified as a fish eating eel on a bush walk through.

Gays have already on my rights by advertising premiums on life insurance. I will pay. If you want to keep away from me, you wanking turd please keep away from me.

Finally, on a more note, the Slug would forward a unique slug has found a great AIDS. Suicide. Poof a pain in the arse.

prefers men as some of the blonde great tans in my ectures, they don't live.

Yours The Great

PS. RM Bennett still PPS. I am still a sandwich.

PPPS. I am also a pineapple flavoured milk.

PPPPS. I am not and just a first year d Comm.

MEDICAL MADNESS

Dear Craccum

Glit di do glit Biz. Ding. Ding. do do Rhubarb. Rhubarb Rhubarb, rhubarb!

Hello. I am not running for executive position have no interest in politics whatsoever and give a pint of Rhe what the AUSA do

GOODBYE S

Dear Craccum,

My congratulations on her election in 1991. I wish her and new officers the best New Year. I would take this opportunity to thank those people who voted in this election campaign.

last action of action in A.U.S.A. member of the AUSA will continue to support its affairs course continue to be involved with the L Once again, Thank

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## LETTERS (Continued)

### SLUGGING ON

Mr RM Bennett

You are an unmitigated loser of the highest degree. You are worse than a french shrewsbury biscuit on mouldy toast.

To say "no group is degraded" by the publishing of a poofster's magazine like Pink Triangle is treason. If you want to see New Zealand destroyed by the AIDS epidemic, keep encouraging the acceptance of homosexuality. By making it all right to be gay, many people who are closet gays may become practising gays (after all, practice makes perfect); and this Mr Bennett, will affect the normal New Zealanders, by spreading AIDS.

Your rubbishing of Rhubarb is as unjustified and ridiculous as a fish eating etruscan shrew on a bush walk through the Arctic. Gays have already infringed on my rights by affecting the premiums on life insurance that I will pay. If you want to encourage 'gayness' keep supporting warped publications such as the Pink Triangle. Piss off — you wanking turd puncher and keep away from me, and especially keep away from my back. Finally, on a more pleasant note, the Slug would like to put forward a unique theory. The slug has found a great cure for AIDS. Suicide. Poofsters are just a pain in the arse. If any man prefers men as opposed to some of the blondes (real) with great tans in my economics lectures, they don't deserve to live.

**Yours in slime  
The Great Grey Slug**

PS. RM Bennett still sux.  
PPS. I am still a liverwurst sandwich.  
PPPS. I am also a pint of banana flavoured milk.  
PPPPS. I am not an engineer — just a first year doing a No. Comm.

### MEDICAL MADNESS

Dear Craccum

Glit di do glit Biz. Ding. Ding. Ding. Ding. do do do de do! Rhubarb. Rhubarb. Rhubarb. Rhubarb, rhubarb!

Hello.

I am not running for an AUSA executive position this year. I have no interest in student politics whatsoever and I couldn't give a pint of Rheineck about what the AUSA does.

**Signed  
Dr Nikolai**

### GOODBYE STEVE

Dear Craccum,

My congratulations go to Lita on her election to EVP 1991. I wish her and the other new officers the best of the New Year. I would also like to thank this opportunity to thank those people who voted for me. This election campaign was my last action of active involvement in A.U.S.A. As a life member of the Association I will continue to show an interest in its affairs and will of course continue to be closely involved with the LIONZ Club. Once again, Thankyou.

**Steve Barriball**

### A VERY CLEVER STORY BY PAUL

"Hello my name is Paul," lied Paul. "How do you do?" he continues with an absolute lack of interest, "and what exactly do you think you're doing reading my personal memoirs?" he added hostilely. "Git face!"

But he had pushed his luck a little too far that time and as a result now had a very bad back. "OWCH" cried our superhero in unashamed agony, "I've hurt my bloody back. Bugger it."

Perhaps the wrong thing to say in Chatswood he reflected later, but after all life was full of surprises.

"That's clever" thought Paul re-reading his notes, "I wish I had thought of that."

He had.

Therefore he was, .... very dumb. But this minor drawback was more than offset by his boyish charm and rugged good looks. The man at the keys chuckled to himself, he was on his way to writing the best seller of all time — he knew it. The only things he didn't know yet were; how the book finished and how to spell 'only' without an 'm.'

**The End**

### NO MORE RUBBISH

Dear Editor of Craccum,

I have enjoyed reading your paper this year, but I have got one or two complaints to make.

I have noticed that it has suddenly become fashionable for people to put profanities into their letters. Even the ATISA Column in your last issue contained some swearing.

But why is it necessary?

It is to be avoided surely, as it detracts from the tone of the magazine. It certainly is a waste of space and adds no new information of debate of argument or discussion.

Anyone can be profane, but apart from some shock value (and surely that has faded), this type of thing has no meaning. Looking at RM Bennett's contribution (is this a real person or just a nom de plume?); there is nothing of value at all, just a torrent of obscenity. Why bother with this stuff at all? If you leave out the swearing in the RM Bennett letters they show up for what they are; CHEAP AND SADLY LACKING IN ANYTHING TO TELL US. They just make no sense.

There are other correspondents who do this type of thing, but the Bennett stuff is the worst.

Please retain your standards. Tell him 'NO MORE RUBBISH'. Tell all of them that. Some feelings may be upset, but it will mean that anybody sending you mail will end up having to write constructively and make it interesting.

Yes. It takes more work, but isn't that better than boring old sausages from poison minds and poison pens.

Cheers from the Soap-Box  
**Christine Waugh**

### FAGGOTY ARTY RUBBISH

Dear Just About Everyone

Don't take everything so seriously! Can't someone write a letter to Craccum without being labled a homophobe, faggot, lazy bugger, filth etc? I don't expect to be labled anything 'cause no-one knows who I am.

**SO BUGGER OFF**

Now .... lets see if I can finish this letter without resorting to personal abuse.

—I applaud Gary Lloyd, Peter Carr, Brendan and Paul Robinson for writing letters (all in issue 16) worthy of publication .. WELL DONE.

—J.F Cornflakes midless drivel is the king of rubbish I'd expect from 10/13 Child Rapists, what a waste of space. Maybe if the letter was Funny it would have been worth printing. But it isn't ... **GET A LIFE**

—And the 'Great, Grey Slugs' letter was almost as bad. the last paragraph of his script was almost reasonable, but little else. Hey!!!!!! I'm paying for this crap to be published. **GET STUFFED Mr Slug.**

—Believe me, Betty H., its no pity. Life will go on without your 'sensual' body. **SOD YOURSELF.**

(OOPS... that Didn't Go Too Well)!!!!

**Obscure Science Student**  
PS: I'm not apathetic but I wouldn't care if I was.

Please excuse the abysmal spelling  
(Thankfully the typesetter can spel)

### BLOKE THE BARBARIAN

To all warriors and other blokes

Conan the Bloke again, back in the thick of things after a long study break in which I got down to some serious drinking for about a month on end. But now I've finished (no hangover, only homos and females get hangovers) and Lion Breweries have made a small fortune and I've got enough wood from all the crates to make all the boxing for enough concrete to cover all those silly bloody grassy patches at university. Ah, the irresistible urge to take a piece of grass ... and concrete it!

But enough of this banter and on with the letter. Do you blokes ever get the feeling that the letter section is filled with just about nothing but complaints? Mort, RM Bennett and others writing in to complain about Society's revulsion against some of the unnatural elements found within and other stupid things, like moaning for all the people who can't be bothered getting a job or accepting civilisation or whatever. And then there's the women!

By all the Gods and Fred Dagg, from the way they write you'd think we blokes were the cause of all the trouble in the world! If they're not lesbians, then the sort of 'male companions' (what a bloody stupid ex-

pression) they're wanting are a load of wimpish, scrawny and definitely unblokish "caring persons" as I think of all these arty hearts bleeding for every delinquent or what have you like to be called. Whinge, complain, underprivileged persons, whinge homos, complain, underprivileged women, more whinging, underprivileged natives and immigrants and even more complaining... bloody hell, don't you feel like taking a study break and get in a bit of hard, serious, drinking just to get away from it all?

The thing is, these people just don't know how to have fun. And it looks like someone's got to teach them. So come on all you blokes, let's tell these bleeding hearters how to have a bit of fun, by all the Gods and Fred Dagg. Ha! So there!

"We sunk our shafts into heroes and virgins."

**Conan the Bloke**

PS. G'day editors, thought for the day: More Bloke Magazine, it's one of the only things worth reading in this magazine at the moment.

PPS. But get another hero, someone less wet and more blokish than Dick Huge. Like me.

### HASSLE HASSALL

Dear Piglet

Who is this rat with four degrees and no job; Tim Hassall?

It's Turkey-brains like him who destroy the education system for the rest of us. He got his degrees for free and then refuses to work. He does nothing at all. Yet he got the luxury of an education and a free head start in society. Where is the responsibility in that?

No wonder the Government is looking askance at funding students thru varsity. They are thinking all students are as bad a risk as Hassall and will never put anything back.

Hassall claims to have saved money over 20 years. Well, what has it cost the rest of the tax payers? Hassall, you monkey-vomit, why don't you pay it all back, the true cost of what you have done. If you're so smart you can afford to give the country of NZ all the money it gave you. Then you can start to save your own money and stop accumulating wealth at other people's direct expense.

Then let's see how well you live; without other people to subsidise your idleness.

Oh, and I suppose you've got children too. How much do they cost the rest of us to subsidise? Are they going to get four degrees as well?

**R Smith**

### GET IT RIGHT

Hey Writers of Womanspace Space

I think you may have gotten a little carried away with the point you were trying to make concerning women and rape. I just thought I'd point out to you that your statement in Craccum vol 64, issue 15, "rape is legal within marriage" is incorrect.

Perhaps none of you are aware of this change in the law. As you are against rape, sexual abuse etc, don't you think it is against your goals to tell people that they can legally rape someone as long as they are married to them? In my opinion, this was a highly irresponsible thing to do.

The lies you normally tell only reflect badly on lesbians and radical feminists etc, (whom I don't give a stuff about) but this statement threatens the well being of normal women, and this concerns me. In the future you should take more care of the things you say.

**R Meyer-Rochow**

### SCARFIE SENSE

Dear Editors

I wish to make an appeal to Craccum correspondents to try and be less cyclopi in their scribbings. If you wish to present stereotyped views for humorous and satirical purposes, as I suspect, Piglet did, then all's well and good. But many serious letters present opinions and generalisations that are pathetically unsound and rather tiresome. If people thought more about their opinions and their arguments they might achieve something. All they are serving to do at present is to produce bitterness and equally unsound and reactionary responses.

T Bold, all cultures have something to offer. RM Bennett, if our society was as oppressive as you suggest you would have been censored out of existence. T Hassall, your remarks on the flaws of the English are nearly as groundless as T Bold's remarks on Maori culture.

By the way Karen (issue 15), I and others have also noted that beautiful people like to glitter at each other on the mezzanine floor of the library (read, social club), but for quality conversation and flirting, shop elsewhere.

**Drink and be merry  
1st Year Scarfie**

PS. BFM is radio on campus, why then is MONITOR the station magazine, not available on campus? Please reply Mr Station Manager.

### BACK OFF BIGOTS

Dear Editors

Re: the clean cut, racist and reactionary; take a break. Let them deny these labels (they won't) and then justify them (they can't).

Their whole 'argument' is based on stereotype. For instance, all BA students are radical, bludging, weird and open to remarkable spite. Logical, reasoned argument is notable in its absence.

Yes, it's a case of 'enemy sighted, enemy met.' Being so superior must be difficult, but these bigots don't want that; they want everyone to match their standards.

That is, to conform, in this the most perfect of all worlds. No need to worry about the

environment, fees, or anything else. Re: the march: they couldn't care less about other students.

In fact, most of them actually want to pay for their right to education. How very warped.

**Yours alternatively**

**J M Cotton**

PS. Trev Bold — if you're anything like the Pommie Tory MPs, you'll want the Berlin Wall back up again. Give me the Germans ahead of your 'heritage' any day.

### RHUBARB'S RANT

Dear Eds

Bloody hell! What a bloody fiasco! \$90,000 or more of student coffers already down the drain! SAO and Poncey Pym have been about as useful as a male stripper at a footie club. Unbelievably Poncey Pym is still running for office.

Just imagine the amount of grog, dirty dories and darts for dart practice on butt fart Bennett, the MFC could have bought with that kind of dough.

All engineers and other normal blokes and gals (the rest of you apathetic pillocks can go shit on each other) must vote to halt this disease Pym (and others like it) from gaining office next year or at any other time! The only possum I ever reckoned was useful was the one I scraped off the front tyre of my V8 Holden. And Jo Mackay, go put your patronising head under a moving bus wheel for good measure, won't you? Anyway enough banter on losers and sickos.

My other gripe is with the axing of mighty Buck Shelford! I reckon your Supercoach fella must have been as shocked as I was when news first broke out. Brewer, AJ and Kirwan were extremely lucky to escape the chop! I reckon the selectors must have been as blind as the MFC was after a night on the Nikolai, courtesy of the doctor!

OK, enough rhubarbsky, but just before I make like a whore's drawers, I'd like to thank the hospitality of the folks of the "Lodge." Their service to unannounced guests has been very most excellently good, considering the amount of snogging, snoring, chundering and farting that regularly eventuates at the "Lodge" after a hard night on the yik. As my good mate Zigliano once said, "Two of the most travelled paths in history have been the stairs to the Lollipop and the steps leading up the "Lodge."

**Yours Informatively**

**Rhubarb Johnson (MFC)**

PS. I've always thought Ciccio-lina had a soft spot for the Irish.

### STILL WANTON WENDY

Dear Wendy

I think that you take good photos. Do you have to stand on a box to take them?

**Just wondering**

**An Admirer**

PS. I think that you are very cute!



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## FEMALE VIOLENCE

Dear Craccum

After its apparent permanent demise I am concerned to note the reappearance of the loathsome "Womenspace Space" in your otherwise excellent paper. Serving no useful function, it merely provides a forum through which bovine bumtongues disseminate (sic) their peculiar propaganda.

Sorry, chicky-babes, but contrary to the implicit 'all men are rapists' in the most recent diatribe, most men view rape with repugnance. The vast majority never have, never will and have no desire to rape. Any man who knows what to do with his hand doesn't have to engage in forced sex with anyone. The incisive article loses any faint modicum of credibility when statistics provided by the widely discredited Miriam Saphira are cited in support of its assertions.

As the bovine bumtongues would have it, violence is a phenomenon exclusive confined to the male of the species, and is perpetrated upon defenceless women and children. Having already addressed it, we shall exclude the sexual component of violence, although it is worth mentioning in passing that children have been sexually abused by women.

To begin, children are most often in the direct care and control of women and it is logical to infer therefore that the major physical abuses of children are likely to be said women.

Based on personal and related experiences of other men, women are as likely perhaps even more so, to be physically violent towards a partner. Although a man hitting a woman is likely to have a more serious and lasting physical effect, this should not obscure the essential fact that if a woman hits a man the same impulse to hit and hurt is still present.

When the above was related to a group (predominantly women) at a sociology tutorial the prevailing female response was 'the men probably deserved it.' Imagine the ensuing furore had I stated that on the rare occasions that I have belted a woman 'they probably deserved it' (believe me they did).

It can be noted that women in live-in lesbian relationships have sought crisis help after being assaulted by their partners. Violence is a human phenomenon, and attempts by gormless lebbos to label it a male problem are distortions of reality to serve an idiot ideology. These bovine bumtongues perceive that power, prestige and the ability to control one's life are

conferred by possession of a penis and despite their best efforts, they have never quite succeeded in growing one. Therefore their feeling of deficiency is externalised upon the proud possessors of the object they long for and can't have and manifests itself in attempts to denigrate and stigmatise men in specious and pathetic ways as we have just seen.

Long live the 'Tower of Power.'

Reuben P Chapple

## ODE TO A PEASANT

Dear Eds

There was a peasant, a wanton and Merry,  
In all Yon Hostel twas none less Hairy.

Blest with locks of a pudding-bowl pressed,  
He was some twenty years of age, we gest,

For saucelém he was, with eyes narrow,  
He was a Lecherous as a sparrow.

Unfortunate, yet he was cast  
To be a peasant 'till the last.

J & J 1989

## STIRRING CORNFLAKES

To the Editor

We shall fight them in the kitchen, we shall fight them on the table, we shall fight them in our cereal bowls, but the cornflake shall never surrender.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Breakfasts  
Winston Cornflake

## I LUV U

Dear Karen

Your account of the mating rituals of library dwelling students was most excellent and insightful. Your powers of observation are impressive and suggest a background in sociology and or anthropology. You are researching a thesis perhaps?

I am pleased to learn of your interest in physics... a good excuse to speak in terms of positions, length, shapes, sizes, time and friction.

As a (strapping) third year scientist, I feel well qualified to give you any tuition in rudimentary physics you may need.

I would very much like to make the acquaintance of an astute scholar such as yourself. I can usually be found in the Science Library at the table marked 'reserved.'

Together, maybe, we could decipher the graffiti on the back walls.

Kevin

## BOLLOCKS TO ROGER

Dear Editors of the esteemed Craccum

Unfortunately I read "South Africa: No to a negotiated settlement." It deserves a truly critical review, as I do not have the space I will only point out some major faults.

The Blacks in South Africa have been fighting the whites since they landed, some of their most successful protests were earlier this century (the women lead bus strikes of '43/44 and the anti-pass protests beginning '55). Roger claims this phenomenon is new. My second point is that the boycotts have had a momentous effect. The internal and international protests have lead the 'white regime' to compromise, the lack of international support has caused the economy to fold.

Calling Mandela a moderate is little more than stupid - 'moderates' are not locked up for decades. He inspires the Africans and can mobilise them. Roger seems unable to accept that the 'masses' may not want blood drenched streets and fascist socialists hell bent on their way of doing things (not the best way). He insists upon violent uprising, people have achieved results without dying in the process, if equality, peace, love and happiness can be achieved through bloodless negotiations why insist on death, doom and destruction. Foolishly he declares socialism is the only way, bollocks, no system is 100% and some may want a liberal democracy or a utilitarian state.

In an asinine manner he links apartheid and capitalism, though often linked they are two separate ideologies. Apartheid is the active separation of cultures, which isn't inherently racist. Capitalists oppose apartheid in order to increase their profit margins, who cares about motives if results are good.

Roger completely ignores the role of women have played in resisting the "murderous white racist regime," many protests were women lead.

There are a few more things I would like to know.

1. Who are 'the allies'?
2. Who are the modern day 'imperialists'?
3. Who are the 'masses' (and do they know who they are)?
4. Who will rule this god sent 'socialist state'?

Roger, you should try 30.302 'Conflict Resolution in Southern Africa' then you might know what you're on

about. I recommend Guinea Bissau as a role model for socialism.

Nicole Humphries

## MORE FOR ROGER

Dear Eds

To: 'Just another concerned Student' (Issue 15, July 9, 1990).

Well you blind little maggot breath type person. Have you actually looked around you? As much as the thought repulses me, you probably do appear in the outside world every now and then. While appearing in the outside, you may happened to have walked through the Quad. Yes? Well foul mouthed cow dung, have you seen any posters for something called 'National Week of Action.' This, you undistinguished nobody, is something which Roger Pym is actively involved in. If you bothered to read the entire contents of Craccum instead of just dribbling all over it, you would have seen that in every issue of Craccum, Mr Pym places a notice, in the notices section, telling people about the Education Action Group and how you could be part of doing something useful for the student body (that is, if you could possibly lower yourself to join people who are doing something, not just talking).

As the entire facts of the Orientation 'F-up' (as you so eloquently put it) are not wholly available to the apathetic student body, you must be quite a narrow minded slimey sod to take as the be all and end all, someone's opinion.

As for Mr Pym running for the executive position of President - there are other candidates, you don't have to vote for Roger Pym. I suppose even insipid writhing maggots have opinions.

Yours in self-righteousness  
Lizard

## RODNEY ON MORALITY

Dear Editors

Pashing in public. How unwarranted and disgusting. If somebody needs a turn on so badly that they must do it at university, why don't they spend an hour before coming to Uni, screwing to relieve themselves of their frustrations for the day. They may get some work done and they definitely would stop offending other adults as only adolescents are that uncontrolled and hard up.

Their pornography highlights their introduction to sexual activity.

Please exercise some res-

traint because there are people that have some moral standards of conduct.

And the other thing is, the cafeterias are bloody disgusting and I wish people would put their bloody rubbish in the bins provided. It really isn't that hard!

Yours  
Rodney

PS. Poor Trev Bold got a bollocking in Craccum 9 July. Maybe he will retire as a writer.

## INQUIRY ENQUIRY

Dear Editor

Appreciate article on National Women's Enquiry; saddened that editors were forced to cut so much from the original of this, which I was also privileged enough to read. It is unfortunate when this must be done for no better reason than that the paper has insufficient funds to defend the truth in court from libel actions that the guilty would bring against them in an effort to bury the truth.

D McPherson

## ROTTEN RHUBARB

Dear Craccum

Re: Rhubarb Johnson (MFC)  
Mr Johnson, I believe it is in fact you who has not taken Craccum seriously enough, and your waste of Craccum's time, space and paper failed to amuse. I missed reading Miss Humphrie's letter, but I would like to point out that as another female Craccum reader, I too found the cartoon strip "Nude Motorcycle Girl" offensive. This university is in fact (I'm sorry to break it to you) part of the 'Big Bad World' where (as you put it) "girlie magazines and Penthouse reign supreme." Quite frankly we don't need any of this crap in our lives, especially at a learning institution such as this.

I'm sure that Miss (Ms?) Humphries is quite aware (probably more so than yourself) of the kind of advertising that exists in "the big bad world" such as, "a buxom beauty in a bikini" and as a result she objects to such rubbish as nude motorcycle girls. Surely we can think up something that appeals to both sexes? Perhaps Mr Johnson would like to offer his services?

While I'm at it did you know that Auckland Motors puts out a calendar with just the sort of 'high quality, visually appealing' advertising that you consider "transpire beauty of the extreme kind." I think Auckland Motors have forgotten or perhaps never really remembered that women also

drive cars (funny that!) and that most of us don't enjoy having to obtain their phone number from a calendar that exhibits females as walking boy toys.

I for one will be giving Auckland Motors a wee ring in the very near future. By the way Rhubarb, did you catch the documentary on 60 Minutes, (15/7/90). Something you'd probably find most appealing?

Although in NZ we have laws that protect women from rape within a marriage, it seems that the British lads don't think the same way we do. The programme showed two women, one of whom had been married 10 years, the other 15. Both had been raped constantly throughout the marriage and could not by law lay any charges unless they lessened the charge to bodily harm. Both stayed in the situation they were in because they were threatened by their husbands with either death or abuse of the children (ie. such things as holding a cigarette to the child, tying up, gagging etc). One woman was on one occasion smacked across the face, raped in every room of the house and beaten so severely that she was left for dead. No charge of rape could be laid. But as an interviewed ex-judge commented, "We can't change the law because of a few hysterical women."

I am afraid Mr Johnson that when you are a woman and you hear about such things as this, when you walk down town and see advertisements of sick magazines, when you hear people (men) make the sort of comments about women that I have heard (and I'm sure I'm not the only one) then you start to become very angry and you start to object to things which you as an individual find offensive. Perhaps if you could experience this as a woman then you would think again. It's no laughing matter.

Yours in friendship  
"Butch lezzo femmo" BA!  
PS. See you on the march.

## WANTON WENDY

Dear Wendy

You are my absolute most favourite editor/student/woman in the whole world and after reading your excellent Editorial (25 June 1990) I thought I may be able to help out my ol' hero by sending you an exclusive first draft copy of my soon to be released personal memoirs, to help beef up your already amazing publication. Hope I make it to the front page.

Love, hugs and cocktails  
Paul

## NZUSU EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for the following positions:  
Executive Committee  
New Zealand University Students Association (Inc.)  
President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
3 Committee Members  
Interested parties: a curriculum vitae  
Executive Director  
NZUSU  
PO Box 28-200  
Wellington  
by Wednesday  
Nominations will be held from the floor  
at the General Meeting  
held at the W  
Students Union on We  
August at 6.30pm

## SOCIAL ACTION OFFICER

Auckland University Students Association

The person we are looking for would need the following attributes:  
- Able to provide leadership and initiative.  
- Be informed on current art, culture and entertainment.  
- Preferably have experience as a student.  
- Able to handle finances.  
- Contacts in the industry.  
Salary commensurate with qualifications.  
Phone Deirdre Neh

## GAY STUDENT MEETING

Social Meeting  
4.30pm-7.30pm  
Exec Lounge, AUS  
All gays welcome in  
gays.

## CATHOLIC SOCIETY NIGHT

Our national magazine "Mustard Seed" is published. Poems, interviews etc to: Ostrich Catholic Society, Street, Dunedin. Contact your Catholic Society ASAP.

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# NOTICES

## NZUSU EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for the following positions on the Executive Committee of the New Zealand Universities Sports Union (Inc).

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
3 Committee Members

Interested parties should send a curriculum vitae to:

Executive Director  
NZUSU  
PO Box 28-200  
Wellington

by Wednesday 8 August. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Winter General Meeting, which will be held at the Waikato Students Union on Wednesday 22 August at 6.30pm.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OFFICER

### Auckland University Students Association

The person we are looking for would need the following attributes:

- Able to provide leadership and initiative.
- Be informed on contemporary art, culture and entertainment.
- Preferably have had experience as a University student.
- Able to handle accounts and finances.
- Contacts in entertainment industry.

Salary commensurate with qualifications.  
Phone Deirdre Nehua 390-789.

## GAY STUDENTS

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

## CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS

Our national magazine "The Mustard Seed" is soon to be published. Poems, articles, interviews etc to: Otago University Catholic Society, 52 Union Street, Dunedin. Or pass on to your Catholic Society Committee ASAP.

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## UNITED THEATRESPORTS

Every Sunday until Nov 25 at 8pm, Maidment Theatre  
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## PENPAL

French student (F) aged 22 wishes to have penfriends in New Zealand.  
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Anne-Laure Jaouen  
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## EDUCATION ACTION GROUP

Education Action Group meets Tuesday, 1pm, room 138 (behind TV room). Come along and be as subversive as you like... help save education.

For further information see Roger Pym, Education Vice President - AUSA.

## A.U.S.A. WINTER GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Winter General Meeting of the Association will be held in Room B28

Tuesday 7th August 1990 commencing at 1.00pm.

If the meeting does not obtain a quorum or is unable to complete the business before it on 7th August, it will commence or continue in Room B28 on Wednesday 8th August 1990.

The business for this meeting will include:

1) Declaration as to the election of the Executive Committee for 1991.

2) Any business which may be brought forward for which special notice is not required.

3) Any matters as members may bring forward.

Any member wishing to propose any motion at this meeting is invited to give written notice to the Secretary by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 1st August 1990.

A full agenda for the meeting will be available from the Association's office in due course.

Deirdre Nehua  
Secretary

## ELECTION BLURBS

All candidates wishing to put campaign material into Craccum must deliver copy to Craccum by Tuesday 24th July. Submissions are to be approximately 300 words.

Candidates should also supply a recent photo or else come to Craccum offices on Wednesday to be photographed.

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## LOST

Stephen Pastel

Will Stephen Pastel please meet with the Women's Rights Officer at 1pm Wednesday 25th July.

This meeting is urgent.

## STUDENTS RECEIVING STUDENT ALLOWANCES

All students receiving Student Allowance are reminded that they must sign a register confirming their full-time attendance at University in order to be eligible to continue to receive their allowances. The signing of the register will be in the Recreation Centre (Mezzanine floor) on Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July from 9.00am-4.45pm.

Caroline Lynch  
Senior Administrative Assistant

## QUEEN FANS

If you would like information on a NZ Queen Fan Club, uniting NZ fans through a regular newsletter, exposing members to a wide range of related info and products, write to:

Royal Magic,  
95 Kawi Rd,  
Levin.

## 1991 WORLD STUDENT GAMES CHEF DE MISSION

Applications are invited from interested parties to manage the New Zealand Universities contingent to the 1991 World Student Games, to be held in Sheffield, England from July 14 to 25 next year.

Although the composition of the team has yet to be finalised, it may involve athletics, swimming, waterpolo, volleyball and tennis.

The Chef de Mission will also be involved in the planning and co-ordination of the New Zealand effort and will be appointed at the NZUSU Executive Meeting to be held on August 20th.

For a job description and further details please contact:

Executive Director  
NZUSU  
PO Box 27-200  
Wellington  
Telephone (04) 851515

## FOLKDANCING

Come Folk Dancing, Wednesdays, 7.45-10pm. Knox community Centre Hall, Birdwood Crescent Parnell. Inquiries, 559-760.

## PACIFICIST WARFARING DAY

To the Denizens and Inhabitants of Auckland Towne and others; An invitation to Pacificist Warfaring Day, Sunday 29th of July 1990. About 1.30pm (lunchtime).

A battle and pageant of interesting proportions for the honour and glory of the defence of, or the attack against the Auckland Museum.

Bring your lunch and give three cheers as the many regiments of Auckland Towne and other parts besides do battle and merriment to all.

The McGillicuddy Serious Party will (amongst others) speak seriously about their upcoming campaign and a spectacle is guaranteed to be witnessed by all that attend.

If you would like to know more about this event, then get in touch with:

Alistair Ramsden  
c/- Auckland Revolutionary Army  
C/- the AUSA  
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# THE MARCH

By Max Chapple

'F\*\*k off Phil!' was the message given to the Labour Government's Education Minister by angry students marching against tertiary fees last week.

Close to 1000 university, polytechnic and College of Education students took to Queen street on Thursday in a loud but peaceful lunch-time protest against the \$1250 tertiary fee bought in by Labour despite earlier promises to the contrary.

The march followed a 5000-strong protest by Otago University Students in Dunedin the previous day. Both marches were part of the New Zealand University Students Association's national week of action.

## Anger

Auckland student leaders voiced their bitter anger at the Government's broken promise and led students in chants including 'two, four, six, eight, Goff's head on a plate' and 'no way, we can't pay!'

They appealed to spectators to get behind their opposition to fees to protect the education system for tomorrow's children.

Students sat down four times in the busiest inner city intersections and later shouted down politicians who attempted to speak to the crowd in Queen Elizabeth Square.

## Shouted Down

Eden Labour's MP Richard Northey was barely audible over the jeering assembly, which shouted 'bullshit' at his attempts to justify the fees and criticise National Party Policy. National's Education spokesperson Lockwood Smith was also heckled, but students cheered when he signed a pledge to resign if National won the election and did not scrap the fee. Some students came to the march dressed in rubbish sacks and one wore a towel and braces to illustrate the financial pain of

the fees. Placards held by marchers said 'It's okay, I still have \$1.85 left on my overdraft', 'I love poverty' and 'I lost 10 stone on the education diet, you can too'. Others said 'Fees Suck', 'Don't bank on loans' and 'F'Goff Phil.'

## Toast and Beans

One child held a sign saying 'reduce Mum's fees - I'm sick and tired of Toast and Beans'. Another marcher flew a New

Zealand society and we work our butts off at university. We've got to be certain that the future of tertiary education is insured, that it's not going to be a playground of spoilt brats'.

Auckland Technical Institute Students Association president David Rhodes spoke to the rally with his four-year-old son Jasper by his side to symbolise that he was marching for the future of Education.



Zealand flag upside down to indicate that 'New Zealand needs desperate help'. Outgoing Auckland University Students Association president Ella Henry told marchers the user pays education system was keeping lower income groups out of universities and students wanted open access for all tertiary institutions.

## Spoilt Brats

'We make a contribution to New

'For too long New Zealand has been at the bottom of the Western World. Geographically we're stuck here but from an educational point of view it's successive Governments that have put us here. We don't need to be here and we don't need to stay here. It's not a question of money it's a question of wisdom.'

## Spending

Rhodes said the New Zealand Govern-

ment spent 5.4% of its money on tertiary education while other countries were spending 8% and 9%.

'Education is the way to decrease crime, to decrease unemployment and to increase prosperity,' he said.

A.U.S.A.'s new president, Doug Sadlier, said the protests against fees should continue until the fees stopped, even if it took years.

'If we don't fight the fees now our sons and daughters in the next 20 years might have to pay \$20,000 to get a degree and that's not on.'

## Hunting

Lockwood Smith said some people had told him students were not worried about the fees. But he said the protest confirmed they were 'hurting, and hurting bad'.

'It's good. It shows the amount of hardship they face in trying to find this money. It's a lot of money for students.'

Smith said the Labour Government planned to increase the fees next year. He signed a pledge to resign if National became the government and fees were not removed by 1992.

## Mixed

This move gained mixed reaction from the crowd - many marchers applauded while others shouted 'Bullshit'.

Amid booing and hissing Richard Northey took to the stage and tried to explain why Labour had backed down on its no fees promise.

He said Labour did it to get 8000 more places in Universities and Polytechnics and 20,000 more people into pre-school education. The jeering continued and at one stage one marcher playfully tried to make his dog attack the MP. A banner on the dog's back said 'Filthy Phil's fees mean no food for me.'

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