

Govt. Calls [unclear: in Army]

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[unclear: t] Friday the Government used a tactic that we [unclear: ect] to see more of in the coming months: the [unclear: y] was called in to scab on striking workers.

[unclear: The] Lyttleton tunnel was closed on Tuesday [unclear: it] at midnight by tunnel workers on strike [unclear: r] redundancy offers made to them. Eleven [unclear: kers] were due to be made redundant at the [unclear: of] the week when the Lyttleton Tunnel Au[unclear: nty] went out of existence. Originally these [unclear: kers] had been led to believe that they would [unclear: iffered] new jobs by the Christchurch local [unclear: larity]. Fourteen of their fellow workers have [unclear: i] given new work; the rest have been told to [unclear: pt] a meagre redundancy allowance and take [unclear: r] chances with all the others in the growing [unclear: ber] of Christchurch unemployed.

[unclear: it] midnight on Tuesday the tunnel workers [unclear: nised] a picket to stop vehicles using the tu[unclear: I]. They gained the support of many unions [unclear: he] region and the Christchurch Trades Coun[unclear: TV1] interviews with people stopped from using the tunnel showed that there was support for the workers in the local community.

The Government's decision to call in the army was announced after a meeting of Jim Bolger (Minister of Labour), Kill Young (Minister of Works) and Frank Gill (Minister of Defence). After the meeting Young stated that he had also met with the Commissioner of Police, and had given instruction to the police to get the tunnel open. He left it to the "services" to decide exactly what strategy to use.

As it happened, the main use of the army was intended to be technical, that is to go into the tunnel and get it functioning ready for use. Army personnel was not meant to be used to forcibly break up the picket, but it was supposed to do the jobs of regular tunnel employees. This is similar to what happened in 1951, when the armed force broke picket lines to work the wharves. It is always but a short hop from doing workers' jobs to breaking workers' pickets. Again, the 1951 example provides all the evidence for this.

Photo of two men standing in grass

The use of the army at Lyttleton, coming close on the heels of the forced eviction from Bastian Point last year, suggests that we will see this tactic used more and more frequently as the Government attempts to crush resistance to its policies. During the 1951 waterfront lockout students made a name for themselves helping the Government against the workers. The question for all of us is: what role are we going to take now?

Annual General Tee-time

Wednesday 12 Noon Union Hall See Back Page for Details

Image of the Last Supper

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On Manipulating Democracy

Coming only once a year, Annual General Meetings of VUWSA are always interesting. The meeting this coming Wednesday (4 April) will not only have the fascinating presentation of accounts, but several constitutional amendments are planned. All are moved by President Andrew Tees, and one, if passed, will have particularly far reaching consequences for VUWSA. It is moved Tees/Stainthorpe that:

The Salient editor each year shall be elected by SRC in the third term of the previous year and if a vacancy

shall occur for the position of editor of Salient then SRC will elect a new editor within at least thirty days of the position becoming vacant, the Publications Board retaining the power to appoint an interim student newspaper editor for Salient if it becomes necessary, or if the vacancy occurs during the vacation.

Under the constitution as it presently stands, it is the Publication Board which appoints the Editor, as well as generally administering Salient (and other publications of the Association like Handbook). The Publications Board contains six reps from the SRC. three from the Executive, (one of whom is the Publications Officer), the Salient Editor, a member of the Technical staff, the advertising manager and the Publications Board Treasurer.

The creation of the Publications Board was to separate as far as possible the officers of the association from the student press which has the responsibility of reporting on the activities of these representatives. It is my belief that of all the changes Tees could attempt to make to the structure of VUWSA, this is probably the most damaging and short-sighted.

The function of Salient

To understand why Salient was originally separated as much as possible from the association, some consideration must be given to what the function of Salient should be. I believe Salient has four principle responsibilities.

A Service Medium

Salient must provide a service medium for students. It must publicise the activities which involve students or student organisations. In this context Salient must publicise the various activities of the association and its clubs, particularly major campaigns on such issues on the Bursaries issues. This extends to publishing notices for the Association, for example to publicise SRC's, AGM's etc, and indeed there is a constitutional obligation on Salient to perform this function.

Under any system set up, the editor will contain control over the day to day running of the newspaper. The diligence with which an editor attempts to uncover all the activities occurring on campus will still be left to his/her discretion.

Reporting on the Representatives

The second responsibility is to ensure that students are kept informed on the activities of their elected representatives to see whether they are performing their job adequately. Are they fulfilling their election promises to represent the members of the Association?

Does the President follow the policy of VUWSA when he attends NZUSA Executive meetings? Are the Executive doing their job properly? Is the Executive following the wishes of SRC? Students have a right to be presented with some answers to these questions.

From a Financial Viewpoint

Each member paid \$43 towards VUWSA giving a total income of over a quarter of a million dollars. Of this nearly \$100,000 is administered directly by VUWSA. Students have a right to be kept informed on how this organisation to which they have contributed so much money, is functioning. Therefore Salient has a responsibility to be always critically evaluating the performance of the various VUWSA representatives who administer this money.

By giving the editor the effective status of an SRC officer is to ignore this vital function. It makes the editor into a political appointee and thus not in the same position to criticise others in the Association than as at present. It could be then argued that the editor, as an SRC Officer, has no right to publically attack his/her colleagues. Certainly making the editor answerable to SRC will make an editor more wary about making some comments, comments which in some cases are justified and should be made.

This point in fact raises an ambiguity in the motion as it presently stands. It is clear that the editor is elected by SRC, but not who s/he is responsible to. If this is not to be changed (ie it is to remain the business of the Publications Board) the editor is placed in the ludicrous position of being answerable to one part of VUWSA but being selected by another. If of course it is intended that the editor is to be responsibly to the SRC, the editor will be completely tied to whatever the SRC policy may be at the time, the consequences of this will be more fully examined in the next section. But, in connection with the reporting aspect of Salient, by making the Editor a part of the Association, would be to make it far more difficult for him/her to criticise the Association.

The Outside World

The third responsibility is more difficult to frame precisely. Our whole university system is based around the precept that it is possible to ignore the events in the outside world—to quietly study in ignorance of the injustices that are being perpetuated around us. Thankfully VUWSA has not succumbed to this bankrupt policy. In our democratic SRC's, members of the Association debate issues ranging from Library hours to super power contention. Salient too should discuss all these matters.

I look on with contempt the argument that students should not be concerned with those issues which, in the words of Tees "do not directly relate to their welfare". Although the university has tried to completely isolate itself from the world around it, the attempt has failed, as it must. Students are affected by many of the events which take place outside the "hallowed halls" of learning. Furthermore many are interested and concerned about what is happening, even if it is not directly affecting them. To some extent Salient must act as a foil for the elements in the university which encourages a withdrawal from the real world.

If Tees' motion goes through Salient may well be unable to perform this vital function. If the editor is to be made answerable to SRC (and this seems to me an inevitable corollary of the motion), Salient's editorial policy could easily become that of the SRC. If the SRC has the policy supporting freely available abortion, will Salient be able to print articles by the anti-abortion groups? Will SRC demand from prospective editors that they place no international articles in the newspaper? Such restrictions, which could be imposed if the amendment is adopted, will completely destroy Salient's ability to present students with a picture of the outside world.

A Forum for Debate

The fourth responsibility is to provide a forum for debate, debate on any issues which concern students. This debate will inevitably involve contentious issues, violently held opinions. Through its articles Salient provokes debate, challenges opponents to argue the case. By offering different perspective to the same problems, I believe Salient develops the understanding of its readers. If Salient's editorial policy became the policy of the SRC, Salient would lose the opportunity to take these controversial stands.

I believe that all these functions are essential for a proper student newspaper. One that lacked political news would be as irresponsible as one which contained no notices of events on campus, or letters to the editor. To be successful Salient must fulfill these four functions. I believe that appointing an editor by the SRC will severely curtail the service that Salient provides to its readers.

Existing Checks on the Editor

There is marked difference between the opportunity students have to evaluate their elected representatives, and the opportunity they have for gauging the performance of the Salient editor. Few students directly see the work of the President or the other elected officers (which is why some of them do so little), and Salient's role is to endeavour to fill this gap as much as possible. The work of the Salient Editor however is on display every Monday morning. His views, attitudes, prejudices and biases are open for all to see. If members of the Association are dissatisfied with her/his performance, they have the power to dismiss the editor. They also have the power to dismiss any of their elected representatives of course, however, generally the only opportunity they have to see his/her performance, is through the columns of Salient.

For this reason it is particularly distressing that the motion to start to bring Salient under the control of the political "heavies" (ie those in the Exec and in SRC) has come from the President of the Association. Perhaps he wishes he had been able to muzzle some of the legitimate criticism he has come in for in Salient this year.

The Selection Process

There is an attitude which Tees appears to follow, which suggests that the more people there are involved in a decision making process, the more "democratic" it will be. The argument is pure hogwash. In general terms there are two tests which should be applied to any selection procedure; Is this the most acceptable procedure from a political standpoint?, and will this method give us the best person for the position?

By considering the procedure from a "political standpoint", I mean that we should consider whether the representative nature of the position necessitates having an election. Clearly if a person is to represent a student body s/he must have a mandate to do so, a mandate in the form of a popular vote.

Turning to the editor, as already mentioned, we are not considering a representative position, therefore the necessity for having an election for political propriety is absent. So we should move on to determine the best way of selecting an editor.

There are a large number of abilities that any editor must have. For a start, rather than an ability at public speaking (which is necessary, generally, to win elections), an editor should be able to write clearly. This is hardly likely to be revealed at an SRC. But most importantly there are a large number of technical aspects in which a prospective editor must be competent.

In Issue 2 of Salient this year we ran a brief run-down of the technical aspects of assembling a newspaper. None of the tasks that are called for are easy, all require skill and experience. It is completely fallacious to consider that the editor merely has to sit in an office and write a few articles. It is a highly skilled job and it is ludicrous to suppose that an SRC of several hundred students, most of whom would have little idea of the work involved, will be able to correctly assess the relative abilities of a number of candidates to perform these tasks adequately. Perhaps SRC should select the best candidate for Station Manager of Radio Active. That job is clearly one which involves a large measure of technical competence. Although the Salient office lacks the bewildering array of dials and knobs of the Active studio, the work is no less technical.

The existing arrangement, an appointment by the Publications Board, however does allow for a more satisfactory [unclear: invest] gation of applicants to see if they [unclear: have] necessary qualities. For a start most [unclear: me] of the board have at least some [unclear: familiaria] with the way a student newspaper is [unclear: run] as it is interest in this area which leads [unclear: th] to stand for the Board.

The other main advantage of the [unclear: exist] system is that the members of the [unclear: Board] nerally have some knowledge of the [unclear: appl] cants. This is not because Salient is a [unclear: "c] sed-shop", but rather the editors for [unclear: one] year are invariably drawn from the [unclear: prece] ding year's staff. The advantages of [unclear: this] tradition are quite obvious. If nothing [unclear: e] they ensure that prospective editors [unclear: have] some appreciation of the work [unclear: involved]. The successful candidate will be in the [unclear: p] sition of being able to train new staff [unclear: rat -] her than having to be trained by them.

The Question of Bias

Over the years Salient has been [unclear: attack] because of its so-called "political [unclear: bias]". appears that Tees is in part reacting [unclear: again] this bias by moving the motion. The [unclear: poi][unclear: Would] like to make here is that, [unclear: whoever][unclear: its] Salient, whatever their political [unclear: vie] point, they will produce a "biased" [unclear: news] paper.

Every person in this unviuersity has a [unclear: p] litical bias of some sort or other. In [unclear: som] people it is more developed (ie more [unclear: clea] ly defined) than in others, but it exists [unclear: in] all of us. It is impossible to produce a [unclear: ne] paper that will not be "biased". In [unclear: every] article the views of the writer are [unclear: represe] ted, it is inevitable. It is also desirable.

So-called "impartiality" does not [unclear: exis] It is a great myth that those who wish [unclear: to] ignore what is happening around them [unclear: en] devour to spread. The second point is [unclear: ev] more important. It is that [unclear: "impartiality"] is not even desirable. No responsible [unclear: wri] ter can ignore facts, nor can s/he [unclear: distort] them to fit their own views, however if [unclear: o] tries to eliminate one's personal bias, [unclear: the] suit is an article which says nothing at all An article not worth the paper it's [unclear: writte] on.

Lack of impartiality is not peculiar [unclear: to] Salient however. Read any [unclear: worthwhile] journal, Newsweek, National Business [unclear: Re] view or Beijing Review, they all have [unclear: thei] biases, all the articles make an analysis and express a point of view. To [unclear: analyse] competently and clearly is the mark [unclear: of] good journalism. One analyses events [unclear: usi] one's own ideas as a basis - no good [unclear: writer] can analyse in a vacuum.

In the seventh issue of Salient ever, A. H. Scotney expressed it all very well, writing in an editorial:

"Another criticism, again not from a very large group.....was the lack of impartially in the Editorials, with special reference to the Spanish number. We are glad to state that in the instance complained of, the charge is true.

"The question needs clarification. Impartiality as I see it and as others see it may be very different things. Impartiality seen to be the "sumum bonum" of journalisn just as isolation from the struggles of the world was the hallmark of the good student. Both these points of view are the offspring of the idea of "learning for the sake of learning.

"How futile they are in the world [unclear: today!] Of what use is learning unless it be to [unclear: mak] the world a better place for those who [unclear: con] after us? The word impartiality is [unclear: similiar] suspect.

"The idea still lingers that it is the [unclear: futc] tion of the true editor to produce for discussion a painless substitute for the real issues of the day, colourless, odourless and guaranteed not to irritate the tenderist [unclear: skin]

"The answer to that is unequivocal. You will find no such things in these columns.....Salient is not, and does not wish to be, an impartial journal, or in other [unclear: wor] a political Micawber hoping that better [unclear: tim] will somehow turn up."

Peter Beach

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Top of the Week

[unclear: Meddling] Merv

[unclear: Teaching] Profession [unclear: Attac—ed]

[unclear: ucation] Minister Merv Wellington, not [unclear: n] for his brilliantly constructive ideas [unclear: y] real desire to save the Education vote [unclear: e] forthcoming budget knife-job, has [unclear: up] with one of his most preposterous [unclear: schemes] yet. To relieve current tea [unclear: shortages] (which he was originally loathe [unclear: admit] existed) he proposes that un— [unclear: d] graduates should be put into class [unclear: s] to learn the job alongside regular [unclear: tea-].

[unclear: achers] are not paid to do this type of [unclear: and] they certainly don't have the next to nothing at all for training them? Never mind the consequences for teaching standards in New Zealand. Never mind reports like "Education Standards in State Schools", received enthusiastically in all education circles last year for the precise way in which it analysed problems and desirable improvement in our schools. Nothing could be further from the suggestions in that report than the idea of crash courses done on the cheap.

Wellington's attitude to PPTA criticism is hard to follow. "We are being hypothetical now and I am not prepared to comment on that..... What I have been doing as Minister is talking about the principles behind the scheme in general terms." In the same breath he claims that the proposal will be "complete and agreed upon" within a month. Just who is going to be doing the agreeing?

He also employs the dubious logic that one of the principles to which I subscribe is that in our training programmes there should be as much scope for practical experience as possible. The position is that there will be teachers in the schools in the initial phase as trainee teachers go into schools on section now. So in conceptual terms there is no real difference." Only, of course, that the "concept" of Teacher Colleges becomes irrelevant. No-one is going to argue that trainee teachers should not have practical classroom experience.

[unclear: to] do the job of the Teachers' Colleges [unclear: e] are among the immediate objections [unclear: PTA] has raised. In the longer term, the [unclear: ne] poses a major threat to education [unclear: w] Zealand. As we all know, patch up [unclear: ions] to "short term" problems have a [unclear: iar] way of becoming permanent fixtures., [unclear: cularly] in times of crisis. Nowhere [unclear: his] be more clearly seen than in the [unclear: ition] field, where temporary accommo[unclear: n] and teaching arrangements have rid [unclear: our] schools for years.

IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES IS ANY SIGN OF RAMPANT EDUCATION !

[unclear: is] also well known that the Govern[unclear: is] looking for ways to cut the expen[unclear: f] training teachers (most notably by [unclear: ring] trainee allowances to the level of [unclear: ursary]). What better way than paying [unclear: ellington's] idea constitutes a fundamental attack on the standards and future of the whole teaching profession. Ministers are supposed to stick up for their fields. This latest proposal is one of the most pathetic betrayals we have seen in a long time. It is also one of the clearest examples of the Government's drive to cut its own cost, no matter what the cost to the country.

Free in Theory

The Government is very fond of telling people these days about how carefully it has guaranteed the rights of free wage bargaining. The threat to implement regulations that will compulsorily withdraw the new wage agreement between maritime engineers and their employers puts this in a different light.

Labour Minister Jim Bolger said: "I believe the agreement was freely entered into between the parties and signed by them. I don't believe that's in dispute". You'd have to go a long way to find a better definition of free wage bargaining. Yet now that Bolger thinks threatens the Government's policies comes along, he reveals his

true colours. Free wage bargaining, as the Government sees it, is all right so long as it doesn't favour the workers too much.

Brierley's Boom

With prices rising by leaps and bounds and the economic crisis steadily getting worse, the Government is now trying a relatively new tack in combatting opposition from those who are being hit. Labour Minister Jim Bolger has made several statements recently implying that real wages are rising and therefore the working class is actually profiting from the crisis. Last Thursday's Evening Post told a different story about who the real victors are.

In an article on the financial page, it was revealed that Brierley Investments Ltd expect to net an extra million dollars profits for the year to June 30, 1979. Brierley's is one of the biggest and most successful corporate raiders on either side of the Tasman. Its business is speculation in business. In times of falling profits and bankruptcy threats to small businesses, Brierley's and its ilk get all their Christmases at once.

An example of how the company works is provided by its recent takeover of Beath's, a major Christchurch retail firm similar to James Smiths. Beath's profits were low (which meant the shares weren't paying well) but its assets were high! Brierley made the shareholders an offer they couldn't refuse, then sold the lot to the DIC, the chief competitor which just happened to live next door. DIC were happy but not as happy as Brierley's. Its net profit was a cool \$2,000,000.

Brierleys expected profit for this financial year is based on figures revealed in its six monthly report to the Stock Exchange. The report states: "The net profit of \$1,380,000 is 52% higher than for the corresponding period for the previous year. This is mainly due to better trading results in New Zealand, an increased contribution from Industrial Equity Ltd and an absence of the loss factors which affected the 1977-8 figures."

"Better trading results in New Zealand" refers to the type of vulture activity described above. Industrial Equity is busy in Australia heavying the breweries and property fields. Commercial property, not surprisingly, figures highly in the Brierley camp: Fifty two percent. As we all tighten our belts, it might be worth considering whether the Brierleys boys have enough notches in thiers to let them out by so much.

Simon Wilson

Bottom of the Week

Deutschey tricks

A week ago, after we had wooed a German Industrialist Mission to sojourn a while on these tranquil isles in the hope of forgoing a match of mutual advantage, a pernicious plot came to light.

It went thus.....Being a nippy and severe winter in Northern Europe, there was a predictable exodus of spies and other such com-temptable creatures from West Germany. New Zealand, never one to lag in wordly machinations, soon found itself sheltering one of these base persons who has come down from the cold.

Rotary, ever the paragon of rectitude in our nation have inadvertently exposed this false pretender. It seems that one of their German exchange students was found to be engaged in a systematic plot to corrupt youth and undermine Christian virtue. In compromised circumstances she was ordered to leave the country; but not before Rotary routinely scrutinized her love letters. These letters revealed her to be an informer for the East Germans whose reports it were that prematurely unmasked the secret agreement between the German Mission and the NZ government in support of Dominion Breweries.

The destructive and detrimental NZ "environment groups" and other spoil sports may now have enough emotional propaganda to jeopardize or even curtail the proposed mutual project. This would be a grave blow for DEBACLO (Domionion et Breweries Allemand Capitalist Leeching Organisation.) offers our depressed economy a much needed boost in spirits. DEBACLO is to manufacture a new car, the Steinwagon, a vehicle that will run on beer. Dominion Breweries always thirsty for new draughts were quick to realise the potential for such a scheme. This was compounded by a rare offer from the Germans to stage next years Munich Beer Festival in Taumaranui.

The crucial process in the production of the Steinwagon is the vapourisation of the beer which demands it to be heated to tempratures of up to 1000k- a process requiring considerable amounts of power. To this end the ever resourceful Germans have devised a brilliant plan.

The scheme depends upon the melting of the Franz Joseph glacier, (there are suspicions that this may be a

deperate attempt to destroy the last relic of the Austro-Hungarian empire). The water released will be sufficient to power a large dam for several years. An added bonus will be that this will eventually allow construction of an autobahn up the valley to give direct access for tourists to the main device.

The difficulty of course is how to melt the glacier? Providentially large beech forests surrounding the area will serve just this purpose. By logging a mere million acres or two there will be sufficient timber to fuel a furnace placed on the glacier to melt it.

This input of energy will then power the new, outcast electroid process, a means of mining coal whereby thunderbolts are discharged underground blowing the coal onto the surrounding countryside where it is retrieved by trucks. This coal will then feed the fire to heat the beer to power the Stienwagon. Rather complicated isn't it, but the Germans, never erring from fortitude and precision, are confident that it can be done.

Of course according to demand there might be surplus power, and to ensure there is no wastage the Germans plan to construct a Trans Oceanic cable from Westport to Hamburg to take the residue power. In return they promise to build several Nuclear powerplants to insure NZ's future supply.

If DEBACLO does not provide sufficient impetus to revitalise our ailing economy, the Germans, out of their boundless beneficency have offered to buy the whole South Island. A minor sacrifice on our part and it would provide a most suitable area for the transporting of the Baader Meinhoff Terrorists and other malcontents. There, they could be usefully employed on the DEBACLO project. One wonders whether the Japanese might be interested in the North Island.

Richard Riddiford and Lewis Holden

JOE SPUTNIK AND THE MYSTERY OF RAVIOLI'S FATHER EPISODE 6 where Are we ? This is no time for smart answers we're well and truly lost! The lasting I remember we were being gassed in a building downtown and the next we're waking up in this desert. I don't know about you but I think I smell a rat ! SNIFF SNIFF ? HELP! HELP! RAVIOLI! our dear friend! He's sinking into the ground. We must do something at once ! Come on Heave Ho! One, two! all hands on deck! CONTINUED...

Wither the Shepherds?

SRC Report

What an anti-climax! After the fire works at last weeks SRC, we seemed all set for a philosophical discussion on the purpose of SRCs. The main points of dissension seemed to be whether affairs outside campus (especially politics and international affairs) were any business of the students of this university. Many people feel (or appeared to feel last week) that the nature of the SRC, with only a small percentage of the university population attending is not an accurate indicator of the opinions of students and therefore we should not have official policy on such controversial things. Things seemed to be heading towards a real punch-up this week, with rumours flying around that motions banning foreign affairs from SRC would be presented

With anger in their hearts and strong word in the mouths, irate politicians stormed off to SRC to rip, rend and generally [*unclear*: fear] the reactionary right. But what a scene of pastoral bliss greeted these angry young men and women! All that was missing to make the scene complete was a group of shepherds sleeping under a haystack.

The meeting was in absolute silence, the only sound being the rustling of papers as irate activists seached through the agenda for controversial motions. The poor dears were unable to find any and the meeting got under way nice and gently with the reports of those noted luminaries, the SRC officers. Education Officer Geoff Adams briefed us on some quite important points of the Bursaries Campaign, such as the fact that there will be, on Thursday, April 5, a working-bee outside the Rankine Brown building to paint signs and placards for the march. And how many of you knew that student representatives had been visiting MP's last week to inform them of the situation ie. bursaries? As you can see our Education Officer has not been idle.

But enough of this idle chit-chat! There were still positions to be filled, and our President (wearing his water-from-a-stone expression) was determined to fill them. Presumably inspired by Andrews awe-inspiring oratory (there were no lollies this time), almost all of the positions were in fact filled. But alas, we still have no Overseas Students Officer.

"Who loves ya, baby?"

By now the crowds had settled down, reports and elections had been got out of the way, and this humble scribe was forced to start earning his imaginary wages. For what the motions lacked in controversy, they made up for in quantity, and we were soon well-nigh engulfed in a veritable plague of innoxious motions.

The first motion to come under our careful scrutineering was the brain child of that dynamic duo, Victoria Quade and Kathryne Fleming. That this SRC endorses the International Abortion Rights Day on 31 March and its accompanying activities."

As Victoria pointed out, this motion was not calling for us to make any moral decisions on abortion, as an SRC, but merely that each individual should be able to make up her own mind. As everyone else seemed to share this view, there was no further discussion, and the motion was passed in near record time.

Mover Andrew Tees spoke on the next motion. That this association requests the University to make provision for student representation on the Accommodation Advisory Committee, explaining that this is the Committee which deals with building problems, and makes recommendations to the Vice Chancellor. He felt it was important that there be a student rep. to protect student interests. While no one had any real objections to this motion (in fact it was universally agreed to be a good one), it was brought to the attention of the meeting that students would look fairly silly if we asked for a rep. and then couldn't find anyone to take the job, but we were assured that Mr McElwee, or failing that Mr Tees himself would take the job. This was all well and good, and before we knew what was happening we had got ourselves some new policy.

We became faintly political in the next motion, (moved Brockway/Morris). That this Association declares its support for the Mangere Bridge Workers in their struggle against the combined onslaught of their employers and the Government, and that VUWSA writes to the Mangere Bridge Workers' Job Committee informing them of our support.

The background to this dispute was given in the last Salient, much as outlined by Brockway. This motion was passed and we went on to a rather unusual motion.

- That in view of the energy crisis and particularly the imminent danger of dwindling petroleum supplies, this Association requests the Government to begin immediately investigating the growing of marijuana, beets, grasses and other vegetable matter and the use of some recycled newsprint to produce hemp oil and methanol products and thereby ensuring our independence from the notorious overseas oil barons; and
- That a telegram be sent to the Prime Minister and Minister of Energy to this effect.

Unsurprisingly this motion was moved by Vas Gavriel. Speaking to the motion, Vas and the ubiquitous Paul Norman explained that the by-products of these vegetables could be used for heating, lighting and cooking. The refined oil can be used in chemicals, and on top of all this the residue makes a good stock food. [unclear: Althou] pine trees are being investigated as a [unclear: sol] of these products, the proponents of [unclear: th] motion claim that hemp will return [unclear: fou] times the yield from the same patch [unclear: of] ground as a pine tree. The motion [unclear: was] passed, but I couldn't help having a [unclear: few] niggling doubts about it. Although [unclear: we] certainly need to investigate other [unclear: sour-] ces of energy, and it is a good idea [unclear: to] bring these sources to the attention of [unclear: tl] Government, the emphasis this motion places on marijuana could well lead the Government to disregard the whole [unclear: thin] as a student prank. A case of throwing [unclear: tl] baby out with the bath water.

The next motion Tees/Hebenton was [unclear: Th] VUWSA organises a day of action and [unclear: pr] test on:—

- assessment
- over onerous workloads at Victoria [unclear: U] veristy
- eradication of terms requirements
- obtaining a double chance pass [unclear: syster] as outlined in existing VUWSA policy
- a halt to the oppressive tests at weekends, and further, that SRC representatives on all the relevant committees immediately submit proposals to [unclear: implemen] current SRC policy on assessment and [unclear: th] they report back to SRC on progress [unclear: mad] and in particular, specific academic [unclear: depar]ments' reaction to such proposals.

As Andrew said, this motion largely spoke for itself, but it was worth under- lining the fact that action must come [unclear: fro] class level, and there must be student [unclear: part] cipation. The motion was passed and we hurried to the next one.

From Tees/Hebenton it was to the effect : That VUWSA urges the university [unclear: t] undertake a comprehensive and public review of all assessment procedures and workloads in every academic department of the University. Andrew said that the last review was some years ago, and it's time the University did something. The crowd paid little heed to Peter Beach saying that the Teaching and Learning Committee is currently undertaking such a review, and the motion was (you [unclear: guessec] it) passed.

"Another motion" the crowd cried [unclear: and] to satisfy their desires Tees/Frater came [unclear: up] with this one: That this Association [unclear: derm] that the library be open for longer hours [unclear: o]

Monday to Thursday in the May and [unclear: Augu] vacation.

"Would you buy a used joint from this [unclear: man]"

Photo of a man speaking into a microphone

By this time people had been agreeing with each other for nearly two hours and the strain was beginning to show. This motion came in for a lot of fire - so much that it was thrown out. The objection seemed to be that very few students wanted to use the library at night during the holidays, and with the money problems the library is having the resources could be best used in other areas than opening the library at a time when few students would want to use it.

The next motion, from Bruce/Carr-[unclear: Greg] didn't ever get underway, both these [unclear: gentle] men having left the arena by this time.

And so the meeting was over. People stood around a little awkwardly, not what they should do in this unprecedented situation, but the consensus seemed to be that when a meeting is over, everyone goes away. So we did.

Andrew Beach

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[unclear: Spotlight] on the World

[unclear: cernational] Briefs

[unclear: From] the sublime to the ridiculous, in [unclear: hington] DC last week, the Middle East [unclear: ace] accords" were signed in scenes of [unclear: jubilation]. It's going to be a very [unclear: ely] time for Messrs Carter, Sadat and [unclear: in] in the months to come. Most foreign [unclear: espondents] hold little hope for the [unclear: ements] in achieving peace and justice [unclear: peoples] in the region. Kurt Waldheim [unclear: e] out last Wednesday saying that un[unclear: the] Palestinian issue was settled, which [unclear: early] isn't in the accords, there would [unclear: ittle] hope for peace.

[unclear: e Soviet] influence

[unclear: Meanwhile] in the Middle East, Soviet [unclear: teen] Minister Gromyko has been quiet[unclear: avelling] around - undoubtedly trying [unclear: urry] favour with states like Syria and [unclear: who] have been spearheading the con[unclear: nation] of the accords. So militant in [unclear: r] messages of support for Arab unity, [unclear: Soviets] have given such countries raw [unclear: s] in the past (the main reason they [unclear: e] kicked out of Egypt in the first place). [unclear: le] wishing to maximize, their influence [unclear:]

he] region Soviet aid has mainly [unclear: extend- o] shipping loads of slightly used arms [unclear: hese] countries.

[unclear: Despite] the apparent militancy of the [unclear: b] states and the false friendship of a [unclear: iet] Union that only wants to secure the [unclear: as] one of it's "sphere's of influence", [unclear: Palestinian] people can only gain back [unclear: r] country and national self determin[unclear: n] by armed struggle. Dependence on [unclear: hbouring] Arab states has proved fatal [unclear: e] past for the PLO when a large part [unclear: he] Palestinian armed forces as well as [unclear: sands] of Palestinian refugees were wi[unclear: out] by the Jordanian army in "Black [unclear: ember]" 1970.

[unclear: Only] if there is justice and national [unclear: pendance] for the Palestinians without [unclear: interference] of either superpower, can [unclear: e] ever be peace in the Middle East.

[unclear: e] American risk

[unclear: One] spin-off from the Middle East treaty [unclear: tat] America has further lost influence in [unclear: area] and that Jimmy Carter is certain to [unclear: the] next U.S. Presidential election if he [unclear: cky] enough to gain the Democrat [unclear: nom- ion].

[unclear: One] current joke going around Washing[unclear: runs:] "What do you think of Carter?" [unclear: er] person replies: "I like him. I like his [unclear: brightness] and I like his Middle East [unclear: cy]. The only thing I don't like about [unclear: is] his brother - the one in the White [unclear: ise]."

[unclear: f he] does dip out, it will be another [unclear: y] blow to an America which is seeing [unclear: conomic] and strategic world domin[unclear: s] crumbling week by week. The U.S.'s [unclear: growth] rate dropped 30% to what it [unclear: in] 1976, and the trade deficit grew to [unclear: w] high of \$US 28,450 M. This has [unclear: n] coupled with growing inflation (now [unclear: nd] 9%) and an official unemployment [unclear: of] around 6 million.

[unclear: The] effect of this decline, along with [unclear: rising] power of a unified Europe and [unclear: ilitarily] aggressive Soviet Union, who [unclear: loving] in wherever the U.S. moves out, [unclear: hat] America's political influence in the [unclear: ld] is becoming increasingly paralysed.

[unclear: re] Troubles for a Troubled Country

[unclear: The] first visit of Western journalists to [unclear: "new"] Kampuchea has just occured and [unclear: ording] to a BBC foriegn correspondent, [unclear: situation] for the Vietnamese invasion [unclear: ce] is becoming increasingly difficult.

[unclear: The] Hanoi puppet government is having [unclear: success] in administering the country, [unclear: n] in the cities, which were formerly the [unclear: places] they controlled, the population [unclear: ecoming] so impoverished that the pup[unclear: government] can only rule by shipping [unclear: nassive] amounts of grain from Vietnam.

[unclear: They] control practically none of the [unclear: n] agricultural areas where the bulk of [unclear: Kampuchean] people live. In fact the [unclear: cultural] network is still exporting rice, [unclear: ordained] by the Khymer Rouge, through [unclear: iland]. The Vietnamese troops are based [unclear: utlying] areas, having acute supply prob[unclear: s] because of a breakdown in transport[unclear: en] links.

According to the French paper "Le Monde" the invading troops have abandoned doing military sweeps of rural areas as it was proved too expensive in losses. They now concentrate on holding small provincial centres, with difficulty;

Resistance to Vietnam

One of the reasons they lack support in these centres, Le Monde went on, is that the new imported provincial administrators are unable to speak Khymer or only very badly. This apparently has not endeared them to the local Kampuchians. In a recent meeting in Phomn Phen to map out a new health system for the country, the only personnel the puppet government could muster were 3 doctors, a mid-wife and a medical student.

Ayatollah Khomeini

Riot Police in Denain (France)

Steelworkers Fight with Riot Police

Meanwhile, the underground Pol Pot government and the Khymer Rouge resistance forces have called for a new target of 900 Vietnamese enemies killed or wounded a day.

Torture in Uruguay

Amnesty International has recently brought a Uruguayan refugee to Geneva to testify about the situation there. He is Cesar Cooper, a 25 year old lieutenant formerly with the Uruguayan army. His main activity was torture. He was discharged with a court-martial and left the country after finally refusing to torture any more.

His testament reveals brutal and systematic torture being commonplace amongst the armed forces - in his estimation 90% of all the ranks engage in it. He was personally involved in beatings, submersions, rape, electric manipulation and psychological torture.

Uruguay has 5000 political prisoners, the highest rate for any country in the world given that the total population is only 3 million. The state in Uruguay has firmly based on systematic terrorism since the Pacheco / Bordaberry dictatorships in the early 70's which followed the country's severe economic crisis in it's predominantly agricultural economy.

Kurds V Ayatollah

The new Islamic republic in Iran has turned out not to be as revolutionary as some of its most vocal supporters in New Zealand would, I'm sure, have liked. Ever since the downfall of the Shah some three months ago, the significant Kurdish nationality has kept up armed struggle against new regime. Their complaint has been that after the Shah fell and many of the local big landowners with him, the Kurdish peasants took control of the land in their area. The Ayatollah wasn't so keen on this and has forced a "land tribunal" on the people of the area.

Last week the Kurds had the major city of Sanandaj under seige and were conducting raids against both the barracks of the Iranian army and the local "Islamic militia".

Anger in Africa

Who knows what Julius Nyrere may be invading Uganda for, but it has perhaps reflected badly on his image as one of the more statesmanlike and progressive African leaders. It doesn't matter how despotic Idi Amin is; that doesn't give the Tanzanians the right to go in and "liberate" the Ugandan people.

The last thing that is needed in the tense situation in Southern Africa at present is disunity among the independent black nations. No doubt Patrick Mulrennan and the Socialist Action League will transpose their analysis of S.E. Asia on the present situation in Africa - that Tanzania is "saving" it's own revolution by invading Uganda, just as Vietnam is doing to Kampuchea. I'd be interested to hear from them.

Riots in France

Newsweek reports that in the french steel town of Denain there has been virtual civil war with 1,500 riot police and 3,000 steelworkers fighting with stones, slingshots and guns. The steelworkers are fighting against massive lay-offs in the french steel industry imposed Finance Minister Barre. After two days of fighting 22 workers were hospitalised and seven policeman wounded by sniper fire.

Best Wishes to a Comrade

Apparently French Prime Minister, Giscard d'Estaing has had to cancel] a trip to Moscow because of Soviet leader Breznev's reoccurring bad health. We wish him a speedy journey — Breznev that is!
International Correspondant

International Students Congress

What are you Doing in the Holidays?

From the 6 - 9 May, the International Students Congress will be held, 26 miles out of Auckland city in an outdoor camp on the Whangaparoa Peninsula. The conference is being organised by the National Overseas Students Action Committee (NOSAC) and a warm invitation is extended to all students, both overseas and local.

The International Student Congresses have traditionally been a source of not only much fruitful discussion, but also future action. It was at the 1977 Congress that NOSAC was first formed and the campaign against the cutbacks to overseas students was initiated.

A very important aspect of the conference is the discussions that take place, both at an informal and formal level. Often very academic theories or ideas are illuminated by people's direct practical experiences. This year's conference will deal with the current situation in South East Asia, trade unions their place in society both in New Zealand and overseas, the situation in Malaysia, Singapore and the South Pacific, and the role of students.

But of course, the conference will not only consist of discussions. Ample time is allocated for films, slides, informal cultural and social evenings, and sporting events. This means that people not only develop their understanding of world events but also close friendships. It is also an ideal opportunity for local and overseas students to mix and thus gain an understanding of each other's problems.

In the next few issues of Salient there will be articles covering some of the workshop areas e.g. South East Asia, Trade Unions etc, and also a fuller run-down of the Conference Programme. Watch out for these articles. If you would like further details i.e. the transport and subsidies available etc, then contact Soo Ching 758-099 or Leonie Morris 757-627 or Lindy Cassidy 759-274, who would be only too happy to answer any queries.

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A Rahui on the Rugby Union

The Kaupapa

We protest against the continued oppression of the coloured and black people of South Africa by the White Government of Pretoria. Following the spirit of the Gleneagles Agreement (1977) we do not believe that New Zealand should have contact through the sport of rugby football with South Africa. To insist on maintaining this contact and on allowing the invited players to go to South Africa is to put New Zealand in the position of appearing to condone the oppression. Through rugby football, South Africa is inviting New Zealand to become a partner in its racist policies, to that NZ as a nation, appears to be agreeing with the practice of racial discrimination.

We wish it to be clearly understood that the Maori people of New Zealand do not agree with South Africa's policy of apartheid and cannot condone the pain and human suffering being experienced by the coloured and

black people of South Africa. Therefore, we oppose the visit to South Africa of New Zealand rugby players and Rugby Union officials scheduled for March of this year. We believe that the good name of New Zealand in the international community is more important than rugby. Our self-esteem as New Zealanders is a matter of greater importance than rugby football.

The Action

We are using the idea of the rahui as a means of [*unclear*: encouraging] our people to talk about the kaupapa and as a way of expressing action in a Maori way. But the action to be taken is a serious one which must be left to each individual conscience. Therefore, we appeal to each person as an individual.

The rahui as we visualise it, is a Christian institution which is put on by Christian prayer or service in the name of Ihowa and His Son, Ihu Karaiti. It involves personal sacrifice and self denial - in this case, the sport of rugby football which as everyone knows is dear to the heart of the Maori people.

S.A. RACIST RUGBY

The rahui is described as "a noble, bold and creative idea". It is certainly all of these things. Hence the need today to treat it with respect and care.

Who Should Support

- Every individual Maori in the country.
- Groups, small groups and organisations.
- The Pakeha-in-laws of the tribes.
- Pakeha groups and parents who support the kaupapa.
- Especially every Maori woman and mother We need you to explain to your family why the rahui is being placed and why it should be honoured by your family.
- Marae committees, Polynesian groups in New Zealand.
- Every ethnic group which [*unclear*: under ands] the pain of oppression.

Limits of the Rahui

The rahui is now focused only on rugby union competitive games. All other games including Rugby League are excluded from the Rahui. The Rahui will not be placed on rugby football fields anywhere in the country - this is too drastic and dangerous. Rather people voluntarily put a rahui on themselves and vow not to play or to be spectators in any game of any age level that is organised by the local sub-union or by any organisation acting under the authority of the NZ Rugby Union Specifically excluded from the rahui are all children.

Why?

This protest has several advantages for us:

- It is not a protest against the Government - rather we are protesting against the Rugby Union and the Rugby Council.
- We will be supporting the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Brian Tallboys.
- We are supporting the spirit of the Gleneagles Agreement.
- It involves an element of personal sacrifice - you must give up something for a specified period of time.
- We take our churches with us.
- We can invite all of our Pakeha-in-laws to take part in the rahui. In that sense the rahui will help to unite us.
- All told, the real value of the exercise is that of binding us together and in expressing a point of view in our own way.

Speed is the essence of this protest. It must be done quickly, otherwise it is hardly worth doing.

Strategy

Since we began this protest our appeal to the 12 New Zealand "giants" who went to South Africa has gone unnoticed. They might even have laughed at our appeal because we are like a David appealing to a Goliath.

We have no choice now but to use the rahui as effectively as we possibly can (or go down perhaps as another big Maori failure). Therefore, we urge you, the Maori people, to take the lead in this protest our Pakeha

supporters will follow you once you act. We urge you, too, to "get off the fence" and get cracking.

What can you do?

Plan A

- Appoint a kaiwhakahaere rahui (a rahui supervisor) or two of them for your
- Decide where your rehui ceremony is to be held. The name of that place will decide the name of your rahui. eg. the first rahui in this protest was performed at Te Wainui marae. We refer to that as the Te Wainui Rahiu or as the Rahui o Te Wainui.
- Set up a roll or petition on which is recorded the name, address, hapu and iwi of your rahui.
- Collect from each signatory an amount to cover the cost of a paanui in your local newspaper.
- Call on a Minister of the Church to conduct the rahui service for you. Or request a form of service from the Bishop of Aotearoa, at Te Puke, and have one of your own people conduct the service.
- Then buy space in your local newspaper and paanui (publish) the names of all the signatories to your rahui.

Plan B

- If you are a small group, put a paanui in the newspaper and announce your intentions of the rahui.
 - Then send me a copy of your paanui.
- If the invited players insist on going and our special plea to them which is being published by Terry McLean in the New Zealand Herald fails to have any effect, then we propose to take the following action:
- All of our supporters exercising their individual conscience pledge not to participate in competitive football games organised by the Rugby Union.
 - Supporters in the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union will be asked to use their influence (please, no force whatever) to persuade Maori players not to play competitive rugby. The object of the exercise is to bring all competitive rugby to a halt.
 - Supporters in other parts of the country can exercise their personal rahui in order to affect the Union financially - by reducing their gate takings.

What we have Accomplished so Far

The idea itself has been discussed around the country and has been a very effective focus of examining our position in today's world.

Three of us, Joe Malcolm (Ngati Pikiao), Tamati Kruger, (Tuhoe) and myself (Ngati Pahipoto and Ngati Tuhourangi) have already met and talked with people at Whakarewarewa, Te Wainui Marae (near Ohiwa) Te Teko, and Taneatua.

A good deal of support was obtained. Specifically, the Ringatu ki Rangitaiki group gave their support to the kaupapa and became the first group to actually place a rahui on its members only (and not on any football teams) and in a Christian service. My own hapu Ngati Pahipoto, section of Ngati Awa and Matatua gave full support to the kaupapa. Individuals and groups within the Arawa territory gave their support as did many of the chiefs.

We attempted to get canoe-wide support in Te Arawa waka through the paramount chiefs Pokiha Hemana and Ta Hepi Te Heuheu. This bid failed with Ngati Tuwharetoa not supporting the take, because of this we cannot use the name of Te Arawa.

Due to these various moves, the protest now becomes focused on the individual and on groups smaller than the iwi. It is more important that you exercise your personal judgement, satisfy your own conscience and put a rahui on yourself that is binding on no one else.

We want to assure all Maori groups that we are acting as an independent group of concerned Maori. We are not acting for the Deputy Prime Minister but we agree with his stance. We are not affiliated in any way with organisations such as Hart. We do not received funds or any other kind of help from any organisation.

Me aroha mai koutou ki tenei take a tatou, tenei take whatapakari i a tatou. Nga manaki tanga a te Runga Rawa ki a tatou katoa.

Sidney Mead
Joe Malcolm
Tamati Kruger

Kapu Apiti.

- Three of us were present at Te Wainui when the rahui applying to members of the Rangitaiki Ringatu group was dedicated.
We consider ourselves to be part of that rahui.
- The easiest way to support the rahui is probably to announce by newspaper panui (advertisement) that you are including yourself in the Wainui rahui. If you do this please let us know as well. Address. Professor S. M. Mead, Maori Studies Section, Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington.
- The chief of Ngati Pahipoto, 84 year old Eruera Manuera has said that no matter who comes out against our kaupapa, it remains sound and just. He has charged us to follow the take through to the best of our ability and further charged that we must not [*unclear*: loss]heart but "me manawanui".

From the Courts

In Auckland last week Mr J.B. Bergin, SM, adjourned 110 gang members without bail or custody. This is interesting because it is normal procedure for any offender to be liable to a cash bond which is forfeited should the offender fail to appear in court on the required date. This step was taken no doubt because of the phenomenal paper work that would be involved in preparing 110 bail documents and also, because many of the gang members would be unable to meet the financial requirements of a bail agreement and would therefore lose their liberty until the hearings.

It is encouraging to find a magistrate who is motivated in the interests of justice and therefore takes the financial ability of an offender into consideration. It is not in the interests of justice when one person is forced to remain in custody while another is not because he/she was able to meet the requirements of bail. Mr Bergin has set an example which other magistrates could take good note of when dealing with offenders whose financial means put them at a disadvantage compared with wealthier offenders.

Once again last week a large percentage the offences before the court were cannabis related — at this rate there will soon be a special court just for dealing with charges of this manner. How soon will it be before this legislation fails to represent the will of the majority? But then again this Government is not noted for its consideration of the majority, or the minority, or anybody, for that matter.

Is the law failing to move with the times? Last Thursday a number of people appeared before Mr Kerr, SM, on charges relating to obscene language. The offences occurred at Newlands College, Flannagans bar and in a public street. The question is why is this language obscene in colleges or bars when it is used all the time, or are the police just using this law to charge people when they have no other charge to bring? Admittedly, one offender cast serious doubts on the sexual behaviour of the police, and no doubt the police must protect their own, but the question to ask is, when does the word cease to be obscene? and who is exempt? I overheard the devilish language used in a quiet discussion between a learned counsel and a policeman in court; he was not immediately arrested; however, two students, a driver, a solo mother, and a storeman were arrested for using the language in less official surroundings, amongst people who hear the word countless times daily.

And then there was the man who told the magistrate that the rifle he pointed at three children "fell from a skyhawk". The obvious answer to a statement as ludicrous as this is that the rifle must have hit him on the head as it fell.

Chris Conway

Creche — a Crucial Service

Much of this article is the result of a conversation between Helen Cook and the Womens Rights Officer a week ago.

While the concerns of the University Creche and what happens to it does not affect all students at Victoria University, there are some students who would not be at university if the creche did not provide the service it does. If it were not for the creche most of these students would have little or no chance of completing degrees or studying at university. This is because these students are also parents. For them a low cost creche where they can leave their children while they attend lectures, and study is the first priority at university.

The start of a Creche

The University Creche began in 1967 as a parent co-op with 10 parents. It lapsed in 1968 but reformed in 1969 catering for 30 children. At the same time it was officially recognised by the university who supplied the premises at 67 Fairlie Terrace.

In 1970 the creche had 50 student parents and approximately 55 children. The university became financially involved; maintaining the building and paying the salary of one assistant. The parents were paying the salaries of two part-time supervisors. The numbers increased to 75 student parents and 87 children in 1971. The creche was incorporated into the Student Welfare Services and the Creche Advisory Committee was established. By 1972 the university was paying a full-time supervisor and parent fees of \$14 per term were introduced to pay for three more staff and an assistant at peak times. While there was still parent participation the original parents' co-op had lapsed in favour of the more organised Creche.

1973 saw the formation of a Studass creche on campus to provide "free" care for the children of student parents. While not itself viable, the Studass creche showed the need for expansion. The limitation was of course money. In 1974 the parents' fees were increased and donation solicited from parents and Studass. By the end of the year 69 Fairlie Terrace was part of the creche. There were now 85 student parents and the creche became affiliated to the Students' Association as a club. The university was now paying approximately 60% of the operating costs. While admittedly money was a preoccupation it is good to remember the creche had another full-time preoccupation, that of the children, and in 1976 it was catering for 133 children.

The Present Situation

This year the creche has 170 children. 70 in the 3 to 5 age group and 100, 3 and under. 69 Fairlie Terrace caters for the 3 to 5 age group and is staffed by an assistant supervisor and one to two additional assistants depending on the number of children in the creche. 67 Fairlie Terrace caters for the under 3 group and is also staffed by an assistant supervisor and one, two or more assistants as needed. The creche is able to cope with the numbers requiring creche care by operating a short term creche, providing short term care for a large number of children at staggered times.

Both creches are equipped to cope with 20 children at one time. This is very important because of staff/child ratios. The under 3 group requires one staff for every 5 children, the 3 to 5 group one staff for every 10. This is the minimum by regulation but it is sometimes desirable to have more. Extra help and assistance is provided by student parents and interested students. There is currently one supervisor/co-ordinator, Helen Cook, whose salary is paid by the university, four assistant supervisors who are paid half by the university and half by student parents' fees. All additional assistants are paid for by the creche parents.

The university maintains the creche buildings, cleans and supplies them, as well as providing the telephones. The staff are all experienced or trained and comparatively well paid. This is necessary to ensure the expertise and also to attract staff despite the irregular employment — the creche like the university operates from March to October, there is a holiday creche but the numbers are much smaller.

As the creche now stands, student parents are entitled to up to 6 hours a week creche care for the children for their \$30 a term. A limited amount of extra time is available for 30c an hour. This gives student parents approximately 4 lecture hours and 2 study hours a week. With this distribution of child-free hours it is possible for a student parent to complete a degree part-time in five years. There has been a 90.1% pass rate amongst student parent creche users, but it is obvious that the onus of organising course work and study time around the care of their children falls onto the student. This is an even more difficult problem for the student parent attempting to study full-time.

Photo of children

The Need for Longer Creche Hours

There is definitely a demand for longer term creche care for student parents attempting full time courses particularly, the maximum available at the moment is 1012 hours a week and this for older children only. Single student parents have a real problem with a child or children and the necessity of study and are faced with the dilemma of study or child. In two parent families the income earner (wife or husband) is often holding a full-time Job and is unable to contribute time during the day to allow the student parent free hours.

The amount of creche time wanted by student parents is highly individual, often dependant upon other support systems available to the student; partner, family, friends or the use of other creches. Most student parents do not want full-time creche care, but would like more, many would like a regular 4 hour day. The biggest problem is money.

The creche operates under regulations set by the Social Welfare Department regarding facilities and the number of children for each staff member. If there were any increase in the number of children or the number

of hours spent under creche care by children, more staff and more facilities would be needed. The creche is only able to cope with the number of children it does by maintaining a fairly strictly regulated short term timetable. The creche does not provide some limited half day care for children over 3 but this is not possible for children under 3 because of the extra trained staff and facilities necessary. Even for the child over 3 there are problems related to the length of time spent under creche care. Most of these problems are soluble but not within the creche as it stands now and not without money.

Other Options

A full time creche would cost, at a conservative estimate, \$30 a week to each parent. Very few students would be able to pay more than they do at the moment. Yet the demand for a longer term creche still exists, there is a proposal for a 'staff creche' to cater for children of parents who work at university and in [unclear: same] way that staff may use the creche once the student demand has been satisfied, students would be able to use the staff creche once staff demand had been satisfied. This is however not a confirmed proposition and we are still faced with a situation where the demand for creche care (there are 15 children on the waiting list of the creche) is not filled by what is available. Some pressure would be relieved by the staff creche but by no means all.

The creche has several options (dependent upon money). It can expand continuing along the same lines catering for a large number of children but only on a short term basis. Or the creche can seek to establish an alternative full day/half day creche care center elsewhere on campus. This would of course take an enormous amount of money and not one that the student parents alone would be able to provide.

Now whether or not there is enough creche care may not affect you directly but it is a student service and as a student service concerns all students at Victoria. It is important that we support all student services to both improve and expand them. The students for whom this particular service is critical to the continuation of their university studies need the support of all other students.

Victoria Quade (Womens Rights Officer)

News from M'sia & Spore

An article in the Asia Week magazine written by a Malaysian writer Samad Said which claimed that "we writers are still free to say what we like" was challenged by another Malaysian, Amir Ali of Penang.

In a letter to the Asia Week, Amir Ali stated the following points. "Of course a writer like Samad Said is free to say what he likes since, by his own admission, he has learned "to keep away from sensitive issues." But what of those writers who are not prepared to sacrifice their integrity by doing so? In any case, what are "sensitive issues" and who really determines that they are so?

According to Samad, Kassim Ahmad is being held in detention "not for his writings but for his (socialist) Party activities." Assuming this to be true, perhaps he would care to explain why Kassim's novel Zaman Pancaroba, written while in detention, was banned even before publication.

The thing that has impressed me most about our Malaysian writers (with a few exceptions like Usman Awang) is their servility. Not a single writer protested when Kassim was detained, yet many expressed outrage at the curtailment of Solzhenitsyn's liberties by the Russian authorities. How can anyone take the commitment of such writers to literary freedom seriously, (ref. Asia Week 23.2.79.)

Puncture Way to Tap Rubber

Smallholders will be able to tap more trees per day when the Rubber Research Institute commercialises a new tapping tool in a year's time. The new tool, which breaks away from the traditional tapping knife, employs the puncture method to stimulate the flow of latex from the trees. Called the rotor injector, it is light to handle and is operated by four penlight batteries.

The RRI's smallholders Project Research Division head said that the tool was still in the development stage. "It would be marketed on a commercial scale in about a year's time," he said when demonstrating the use of the tool for the first time at the RBI research station. "He said the tool was meant for use by smallholders facing an acute shortage of labour. They would be able to tap about 800-900 trees a day with the new tool, compared to the present 550.

The tool is estimated to cost about \$35 to \$40 each when sold on a commercial scale. The head of the Division further added that tapping with the tool would be effortless and would not require any skill. This would be the answer to the labour shortage experienced by the rubber industry, particularly in smallholdings.

At present there are about 130,000 tappers employed in rubber estates and a substantial number in small holdings. When the new system of tapping is introduced, it will have a grave impact on the employment situation in Malaysia with many rubber tappers made redundant. (ref. N.S.T 11.2.79)

Worst Ever Droughts

The Selangor Waterworks Department issued a warning to the public to brace themselves for the worst ever drought to hit the country. The water level in the Klang Gate Dam had dropped considerably below the emergency level where water rationing is usually imposed.

Already some kampongs in Tampin and Rembau are having difficulties getting drinking water and some of the people were forced to use river water as well have dried up. The Meteorological Department said the dry spell is expected to last 2 months and is "normal" during a late N.L. monsoon period.

The situation prompted the New Straits Times editorial to comment that "the act of God theory is wearing thin". It blamed the Jabatan Kerja Raya for gross incompetence in their public relations and the total failure in planning and development of new resources. It castigated the Department for its total neglect to inform the public of the impending crisis and a conservation campaign was not seriously attempted.

Ref: NST 1.2.79.2.79

Low Pay, Crammed Quarters

Maznon, who has just completed form five, comes from a kampung in Mersing. Like many other girls, she was drawn to the city by friends already working in factories.

"There wasn't anything to do in Mersing," she said. She had written to the factory, as friends had advised, and instead of waiting at home for a reply, she packed her bags and left home to squat with her factory girl friends in Sungei Way village.

"That's how most of us end up here," Maznon explained. "Friends would write home telling us of their work, how easy it is to get a job and how much they get."

Factory Work

She and her friends work as production operators - a monotonous and intricate job that pays a monthly basic of \$150. Overtime may boost their salary a little. For eight hours, five days a week, the girls sit at their allocated seats in the factory along with thousands of other girls - performing their respective jobs of either wiring together countless little transistor radio devices or putting together certain appliances.

"It may not tax the brain," said Zuraidah, "but it certainly strains the eyes and tests one's patience."

The monotony hits then but, said Maznon, "many of us are not qualified enough to hold office jobs."

Poor Housing Facilities

Both Maznon and Zuraidah stay with 20 other girls in a single-storey link house with six small rooms. Four girls share a room paying \$30 rent a month. Two others who haven't got beds sleep on mattresses on the floor and pay \$30 a month too. The room contains two double-deckers, some rolled-up mattresses stacked in the corners, five plastic zip-up clothes-hangers. There are two small bathrooms which must be very taxed in the mornings when everyone is rushing to get ready for work. In addition, they have to pay an extra \$3.50 a month, for water and electricity.

Under the local government act, it is an offence to room more than 3 people over 10 years of age in an average-sized room. The law states that if adults are occupying the room there must be at least 350 sq. ft. of clear internal space; and not more than 3 people can stay in a room measuring 12ft by 11ft and 10ft in height.

Obviously, the girls hardly have any breathing space, but the law remains only as an ideal if the authority cannot provide adequate housing for its workers.

Ref: NST. 12/2/79

A FAIR DEAL FOR STUDENTS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT : Yes EDUCATION MINISTER: ? * THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED A \$9.00 INCREASE IN THE BURSARY. * THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION HAS SET THE RECOMMENDATION AT NUMBER 42 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 49 EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S .BUDGET. * NEVER BEFORE HAVE STUDENT DEMANDS FOR A FAIR BURSARY LEVEL BEEN MORE JUSTIFIED OR MORE SUPPORTED. * ONLY STRONG UNITED STUDENT ACTION WILL FORCE THE MINISTER TO RECOGNISE THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE RISE IN THE BURSARY LEVEL'. * DON'T LET THE MINISTER CANCEL THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHEQUE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

The \$9 Deal

Objective: To Increase the Level of the Standard Tertiary Bursary and the Special Marriage Allowance

Following are the essential points of the document which outlines New Policy Proposal 1979/80: an increase in the level of the Standard Tertiary Bursary and the special marriage allowance.

This proposal originated in the Department of Education and was drafted by P J Cottier, Senior Executive Officer (Exams, Transport and Bursaries). It received endorsement from D Garret, then Director of Continuing Education and now Assistant Secretary (Tertiary)

The Cottier paper explains that Government's policy is to keep under review bursary levels for tertiary students and outlines the increases in those levels since the STB was introduced in 1976.

The new (1980) bursary levels proposed by the paper are:

In other words, the proposal is for a \$9 per week increase for the first two rates and an \$18 per week increase for the marriage allowances (nb the figures given are for the rate of the unabated bursary).

Why was \$9 p.w. Chosen?

Cottier argues that the STB should be increased by \$7.50 p.w. to restore the relativity which existed in 1976 between the level of the bursary and students' living costs, using average university hostel fees as the basis for measuring such costs.

The extra \$1.50 p.w. is claimed as additional necessary compensation for the tax changes announced in the 1978 budget. The reason for this is that the full impact of the 1978 budget changes will not be felt until the end of the 1979/80 financial year. (This is in addition to the mid-1978 increase of \$1.50 p.w. which compensated for the phase-in of the new taxation scales and the wiping of the personal, rebate).

What will it Cost?

In a full year the Cottier proposal will cost \$9,755,000. This is costed on the basis of 1978 statistics. \$7,631,694 of this cost will be for university students. \$2,23,306 will go to technical institute students. No estimate is made of the cost for teachers college students; a minimal number receive the STB.

There will be no extra cost for staff to administer the new policy.

Cottier is silent about the way the new policy will be paid for. There is nothing confirming or denying rumours that the new \$39 bursary will be paid to all tertiary students (ie putting I student teachers on the STB rather than on their existing allowances).

What it Means

The recommendation of the Education Department is a complete vindication of the policy and demands that student groups have pursued for several years. It recognises the absolute need for an improvement in the level of the bursary.

The magnitude of the increase is clear evidence of the degree the bursary level has slipped in real terms, and the plight students have faced.

However, although the Department appears to have recognised the problems facing students, the Minister has Not!! His attitude towards students needs has been made patently clear by placing the recommended increase as priority number 42 out of 49 recommendations.

If the Department's recommendation is to be implemented, if there is to be any improvement in the bursary system, the Minister and the Government must be shown clearly the real needs of students, and the justice of our case.

Only strong united student action will bring this about. We may never have as strong support again. Do

your bit on April 11. Talk to your parents and friends. Write to the Minister and your local MP

A Better Bursary — A Justified Demand!

MY SON HAS A SMALL BRAIN BUT I HAVE A LARGE WALLET!

THE GAP GROWS BURSARY LEVEL LEVEL IF ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION 1979-80 inflation on basis of 10% per year.

The Student Case — the Bursary Problems

Quite apart from the low level of Bursaries, students in Technical Institutes and Universities are very concerned about the many serious anomalies that both reduce the availability of Bursaries to students and lower their value. These anomalies cause great hardship for a great number of students and, as well, stop people even considering going on to tertiary education because of the expense involved.

Abatement

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There is no age limit on the abatement unlike the unemployment benefit which pays a higher allowance to people over twenty.

Married students receive abated bursaries on the grounds that they are living "at home". The exception is that two fulltime students, married or married defacto to each other, get the full bursary.

But students who are separated, divorced or widowed are not so lucky. They are treated as though married and get abated bursaries.

Orphans are abated when they reach the age of majority. While a minor the orphan gets the unabated bursary, unless his/her guardians live in the town where s/he is studying. But once the orphan reaches the age of majority, s/he is treated as independent and, having no home other than where s/he lives, the bursary is automatically abated.

In some cases a student's home is so far away from a tertiary institution that it is impracticable to expect him/her to live at home.

The regulations however state that the requirements for receiving an unabated bursary are if:

- the distance between the home and the institution exceeds 48km
- the home is situated more than 2.4km from the nearest public transport.
- the travelling time for a one-way journey between the home and the institution exceeds 1½ hours.

These regulation mean that a student might be expected to live at home (ie not through s/he has to spend 2 hours a day travelling to the institution. Clearly these students are significantly disadvantaged, either they lose 2 hours a day in possible study time, or they face the prospect of surviving on \$19 per week. The recent survey on student income and expenditure showed that only 6% of students are able to take this latter option.

If a student wishes to attend a university or technical institute outside the city in which his/her parents reside, s/he can only receive an unabated bursary if s/he is studying a course not available at the institution s/he would "normally" attend.

[unclear: e] philosophy of the abatement is out of tune [unclear: h] the realities of today's society. It is not [unclear: listic] to expect students to live with their [unclear: ents], and be supported by them, right the [unclear: y] through their tertiary education. Yet it [unclear: n] this basis that the Standard Tertiary Bur[unclear: y] is administered.

[unclear: remove] love these problems is a matter of great [unclear: ency]. For this reason NZUSA calls for the [unclear: nplete] abolition of the abatement.

Anomalies

NZUSA is therefore calling for amendments to the existing bursary regulations to ensure that these harmful inconsistencies are removed. It is called a Standard Tertiary Bursary and we believe that at present it is anything but standard.

Costly Courses

Some students take courses which are far more expensive than normal. Although the actual government bursary regulations don't themselves cause problems for students in these cases, the fact is that this additional financial burden (with little or no aid from the government) causes many students even greater hardships than

usual. These extra costs are for expensive course materials and books, or for travel on field trips or work on 'section' in hospitals.

Technical Institutes

Student nurses have to travel from the Institute to work at hospitals. This is a compulsory requirement of their courses. They also have to provide their own protective clothing for clinical work, unlike Hospital Board Student Nurses.

A survey at Auckland Technical Institute in 1977 found that it would cost \$60,000 to pay public transport fares (and taxis after 11 am and before 7 am) for the travel costs at that institution alone.

Agricultural Courses

Many students at Lincoln College and Massey University have to undertake compulsory field trips as part of their courses. These trips involve students in expensive travel and accommodation costs.

In 1975 the government agreed to subsidise student field trips. Lincoln College received \$39,000 to subsidise its field trips in 1978. In the last four years the costs to students have increased by 47.6%. The percentage increase in the subsidy has only been 30%.

This year students on some courses will pay \$299 for a compulsory field trip — this will take almost 8 weeks of their bursary allowance (unabated rate) or 12 weeks of their bursary at an abated rate.

Other Courses

At the University of Auckland, fine arts students receive an average grant of about \$50 a year to assist in the purchase of materials.

The total cost of materials is estimated at about \$100 a year.

There are also numerous other courses which incur additional costs to the student and are not subsidised by Government including : Architecture, dentistry, medicine and surveying.

Merv Wellington Man of Ed.

Bursaries' 1978 ~ 1979

In the past year NZUSA has not been idle on the Bursaries question and student finances in general. Below is a brief chronology of the steps that NZUSA has taken to ensure that students are not too badly off financially.

THIS IS A DOLLAR NOTE! STUDY IT CAREFULLY BECAUSE WITH THE AMOUNT OF BURSARY ASSISTANCE YOU'RE GETTING.... YOU MAY NOT SEE ONE AGAIN

Income & Spending

As part of the government's Review of Financial Assistance for Post-compulsory Study (the Bursaries Review), one of the working parties commissioned a survey of university and technical institute students on the STB. The survey, answered by 3800 of the 5000-plus students who received it last November, looked at the incomes and basic term-times spending, for example, on board, fees, textbooks, course-related expenses and transport, of students receiving the STB. The survey was under some restrictions and did not look at other costs, such as out-of-term expenses, clothing, entertainment and recreation, so a full picture of expenditure patterns can't be gained. Some of the preliminary results show:

- the average "in the hand" vacation income was \$681, but for university students it was \$769, and technical institute students only \$347.
- Males' average total income was \$2136 - females' was \$1742
- 55% took part-time jobs and earned on average \$295
- 32% took out loans
- \$195 was the average transport costs
- \$111 was the average spent on textbooks.

**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION IMMEDIATE COST OF LIVING INCREASE ABOLISH
ABATEMENT INDEXATION OF THE BURSARY REMOVE THE ANOMALIES WEDNESDAY APRIL
11**

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[unclear: Aries] on the Local Scene

[unclear: VUWSA] bursaries campaign is now [unclear: its] second week, with the bursaries [unclear: n] Tuesday being this week's attrac[unclear: is] forum is designed to give you a [unclear: o] witness first hand the attitude of [unclear: ous] political parties to bursaries.

[unclear: National] party show their total lack [unclear: iro] about the chronic financial hard[unclear: ed] by many students, by not even bo[unclear: to] front up with a speaker for this fo[unclear: ne] Labour Party at least show a wil[unclear: to] discuss bursaries with us. Their [unclear: f] indexing the bursaries in relation [unclear: onsmen] Price Index is a step in [unclear: t] direction. A main objective of this [unclear: hould] be to put as much pressure on [unclear: our] Party speaker to make some [unclear: ment] as regards removal of the abate[unclear: ve] must show them how unjustly [unclear: nating] this form of means testing [unclear: ary] is. We are not likely to get any [unclear: asure] of support from the speaker [unclear: te] Labour Party is just as likely as [unclear: onal] Party to be the Government [unclear: next] elections, it is up to us to keep [unclear: iure] on them to give us a better [unclear: bur- l].

[unclear: other] main speaker will be Dr Allan [unclear: rch] supporter of the idea that stu[unclear: e] just middle-class bludgers on [unclear: Gov- spending]; a man who proposes a [unclear: if] student loans and complete [unclear: abo- of] the STB, and an ex-lecturer in [unclear: own] sociology department. He re[unclear: a] growing body of opinion which [unclear: e] view that education is not a right [unclear: ivilegc]. This kind of attitude must [unclear: gly] fought against wherever it [unclear: ap— we] are to retain any choice in the [unclear: education] system is run.

[unclear: it] to MP's

[unclear: in] publicity for the bursaries cam[unclear: depatation] of students visited va[unclear: s] on Tuesday and Wednesday last [unclear: tell] them why we are campaigning [unclear: 9] increase and the removal of the abatement. These visits showed how little interest in bursaries most MP's have. Even Mr Gray, a National Party member of the Select Committee on Education, openly confessed his ignorance about bursaries. This attitude shows the real need for us to keep pressure on the MP's and keep them informed about the continual erosion of the real value of the bursary.

There was good media coverage of this action, especially on radio. One of the most important aspects of the bursaries campaign is the gaining of public support, without which our ability to put effective pressure on the Government is much reduced. Sympathetic media coverage is our best means of gaining this support.

Drawing of a giant inflation hand holding a small student

Student Teacher Allowances

One thing we must not forget when fighting for the completely justifiable increase in our bursary, is that the Government has suggested that there be a corresponding cut in Student Teacher Allowances This is a dirty trick planned by the Government to reduce their overall commitment to education. As we have a Teachers Training College in Wellington we must enlist, their support and be prepared to support them if they come under fire. They have undertaken to march with us on April 11th which will greatly increase the pressure we can exert on Government and we must be prepared to do Likewise if the situation is reversed.

The March

To make this campaign a success it is vital that we all get out on the streets on April 11th and show Government by weigh, of numbers that we'll keep fighting until they change their abysmal attitude to bursaries.' The only reason that we have even a Standard Tertiary Bursary at all is that students in the past fought hard to get it introduced and the only times it has ever been increased is after bursary campaigns have been fought for such increases.

If we stop fighting now, the Govt, will assume that we no longer care about the drastic reduction in the real value of the bursary and they will leave bursaries at the bottom of their list of priorities. We must fight and keep fighting to have our bursaries restored to a decent level and get the abatement removed.

Everyone must join the march on April 11th to make it successful. For the march we will need a large

number of banners and placards, On this Thursday (April 5th) there will be an all-day working-bee in the Rankine Brown Quadrangle to paint and construct banners and placards. Everyone is encouraged to join in this working-bee and to bring along any placards etc. which could be used on the march. There will be plenty of paint and material provided, so plenty for everyone to do. For those who would like to have more to do with organising the march, there will be another meeting in the Lounge on Monday 2nd April at 12.00. Here's your chance to get involved. On the march itself, anyone with musical instruments is encouraged to bring them along. To make the Government recognise our just demands everyone must get out and march on April 11th.

Geoff Adams

(Education Officer)

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Film

Fascists and Frolic

Love and Anarchy

Written and directed by Lina Wertmuller.

Penthouse.

I've only seen two films by Lina Wertmuller, this one and *Seven Beauties* (which screened at the Lido late last year), but the similarities between the two are striking. Both are set in the Italy of Mussolini, and the same actor takes the lead role in each. But far more significant is the response Wertmuller achieves from her audience. In watching both films we are deluged with a chaotic and hilarious mix of bawdy fun, satire, and slapstick farce; and then there is introduced a dark twist in the last section that kicks the skateboard out from under us and leaves us not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

In *Seven Beauties*, Pasqualino gets into all sorts of ridiculous situations in his zeal to protect his family honour, only to finally sell out that honour completely in order to survive in a concentration camp. In *Love and Anarchy* (the earlier film of the two, incidentally, being first released in 1973), the wide-eyed Chaplinesque hero is a would be political assassin who, for the greater part of the film, has a whale of a time stumbling around the bordello he's hiding out in, before coming to a brutal end at the hands of the Duce's secret police. The effect is all the more chilling because we've been laughing with the film all the way. It's a hard stunt to pull off, but Wertmuller by alternatively wearing the masks of comedy and tragedy with such assurance, and keeping them in such tightly controlled balance, does it with real flair.

Perhaps the most impressive part of it is the way she's structured these films, so that after the two modes have been alternating (for the horror is always subtly in the background), the comedy and tragedy climax at one and the same time: the characters are in a sense at their funniest when they're at their most tragic and pathetic. Sound confusing? It's certainly disorienting. And a kind of shock to the system (or the sensibilities) that's hard to cope with. How should I react to a film like this? How did I react? Well, as you can see, every which way but lucid. Groan.

A Political Stance

Another thing you can't help but notice about *Love and Anarchy* is its concern with politics. It's a good thing there are responsible people around who can warn us (especially us younger ones who weren't in the last war) what a terrible thing fascism is. We're extra lucky here at Victoria to have Salient and Simon Wilson (and at the moment, Downstage) to keep reminding us. Otherwise we might make the mistake of putting the PM's meanness down to colic or trouble with Thea, and forget the real issues. Good grief, we'd be voting National before you could say "\$9 increase", which would be just awful.

So Lina's a good thing in that respect. She doesn't like fascists. And she makes sure we don't either they're baddies alright. But we don't get given the cartoon villainy that characterized Bernardo Bertolucci's 1900 (which is, now I mention it, coming back for a return season, so whatever you do don't miss it — it's a huge, beautiful, and absolutely riveting film; kind of an opera without singing in the form of a socialist reply to *Gone With The Wind*. Sometimes nutty, but intense and very deeply felt. Bertolucci did, after all, make *Last Tango In Paris*.

Mussolini

Surprisingly in fact, in *Love and Anarchy* we don't get much cartoonery at all. The players look like caricatures - one of the principal women seems a grotesque parody of Jean Harlow, the other a shop-soiled Mary Pickford — but they are emotionally complex and their conflict makes for very satisfying drama. And while the fascists are irredeemably wicked, the idealists are all hopelessly confused.

It is significant that not one of the characters from the left we meet is motivated by strong political ideology. They conspire to assassinate for assorted and purely personal reasons: revenge, outrage, a need to hit back at the system, even sentimentality. The reason they fail is because their emotions get in the way. *Love and anarchy* are revealed as two sides of the same coin, two different expressions of similar basic urges. It seems anarchism, or any kind of social/ political idealism, is doomed because it will be destroyed by the very forces that inspire it. The emphasis falls on the human condition (excuse the over-used phrase) rather than on any politically propagandist viewpoint.

Final Unity; Bleak Vision

Looked at this way, we can see how Wertmuller's tragedy (of the betrayal of ideals) fits together with her black comedy. The latter sees in both films the protagonist staggering ludicrously under the weight of a dead body (in *Seven Beauties*, chopped up and in three suitcases sniffed at by dogs), and it's a telling image.

In this director's world, the spirit and the flesh are both willing, but also both fatally weak. The way to survive is not to take on responsibilities, or be idealistic but abandon these weights: to be like [unclear: pr] lino in *Seven Beauties* and forget [unclear: yo] ciples; or to be like most of the [unclear: pro] in *Love and Anarchy* and accept [unclear: wi] scruple (unfortunate word!) or [unclear: thog] new customer or regime that comes [unclear: a] But then, the films ask, what have [unclear: yo] lived for? On the other hand, if [unclear: you] for what you believe in, isn't that [unclear: jus] meaningless, ultimately?

In *Love and Anarchy*, [unclear: monuments] past overshadow the characters and [unclear: i] themselves on the action, and the [unclear: en]ment we often see the conspirators [unclear: in] sists of rigid geometrical forms, [unclear: lines] point at them and fence them in. [unclear: In] instances they are usually seen [unclear: from] tance, small and insignificant. Who [unclear: c] fight against such overwhelming [unclear: forc] What's the use of resistance anyway?

The film's final image is of pure [unclear: ge] try, the corner of the prison cell, [unclear: com] unchanged by the life or death of [unclear: thi] cular anarchist, or any that came [unclear: bef] Order prevails. So what's better, [unclear: to] and die, or to lose out and live? [unclear: Bott] very black indeed.

Pretty grim stuff to come from [unclear: on] the funniest, most uproarious films [unclear: to] the city in a long time.

Paul Hagan

Cousin Cousine

Wednesday 2.15 pm

Ooh he's lovely, that adorable Frenchman, divine little bits of flab under his head. [unclear: An] time! Talk about interesting. Only the [unclear: Fre] could make a film about two people with [unclear: th] personality and brains of three year olds [unclear: an] call it a love story. Only Hollywood [unclear: could] it a smash hit. But again, a word of [unclear: warning] film is not real either. Nobody can keep [unclear: it] that long.

The Slipper and the Rose

Tuesday 2.15pm

Oh he's lovely, that Richard Chamberlain [unclear: c] Such divine little bits of flab under the [unclear: eye] sing! Talk about glamour. But than the at [unclear: wl] movie is like that. Beautiful colours, bean [unclear: beau] scenery, beautiful people.....oh drool. [unclear: But] of warning. This film is not real. It is [unclear: strict] fairytale. Wicked sisters don't exist.

Student Discount

Listed below are some of the many discounts available to students at this university. If you work somewhere or know of somewhere that might be interested in offering student discounts, then don't be slow to speak up. If you wish to make use of any student discounts, please make sure you produce your Student I.D. Stu Frater (VUWSA Welfare Officer.)

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Arts Festival

Under Revue

Suddenly throughout New Zealand, campuses are presenting Revues again, interest in Otago is picking and they will be putting on a large scale production this year, Victoria has established a Revue club that aims to ensure that the Revue on their campus is an ongoing thing. Both Auckland and Massey are presenting Revues.

Revue throughout their long history have been a major training ground for performers, writers, directors and such like in theatre and television and provide a unique opportunity for the presentation by students of major production. Such persons as John Clarke, Dave Smith, Michael Wilson, and Downstage Director John Banas were all associated with the Victoria Revues in the past.

British University Revues perform a similar function, in particular Oxbridge which has seen the development of the Monty Python team the Goodies, Rutland Weekend Television, David Frost and so on..... Student Revues allow students to indulge their cynicism, comment on current issues, and bring a few politicians to early retirement. The public has come to realise that Student Revues are first class satirical and musical entertainment.

Otago, Victoria, Massey and Auckland Universities will be bringing Revues of varying length to the Festival.

Victoria Revue 'After the Ball'

Incorporating social and political satire, irreverent humour and a four piece jazz band

Wellington newspapers said of the last Victoria Revue 'nothing is sacred to students' and 'the students curdle the milk of the sacred cow before the audience reaches their seats.' The Revue usually has a bizzare foyer exhibition associated with it. The only thing known about it this year is that it involves a truck load of chocolate boxes.

Director-----Phil McDonald

Musical Director-----Penny Dodd

Otago Revue

The theme for this years capping activities in Dunedin is 'Camelot'. so watch for not quite so chivalrous knights and xom serving wenches, round tables [unclear: and] sty armour, fair damsels and fierce [unclear: dra] Plans to fly the Revue Dragon to [unclear: Chris] were thwarted by a humourless Civil [unclear: A tion] official.

Otago Revues are noted for their [unclear: la] production and use many noted radio television personalities.

Massey Revue

A collection of broadly satirical [unclear: skill] based loosely on the theme The [unclear: Media]. The production will revolve around [unclear: ma] the newspaper media, and examine [unclear: typ] of reporting, what does and doesn't [unclear: ge] to the news and how various [unclear: newspa] distort the presentation of their [unclear: public] tion in order to make a more [unclear: common] viable production. The Director will [unclear: be] David Cuy.

Auckland Revue

Auckland University never does [unclear: the] by halves and are out to show the [unclear: camp] that traditionally put on Revues [unclear: that] can produce something of an equal [unclear: if] better standard. Auckland Revue [unclear: rema] an unknown quantity, and have not [unclear: re] much information as yet. So watch [unclear: for] at the Festival.

Victoria Revue

Monday May 7 8.00pm Ngaio [unclear: March] tre Student Union Building
Tuesday May 8 2.00 and 8.00 pm; [unclear: NMT]

Otago Revue

Wednesday May 9 2.00 pm, NMT
Thursday May 10 2.00 and 8.00 pm [unclear: NMT]

Auckland Revue

3 performances

Massey Revue

Wednesday May 9 Lecture Theatre 2, [unclear: T] chers College 9 pm
Thursday May 10 Lecture Theatre 2, [unclear: T] chers College 9 pm.

[unclear: Books]

[unclear: ems] of Catullus

[unclear: Raphael]
[unclear: pe]. \$8.10

Often, in Classical literature, an author [unclear: nentioned] in glowing terms by his con[unclear: poraries] and successors, but it is rare [unclear: t the] same author's work survives down [unclear: he] present day. Gaius Valerius Catullus [unclear: just] such a person but, in his case, the [unclear: option] to the above rule has occurred, [unclear: eronese] wine merchant decided for [unclear: ne] reason to stuff a copy of his works [unclear: o] an empty wine measuring vessel and [unclear: was] rediscovered in the 1400's. This [unclear: gle] manuscript became the source of [unclear: the] present manuscripts that exist but [unclear: s] not itself in perfect condition. So what [unclear: survived] is a fairly random selection of [unclear: ullus's] work.

About Catullus himself very little is known, [unclear: most] from his own work. He was born, [unclear: bibly], about 84 BC and, if we believe St [unclear: ome], died at the age of thirty. Hence [unclear: ullus] lived

during the last years of the [unclear: man] Republic and the beginning of the [unclear: pire]. He was also, like Cicero, a bright [unclear: from] the provinces who made good [unclear: ongst] the smart set at Rome.

[unclear: Catullus] was influenced by his predec[unclear: sors] but especially by the Greek poets [unclear: m] which he drew extensively. Sometimes [unclear: se] poems would be modified to give a [unclear: le] more relevant to his own time, but of[unclear: if] they were effective enough, he would [unclear: ve] them as they were, simply translating [unclear: m] into Latin. One of his successors in [unclear: was] poem 51 'More godlike he seems [unclear: me]'; almost a direct plagiarism from Sappho [unclear: other] of his major influences was the Alex[unclear: drian] school with its sharp witty poems [unclear: h] as those of Sotades or of Callimachus. [unclear: ice] most of Catullus's work would have [unclear: en] read out at parties and semi-formal [unclear: ners] it does not seem surprising that a [unclear: of] his poems are short and pointed, ra[unclear: er] than the long epics previously [unclear: compo- d].

The poems themselves are concerned with human events; very rarely is the idea of heroic sufferings on a grand scale pursued in Catullus. The subjects range from the trivia of everyday life to the great love affair of Catullus's life; his affair with Lesbia. They describe not only embarrassing moments and his feelings but also his, often savage, attacks on life as he saw it. In all of these poems Catullus speaks directly, with little ornament, and still manages to work in phrases and words which capture the precise emotions of the moment. When he describes the end of a love affair, for example, he says simply, "I drooped and fell for her, like an evening flower cut by a heedless plough, dead in an hour."

Elsewhere, in another poem (No 87) he uses the word "foedus" to mean "bond, agreement". Simple, on the face of it, but "foedus" also had legal overtones in Latin approaching our word "covenant". These two simple examples give some approximation of Catullus's technical skill. The Alexandrian influence is also present in the use of synonyms for simple terms; fortunately these are put in with taste and do not overload the poems as they do in Apollonius's 'Voyage of Argo'.

Since Catullus wrote in Latin any translation into English is going to obscure some of his flavour. However the two translators Mrederick Raphael and Kenneth McLeish seem to have, on the whole, done a good job. There are objections that can be made over use of slang and metre which will age the translation more quickly than if they weren't used but the result of this usage is a greater accessibility to the present day reader. The introduction is very good in setting the background and covering many of the points that can't be discussed here, especially the pros and cons of the Lesbia poems and to what extent Catullus was a radical.

Finally I'd like to say that to attempt to read this book from cover to cover is a mistake, it's a book for dipping into from time to time and coming back to.

Peter Sullivan

Burning the Ivy

Ted Walker

Cape \$4.20

Drawing of a woman on a ladder against a bookcase

The dominant theme of *Burning the Ivy*, particularly in the first half of the book, is the past; a past that cannot be exorcised. Ivy is cut back and burned, but the "vines will grip again, cannot be kept out". Move house, and the reprieve of change is brief: "those gross abstracts we can't dispose / Of. .. arrive with the morning milk". Turn to the future, find it informed by death:

"It is a nameless season of small mourning the heart keeps every day that comes"

Predictably, the season most often named is Winter, or else Autumn. Even late Summer is "a parched garden so sparse of flowers / It seems winter". Look for "yesterday's warm shadows" — that other, desired, past — and taste "only merest / evanescences / of those first berries ..."

The book's middle poems suggest change from pessimism to something at least stoical if not almost hopeful. The secret is, not unexpectedly, engrossing work. For the time it took to cut his ivy he forgot all that gnawed his "present self". Now, the gardener in the poem of that name "stares up ... / past space he is patient will brighten from solstice / into equinox". And: "I rake the slats of the fire basket / for whatever embers, glad".

And yet, even when his degenerate muse gets him to see the seasons through his window and claim each as his own,

"... Always the glass clouds over . . . from the sigh of joy."

Nothing startlingly new about all this; but the poems are clean and well-made. And there are some lovely images; the tracking down of a poem, for instance:

"... sense elusive lines Lift like otter-skin, sleek pelts in the glistening Dark."

Derek Wallace

Victoria Book Centre SALE WEEK April2-April9 Victoria Book Shop, 15 Mount Street, P.O. Box T2337,

REC Centre

The Sauna

For the cat on the tin roof, the cheapest Sauna in town at \$1 per timetabled hour.

- Every day from 11 - 1 pm it's males only
- Every day from 1 - 3 pm it's females only
- Every day from 3 pm onwards it's mixed.

We are quite open to suggested changes to this method of timetabling, so let us know if the existing timetabling is not satisfactory. We do point out, however, that we are unlikely to run a mixed sauna all of the time, as demand has already indicated the need for some segregated time.

Using the Sauna

Sit in and relax for as long as you find pleasant. You will find that perspiring starts after about 5-10 minutes. When you start to feel uncomfortable, come out and take a cool or tepid shower. This will allow the body to lose any excess heat more rapidly. You may repeat this procedure as many times as you wish within the hour. There is no rule about taking an ice cold shower after a sauna; in fact we would strongly advise against it particularly for people over 30. Remember that the sauna experience is meant to be enjoyable and relaxing. If you are into anything more painful, we recommend lying on beds of nails, plugging yourself into the mains or racing out of the Sauna, up to Ruapehu and rolling in the snow.

[unclear: Weight] training is getting a big lift at the moment. This is a good way to supplement a fitness programme, to repair damaged bodies or to get strong. The activity will benefit both men and women, and it does not require the participant to lift a quarter of a zillion kilos each session. Many people are finding the use of weight training a useful means of losing weight and restoring muscle tone. Talk to Diana or Hugh about the programme.

We will soon be taking names for beginners squash in term 2, so remember the times; Monday 11-12, and 2-4 pm, and Thursday 2-3 pm. Put your name down on the Term 2 list early at the Centre reception.

Are you relaxed, sitting comfortably, sleeping well, cool, clam and collected? If so, don't bother talking to the Centre staff about relaxation programmes available to individuals. These techniques learnt now might help you closer to those anxious exam moments. Yoga, too, can be a useful form of relaxation; try it on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-2pm in the Dance Room.

Skiers - the season will soon be upon you, get into condition, get those bones supple and strong at the Fitness Class - Tuesday 12-1 and/ or Thursday 5.30-6.30pm - at the Centre.

Answers to Recreational

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Answers to Recreation Centre Quiz No.2

- The Recreation Centre (No-one got this right)
- Yes.
- Yes (But only if you like him)
- No (but his uncle was)
- Exactly.

Quiz No 3

Answers into Reception on one side of paper only by Friday.

- Is PHYS 332 an academic course relating to -
weight training to 332kg?
pulse and digital electronics
the extension number of a Physical Welfare Officer?
- Does PHYS 404 (Physics of Condensed Matter) have any bearing on the intelligence of the average rugby prop forward?
- If John Walker does 80 miles a week, would you? (please read the question carefully)
- Is an aegrotat pass made by the half back or [unclear: hie] Nastase?

The social soccer programme still requires a few more players, so get in on the action on Wednesdays 12 -

Cryptic Crossword

Empty crossword

Across

Down

Last Week's Solution

Across: 1. Kitty 4. Marries 8. Lettuce 9. Aspic 10. Uneasily 11. Lion 13. Novel 15. Optic 17. Alms 18. Cup of tea 21. [*unclear*: Alike] 22. Cardiac 23. Element 24. Wisps

Down: 1. Kelburn Parade 2. Title 3. [*unclear*: Your] self 4. Meekly 5. Read 6. Imprint 7. [*unclear*: Second] chances 12. Tomorrow 14. Vampire 16 [*unclear*: Duk] 19. Trims 20. Mere

Student Health

Coughs and Colds

These seem to be common complaints for visitors to the Health Service at present. Viral infections of the upper respiratory passages are spread by the air, by any of a large number of viruses. Airborne means the bug is passed on to other people by coughing and sneezing without coming the mouth, or by not washing hands after using a handkerchief. To a certain extent you can avoid catching any of these airborne infections, but then even careful people catch colds.

The Common Cold is called common, because it is an ordinary, common complaint that is, until you get it yourself, when it becomes a special cold. The best thing to do with your special cold, is to keep it all to yourself - no one will thank you for passing it on. Since avoiding the spread of infecting droplets during the runny-nose stage is pretty difficult, it is better to have a day or two in bed if you can. One careless cold-owner can on average infect 12 contacts.

A common cold begins as a sore throat, and leads to a running nose, sneezing and nasal congestion and headaches.

Flu is more severe and is usually of rapid onset. Symptoms are fever, chilly sensations, headache, generalised body-aches, a dry cough, and sometimes the development of cold sores (herpes simples) on the mouth and lips.

Treatment

The treatment for both these conditions can be instituted by you. If you feel lousy increase your rest. Bedmates are, in this case, best confined to a packet of paper tissues; a paper bag to collect the used ones. The nose should always be blown with the mouth slightly open and with both nostrils open. This prevents excessive pressure and the forcing of infected matter into the near-by ear tubes; the latter can cause ear infections. Have your room warm but well aired and stay indoors until your temperature is normal. Drink plenty of fluids - about 4-6 pints a day. Cool drinks such as fruit juice, lemonade or cordial. Keep a jug by your bed. Soluble aspirin or disprin taken 4 hourly will ease the headache and the pain, and reduce the temperature.

A gargle sometimes helps - 2 aspirins crushed in water make quite a good gargle, and can be swallowed. Aspirin can also be crushed with honey and sucked, or be swallowed plain - but not more than 8 in the 24 hours. A gargle made from warm water with salt in it, in a weak solution, can help sore throats. A cough mixture from the chemist may be needed.

Within the first 12 hours of either a cold or flu, taking an additional 2-5 gm of Vitamin C will help fight the bug. Commercial preparations (e.g. Redoxin, Celin) can be purchased from the chemist.

Drawing of a person sneezing on another person

With the flu, a feeling of weakness may lag on for some days after the initial onset. The chest is usually

more sore than with a cold. If the condition persists with the development of coughing yellow or green sputum, ring for advice - you may need an antibiotic. If you're not sure ring Mairi or Celia at the Student Health Service, anytime 9am - 5pm for advice.

Flu Injection

The flu injection is not needed by most of us. However, if you suffer from chronic bronchitis, asthma or some other respiratory or heart disorders contact us at the Student Health and we will arrange for treatment.

Influenza epidemics are rarely confined to a single country; usually they spread all over the world from the area in which they first arise. It is thus often possible to predict an epidemic of influenza; when a new strain crops up anywhere in the world it is likely to spread to other parts. There is a World Influenza Centre in London where strains from all over the world are collected so that such predictions may be made. Thus a few years ago, a European outbreak was successfully predicted because of the occurrence of a new strain, the 'Asiatic Virus', in Malaya.

The importance of this is that it is now possible to prepare in advance large amounts of the virus of the predicted epidemic strain in order to prepare vaccines for immunization purposes. No satisfactory vaccine has been developed for the common cold because of the large number of causative viruses, but the vaccines against influenza have met with a fair degree of success.

Note: Fluids and aspirins should alleviate most symptoms dramatically.

Steer Clear of Colds Positive precautions are better than pills or medicines.

Keep your resistance high:

- See you get enough sleep
- Dress warmly
- Exercise regularly in the open air
- Eat the right foods

Don't spread infection:

- Live and work in well ventilated rooms
- Wash your hands often
- Keep well away from people with colds

If you catch a cold:

- Go to bed for a day or two
- Sneeze and Cough into disposable tissues
- If your cold hangs on - see a Doctor

Easter Tournament

As you may or may not know, twice a year universities from around the country compete against each other at sport. Tournaments are held at Easter and in the August vacation and serve to bring together students of common interest.

At the Easter Tournament 12 sports compete; Athletics, cricket, rowing, shooting, snooker, judo, swimming, tennis, volleyball, waterpolo, yachting and swords. If you would be interested in competing at any of these, could you either contact the individual sports concerned or contact the Sports Officer at the Studass Office for any information you would like.

The sports we would be most pleased to hear from anyone who is capable of competing at are: yachting (boats are supplied), judo, water polo and swimming and snooker. These sports for one reason or another are having difficulties contacting willing competitors, in the case of yachting and judo no clubs exist at Victoria.

Easter Tournament this year is being held at Auckland University and Victoria has booked 100 seats on the Northerner Express on April 11th and returning April 17th. The approximate cost for travel will be \$30 return. Auckland arranges for billets for those who require them.

As time is running out, if anyone is interested, please contact me before 12 o'clock Tuesday 3rd April so any necessary arrangements can be made.

Phil Sowman
(Sports Officer)

Students & Staff Welcome to the SQUASH CENTRE Salamanca Road Opposite STUDASS SQUASH COURTS — TABLE TENNIS POOL — COFFEE + LUNCH BAR OPEN 7am — 11pm WEEKDAYS 9am — 7pm WEEKENDS EARLY BIRDS — SQUASH + TENNIS PLAYERS — JOGGERS: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FROM 7 A.M. FRUIT CEREAL — HOT ROLLS — COFFEE — TEA \$1.50 SQUASH

[unclear: Stranger than] life

[unclear: Gazine: Al] Life

'Magazine, oh yeah — but you can't dance [unclear: t], and it's not attacking anybody; so what's [unclear: pened] to New Wave?"

Assume the Ramones and the Pistols are [unclear: ne] end of the new wave register, then [unclear: gazine] is definitely at the other extreme, [unclear: you] now think they are soft — no chance [unclear: gazine] approach their enquiry (summary?) [unclear: the] human condition in rather a different [unclear: v]. Rather than attack someone/thing else, [unclear: al] Life is lyricist / vocalist / songwriter [unclear: ward] Devoto's reaction to the forces con[unclear: ling] his (yours, mine) exislnance. That is, [unclear: withdraws] from daily living momentarily [unclear: ay] 'Take a look, Fate is leading you and [unclear: re] is bugger all you can do!'

[unclear: Structurally], the album is impeccable, [unclear: ry] track appears to knit into the next, [unclear: h] seems important to the whole. Music[unclear: Magazine] are solid and tight. Bass and [unclear: ms] are calm and methodical, while lead [unclear: tarist] (McGeoch) and Devoto in the fore[unclear: und] rise to frenzy pitch on occasions, [unclear: ugh] always well calculated and in [unclear: con- l].

[unclear: Devoto's] lyrics are inaccessible, yet they [unclear: obvious], the music conveying the emo[unclear: h] completely.

[unclear: Opening] track 'Definitive Gaze' is a wry [unclear: k] at "Real life - you're telling me!!," set[unclear: g] the pace for the remainder of the set, [unclear: duction] quality faultless. The group [unclear: playing] well within themselves here [unclear: rming] up). The plot thickens with 'My [unclear: pa]', a powerful statement, holding back [unclear: n] surging forward to a driving climax, [unclear: thrown] in for good measure. Devoto [unclear: rustration] personified, imploring help[unclear: ly] "I want to see you — don't you want [unclear: see] me?!!!"

'Shot by Both Sides' catches Devoto trying to "run away from everything" only to be "S by BS." This time the helplessness is largely channelled through a dazzling guitar break, abrupt but so relevant. 'Recoil' is the super rapid, super rabid climax of side one. A tightly controlled blur of racing instrument and voice reminds you of walking down rush hour Queen St. 'Burst' completes the side on a slower, retrospective note.

Side Two appears structurally identical to the first side, then again it seems an entirely different approach. The first numbers are easier to grasp. 'Motorcade' begins slowly, accelerates rapidly, slowing again concluding seemingly unable to decide between extremes of speed and sloth. As can be 'imagined the fear and confusion is prevalent throughout. 'Great Beautician in the Sky' lurches and stutters through it's course, finally tailing into stride just before the end, unusual listening.

The last two tracks are among the best. "The Light Pours Out of Me' begins with an ominous drum intro, being joined by Bass, then Lead, before firing into action with Devoto's vocals. A demanding, pounding drive in the final stages really carry the sound to the top (point of breakdown).

The final track 'Parade' is perhaps the gem of the album. Rich and smooth, it simultaneously contains elements of insecurity, pessimism and doubt, concluding so aptly with the lyrics "sometimes I forget that we're supposed to be in love - sometimes I forget my position."

In general, the Magazine approach can perhaps be described as dry, yet to cover the subject matter in any other way would defeat the purpose. Frustration and confusion are the keynotes throughout, fresh, bouncy, XTC rhythms just would not fit.

Real Life is not background music, it demands attention and consideration. If these are not the qualities which give you musical satisfaction, then forget it- Magazine will mean nothing.

John Green

Cooking

Eggplants — Not For the Nervous!

Eggplants are not everyone's meat and potatoes. Are you adventuresome, funloving, interested in music and

outings with a view to matrimony.....Whoops wrong column again! Anyhow eggplants are for those who enjoy a variety in taste. This month (and this alone I fear) E.P's are really cheap. Of the two recipes that follow the first it tried, tested and enjoyed by myself, the second from the kitchen of Dianne (ta Dianne!)

Cheesed, Casseroled Eggplants (Serves about 6)

Before starting heat up oven to 375°c

Things you will need:

- 1 average sized E.P.
- 1 cup wheatgerm
- ½ cup cheese (Romano or Parmesan are best but cheddar will do.)
- 1 teaspoon oreganum
- 4 - 6 tomatoes
- 1 large onion (finely chopped)
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- 1 large green pepper (cut into slices—

and some additional cheese (1-2 cups) for topping.

Cut eggplant into smallish slices (1.35 cms or ½inch roughly). Fry until browned (some people soak E.P's in water for 5 minutes before frying - but I doubt that this is really necessary.) Put into bottom of casserole dish. Mix wheat germ, cheese, oreganum (and a little parsely if available) and sprinkle over E.P's. Add about a teaspoon of tall and a little pepper.

Combine tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic with 2 tablespoons of oil. Simmer uncovered until pulpy (about 15-20 minutes). Thicken with wholemeal or rye flour and then spread over E.P's. Add about 1-2 cups of cheese as topping.

Bake 15 minutes at 350°.

Mushroomed Eggplants (serves 4-6)

Tilings you will need:

- 1 large E.P
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup sour cream (if unavailable use yoghurt)
- 1 chopped onion or 2 tablespoons powdered mushroom soup or keep your eyes open for real mushrooms.

There are plenty around now.

Dash Salt.

Peel E.P and cut into cubes (try ½ inch again) lightly fry with onions.

Put E.P and onion into baking dish, sprinkle with salt and sour cream. (Add mushrooms, or soup at this stage.)

Bake for 15 minutes in oven at 375°.

Buffalo Bill SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY TWO CENTS

[unclear: Notices]

[unclear: Crtiary] Bursary — Special [unclear: Ardship] Allowance

In certain circumstances the Department [unclear: Education] will pay a Special Hardship Al[unclear: vance] of up to \$7 per week to students [unclear: o] are already in receipt of the Unabated [unclear: tiary] Bursary.

[unclear: To] qualify for this Special Hardship Al[unclear: vance], students must be able to show that [unclear: ir] ability to save money over the Summer [unclear: ation] was unpaired because they were un[unclear: e] to find a job for part or all of the va[unclear: ion] or because of some other circum[unclear: nces] beyond their control.

[unclear: Students] who wish to apply for the [unclear: ecial] Hardship Allowance should [unclear: ntact]Mrs Mildred Brown, Accommm[unclear: tion] Officer, 6 Kelburn Parade, to ob[unclear: n] an application form and to discuss the [unclear: dence] required to support their [unclear: applica-n].

[unclear: Students] who are receiving the Abated [unclear: tiary] Bursary who wish to apply on [unclear: unds] of hardship to have their abated bur[unclear: y] increased to the unabated rate, should [unclear: Miss] Daphne Dawbin, Liaison Officer, [unclear: 34] Kelburn Parade.

[unclear: Students] who have already had their [unclear: ated] bursary increased to the unabated [unclear: e], do not need to make a further appl[unclear: tion] for the Special Hardship Allowance [unclear: up] to \$7 per week.

[unclear: H]. Boyd[unclear: rector] of Student Welfare Services

[unclear: Radio] Active Disco

[unclear: iday] 6 April 8.15pm Common Room Everton [unclear: II].

[unclear: .00] admission. Drinks available.

[unclear: Alaysia] Singapore [unclear: udents] Association

[unclear: SSA Song Book] — "Our Songs" it out now [unclear: \$1.00] a copy.

[unclear: Our] Songs" — from Malaysia to New Zealand [unclear: a] collection of over 400 songs, classified under [unclear: catagories], ranging from the International to [unclear: op] songs.

[unclear: 'ailable] at Victoria Book Centre'

[unclear: R] K.H. Yap — 757-493

H.K. Tan — 758-185

Environment Group Meeting

Meetings will be held every Thursday a 5.00pm in the Union Hall

Squash Club Social

Come along to a SOCIAL on Wednesday, April 4 at 8pm.

At: Rugby Club Rooms — Wai-te-ata Rd.

Members with a plate — \$2.50

Non-members — \$3.50

Drinks, Supper and Music Included in the Cover Charge

Tramping Club

Bushcraft Course: Learn how to light fires under water (almost), pitch tents in a hurricane, put your mate out of his/her/its misery, drown yourself in a river, and, how to get lost. Better still, learn how to avoid doing most of these things. See the Club notice board, Graveyard end, Middle floor of the Union Building for list and details.

Easter Trip: All persons intending to go on the Easter trip should come to the meeting tomorrow night (Tuesday April 3). Trip details will be finalised then. Transport money should be paid at the meeting.

\$28.00 if paid at the meeting, \$29.00 if not. Please bring the right change.

SRC REPS Meeting

Guest speaker: Lyndsay Wright (VUW Information Officer).

All SRC reps are urged to attend this meetin to discuss student representation within the university. Decision making procedures will be outlined and Your tactics and responsibility discussed.

Be there if you want your representation to be effective.

Thurs 5 April 4.00pm in the Lounge and Smoking Room.

Photographic Society

Tuition evening — learn how to develop and print your own negatives.

7pm, Wednesday April 4 in LB2

All Welcome

Gay Liberation

General Meeting.
44 Sydney Street East, April 4 7.30pm.
Contact Neil or Paul 721-941
Trevor 848-941

Progressive Students Alliance

On Friday the Army and police were called in to break up the tunnel workers picket in Christchurch. We are calling an emergency meeting to discuss this blatant infringement on workers' rights to strike. On Wednesday the VUWSA AGM will be discussing whether the Salient editor should be elected or appointed. What should our view be?

Come to the PSA meeting Monday at 11.00, Lounge.
Drawing of a small pie flying towards someone

Scottish Country Dancing

Our informal Scottish Country Dancing group has started once again - beginners and more advanced dancers meet every Tuesday evening for 2 hours..... a good way to take your mind off your studies, and to give your legs a bit of exercise!

Meet us at the new dance room in the gym next Tuesday evening from 5.30 - 7.30 pm.

Victoria Chemistry Society Party

All Chemistry students are advised that the VUW Chemistry Society is holding its first party for 1979 on Thurs April 5 in the coffee room, 3rd floor of the Union Building at 5.00pm.

Tickets will be available from Mon April 2 from any Chemistry lecturer or demonstrator at a cost of \$2.00. Supper, as usual, will be provided. Any other interested students are also welcome.

Snooker Club

The next meeting of the Victoria University Snooker Club will be at the Victory Billiard Salon (in Courtenay Place) on Wednesday April 4 at 7.00pm.

Intending players who are unable to attend, ring Robert Edgerton. 845-063

Womens Action Group

"Wives' is being toured by the Women's Rights Action Committee of NZUSA. This will be your only chance to see this thought provoking film. Admission is free but is restricted to those over 16. After the film there will be coffee and discussion on some of the issues raised. Organised by VUW Womens Action Group in conjunction with WRAC.

Tuesday April 3, 4pm - 6pm, Lounge. All welcome.

The regular WAG meeting will be held 12 - 1pm Thursday, April 5, Lounge. A speaker from the predominantly female Clerical Workers Union will contribute to discussion.

Women only Coffee [*unclear*: Include]

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FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING SUPPLIES SOCCER — RUGBY — HOCKEY AND LEAGUE BOOTS —
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857-004

Letters

Drawing of a person writing with a feather quill

Salient would like to apologise for two errors in the Letters to the Editor in the last two issues.

In Issue 4, a line was omitted from Lawrence Law's letter "A Christian's comment". The final paragraph of the letter should have read;

"Therefore, a student should not be put off by any second-hand opinion of christian students. Do mix around and make new friends, even with christians, and find things out for yourself. After all, they are humans too and value your friendship."

In Issue 5 (last issue) the third paragraph from the end of L. Puk's letter "The WOCF approach" should have read:

"Officers have also undertaken to visit and sing in prisons, hospitals and old folks homes, etc." When published the word sing was printed as sin. Ms Puk also wishes to state that the letter should have been signed the Wellington Overseas Christian Fellowship, whose views the letter expresses.

Salient apologises for any embarrassment these errors may have caused.

Dear Peter,

I write regarding the "Anti-Propaganda (On Punk) article in last week's Salient. After reading this article I was moved to wondering whether or not [unclear: the] authors opinions are, in fact, serious. My main concern is the way the author rubbishes Keith Richard, Mick Jagger, and other members of the 'Rolling Stones'. I do not see how punk music may be compared with the 'Stones' for a start!

Mr Telford (the author) writes:

"Any Punk guitarist could have played better than Keith Richards on the 'trendy' Punk number 'Respectable' (as the 'Stones' are) on their latest album 'Some Girls!'"

Firstly, very few Punk guitarists could play guitar with any sort of distinction, and even if they could play guitar in 'Repectable' better than Richards.....so what!

Secondly, who says 'Respectable' is supposed to be a "Trendy' Punk number"? If anything tries to be 'trendy Punk', its the shit that bands (?) like 'Penetration' and 'The Romones' chum out. Thirdly, I don't see how the 'Stones' may be labelled 'respectable' on "Some Girls". Even the lyrical content could not really be called 'respectable'. What's respectable about dodging dope busts i.e. "Before They Make Me Run"?

I was amazed to read that Mr Telford believes Keith Richards got off his notorious Canadian coke and heroin bust (the former being dropped by Canadian Authorities), "because he's a recognised part of the establishment." Since when has any known heroin addicted rock musician been a recognised part of "the establishment"? Also, the reasons Richards "got off his bust were stated by the judge who presided at his trial, Judge Lloyd Grayburn. Judge Grayburn said Richards "was not a criminal although he was an addict, that he should not be jailed for addiction and wealth, and that although the Stones have encouraged drug use in their songs, 'Richard's efforts have been moving him away from the drug culture, and this can only encourage those who emulate him. Because of all these facts, no jail or fine is appropriate!" (Rolling Stone 30/11/78)

Mr Telford goes on to say punk is: "an attitude of disillusionment (sic) cynicism (?), and anger at social injustice." That line has been bandied about for centuries by disenchanted youth. And Mr Telford talks about 'trendy'....

Further on, the article reads: "Someone once told me that the Romones (brilliant, subtle, titanic) songs all sound the same." My advice to Mr Telford in this instance, is to find the "someone" who told him that, and listen intently to anything else that he/she says in regard to music, because he/she is bloody well right! I also had to laugh at the mention of "some amazing vocals by Joey Ramone" Amazing!? I wouldn't say amazing..... more like "fucking useless?".

Mr Telford says that 'the Ramones' message is simple....." —very true, but not simple as in succinct, but "simple" as in "moronic". I like the way Mr Telford states that punk is composed of "disillusioned kids, criminals and others" (?) and that Punk began in 1974-5 when people saw that music wasn't getting anywhere. These statements are incorrect. The ideals of Punk music were followed many years previously to 1974—5 under the initiation of bands such as "New York Dolls" and "Velvet Underground."

Mr Telford, where did you find this classic? "There's an equation that goes like this; the older, the richer, the most successful, the more famous, the more respectable, an artist gets, the further from reality, from his/her/its ideals, values and credibility the artist gets"!!! Bullshit. Ever heard of Frank Zappa, Van Morrison, etc. Still, if you really believe that, you'd probably make a good NME writer or sociology major.

I'm still trying to figure out the reasoning that "Punk can achieve more by bubbling under (the charts, your conscience and society - politicians in particular), than by being brought into the establishment with too much success." To achieve "success" a revolution doesn't bubble under - it bursts, Mr Telford. I'm positive that given the choice, all punk bands would rather have a smash hit and be a financial success, than "bubble under" the charts and achieve moral success, and express social comments. But then, bands don't have the choice - its up to us - the record buying public, and sales figures speak for themselves.

Mr Telford seems to think that if a band achieves financial success, it automatically loses any credibility - I think that is absurd.

Yours sincerely,

Stu Frater

P.S. Last words from Mick Jagger: "Don't you think 'The Stranglers' are the worst thing you've ever fuckin' heard? Christ, I do. They're hideous, rubbishy.....so bloody stupid. Fuckin' nauseating they are!" (RAM 2/12/77)

Drawing of a man laughing

Dear Sir,

David Telford is a cretin.

From one to another,
Joey Ramone.

Dear Sir,

David Telford's clear concise prose (what!!!) in last week's Salient was absolute bullshit!

Ok, I agree with him in places. I too consider Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols a classic album and likewise I detest disco.

But his attacks on the 'rock establishment' are simply a repetition of what became almost punk cliches in England during 1977, until I think even the punks themselves got sick of hearing it. And Respectable has got nothing to do with punk. It is a straight-out Rolling Stones rock'n'roll song (and I like it).

The fact is, punk is on the wane. Some would say it is already history. The first, and perhaps the last, true punk band were the Sex Pistols and not only have they split up but one of them is dead. RIP Sid.

Those originals still around, such as the Clash, the Jam and the Damned (now the Doomed) have become part of the 'establishment'. And there's nothing wrong with that, it just means they're getting the success they deserve.

Meanwhile some of the punk posers, for example Sham 69, are starting to realise that no-one was fooled.
Mark Wilson

No More Punk

Dear Sir,

I couldn't help but notice the article on punk gracing the pages of your esteemable magazine in last week's issue. I take it you saw fit to print said article to demonstrate one of the reasons why you do not accept all copies submitted to you. Point taken: there are standards and the line must be drawn somewhere. But might I suggest that having made your point you spare us any further evidence that some would be journalists lack even the remotest sense of competence with the English language.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to point out to David Telford that he speaketh a load of shit.

Yours sincerely,

James Harrow.

Another Willing Worker

Sir,

The excellent suggestion of P.A. [*unclear*: O'Dondghue's] that I be given a column in your newspaper, is not disagreeable to me, but my natural modesty would prevent me from accepting. (As for the "high and important office" - if there is such a thing in [*unclear*: Salien] if the remuneration was sufficiently "high and important" and the travale itself of a lightweight nature, I could be persuaded to overcome my shyness

Drawing of a woman smiling

As for P.A. O'Donoghue himself: "his revolutionary thought" surprises me. If rumour is to be believed, P.A. O'Donoghue mixes in the company of well-known conservatives and National Party members, and, is indeed a pillar of conservatism in his own right. Is this a sign that the status quo is veering to the left?

Yours variously,

Miss/Ms/Kathy Drysdale.

Anarchic German Departments

Most esteemed Sir,

I wish to bring your attention to some generally unknown facts concerning a group of diabolical subversive elements organising themselves a right here on campus. I refer to a group of anarchists whose members have caused shock to echo around the world on at least two previous occasions, once in 1914 and again in 1939. These attacks on human dignity and freedom must be terminated, by destroying this menace at its core.

I say down with the infamous German department, out with these fiends, eliminate sin teutonics and remove their twisted doctrin from the hallowed halls of this fine institution.

Yours respectfully,

Daniel S.

A Boy with a Problem

Dear Editor,

I am a shy boy of 22 finishing accountancy this year and although I have been told I'm quite good looking I have never really kissed a' girl.

Drawing of a man with stubble and a crew cut

My friend Erin Walker is always boasting about his conquests and he has no trouble picking up girls despite his handicap. He suggested I write to Salient and should any decent, Christian young girl wish to enter a meaningful relationship with a view to outings and mutual enrichment, she could reply in next week's Salient and maybe we could take it from there.

Yours in anticipation,

Monroe Simmons.

P.S. If Carol Addley is reading, I really enjoyed your super letter last week, Carol, and I'm sure we could

hit it off together.

Concern for S.E. Asia

Dear Mr Editor,

(May I call you Ed?) I was wondering why there was so much concern with S.E. Asian conflicts amongst a number of students. Now I think I know why. They are scared that if Australia and New Zealand were drawn into the conflict they will have to leave their secure little cocoons and go fight for their country.

Love,

Carol Addley

Student Loans from your on campus bank If you need a little help and advice on making your money go further it's there for the asking from the Bank of New Zealand. We're right on campus and ready to help. Student loans The great thing about these is their flexibility. From just a few days to tide you over a rough spot or long-term so that you can plan ahead over the years you're studying. Interest is charged at a concessional rate. If you'd like to talk over your money problems with people who understand money and how it works call into the Bank of New Zealand on campus and arrange a time for a chat. Call at the BNZ on-campus office, and arrange to see Richard Starke, or phone him direct at BNZ. Wellington branch, corner Lambton and Customhouse Quays, phone 725-099. Bank of New Zealand Here when you need us - on campus

[unclear: God] & the Sheep

[unclear: Dear] Editor,

The letter in recent Salient relating God to [unclear: heep], while distinctly lacking in taste, did con[unclear: in] a dull smattering of truth.

It is true that Jesus Christ, the Son of the Li[unclear: ng] God, is portrayed as "the lamb of God" [unclear: ho] in His love and mercy makes provision for [unclear: ople's] wrong doings) in the New Testament [unclear: is] important biblical truth items from the [unclear: ictice] of sacrificing a lamb for the wrong [unclear: ings] of the pre-Messianic Israelites.

It is relevant to mention that Jews who reject [unclear: us] at the long awaited Messiah still atone for [unclear: by] way of a lamb but Jews and non-Jews who [unclear: rive] Jesus Christ as Messiah believe that He is [unclear: e] perfect atonement for wrong acts.

Another aspect of truth alluded to in last weeks [unclear: ter] is the biblica' story about the sheep and the [unclear: ats].. The idea it that God will separate the be[unclear: vers] from atheists, hypocntet, liars, proud peo[unclear: e] etc. at the appointed time for judgement, [unclear: ockers] of God will also presumably be dealt [unclear: th] at this time.

On that final point I would like to warn pre[unclear: it], or would be, mockers of God to take count [unclear: their] actions (God is not mocked). "I will re[unclear: y]" God affirms in the Bible. Child of Abraham

[unclear: The] Other Side of MAS

[unclear: ar] Editor,

This concerns an article which appeared in [unclear: ient] about three editions ago. I am referring [unclear: the] "typical behaviour" of the Malaysian Govt, [unclear: dealing] with a worker dispute concerning MAS [unclear: alaysian] Air System).

The article raved about the strong arm tactics [unclear: ed] by the dreaded "Secret Service Squad" to [unclear: ce] workers back on the job. What the article [unclear: led] to mention was that the whole affair began [unclear: en] four or five aircrew of one flight reported [unclear: sick] (definitely not Asian Flu). The investiga[unclear: n] which followed was met by sabotage attempts [unclear: ere] MAS aircraft tyres were slashed and spanners [unclear: lged] in turbo-gan blades (not very healthy). I [unclear: nk] it only fair to provide both sides of the [unclear: ry] before such crap is put out.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Anda.

[unclear: ar] - basher

[unclear: ar] Editor,

"Could any moral well-intentioned" person [unclear: o] witnessed some bastard drive into a poor [unclear: dent's] parked yellow Fiat 850 (on Sunday [unclear: March] between 2.15 and 5.30) please ring [unclear: leme] at 698174.

This dastardly deed was committed on the [unclear: king] space just outside the Cotton Building [unclear: Kelburn] Parade.
G. C. Bock.

[unclear: Missing] name

[unclear: Dear] Peter,

In the last issue of Salient you published an [unclear: rtick] on the Mangere Bridge Dispute. If any [unclear: f] Salient's readers would like to discuss points [unclear: t] the article with the writer, or would like to [unclear: nd] out more about the Bridge worker's struggle, [unclear: ley] can contact roe at 729225.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Mulrennan

[unclear: Mr] Mulrennan's name was omitted by accident -ed)
PEPE LOPEZ TEQUILA THE SPIRIT OF MEXICO OUT ON ITS OWN COCA-COLA "COCA-COLA"
IS THE REGISTERED TRADE MARK OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY

Interesting Lectures

Dear Sir,

God knows Econ. 101 lectures are boring enough, but when analogies described as "close to all your hearts" refer to beer twilling, I feel obliged to object. We all know Uncle Bob was only trying to make the lecture interesting (and about time too!), but I am sick and tired of this ludicrous assumption that All varsity students Love Beer!

I Hate Beer!

- as do many varsity students I know, to will someone please take note!

Yours soberly

C.A.M.

- boring little 1st year!

Drawing of a woman with rollers in her hair

Mexico - Catholicism V. State

Dear Sir,

In her letter (12 March) Salina described the Christians at working "to improve the livelihood of the people" and cited some examples. Despite the use of vague generalities like "the people" it was clear what she meant. Her view is not completely without foundation but the evidence supporting it is exaggerated by Christian propaganda especially in the case of the Catholics. The Smithsonian Institute published an impartial survey in 1948 of a Mexican village which showed what the Catholic Church had achieved after four hundred years of domination.

When the first school was established it met with "the active opposition of all the fanatically Catholic population". The priest started a rival school and excommunicated parents who sent their children to the public one even though the priest's school taught only elementary reading and writing, whereas the public school with nine trained teachers offered a full curriculum without charge. The Church took annually eleven to fifteen times the entire municipal budget and the poverty - stricken condition of the villagers showed it didn't find its way back to them, not even by way of charity. Villagers who were too poor to bring money could bring corn, beans or wheat which the priest would sell.

The activities of the Catholic Church are still the same today in many under-developed areas although of course this wouldn't be reported by our press. It tends to make you agree with the statement of the French Statesman of the turn-of-the-century, Henri Beranger, who said "Against the priest everything is permissible, like the rabid dog every passer-by has the right to put down, to prevent it spreading its infection."

Yours etc,

G. Herrington

Headmaster Tees

Dear Sir,

I was appalled by the report our Honorable President Andrew Tees submitted in last weeks' Salient.

He speaks of the motion passed at SRC on the German Industrialists visit to N.Z. The motion was passed (democratically) by those present at the meeting. People who are genuinely interested in what goes on at SRC meetings. They voted for what they believed in.

What right has Andrew Tees got in saying that this motion is not credible? What right has Andrew Tees got in saying that this motion is Bullshit?

It seems to me that Andrew Tees is disrupting SRC meetings by a take-over bid, an expression of his personal bias. Is Andrew Tees our President or our Headmaster.

Perhaps the students who won't attend SRC's are those who are not interested, the "apathetic body", present in all cross-sections of society. Why does Andrew Tees want to protect these no-hopers. Are they the only "support" he has? The invisible, unspeaking students.

My opinion,

Marcia.

Wilson on the Brain

Dear Sir,

Your prolific writer-of--articles, Simon Wilson, has Muldoon on the brain. An assessment of his political writings in Salient throughout 1978 and now this year reveals a bad case of Muldoonitis. Like a number of other other extreme Marxists, he needs Muldoon. Simon Wilson likes to picture Muldoon as the archetypal capitalist politician, trying to stamp the helpless working classes into the ground. Even more so than Muldoon's most fervent supporters (who are upper middle class career women and slow-minded labourers), Wilton clings to every word the man utters. What evil capitalist idea is hidden in Muldoon's latest speech? To be sure, Simon Wilton will carefully study hit subject's words to find some such terror. For Wilson, Muldoon is the centre of the New Zealand political world; in fact, he is the only person who matters in NZ. Wilson respectfully spends his hours pondering the implications of Muldoon's latest words and actions. As I said, he needs Muldoon. People tend to hate Muldoon, and by interminably equating him with "capitalism" Simon Wilson hopes to make them hate capitalism too.

There can be few more ardent followers of Muldoon about. Doesn't Simon Wilson know that Muldoon is out? Last year when he dished up hit election menu the voters had a bad case of food poisoning and voted accordingly. We know now he conned us - again - and we don't need endless extremist articles to remind us of the fact. Today Muldoon is either a joke or a bore not someone to be taken seriously. It is simply a matter of waiting till he is replaced. In all areas he is a failure - as PM, as National Party leader, as Minister of Finance, as a personality, as a promise keeper, etc

And most importantly for Simon Wilton, he has failed as a capitalist as well. The most basic analysis of hit economic record would have revealed this to Simon Wilton. Muldoon's commitment to free enterprise is purely professed. He it actually a sort of socialist-centralist. This is what makes Simon Wilson's weekly onslaught against Muldoon and hit supposed capitalism such twaddle. My advice to him is: cool it on Muldoon - there's no greater way to waste your time.
Caligula.

Compulsory Membership to VUWSA

Dear Sir,

For the information of students who object to the fact that membership of the Student's Association is forced upon them as a prerequisite to enrolment at the University, I submit the following extracts:-

United Nations declaration of Human Rights Article 20 Clause 2.

"No one may be compelled to belong to an association".

Human Rights Commission Act 1977.

Section 26.

"Educational establishments ...

- It shall be unlawful for an educational establishment, or the authority responsible for the control of an educational establishment, —
 - ¶ To refuse or fail to admit a person as a pupil or student; or
 - ¶ To admit him on less favourable terms and conditions than would otherwise be made available; or
 - ¶ To deny or restrict access to any benefits or services provided by the establishment; or
 - ¶ To exclude him or subject him to any other detriment — by reason of the colour, race, ethnic or national origins, sex, marital status, or religious or ethical belief of that person or of the colour, race, or ethnic or national origins of any relative or associate of that person.
- An educational establishment maintained wholly or principally for students of one sex, race, colour, or religious belief, or the authority responsible for the control of any such establishment, does not commit a breach of this section by refusing to admit students of a different sex, race, colour, or religious belief.
- In this section "educational establishment" includes an establishment offering any form of technical training or instruction."

Human Rights Commission Act 1977

Section 2

"Interpretation — In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Ethical belief" means the absence of a religious belief whether in respect of a particular religion or religions or all religions ..."

It is therefore surprising to note that the Students' Association, which normally is very voluble on any issues of human rights, has, I have been told by the President of VUWSA, an Executive policy that exemption from membership will not be allowed on the basis of conscientious objection.

For the Benefit of All Students I Ask that the President of VUWSA Comment on the Association's Policy Regarding the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Answer the Questions:—

If it supports that declaration in principle why not in fact also?

If it does not support the declaration — Why not?

For the benefit of students who objected to membership of the Association on the basis of conscientious objection, and who had their application refused by VUWSA and an appeal disallowed by the Vice Chancellor. I would point out that the Human Rights Commission (which proved very sympathetic and helpful when I visited recently) is situated at:—

2nd Floor,
Chase — N.B.A. House,
163/165 The Terrace,
P.O. Box 5045,
Wellington telephone 739-981.

Yours faithfully,

B. Wardle.

Drawing of an old man with a bow tie

Brolly - Phobia

Dear Sir,

It has been a continual source of both irritation and amazement to me in my wanderings about this magnificent memorial to higher learning to find myself for ever engaged in combat with foul hordes of the local umbrella-users. I Indeed at times I am literally fighting for space in which to breathe, such is the amount of space these fiends waste on their unwieldy contraptions.

I find it impossible to believe that the local intelligentsia still allow and even use these vicious and barbaric relics of a more brutal age. Can something not be done about this stigma attached to our beloved V.U.W.?

To further my argument one has only to examine any non-umbrella user to discover a multitude of scars inflicted by the latter-day weapon of death. Perhaps restriction to a 45cm diameter might reduce the 'brolly-toll', or indeed a prohibitively high tax on the carrying and use of these devices to perfectly suited as hand-to-hand weapons.

Yours in Anticipation,

B.C. Kelly.

The Boot on the Other Frot

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Executive I would like to chunder over the wankers in this office in my full (and very tight - oh how so tight!) capacity, and my full incapacity.

I would also like to condone our President for his latest move of initiative:—

Legalising Frottage!

It is about time someone stood up and took a stance (preferably a Frotting stance) and took this very important, emotional issue in todays society.

Again, I would like to call all Frotters of the world together, and let them stand behind our most revered President.

Yours Frotting.

I. Frot

Sasrac Made Better

Dear Ed,

SASRAC has been plagued this year by lack of interest - perhaps due to its very uninteresting nature. However, with a little humanizing and enthusiam, it could become worthy of being called the "major social event on campus".

For example, it would be improved by a little music, any form of entertainment, a change of location, organised club or departmental socials, and more people. For those who don't know. SASRAC stands for 'Staff and Student Recreational Activities Club' (I think) and is held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm in the cafe.

Yours,

J. McCalman

Cafe Service Criticised

Dear Sir,

After reading the criticisms of the cateteria in this paper I would like to voice my grudge as well.

My comment is on the service (or lack of it) available at the Soft (no) Service Bar. Greeted by the friendly smile and helpful "Yes" or if you are lucky "What ya want" you proceed to order your favourite thickshake. Well, with the Govt. withdrawal of milk subsidies and a bad fruit season some measure might have been necessary but I think the half full milk flavoured thinshakes they have insult to charge 40c for are a bit beyond even us varsity students gullability.

Your faithfully,

I.B. Flapworth.

The South East Asian Conflict

Dear Peter,

I am writing to state my position concerning the debate re the condemnation of the Vietnamese invasion in Kampuchea and the Chinese counterattack, and to clarify a few points that were made in Salient's report of it. The report is a bit misleading because it ignores the fact that the amended motion was substantially different from the original motion, which condemned the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea and not the Chinese counterattack on Vietnam. The amendment was mistakenly accepted by us, because we were under the incorrect impression that the amendment did not condemn the Chinese counter-attack but rather called for the withdrawal of all aggressive forces from foreign territory. In the event of confusion arising from this mistake, I would like to restate my position.

The original motion was moved in this form because the mover and seconder felt that there was a fundamental difference between the Vietnamese invasion and the Chinese counter-attack. The Vietnamese invasion was thinly masked by the pretense of supporting a popular uprising by a liberation group that had been formed only 22 days before the so-called "liberation" took place. The Vietnamese are still heavily involved in Kampuchea, independent sources estimating 100,000 troops in Phnom Penh, and not only have no intention of withdrawing but are already making skirmishes into the Thai territory. The Chinese counter-attack on the other hand was a limited, strategic operation which was designed to put a stop to not only Vietnamese expansionist designs in the area but also those of the Soviet Union. It was also a defensive move against the repeated Vietnamese incursions into Chinese territory, particularly in 1978. The proof of China's sincerity is surely the fact that the Chinese have now withdrawn from Vietnamese territory.

It is up to progressive forces to fight for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchean territory.

Yours,

Lindy Cassidy

Grope's Bleat

Dear Sir,

To Mr "Hegehog" I say PHTHWH! Never was such a grubby, disease ridden creature considered by the almighty as an adequate manifestation of his glorious being. Wee Arthur's lapses in literary style indicate his being in the grips of a horrid perversion - the hedgehog fetish; and we all know that only sheep fetishists (such as myself) and their objects can possibly enter the kingdom of heaven. Or do we know this? Has my message to the world gone unheeded? Everywhere I go I still see sheep persecuted and unloved. Maybe a few more facts are necessary to convince you snivelling non-believers.

What is the divine colour? White. Everywhere God appears in the bible he is bathed in light, very bright or generally white. White is the symbol of purity and peace, and we all know how pure and peaceful God initially intended the world to be. So then - what animals are white. Creatures such as polar bears are white due to economic necessity, but only the sheep is white for no apparent reason. The actual reason is divinity. If they appear a dirty off-white or brown in the fields it is only because people refuse to clean them. I can tell you all there'll be great waitings and gnashing of teeth in the farming community when the great holy acceptance list comes out.

And you, Peter Beach, you evil lamb strangling person, I can understand why you sought to cover up your guilt by tittling my previous letter "Exosss Groops" knowing full well that owing divinity was the real subject. You see, I know that you run sheep in your back yard. Your only chance to avoid arch goaterly is to resign, repent, and flee the country now!!!!

Finally, to this Hedgehog character I say If you are serious indeed if you are anything at all - any claim to hedgehog perfection must be supported by biblical evidence, because only through the bible can man ever

understand God. And as for Exosss Groops, official corruption and stupidity has priced them out of the marker.
Good night.
J C Grope
Ovine division
Exosss Groops marketing
board.

Bureaucratic Catering

Dear Peter,

I would like a chance to reply to 'oink [*unclear*: oink] on your letters page.

If this person is genuinely concerned about catering then he/she should make a submission to the sub-committee appointed by the [*unclear*: execu] to investigate the whole question. However [*unclear*: y] points have been noted.

It has to be made clear that it is not [*unclear*: VUWSA] itself which runs the, catering operation; the union does. The association does however have a student majority on the catering sub-committee and the union management committee who take responsibility for the catering. There are also university officers on these committees. I hope this letter has been of some use for you honourable correspondent

(IE we are trying to do something)

Anurew A. Tees

President - VUWSA

Drawing of robots eating toast with vaseline

AGM Agenda

On Wednesday April 4, the Annual General Meeting of VUWSA will be held in the Union Hall, commencing at 12.00 noon. All students who have paid their student association fee are entitled to attend, speak, move motions and vote.

The AGM will begin by discussing the financial report for the Association in 1978 so if you want to find out how the ¼ million dollars you all payed in fees was spent, come along, and then move onto discuss three constitutional amendments.

The first is that the editor of Salient be elected by SRC rather than appointed by the Publication Board (this ammendment is further discussed in the Editorial). Secondly it is proposed that the position of Accommodation Officer on the Exec be abolished and a Welfare Officer be established. The third ammendment is one to formally incorporate the Wellington Clinical School students into VUWSA.

As well as these there are a number of other motions proposed: That there be a committee set up to co-ordinate the activities of all the SRC Officers and Representatives. There is a motion giving further support to the Bursaries demonstration on April 11.

It is moved Tees/Richard Broad: That VUWSA have no policy on abortion, and also moved Richard Broad/Smith: That VUWSA have no policy on foriegn affairs except that specifically relating to overseas students.

It is moved Tees/Carr-Gregg: That the SRC position of International Affairs Officer be abolished, the honorarium of \$50 being allocated to the Education Officers' budget and the budget of \$100 being allocated thus: \$50 to the budget of the overseas students Officer and \$50 to the Education Officer's budget.

One other motion is from Tees/Norman: That this association support any move to amend the NZUSA constitution in order that Constitutuents can have two representatives (one being the President of that Constituent) on the National Executive of NZUSA.

If you are concerned about any of these motions, either in supporting them or in opposing them, then you should come along and have your say, or at least have your vote.

President

Well, how are you? I hope your work is going Ok.

Last week groups of students went down to parliament to see various MP's about the bursaries and student financing situation in general. One point that came out of this was that the availability of vacation employment and the level of actual holiday earnings are closely linked to the bursaries situation and the overall financial needs of students as a whole. The interviews with MP's also helped clarify many misunderstandings which MPs and politicians seem to have about student bursaries in the past.

This week there is a forum on bursaries in the Union Hall at 12.00 on Tuesday. On Wednesday April 11th there will be a march to parliament in support of a new reformed bursary and the \$9 a week increase recommended by the Education Department to the Treasury recently.

Victoria has one of the highest rates of students on the abated bursary (only \$19 a week for only 37 weeks of the year in most cases), so abatement and its abolition are clearly of interest to Vic students. The other aspect is an indexed rise of the bursary each year in line with the inevitable cost of living increases.

There are also a number of anomalies in the bursary system, such as the fact that orphans at university only receive the abated bursary rate. (Hope you read this Merv as you ask us to "put the microscope" on the hardship area).

Well onto other things and there is the Annual General Meeting of your association on Wednesday in the Union Hall. There you can find out where your \$43 goes. There are motions to change the position of Accommodation Officer on the Executive to a Welfare Officer and also exciting ones to implement a stance of no policy on abortion by VUWSA and to abolish all International policy (ie motions on Kampuchea). There is also a motion to make the students at the Wellington Clinical School fully fledged members of VUWSA seeing they pay us money each year.

The Executive; and last week we had a long meeting of attrition as usual. The Executive approved a motion in principle to get pinball machines in the Union. Also (more importantly) it decided to "up" our portion of the \$125,000 overdraft guarantee facility for the Student Travel Bureau which needs it so that they can keep operating, as it made substantial trading losses in the past.

I hope you all come on the bursaries march and support your association in it bid for a better bursary for you.

Andrew Tees

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