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EDITORIAL

Well AUSA really managed to excel itself last week; not even managing to keep a quorum for a general meeting to debate the proposed new constitution. Surely that is proof enough that institutional change is required if the student body is to retain any sort of cohesive voice and ability to function. As has been pointed out before, AUSA has the population of a town and the financial turnover of a moderately sized business and yet the 'shareholders' seem completely disinterested in its management. And maybe they have good cause to be; student politicians often seem out of touch with genuine student concerns and the political structures of this outfit can seem inaccessible to Joe Average. It is worthwhile noting that at the Engineering Society meeting on the next day a larger turnout was achieved than for the AUSA meeting.

If this is the case, then surely the general meeting was a chance to change this. Even if the proposed constitution is not the perfect solution it was at least an attempt to address the problems.

Allegations made at the meeting that the principal proposers behind the new constitution were attempting to create "jobs for the boys" in the new structures are unfounded. A lot of work went into

drafting the constitution, work done by people who have been around the AUSA for many years and know its problems. Des Amanono, Steve Barriball and Ella Henry will all be out of University next year; they have nothing personal to gain from changing AUSA save satisfaction from making it a better outfit for students.

Hopefully more students will turn out at the next meeting to give these people and their plan the hearing they deserve.

On a lighter note, Doug Sadlier's drinking horn has finally arrived; this Thursday in the Quad at lunchtime displays of drinking prowess will be given for the assembled multitudes. No doubt if the general meeting was combined with it then a quorum would be achieved. But seriously, drinking horns are a great opportunity to have some fun and even though exams are fast approaching a few hours of the simple pleasures of life ought not to be missed.

And that's about all for this week. Next week's issue will be our last for the year. No doubt we will fill it with our usual blend of insightful commentary and social observations, or at least lots of pornography just to piss Wendy off.

Keep Smiling
Peter Gray

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DEADLINES

No one pays attention to these anyway do they?



PREZ SEZ — AUSA



Teena Koutou Katoa. By now many of you will have heard that the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Association have not gone through. As one of the movers behind the Constitutional changes I am more disappointed by the low turn out at the General Meeting than anything else. These are exciting times

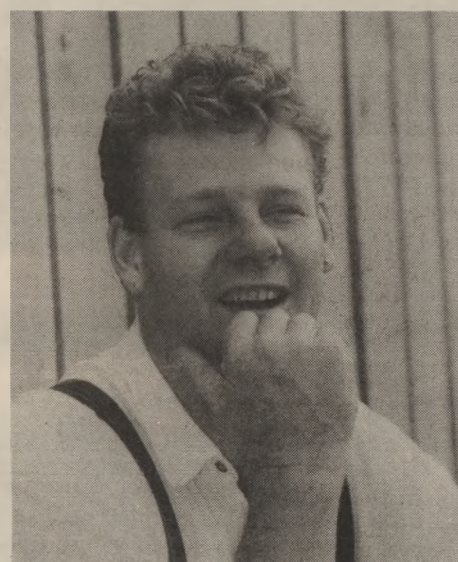
and the new Constitution reflected exciting changes. I would have liked a greater number of students to turn up and debate the issues. As it was a bunch of old Association hacks traded insults based on traditional areas of interest and conflicts. Ho hum.... I've been told one of next year's Executive is calling another SGM in the last week of term to deal with the whole thing again. That's good if it will allow more debate and discussion. I'm concerned at the number of Exec next year who seem to disagree with the idea of more accountability — but debate, discussion and level headed thinking are necessary now.

I'm nearing the end of my tenure but I hope this issue is dealt with, either this year or next and if change is made it is with the mandate of a larger proportion of students than those who attended the General Meeting last week.

Ka Kite anoo, e hoa maa.

Ella Henry

PREZ SEZ — ATISA



Kia ora.

I get to have a shot at voicing my opinions to many people and what this allows me is a chance to really analyse what I am committed to.

The Gulf Crisis has been the perfect forum for people to launch forth into great dramas about who did what, who said what to whom etc.

This is all symptomatic of the disgusting state on communication of this planet.

If you think we have good communication — how come there are 37 wars going on?

Back to the Gulf. I could offer many thoughts on why the Americans' fascist stance is totally irresponsible, why Saddam Hussein should be removed, who really created and who owns Kuwait but it would amount to supporting the sensationalist philosophy that we all love to indulge ourselves in.

So what I want to say is that I don't want there to be a war. I don't want to have to watch this crap, night after night because money and power and land corrupt humans so much.

I am not committed to one more abuse in this crisis.

The amount of money already spent would have been the end of death caused by hunger twice over.

For those of you who have never encountered the figures about hunger contact the Hunger Project.

So I know this is not a very powerful commitment based on my hopes and wisdom but damn it, I do give a shit about the future of this world. And I do subscribe to the philosophy that, if enough people stand up and shout "enough" then things shift.

Look at Greenpeace. Look at projects like the Hunger Project, the Tree Project, Amnesty.

These people are incredibly brave. They are willing to stand up in the face of impossible odds, personal danger and incredible apathy and they win and are winning.

So don't buy into the drama of the Gulf. Don't get excited by news specifically designed to wind you up.

Rather stand up and call for the peace talks to work, for the troops to stand down, for the civil rights to be restored.

Call for mankind, call for future, call for whatever possibility you see and make sure you thank those unselfish, brave buggers already doing so.

David Rhodes

AUSA NOTICES

If you've received a letter from the university concerning fees, don't worry.

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Phoenix fires up meeting

A meeting held to put a proposed new Auckland University Students Association constitution to the vote was closed when students walked out and numbers dwindled to below the quorum level

Shouted allegations of incompetence were made by and towards past presidents, and opponents of the constitution claimed the changes were being railroaded by present president Ella Henry for personal reasons.

Close to 250 people were present at the start of the meeting, held in the Recreation centre last Thursday, but the meeting was closed an hour later when a count showed there were less than the 200 students required to hold a vote.

Social Club

Last year's AUSA president, Des Amanono, outlined the planned constitution, which has been detailed in two recent feature articles in Craccum. He urged students to vote for the move and replace the present system, which he said meant the association was "run like a social club."

Ella Henry told the meeting it might seem like the move was being rushed through, but it was in fact the culmination of three years hard work.

She claimed many students didn't know about how their association worked or didn't care.

"Ninety nine percent of them aren't really aware of what happens to their money."

Henry said the new constitution would bring the association into the 20th Century.

Failure

Damning words came from Graham Watson, AUSA's president from 1985-1987, who claimed the process of introducing the proposal was invalid because not enough notice was given. He slammed the presidents who were behind the constitution.

"Ella has said she wants to see this through before she leaves at the end of the year. I don't see why we should be railroaded into change for someone's personal ambitions."

"And Des fucked up as president and stands up here and expects us to believe him."

Next year's SRC chair, Angus Ogilvie, said the 1991 executive had just two days to look at the constitution. He said the idea of the planned judiciary, which can include past students, indicated the backers of the plan wanted "jobs for the boys."

".. They failed in their presidencies. They're bringing this about so they can come back and sit on the judiciary."

Bulldozed

But 1991 president Doug Sadlier, who was elected in July, opposed the move and said the plan had been "bulldozed through." He said the next year's executive had not discussed it.

"The system as it is at present can work," he said.

Sadlier criticised the way the new constitution would replace the Student Representative Council (SRC) with individual representatives from each faculty. He also slammed the proposal to replace the womens', Maori and overseas' students' officers (executive members) with non-executive equity officers.

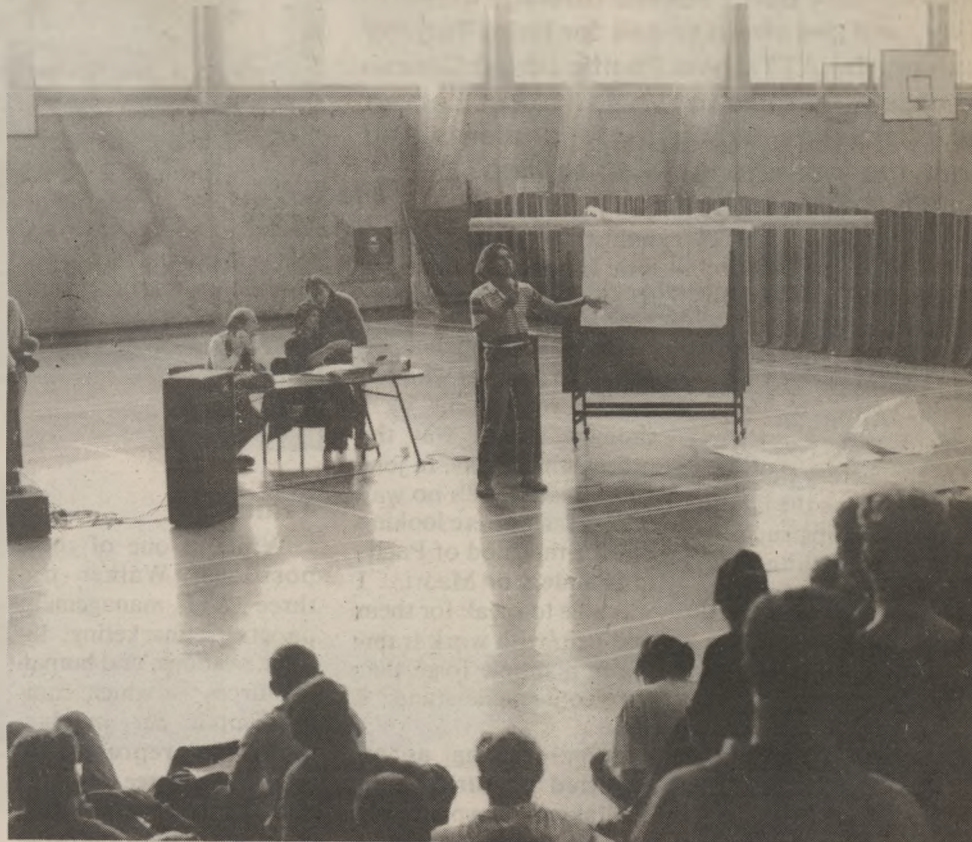
"Who in their right mind is going to work as hard for their cause as an equity officer?" he asked.

More Time

One student labelled the meeting "bullshit" and questioned how so few students could make a decision which would affect 16,000 of their classmates. He asked for two weeks to read the new constitution.

"I'm not against it. All I want is a fair go."

Jo Mackay, next year's Craccum editor and a past member of the executive,



Opposition from '91 Prez — Doug Sadlier.

answered Sadlier's attacks by saying the new structure would allow room for disadvantaged groups like women, Maori and overseas students even more than before.

She said she only took a day to read the plan.

Sadlier "A Joke"

Fiery debate continued after the meeting closed, mainly between Amanono and Sadlier. A student in the crowd shouted out that Sadlier was a "joke president" and asked "how many people voted for you because you were funny?"

Responding to the claims made against her and Amanono, Ella Hen-

ry told Craccum after the meeting that Watson presided over some of the most serious overdrafts that AUSA had carried.

She said that there was an \$80,000 surplus under Amanono and this year's deficit was running at \$29,000. This was despite a huge drop in income which came when an expected 10% growth in student numbers this year turned into a 3% growth because of the introduction of tertiary fees.

Henry said it was a shame that more people didn't turn up because of the importance of the meeting.

"I hope that the idea is picked up because I'm really concerned that the majority of the people that were frightened about the changes are the executive next year, who may well fear extra accountability structures being imposed on them."

"Too many people get elected knowing that they're on a duck's back, that they've got all the resources of the association to use in any way with no constraints whatsoever. I make a promise to the students of the association that though I won't be around exec next year I'm going to be keeping a very close eye on next year's exec."

NOTICE

There will be a forum to discuss the full restructuring proposal.

Coffee Lounge
5.30pm
Wednesday 26th Sept.

All interested parties are welcome. Copies of the proposed new constitution and full supporting information is available from AUSA Reception.

STOP PRESS

A petition to try again to change the constitution has been received by AUSA. The petition calls for a meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd October. The Exec has not yet discussed this development.

Stay tuned.....



Ella Henry (far right) puts her case as mover of the motion

Pacific Island Liason at ATI

Some Pacific Island students think they're stupid if they don't absorb tutelage immediately, and are afraid to ask for help. Tammy Walker, the ATI's new Pacific Island Course Co-ordinator, talks to MAX CHAPPLE about the difficulties facing these students and what the institute is doing to help.

It was while working in the textile and apparel industry that Tammy Walker noticed the plight of Pacific Islanders and their problems with formal learning in New Zealand.

On the factory floor she would translate the jargon of training instructions into plain language, encouraging questions and also acting as a counsellor.

Samoa-born Walker, who has lived in New Zealand since she was four, was in the various factories she worked for an unofficial advocate for the Islanders whose language problems and in-bred shyness made them very liable to exploitation by employers.

Open to Abuse

In an industry where 80% of workers are Maori or Pacific Islanders, she felt it was her responsibility to tell fellow Island workers of their rights. And she thought the

industry's reliance on Pacific Islanders at times led to abuse in some sectors.

"It was a reliance on people to start off with but as the years went by I thought that it was the process that stinks. In jobs I have had there's no way management were looking out for the good of Pacific Islanders or Maori... I was able to speak for them and help with work training in a simple form that they could understand."

After training as an enrolled nurse at Waitakere Hospital for another four. After a short period working in a supermarket, she decided to make a career out of sewing and worked for a large clothing manufacturer and then for an upholstery company for five years. She then did outwork for the upholstery industry before continuing in supervisory and managerial jobs in textile firms.



Training

While in one of these positions, Walker did three ATI management papers — marketing, labour relations, and human resources — which complemented her involvement in representing workers. Three months ago she was employed by ATI with the following briefs:

- * To liase between ATI and Pacific Island Employment Development Board on the progress and any problems being experienced in the Pacific Island courses.
- * To look at the possibility of establishing future Pacific Island courses at ATI.
- * To look after Pacific Island

land students and their needs within ATI.

She works under the umbrella of the ATI Liaison Office and works closely with the Pacific Islands Liaison Officer, Sunia Raitava.

Upbringing

Walker says Pacific Islanders have special needs when it comes to learning in the European education system. For a start, their very strict and often religious upbringing makes them extremely humble.

"Pacific Islanders are very shy and they're generally unwilling to ask you if they don't know anything," she says, "because they feel they'll be looked at as if they're an idiot."

They tend to be naive about many palagi ways because of their close family upbringing."

An unwillingness to ask questions, and difficulties with the jargon of education and industry are not confined to the Pacific Island Community. Maori, Asians and European New Zealanders often have trouble too, — and ATI's Pacific Island courses, though designed for their specific difficulties, are open to everyone.

Foot in Door

Walker applauds ATI's moves into Pacific Island courses.

"I feel that ATI has given Pacific Islanders the opportunity to come here and get recognised qualifications which are required in the workforce — just being able to get a foot in the door."

The courses running now offer students skills with which they can enter industry or carry on into mainstream courses. The courses are in catering, machining and production (sewing), pre-electrics, computer aided draughting, welding, Pacific Island Access sheetmetal, Pacific Islands stainless steel and aluminium and

Pacific Islands social work.

Walker: "I feel having the polytechnics move to get the Pacific Islanders into qualified employment is a start at reducing the unemployment and helping improve Pacific Islanders' self-esteem in the workforce."

Culture Shock

One problem some Pacific Island and Maori students face in class is that of avoiding eye contact. In many cultures it is considered rude to look directly at another person, especially someone older or senior. But when students do this in class, Walker says, tutors often think their Maori and Pacific Island students are not paying attention and don't care about what's being taught.

This is an example of how special courses can help bridge the gap between cultures and better the educational opportunities of disadvantaged groups. Walker says the courses are not aimed at separation but better integration.

"We're not talking about separatism. It's using the structure of ATI to... cut differences and ensure a bit more understanding."

Budget Advice Available

Money isn't everything but the landlord won't take inner fulfillment and transcendental happiness in place of the rent. ATI Student Association budget advice officer Cherry Wilson says money management is crucial.

When you were knee-high to a Maserati and got your first lot of pocket money did you work out a budget or spend the whole lot on bubble gum? Account auditing might not have been your forte when you were six years old, but Cherry Wilson says budget advice should start early.

"It seems that many people suffer from complete ignorance. Parents don't give their kids budgeting advice and that's probably because their parents didn't give them any budgeting advice. I think that as children they have to be shown how to spend that money, how to manage it."

Debt a Threat

And for those that weren't shown basic budgeting, debt is a real possibility where student allowances are pitiful and costs and temptations are extreme.

Wilson: "Now for the first time they find themselves at tech or

university with an income of maybe about \$100, without ever having been able to work out a budget."

Protests over tertiary fees have been going for two years and bleats about the cost of living abound; Wilson herself says that expecting students to live on \$100 a week is "outrageous." But in the meantime we have to get by on our income, regardless of what it is.

Worse Prompt Service

The troubles students have budgeting and concerns about money management apathy, have sparked ATISA to start a budget advice service for its students. They can now come and talk confidentially to Wilson, who is the association's finance officer and have follow up sessions to monitor their finances.

Part of the problem says Wilson is that institutions like ATI and Auckland University don't

outline all the costs associated with courses before students enroll. The ter-

tiary fee — in most cases \$1250 — is just the starting point.

Awareness

Departmental fees, books, materials and travel expenses are major costs.



"Realistically people should be informed before they come here. I think it's a responsibility of every institution to outline the costs that are inevitable."

Students who don't or can't supplement their income with part-time work can not be expected to save money, says Wilson. But they can work out how to manage their spending so they don't get into trouble. Some students, she says, rely on interest free overdrafts, bank loans, loans off relatives and credit cards to get them through.

Look at Costs

That is just putting off the inevitable and we have to live within our means. Wilson recommends identifying income and specific amounts for each item of expenditure, staying within the budget to avoid debt or saving a little for a specific goal.

Financial advice is also available in outside agencies. Some charge for the service but one organisation which doesn't is the Central Districts Budgeting Advice Service which

works out of Citizens Advice Bureau in Mt Eden, Mt Albert, Mt Roskill and Onehunga. It also arranges free appointments at the Queen Street Branch of CAB.

Wilson says that whatever your money problems, it's better to face them now than later, because they won't go away. And a pattern of good budgeting can set you right for the future.

Budget for Goals

"People will say 'I'm getting more money now that I have done in the last five years but I don't have any left over — it's simply that they haven't been given basic budgeting skills. If you budget carefully you can achieve your goals.'"

Wilson doesn't see money as being everything, but says it can empower you and give you freedom and the ability to choose.

"It's not something to be afraid of looking at — some people are afraid or embarrassed to look at their money problems. It won't go away. Either you control it or it controls you."

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THE DEEP AND MEANINGFUL



Links between Auckland University and Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World have been highlighted by the aquarium's presentation of a major scholarship to a zoology student. But, as **Max Chapple** discovers, there's more below the surface.

At the underground aquarium set up by fish fan Kelly Tarlton, who died five weeks after the centre opened in 1985, there's a small display tank containing two of the most primitive vertebrates in the world.

Called hagfish or slime eels, these little critters can tie themselves in knots and don't have eyes or jaws — just a disc-cutting mechanism at one end which bores into sick fish at meal times.

Great, you might say, but what have they got to do with us? It was Auckland University that helped up this very rare display, advising Kelly Tarlton's on conditions for the special guests. And it's the university and a whole shoal of students who are benefitting from links between the institution and the underground aquarium.

Student Help

The university's zoology department was asked for advice when Kelly Tarlton was setting up his dream aquarium under Tamaki Drive and the centre later employed students, many of whom had some biology training to help catch fish for the project or work in the centre itself.

As Associate Professor Rufus Wells (zoology) says, this formed the foundations of the link with Kelly Tarlton's.

"Some of the younger staff are graduates of the university so it's given them a lead in and now they're employers of stu-

dents from this university. We've got quite a big staff there — there are a number of people in the educational area, the curators and keepers and so on." And Auckland BSc graduate, Craig Thorburn is now head curator of the centre.

Cross-Linking

Wells says the relationship strengthened as students were able to use Kelly Tarlton's facilities for studies.

"The Leigh Marine Laboratory (an off-shoot of the university) is 100km north. If somebody wants to do something with fish, make some observations on fish or if some new species has turned up, they'll go and talk to the Tarlton's people. And if Tarlton's have a new species and they don't know what it is, they'll come and ask us. So we've got this cross-linking all the way."

The culmination of this unusual link between commerce and academia culminated in July when PhD zoology student Patricia Pankhurst received a \$10,000 scholarship from Kelly Tarlton's for her research into snapper spawning.

Development

The research involves rearing snapper larvae in controlled conditions to describe development, especially in early development and how they get buoyancy, locomotion and sensory function.

Wells: "Again the aquarium plays a part for her student thesis because the

snapper spawn in the tanks and she can be down there gathering up all the larvae and studying them in the electromicroscope facilities here."

The proximity of Kelly Tarlton's is not its only benefit. Wells says the environment at Kelly Tarlton's is controlled and a wide variety of fish can be found in a confined space.

"A number of students have an interest in working with fish in some way, that's beneficial to the fish as well as themselves. We've got a lot of studies going on at the moment of fish stress and how to minimise stress so fish feel happy in aquaria, so these fish stress studies have kept the links going. We would have had a dozen students doing studies in some way related to fish stress and using Kelly Tarlton's facilities."

Fish Drugs

As part of the university's help with fine tuning at Kelly Tarlton's a student looking at diseases and parasites is happy to look at any problems showing up in the centre's stocks. And another is looking at a way of anaesthetising fish so they can be transported more easily. Meanwhile, the university is also helping with educational displays like the slime eel tank.

Wells is hoping to arrange for second year students, next year to do studies at the centre on subjects like ventilation frequency in large fish as a function of size.

"They can go down there and sit in the tunnel with a stopwatch and time gill beat frequencies and look at how that slows down as the animal gets bigger. This is education-

ally valuable to do practical work in that way without having to slash and cut fish in the laboratory. It's a hell of a lot better than having a bunch of dead fish in the lab."

Inspiration

Already the university's work at Kelly Tarlton's is paying off. Wells says the recent open day proved the centre is further sparking the already strong interest in biological sciences.

"We benefit in this closed loop. Families and

dollar. They're keen to put something back into education and that's where we benefit."

Back Up

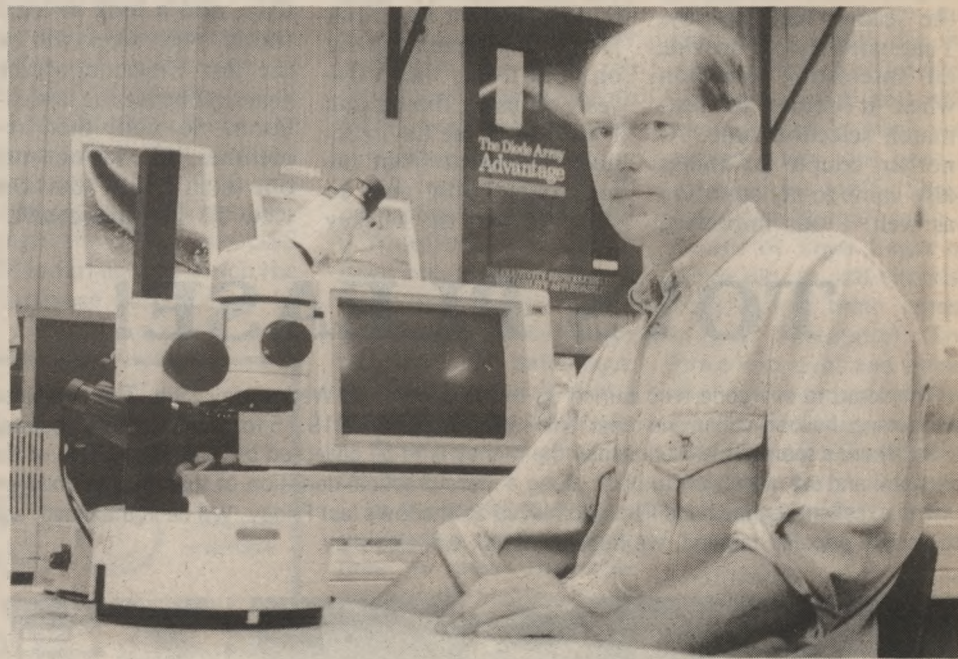
Kelly Tarlton's general manager, Graeme Osbourne says the centre is grateful for the considerable help given by Wells and fellow zoologist Associate Professor, John Montgomery. They provided ongoing back up and filled holes in the aquarium staff's knowledge.

"We've offered the facilities here to students to as-

•Shark abrasions. Osbourne says some sharks are injuring themselves on the concrete walls of the tanks and the centre is working with the university on the possibility of setting up electric fields to condition the sharks away from the concrete.

•Artificial food. He says the centre would like to see a regular and scientific testing programme for analysing tissue which would give a more scientific basis for feeding.

•Fluid replacement in sharks and shark anaesthetics.



Associate Professor Rufus Wells

kids go down there and they get all fired up about marine biology and they want to come to university and study it."

Official or unofficial tie-ups with business are not the norm in education. But Wells says he's pleased with Kelly Tarlton's approach.

"The Management of Kelly Tarlton's are particularly effective in that they're more than just chasing the commercial

sist in their research if that was possible. I can't see any reason why we should not have a strong and close relationship with Rufus and John or with anyone up there who wants to use our facility to further their own interest."

Co-operation

Osbourne says the university was helping or could help in the following areas:

Osbourne says the aquarium has to make a profit but also has a conscience and wants to promote education. For example, its education section hosts about 25,000 school children a year and runs at a considerable loss.

"Bearing in mind that there is a commercial necessity which requires us to profit from trading, we also feel an obligation in an educational sense," says Osbourne.

COMMENTS
FROM THE



I rolled up to the 'Bar in the Park' on Saturday to watch the Speights drinkers take on Auckland. After perching myself on the private hospitality box (next to the back fence), I was disappointed by what I saw. In fact, it wasn't a game, but a shame.

The Pride of the South looked as if some dirty Aucklander had put something in their water during the first half. They lack cohesion in the forwards and couldn't win any ball. A very efficient Auckland side simply blew them out of the water. The blue and whites reeled off a point a minute, and only in the last seconds of the half did Otago look like scoring. Laurie Mains must have said something pretty profound at half-time though (and brought some clean water), because Otago looked like a new team in the second spell. They ripped into their work, posting a try within five minutes and beating Auckland 9-6 in the half. But as I said to Jimmy the Fish at the time "there ain't no prizes for winning the second spell, when you've been walloped in the first."

The loose forward battle was interesting, with Henderson and Jones having a good tussle. I reckon that Mike Brewer probably outplayed Alan Whetton too, at least in the second half anyway. That battle should provide an interesting question when it comes to test-match selection time. Another couple of things also came to my attention as well. I was impressed

with the play of two backs on Saturday (something that usually never impresses me much, backplay). Terry Wright played a good game for Auckland, further pressing for the All Black Fullback position and Johnny Timu played a blinder for Otago. He looked outstanding in a losing side, and was more than a match, both on attack and defense, for the much vaunted Tuigamala. My opinion of the two player's performances was confirmed when they were each named man of the match for their respective sides.

A few surprises popped up in the naming of the All Black and Developing Players sides last weekend. Shayne Philpot was the biggest one, getting in ahead of a wealth of talent such as Eion Crossan (BOP), Warren Johnson (North Auckland), Darryl Halligan (Waikato) and Greg Cooper (Otago). Still at least Crossan got himself in the Development Squad, along with promising Bay winger Damon Kauai. I thought Bay No 8 Darren Martin missing out on both teams was a travesty of justice though and I was sad to see Kevin Schuler relegated from the top squad. Just goes to show ya that the Mickey

Doolan's still have a big influence on NZ rugby. It was good to see Lawrence Hullena get a shot in the front row and I'm pleased to see they've reselected big Piercy.

Well, the Canberra Raiders stomped all over Brisbane on the weekend. They never really looked the goods at all, the Broncos, as the Raiders had it all over them both up front and out wide. By Crikey, it was a bone-crunching display by Mel's boys, and it was certainly reflected by the score. As Sarah of Whitaker Place says "There's definitely a disparity in ability, when you finish that far apart." Anyhow, the final next week should be a real ripper, with the Panthers being made of sterner stuff — as they've already shown.

Well, that's about all I've got time for at the moment. I'll return next week with a look at the Grand Final from the Winfield Cup, and a look at local footie. Next week will be the last Craccum of the year and hence the last column. So until then remember; this was not just one man's view but the view of the **Supercoach**.

ATI Copymatic Cards

The ATI Students Association has joined many tertiary institutions around the country with its installation of a new computerised photocopying system.

Students can now buy magnetic photocopying cards and run the six photocopiers around ATI with them, eliminating the need for change and code-operated systems.

The move has met with some resistance from students, but the association says the system will work to their advantage in the future by making photocopying more efficient and cutting out abuse of photocopiers which sap student funds.

Cards the Norm

The Association's code-operated machine in B Block worked on a code system and ATISA estimates hundreds of copies were made without payment.

ATISA executive member Paul Salmon says card-operated photocopying systems are now the norm in universities and polytechnics. Auckland university has had a similar system in operation for several years.

Salmon says students buy cards for a \$2 bond and then buy photocopy-

ing credits at a cheap 10c a copy. The \$2 is refunded when the cards are returned.

Alternatively, students can credit their own plastic cards like credit cards and automatic teller cards. Then they don't pay for a card, just the photocopying credits.

Linked

Cards can be bought at the association's main office on level four of B Block and at its Akoranga office in AF Block.

The photocopiers are at the main office and the Wellesley St, Akoranga and Queen St Libraries.

Salmon says the photocopiers are linked to computers which automatically deduct value as copies are made. The copiers are activated by swiping a card through the slot as the computer reads the card's magnetic strip.

When you leave the copier, it's a good idea to press the red cancel button which closes off your account so others can't charge up their work on your card. If you forget,

however, the copier shuts down after being idle for two minutes.

Policy Change

Salmon says ATISA introduced the system because ATI policy now dictates that staff can't handle cash. ATISA was asked to find a system which allowed use of the photocopiers without it.

The reason the cards are only sold at the ATISA offices, which is out of the way for some students, is because of the ATI policy change which made the copiers necessary.

Now that's it's in place, he says the system will make photocopying easier and faster.

"You can photocopy more copies without having to have your pockets full of change. Also, you don't have to wait and feed another coin in between copies. It takes much less time and it's less of a hassle."

And in case you're interested (and loaded) you can buy up to \$9999 worth of credit on the system.



Notice of Special General Meeting of the ATI Students Association

•All students most welcome•

Date: Tuesday 25th September
at 12.00pm.

Venue: Raised stage area in B-Block
cafeteria, Wellesley St Campus.

Agenda

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. *Main Item: Presentation of ATISA 1991 Budget and Fees Submission which will be presented to the October ATI Council Meeting.

4. Student Charter — Progress Report
5. General Business.

Transport to Meeting: For students not on the Wellesley St Campus please contact the ATISA Office.

Ph 733-319 — Naiome Cusack if you require transport to and from the meeting.

TOYS PLEASE!

Thankyou to everyone who turned up to the auction on Wednesday 19th. The combined auctioning, balloon selling and roast lamb raised a total of \$919.55 for the Children's Hospital.

But there's more! This Wednesday the money is to be collected by a representative of the Hospital and we want *you* to bring along a more practical donation of toys for the children.

The excellent reggae band INI, who played at Shadows last Friday, will be in the Quad, and to satisfy popular demand, we hope Aardvark will also play.



PUB-LICK EYE

The E-Team Does Devonport

There is something about a sunny spring day; the way the sun glistens off the water and catches your sunnies as you watch the cloudless sky drift by, the way the salt-laden sea air wafts up from the scintillating Waitemata bringing with it fond memories of the amber liquid fresh from an icy chilly bin. It's the sea dog in you. That rugged mixture of woollen shirt, fishing tackle, sea dog hat (with safety line), fish scales in your beer can and the satisfaction of a sack full of fishy things.

It was just one day that drew the E-team to the water's edge and on to the Seabus for a jaunt over to the other side. The choice of ferry as means of transport as opposed to the most bestest, smallest and most green and powerful of British, was based not only on the call of the sea, but out of consideration for the recent resealing of the Harbour Bridge and the constant concern of barmen being torn from the surface as she cruises at just over an idle. The return trip costs the price of a pint of Guinness, but the price seems inconsequential once that sea-dog feeling grabs you. On arrival at Devonport you are greeted by probably the most unwelcoming building in the city, other than the Rising Sun. The derelict warehouse that sits on the Pier serves only to keep the rain off the few bicycles that call it home. If it was not for the fact that most of the structure is steel and corrugated iron, it would be an ideal place to hold a Guy Fawkes night party, bonfire and all. The most difficult decision of the day was whether to walk off the end of the wharf and into the Esplanade or take the long walk (about five minutes) to the Masonic.

We decided on the long walk figuring it would be easier to crawl from the Esplanade to the Ferry than to hitch back from the Masonic. Like all good plans for men and E-teams they were destined to come unstuck.

The Masonic sits like a big blue thing in a sea of non-blue things and can actually be seen quite clearly from the city side of the world. It carries a full range of DB beers including the highly drinkable Montieths and it's a long-time-since-I-had-one-of-those Vita Stout. The bar girl was ephemeral and seemed transfixed by the Classic Hits that was permeating from the bar, thankfully at a low level. Being the middle of the afternoon in the middle of the week, the place was fairly quiet.

A few oldies were making use of the pensioner specials which were available between 11 and 4 every day. One feature that immediately caught the E-team's eye and approval was a large chart showing the various prices for the different vessels and brews on offer. A most sensible idea which ensures you can fully cleanse your wallet of spendy stuff whilst filling your stomach with frothy stuff.

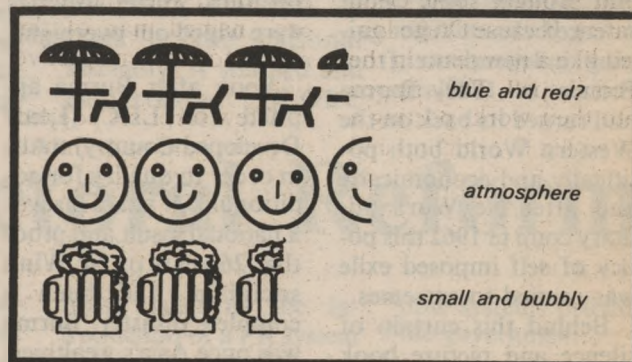
It was also obvious from the wall decorations that the Masonic has an active sports orientated social club. There was an array of three dart boards, a similar number of pokies and wall charts advertising competitions for trips to the Aussie Rugby League finals and so forth. Also a large promotion for the live broadcasts of the league semi-finals and the Aussie Rules final. The sporting influence was confirmed when the number of patrons in the bar swelled to watch the match between Wellington and North Auckland. Another feature that gained immediate approval was the bar cloths located at each of the high tables. While this meant you did most of your own cleaning up, it certainly helped avoid the soggy elbow syndrome (SES). The tables and other furnishings were fairly standard and toned in with the external blue hue. Large windows afforded a very pleasing view over the harbour and once the seldom seen Vita Stout had been imbibed, it was decided that the view would be better if the window wasn't in the way.

A trip to the bottle saw the E-team soon reclining on the Devonport boardwalk, savouring another

stout, Black Mac. This large, open plan garden bar proved to be a most conducive place to indulge in the brown stuff and be hassled by young school girls and old American tourists. The rocky foreshore also revealed naturally occurring urinal, with a view.

With Black Macs in belly and more on our mind, we travelled on to the Esplanade. After some initial confusion with the entrance to the hotel, we walked into a very dark and deserted bar. Just when we thought all was lost we spied the much livelier public bar. The friendly bar lady let us cut through the back of the bar (where we saw the machine that makes DB taste funny) and in to a world almost foreign in today's climate of pastel shades and chrome seats. In fact, if it wasn't for the fact that this bar was painted pale blue and fire red, we could have easily thought we'd stepped back in time. The patrons were clearly sea-dogs, so we felt right at home. Photos of naval vessels lined the walls, one of which as was pointed out to us by an old sea-dog who we couldn't actually understand, was the USS Missouri aboard which the Japanese surrendered in

The Boys from the Brown Stuff



Esplanade

THE E-TEAM RATING

WW II. There was a strong contingent of navy personnel who know the meaning of having a drink and a good time. On offer at the Esplanade was again a full compliment of DB beers. Settling down with a Montieths, we reminisced about the demise of pubs like this in today's drinking scene. Judging by the level of patronage, there is still a very strong demand for the traditional drinking hole. And so say all of us.

In the midst of all this reminiscing (and realising that we have forgotten mention the upstairs bar at the Masonic) our thoughts drifted to the good times, and views, previously had in the upstairs bar of the Masonic. This has recently been turned into a "Cobb & Co" (or is that Slob & Throw?) type bar which doesn't open till five; the kind of place you only go to in a large group when you can create your own atmosphere.

Hearing that the E-team had crossed the harbour, the Navy invited us to sample some real sea-dog atmosphere aboard the good ship HMNZS Wellington. Conditions can only be described, as

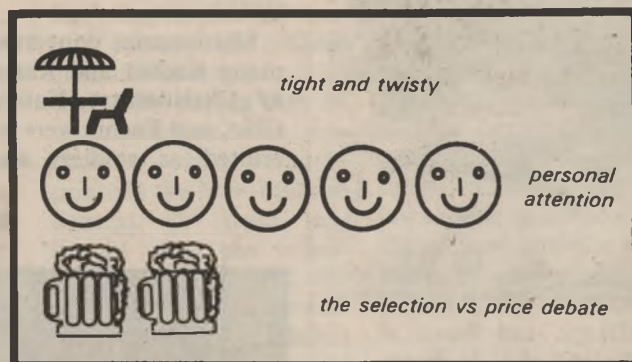
cramped (any more and our lives would not be worth living!) Service was, however, quick and efficient (which is what you expect when you have a rating as bar staff). Selection was limited, with a choice of Tiger Lager or Tiger ale, (a real surprise considering their recent trip to Singapore). The price was right and suited the hollow state of our wallets. Realising we only had four minutes to catch the return ferry, we cut an exceedingly fast track.

Arriving with three minutes to spare, we sat down and pondered the twisty-turny nature of the ferry, finally concluding that it was our twisty-turny nature that was causing confusion.

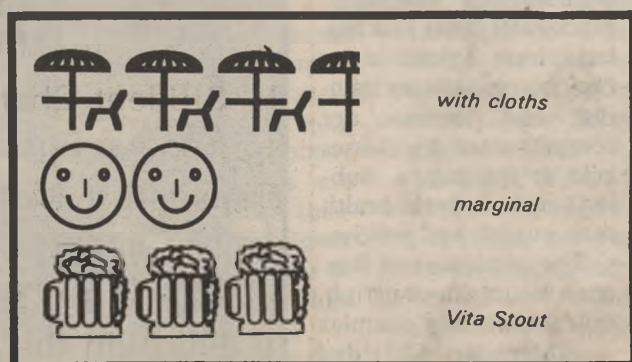
Back at the Ferry Terminal we noted with amused and wry smiles the group of rugby league players fighting over the price of a wine cooler at Cin Cins.

If only they could experience the sea-dog flavour that had made this day so E-xceptional.

Penultimately Yours
The E-Team.



HMNZS Wellington
Masonic



Jungle Stories: Burma'sstr

The jungle-clad mountains that encircle Burma are an anarchic land of opium warlords, exotic tribal groups, rebel armies and university students. Thousands of Burmese students have fled persecution to take up arms alongside ethnic minorities who have been fighting for independence for over forty years.

by Robert Fawcett

In 1988 Burma shocked the world. Twenty six years of repression and economic blundering by the military finally pushed the long suffering Burmese over the edge. Students organised massive nation-wide protests calling for democracy. The military responded with bullets but this only widened the student's support.

Burma had always been considered a quaint and exotic country where nothing happened — a country that nobody knew about or cared about. After gaining independence from Britain in 1948, Burma had turned its back on the Western World both politically and economically and after Ne Win's military coup in 1962 this policy of self imposed exile was carried to extremes.

Behind this curtain of silence and picture book beauty lay a land ravaged by the corruption and mismanagement of the military, and the world's longest and most obscure war.

ly related to this number. Ne Win's number games reached their height late in 1987. Without any warning he announced that the three highest denomination banknotes 75, 35, and 25 kyats were to be replaced with 90 and 45 kyat bills — numbers divisible by nine as well as adding nine. The old bills couldn't be cashed or exchanged. 60-80% of Burma's money in circulation had instantly become worthless. Because the majority of Burmese do not use banks people's entire savings were wiped out overnight.

Soon after Burma applied for LDC (Least Developed Country) status in order to qualify for additional UN aid. This was a national insult and proof that 26 years of Ne Win's socialsim had been a complete disaster. Burma was once Asia's wealthiest country — untapped resources, fertile farmland, and an educated population should have ensured continuing prosperity in the post-colonial era.

State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), imposed martial law which included a ban on public meetings of more than four people. The next day the students demonstrated against the SLORC — soldiers waiting in ambush opened fire killing over two thousand unarmed protestors. This massacre and the following crackdown was to be an exact blueprint for China eight months later but not even Tiananmen could match Rangoon's bloodshed and terror.

The military takeover began a mass exodus to Burma's border areas. Approximately 8,000-10,000 (mostly students) left central Burma during the last weeks of September. They mistakenly thought that Western condemnation of the military would materialise into arms and ammunition so they could organise an armed struggle from the border regions. They were disappointed to find out just how meagre the resources of the ethnic armies were.



Arakanese, Chin, Mon, Karen, Karenni, Kachin and Shan. These peoples range from simple animist tribal groups to more sophisticated groups like the Mon and Shan with their own languages and history of empire. They are loosely aligned under the umbrella of the National Democratic Front which has a combined front of 20,000 men (compared with 200,000 in the Burmese army).

The arrival of the British in the 19th century brought the ethnic minorities a welcome release from Burman oppression. The ethnic states were given a large measure of independence but developed close bonds with the British.

Missionaries converted many Kachin and Karen to Christianity. Karen, Chin, and Kachin were recruited as soldiers and

made up the bulk of the colonial army.

When the Japanese invaded Burma in 1942 the Burmans saw it as a chance to throw off the colonial yoke and quickly sided with the invaders. The ethnic soldiers remained loyal but paid a high price for it. Karen villagers, who were branded as British collaborators by the Burman nationalists, suffered terribly under the Japanese and Burmese soldiers.

The British gave Burma independence in 1948 without having settled the problem of autonomy for the ethnic states — the country was immediately plunged into a bloody civil war that shows no signs of ending.

The Karen Army has long been the government's biggest threat because they controlled the

border across which the majority of Burma's imports are smuggled. Taxes, 5-10%, imposed on goods passing through the border gateways funded the 6,000 strong Karen Army.

International condemnation followed the Rangoon massacre, backed up with a trade/aid boycott. The Far Eastern Economic Review 22nd January 1990 commented that "if foreign governments kept up the squeeze, it would only be a matter of months before the government ran out of bullets." The military was now fighting on two fronts, suppressing the civilian population as well as fighting the ethnic armies. How can it be that today the military are more firmly in place than at any other time in Burma's history?

Thailand has traditionally helped the Karen and other ethnic groups along



Bertil Linter, the foremost Western Authority on Burma describes the Burmese Government as "a highly centralised dictatorship with a paper thin socialist veneer."

The architect of Burma's road to ruin is an elusive dictator called Ne Win. His political decisions have their roots in astrology and numerology. He has a special fascination with the number nine (his lucky number) and much of what happens in Burma is close-

ly related to this number. For the first time during military rule people took to the streets in protest. Throughout 1988 the country sank deeper and deeper into chaos. Ne Win officially went into retirement but everybody knew he was still pulling the strings of the puppet governments he installed.

On September 18th (the sum of 18/9 is divisible by 9), Ne Win staged a coup whereby the military took over a government it already controlled. The new government, called the

They have received shelter, food, some training and arms from the minorities but shortages, blackwater fever and malaria have forced many back home. Military training and action are complimented by classes held at the camps. Subjects include basic health care, english and politics.

The ethnic mix of Burma's mountainous periphery is incredibly complex — there are 67 tribal groups or sub groups that fall into 7 main families,



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its Western border. They gave military information and training and turned a blind eye to the movement of troops through Western Thailand.

In a desperate attempt to raise capital Burma began selling its previously untapped resources. Burma contains about 75% of the world's teak, an irresistible lure to the Thais who have exhausted their own forests.

Thai Army commander Chaovalit flew to Rangoon and breaking the international boycott bought logging concessions for a fraction of their real value.

The Burmese didn't just want money, they wanted military co-operation. The forestry concessions were along the border areas under full or partial control by the Karen, Karenni, and Mon. The Thai commander allowed the Burmese army to enter Thailand and attack Karen

bases from the rear where there were no defences. The Karen strongholds fell like dominoes — their headquarters are the only fixed position left. They have been deprived of their source of finance and are reluctant on-lookers as their homeland is raped. A similar environmental disaster is taking place in Northern and Western Burma.

Forests are not the only thing up for sale. Gems, fishing rights, and onshore oil production contracts have been sold to foreign companies including those from Australia, Britain, Canada, France, Holland and the United States.

The new Thai-Burmese friendship has also caused problems for the students. When fighting forces students across the border they are arrested, fined, and sometimes handed back to the Burmese. These students face prison, torture and possible



execution on return to Burma.

During campaigns against the ethnic armies villagers are press-ganged into carrying equipment and ammunition. The porters are not fed or given medicine and die along the way from malnutrition and disease. Village people are also used as human

mine-sweepers — forced to walk ahead of troops in landmine areas.

As promised SLORC held elections on May 27 1990 hoping to boost its tarnished reputation and bring about a resumption of foreign aid. They made life difficult for the opposition party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), by restricting cam-

paigning and arresting the majority of leaders, but the voting itself was to be fair.

SLORC imagined they had bullied the electorate sufficiently to retain power — they were wrong. The NLD won 80% of seats in the national assembly. A stunned and embarrassed SLORC

quickly announced that there would be no transfer of power until a new constitution was drawn up — something which could take two years.

The military will never hand over power. The NLD would be under enormous pressure to bring military leaders to trial, but any investigation into the army would reveal rampant corruption especially in narcotics. The perpetual state of war has enabled military personnel to line their pockets in the resource rich ethnic territories. A massive army of 20,000 in a country with no external enemies is only given legitimacy by continuing insurgency problems. Democracy would bring peace and remove the very reason for the armies very existence. Would the military, after 28 years of being the privileged class, give up the power and wealth?

'Open Day' debate on Electoral Reform

The Head of the Political Studies Department, Professor Mulgan, spoke first on the subject of referenda. He began by saying that the government can, and has in the past, chosen to hold referenda on issues of public concern. The example he gave was the 1967 referendum on the opening hours of pubs. New Zealanders voted that year, by a large majority to abandon six o'clock closing.

Professor Mulgan said that although referenda could be seen by some as true democracy at work they were essentially a crude majoritarian device which could easily override the rights of individuals if misused. He commented that without the protection of a Bill of Rights citizen initiated referenda would be to the detriment of minority groups. Citing the example of the Homosexual Law Reform Act he said that the petition against this Act would have been sufficient to force a referendum had New Zealand had legislation allowing for citizens initiatives in this area. Polls taken at the time apparently showed that had the question of reform of the law against homosexual acts been put to the public they would have voted against such reform.

Dr Catt, who has recently come to Auckland University from the London School of Economics spoke next, on the subject of Proportional Representation. She talked at length about the politi-

cal alienation which she said she had found apparent from her arrival. The large number of non-voters who show up in the opinion polls are symptomatic of the disillusionment with the electoral system in Dr Catt's opinion.

Dr Catt commented on the extremely unrepresentative nature of assemblies elected by first past the post systems such as ours. She pointed out that although our population is 51% women we have a legislature in which only 13% of the members are women. Even Italy and Spain have higher proportions of women representative, largely because of their PR electoral systems.

As another demonstration of the unrepresentative results, our system yields Dr Catt pointed out that only 45% of people who voted in the last election in New Zealand got the candidate for whom they voted! She also said that votes cast in marginal electorates are valuable whereas votes in safe seats are less important under

our current system. She talked of the justice of the one person one vote system being undermined if each vote did not have the same value.

Dr Catt concluded by saying that it was a total myth that first past the post systems produce more stable government than PR. She pointed to the stability of the German Governments under PR as evidence to this claim.

The third speaker from the political studies department, Dr Aimer then spoke on the potential value of an upper house in New Zealand. After making comparisons between our country and others around the world he concluded by saying that an upper house was unnecessary and inappropriate in the New Zealand context. Dr Aimer suggested that the introduction of PR and the reworking of the current parliamentary select committee system could achieve both better representation and more balance without the need for an upper house.

The Rt Hon. Mr David Lange then took control of the audience. He began his speech with a quip about the value for money fee-paying students are now getting from their lecturers. This went down rather poorly with some of those present. Mr Lange quickly moved on to respond to Dr Catt's speech by saying that alienation

was inevitable in any political system and back bench MPs such as himself were certainly more subject to it than most. Calls for PR in the past had usually been associated with the rise of a strong third party he said, claiming that such a party was not in evidence on the current political landscape.

Mr Lange then changed his tack to describe citizen initiated referenda as an open invitation to 'the right wing juggernaut of moral conservatism in this country.' He talked of citizen initiated referenda providing a perfect vehicle for the rich and bigoted, saying that such people would use the polls to force their point of view on all New Zealanders. In illustrating this point he referred to the homosexual law reform legislation and the petition that the 'coalition of concerned citizens' organised against it. A small but significant group of New Zealanders still live in fear of legal penalty and disgrace had this legislation not been past he said. Citizen initiated referenda he claimed could be the most appalling form of oppression without some form of check or balance.

Mr Lange did say however that referenda initiated by the government were an appropriate and necessary means of achieving constitutional change. He pointed out that important electoral re-

forms such as the introduction of a PR system could only be achieved if a binding referendum were held. The necessary numbers to effect constitutional change through parliament are all obtainable in his opinion.

Mr Lange may have surprised a few of the more naive members of the audience by saying that in a general election the voters are simply appointing a body that will decide who the real government is going to be.

He stated that in reality it is a select handful in cabinet who run the government, that the government backbenchers are a mere constitutional echo of the decisions of these powerful few, and that the opposition is always a total impotent irrelevancy.

Mr Lange did not however use this basis to promote the idea of an upper house. He supported Dr Catt's call for PR in New Zealand and concurred with Dr Aimer in saying that a revamping of the parliamentary select committee system was in order. He went on to say that he felt the change to a PR system was inevitable. He drew with humorous effect on his own experiences and those of

Mr Palmer to support Dr Catt's debunking of the myth that first past the

post systems provide stable government.

Having showered the audience with witty ejaculations Mr Lange proceeded to answer questions in an amusing, if generally unsatisfactory fashion. The staff of the Political Studies Department who clearly have little fear of losing their tenure were more open.

I caught Mr Lange as he was leaving and put it to him that his views on the dangers of public initiated referenda could be seen to leave him with little reason to put his faith in any sort of democracy. After all if the people are not fit to decide on the most important social issues of the day how can we continue to the important tasks of choosing a government?

Mr Lange countered my not entirely innocent inquiry with a combination of his impressive physical presence (which was difficult to overlook when he moved into close range) and what seemed to be a reference to the liberal theorist John Stuart Mill. He talked of a balance being struck so that the wishes of the people will not infringe the rights of the individual. The majority he said had no right to rule tyrannically over the rest.

I thanked him and withdrew, stunned by his unblinking countenance more than his ready answer.

TELEVISION WITH TRAVIS BRICKLE

Television New Zealand's head of feature film acquisition and scheduling Tony Watta, has completed a deal which brings TVNZ access to MGM's library of classic films, many of which have rarely been seen on television. It includes the all time classic *Gone with the Wind*, as well as other black and white standards such as *Jail House Rock*, *Singing in the Rain*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *Mutiny on the Bounty*.

In another deal, with Pacer Kerridge, Watts, has secured a string of titles, many of which have only recently vacated Queen Street. Among them are *The Fabulous Baker Boys* (with Michelle Pfeiffer), *Wilt* (with Mel Smith and Griff Rhy-Jones), *Weekend at Bernie's* and the truly repulsive *Dead Ringers*.

"The quality of films appearing on television has definitely increased with competition," Watts tells me when I ring up to ask if he wants to swap jobs. He says with TV3 also bidding for films, prices have been pushed up, therefore attracting more distributors with a greater variety of films.

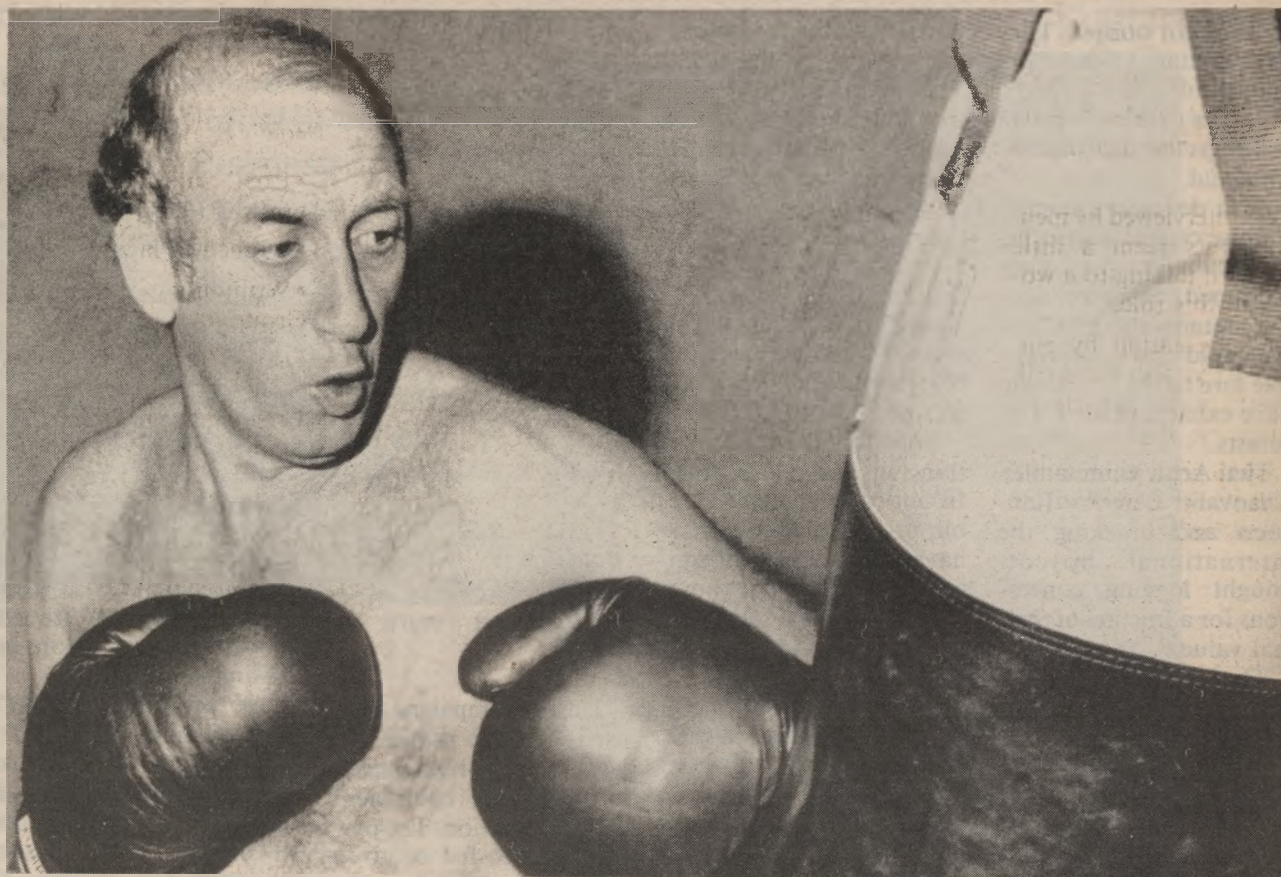
So what sort of taste does the man who governs what we watch on our two largest networks have. "I have a very catholic taste," Watt maintains. After 20 years professional film watching he cites his favourites as being any western by Sergio Leone, the Jimmy Stewart classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Themroc* — "an anarchic French film."

And what of those fifties B grade films so loved by a certain variety of student. "We've got *I was a Zombie For the FBI* in the library, confirms Watts, although admitting it has yet to be scheduled. He says he tried to acquire *Plan 9 from Outer Space*, an atrocious piece of film making labelled by most guides as the worst ever example of its craft, but "we couldn't get a decent print."

Any chance of a film screening on TV that hasn't already been out on video for six months? Not in my lifetime, implies the English film scheduler in his answer detailing the complex machinations of the film and TV industries. Oh well.

Probably a Robbery

On Monday and Tuesday night TV1 screens *The Great Bookie Robbery*, the story of a daring raid on Melbourne racing club which netted almost \$4 million in untraceable cash.



"It's a pity Bob Jones doesn't need the money — he could be the television talk show host New Zealand hasn't yet produced." So says *Magic Kiwis* producer Robert Boyd-Bell, who apparently has a very aggressive notion of the talk show format.

Robbery, a true life mini series, was produced in Australia. But there are some pretty familiar faces, as it has a trans-Tasman cast. The only problem is that the New Zealand contingent — Andy Anderson, John Bach and Bruno Lawrence — play the three main villains, while the good guy police officers are all played by Australians. (Some redrawing of the actors' equity clauses of CER seems to be called for).

Producer Ian Bradley

says the series is a modern day morality tale: "At the beginning the audience sympathises with the robbers. It looks as though they have committed the perfect crime. (But) then the audience's emotions are switched. There is shown to be no such thing as the perfect criminal. Greed rules."

Bradley is only speculating, however, as the real life robbers have never been identified.

Series writer Ken Cornfield, though, is a journalist who covered the story at the time — and he alleges his characterisations of the double crossing robbers are very close to the mark (names were changed for legal reasons). Police consultants chipped in too, helping to create what Australian critics called a gritty and credible thriller.

PM's Wife a Star?

Indeed she is, according to TVNZ's latest staff newsletter. It reveals that Mrs Moore appeared on South Pacific Television's *Romper Room* between 1978 and 1979 as "Miss Yvonne" — which is probably the reason Doug Sadlier tells me he finds her so naggingly familiar.

The Scoop that wasn't

If you watched *Holmes* on September 4 then you would have seen what the gnomic broadcaster described as the first interview with new prime minister Mike Moore. Only over on Three Genevieve Westcott was making the same claim. So it seems that one of these

tell-it-like-it-is presenters must have been stretching the truth a little. Which one was it? Step on up, Paul Holmes — Westcott's interview took place in a special broadcast a full hour before Holmes even begun. Mind you, the poor chap was a little distracted, what with having his journalists holding a stop work meeting over his alleged editorial control and all....

Pressing Drama

Defence of the Realm, an English film centred on a reporter trying to uncover a government sex scandal with KGB overtones, appears to be the

pick of TV3's line up this week. It stars Gabriel Byrne as Nick Mullen (any relation to *A Very British Coup's* Chris Mullens?), a Fleet Street reporter doing battle with an un-named branch of the secret service who want the scandal repressed. Also appearing are Denholm Elliot and Australian actress Greta Scacchi — know here for being Tim Finn's long time girlfriend up 'til last year and now a star in the States after appearing in Harrison Ford's new courtroom drama hit, *Presumed Innocent*. Tim can re-live the old days by tuning into TV3, 8.30 on Sunday night.



Madonna, who's been giving near note-perfect performances during her Blond Ambition tour — even when nowhere near the microphone. Pretty suspicious, huh? You bet, say a group of US Congressmen, who are pushing a bill that would ban the practice of unadvertised lip synching during concerts. Judge the Coifed One's performance for yourself when the Italian leg of her tour is featured at 8.30 Wednesday night, on TV2.



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WOMANSPACE SPACE

This week women in the workforce responded to questions asked by Womenspace.

Did you encounter any problems when seeking work because you are a woman?

- Yes: Interviewed by men. Employers seem a little awkward talking to a woman in this role.
- An expectation by employers that you could talk about male associated things, eg. rugby.
- Easy to get a job but difficult to get a position of responsibility.
- No.

Are there any problems you have at work that you feel may be shared by other women in your circumstances?

- Yes: Men leave work unfinished because they know the women will complete it in order to reach a satisfactory standard.
- Male gropers.
- Rude comments by associates about using the title 'Ms', from men and women, and reluctance by associates to address a woman with this title.
- Sexist comments made at staff meetings with the expectation that women should laugh at these.
- Subtle expectation to maintain the male atmosphere and be an "honorary bloke."
- Noticeable difference between the way men and women are spoken to. Male employers and work mates relate to women with more familiarity and do not take women as seriously as men.
- Verbal harassment.
- Men given preference in promotion.
- Work environment much more closed-minded than university.
- Older, conservative women dominating younger women.
- Some male workmates resent constructive criticism from women.

Are there any benefits?

- No.
- Yes: Sick days aren't questioned.
- Strong sense of fellowship and of pride that there are lots of competent women in my workplace.
- Women are generally more helpful with clients and with fellow staff.

What has the women's movement done for you?

- Given women more con-



fidence in themselves.

- Given women respect.
- Made women feel more powerful by showing there are other women out there struggling too. We are not alone!
- Fairer employment.
- Laws protecting people
- Human rights.
- Equal pay in my job.
- Freed up promotion in Public Service (previous difficulties are obvious when you see the useless men currently in high positions. Women are gaining more positions of responsibility).
- Broken down stereotypes.

What can you, or do you, do to help women's movement?

- Apply myself to the job with a professional attitude (if you make a mistake and you're a female people notice it more).
- Womanline (counselling).
- Free legal advice for women.
- Not playing the male game.
- Stand up for women's rights.
- Don't laugh at sexist jokes.
- Defend women verbally.
- By not accepting sexist behaviour you are educating people on what is appropriate and what is not. Hopefully this will set an example to the offenders of a more acceptable attitude to women.
- Involvement in feminist courses at university.
- Avoid using sexist language.
- Pointing out examples of sexism in society to others.
- Women in Law group.

Is there a women's group or space at your work?

•No!

•The toilet.

•It would be good to have a women's area as it could encourage camaraderie amongst women.

•In a job where older women with out-of-date morals and values hold positions of power, a women's space would not necessarily be a positive thing.

•There is a group called Women's Network comprised of women from all departments. They meet regularly to discuss work-related issues.

Do you belong to any wo-

men's groups? If so what?

Yes: — Womanline.

- Post natal support group.
- Women in law.
- Women's Support Group.
- No.

Comments as a woman in the workforce.

•When you have children there's a lot of pressure to return to work — both economic and status reasons. People tend to look down on you if you don't go back.

•Men in my workplace have a total lack of understanding about feminism. There needs to be more education for men on feminism.

•Women in the workforce need to be able to handle more things than men. We need to be tough.

•I am pleased with the level of respect for women at work.

•"The women's movement has made us feel more powerful out there struggling too. We are not alone. Speak out for change!"

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WHAT'S ON

•Last week in September, Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, Charley Grey's.

•Saturday 22-29: Festival of Dance programme, Maidment.

•Friday 28: Fatal Jelly Space record release party, Gluepot.

A R T S

Ladies' Night, by Anthony McCarten and Stephen Sinclair, at the Town Hall Concert Chamber.

Entertaining, fast, pacey, riotous, great fun... all this and more.

Ladies Night seemed too good to be true judging by the amount of favourable publicity this New Zealand play attracted.

But beneath the facade of this all-popular carnal cabaret-comedy is a pointed look at Kiwi men, how they are perceived and how they perceive women.

In the interests of mainstream appeal the latter themes were secondary to the aim to entertain resulting in the mixture of cabaret, parody and a classic rags to riches tale.

This latest production of Ladies Night is, after this three week run, heading off around the country and then on to Australia. Already, 120,000 New Zealanders have seen Ladies Night and its appeal is likely to attract the Aussies as well.

Undoubtedly better and more stimulating than the



real thing, Ladies Night tells the story of a bunch of real Kiwi blokes who, sick of mundane jobs and evenings spent drinking at the local, decide to be-

come strippers. There never was a less likely bunch.

Nevertheless, although the Raging Rhinos get off to a less than optimistic

start, it appears their female audiences are starved of simple tease and titillation. Before long, the boys are raking in the dough and appear as slick and smooth as a bunch of, well..... strippers.

Speaking of slick, the strip routines could be sharper, incorporating more tease. Occasionally, the boys didn't look like they were enjoying themselves and maybe taking themselves less seriously will lead to a more comfortable delivery.

Some of the strips appeared almost mechanical and physical, rather than sensual with a hefty dose of tease and innuendo.

Nevertheless, a very quiet audience soon succumbed and responded to the invitations of compere Glenn McKenzie.

The other strippers, Chris Isaac, Marton Cso-kas, Marc White, Timothy Balme and Michael Galvin emerged as perfect players for Ladies Night. The Aussies will love them.

Anna David

LETTERS (Continued)

FABIAN'S FALSEHOOD

Dear Craccum

A few questions for Fabian Monty the 2nd. Has he bothered to read the Cartwright Enquiry Report? Has he bothered to read the McIndoe Report? Or, as is more likely, has he simply read the Metro article and the derivative Craccum article? (Check your facts Monty, not only was the Craccum article published after the Metro article but it contained numerous references to that same article. In fact the authors (who have remained nameless) admitted that it was the Metro article that got them thinking and referred readers to this article. Above and beyond that, anyone with half a brain can see that the articles have more than a passing resemblance; who are we going to accuse of plagiarism, Craccum or Metro?).

In reference to this second point, does F Monty know anything about carcinoma in situ? Did the authors of the Craccum article? Did the author of the Metro article? I think not. The fact remains that carcinoma in situ may lead to cancer and Professor Green knew this. He chose to challenge this — fine — but he chose to use living human subjects with minds of their own — hence the right to informed consent — and lives of their own — which none of them would have been willing to risk for a scientific exper-

iment. Beyond this, members of the scientific community have acknowledged that Professor Green's methods were scientifically unsound. Regardless of whether he was right or not, he was not going to prove anything that would stand up to scientific enquiry.

The difference between the attack on Dame Cartwright, Phillida Bunkle and Sandra Conney and Professor Green is that there is not proof of the so-called bias, so readily proclaimed by those with a propensity to discredit feminists, whereas the proof of Professor Green's unethical and unscientific methods. Whatever we may feel for him as a person, a professional and a doctor, the fact remains that he could not be allowed to continue practising medicine the way he did.

Finally, the absolutely ridiculous and revolting parting comments by Monty. It is refreshing to see medical students questioning the medical institution. Have you ever been involved in the Medical school Monty? I have. There aren't many liberal lecturers around up there and those who are, are married to each other or Ministers of Health. If you want to return to the times of doctor as God, Monty, by all means continue to attack medical students such as D McNamara. As to your parting shot, it's obvious from your letter that you don't know the slightest thing

about truth, integrity and trust. Your letter is a mixture of abuse, cynicism and ignorance. At least D McNamara had the courage to sign his name.

Yours laughing
SM O'Sullivan

ETHNIC QUOTES

Dear Editor

The one New Zealand Foundation in your 17th September 1990 Issue made the statement that ethnic quota systems are "apartheid."

I reckon they aren't because apartheid presupposes that Maori and Polynesian students want a separate system for "separate development." The way I see it, these ethnic groups don't want "separate development/apartheid." What they do want (and I can only really speak for Maori), a way in which they can relate to New Zealand society better. Quota systems allow this to happen, that is, they lay a pathway into the dominant culture. In so doing, these ethnic groups do not forfeit their own cultural identity.

Moreover, on political grounds, the abovementioned ethnic groups are at the bottom of the socio-economic scale. Any way into the upper echelons of society should be encouragement I reckon.

The Foundation believes that taxpayer's money is being wasted by funding quota systems

(or so I gather after reading the letter by CP Johnson). The fact that seems to be missed out here is that Maori pay tax too! (and I, one of them).

Finally, the abovementioned letter refers to Lieutenant Governor Hobson's statement "He Iwi Tahi Tatou." This is a nice thought but unrealistic. As an old boy of a Maori Boys College, not only did I learn to appreciate Maori culture but also the wonders of Pakeha culture among others. In so doing, I realised that each is distinct (not separate connotating apartheid) and that we are really two (now more) people, in one land.

No reira, e hoa CP Johnson. Whaia te tika me te aroha. Kia manawanui, ke te whai ake i te oo Marama.

Marc-Rene Ruakere

MALE ATTITUDES

Dear Editor

I feel the problem concerning the "Butch Lezzo Femmo" debate has a lot to do with the male letters submitted condemning the 'fems' views not even trying to relate to the feeling of being part of an oppressed group.

They seem to display a lack of empathy for rape and violence towards women, by firstly condemning their (the 'fems') right to feel how they personally FEEL, and secondly by not making any effort to acknowledge the problem, let alone address it.

They seem to think that rapists and men who take pornography too far are "out there" and "not part of us" and in some cases "don't exist" and they fail to realise that these people are men, they are part of their group and by perpetrating the macho man image as they (average men) do (ie. that pornography — which undeniably degrades women — is OK), they are basically saying to these men that their behaviour is acceptable — it's OK to see women as objects because it's normal to like pornography.

This, the portrayal of women as objects, must stop — whatever form it is in. It is totally unnecessary and people are being seriously harmed as a result. Most people are not aware of how much it happens, or how much it can effect people, probably because they personally haven't had anything to do with its serious repercussions.

But there are people out there who have been victims and there are people out there who have raped because of their society induced portrayal of women — it DOES happen, and it MUST stop.

A Woman Aware

CHOPSTICK RIOT

Thursday morning's Herald (23.08.90) stated that 130 students were rioting in a restaurant. However the strongest offence appears to be 'throwing chopsticks'. Oh yes, and one naughty person tried to nick a

huge pot plant! It would appear that we have a long way to go before killing six people with a bomb in a car or attacking people in the streets of South Africa. This riot by students at the University Tournament warranted front page coverage with highlighted ink.

Surely a restaurant manager who doesn't arrange pre-paid tickets, allows BYO and is understaffed and undercatered can expect breakages and perhaps immaturity.

I went to the N.Z. Herald to arrange an interview with the Editor. He was away and his standins said they were too busy to see me. The person I spoke to at reception said, "Yeah, this is hardly a riot!" He followed this by saying, "Well, students will go on, life will continue — that's just the media."

Fuck that. Why should we put up with lies and fabricated riots. It's about time the media got to see our serious gripes. Not inform New Zealand that we are always drunk, causing trouble and throwing chopsticks.

Karen

HOW TO VOTE

Dear Eds

Do you ever get the feeling students are being shoved about like an unwanted six-pack of Rheineck? Labour has abused students for six years and finally they're going out — in seven weeks time.

After the last few day's events (Phil Goff had ½ a can of the aforementioned Rheineck, chucked on Geoff Palmer's shoes and Palmer resigned in disgust), some of you may be considering lots of shits as before — less one.

This election is important, most seem to favour National, but what are they really going to do? Lockwood Smith promised to resign if they don't cut

the fees. This brings to mind (Science students get them at enrolment) the Labour MP who promised to resign if Railways sacked more workers. They did, he didn't!

National are going to remove fees — after next years fees are paid — but if they underfund the varsities next year, the universities will have to bring in their own fees. Either way, it's us who pay, National that would benefit.

It doesn't matter what Labour say, they're lying; so this leaves only the minor parties to vote for. New Labour is the only party that offers realistic policies, such as: no fees immediately, decent allowances etc. We pay our taxes for free education and those who earn more later in life (such as lawyers) pay more in taxes also. Why can't we have a free education Goff, Palmer and the rest did. Anyway, I'm off to eat and drink to memory loss.

The Stomach

(more rumblings later)

PS. Phil Goff has shares in a debt collecting agency specialising in students. PPS. National will charge \$10,000 per year for higher degrees.

ATISA SLUR?

Dear Editors

The article concerning the ATI student bar in issue 21, 10 September 1990 states that Mr Phil Dean "resigned."

Mr Dean has requested that the ATI Social Club Management Committee make clear that Mr Phil Dean did not resign but rather he declined to take up what was effectively an entirely new position with an altered job description.

Yours faithfully

David Rhodes

Chairperson

ATI Social Club Management Committee

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LETTERS (Continued)

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ment isn't necessarily another person's idea of advancement.

I wish you would learn about the people you are so quick to criticise and condemn. If you learn about the things you dislike you may learn to look at it differently.

As for learning Japanese, no I haven't learnt any yet, but I will be learning Maori.

**Yours
Rodney**

PS. You're such a wimp when it comes to the NZ flag, why don't you wrap yourself up in one and bury yourself. The soil needs some fertiliser.

UNFORTUNATE FABIAN

Dear Fabian

It would appear I have made a horrible mistake. Just because the Craccum article referred to, quoted and acknowledged as its source the Metro article I just presumed it had been written second. What a naive boy I am!

I invite you Fabian to shoot yourself in the head with a twelve gauge shotgun. This MAY lead to your death. Conversely having a head cold will not cause invasive cancer.

This is what I meant by the word "may" you pedantic little prick. CIS does not always lead to invasive cancer of the cervix but there is a far greater risk — as you would know if you had ever opened the McIndoe paper. Yes, I am a scientist, that is why I have read both sides of the argument, you have obviously ignored one.

Sylvia Cartwright received her appointment because she had shown to have integrity in her work. As for Professor Green I am sure he would be most willing to "treat" Fabian for cancer of the genitalia. A dozen punch biopsies rendering you forever incapable of enjoying the finer pleasures of life (which I am sure you indulge in frequently and solitarily) would rapidly alter your view on the matter.

In summary, F... you Fabian you anonymous onarist. I look forward to seeing you in A and E. Because I have integrity you will be fixed up. But I do hope you have a high pain threshold.

Unfortunate Dave

LEAVE ENGINEERING TO THE ENGINEERS

Dear Editors

I was disappointed to read the womanspace column in Issue 22 of your paper. I usually am disappointed in it as I feel it brings down the tone of an otherwise fine magazine. The cartoon was nonsensical, extremist drivel, which is what I have come to expect from the artist (and I use the term loosely) involved. However, the most distressing thing about it was some of the opinions expressed on the page. One in particular, under the question "Are there any other comments you would like to make

as a woman at university?" was particularly disturbing. One response was "Men and women need to be educated on feminism and culture." One way to do this is to keep them in the education system longer, exposing them to forward thinking ideas. They then can make decisions based on a wider background of knowledge and experience. They are given the opportunity to listen to a broad range of views before they settle into their career niche."

This response is worrying as it condones the concept of Social Engineering. Making people learn feminism and culture is ramming an opinion down their throats in the guise of education. Exposing students to "forward thinking ideas" is brainwashing them with the opinions of the minority in control. The "broad range of view" talked about by the respondent is a myth — the only view she wants is her own. This sort of mentality is type used by Hitler, and various other dictators over the years — "educate" the masses with your point of view and crush the rest. The worrying thing is that these types of people are getting into influential positions in the education system. Hopefully there are enough level-headed people in the country to prevent this trend.

The respondent above this prospective 'social engineer' had it right — "There's a need for men to learn that women should be treated as creatures of equal status." Now that's a level headed attitude.

**Yours in Reply
Peter Fischer**

MORE BLFS

To the World

I am a Butch Lezzo Femmo and proud of it. That is, I am a woman who does not find it tasteful or politically responsible to reinforce and uphold social controls of the patriarchy. I have taken up my option to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. To withdraw my support both financially and socially from the cosmetic industry, which exploits women, the earth and non-human animals alike. To be free from the boredom of penetrative sex. To eat as much of any food I like. I will never suffer from anorexia or bulimia trying to attain the unhealthy "standard" advertising tells women they must aspire to (yes, I am referring to Bendon ads). Unfortunately all this does not mean I am free from the abuse of threatened penises who rape to gain a deluded feeling of control.

It is people (?) like Dr Abortionist and Rueben P Chapple and their mindless ramblings that are making more and more women realise the extent and complexity of the oppression they face in their lives. Really guys, in the interest of the patriarchy you are so intent on upholding wouldn't it be a more intelligent move to keep your mouths shut?

There are more of us than you think

BLF No. 93854759

HUMPH FROM HUMPHRIES

Dear Editors

I am writing to set the record straight. I have seen a lot of letters with my name in them of late. Most of these letters were obviously written by near illiterates as they claim I said things that I have not so much as thought. As much as I love being talked about — please get it right.

I never said that pictures of pretty women lead to rape, simply because it is not true. I said that sexual exploitation (like pictures of women making love to car bonnets) and sexual objectification (women being represented as a pair of tits and nothing else) lead to "bad attitudes" about women. These attitudes can be instrumental in rape — but that has nothing to do with tasteful pictures of pretty women.

All of the assumptions made about my personality derived from the letters I have written were also wrong. Did you not know that not all feminists are 'butch lezzo femmo's.' What's more I never said I was a feminist. It is perfectly natural to find cartoons about naked 'women' who have no other attributes but a large set and a big bike offensive.

**Yours sincerely
Nicole Humphries**

SEXIST BIBLE

Dear Craccum,

I saw on the TV3 'news' programme the other night a little story about a new, revised Bible shortly to be published. All sexist references have been removed, so that a saying such as "Man does not live by bread alone" becomes "One does not live by bread alone". God him(it? her?)self is still referred to as He, however.

This strikes me as being of utter stupidity because the content of the Bible makes it one of the most sexist books to be found anywhere. Changing the wording is nothing but an attempt to hide the problem.

Consider, for example, the command given by God to Eve, and to women as a whole, in Genesis 3:16; "Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." Or what about Ephesians 5:22-24; "Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church.... Now, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything." And let's not forget 1 Timothy 2:11-12; "A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority over a man; she must be silent." Female lecturers and tutors take note!

Men are told to be loving to their wives in various places in the Bible, although personally the thought of having a dependent slave for a wife doesn't thrill me.

Yours

The Fish From Barombi-Mbo

STUDENT RESPONSE SIBILITY REPLIES

Dear P Brown

I the student leader marched down Queen Street, calling for removal of student fees, where the f... were you?

I have never stated anywhere that I would, directly or indirectly, spend the 'student money' on; "booze, drugs and cheap sex." Who the f... said anything about misappropriation of public funds? Yeah we'll party next year, but your cockroach, camel balled, enzyme excrement, puss pululated brain; (that's a laugh, what f... brain) hasn't thought of parties next year, paid by the individual student themselves, and making a profit that can be used: * In a pooling fund designed for students who cannot afford to come to University, other than grants already available.

* Using the money to visit secondary schools and thus giving encouragement to these students to attain a higher education. Needed as, especially in today's hellish world, the Government sure as hell ain't doing it.

* Put into a parking fund, in an attempt to acquire vacant space for much needed student parking, which can again run at a profit.

* And other realistic and implementative ideas!!

And also Gitface, (have you got a face or is it covered with

a brown paper bag with two holes so you easily dispose of the bird shit that lands there?), it's easy for you to criticise but what alternatives have you got for "getting their (AUSA) house in order first? Sweet FA. You obviously haven't the balls (Yeah, what f... balls?) to come and ask the next "student leader" how he will "responsibly" use the money to help improve financial matters. My term hasn't even started yet and you start pumping, a pun in your case, these negative vibes on f... heresay.

And about criticising the Government about student fees and especially targeting the turn coat student demonstrator himself Goff the hypocrite; we need to react now, no matter what the present state of affairs of AUSA dictate. If not, the future generations of students won't just be paying the "1250 market cost plus GST subsidy" you unwashed, fowl stinking penis breath, ass features alien (not human mate) but a 10-20 thousand dollar fee, if as we are doing in other economic matters, follow current American and English trends.

Every Kiwi is entitled to free education; Goff, his cronies, even Winston Peters and his followers all had their university educations subsidised, why not today and in the future?

So dork, get ya facts right,

stop ya f... complaining and come and talk to me personally, where I won't be so personally insulting.

**Yours insultingly
Pres Elect 1991
Doug Sadlier**

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Dear Editors

Matt Levin's 200+ (very plus) word diatribe against Greenies, especially Greenpeace, is good in parts. Like the curate's egg some parts of it are rotten.

The point is not whether hydrogen-powered private cars should replace petroleum-powered ones (they can and will), but whether a mass consumer society is sustainable on the Earth's surface for any length of time.

One does not need to be a genius to discover that there are limits to growth, and we are beginning to bump against them.

The trouble is that most of the world's population are poor and they do not see why they should miss out on the goodies flaunted by the rich.

Sure we could make this world a relative paradise — with appropriate technology wealth sharing and birth control it only takes 5 minutes thought to see that. The trouble is: thought is difficult and 5 minutes is a long time.

Tim Hassall



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SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Dear AG

Doubtless you are the type of person who regards cartoons featuring women with teeth "down there" (Piglet says I can't use that word) and tasteless allusions to the less savoury aspects of menstruation as serving an important function in Craccum.

You completely miss the point. I am opposed to violence. I am also opposed to popular feminist-driven ideology which 'proves' violence to be an exclusively male phenomenon. Violence is a human phenomenon. Violence is just not physical. Psychological violence can be as damaging and destructive to the psyche as physical violence.

Female violence towards men is often psychologically based, consisting of verbal and non-verbal attempts to demean the victim and divest him of his sense of self-worth and manhood. Psychologist profiles of female victims of domestic violence commonly include lack of self-esteem and a tendency to verbal aggression. Could some of these women possibly be the authors of their own misfortune?

Although women are not physically equipped to effect rape, they may also be sexually violent.

A woman who dresses and comports herself to attract male attention for the purpose of ego gratification; contemptuously dismissing it if the source is insufficiently endowed with wealth and/or good looks to afford the tickets she has on herself is sexually violent.

Even the President of the United States can be made to feel like a failure if his wife tells him he doesn't cut it as a sex machine. A woman who withholds sexual response and who uses sexuality as a weapon to foster or maintain a sense of power commits sexual violence as surely as any rapist.

Legislation exists to protect women from sexual harassment. Why are there no statutes against nagging, which has caused more men more misery since the dawn of recorded history than a bit of slap and tickle at the office has ever caused women.

The type of women who comes to the workplace in a skirt so short you can see what she had for breakfast then complains of sexual harassment is in a similar position to the millionaire who complains about his/her high tax bracket.

Of course, she/he could always give her/his money away to charity....

Salute the flag and long live the "Tower of Power."

Reuben P Chapple

PS. Pussywhipped pansy pull-starts like rampant ringbash Rodney are short-stroking themselves in a singularly small corner.

WAIROA SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear Editors

The Wairoa Schools Trustees Association in conjunction with the Wairoa Principals Association is able to offer a number of scholarships to final year students who would be prepared to commit themselves to at least one year of teaching in a primary school or pre-school facility in Wairoa or surrounding districts.

The value of the scholarships is \$2000, payable in late 1990. It would require, on acceptance, a legal agreement committing that person to apply for vacancies in our area, and the applicant would be required to accept a position offered.

Those interested are invited to send a letter of application including their curriculum vitae and or testimonials stating what courses they have passed and those they are presently undertaking. Copies of original documents are acceptable with supporting material from course lecturers and lecturers that have viewed them on teaching section.

We strongly urge your organisation to advertise our scholarship. As it is envisaged this offer will be made again in 1991 we would like to suggest to those interested in future scholarships that they consider coming to Wairoa on teaching section to get prior first hand experience.

Wairoa Beginning Teacher Scholarships have been established to encourage young, enthusiastic teachers to our area. Awarding of a Scholarship does not guarantee a job in Wairoa as scholarship holders will be subject to normal job application procedures but if a job in our area is not available, the scholarship does not have to be repaid.

Applications should be forwarded to: The Scholarship Secretary, Turiroa School, RD 3, Wairoa to arrive no later than September 30th, 1990.

Yours faithfully
Wairoa Schools Trustees Assn

DUMP DEMOCRACY

Dear Craccum Editors

The ancient Greeks were very innovative people. They were also intelligent enough not to take anyones ideas too seriously or set any ideals into concrete.

Amongst other things, they experimented with a variety of forms of Government. One of their experiments was with a form of Government we now know as democracy. The word democracy is from Greek!

Take note that democracy was not an end in itself for the development of political systems in Greece. They tried many other things as well. Each had successes and failures, but none was ever given the extreme advocacy that we now give democracy in our free Western countries.

Given the utter failure of the democratic systems now in use (and one only has to consider the environmental degradation, social chaos, economic woes, non-productivity and waste caused by the poor decisions of democratically elected politicians) we must now try something new. We must learn from Mr Gorbachev and throw away our failed ideology.

It is clear that not everyone is equal in intelligence, ability or morality. What is certain is that due to the paucity of intelligent politicians, governments, civil servants and even apathetic voters, we are in a mess.

These people have demonstrated they do not have an ability to deal with the problems which they have themselves created.

We can conclude that in order to obtain a vote, certain severe qualifications be met by strictest examination. The same must go for anyone who wants to enter the political or bureaucratic arena. Universal suffrage must be abandoned. That is a big step to take, but consider: Is a glue sniffing retard capable of making intelligent use of a vote as you are? Should an alcoholic bum have the equal right to decide the future government of the country as does a sober tertiary-qualified citizen? Should a blunder enjoy the same rewards as the worker?

In addition many positions of power should be by appointment for life, but only after a rigorous training and education of the potential incumbent from childhood. This way the candidate has nothing to gain and everything to lose by making in ferior decisions i.e. disgrace

and dismissal from the only tasks he is programmed and qualified to do.

The general population has demonstrated a childish irresponsibility to important decisions and future planning. They need guardians and stewards to take over and exert intelligent control. No more should we have ignorant pillocks in charge. No more slavish adherence to the falsehood of democracy.

From
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I NEED HELP

The nearest phone booth

Batman? I love him, Superman? He's far too clean cut and humourless and Spiderman is a downright wimp, give me a superhero with good one liners and I'm happy.

I sometimes wrestle with the psychology of having an alter ego, I never usually get past agreeing with friends who shake their heads sadly and remark "Yep, you're definitely very bent."

Let's spell it out so maybe I can get a handle on this:

Scene: 9.30am. A small somewhat messy office in what looks like a student flat. The phone rings. Man in bed answers in crisp, cheery, professional tones despite remaining fast asleep - mostly.

A: Good morning, The Singing Detective Telegram Agency.

B: Hello is that The Singing Detective Telegram Agency?

A: Yes it is, can I help you, (said in a friendly manner despite the almost overwhelming urge to reply, "No sorry, you've got Insultogram Ltd you entirely rancid little piece of Gerbil turd").

See, it's started already, not even half way through this little soul search and my darker half is rearing its ugly head, champing at the bit, screaming "Yeh, come on make my day, send me a fat, balding, heavy drinking, bad in bed, racist, sexist, clumsy lazy person, with bad eyesight and acne." I mean I'm not misanthropic per se, in fact I love people.

Interesting fact: No 1. From the Oxford Dictionary Misanthrope: Hater of mankind.

Misogynist: One who hates all women.

?????????: One who hates all men?

Please send all entries to: "Make Up the Man Hating Word Competition" 51 Lucerne Rd, Remuera, Auckland.

Winner will receive one free singing telegram delivered to

the person of their choice. Judges decision etc.

But back to me, my favourite subject. I do love people, really they're great, all shapes and dispositions. I mean the detective side of it comes in trying to find out about someone, no one but no one is completely boring (except maybe Jim Bolger and then we could always tease him about Catholics and rabbits down on the farm to the tune of Click Go the Shears Boys).

No I think I've got it all in perspective now, there's nothing wrong with writing silly, embarrassing, insulting, awkward, clever, revealing, rude, hilarious, heartwarming songs and singing them to people, we all like to be noticed and made a fuss over, indifference is much worse.

As for my alter ego, and the phone booth costume bit, (yes, I do wear a cape), in the words of that fat ugly bastard, "I like a laugh."

ANON

MARINE ENCOUNTER

Dear Editor

On a recent visit to the hub of the Waikato, I was witness to the most grotesque sight imaginable. A member of the Auckland team was seen gaining carnal knowledge of the largest mammal in existence. Even in today's liberal minded world beastiality is still looked upon as being a most perverse act.

It was sad to see a bloke, who has had traditional values and morals instilled in him from a tender age, succumb to the overpowering might of the world's largest animal. Several other team members had foul-hooked this creature, but thankfully they had managed to sever the line and avoid a terrifying experience.

The actual incident occurred at a whale of a party which was being held after the baby riot at the gook restaurant. Although the victim received several verbal warnings of the dangers of his actions it became apparent that his ears were filled with plankton. Indeed, one such warning resulted in a right cross from the whale's flipper and only succeeded in furthering the bond between the two parties. Alas it became too late to stop the act and even the authorities were reluctant to become involved for fear of repercussions.

Immediately after the ruthless attack, a limp, almost lifeless body was carried away. The victim was placed in quar-

antine for several days and only then could he be transported back to his roots in the Bay of Plenty to undergo counselling.

The lesson to be learned; never mess with a member of the front row.

Yours faithfully

Mr Green Pants and Jimmy the Fish

PS. It is really true that Sarah of Whitaker Place is an Iraqi secret weapon?

BIGOT BASH

Dear "Wise White One"

RE: Craccum, Issue 21, V64-10 September.

Regarding your letter to the Editor entitled "Brand AIDS," it is you who should be branded on the forehead with: **bigot, bigot, bigot, bigot, bigot, bigot, bigot...**

J Richards

CULTURE VULTURE

Dear Craccum

Trev Bold, you seem to think that belonging to the British culture and its technology makes it superior to other ways of doing things. You are a little like bible bashers, it doesn't matter what other people believe, they are wrong and should change their ways to follow the path of christianity. Land taken through pure warfare, like in Europe and American and everywhere isn't the entire issue in NZ. It is the colonials taking land through deception, lies and force. (I know what you're thinking, 'that's life' that doesn't mean it should be ignored).

Anyway, another issue which needs to be brought up concerning Maori people is their culture and language. I hazard to guess that should these things die out, that you would say too bad. If you happen to believe that, may I say that other cultures have things to offer, and even if you don't think so, why not try learning about another culture. One could say 'knowledge for knowledge's sake.' You could use some.

Try looking at things in an alternative way, instead of your own narrow minded perspectives.

You asked RM Bennett and I if we are God because of the views we put forward (I presumed your sarcasm). What makes you any better than us to force your culture and ideals upon other people, especially when they don't want or like them. Your idea of advance-

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AUCKLAND CITY ART GALLERY NOTICES

Down to Earth: The Boyle family in New Zealand. Large and exceptionally realistic sculptural reliefs with minutely detailed surfaces which include gravel, twigs, glass, feathers and bits of newspaper. On display from 11 September through until 28th October. Cartoons and Comic Strips: An exhibition of 45 full-sized original drawings by political cartoonist Trace Hodgson are currently on view in the Wellesley Mezzanine. Opening mid-September. Putting the Land on the Map: An exhibition about art and cartography in New Zealand since European contact is currently on view in the ground floor galleries.

ELI MEETING

Tuesday September 25, 1pm. Voice of an "Experienced student" — Colin Craig.

LOCKERS 1991

The Auckland University Students Association say: If you've gotta go — collect your refund. If you're staying — re-hire your locker for 1991 for \$10.00. See your Custodians between 9 and 3pm for your refund/rehire. Do this before 3pm on November 30 1990. Next year locker hire will cost \$18.00. You can start hiring next year on Monday January 14, 1991.

A.M.E.R.I.C.A

On the 1st of October there will be held a Special General Meeting of the Acadamey for Middle Earth Roleplaying and Individual Character Advancement. This SGM is being held to elect the four executive positions for the committee of the club for 1991 and also for the club to vote on a motion to change the name of the club. The SGM will be held in the Lower Common Room at Auckland University at 6.30pm. This is your chance to have a say in the direction of your club for next year.

Struan Judd
Secretary of A.M.E.R.I.C.A

HEARING TESTS

The free hearing tests in the August study break were so popular that they will be repeated again in October. Organiser John Lambert, the Disabled Student Resource Officer, says that almost 200 people were tested in the two days, with many still having missed out. The Hearing Association reports that while warnings were given of some potentially serious hearing loss, the majority of people were problem free. The Hearing Association will be back again on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-10 October, at the Library Basement language laboratory.

KENNETH MAIDMENT THEATRE

United Theatresports Championship and Festival Season. Every Sunday to Nov 25 at 8pm. Teams of professional actors compete in improvised games. "Death defying comedy." Tickets: \$15. Concession \$12. Bookings: The Corner Phone 330-3206.

ELECTION SPECIAL

The Chaplaincy invites you to: Hear and Quiz the Candidates. A Candidate from each of the five main political parties will give a 5 minute overview then we open for questions and a panel discussion. Labour: Anne Stubb-Batten Democrats: Gary Knapp Greens: Ray Galvin New Labour: Cliff Robinson National: yet to be finalised Friday 28th September 1pm. Chapel Hall.

ANNUAL PEACE LECTURE

1990, Annual Peace Lecture by Peter Watkins, producer of The Journey and War Game. The Peaceful Screen: towards a more sharing relationship between the mass media and the public. University Conference Centre, 22 Symonds Street, Tuesday October 16, 1990, 8pm.

FIELD CLUB

Auckland University Field Club AGM. 7pm, Tuesday October 2nd. Botany Tearoom (behind Biosciences Library).

COMMUNITY BOARD NOTICE

Maori tutors for Pre-exam advice. Once again the Student Learning Unit is providing Maori tutors to assist Maori students with pre-exam problems. Tutor times are available by going to Rm 116, Maori Studies Dept. or phone for appointment — Ella Henry, 390-789 (bus), 8200614 (ah).

THIRD INSTALMENT BOYCOTT

If you are paying by instalment and wish to participate in the boycott, please come and sign the pledge book at AUSA reception. Don't boycott on your own, join us now — sign the book.

Make them wait — pay them late. For further info contact Ella Henry (Pres), or Roger Pym (EVP) or Whaitiri McKaere (Resource Officer).

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 as above notice.

CRISIS IN THE GULF

Historical background — current situation — future implications — talk by Owen Wilkes. 7.30 pm. Friday Evening, 28 September 1990. Donation \$5.00. Auckland University Conference Centre. Symonds Street, Auckland. Sponsored by the NZ Foundation for Peace Studies (09) 732-379.

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

Maidment Arts Centre Christmas Pantomime "The Tinderbox." Directed by Anna Marbrook and Christian Penny (directors of Midsummer Nights Dream — outdoor Shakespeare). Dates: 29, 30 September. Anna and Christian are looking for people with a range of abilities and experience, aged 13 years and upwards with a willingness to improvise and devise a script with the company. Production crew needed: PA (scribe) to directors, Cutter, Sowers, Set Builders, Backstage helpers, front of house, props. For further information Ph: 793-474 — Bronwynne or Philpa.

LUSA NOTICE

Lincoln University Students Association produces several publications in the course of a year, including a 13 issue tabloid newspaper, an annual quarto orientation magazine, an annual A5 student handbook and an Annual Report. In producing the above publications, the editor is responsible for the following functions. * seeking advertising support. * editing contributions. * determining editorial policy. * encouraging student input. * recruiting part time and volunteer staff.

The Association is seeking to appoint a person with the following attributes. * enthusiasm for journalism and publications. * interest and initiative in advertising sales. * knowledge of technical aspects of publications. * wish to involve and encourage students. * high standards. * familiarity with desktop publishing systems.

It would ideally suit a person with student newspaper experience who wished to start a career in the publishing industry. This is a full-time position, starting mid-November 1990 and finishing at the end of November 1991, with the possibility of re-appointment. The remuneration package consists of a base component of \$15,000, supplemented by commission on advertising sales. Further information may be obtained by phoning the Administrative Secretary (03) 252-456. Written applications close Thursday 4 October, and should be addressed to: President, Lincoln University Students Association (Inc), PO Box 7, Lincoln University, Canterbury 8150.

HOWICK LITTLE THEATRE

"They Shoot Horses don't They" by Horace McCoy. Adapted by Ray Herman, directed by Marilyn Brady. To be presented for a season at the Howick Little Theatre. Set in a 1930s Hollywood Dance Hall — remember the movie? The story revolves around five couples who, during the Depression, set out on a Dance Marathon. These feats of endurance sometimes lasted for days — can they last the distance? Who will win the prize money? Enjoy the music of the 30s and a very human story. Dates: Friday 21 September 8pm. Saturday 22 September 8pm. Sunday 23 September 6pm. Thursday 27 September 8pm. Friday 28 September 8pm. Saturday 29 September 8pm. For further information contact: The Theatre, ph 534-1406.

NZUSA TREASURER 1991

Applications are hereby invited for the position of Treasurer of NZUSA for the 1991 Calendar year.

The Treasurer is responsible for the following: i. preparation and presentation of an annual budget; ii the supervision of the Association's financial reports; iii the Chairing of the Association's Finance Commission, a sub-committee of the Association in General Meeting; iv supervise the preparation of the audited accounts for the financial year (1 January-31 December). v such special financial investigations that may be directed by the Federation Executive or Conference.

The Treasurer is appointed by the Federation Executive and is a non-voting member of the Federation Executive during his/her term of office. The Treasurer must be a resident of the greater Wellington area during his/her term of office.

The Treasurer shall either have been a member of a constituent Students Association executive with financial responsibilities or hold a Bachelor of Commerce degree. The position is paid an allowance currently set at \$1500 gross per annum, in four equal quarters on completion of certain duties.

Further information is contained in the NZUSA Constitution, copies of which can be obtained by contacting NZUSA or the President of your local Students Association.

Written applications, including a full CV and any additional statements, close on 5pm on Friday 28 September 1990 and should be addressed to: The President, NZUSA, PO Box 10-191, Wellington.

Suze Wilson
President

AUCKLAND OBSERVATORY

Programme for the month of October.

The Auckland Observatory, One Tree Hill Domain, off Manukau Rd, is open every Tuesday evening to the public from 7.30pm until 10pm. There will be an interesting audio/visual on SPACE ART. In the last few decades the pace of planetary exploration has been breathtaking. Compare Chesley Bonestall's magnificent 1950s vision of out then unexplored planets and the spacecraft envisaged, with our technology today. The dome will open all evening and viewing if the weather permits and a video presentation on Comets. Our shop will be open selling telescopes, books, posters and souvenirs. Adults \$6. Children \$3. Family concession, 2 adults plus 3 or more children, \$15.00. Come along and support Auckland's own public observatory. Jenny Perwick
Promotions Officer

ORIENTATION 1991

Orientation applications for Artists and performers interested are now open. This is for Orientation 1991, open to all, but applications must be in by October 31. You can get a form from AUSA reception on Campus. Or see the Social Activities Officer, Simon Coffey if you require more information.

Simon Coffey
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MELANOMA AWARENESS WEEK

Students and staff are invited to attend spot check clinics between 12.30 — 1.30pm November 5th — 9th inclusive at Student Health Service.

HARRASSMENT PROCEEDURES

University policy is that harassment is totally unacceptable. If you are being subjected to offensive or unwanted attention by a staff member or student, you can talk confidentially with any member of the Contact Network or the Mediator for assistance and/or support.

Contact Network 1990

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| Mike Austin | Architecture | 8630 |
| Steve Britten | Geography | 8455 |
| Joan Diamond | Continuing Education | 7833 |
| Wendy Garvey | Architecture Library | 8643 |
| Val Grant | School of Medicine | 795-780 X6555 |
| Ian Houston | School of Medicine | 795-780 X6768 |
| Tineke Liebreys | Chemistry | 8345 |
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| Fiona McAlpine | Music | 7405 |
| Cluny McPherson | Sociology | 8657 |
| Lola Marshall | Chemistry | 7513 |
| Jenni Rains | Zoology | 8496 |
| Anna Rees | Fine Arts | 8216 |
| Margaret Rotondo | Accounting | 7182 |
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| Lane West-Newman | Sociology | 8665 |
| Joanne Wilks | English | 7059 |
| Student Association (Ph 390-789) | | |
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| Aroha Panapa | Maori Students Off. | 868 |
| Susan Rae | Women's Rights Off. | 858 |
| Mediator (Ph 737-999) | | |
| Mary Brake | Room 4, Lower Lecture Theatre | 7478 |

TOURNEY TEES AND SWEATS

Winter Tourney shirts on sale from Engineering School Exec room. T-shirts \$11. Sweats \$27. Also limited amount of Easter Tourney clothing available. T-shirts \$16. Sweats \$28. Hooded Sweats \$36.

THANK GOD IT'S OVER

Celebrate end of "exam blues" and party til you drop on Sunday November 11th (day after last exam). Tickets \$7 for sale lunchtimes in the Quad or through various students. Venue: DTMs (Private Function). Time: 10pm til dawn. Don't miss it!

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The photography students of the Elam school of Fine Arts are exhibiting recent works entitled 'Divine Illusion' at the newly opened Claybrook Gallery, 1 Claybrook Road, Parnell. The exhibition opens 5-7pm on Monday 17 September 1990 and runs through from Monday to Friday from 11am-5pm until 28 September 1990. Among the exhibitors are prominent new Auckland photographer Haru Sameshima, Bronwyn Fecteau (Winner of the Quarterly Photographer prize), satirist Miriam Harris and Metro photographer, Odette Mihaljevich.

This is the second group exhibition this year for the 20 Elam photographic students who cover a diverse range of backgrounds, ages and photographic expressions. For further information, please contact either Michael Bayly (606-359), Hamish MacDonald (864-831) or alternatively the Photography Section at Elam 737-999 ext 8107.



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