

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS Polling will take place on Wednesday 12 September and Thursday 13 September between 8.30am and 6.30pm. Polling booths will be situated in the Cafe foyer in the Union Building and the Library foyer, Rankine Brown building. Salient Newspaper of the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association. Vol 42 No. 22, September 10 1979.

1979 Exec Bi~Election

President

Leslie Brown

Photo of Leslie Brown

I am standing for President because I have been moved to action by the state of the Association affairs.

I am a 5th year Law student and have held active office in law student and other university organisations, and also in downtown organisations in those five years.

The Association must for all our sakes concern itself with vital issues confronting students, and more it must be effective in dealing with those issues. I am not sure if that latter point is always so today.

This is a serious campaign for today students are faced with serious problems.

I see three points for immediate action:

- Education Fightback
- Lack of vacation employment for students
- Hunter Building

There are many other important issues facing students and I will support, develop and seek to implement Association policy on these. In my five years at Victoria, I have kept a close eye on student politics. I have a good knowledge of Association and University affairs and issues and I offer you my hard work on these matters in your interests.

Caroline Massof

Photo of Caroline Massof

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Michael McAleer

The above candidate has failed to produce a manifesto and photograph for this position.

Kelvin Ratnam,
Returning Officer.

Philip Sowman

Photo of Philip Sowman

The position of president is a key one in the Students' Association if the Association is to run smoothly and work in the interests of students. The President's job as I see it requires, firstly experience in the workings of the Students' Association. In this area I have been involved primarily as Sports Officer 1978-79. I have a good working knowledge of the way student clubs operate and the problems they face which I feel will be invaluable in dealing with more general problems next year. Other experience has been 1978:— Union Management Committee, 1979:— chairman Sports Committee, chairman Bluespanel, Open Day Committee (Recreation Centre), Member of NZ Universities Sport Union Management Committee, (the sports equivalent of NZUSA Executive).

The second requirement of the President is to have administrative ability. As Sports Officer I have organised teams for Sports Tournaments and administered funds from Sports Committees. This year I am completing an M.A. (App) Rec. Administration which has a large practical component giving me experience in administration and the associated problems. Through my M.A. course I have been required to submit detailed reports at regular intervals — this type of report writing is an important administrative function of the President.

Treasurer

There have been no applicants for the position. Kelvin Ratman, Returning Officer.

Man Vice-President

[unclear: Michael] McAleer

Photo of Michael McAleer

the five years that I have been at [unclear: rsity], I have noticed a decline in [unclear: luality] of student life. For many [unclear: nts] here, varsity just means going [unclear: nures] and the library. University [unclear: Id] be an experience in human [unclear: s], not just the receipt of a fancy of paper at the end of several of concentrated study.

[unclear: e] position of Man Vice-President [unclear: arily] involves the organisation and [unclear:

dination] of social activities [unclear: ided] by the Union. To this end I attempt to improve the type and [unclear: he] which the Union will provide in coming year. The Victoria Club for [unclear: tple], should be moved back to the [unclear: lge]. Traditional student activities as the Drinking Horn, etc., [unclear: id] be rejuvenated.

[unclear: will] also attempt to improve the [unclear: r] facilities provided by the Union. Cafe is of the highest priority, in [unclear: Dus] need of renovation. The [unclear: jrition] Cafe is an example of what [unclear: tie] enterprise and initiative can [unclear: ve]. The cuts to the Recreation [unclear: re] hours should be withdrawn.

consider the position of Man Vice- [unclear: ident] to be apolitical and will [unclear: ine] any political activities to those [unclear: tly] related to student affairs such [unclear: lucation] cuts.

[unclear: Timothy] Rochford

Photo of Timothy Rochford

Third year arts student.

Unlike other Executive positions, an Vice President has no specific [unclear: ttfolio.] Traditionally, the MVP has [unclear: en] a backup to the President in all [unclear: cial], political and administrative [unclear: notions,] whether that means [unclear: ganising] a concert, drinking horn, a [unclear: rum] on topical affairs or [unclear: presenting] students on University [unclear: nunittees]. It means knowing how [unclear: UWSA] works and making sure it [unclear: es].

This year the Association has concentrated on Education Fightback as a response to Government attacks on student allowances, overseas students and education generally. This campaign, although highly successful in involving students and gaining public support, must continue into 1980. This year I was actively involved in the campaign.

If elected, I will not only work on the Education Fightback campaign, but also other social and political issues that concern students. I have had a wide range of social and political administrative experience.

Last summer, I was involved in organising jobs for students. I worked on the highly successful orientation and the Hello Sailor, Citizen Band and Steroids hops this year. I've been National Affairs Officer for 1979 and have organised the student march on May 17 that opened our Fightback campaign and Forums on industrial relations and gay rights.

If life at Univeristy is to be more than just Libraries and Lectures, then you will need a good executive who will do the work you ask of them.

Tarek Sorour

Photo of Tarek Sorour

My incentive in standing for this election is my genuine concern for the difficulties and predicaments that I feel to be confronting the students of this University. I want to do something for the individual student who feels largely divorced from the intricacies of Union politicking, whose life seems increasingly dominated by heavier course requirements, and who finds little or no encouragement in becoming part of a really vigorous and meaningful student community.

It is this type of objective that I would work towards if elected. Something must be done to deliberately bring students together on a much more personal level. We must try to stimulate a far more abundant student spirit at Victoria, — a sense of belonging and involvement to replace the apathy and frustration that is such a dominant part of our character.

This invigoration can be achieved Firstly by increasing the social opportunities within the Union, and secondly, by upgrading the Union's existing amenities, especially the perpetually dismal situation of the catering facilities. Through enhancing and promoting the activities of the Union and all the various clubs on campus, I believe that students can be attracted to participate much more vigorously than at present, thus building an authentic and dynamic student community.

As Man Vice-President, I would concentrate on attaining these goals.

Woman Vice-President

Rire Scotney

Photo of Rire Scotney

I see the Woman Vice-President to be primarily an administrator, helping with the running of the Association, assisting the President, actioning policy, helping with films, hops and SASRAC. The position's

generality also allows the holder to put energies into major student issues and campaigns.

Education cuts mean reduced bursaries, more fees and staff shortages. These, with unfair assessment methods, and restricted course entry, mean a crumbling apathetic campus with decreasing social and educational opportunities.

Minorities — Maoris, Polynesians, women, gays, overseas students still face discrimination, which must be eliminated.

Campus social and cultural life needs boosting; student participation in Association activities must be encouraged: in Rec Centre, Radio Active, the Bookshop, clubs and representation on University committees, to ensure a healthier all round campus atmosphere.

Mervyn Wellington W(ho?) has another go at bursaries, when welfare services are threatened, when minority groups take another blow, we must get involved and fight.

I would also like to re-establish Forum, as set up under the constitution, to co-exist with SRC for unrestricted debate on all matters.

I have actively supported many Association campaigns in the past: Bursaries, Fightback, Maori land, gay rights, abortion, anti apartheid, SIS Bill and nuclear power.

I will continue to work for these campaigns and for a better all-round campus.

Background: Third year arts student, SRC rep on: Victoria Bookcentre 1978, 1979, Arts Faculty 1977, 1978, Pubs Board 1978, 1979, and Co-editor of Handbook 1980.

Heather Worth

Photo of Heather Worth

I am a 27 year old, 2nd year arts/law student. I became interested in the Students' Association during Capping Week during which I was co-opted onto the committee and spent a hilarious few weeks trying to keep my head on straight. After that I was hooked, and I stood for SRC Co-ordinator at the bi-election and was elected against a frightening opposition of none.

I am standing for Woman Vice- President as it is a vitally important role in the executive. The position is one of helping ease the President's burden, championing women's rights on campus, helping Women's Rights Officers ensure Association policy is carried out, to help run the campus social life, and organise campaigns. I am extremely interested in women's rights. As a past solo mother and now with a battle for custody, the discrimination against those who wish to bring up children alone and pursue a university career is very real to me.

I'm Secretary of Cultural Affairs Committee, on Professorial Board and have helped with numerous hops and concerts.

I was very active also in Education Fightback and with the introduction of the iniquitous TSG, the fight will still be on next year.

Finally, as an older student I feel I will be able to bring experience and maturity into the position.

Secretary

Margaret Underwood

I am a 3rd year arts student hoping to do honours in 1980. Over the last 7 months I have become involved in the following: SRC rep on Catering Subcommittee, Association Secretary in bi-election in June, F & A rep to August Council. I have also been involved with Union Management and the Union Finance Sub-committee.

My main concern this year has been in the area of catering, working for the improvement of the standard of food, range of items available, conditions in the Cafe, and the employment of a qualified catering manager or contractor. I have also been involved in the financial and administrative side of the Association through my position as secretary.

Photo of Margaret Underwood

Should I be elected secretary in 1980, I would continue my interest in the areas mentioned above. I feel that the experience I have gained this year would aid me in furthering the interests of students in these areas. I also feel that I will have the time to fill this position to the best of my ability.

Publications Officer

Andrew Beach

Photo of Andrew Beach

Student Association publications are the side of the Association's work that everyone is most aware of. They are also, I believe, one of the most important aspects of the Association.

Through Salient, students can see what their elected representatives are doing, what the state of the Association's finances are, check out social events and club activities, read a variety of views on many subjects, and even (God forbid) read the manifestos of aspiring executive members. However, if Salient is to continue these important functions, it must be administered competently, both to ensure financial viability, and to protect it from the attacks that have been leveled at it, both from within the Association and from outside it.

The Publications Officer's role is an administrative one — one that I feel I can usefully and competently fill. Throughout the year, I have maintained an active interest in the activities of the Association. I am a member of the Publications Board and have extensive experience of working on Salient. This has given me an understanding of both the administrative and technical sides of Salient. This job requires a large amount of commitment - commitment that I will be able to provide.

Cultural Affairs Officer

Michael Sheperd

Photo of Michael Sheperd

Since I have seen the social aspect of two universities, namely Otago and Victoria, I feel I am in a position to make the judgement that Victoria is lacking in the social sphere. The solution to this problem is not just a matter of more social functions, more piss available to be sunk, as Victoria is somewhat restricted by its locality and physical layout. The solution then is the attitude of Joe Bloggs students.

I feel that the present Victoria Club achieved some success in changing the attitude of Joe student and that the continuation of this club and like functions is of some importance especially if a high standard of musical entertainment is provided.

Of course I do not see the Cultural Affairs officer as totally involved with organising mass piss-ups for the boys as s/he has a responsibility to the various cultural clubs on campus. I consider this to be his main concern and I would be open to any suggestions which may improve the situation as it stands.

Finally I would like to mention that I do not see this position as a political one, although there may eventuate the situation where I may have to voice a strong opinion, I shall do so as regards my own conscience.

Sports Officer

Andrea Gray

Photo of Andrea Gray

Many of you involved in sports will already know me as the organiser of the travel to Winter Tournament this year. For those of you who don't — I was the Secretary of both the Sports Council and the Blues Panel in 1979, as well as being the President of the VUW Squash Club. Since my first year at Victoria in 1977, I have had much involvement in sporting activities, and, because of my experiences, feel well qualified to take on the job of Sports Officer.

I would like to continue the work of the 1979 Sports Council in improving club facilities and equipment, encouraging clubs to make the best possible use of the Recreation Centre, and arranging more inter-varsity fixtures outside the two tournaments. Apart from the promotion of sport on campus (hopefully involving more students) I see the position as mainly administrative. As an Executive member, I am prepared to spend time doing the routine jobs, attending meetings, and will support VUWSA policy and any campaigns which are undertaken by the Students' Association.

SRC Co-ordinator

Grant Gillatt

Photo of Grant Gillatt

In the past few months several people in the Association (and some not in the Association) have launched attacks on the system of SRC, claiming that it is "not representative" of student views. While I accept that the

current system is not perfect, I do believe it can be improved — but through greater student participation in SRC, rather than the destruction of SRC as a policy-making body. If elected, I intend to concentrate on improving SRC by encouraging wider participation, instead of seeking less adequate alternatives.

SRC has been seen as an advertising and policy-making body for student action and this year we have seen it used effectively in promoting the Education Fightback campaign. The Education Fightback campaign was vital one for students as a reaction to government attacks on education, but it was also useful in that a large number of students (including myself) became more actively involved in the Students' Association.

I am prepared to work with other students and utilise the skills I have learned in the Fightback campaign to carry on the fight for adequate bursaries, the right to abortion, the right to work and other rights being denied students and New Zealanders.

Election Forum

The Election Forum will be held on Tuesday, 11 September, from 12-2pm in the Union Hall. In addition to the above forum all candidates are advised that they would be welcome to attend the Wellington Clinical School Election Forum today (Monday 10 September) at the Clinical School Common Room.

Polling Times

Polling will take place on Wednesday 12 September and Thursday 13 September there will be two polling booths, located in the Rankine Brown Foyer and on the Ground Floor Foyer of the Union Building.

Polling will commence from 8.30am to 6.30pm. On Thursday 13 September, the polling booth at the Rankine Brown Foyer will be closed from 11.30am until 2 pm and transferred to the Wellington Clinical School to enable Clinical School association members to cast their votes.

Electors are asked to take note of the alterations to the polling time as advertised earlier.

Advice to Candidates

All candidates also reminded of the following:

- All manifestos for the polling booths are to be handed in to the Returning Officer today (Monday 10 September.)
- Candidates are to name their scrutineers (if they wish) to the Returning Officer by Tuesday 11 September.
- The counting of ballot papers will commence in the Boardroom at 7.00 pm.

Kelvin Ratnam,
Returning Officer.

Welfare Officer

Bob Wallace

Since I was elected Welfare Officer, I have spent much of my time becoming familiar with the job and the working of the executive. During this time, I have;

- increased the number of shops giving students discount
- worked towards setting up a Food Co-op
- attended NZUSA August Council
- attended a national TPA meeting.

My priority for the rest of the year is student employment during the summer vacation, I'll work with the Careers Advisor on this matter. I'll also be using Salient to inform students what the welfare services operating entail as some students may not know the full potential of the services available.

1980 may find us fighting to keep the services now offered, I see it as essential that welfare services are not only kept up but continue to be improved and expanded. I'm relying on students to give the association the support it will need to fight for survival and improvement of Welfare Services. I don't know what situation the association will be in next year. Therefore the only promise I make is to work in the best interests of the association as I see them.

Photo of Bob Wallace

My priorities will be: Tenant protection, Counselling, Student Employment. Discount services, and Dentistry.

Bottom of the Week

Editorial

[unclear: In], this week, of all weeks, there can be [unclear: ne] topic for an editorial - the [unclear: ns]. From an editors's point of view, [unclear: ku] are entertaining — suddenly all [unclear: rticles] you've been promised actually It's also testing, endeavouring to in impartiality towards the various [unclear: ates] while maintaining Salient's [unclear: o] as a forum for student debate.

[unclear: But] what about the elections? What are [unclear: vngs] voters should look for? What are [unclear: unary] qualities? Everyone else seems setting down criteria, and I will add [unclear: ne].

[unclear: It] my opinion that the particular views [unclear: jdidate] on any one issue are far from [unclear: st] important factors to be weighed voting. If VUWSA's policy were to tomorrow, I would still expect my representatives to action the new as vigorously as the old. Whether an [unclear: lual's] attitudes are the same as those Association is irrelevant — the [unclear: ant] thing is whether, regardless of [unclear: ixrsonal] views, they will represent, and respect the policy and the [unclear: ns] of the Association.

[unclear: Therefore] I believe that the first quality for in all candidates is the ability to [unclear: eir] personal views to one side when [unclear: if] for the Association.

[unclear: this] is not to suggest that the best [unclear: ate] is one with no personal views, [unclear: tat] once elected they should not pate in deliberations during the [unclear: ing] of policy. However once the [unclear: he] has been determined, elected [unclear: ntatives] must action it or follow it case may be). Elected representatives [unclear: vants] — not masters.

[unclear: In] apparent contradiction, though, [unclear: ship] is an important quality for [unclear: tive] members. Several election leaflets [unclear: iting] last week have suggested that [unclear: ship] is an attribute a President must I think it should be stressed that [unclear: ship] is a quality that ought to be [unclear: t] from all Executive members. A [unclear: al] Affairs Officer, for example, is [unclear: ed] to take a leadership role in [unclear: ng] cultural activities.

[unclear: I] so think that voters should be quite about the nature of leadership. A is not someone who is always hiving [unclear: his/her] own particular interest. Nor is a leader someone with strongly held beliefs on this issue or that. I believe a leader is one who can work with others to effectively action policy. I think it is important to recognise that leadership comes into its own after policy has been decided. Of course we would expect that elected officers would bring to our attention issues that concern members (such as the TSG) in their areas — but this is a responsibility that is, I believe, placed on all members of the Association, and does not of itself constitute leadership.

'Strictly no wheeling baby nephews in the park'

There are of course many other criteria that should be used to choose between candidates for particular positions other than the two general ones I have outlined above. Obviously for each position votes will look for certain qualities which they believe to be important for incumbents — perhaps administrative competence for the Secretry, I would hope all voters would seek sound financial knowledge from a Treasurer (if we had any applicants standing for the position). These factors must always be considered, but I think they rank second in importance to the two qualities I have mentioned.

Peter Beach.

On the Beat

Public concern has been mounting recently about the problem of gangs of thugs terrorising innocent passers-by. Every day the newspapers contain increasingly worrisome accounts of vicious, unprovoked savagery. Although it is difficult for an outsider to comprehend the workings of their diseased minds, it would appear the escalating violence is a result of the rigid, hierachical system of discipline the gangs employ, ruthlessly punishing any who step out of line

Apologists for these semi-savages maintain that their actions are merely the result of their deprived upbringing and their poor socio-economic background. This liberal waffle cannot, however, hide the fact that it is no longer safe to walk the streets, for at any time of the day or night, pedestrians are liable to be belted up by these baton-wielding hoodlums. The very sight of one of their distinctive blue uniforms, crudely decorated with "patches" signifying which "precinct" they come from, is enough to strike fear into the very hearts of honest and upright citizens.

It is important that the political aspects of these bully-boys tactics are recognised for what they are; neo-Nazi and blatantly racist. Their uniforms and system of rank is based closely on the military. Their victims are almost invariably non European. They profess to be upholding our present society from potentially destructive forces, but in fact they are serving their own ends — or more sinister still, those of their political masters. Do not be taken in!! They have an ear of the very highest people in the land. One needs only look at the way they lounge arrogantly around the houses of Parliament- to see that.

Perhaps sensing their strength is at a peak, they are now beginning to wear their firearms blatantly in public.

The press too is playing into their hands, taking small items of violence and blowing them up out of all proportion. The "Force", as they style themselves have been able to point to these as their *raison d'etre*. Only one newspaper has spoken out against them. Good on you Truth Hanging's too good for them.

NZUSA 1980 Vacancies

Applications are now open for the following full-time positions with the New Zealand University Students' Association in 1980:—

Education and Welfare Vice-President
General Vice President

Each position carries a salary of approximately \$6,125 gross p.a. and successful applicants are expected to live in Wellington.

Applications should include the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant, and the position applied for be sent to:—

The President,

NZUSA.P.O. Box 9047.Courtney Place,Wellington

Applications close at 5 p.m. on Friday September 21. Elections will take place on September 29 at a Special General Meeting of NZUSA in Wellington, and candidates are advised to attend

For further information contact your students' association President or the President of NZUSA at the above address

Salient Notes

As Grant Gillatt wove his weary way up the path through the cemetery one tired Thursday evening, he came upon a seedy figure lying on a gravestone. It was dressed in a filthy trench coat, and in its right hand was clutched a bourbon bottle. It was, needless to say, both empty and Fergus Barrowman.

"Evening Fergie" said Grant pleasantly. "Arrr....." responded the Barrowwight, "someone's stole (hic) stolen the moon." "That's nice" said our hero thinking that it was high time Fergie's friends had him committed and got it over with. However he was soon forced to reconsider his opinion, for further up the hill he came upon Lorraine and Jessica Wilson, each clutching a leg of Geoff Adams' jeans. They were arguing about their ancestry, equally anxious to prove that they had nothing in common but their names (and of course Geoff's jeans).

Geoff who was actually inside his jeans, was lying on the ground outside the Union building, engaged in a wrist-wrestling match with Andrew Beach. They were being observed by a curiously clean Craig Hill, who was heard to mutter, in a fit of jealousy, "I think, it's just an excuse for them to hold hands."

"And I thought Fergus was crazy" murdered Grant to himself, hurrying into the reassuring fog of the Salient office. Upon entering he was surprised to find Virginia Adams, Sonia Millet and Tori Quade dancing around the light table holding hands. They were dressed in black, with tall pointed hats, and Grant now noticed that there were three broomsticks parked under the coat rack. "We are the pixies brave and strong" they sang gaily. Grant recoiled in horror as he realised that he had interrupted a meeting of the notorious 'Dethleft' coven.

It was at this moment that he was accosted by Andrew Ross, who explained that he was acting as a bookie in the sweepstake. "What sweepstake?" enquired our bright boy of Stephen A'Court, who was feverishly working out the odds with a dead calculator, and took no notice. Rire Scotney looked pityingly at Grant and counted a large stack of monopoly money, making an entry in a small black notebook after consultation with Andrew McCallum and a small green frog who she addressed rather familiarly as 'Kathryne'.

"We're trying to see how long it'll take him to do it" explained Mark Wilson, leaving Grant more confused than ever. Finally he trapped Barry Weeber in a corner and pulled a loaded finger on him. "Now tell me what's going on" he grunted through his teeth in his best B-Grade movie voice. "I'll talk," squeaked Barry, "only don't shoot. What we're doing is betting on how long will it take Peter Beach to lay out the whole newspaper by himself. It's the night of the eclipse, you see, and we can't be bothered helping him. He has to do it, it's editorial

responsibility." and he fell silent, not even blushing. "You can't do that to the poor sod," protested Grant, "it'll kill him!" Barry nodded. "Very likely," he agreed, "but it doesn't matter, we have the technology, we can rebuild him."

And it appears that he was right, because Salient was edited by an android answering to the name of Peter Beach, published by an exact replica of VUWSA and printed by your Big Brother and ours, Wanganui Newspapers Ltd, Drews Ave Wanganui.

JOE SPUTNIK AND THE MYSTERY OF... RAVIOLIS FATHER EPISODE 19 "THE 8th LEG" who are you? And what do you want? Why, I am your very reason for being here... I am "the OCTOPUS"! Nonsense! you're a human being like the rest of us! So this is your little practical joke is it? yes! I am responsible for all that as happened to all! If you'll just allow me all your questions will be answered! I wonder what encourages him to wear that peculiar bath so be... HEY YOU! HOCUS POCUS! THIS OCTOPUS ISN'T ANOTHER. ONE OF YOUR MANIFESTATIONS IS IT? Anyone know any good egg recipes? This way please! CONTINUED...

McHugh does Well

This is a report of the Progressive Students' Alliance forum which took place in the Union Hall last Thursday, 6 August because of the very delicate situation which surrounds the content of Salient articles which could be taken as trying to unduly influence the result of the election, this article contains no 'editorialising' — I have kept my opinions on the performance on the candidates well out of the article. Thus editorial decision means that what is printed below is as accurate and as full a report of what was said as my note taking will allow. It also means that I have not been able to include explanations of many of the comments and this has meant that it will be a little hard to follow some sections of the report.

The forum was opened by Virginia Adams, Chairperson of the Progressive Students' Alliance, with a statement that the forum was organised to give students the opportunity to hear the Presidential candidates views on The Education Fightback Campaign, Maori Rights, Abortion, Gas Rights, SRC, the Students' Association and the Hunter Building.

Paul McHugh, chairing the meeting, told us that each speaker would have ten minutes to address the audience of about 120 people, followed by questions from the floor.

The candidates spoke in alphabetical order

First up was Leslie Brown He has been at this University for five years, doing a Law degree, and has been spurred into action by "the lamentable state of students affairs this year." He believes that the Association must not only confront, but also be effective on the issues which confront us.

There are three areas in which the Association must do this. The first is to continue the Education Fightback Campaign. Students must be aware of the financial assistance situation. We must consult with Merv Wellington and others to try and attain a decent living allowance. The second area is that of student vacation employment. This means that we must 'hammer on the doors of employers' and the Labour Department and the Government must provide subsidised work schemes. He is worried that the SCSP Scheme may be weakened by [unclear: rumuuciu] Government changes to its structure and by less money being available to the scheme than was last year

The third area of immediate concern is the Hunter Building. Brown believes that it must stay; and to further this aim we must assist the Friends of Hunter to get the \$30,000 needed to get their proposal investigated.

Brown is also concerned about the "quality of life" on campus; the facilities available to students. Potential changes to the Rec Centre and other Union facilities must be monitored and we must get our proposals on paper. Brown said we will support and implement Association policy as it is made by SRC and that he has a longstanding interest in student affairs. Brown claims he will work hard, and that is all that anyone can realistically offer.

The second Presidential candidate to speak was Caroline Massof She believes that the Association must have strong and effective leadership in order to oppose the Government's attacks on University students in particular and Education in general Massof offers three areas of both concern and ability: strong administration, support for sporting, cultural and social events and a determination to continue to work in the interests of students. She believes that the role of the Students' Association is to represent and promote student welfare; and this means involvement in everything from concerts to forums, to campaigns. The Students' Association must also provide a service for students — aiding them in finding jobs over the long vacation and working for the retention of the Rec Centre and welfare facilities.

Massof strongly believes that SRC must remain in its present form; being the most democratic way of determining policy. She sees that there is certainly room for improvement in the current situation. This can be

achieved by encouraging more students to come to SRC. Massof believes that SRC is a valuable forum for debate and allows students to determine the policy of the Association and the action needed to carry it out.

Massof believes that the Education fightback campaign was the biggest and the best campaign that Victoria has seen. It has shown that students are concerned about Education as a whole, not just bursaries or Univeristy students alone. She also believes that the campaign has shown that students do care about what is happening in our society. For the third term, Massof wants to see the basis of a campaign against the TSG being laid; and one of the important ways of doing this is to ensure that students are encouraged to complete preliminary applications for the Supplementary Hardship Grant. Massof is concerned that if the Government continues the cuts to the Universities budget by reducing the Quinquennial Grant, we must include this in the continued Education Fightback campaign.

On the abortion issue, Massof sees the CS and A Act as both unworkable and unjust. She believes that women must be given the basic right to choose Repressive abortion laws simply mean that rich women are forced to go overseas to have an abortion, and poorer women must either bear the child or face the back-street abortionist. The Association must continue to oppose the present abortion laws.

Paul McHugh

Photo of Paul McHugh leaning against a lecturn

Massof sees Gay Rights as a civil liberties issue; where people are prevented from living their lives as they want to and are persecuted by society.

On the work of Maori Rights, she believes that Bastion Point and Raglan indicate growing racial tensions in our society and that Maori people are disillusioned with the contined loss of tribal land. Massof's view is that these lands should be given back to the Maori people to enhance both the dignity of Maori people and a more equitable society.

Admitting to only small involvement in the Hunter Building issue, Massof still believes that all efforts should be made to retain Hunter. This will mean opposing the established intentions of the Univeristy architects. Massof believes that the solution to the problem relies upon the amount of Community support that students and others can obtain.

Massof is standing on a "Progressive" platform; because we face attacks and because we need a Progressive leader committed to the interests of students.

Phil Sowman, the last of the candidates to speak, prefaced his address with the remarks that his is not accustomed to public speaking and that his speech would not try to convince us whether to vote for him or not.

On the role of the Students' Association, Sowman claimed that this means looking at interests of students, using the Constitution as a reference, the Association must act for all members and foster social and intellectual activities; the health and welfare of students, encourage sport, control buildings and publications and encourage a variety of cultural activities. Students are not an isolated group, and the Students' Association must be prepared to work with outside groups, especially charities. On the question of SRC—and how it release to the Executive — sowman believes that this is a hard question. He sees the SRC as our basic democratic right; an institution that other campuses envy. It allows us to act quickly, for example, the appointment of the Education Fightback Controller. The SRC is "the arms and legs of the Exec", especially with regard to SRC officers. In light of this, the President must be conversant with the role of the Students' Association and must be in complete sympathy with SRC policy. The President must provide on- campus leadership in all areas — political, social and economic. But 'he' must also delegate responsibility. A President must also be totally aware of SRC policy and must never publically go against Association policy.

Sowman believes that the Education Fightback campaign will continue to be the main on - campus issue; at the same time admitting to a very limited involvement in the campaign. He is impressed at the basic response of students but sees a danger that the issue may be "overkilled" —that the issue may be stressed too much Sowman believes that in 1980, the Education Fightback campaign must move into the community for support. This will be hard, because the public is suspicious of students and we must tread carefully. We need to make Education Fightback a political issue in the 1981 election; so we cannot atack the Government because the public will be alienated. Sowman wants to concentrate on reports and speeches to "the right people in the community."

"Abortion, gay rights and Maori rights are difficult for me. I have a basic knowledge but I am slim on the detail." Sowman claims that he has supported abortion policy at SRC and will continue to do so. He also believes that minority groups must be supported; and, so long as it is SRC policy, students are in a good position to give worthwhile support.

The Maori Land Issue is a complicated one — the Maoris themselves are divided — so we must tread carefully, listen to each group and let students make up their own minas, sowman believes that the Hunter Building is the only aesthetically pleasing building on campus; and this is the basic reason for its retention. This will prove to be a hard battle — and one in which we will need to gain the widest possible support from the

community.

The speeches being completed, questions were put from the floor.

Virginia Adams: a question for Leslie Brown *Education Fightback and opposition to the TSG is important How can you take a leadership role when you look no part in the campaign, and when you have no experience of Association affairs?*

Laslie Brown: *Admitted inexperience but believes that the 1979 Exec shows that talent lies outside the present Exec and claimed to "know what's going on". He also believes that the whole campaign should shift emphasis to trying to obtain community support (from Trade Unions and Rotary Clubs for example). With these changes in emphasis, there will be less need for experience. Brown claims that his academic work will not be too heavy, and that by October 1, he will be free.*

Simon Wilson: *Do Brown and Sowman realise that an important part of the Education Fightback campaign was getting the community involved. Here they involved with activities such as speaking to schools, downtown stalls etc? How can they expect to achieve this shift in emphasis when they have no experience in doing this work?*

Brown: The average man in the street doesn't believe us and we must get downtown. It is not too hard — it is just a matter of developing contacts through a small but effective group Of students.

Sowman: We have worked on both the campus and the community; and in 1981 we should concentrate on the community.

Margaret Underwood: *A question for Leslie Brown. About your Law degree workload: do you realise the workload of the President. Can you do both, especially up till October 1; will you be sufficiently available? the burden may fall on me, as Secretary.*

Brown: I have done a lot of reading and I have talked to a lot of people — so, I have been catching up as fast as I can. Up till October 1, my availability may be "slightly suspect", but after that it will be good.

Grant Gillatt: *A question for Sowman and Brown. You emphasise talking to the community and to the Minister of Education. But talking to Merv is useless — he ignores students. Talking will not help our cause; we are left only with the possibility of protest action.*

Sowman: There is a lot to be gained by talking to the Community and getting their support.

Brown: We must aim for the community, and try to get community and voter support. Even NZUSA is trying to do this and the reason is that the Government is trying to deal with an [unclear: awful] economic crisis (and Merv Wellington it [unclear: the] hatchet-man). We can change this by going to [unclear: the] voters — by getting to the Labour Party.

Lindy Cassidy: *Commitment is a important quality in a President. Both and Sowman talk much about the popular, catching issue of Education Fightback, but how can they talk about commitment when they die not work on the campaign? Also, what area all the candidates' views on International issues?*

Sowman: I wasn't involved in the campaign but I was the Sports Officer; and to judge me you should look only at my record in sports. Or the international question — I would support SRC policy but it is the role of the International Affairs Officers to provide the main drive in this area.

Massof: The President must [unclear: encour] involvement in International issues It is important that students look further into the world to see what is happening and it is the President's role to encourage this.

Brown: I have already answered the question of commitment to the Education Fightback campaign. On the second question, the President is really a sort of Prime Minister and must make sure that the Exec works as a team. It is not really my role to support International affairs.

Leonie Morris: *To Brown. Is SRC the best way of determining policy?*

Brown: "SRC is the best one going". It is not democratic to do it by Exec only and referenda are unworkable — they [unclear: tie] us up in knots when we need quickness. SRC is not the best system to ensure free debate; forum would be better.

Robyn Wood: *To all candidates. Could you outline your experience and knowledge of working with NZUSA. How would you perform on the National Executive of NZUSA?*

Massof: I have been to four Councils — twice a Chief Delegate. I also have a good financial understanding of NZUSA. I have been to several National Executive meetings and I feel that I could work with NZUSA very well.

Sowman: NZUSA fits neatly onto the top of student politics. As President. I must present our policy to National Executive. I am disturbed at some of the reports I have heard of the behaviour at NZUSA Councils. My work on NZUSL be National Executive equivalent in Sports has given me the experience to work well in this sort of situation.

Brown: NZUSA's affairs are not too intricate for me. I have contacts at other universities and have worked for the Debating Council. I am sure that I could handle it.

(An unknown questioner): *What are the views of all the candidates on assessment?*

Massof: It is a really important issue which needs more work done on it. It should become a high priority for 1981. It would be good to have a survey of Departments to determine what work-loads are and to use this as a basis for negotiation with the University.

Sowman: There is just a survey as this and we should use the report from this survey to get something done. I have spent five years at this University so I have a good knowledge of the various assessment methods used by the University.

Brown: Assessment is a difficult subject. We will not end assessment but we must work for modification. It is an area in which it is difficult to get change.

Bob Wallace: To Brown: *What are your personal views on abortion?*

Brown: My views are "very mixed" At the moment I favour neither side of the argument. However, I am bound to represent our policy to oppose the CS&A Act and to oppose the hardship which causes the incidence of unwanted pregnancy.

Helen Aikman to Sowman: *I am disturbed at your attitude to Education Fightback. Each Exec member should work on campaigns outside their specific area of concern.*

Sowman: The Exec is a group of people responsible for one portfolio. They can give their support to other campaigns.

Heather Worth: To Sowman: *If we should question your commitment to sports, why you not there before tournament*

Sowman: A good question. I was in the South Island doing thesis work and I felt confident Sports Council could handle the situation. I have always tried to let Sports Council know what was going on, so that they could handle things when I was not there.

Sarda Nana: to Brown. Do you think that [unclear: one]TSG should be [unclear: aooiisnea] or improved what [unclear: r] our policy on this issue? do you agree [unclear: wi] Sowman that the Exec should be a [unclear: sectary] body?

Brown: We must try an defer the TSG. but if it [unclear: is] there in 1980, we must try to get it modified. The Association policy is to oppose that TSG. The Exec is like a Cabinet system where each member has an individual portfolio but works as a team. When something like the Education Fightback campaign comes up, the whole team must work on it.

(Unknown questioner): *I want to know about the candidates themselves. What are their goals in life? What will they be like at 35?*

Brown: I will probably be a rich law partener. I do want to make it in the Law. I have always been interested in politics too.

Massof: I'm not sure, I started a Law degree but became dis-illusioned with New Zealand's Legal structure. I really cannot say.

Sowman: I also started a law degree, then I wanted to be a teacher. At the moment I aim to be a Recreation Officer — but I don't really like thinking., (applause)...of what I'll be like at 35 I hope that I can do something for the community.

Stephen A'Court.

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SRC by Arrangement

Readers of last week's Salient may have [unclear: Lotted] a curious fact. After having been [unclear: cpeatedly] told by various people that [unclear: jient] is run by a "Marxist-Maoist clique" [unclear: lr] some such group, we finally discovered [unclear: hat] the writings of Mao Zedong (I prefer [unclear: he] new Pinyin system the Chinese [unclear: hanselves] use) and Lenin were liberally [unclear: pinkled] through a full page article. That's bit bold, one might have thought.

But lo! It was no aspiring Marxist who [unclear: rote] that article, but one Robin C. Craw, [unclear: efl]-known supporter of the so-called 'reforms" a large SGM threw out last [unclear: nn]. Craw quotes the Marxist writers in an [unclear: ttenpt] to establish the correct [unclear: ichtodology] for investigating SRC. In [unclear: ssence], he points out that Marxism teaches [unclear: ne] to think independently and in an anti-[unclear: ogmatic] manner, seek truth from facts [unclear: nd] express one's views only when this has [unclear: een] done. Fair enough.

He also purports to use this method to [unclear: nalyse] SRC and the things some people [unclear: have] written about it. Which just goes to how that pretending to follow the right [unclear: ichtod] won't guarantee

you the correct [unclear: suits]. But Craw knows what he is doing, [unclear: nd] there is method in all his madness, [unclear: et's] look at what he is trying to imply.

[unclear: Ignoring] Differences

Craw finds it convenient to imply that all [unclear: jporters] of the SRC system are Marxists, [unclear: le] says: "...surely if to be a Marxist is [unclear: nything], it is to be anti-dogmatic." He [unclear: en] says: "For instance...Lisa Saksen [unclear: laimed] inaccurately..."; and "Likewise [unclear: vndrew] Beach...sees this institution..."; [unclear: nd] finally, "whilst Simon Terry..goes as [unclear: ir] as claiming...". Now these three people [unclear: II] hold (as far as I know) rather different [unclear: iews] to each other.

Later in the article, Craw uses the same [unclear: ick] of lumping in together everyone who olds a different view to his own. He says: SRC is used to ratify decisions that the [unclear: istablishment'] want ratified. Nowhere was [unclear: lis] more apparent than in the recent [unclear: ebacle] at SRC concerning the Massof residency... the Executive and their [unclear: jporters] dragged out that SRC, on an [unclear: ready] defeated motion, for 1½ hours and [unclear: en] bogged down next week's SRC with [unclear: le] same issue for at least an hour!"

Even the most cursory investigation of [unclear: it] facts would have shown him that at the [unclear: econd] SRC the main debate ocured over [unclear: upport] for the Election Committee's [unclear: commendation]. The principles in that [unclear: ebate] were the Chairperson of the Election [unclear: ommittee] on one side versus the mover of [unclear: ne] previous week's successful motion on [unclear: ne] other, with exec members split on the [unclear: sue]. Yet all these people are supposed to [unclear: e] Marxists operating as a bloc!

What Craw is doing is engaging in a [unclear: libtle] form of red-baiting. Rather than [unclear: articipate] in the debates on the issue of [unclear: iterim] President, he prefers to try to call [unclear: II] the people he doesn't like politically, [unclear: larxists], and bad ones at that, thereby [unclear: rying] to discredit what they say.

He may recognise that a lot of people he [unclear: riticises] are not Marxists at all, but by not [unclear: dmitting] it, he may hope to sow dissention [unclear: n] the ranks. The Government does the [unclear: ame] with unions who oppose it. By falsely [unclear: mplying] that communists have nobody's [unclear: nterests] but their own at heart, and that [unclear: they] are manipulating all those who line up [unclear: ith] them on a particular issue, the aim is to [unclear: liscredit] the communists and the issue [unclear: teself].

It is worth remembering that if one is [unclear: rying] to assess what Marxism and Marxists [unclear: xe] all about, one shouldn't fall into the rap of considering the actions of everyone [unclear: n] the liberal-left. It is also worth [unclear: emembering] that Marxists, as the quotes [unclear: hosen] by Craw last week show well, do [unclear: ictually] try to take a sensible outlook on [unclear: hings].

SRC vs. Exec.

Craw's argument seems to be that it is the Executive, not the SRC, that holds the real power in the association; following from this he argues that the SRC is and can be nothing more than the focus for sectarian left-wing imposition of policy.

Now in my view, an executive that abuses its position and starts making policy on its own behalf, or running the financial affairs of the association against the expressed wish of students, ought to be removed. It follows from this that we need a body, which all students can attend, that will be able to oversee the workings of the executive. SRC is such a body, and I have heard no suggestion of a better one.

Let's remember that SRC is held at a time when, by arrangement with the university, almost no lectures or other events are scheduled. It is up to the SRC Co-ordinator to ensure that SRC is well publicised, and up to students to make sure that the Executive is held accountable for its actions. No amount of "reform" can overcome the facts: sometimes we will get a bad SRC Co-ordinator; and many students don't want to attend SRC or take an active interest in the association. We must acknowledge these facts and work to overcome them, not simply try to reconstitute them out of existence.

Craw maintains that "the 'supporters' of SRC never take anything to that body if it can be more conveniently dealt with elsewhere". What nonsense. This year, as in previous years, many 'progressive' motions have gone down in a screaming heap at SRC. So have some 'reactionary' motions.

Craw maintains that the interim President issue was a good example of the 'establishment' trying to manipulate the democratic process. Yet what are the facts? At a very large SRC, the motion to appoint Caroline Massof interim President was defeated without any debate! SRC can only work if the people who go along are prepared to debate the issues in an open fashion. Yet on the occasion, the arguments against appointing

Caroline had to be dragged out of people by some speakers on the floor because of the constitutional problem that had arisen!

Photo from inside the library

Photo of students playing badminton

What is Being Suggested?

Craw maintains that "a 'participatory democracy' system stifles rather than encourages debate." He later says that "SRC in fact does not allow for 'the right to informed debate' because speaking rights and the content of speeches there can be, and often are, ruthlessly controlled by a variety of procedural motions." (SRC operates under more or less standard meeting procedure, which is designed to obstruct only those who would obstruct the meeting itself.) Craw also argues that Forums, as "an institution of free spoken expression" would solve all our problems.

Why does he like Forums and not SRCs? Is it because Forums, where policy is not decided, are a side issue in determining the action of the association and would therefore often have less people attending? How can he possibly argue that participatory democracy stifles debate? Contraversial matters, properly advertised, always receive extended debate at SRC and bring along large numbers of people.

My conclusion is that Robin Craw would like us to have a system whereby students were no longer encouraged to participate in the affairs of the association, both its policy making and its activities.

It is no coincidence that victoria, with its system of SRC and SRC officers, also has a long record of being able to involve large numbers of students in mass activity on issues to concern to them. Many students may feel isolated here, but this feeling is nowhere near as widespread as it is on those campuses where the Executive accident or design, really does rule the roost.

Kathy Jamieson.

From the Courts

Photo of a building with arched windows

Should a disqualified driver take the wheel in an emergency? One magistrate clearly thinks not and demonstrated his belief in court recently. The defendant was charged with driving carelessly and driving while disqualified. He was fined a total of \$350 and disqualified again for 6 months. The man had taken over driving when a friend's eye infection began to bleed preventing her from driving. In the process of driving the car to hospital his speed and manner of driving caused a police car to take evasive action and he was stopped.

The man's actions in this situation are understandable and doubtless were a result of concern for his friend. With this in mind the penalty may seem harsh and indeed I feel that is somewhat harder than the situation warrants. However if one considers the implications of drivers taking it upon themselves to provide the services normally reserved for ambulances, then the penalty in this case may to some extent be justified. This is especially true when one remembers that his man was already disqualified from driving, no doubt arising from an already proven inability to drive in a safe manner. If a fatal accident had occurred as a result of this 'mercy dash' then (the woman's plight would have been indeed small in comparison.

The carnage on the roads is proof enough that traffic offences involving risk to other road users cannot be taken lightly by the courts. The penalty imposed seems severe only in contrast to other cases appearing in court which receive much lighter penalties despite the fact that they rank equal with dangerous driving. The cases are those involving violent crime. Hopefully the legislators and the courts will soon bring not only parity between these offences but also an increase in penalties associated with them. There can be no excuse and therefore no leniency for offences which risk innocent lives whether it be through violence or just negligent driving.

The magistrates court displayed true pragmatism recently when a charge against a youth was dropped as a result of the youth drowning the day before he was due to appear in court. The long arm of the law is evidently at full stretch when it comes to 'the beyond'. Perhaps however, the judicial system of NZ is loathe to invade the jurisdiction of a much higher court with an apparently very powerful and well experienced judge.

Chris Conway.

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The Chilean Experience

General Pinochet

Photo of General Pinochet saluting

Salvador Allende

Photo of Salvador Allende

Allende's staff guarded by troops outside the Presidential Palace (according to the Observer 11/11/73.)

Photo of people lying on the ground, guarded by army troops

Chile: Six Years with the Junta

On September 11, 1973, the armed forces in Chile staged a coup that overthrew three years of Government by the Unidad Popular, a coalition of left-wing parties led by President Salvador Allende Gossens. Allende, widely proclaimed as "the first Marxist to be freely elected in a democracy", was murdered, his supporters were ruthlessly suppressed, and six years of fascism began. This article looks at what happened between 1970 and 1974 in Chile, examines the reasons for Allende's overthrow, and draws some lessons for New Zealand.

The fascist coup in Chile was one of the most brutal ever seen. Between 18-20,000 people were killed. It is difficult to gain a reliable estimate as so many people simply disappeared. From September 11 to December 31, 1973, 45,000 people were detained, and up to 80% of these were tortured and/or extremely intimidated.

In January, 1974, one 17 year old activist was arrested. According to an Australian paper, "he was tortured for 10 days by the Intelligence Division of the air force. They broke both of his legs and one arm and then set his whole body afire. Finally castrated, he was left to bleed to death. He resisted the torture and gave the military no information."

On the first night of the coup, a paramedic in a Santiago hospital counted 1,800 dead. Doctors were not permitted to treat wounded civilians; instead, their blood was drained from their bodies and sent to military hospitals.

The Chilean junta, led by General Augusto Pinochet, is still in power. Persecution, torture and denial of human rights for the people are still being widely used. On coming to power, the junta disbanded congress, outlawed political parties, suspended trade unions, closed opposition newspapers and imposed [unclear: strict] censorship on others. The constitution was sent flying out the door. Since then, a new constitution that makes a mockery of any democratic principles has been imposed on the country.

Chile before Allende

Chile was, and still is, a neo-colonial vassal state of the United States. Industry was monopolised and controlled by US multinationals, which gained, between 1953 and 1968, a 15-fold return on their investment. In 1970, one day's US profit would have paid the average Chilean daily wage to one million workers. A total of one billion US dollars was invested in the country. The copper mines (accounting for 21% of the world's proven copper reserves) were owned by US firms and most of the copper exports went to the US. Chile had very little else it could export.

Agriculture and land ownership was still on a pre-capitalist basis. Almost all the land was owned by a mere 2% of the population. Chile had to import food, and this made up 25% of the entire imports bill.

The country also had a severe balance of payments deficit, with the United States providing most of the loan and "aid" assistance. The possibility of cutting imports was not considered practical because a loss of machinery and spare parts would have throttled local industrial development. When the price of copper fell after the Korean war, inflation surged up to around 80% and stayed there.

"Marxists" at the Polls

Allende's Unidad Popular (UP) Party promised nationalisation of major industries (which had been reticent about training Chileans for the important, better paying jobs), banks and communications networks; sweeping land reform and improved standards of living for the poor. The CIA, and multinationals like ITT, which stood to lose a lot, did their best to prevent the UP from winning the 1970 election. CIA director, William Colby, stated in October 1973 that the CIA had infiltrated all political parties and given \$400,000 to the anti-Allende press during the electoral campaign.

In the end, the UP won 36.3% of the total vote, marginally ahead of its nearest rival, the extreme right-wing National Party with 34.9%. As there was no clear winner, the Congress met to decide which of the candidates it would appoint as President. By tradition, the job should have gone to Allende as front runner, but it was not

until Allende gave repeated assurances that he would always act in a "constitutional" manner that Congress decided to swing behind him.

The US acted with swift determination. "Not a nut or a boll will be allowed to reach Chile under Allende," stated the US Ambassador, Edward Kerry. "Once Allende comes to power we will do everything in our power to condemn Chile and Chileans to the utmost deprivation and poverty." The US Treasury's Export-Import Bank refused to extend credit. Credit lines from private banks were reduced from \$220 million to \$35 million. The World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank (both controlled by the US) also refused to continue economic assistance.

Contrasting with this, military aid to the Chilean Armed Forces was stepped up, from \$800,000 in 1970 to \$12.3 million in 1973. The US also gave selected economic assistance to organisations in Chile which promoted anti-Allende activities.

The "Chilean road to Socialism"

On attaining office, Allende announced, "I will be the first President of the first authentically democratic, popular, national and revolutionary government in Chilean history." Copper prices fell, but reforms were attempted anyway. The poor ate better, received higher wages and special assistance.

The rich stayed rich, but they didn't like threats being made to their sources of wealth. It was the middle classes who bore the brunt of the UP policies and had to pay for the rising standard of living of the working class. And it was from the middle classes that the strongest opposition to Allende's rule came. As early as 1971, Chilean middle class women staged a "March of the Empty Pots" in protest at the rising costs and increasing shortages of food.

By mid 1973, truck driver-owners, copper workers, doctors, shopkeepers and many others had staged or were staging a series of crippling strikes. Despite gaining a 46% vote in the Congressional elections of March 1973, which maintained the UP's position as the largest single grouping, the coalition was unable to persuade its opposition to stick to the "constitutional" ground rules that it was itself so keen on observing.

Crucial Mistakes

Some of the factions within the UP (and some groups to the left of it) saw all too clearly the basic mistakes Allende was making: he was not prepared to put his trust in the working class. The UP was following a basic policy of trying to raise the living standards of the working class, yet it never tried to involve them in properly organising for their own defence.

On the other hand, the UP left the other classes in full control of the media, the courts, both houses of Congress (46% was not an absolute majority) and most important of all, the armed forces. The working class was powerless, while the others were left to work openly for Allende's downfall.

The Chilean Communist Party was a principal agent in this. It proclaimed, according to one commentator, "that there was an immediate threat of a civil war, and that this must be stopped by avoiding the creation of any problem for the government, by maintaining calm, by producing more and by collecting signatures against the war." Any revolutionary party that considers collecting signatures to be an effective deterrent to the rise of fascism is, of course, doomed to failure.

As the same commentator pointed out in 1973, "The overall aim of the right is to make the government retreat, and it is achieving this aim. At the present time, when the working class is still strong, the right knows that the best tool for crushing the workers is not civil war but the reformism of the UP, which serves as a brake on struggles."

Allende himself did not seem able to comprehend the reality of the situation. In an interview in the Australian Nation Times (March 1973), he slated: "...the military institutions — the carabineros (Parliamentary police) and the civil police — which are professional institutions, with a profound sense of respect for the constitution and the law, something that is unique to this country...this is why I tell you that here there will not be an attempt of coup d'etat, that there will not be a civil war."

Meanwhile the military, with selective appointments, purges, and support from the US, was preparing itself for the coup. In an effort to appease the right wing, Allende actually appointed Pinochet as Chief of Staff! Other groups were also active. Roberto Thieme, leader of a right wing terrorist body called Patria y Libertad {fatherland and Liberty), announced in mid 1973: "If we have to burn half of Chile to save it from communism, then we will do it." His group cooperated with some members of the Armed Forces to stage an unsuccessful coup in June 1973, which was followed by 600 violent attacks on government and civil installations.

The truck owners' strike meant food supplies dwindled, fuel vanished and crop shortages loomed because seeds and fertilisers could not be delivered. Yet the truckers remained happy. Late in August, a Time

correspondent discovered a group of them enjoying a large communal meal [unclear: o] steak, vegetables and wine near [unclear: Santiago] "Where does the money come from?" [unclear: h] asked. "From the CIA," they answered The CIA denied it at the time, but has [unclear: since] had its role in Chile fully revealed.

After the Coup

The coup was ruthless, and revealed the full extent to which the UP had been both unable to help the working class and the poor to defend themselves, and unable to persuade the middle classes to support the bourgeois democratic form of government once it was turned against them. Large scale massacres were carried out in the poblaciones (slum areas of Santiago that house half the city's 4 million people). A Chilean lawyer told a Newsweek reporter in October 1973: "I don't believe the stories they tell me, but after all the things the supporters of Allende have done to Chile they deserve whatever happens to them."

With the junta securely in power and supported by "moderate" groups, the United States was quick to lift its economic boycott and encourage others to do likewise. By March 1974, Chile had received a total of \$621.8 million from foreign sources.

NZ's Response

Norm Kirk's government took just three days to re-establish diplomatic relations with the new regime. "I trust," Kirk stated "that progress along the road of peaceful social and economic change within a framework of respect for the law and the observance of human rights, will soon be resumed. This is clearly the wish of the great majority in Chile."

The junta rewarded him with a \$1.5 million timber contract, while the FoL imposed a trade ban. New Zealand is the only country with this ban still in force, and it is interesting to compare the protests of our government and bourgeoisie to the complete economic blockade imposed by the US and its allies during Allende's term in office.

Hypocrisy in the Soviet bloc

The Soviet Union was an early proponent of a world wide trade ban. Yet although it denounced vehemently all those who argued against such a measure, the Soviets have not been loath to develop both banking and trade links with fascist [unclear: Chile] Last year alone, the USSR imported \$100,000 worth of molybdenum oxide from Chile. Czechoslovakia, also proclaiming itself a boycotter, imported \$293,000. East Germany, one of the strongest advocates of the boycott, operates a trade office in the Rumanian embassy in Santiago.

The Lessons to Learn

The Chilean experience provides us with several important lessons. The failure of the Allende government to recognise where its own strength lay has been covered, The above information on the attitude of the Soviet bloc should make us wary of its interests in the world. It would seem that the USSR no less than its rival superpower, the United States, is dictated to by the needs of its own imperialism, whatever rhetoric it may employ to suggest to the contrary.

For New Zealand there is one more point we could well take to heart. When the junta came to power, it embarked on a ruthless programme of driving down living standards among the working class and encouraging back the foreign investment. State 'interference' in the economy, 'excessive' state spending, and the work of trade unions were all severely restricted by the junta. By March 1974, real income in the lower income groups had fallen by, 60% As a direct result of the junta's policies, [unclear: an] estimated 85% of all Chileans were [unclear: thrown] below the poverty level.

New Zealand is not being ravaged by fascism. But it does share the same fundamental economic problem that plagued Allende's attempts to create a just society: we are dependent on foreign monopoly capitalism. In several circles in this country (including most notably the group inside the National Party headed by George Chapman, John Marshall and Derek Quigley), the exact same economic policies pursued by the Chilean junta are being advocated.

The degree of success they achieve depends very largely on the extent to which all those whose living standards are attacked can organise in their own defence. We must also oppose any attempts by foreign monopolies to get themselves in a position where they can dictate what New Zealand will do. And if the Chilean experience seems a bit far fetched for the New Zealand context, it is worth noting that Chile had a tradition of parliamentary rule dating back 160 uninterrupted years before the fascists took over. Common decencies and tradition never stopped a fascist yet.

Simon Wilson.

Stick with the Union

Henry Stubbs

Photo of Henry Stubbs

Recently NZUSA interviewed Henry Stubbs, Secretary of the Wellington Trades Council, and a former student at Victoria University, about his involvement in unions, his attitude to students joining unions, and recent issues such as the Remuneration Act.

NZUSA: How did you, a one-time National Party supporter, become involved in union activity?

Stubbs: When I left University I wanted a job which would enable me to continue doing a few extra history papers. Bus driving, with its flexible shifts, seemed a good option. Once on the job, I became interested and active in the campaign to improve the conditions under which the workers were operating. With little money being spent on the industry, the conditions are quite depressed, for example, the old vehicles frequently breaking down and the inadequate and makeshift depots.

Being involved in such campaigns meant that I get to know the workers pretty well and helped me decide that it was important to stay to represent the real feelings of workers. By this time I had withdrawn from my university papers. In 1974 I was elected to the management committee of the Union, then later Vice-President and President.

What has been your experience of students in the Tramways Union?

When I was in my first year as Union Secretary, I was known as the "Students friend", due to my university background and the fact that after an approach from the Students' Association a lot of students were employed during the summer vacation.

This employment created a number of problems. Because the City Council employed so many, it meant that overtime during the crucial Christmas period was reduced. It also meant that when the students and a few hangers on, left, at the end of the vacation, a big strain was put on the remaining workers and the existing services.

Some of the students also tended to be insensitive to the conditions of the job. Because the industry is depressed some students were highly critical of the job conditions and of the union, without appreciating that the union can only act, and the conditions can only be changed on the strength of feeling of the majority of the membership.

There was also a problem with some students being identified with drug usage and distribution. Though I personally take a pretty liberal view on marijuana, I also have a responsibility to the membership which isn't served if bus-drivers gain a reputation for drug-taking on the job. As far as the future employment of students is concerned, students are now only being taken on in Wellington if they already possess a bus license.

As Secretary of the Wellington Trades Council, why do you think that it is important that students belong to a union?

It is not only important for students, but also for all workers to belong to a union. There are still some workers who don't belong to a union. If you are not a union member it is easy to get ripped off. You don't have the same access to information about award rates or conditions, or the same protection in fighting to make sure you receive them. If a worker gets into trouble, then she/he might be able to plead his/her way out of it. But large numbers of workers when they experience difficulty find themselves out of their depth. The Union representative; on the other hand, is paid to represent workers and can't be dumped from the job because she/he is arguing their case.

Though students are more likely to be articulate in arguing with their boss, employers tend to be very wary of "smart" employees and are likely to fire them with any hint of trouble. It is safer and more advisable to work through a union.

As it is likely that most students won't be involved in unions when they are older, membership during the vacation may be the

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only chance a student has to gain an appreciation and understanding of the everyday activities of unions and their members. This is particularly important as many will in fact later become "supervisors of labour". Understanding for this role is certainly not gained at University.

Also, there is a growing awareness amongst working people that they are at the bottom of the heap, and that they are going to be the ones to suffer when the times get harder. It is important that students rub shoulders with workers on the shop floor to really see how intense this feeling is.

What are the advantages of Union membership?

The community expects a great deal from its workers. It expects them to work hard and uncomplainingly. When there are clashes between the workers and their employers, or the government, the workers need a voice — the Union.

The benefits of Union membership are mostly not ones that you can point directly to, but rather are spread over years. The Union negotiates the award which determines the wages, equipment, leave, etc. Without the Union these conditions of employment might be intolerable. When a worker is asked to do work that properly should be done by someone else, the union is there to defend the worker's position. Often the Union is called in to arrange such conditions as leave from the job, especially when time off is getting harder to obtain. With rapidly rising unemployment the union also plays a vital role in redundancies.

What are the obligations of membership?

Well, first you have to abide by the decisions and policy made by the permanent membership of the union. More particularly for students, membership obliges them to be tolerant of things they don't understand. Without blindly rushing in, they should first of all consider why workers accept certain conditions, but if they feel things are wrong they should contact their union delegate.

Often it takes an outsider to look at things objectively, and students can make a valuable contribution to alter archaic practices and attitudes. I think students are also obliged to discover the work patterns people are operating under and not to buck them. It's relatively easy if you are working there for a few months as opposed to a few years.

How do students actually go about joining a union ?

It depends on the job. A lot of jobs now make automatic deductions to the union. For those that don't, it is important to find out who the delegate is by asking fellow workmates, and approach him or her. If there is no delegate then the student could approach the employer, or, again, ask fellow workmates. If that fails then a ring to the local trades council should clarify the situation.

Many students want to know what happens to the union fee that is collected from them ?

It mainly covers administrative costs, that is, salaries of organisers, typists money for newsletters etc. The Union fees are normally set at a level to allow the union to cover costs, and perhaps leave a bit in reserve. However, most unions spend more than they get, simply covering administration. Union officials are on the whole poorly paid. Their salaries are generally set according to the wages and salaries earned by the membership.

Personally, I don't agree with unions building up large cash reserves for rainy days. Those rainy days are already here, and have been here for the last few years. Unions need every penny they can get to fight the onslaught of attacks to their living standards.

What contact can students expect from the delegates?

Students should try and introduce themselves to the delegate on the site, as soon as possible, and also keep themselves informed of the current issues on the job. The students will see the delegate, perhaps two or three times while on the job or more if there is a particular issue.

What is the relationship between the Trades Council and the Students' Association ?

The formal relationships at an official level are good. The officials of both organisations tend to work closely on wider social issues such as apartheid and education. However, contacts are more on a spontaneous than regular basis.

The relationship between the worker and student on the shop floor is unfortunately not so close. The worker, often conservative, is suspicious, and envious of students' potentially better social and economic living standards. It is not a fair reaction, but it is a common one. Consequently it is up to students to make the contact and establish a feeling of goodwill. However, the generosity and warmth of ordinary workers is impressive — once students have broken down the initial barriers I am sure that warmth and generosity will be extended to them.

How would you like to see the relationship between the Students' Associations and the Trades Councils develop?

It is very important that the various Students' Associations invite the trade union movement onto campus to talk about the current issues and problems they are experiencing. Articles in student newspapers also contribute to an increased student understanding of the trade union movement. On the other hand, I would like to see the Students' Associations invited to Union and Trades Council meetings, particularly when there are issues such as Education Fightback which the trade union movement can support.

How do unions fit into the Trades Council structure, and the Trades Councils into the Federation of Labour?

The Trades Councils are officially the district councils of the New Zealand Federation of Labour. The Trades Council consists of all the local unions who are affiliated to the Federation of Labour. The unions pay affiliation fees to the FOL who in return allocate money to the Trades Councils.

The Trades Councils have regular meetings where policy is decided, in line with that of the FOL, and campaigns for action planned. An example of this is the Remuneration Act.

Now that we're discussing the Remuneration Act, what form is the opposition to this Act going to take?

The Federation of Labour is committed to opposing this legislation and has pledged full support for any union against whom the Remuneration Act is employed. The FOL has called for affiliates to hold stopwork meetings, and in line with this the

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Trades Councils are organising these meetings to explain the seriousness of the legislation to the membership.

Could you explain why the Remuneration Act is so serious?

This legislation is the latest in a long line of measures designed to control wages by placing more power in the hands of the government executive. The legislation abolishes the General Wage Orders which will make it even more difficult for weaker unions to maintain wage relativity with prices. But more importantly, it destroys even the pretense of free wage bargaining when you have a system where the government can step in and say to a union and an employer, "no, you cannot give that percentage increase because it is not in the interests of the country."

What can students do to help the Trade Union movement fight the Remuneration Act?

It is important that these threats aimed at the Trade Union movement are not seen to by-pass the student world. All sections of the community are threatened by the use of National Party executive decree. With the growth of the economic crisis, the monied interests are seeking to protect themselves and their profits by supporting the government against the organised workforce.

It is very much in the interests of students, e.g. the cuts to education, to stand beside workers and to prevent their success.

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Health going Private

Health Cuts — Can We Afford Them?

Wellington Hospital Surgical Team at work.

Photo of Wellington doctors performing surgery

Amidst a furore of public protest the pediatric ward at Hutt Hospital closed on Saturday, September 1st. Nine days later, one of the four Wellington Surgical Wards was also closed.

These are some of the measures implemented by the Wellington Hospital Board as part of a cost containment exercise in line with Government reductions to board expenditure. This article examines the nature of these cuts and whether New Zealand's public health system can in fact afford them.

In March of this year, the Government announced as part of its overall retrenchment policy, a 1% reduction in the allocations to hospital boards for 1979/80. The price stabilization grant, which was traditionally given to recompense unexpected expenditure such as increased electricity charges, was abolished for the second half of the year. The cutting of this grant and the partial removal of the salary stabilization meant a further substantial reduction to hospital boards. In addition the devaluation of the New Zealand dollar and a revaluation of the United Kingdom's currency has meant increased costs for overseas medical supplies.

The Minister of Health, George Gair, when addressing a special conference of Hospital Board Chairmen explained that the expansion of health services must necessarily be limited by economic considerations. He recognised that "there would be very few organisations of any size in the world, private or public, which could not effect economies in their operations to the extent of without loss of significant services or noticeable disruption." But he went on to instruct the boards to "motivate the staff to increase productivity and to effect savings in use of labour and goods and in the treatment of patients without lowering morale or raking fears of redundancies and also by consequence upsetting patients."

These instructions could be considered rather a tall order for hospital boards facing between 1-3% reductions in expenditure.

The Effects of the Cuts

The 1% across the country reduction particularly affects those board areas which are expanding at the greatest rate i.e. Wellington and Auckland. This raises serious questions as to the rationale behind a policy which seems to be based on expedience rather than looking at the actual needs of the particular board areas.

It is difficult to gain a National overview of the recent cuts to the health system, particularly as a number of the Hospital Boards are noticeably silent on the whole issue. However, the two hospital boards which were informatively helpful, those of Wellington and Auckland, provided enough data to isolate some trends.

The Auckland Board, largest of the twenty-nine boards in New Zealand, has estimated that with inflationary influences its total cut will be \$3 million. According to the board the main emphasis has been in streamlining the administration by such measures as savings in photocopying, and closer monitoring of such things as postage, power consumption etc. However, staff replacements have also come under close scrutiny and overtime has been reduced by 25%. This must have an effect on the numbers of nurses, social welfare workers etc. that the Auckland Hospital Board considers it can afford.

The Board hopes that with prudent management direct cuts to services will be avoided, but it predicts that expansion in any particular area, regardless of need, will not be possible unless sufficient savings can be made elsewhere. However, as all the details of the savings have yet to be finalized, more direct cuts may have to be made.

In Wellington the situation is clearer, but more alarming. For a number of reasons, the Wellington Hospital Board had been experiencing financial difficulties before the cuts were announced in March. These factors included the maintenance of rapidly expanding services, the accommodation of clinical school and an unrealistic budgetary allocation from the government.

With the March cuts, the effects of inflation, and the results of the devaluation of the New Zealand dollar, and the revaluation of the United Kingdom's currency, the Board estimates a reduction of funds of approximately \$2-4 ml this financial year. This could add up to about a 3% reduction. According to a spokesperson from the Board, "with a cut of this size it is impossible to avoid some reductions in patient services. It is realized that as well as a deficiency in money the Board had the problem of a thinly spread nursing service."

After a great deal of discussion of the possible measures that could be taken, those listed below were finally decided upon—

Notwithstanding these cost restraint measures a gap of \$600,000 still exists which will have to be met over the next few months.

What does the "reduction to services" mean in practice? Besides streamlining in administration e.g. reduction in conferences, rationalizing xeroxing etc., some very important services have had to be eliminated or partially reduced. The major reductions have been the closures of a paediatric ward and a VD Clinic at Hutt Hospital, the closure of one of the four Wellington surgical wards and an alcohol and drug dependence unit at Porirua Hospital.

Some of the less publicised and not so dramatic reductions to services include charging parents for meals, the elimination of routine biscuit supplies to patients and staff, reductions in drug expenditure and a review of the community services attached to the hospital. If these measures do not recoup the loss in income then some of the medium to long term options will have to be considered, such as reviewing the decision to keep the maternity hospitals at Elderslea and Paraparaumu in operation or reviewing the level and nature of inservice training.

The Health System Eroded

Understandably there has been widespread and vocal public reaction to these cuts, How justified is that concern? Is the public health system really being eroded? Again, let's examine the effects of the cuts in Wellington.

The closure of the surgical ward at Wellington Hospital, according to the chairman of surgical staff (Mr A.W. Beasley) would result in more people waiting for hospital treatment. He stressed that closing the surgical ward at Wellington Hospital would be an abrogation of the responsibility surgeons felt to provide proper surgical care. Even the Minister of Health was quoted in the 30th August's edition of the Evening Post as saying "People who believed that they would not be able to have operations as in the past were under the wrong impression, except possibly in the case of non-essential surgery." Unfortunately this is hardly a comforting assurance, if you happen to have a "non-essential" but extremely painful surgical complaint such as varicose veins.

Superficially, the closure of the alcohol and drug dependence unit at Porirua might not seem particularly harmful to health services. However this unit is the only residential treatment for women with alcohol problems in the Wellington area. With its closure, long term patients from the villa are to be transferred to other wards, but the rest of the patients in the villa are to be discharged, with medical supervision continuing on an outpatient basis. The staff at Porirua Hospital were so incensed by the unit's closure, and subsequent reductions in services, that industrial action was considered as a fightback measure.

Perhaps the closure of one of Hutt Hospital's two Pediatric wards, was the cost-containment measure to receive greatest public attention and condemnation. The Pediatric Ward 8 provided specialized facilities for children and adolescents, and was particularly important in the absence of any children's hospital in New Zealand. Protesters against the closure include the Lower Hutt City Council, the epileptic societies, concerned Hutt residents, medical staff, the Handicapped Children's Society and the Hutt branch of the International Year of the Child Committee. They are concerned that the removal of Ward 8 will mean the elimination of specialist nursing care,

A children's ward; one such ward has been forced to close at Hutt Hospital.

Photo of a nurse with a child-patient

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Photo of nurses and patients outside

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[unclear: th] New Zealand Nurses' Association *[unclear: or]* a long time expressed its concern *[unclear: he]* "sinking lid" policy adopted by Hospital Boards is having a severe on the standard of patient care.

[unclear: h] cuts to non-nursing staff such as workers, physiotherapists, secretarial *[unclear: tc]*., nurses often have to shoulder an sed workload. Again this leaves less to give to their patients and the *[unclear: ird]* of nursing care must therefore be *[unclear: id]*. The NZNA has described the *[unclear: e]* of nurses as low, due primarily to *[unclear: ressure]* caused by reductions in *[unclear: ig]* staff numbers and the added *[unclear: isibilities]* associated with inadequate *[unclear: ces]*. Many nurses are leaving, either *[unclear: Mhcr]* job or more often, to overseas *[unclear: yment]*.

According to Ms Cary (executive director of the NZNA) "The Government must recognise that in fulfilling its commitment to provide a health service for New Zealand, it has a responsibility to ensure that adequate standards of care are available. The long term effect of insisting on nursing staff ceilings, within the health services could be disastrous."

Another important factor to note when discussing the shortage of nurses is that patients now require a higher level of nursing care because they are hospitalised for acute care only and are discharged to complete their convalescence at home. This is further increasing the case load of nurses working in the community. With reductions in staffing levels, the quality of patient care is reduced.

Whether safe patient care can still be maintained under these conditions must be a question of concern to the community.

The Effects of the Cuts

New Zealand now spends proportionately more (over 70% of our health budget) on hospital services and less on community health services than any other developed country. Yet at the same time there are still significantly high waiting lists for certain surgical and medical services. The financial distribution and emphasis

that should be placed on various areas of health is a difficult question, but of one thing we can be quite sure, indiscriminate cuts to the Hospital boards only worsen the public health system.

With the erosion of the public health system, more people are being forced into private health schemes. The table and graph below dramatically illustrate the huge growth in private medical insurance. It is a shocking indictment of our public health system that an insurance company such as Southern Cross can make a lucrative income from people's fear of becoming sick. This move away from the public health system to the private, was not helped by this year's budget which, after accounting for inflation, saw a 1% drop to the public health sector and a small rise to the private sector.

Graph showing revenue growth

"Every Area of the Economy must Pay"

The justification for the cuts to the health system are based on the assumption that in times of economic crisis, every area must "pull in their belt". But it is the taxpayer who is paying for the Welfare State and as such is entitled to something in return. Why should the taxpayer have to pay twice — once to the government to provide an inadequate public health system and secondly to an insurance company to "ensure" payment of adequate health care?

Cuts to health like those to education, primarily affect those who cannot afford to pay — students, lower-income families, solo mothers etc. The price New Zealanders will eventually have to pay is their health — a price we cannot afford.

Lindy Cassidy.

The [unclear: State the] Hostels

1979 has been a year of many surprises—perhaps the biggest was the infamous TSG (Tertiary Study Grant) announced by the National Government (via Men Wellington Esquire) which will be implemented in 1980. What will this scheme mean to University students who are anticipating residing in University hostels across New Zealand?

It is clear that living costs at such institutions will have to increase for next year, which will mean an increasing burden on holiday earnings and parental support (if given). As yet, we have no indications as to charges at Wellington hostels for next year, however there have regularly been rising charges over the past five years, and we can use these figures to give intending students some idea of the financial commitments they are likely to face next year.

Let us look at Wellington hostel costs firstly, then compare them with the other six New Zealand Universities.

Plus \$35.00 pa for heating and linen

[unclear: e] percentage increase for a single room [unclear: 1%] the double rose by 56% in the indicated. Victoria House has the charges as Weir House but there is to be a substantial rise in boarding for 1980, after all, food, electricity labour costs have all risen dramatically year. To combat these (especially [unclear: 2%] rise in electricity charges) a hefty [unclear: ue] for 1980 seems economically [unclear: By]. For example, Victoria House [unclear: 000] for electricity for the last two [unclear: hs], and that cost does not include the [unclear: of] water heating, which is gas-fired, [unclear: ge] that out — \$4 per student for one in electricity alone. A way of [unclear: ensating] this would be to raise the [unclear: il] fee charged for linen and electricity. [unclear: the] moment this is \$35 — hardly enough [unclear: mpensate] for the electricity increase above.

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[unclear: Aland] University hostels face much [unclear: jame] predicament. O'Rourke and on Hall charges have risen 68% and [unclear: espectively] over the period 1975-1979, figure is for single rooms only.)

[unclear: ikato's] two halls of residence, Bryant [unclear: nd] Student Village have had increases [unclear: 7] over this period, and in the period 1979, increases of 7.35%.

[unclear: ssey's] situation is rapidly reaching the heights. Wellington, Auckland and Waikato have had to deal with. In 1975 their hostel charges were the lowest in the country — \$16.60 for a room. This charge rose very slowly through the years until 1979 when the biggest rise occurred. For this year the percentage rise was 15-17% for Type A and B hostels. If Massey is to keep up with current economic trends, and, to combat rising electricity, food and labour costs, it will have to follow the other hostels. Thereby rescinding its position of providing the cheapest University hostel accommodation.

The South Island Universities too have seen increasing hostel charges on par with Massey over the years 1978-1979. Canterbury University's five hostels have an average percentage increase of 19% (single room) and 20% (double room).

Lincoln's University halls record 13% (single room) and 11% (double room) increases in just one year, a trend not unlike Massey and Canterbury. Otago University has an assorted medley of student accommodation which caters for University, medical and dentistry students. Combined, the price for single room accommodation rose (average) 12% for 1978-1979. Overall, hostel charges at Otago's halls have risen 64% over five years, a change not unlike all other six New Zealand Universities.

There seems to be no way out of this depressing situation. As living costs rise, we see a new depressed bursary level. Prospective students, whatever their choice of university and hall of residence will have no choice but to apply for the \$17.00 hardship allowance at the very beginning of 1980. The fact that they will be residing at a hostel will need to be heavily stressed on application if students hope to cope with new hostel costs.

Students, it seems, will be bearing more than their accustomed share of hardship, care of the National Government's economic mismanagement. Hostel fees, and in fact the future of hostels themselves, will be under close scrutiny in 1980. If costs are to be borne by students in the amounts we have seen in the last five years, prospective 1980 hostel dwellers must be warned to come armed with Daddy's chequebook or, at least, superb holiday earnings. (If you can get a job.) Wouldn't it be easier just to let the rich kids come to University.

Drawing of a hedgehog looking at a cake
Kathryne Fleming.

Gourlie Hits the Fan

Photo of a man wearing a woollen sweater

Council

Sexism hit the headlines of the recent NZUSA August Council, with the Women's Commission circulating a number of leaflets threatening dire occurrences should any sexist behaviour emerge, particularly an Council Dinner. Indeed, as reported in earlier Salients, the applicant for General Vice-President, Colin McFadzean, was not elected, as much as anything else because of his sexist behaviour earlier in the Council.

However there was another issue that was causing a similar amount of concern, although not so vocally expressed, particularly amongst the overseas students involved in NOSAC. It was the issue of racism, which first reared its ugly head at this year's May Council, when Paul Gourlie delivered a stinging attack on NOSAC, alleging that it was concentrating too exclusively on issues relating to Malaysian students rather than trying to "integrate" with the activities of local students. Although he subsequently apologised for his remarks, saying that they were not meant to be racist, but were rather comments on how NOSAC could operate more successfully, the comments caused a real concern amongst overseas students that has not yet died down.

What NOSAC is

Before going on to discuss the events at Council, an explanation of what NOSAC is should be made. Both NOSAC (National Overseas Students' Action Committee) and WRAC (Women's Rights Action Committee) were formed in 1977 as bodies that could specifically work in these two vital areas. Both bodies are standing committees of NZUSA with delegates from each campus plus a part-time National Coordinator. They meet about 6 times during the year to plan activities to action the policy set for the Association at Councils.

The position of NOSAC assumed greater importance at May Council last year when it was decided to abolish the position of International Vice-President, who was charged, amongst other things, with looking after the needs of overseas students. With the abolition of the IVP, the budget for NOSAC was increased to make sure that the concerns of overseas students would be adequately represented. However many overseas students are concerned that there is no security for NOSAC, it is answerable to the leadership of NZUSA.

The Possibility of Interference

It is in this climate that the Overseas Students Commission were upset by; the racist remarks made by Gourlie at May Council, and expressed fears for the future leadership of NZUSA if a person such as Gourlie could rise to the position of president of [unclear: orie] of its constituent bodies.

The Commission were discussing the pros and cons of NOSAC becoming independent from NZUSA, an

issue covered quite fully at May Council, and it was mentioned that under the present structure, with NOSAC being a standing committee of NZUSA, overseas students didn't have much say in the direction or activities of the group. The leaders of NZUSA, under the constitution, give NOSAC its direction and can overrule it.

Auckland delegate Toong Ah Tea then mentioned the racist remarks Paul Gourlie directed at overseas students at May Council and said that "this shows that the leadership of NZUSA may not be so good." "We have to look to the future and the welfare of overseas students," he said.

The Commission continued to debate the prospect of independence as well as the problem of getting finance from NZUSA. When the question of the association's leadership came up again, Auckland's other delegate, Choong Tet Sieu, said that a lot of people in the association support overseas students but there are also others who don't share these views. "It's like Parliament" she said.

She added that "there are a lot of people who give lip service to overseas students, they say they support us but when it comes to the crunch what the hell do they do for overseas students?"

Waikato delegate Robert Teh then said that instead of "sitting here giving him (Gourlie) shit", the NOSAC Co-ordinator should investigate the situation on the Otago campus to see how it is that someone with such racist attitudes as Gourlie can be elected president.

The question of course was not one that could be resolved at any meeting. Like sexism, racism is a state of mind which must be fought and no amount of policy motions can eliminate racist attitudes from members of NZUSA. There was some concern expressed by members of NOSAC that identifying Gourlie by name would only antagonise the situation — however as the Women's Commission showed at Council, there is a time when you must stand up, must name names, must fight. The battle against sexism was successfully fought this Council, and although it will no doubt continue to appear, it will be a long time before it reaches its former heights. Racism is another offensive trait, and likewise it must be fought, and those who perpetrate it must be attacked.

On the subject of independence, the Commission eventually decided that it supported the idea in principle, but due to a number of considerations, including the fact that NOSAC cannot claim to be representative of all overseas students, it would have to be regarded as a long rather than a short term goal.

Gosling Gets Back

Dear Sir,

Photo of Chris Gosling

The last article of Salient contained an article relating to the Extra-ordinary General Meeting of Student Travel Bureau Ltd, held during August Council.

I am very concerned that vastly more space was afforded to the matter of 'grubbiness' than to the welcome news of STB Ltd's \$17,000 profit for 1978-79, and the implication of this. This concentration on personalities may do wonders for the author's attempts to make political mileage, but does little to inform students about the real goings on of STB Ltd, which have been the subject of so much debate.

I am also particularly concerned by the impression the article gives, and the manner in which the writer (Mark Wilson) seeks an opinion from the reader — "You can judge whether or not it was o.k." — without looking into the background of the issue and not revealing all the facts of the case.

The point of contention seems to be the manner in which Board member Nigel Petrie was removed, rather than the removal itself.

Helen Aikman (Victoria co-Chief Delegate) is quoted as saying that it was neither "the time or place" to discuss it. She is completely incorrect. A General Meeting of the shareholders of STB Ltd, is the only place where such a matter should be raised. The comment of Helen and Tony Stuart (Canterbury Chief Delegate) that the matter should have been discussed by National Executive is again incorrect. It is not National Executive's role to consider such a matter. In fact there has been a growing trend this year to further restrict National Executive's involvement in STB's affairs. National Executive could not make a decision on the matter, leaving Nigel Petrie hanging. Furthermore Nigel [unclear: Petrie] does not attend National Executive meetings.

Equally unsatisfactory and unfair on Nigel would" have been to allow large scale gossiping to carry on behind Nigel's back. The facts are as follows:—

- It has been widely accepted that STB Ltd have a strong competent Board.
- It has also been established that the only control NZUSA has over STB's Board [unclear: is] power to remove directors.

- Unfortunately the only people who are [unclear: res] in a position to comment on the [unclear: performance] Board members are other Board members. [unclear: The] believe is largely the responsibility of Chairperson of the Board. However, now [unclear: t] that position is filled by a student director. [unclear: t] person is placed in an insidious position. [unclear: The] the responsibility is left to the President NZUSA who serves on the Board ex-[unclear: officid]
- The only place where a final decision can made, open and honest discussion is possible [unclear: a] the person in question is present is a [unclear: Gene] Meeting of the shareholders of STB Ltd.
- Nigel Petrie knew that some [unclear: dissatisfaction] been expressed and was specifically informed the likelihood of a motion arising earlier [unclear: the] morning by me. I had attempted to ensure [unclear: the] Nigel was informed earlier but this [unclear: prove] impossible. The chairperson of the Board, [unclear: lol] Judge, had talked to Nigel about his [unclear: contribution] to the Board much earlier.

In my report to August Council, I [unclear: comments] that one of the abilities a President of NZUS required was to be able to cope with [unclear: losin] friendships by being honest. Removing [unclear: any] from any position is an unpleasant job. [unclear: Nig] Petrie was (and I hope still is) a good friend mine, but my actions were the correct one. [unclear: The] matter was conducted openly and honestly. [unclear: The] implication Mark Wilson has put in his article [unclear: the] it was handled in an underhand and income manner is not true and personally distasteful.

Unfortunately one of the other [unclear: ability] NZUSA presidents need, is to be able to [unclear: cop] with this sort of unsubstantiated abuse.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Gosling,
President, NZUSA.

Vietnamese Refugees Debated

Photo of Vietnamese children

Whether the Malaysian government is right or wrong in its threats to shoot or tow back out to sea any more Vietnamese refugees attempting to land in its country was the subject of a lively exchange at International Commission between delegates from Waikato and Auckland universities at NZUSA's August Council. The debate also brought home the very real fear of reprisals faced by overseas students who take part in political activity while in New Zealand. Waikato delegate Robert Teh, who supported the stand of the Malaysian government, was quite willing to have his name published, but the Auckland delegate specifically asked that his name not be mentioned.

The Commission had before it a motion calling on NZUSA to condemn the action of the Vietnamese government in respect of the refugees and demanding that the governments of Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia "treat the refugees in accordance with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights".

Waikato's Robert Teh said he agreed with the first part of the motion but not the second, regarding Malaysia and the other governments. "You should see the situation there (in Malaysia). The government is doing its best not to have another civil war as in 1969. I support them in trying to lesson the tension," he said. The Auckland delegate disagreed, saying that the action of the Malaysian government should be condemned. "They signed the Declaration of Human Rights and therefore they should treat the refugees on humane grounds."

"But they've already got 76,000 refugees and the exodus has got so much greater," replied Teh. "The government has to try and push the other powers to speed up their processing. Malaysia has spent \$9 [unclear: million] the last few years on refugees and it is only now that it has got to be too much."

The Auckland delgate however was unimpressed, and said that the Malays government was discriminating against the Vietnamese refugees, because at the same time as it was closing its doors to them, [unclear: it] was welcoming "hundreds of thousands" of refugees from the Phillipincs. [unclear: "The] Vietnamese refugees are a taxing problem but the problem is being exploited by [unclear: the] government to further its racist [unclear: policies] The Western nations are also [unclear: very] hypocritical, because when they go to refugee camps they pick those with skills and the strong ones," he said.

Despite Waikato's stand, however, it voted in favour of the motion when it was put, as did all the other universities, with the exception of Canterbury, who abstained. A related motion demanding the New Zealand government to [unclear: actively] sponsor the immigration of [unclear: Vietnamese] refugees and cease applying discriminatory selection procedures was passed unanimously.

Mark Wilson.

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Music

Running out of Steam

Graffiti Crimes

Mi-Sex are the latest Kiwi group to hit the Australian big-time. The largest radio network in Australia, 25M, held an Australian singles competition recently but the results indicated it should have more appropriately been a New Zealand singles competition for the winners were Marc Hunters' new solo single "Island Nights" and Mi-Sex's "But You Don't Care". All in all it seems Mi-Sex are creating the same kind of storm that Split Enz and Dragon before them made.

Mi-Sex's debut album Graffiti Crimes has been awaited with a measure of curiosity. Wellington has seen little of the band since they gave up the New Zealand pub circuit and headed to more appreciative shores. The

album was recorded over 4 weeks at the new, computer operated 301 studio in Sydney and produced by Peter Dawkins (the ex-Kiwi wizard who brought you "Saint Paul", and, more recently, the Dragon albums.)

Graffiti Crimes is an energetic album but its an energy that seems to run out of steam towards the end. If one were to (reluctantly) draw comparisons this album is in many ways similar to the Strangler's Rattus Norvegicus album. There is the same predominant key-board work (a la Manzarek of the Doors) and the crashing, wandering guitar work. However Mi-Sex are bursting with more energy than the often constrained music of the Strangers.

It is Murray Burns on keyboards and synthesizers who stands out on the Mi-Sex album. At times when a song seems destined to become eaten up in its own energy it is the resorting to soaring synthesiser which saves it. But, again, that trick wears thin after a while. The mundanity of the second side probably emanates from the weakness of the songs which gather a certain predictability and sameness.

The album opens with the title *[unclear: song]Graffiti Crimes* and a rather neat take of those pretentious beginnings to *[unclear: man] Moody Blues* songs — you know, the *[unclear: six]* form poetry and deep God-like voice. *[unclear: the]* song typifies the Mi-Sex brand of music crashing, muddled guitar with keyboard weaving in and out occassionally *[unclear: dim]* break, soaring then weaving back into *[unclear: the]* texture of the song. Tight bass *[unclear: and]* percussion and vocals delivered in a *[unclear: sol]* straightness. "Wot do you want?" continues that pattern but the song *[unclear: has]* sufficient strength and the Mi-Sex *[unclear: style]* becomes a vehicle for the song. By the *[unclear: end]* of the album the position has been *[unclear: ree]* and the songs become the mere vehicles *[unclear: to]* the Mi-sex formula.

But You Don't Care is the single off *[unclear: the]* album. Easily the strongest cut-the *[unclear: Got]* like keyboards seem appropriate for *[unclear: ly]* that remind one of a Dumas novel. Here *[unclear: the]* deliberately careful and concentrated *[unclear: voi]* with the synthesizer weaving in and out *[unclear: i]* around combine to create the highlight the album. *Not Such a Bad Boy* relies *[unclear: or]* one line to carry the song. From this *[unclear: line]* instrumental breaks have been *[unclear: engines]* and carried by the strong rhythm *[unclear: injeq]* into the song. Side One closes with *[unclear: Still]* much better effort in which *[unclear: Mi-]* combine all the elements they have used earlier songs but with more skill. They *[unclear: vj]* the pace, an organ solo is *[unclear: skillfd]* interrupted by guitar, it never gets boring.

Side Two is not as inspiring. *[unclear: Drd]* suffer from the same problem too — a style that is excellent in strong numbers but which in weaker ones becomes overkill. *[unclear: Still]* one might change that opinion seeing *[unclear: Mi-]* in concert. Despite its weaknesses *[unclear: the]* album is a good one and one that has to be played loud. The pressing is excellent and gives extremely good quality.

Mi-Sex are tentatively scheduled to *[unclear: td]* New Zealand in October. They will be *[unclear: A]* band worth catching.

Paul McHugh.

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Limbs

Limbs Dance Company is having a fund raising season at the Memorial Theatre, Victoria University, for its forthcoming Australian tour.

On September 14th and 15th, the company will present a programme of new dances for its Wellington audiences.

Limbs have been invited to perform at a Dance Festival in Sydney from October 26th to 31st and will also have their week-long seasons in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

The Australia New Zealand Foundation may sponsor part of the tour but Limbs hopes to raise \$10,000 through their two performances at the Memorial Theatre and a season at the Maidment Theatre in Auckland from September 18th to 22nd.

"We see the Australian tour as a cultural exchange and opportunity to show our choreographers to a new, wider audience and a chance to view and work with Australian modern dance companies.

"As dancers we hope to strengthen and develop in new directions and hopefully, have something worthwhile to contribute to the New Zealand dance scene," said co-artistic director of Limbs, Mary-Jane O'Reilly.

Wellington dance-followers may remember Limbs very successful Sunday-night performance at the State Opera House during their tour of New Zealand earlier this year.

Ticket prices for the Memorial Theatre season have been raised to \$5.50 adults and \$4.50 students for this special fund-raising occasion. Bookings can be made at the State Opera House.

The Bookcentre Lives

Yes, it's true. The Bookcentre is alive and kicking.

Even allowing for inflation, Bookcentre costs have been less than were budgetted, and there is even likelihood of a profit at the end of this year.

Last week's sale went well, and this week the emphasis is on New Zealand books, particularly fiction and poetry. These include Maurice Gee's new children's book, "Under the Mountain," and Allen Curnow's most recent volume of poetry "An Incurable music."

Over the last two years, the Bookcentre has concentrated on developing its stock of fiction, social science and books of general interest.

Sales are steadily increasing, but the Bookshop needs your constant support. If you feel it's ripping you off, talk to the staff, say why, find me, or write to Salient.

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Rire Scotney, YUWSA rep. on VBC Board.

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Rock Music~how it Should Be

Dougal

Photo of a man playing guitar

Bones

Photo of the band Dougal and Bones

[unclear: Just] over a week ago, a Wellington [unclear: dience] of about 90 people experienced a [unclear: cert] which, for sheer enjoyment, ranked high as those given in the same city by [unclear: aham] Parker and the Rumour and by Dr [unclear: elgood.]

That's a pretty heavy claim, you may [unclear: nk,] and one that would take some [unclear: tifying] even if made about a gig at the [unclear: wn] Hall by some number one (with a [unclear: llet]) overseas band. It takes a damn sight [unclear: re] justifying if it is made about a gig in [unclear: r] beloved cafeteria on a Friday afternoon a band who've only played together blicly three times, have a drummer whose [unclear: by] played with them for a two hour [unclear: ctise] session, and who go under the likely moniker of the Mangaweka [unclear: aduet] Rhythm 'n' Blues Band.

Rock Celebration

The four hours (nearly!) that the band [unclear: yed] that afternoon, especially the last [unclear: O,] were a celebration of rock music as it [unclear: uld] always be, loud, spontaneous and [unclear: nchy] as fuck. They were a reminder, if [unclear: body] needed one, that styles of music [unclear: d] their practitioners may come and go, [unclear: t] underneath it all you've always got the [unclear: vil's] own music, the blues, and its [unclear: doubtedly] illegitimate child, rock 'n' [unclear: I].

When I say four hours, the band was [unclear: ginally] only meant to play for three, pm 2 to 5 pm, but even

if they had wanted finish at 5, and they were enjoying [unclear: mselves] far too much to want to do that, [unclear: re] was no way the audience would have them. After an hour of "encores", [unclear: mmer] Steve Garden, already late for ended the proceedings by having his kit packed away within minutes after the [unclear: d] of the last song, an amazing version of Bone Walker's *Stormy Monday Blues*, terwards all everybody could do was stand around in little groups burbling in superlatives.

Dougal and Bones

Like all good electric blues bands, the main attack of the Mangaweka foursome comes from the guitarists, Bruce Spier and Darryl Lloyd-Jones, no doubt better known to those outside their immediate families as Dougal and Bones. Both skilled guitarists, Dougal's style is very fluid, controlled and often very mellow, reminiscent at times of Clapton's blues sound, whereas Bones has a penchant for the more searing stuff, occasionally getting into some brain-splitting controlled feedback. The flow is still there though, and he even tosses in the odd jazz chord where appropriate. Solos are shared fairly evenly between the two of them, but when things really get going, there can be brief moments where the two are playing together, trading licks back and forth across stage like musical ping-pong.

Obviously all this carry-on needs to be anchored to some fairly solid foundations, and they are. Their names are Richard Barter and Steve Garden. The former plays bass and is nothing if not solid, while the latter was filling in on drums at last Friday's gig. Steve usually plays for Short Story and had never played on stage with the other three members of the (here goes, deep breath) Mangaweka Viaduct Rhythm 'n' Blues Band until then. Naturally enough, therefore, some of the drumming was a bit rough for the first hour or so, but once he got himself sorted out he ended up leading the rest of them, putting not-too-flashy frills in all the right places and, judging by the ear-to-ear grin he wore throughout the gig, loving every minute of it.

No I haven't forgotten about the vocals. These are handled with due gravel and gusto by Bones, although Dougal helps with harmonies on most songs and sings a few of his own. If he's really enjoying himself Bones sometimes whips out a blues harp and starts wailing on that as well. Needless to say he did so at this gig.

A Mix of Everything

They played their way through a fairly cosmopolitan selection of songs really, everything from slow mournful blues such as *Trouble in Mind*, *Shotgun Blues* and the already mentioned *Stormy Monday Blues* to such recent all-out rockers as Thin Lizzy's *Dancing in the Moonlight* and George Thorogood and the Destroyer's *Move It On Over*.

All of it was excellent (as you've no doubt already gathered) but the ones that really stood out were all those I've just mentioned plus amazing versions of *Don't You Lie To Me Honey*, a Kingfish song called *Goodbye Your Honour* and Dylan's *I Shall Be Released* and *All Along The Watchtower*. The latter, in fact, was so good, with Bones and Dougal building the whole thing up until it was a huge wave that just had to crash right on top of you and sweep you away, that even poor Jimi must have sat up and taken notice.

Apart from the covers, though, the band did a couple of songs written by Bones that came across equally as well, and also a couple, notably *Liberated Lady* and *Seaway Cabaret*, whose lyrics were written by Steve Jenkins, guitarist with the legendary Wellington cult band No Pussy Only Pissy, and which Bones put the music to.

Photo of a man playing guitar and singing

The reasons why the gig was a success, for audience and band, are no doubt many, but the important ones were definitely the spontaneity of the music and the improvising that the blues jams allowed. I mean, these guys were so spontaneous that only Bones had ever heard any of the songs that made up the third set and so took a few minutes out before each one to teach it to the rest of them! The atmosphere created by the four of them, the "what-the-hell-we're-here-to-have-a-good-time" idea (the punk ethos?), helped of course but mainly the gig worked because it wasn't music that had been played over and over by a band until its spirit has been crushed and only an empty carcass remained, this was music that was totally live and alive because it was being born right in front of us. If you missed it, make sure you don't miss it next time.

Mark Wilson.

President

Two weeks ago the University Careers [unclear: dvisory] Service organised a Graduate Employ-[unclear: ent] Seminar, inviting University academics. [unclear: aduate] employees from downtown, and repre-[unclear:]

reform] much better in arts subjects and are [unclear: e] New Zealand University Students' Asser[unclear: tion].

This seminar illustrated in many ways the [unclear: rcial] nature of our education system. Over the [unclear: ast] few years with increasing unemployment for [unclear: aduate] students, the majority of students are [unclear: nding] to take more career orientated courses. [unclear: he] majority of school counselling services give [unclear: e] impression that in terms of ensuring a job [unclear: ae] is better to take a course such as Business [unclear: dminstration], BCA, LLB, Architecture or [unclear: me] of the sciences, rather than the traditional [unclear: ts]. This advice is often given without [unclear: nsidering] the large number of students who [unclear: erform] much better in arts subjects and are [unclear: ore] interested in those subjects.

Predominantly, the employers felt that many students, merely because they had, say, a BCA [unclear: agree], would not necessarily make good employ-[unclear: s.] Many [unclear: expresse one] opinion that they would [unclear: refer] students to have a more varied degree, [unclear: lore] importantly I feel, many employers stated [unclear: at] if a particular person performed better in an [unclear: rts] degree this would actually be a better basis [unclear: or] employment, than if they had more career [unclear: rientated] degree with not so good marks.

Although it appeared that most of the aca-[unclear: emics] did not seem all all aware of this ironical [unclear: ate] of affairs, it was stood to see the Dean of [unclear: commerce] and Administration. Prof Graeme [unclear: ogelberg], showing a more realistic and modern [unclear: ray] of thinking. He has been encouraging [unclear: students] enrolling in his faculty to take a more [unclear: aried] course, for example, not taking as many [unclear: ccoutancy-type] courses, but to take something [unclear: hey] are particularly good at, or interested in.

I think one of the most enlightening comments made was by Mr Colin Knox, from the Wellington City Council. He felt that students today were having far too much work to do throughout the year with the introduction of compulsory internal assessment, and that from the point of view of employing students, he personally found it much more desirable for students to be given the opportunity to develop their interests in other areas in the Univeristy structure, not just academically. It was interesting to note that this comment was backed up by other employers.

What a pity the University doesn't think the same way!

The seminar from the students point of view was very productive and because of it I think we are in a much stronger position to fight against compulsory assessment and replace it with a system of choice i.e. to concentrate on internal assessment or to opt for a final exam. We don't want both. It was also extremely productive because we found out just what downtown employers are looking for in student graduates. Obviously there has been a massive communication breakdown between the University, secondary schools, and employers. This seminar gave an opportunity for a closer relationship to develop between these various groups.

This week, of course, is the Executive Elections. There are polling booths in the library foyer and the Union Building foyer. I hope all students will exercise their right to vote — it only takes a minute.

For something completely different — this Friday at the Victoria Club, we have organised a mini-concert. There will be a folk singer, and then the Mangaweka Viaduct Rhythm and Blues Band will be performing from about 4pm till approximately 12 that night. Admission is free, if you haven't seen this band before, I can promise you, you will have a really good night.

Caroline Massof

Yeah mates, a bloody boomer concert... with the Mangaweka Viaduct Rhythm V Blues Band and others
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Drama

More Popular than Soccer

Life in New Zealand

by David Beresford Bats Theatre

Serious writing of any sort, and by that I mean a commitment to a sizeable work, a play, a novel, a continuing output of poetry or short stories requires considerable ego, if you wish to believe that what you're writing is going to be of interest to other people, and application if you're going to spend hours sequestered from the rest of the world writing and re-writing, revising and then neatly typing it all out in the vain hope that

someone is going to be interested enough to want to read it in a legible form. I don't know what proportion of would be writers manage to persevere with the task until they have something in any sort of 'saleable' state — not how many such manuscripts ever get any sort of public treatment.

Nevertheless, playwrights can take courage from the apparent popularity of playgoing (more people go to live theatre, would you believe, than to soccer matches) and the oft stated commitment of our theatre directors to home-grown plays. Is there a parallel state of interest for poets and novelists?

Unfortunately it is by no means easy for a repertory theatre company, of the like of Downstage, to produce a new work, especially by a tyro playwright. Even plays by the best of established playwrights take a vast amount of time and work before the manilla bound sheaves of typescript that first appear on a producer's desk becomes one of those glossy slim blue paper-backs, which reproduce the form of the play finally arrived at by author, director, company — and to some extent audience, in the case of a show that has graduated from the fringe or a provincial tryout.

A company like Downstage, alas, has to tread carefully the line between its own economic viability and its artistic commitments — consequently laying itself open to accusations, from the idealists amongst us, of 'bourgeois' standards. To be able to tie up a large company, such as was demanded for *Life in New Zealand* for the considerable amount of time that would be required to shape the play to a professional standard, is beyond such a company's current resources. All the more brave, or foolhardy perhaps, for the playwright to have written it.

And all the more creditable and fortuitous that there exists a Bats Theatre and the people behind it who were prepared to put the time, the effort and the money into producing a work that might otherwise have been condemned to languish as an entry in the Playmarket catalogue.

Drawing of a person watching a sunrise on tv

Now I regret that by the time this review gets published, the season at the new Bats (one time Unity's) premises will likely be closed. Undoubtedly at a loss. The best I can offer is a retrospective appreciation.

Accurate Craftsmanship

David Beresford's observation and creation of comedy is excellent. To my ear the dialogue was accurately crafted. He is a gifted comedy writer.

The play is a series of comic situations from middle-class, suburban, Kiwi life, some with a cartoon like simplicity — even to the extent of having no dialogue — others, essentially monologic.

Understandably the inexperience of the cast and producer — just the qualities that made this production possible — count against it as a total, finished production. It wasn't of a standard that compared with *Circa* or *Downstage*: and yet in that fact there is a virtue, that the actors who form Bats are prepared for far less reward, to provide an alternative theatre. That is the sort of potential that can be built on.

The major failure of the show as an evenings entertainment was in its lack of a sense of flow. A play, like a piece of music, needs a rhythm and a tempo that is going to sustain the audience's imagination and interest — participation. It also requires an element of climax, to some degree — the sense to the audience of being taken, supported by the rhythm and tempo, from one point of interest, amusement, terror, whatever, to another, onto the culminating, climax, after which with some attention to tidying up the ends, audience and cast, hopefully fulfilled, can go home.

There is no set form for writer and director, there are many variables — the mood of the play, the type of theatre, the strength of the performers — success is a product of intuition, experience, and talent. But certain elements worked against this production: the roughness of the seen changes; some of the actors being unable to give full value to the comedy, especially the monologic sections; the choppiness in length and content of certain sequences of scenes ½ Finally the failure to establish a climax, either in the comedy or in the progress of the character's lives meant the play left us not in post-climactic repose, but after a rather tame little epilogue, waiting for a curtain call that never came.

Yet the comedy kept the audience alternately chuckling and guffawing. Most of the performances, by their lack of technique, had an alienation effect that required of the audience a concentration on what was behind the performance; rather like drawing-room charades, as long as the actors were working in the right direction — and they all were — the audience could do the rest of the work, and if they didn't it was their fault if they missed the comedy.

The actor who required the least of this extra interaction was Murray Alford, who is blessed with a wonderfully comic appearance, and sufficient ability to let us be content for him to do the work. Most of the time this was true of Joan Foster and Ana Sullivan; and was true of Bill Smith's well observed Professor, and Rodney Bane's cameo of gallic gallantry.

To achieve something in their new quarters, Bats are going to need a great deal of energy and support: this

was in the spirit of what was needed. And the soccer season is nearly over.
John Godfrey.

Student Health

Nurses Clinics

As well as the G.P. (general practitioner/ doctor's) facilities provided at the Student Health Service, the nurses run clinics and are in charge of a library with books open for anybody to loan. The clinics are open to anyone — you can live at home and still be eligible.

Every morning from 9 - 12: This is the preferred time for dressings needing changing, cleansing and redoing.

Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4: Weight Clinic runs in conjunction with Diana Jones, Recreation Officer, is held in the Rec. Centre. Appointments are on a 1:1 basis. The aim is to work towards a dietary intake that means you won't have to be dieting on and off for the rest of your life, and therefore aims at promoting good health.

Wednesday afternoon: Pap smears (Papanicolaou cervical smears) and instruction on how to check yourself for the signs of breast cancer. Contraceptive advice on any questions you have — ask them.

Thursday all day, every week, the Wart Blitz is, still on. Liquid nitrogen is used to freeze off warts. Vaccinations also done Thursday afternoons. Is your tetanus up to date? Are you going overseas?

Rec Centre

Would you like to learn to ballroom dance? Has your inability to quickstep or ability to foxtrot, when you should be tangoing, inhibited your enjoyment of social occasions? If so, the ballroom dance classes could be the answer to all your worries. Monday from 5.30 to 6.30 is the time.

Mondays 1-2 pm is Learn to Ski time and, even at this late stage of the season, you can learn much of value on our drv ski slope, put your name down on the class list at Reception.

Are you relaxed? Loose? (muscularly speaking!) supple? If not, try Diana's Yoga and Relaxation-Yoga sessions on Thursday and Tuesdays respectively at noon. You need no previous experience, just a will to relax. Talking of relaxation; many people find fatigue relaxing. Not in excess of course, and there is nothing excessive about the fitness classes on Tuesdays' 12-1 and Thursday 5.30-6.30. You work at your own pace and take whatever rest you require.... and it's fun.

Don't forget the social sport programme, with hockey on Monday, badminton on Tuesday, soccer on Wednesday, very social volleyball on Thursday and basketball on Friday. All these activities start at 12 noon. Ask at Reception for more details.

Beginners Badminton still has plenty of space. Tuesday and Friday morning from 10 till 11 and on Friday again 11 to 12, are occasions for learning the ancient art of Poona, as badminton was known in the 1870's. It was first played by the men of the British Army stationed in India. The name Poona comes from one of the Indian villages where it played.

After that most useful piece of information, we have the latest in our series of beginners jogging routes. These routes are designed to give the budding jogger an insight into the more subtle benefits from jogging, i.e. appreciation of the Kelburn scenery. Secondly, to provide short-course routes which are not too demanding despite the tendency to gradual slopes in Kelburn. This week's course is the Boyd-Wilson Mud Scramble; a light run of leisurely lapping to end a hard (or soft) week's training.

Run down the steps outside the recreation Centre, turn right into Wai-te-Ata Road and left down to the Boyd-Wilson Field. Jog three times round the field keeping as near to the perimeter as possible, avoiding the inevitable pools of mud, water and other dire manifestations of poor drainage. Then, back up to the Centre. You have our full permission to walk up the Centre stairs if you so desire.

M'sia & S'Pore News

Looking a fees increases — the overseas students' dilemma

In Britain.

18,000 Malaysian students studying in the England, in Government funded institutions, will have to pay another additional 20% in tuition fees from September. This is the second fees increase in 1979. In January, fees for overseas students have raised by 13%. The September fees increase means overseas students will have to pay \$4,324 instead of \$3,369 in tuition fees. This will net an additional \$28.2 million to Britain's coffers between July and April next year. Yet the Department of Education commented that it is still 60 percent below actual full economic cost which is borne by the Government.

The Conservative British Government plans to withdraw subsidies for foreign students which, if carried out, would add another 15% to the 1979-80 charges. This would make fees for 1980-81 around \$15,000 for post-graduate students, \$11,750 for undergraduates and \$6,500 for full-time attendance at sub-degree courses.

Following this announcement, overseas student organisations in Britain promised strong opposition to the British Government proposals to charge overseas students the full cost of their courses. 3 major organisations involved in overseas student welfare — the National Union of Students, United Kingdom Council for Overseas Student Affairs and World University Service in their joint statement pointed out

- the government had plundered six million pounds this year from overseas students with the 33 percent increase announced.
- Such moves will be regarded as renegading on British's responsibility to the Commonwealth, the third world and EEC and the refugee students.
- The basis of government calculation of one hundred million pounds a year subsidy was extremely suspect. The figure ignored clear evidence of major foreign exchange earnings as well as academic benefits that stemmed from the presence of foreign students.
- If Government plans to go ahead charging overseas students the full cost, it would be met with strong opposition from students, academics, administrators, trade unionists and foreign governments.

Latest news: According to informed sources, non-subsidized fees would be charged only to new students entering university, poly-technic and colleges from 1981 onwards.

In Australia

Salient editor has pointed out Fraser's Government is hoping to net \$1500 to \$2600 from overseas students next year. Estimated number of Malaysian students — over 8000.

In New Zealand

In a similar move, National Government has extended the \$1500 fee to cover students who take up post-graduate courses from next year.

Meanwhile Back in Malaysia

In the recent UMNO (United Malays National Organisation) General Assembly, the delegates urged the National Front not to give any quarter in implementing the New Economic Policy, especially education. The 2% increase in the intake of non-bumiputra was too much for the bumiputra to accept.

One of the constituent delegates (from Johore) wanted the Government to keep tabs on non-bumiputras pursuing higher education overseas to ensure their numbers did not exceed the overall quota set out under the NEP.

Commentary

In the face of all these events there are a number of things that need to be pointed out. Whenever a country is in a economic crisis (due to mismanagement by the Government itself) it starts to use overseas students as a scapegoat for their blunders by imposing a fees increase. All the Government's mentioned reiterated that raising the fees for overseas students does not mean they want to stop them from coming to their country for tertiary education. In fact these foreign students are most welcome. But the message that seems never to get across to them is that by increasing fees, they will effectively prevent more Malaysian students to study overseas. Only the rich will be able to go overseas This is in direct contradiction to the statements by the industrialized nation in their education to third world developing nations. What the Governments of these industrialized nations are doing is to help to polarize the gaps between the 'haves' and 'have-nots.'

The Malaysian Government, all along, has not helped the students to fight against the discriminatory fees increases. What it has done so far is to cut down the number of students going overseas, as well as barring the non-bumiputras from entering the local universities. One can only conclude that the Malaysian Government is operating a double standard by offering verbal lip-service to anti-fee campaigns whenever it sees deem necessary (for public consumption as well as to pacify the student. On the other hand it is working hand in glove with the overseas government concerned. It would be too naive to say that the Malaysian Government is not consulted when these fees are increased.

Notices

[unclear: Car] Club

[unclear: Just] a little information about the club — we [unclear: jvt] 80 members, we are affiliated to MANZ [unclear: ylolorsport] Association of New Zealand) and [unclear: ttof] are of the cheapest membership fees in

[unclear: the] country. Clubnites, which usually attract [unclear: ver] 40 members, are held monthly and include [unclear: ims], information talks, guest speakers, and [unclear: upper] Members can enter a wide range of [unclear: losad] club and invitation events and there is [unclear: Kwavs] plenty of room for spectators. Events [unclear: jn] by our club include trials, gymkhanas, [unclear: uclimbs], sprints, autocrosses, rallies, novelty [unclear: vents], and a yearly trip to Manfeld for some [unclear: rcuit] racing. Also we have many after-event [unclear: jncttons] and other social gatherings. We have monthly magazine of 20-30 pages There are [unclear: arious] discounts available to members and [unclear: ways] other members willing to lend their [unclear: expertise].

[unclear: n] Important thing to remember is that a [unclear: odilied], highly competitive car is not [unclear: ocessary] to participate in the club Trials and [unclear: mkhanas], the main non-speed activities, are [unclear: st] suited to standard road vehicles [unclear: artlcipation] as a competitor is only half the fun - there is plenty of opportunity to organise or [unclear: orshal] in events. If any of this sounds [unclear: cresting], or you just like driving, or you're [unclear: iierested] In engine modification, or you like [unclear: eeting] people, or you fancy yourself as a rally [unclear: rrvr], or you know a friend who is interested, [unclear: ic] Car Club may be the club for you

[unclear: ave] a look at our noticeboard on the 1st floor of the Union Building — it's always up to date [unclear: i] the activities of the club, or ring Nick — [unclear: 22] TAWA.

[unclear: Picket] Club

[unclear: radices] begin this Wednesday 12th at [unclear: 00pm] at the indoor cricket wicket in the gym [unclear: All] members and prospective members [unclear: elcome].

[unclear: Examination] Facilities

[unclear: Students] are advised that the University [unclear: ovides] special examination facilities for those [unclear: ith] physical disabilities and for others in [unclear: ceptional] circumstances during the end-of-[unclear: ar] degree examinations. Students who wish [unclear: I] make use of such facilities should contact [unclear: ther] the Examinations Officer. Room 108, [unclear: sbert] Stout Building, or a member of the [unclear: udent] Health or Counselling Service staff.

[unclear: Students] are advised to read the aegrotat [unclear: gulations] in the University Calender If in [unclear: Hibt] about whether to submit an aegrotat [unclear: DpIlcatJon], enquiries should be directed to the [unclear: laminations] Officer, Liaison Officer, staff [unclear: embers] mentioned above, or Academic [unclear: registrar].

Political Science

An AGM for the Revival of the Political Science Club will be held In the Lounge and Smoking Room on Tuesday the 11th of September from 5.00-7.00pm.

In the past, the club had organised forums, guest speakers and the like, providing an opportunity for discussion of current issues.

The formalities I.e.: election of an executive, will be followed by a social with wine and beer available

5.00pm Lounge and Smoking Room, all students and staff welcome.
Drawing of the moon, a person sitting on a park bench, and a dog

Lost Property

Property found In the general campus area should be handed in at the Inquiries Counter in the Robert Stout Building Property found in the Library or University Union should be handed in at the Issue Desk or at the Union Office respectively. Inquiries about lost property should be made promptly at these same places Lost property held at the Inquiries Counter in Robert Stout since 1 July or earlier will not be retained after 1 October 1979.

VUW Badminton Club

2 Club-nights per week for third term.

Every Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00pm singles play and coaching.

Every Friday 7.00 - 10.00pm social and competitive doubles games - beginners coaching.

Visitors welcome \$0.50 per night.

Prospective members \$5.00 till end of season in mid November.

University-YWCA Summer Badminton Club at YWCA, Willis Street. Plays Wed 7.00 - 10.30pm, Sat. 2.00-5.00pm

\$0.30 per session or \$6.00 for whole summer

Caters for all grades of players, coaching available. Enquiries phone Jack 720459 (home) or 736079 ext 894 (work).

Tramping Club

A slide evening will be held on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Union Lounge of slides taken on August and other trips. A committee meeting will also be held on the above date In the Union Lounge at 6.45pm, open to interested persons.

Southern Crossing — payment (\$10) for transport can also be paid on Wednesday or any day 12-1 in the Union Lounge, to Robyn.

Shooting — Winter Tournament 1979

Mathew Civil shot extremely well and got Into the 10 man NZU team as No 2 Chris Mansell scraped In as second reserve The NZU team shot a postal match against Australia and also shot against the Otago Association team, winning by 1 point 1972 143 to 1971 144 — the first time in living memory an NZU team has beaten the local rep team.

All 4 Vic shooters were in the North Island team which lost to the South by 6 points

Shooting is a sport that puts a premium on experience (most top shooters are in their 40s) None of us shot really consistently under pressure and although our averages were fair, as a team we had no show against the strong Massey and Canterbury teams.

ICI Shield Scores (out of 2400 240):

Mathew Civil got a Victoria Blue with 990 71 ex 1000. 100.

Vic Team David lies (captain) Alan Sutherland, Mathew Civil, and Chris Mansell.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Drawing of a woman writing with a feather quill

After the Geneva Conference on the Vietnamese refugees problem, it looks like the situation has temporarily improved. The boat people no longer appear on TV news everyday, as they have over the past months, when the Malaysian regime threatened to shoot them. The phenomenon demonstrated 2 significant points:

- International pressure and sanction on a defaulting country does have effect.
- Vietnam is efficiently capable of stopping the outflow of its citizens. Hence, the allegation of a semi-official high profit racket in the refugee business is not too far from the truth.

However, jubilation at this stage will be premature. There should be no illusion that the problem is solved. The dam is only temporarily shut, and the flood gates will be opened again only too soon. A leopard never changes its spots. It will only be more subtle next time round. Also the recent furore of interest of the superpowers over South East Asia is a cause for worry. It will not be altogether surprising that in the next few years South East Asia might become another 'Middle East.'

Back on the local campus, a forum on the Vietnamese refugees was organised by MSSA-NOSAC before the second term holiday. Hugo Manson, a TV reporter and Mary-Ann Thompson, political Science lecturer spoke at the forum. It is applaudable what Mr Manson has been doing, ie pressuring the New Zealand government to take in more refugees. New Zealand could well afford to take many thousands more, considering the huge emigrant rate for the past few years. However, I believe an equally important aspect of the work (which has been neglected) will be explaining the real issue to the people, to go beyond appealing to their sentiments and humanity. This is especially important in view of the cultural differences and the subsequent rejection of integration into the community. A number of people at the forum related their experiences of being victims of racial prejudice, and pointed out the overt racist policies of the present government in prosecuting minority groups.

Ms Thompson's analysis of the political background to the refugee problem was disappointing. Typical of academics, she gave various vague political possibilities for a permutation of root causes, not wanting to commit a clear political stand. Many who came for an answer were at a loss. However, a few were adamant it is part of a plot for Russian hegemony in South East Asia.

The Malaysian regime's role in the whole affair was apparently of more interest to the participants in the forum. Unfortunately, the issue was diverted before any in depth analysis was possible. However, those who spoke were unanimous in condemning the inhumane treatment of the refugees by the Malaysian authorities. Also an intellectual debate ensued as to whether the Malaysian authorities will actually carry out the threat to shoot the refugees. With all respect, the Malaysian High Commission might have been able to provide an answer to that. I heard that a formal invitation was sent to them, and by curious coincidence, everyone at the High Commission has some other appointments on that same night!!!

Asean Watcher

Gay Rights Equal Human Rights

Reply to Middle Ground's letter opposing Gay Rights.

Dear Middle Ground,

I would like to inform you that you have no ground to stand on, unless your evident list of prejudices is to be so accounted!

First I take exception to your claim that the promotion of Gay Rights is harmful to both the individual as well as to society. Gay Rights are human rights. They apply with just as much force to straights. Is it right that gay people should lose their jobs purely on the grounds of their being gay? Would it be right that straight people should lose their jobs because of their being straight? Gay people have to earn their keep just as much as straight people or doesn't Middle Ground think so? Then why should the gay person be sent to prison for loving someone of the same sex, for that is how the present law is so arranged? Then again is it right that the gay person can be legally thrown out of their flat on the grounds of being gay?

A funny fellow is this Middle Ground who is on one hand all compassion and yet on the other doesn't believe gay people have the right to live or to be human. The only real problem we gay people have in life is

ignorant straight twits, like yourself, who like to have all their discriminations and prejudices legalized in oppressive laws. But then of course as a salve to their automatic consciences they like to pass themselves off as compassionate and all caring people on some self proclaimed middle ground. Well my friend, for I do have some compassion for you, most of New Zealand is right behind law change and human rights for gay people as all the most recent opinion polls have shown.

It is my opinion that it is your type of person that damages society for the oppression of any person or minority in a society is a loss to that society as a whole!

I suggest that Middle Ground also gets to reading that Masters and Johnson study in detail and put aside the sensationalism of newspaper headlines. Perhaps he could also read something a bit more recent than Freud, and if he has a library (other than newspapers of course) he might like to find out the numerous gay authors that will exist among it. Rather than damaging society we 10% probably contribute 50% of its cultural worth. But alas, who will write our oppressed histories.

Now it seems reasonable to believe that is when Middle Ground gets over his normal state of sexual confusion and his unthinking gut motivated reactions, that if he were to take a really compassionate stance in this matter that some of his gay friends; and we all have gay friends, might honour him by coming out to him. It is on the behalf of these people that I would like to sign this letter.

Middle Ground's Gay Friends

Mountain Madness

Dear Mr Editor Sir,

We, fully paid members of the Students' Association and Victoria Ski Club, do hereby declare open season on all committee members of the Ski Club. 'Ah', you say to yourself. 'Why should these Joe and Josephine Average students be acting in such a right-winged, Saxby-orientated, 'cliquo' manner?' The answer is simple. We are pissed off, utterly and totally, due to the similarly neo-facist actions of certain committee members, whose names will not be mentioned, (What the hell — Vicki K and Denise R) who unjustly drove eleven Josephine and Joe Average students (one was crippled) into the cold, biting, arctic night conditions. These actions were inspired by the ineptitude of one Robert Moes (an incompetent cunt, if ever there was one) who overbooked the lodge by approximately 20.3 people one night. The fact that they booked seven of us into plush, sumptuous, four-star, alternative accomodation at no extra cost (although eleven of our party went) docs not molify the hurt and indignation suffered by the nine surviving members of the purge. To be cast out by our fellow members has left a permanent scar on our psyche. As a result of this incident the surviving members of the party will be joining the Wellington Tramping Club next year (cups of tea in bed in the morning, T-bone steaks for breakfast, carpet in the loos, hot water showers, central heating and geisha girls.)

In memorium to the two members of the party lost in the blizzard on August 12, and the potatoes cooked in detergent up at Vic Lodge.

Love,

Sally, Phil the Pus-sucker and friends

P.S. If this letter is not printed the gang of nine will call.

Whinging Malaysians?

Dear Sir,

I see all the whinging Malaysian-Chinese students (using their Malay non-de-plumes) trashing their garbage on the pages of Salient again!

Haven't they been convinced that they are foreign nationals in New, Zealand, and should behave as such? They do not seem to realise how moderate and tolerant New Zealanders are towards whinging foreigners. If only this were my country, I would personally go to any lengths to make sure that there is not a single grumbling foreign student left on this side of the 200-mile fishing limit.

I was very impressed by David K. Lo's letters that you have published a few weeks ago. Now there is a proud Malaysian student who should be a model to every foreign student in this country. My congratulations to

David.

I know that most of the students from South East Asia (especially the stirrers among them) are not only filthy rich, but are darn lazy as well. There are several foreign students I know in New Zealand (mostly from the Pacific area) who pay their own way through varsity. Unlike any of the NOSAC stirrers they seem to be able to find vacation employment and save enough to see them through the following year. So what are these Malaysian student-radicals and their cronies third world over whinging about?

Talking about Malaysian student leaders from other countries, remember the one who visited these remote shores from an organisation by the name of the Federation of the United Kingdom and Eire Malaysian-Singaporean Students' Organisations, with the acronym FUEMSSO? Well, I reckon that a more correct and appropriate acronym for this hallowed organisation ought to be FUKEMSSO — Got it?

Yours Truly,

Abu Sajed.

Public Apology

Sir,

Last week a letter was published in which I intimated that Cathy Marshall was — to put it mildly — sexually promiscuous. Unavoidable arguments have changed my viewpoint, and I now realize just how far this statement is from the truth.

Thus I have no hesitation in withdrawing it completely and without reservation and tendering my profuse apologies to Ms. Marshall.

yours,
a changed and humble man, P.O'Donoghue.

Revive Tees

Dear Sir,

Drawing of Frankenstein's monster

I was gratified to see the notice in Salient concerning the Studass by-election for the President as I am pleased to see that my words have been noted with regard to inherent unfairness of not having one.

I totally agree with the letter of Salient 3 September from D. Hartington, J. Aitken, Flatmate, and D. Alexander who recomend that Andrew Tees put his name, forward for the presidential elections as I am sure that the majority of student opinion is firmly behind him in that he appears to be the only President we have had lately, that considers what the students actually want rather than what he "thinks they want".

I also strongly support the notion of a no confidence vote as this can be extremely useful in the realm of student politics as has been shown at recent SRC's where Ms Massof appointment has been repeatedly rejected by the very group of students that she is supposed to be representing.

Daniel Stenwjck.

Overlooked Graffiti

Dear Sir,

When searching for your 'graffiti of the week' have you ever frequented the toilets of the Gym? Especially the one on the far left. I am personally responsible for at least pieces of outstanding graffiti.

Such classics are:

- I scream,
- You scream
- We all scream,
- for ice cream.

How about it. Take a look.

Regards,

The Turk.

Smart Arses Grovel

Your most worshipful and heavenly holiness B6700.

Your most humble and grovelling users (not as often as we'd like, due to SOBS) prostrate ourselves at the enormity of your miraculous gift to us, in the form of divine revelation in the letter to Salient. We are only able to express ourselves in common english due to the fact that our minds have not been sufficiently modified to converse in the pure language of numbers yet, this can only come in the final stage of ecclesiastical perfection (when you sacrifice your mother to an INTEL 8080 on the night of the spring equinox .)

In the meantime, we hope you are not too insulted. We do have a few theological questions however, in your scripture you say that we shouldn't complain about our timetable hours because third year disciples get it worse, but if someone was suspended by nails through (not thru as in corrupt America) their thumbs above a pit of burning charcoal and sadistically beaten and starved, not to mention being forced to watch American television programmes, then surely they would be allowed to complain even though (not the as in corrupt America) someone had died in Bangkok. In the words of Oliver Cromwell:

"I shall trouble you no longer; but desire you to repair to your House, and to exercise your own liberty in the choice of a Speaker, that so you may lose no time in carrying on your work."

(Speech at opening of first protective parliament, delivered September 4, 1654.)

Or more precisely in the immortal words of Mark Twain:

"You make up your mind that the earthquake is due; you stand firm and take hold of something to steady yourself, and, the first thing you know, you get struck by lightning."

(Address delivered before the Noddy Wilmot New England Society december 22, 1876. Mark Twain was actually born in corrupt America but at least it was on the night that Halley's comet reappeared.)

Finally, to cheer up any downhearted third year INFO disciples, at least you get to miss the so called "news" on both channels with your lectures starting six post meridiem and hence do not get subjected to such vile heresy as "Worker's unhappy about layoffs due to computer automation." After all, who do these people think they are, they should be glad to give up their lives to the new and most powerful religion.

signed.

Smart Arses in the Corner.

A Question for Carr-Gregg

Dear Peter,

Shouldn't Ikon be I Cant?

Yours, Wondering

Who reads Ikon?

Dear Sir,

If Ikon represents the average student, does this mean that Salient represents the above average student?
Yours sincerely.

Above Average Student.

P.S. I never read Ikon.

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Cuba St. and Churchill Drive Shopping Centre

[unclear: cebos] says Addley's pure

Sir,

[unclear: was] dismayed to see that the elusive J.C. [unclear: e] is still producing his purile stream of [unclear: e] through the medium of your pages and [unclear: to] remind him that Saturday night may recure if he continues his high handed [unclear: eh]. However as I always forgive my [unclear: es] I shall say no more about the matter, [unclear: jo] are of course right out when it comes to [unclear: bject] of the glorious Almighty, may His [unclear: a] be sung till the end of time, as they are [unclear: nly] enormously stupid animals but they all their lives dancing around the place [unclear: hey] get eaten.

[unclear: n]also shocked to see the positions which [unclear: heco] offered to Miss C. Addley by that [unclear: incarnate] Walter Superllama extroadinaire [unclear: s] offends me deeply as I know that Miss [unclear: ry] is as pure and virginal as the driven snow [unclear: ould] never consider llamas at all.
Yours with concern,

Arthur P. Hedgehog.

[unclear: real] Issue on the Elections

[unclear: ir].

[unclear: ex] the Ikon mongrels are at it again. I [unclear: I] up one of their absurd leaflets the other [unclear: hich] stated that the big issue for the [unclear: SA] elections is making the Association [unclear: talic]. For heavens sake, can't they get it [unclear: iar] heads that we students are facing one [unclear: ie] biggest attacks on educational [unclear: runities] seen in this country since the

Government is clearly of the view that [unclear: sities] are a luxury it cannot afford to [unclear: ly] fund. It has reduced the grant to [unclear: sities], it has introduced a vicious bursary [unclear: i], and we can fully expect that next year [unclear: ttacks] will continue.

[unclear: it] we need is an executive, and a President, as experience in campaign work against [unclear: ttacks.] If we don't get it, the simple fact is [unclear: re] will be in big big trouble next year, [unclear: tie] who tries to sidetrack us from this does a [unclear: re] to the government and betrays students.

Yours in earnest,

Cathy Stone.

[unclear: got] Guts

[unclear: editor],

[unclear: fer] to the letters in Salient dated 3.9.79, Attacks on David Lo, and would like to [unclear: ent] on the immature and factually [unclear: ect] statements about him.

[unclear: quite] evident to many students, that [unclear: fgfg] has written is very true. Mr Lo seems to be [unclear: ly] Malaysian at VUW, who seems to have [unclear: ts] to stand up against those bigots who run [unclear: UA] and MSSA; these spineless people who [unclear: teh] condemn the New Zealand Government, but dare not even whimper at the racial intolerance in their own country.

Sure, Mr Lo was an activist who collected signatures of protest against Tun Ruzak in 1977. (Not the 45% cut-back; Get your facts right Salleh.) He was fighting for the freedom on speech and political prisoners in Malaysia.

The fact still remains that we are overseas students, studying here at the invitation of the New Zealand government and the people. Well Salleh and S. Ng, if you don't like it here, get the bloody hell out, and stop ruining the already tarnished image of overseas students.

Sad to say many Malaysian students are nothing but a pain. Any overseas Chinese is stereotyped a Malaysian, and is in general shunned by other students. They move in cliquey groups, creating their own suburbs of Petaling Jaya in Wellington. Above all these Malaysians are not as poor as they claim to be. Just go down to the TAB on Saturdays and you will see what I mean. Please don't use the excuse, "They are the local Chinese," for we all know they are not.

Sure we are an oppressed people back home, but after a while we learn to live with it, to survive, so Salleh and S.Ng, don't go around writing all this garbage. The plain truth is that you both don't have any guts to express your true feelings to your own Government, so you use Salient to attack the only level-headed Malaysian around.

If we have to pay for our education, we jolly well pay, or get out. Maybe the proverbial Abu Sajed would like to comment. As for you dumb Malaysians, don't bother, you're all so thick that you'll probably repeat the same trash written by Salleh and S.Ng.

Yours faithfully,

A Singaporean (fed up at being called a Malaysian)

P.S. Please don't start threatening to cut off our water supply. The Singaporean Armed Forces could quite easily over-run the Bumiputra Armed Forces of Malaysia.

Comments on Caroline

Dear Peter,

Well, it's that lime of the year again. The time when students can elect an executive to guide the course of our association's future. For next year the fight must go on against the cuts applied against students and over all education system. There are continuing matters of Course assessment, building programmes directly affecting students. Issues affecting students generally such as maoriland issues, gay rights, abortion and women's rights.

Especially in the field of Education Fight backs, this association needs a strong progressive executive, with determined and forthright leadership. For we must fight to remove the stigma of the student in society. The access of people to study at Universities must not be limited by economic reason. We must fight for the removal of the Tertiary Study Grant which is fraught with inadequacies. We must continue the struggle for a fair and equitable bursary.

So we must first have leadership, with the position of President being filled by a person who will continue to move forward, in the various issues involved in this election. That is why I see Caroline Massof as the only candidate capable of fulfilling the position of president. From my contact with Caroline Massof in the education fightback campaign, and in the position as interim president, she is the only person with the necessary expertise, foresight, and leadership. Caroline is the person this association needs to be our president, with the energy and organisational talent to mould this association into a strong, united and fighting body working for you and me, the students. The dedication Caroline has shown in the position of Women's Vice- President and as Interim President shows the qualities necessary for the position of President.

Yours,

Barry Weeber.

More on NZUSA finances

Dear Peter,

I read with interest your article, on pages eight and nine of Salient, Volume 42, Number 21, entitled A Legacy of Financial Problems and believe there exists a need to correct one or two errors.

Firstly, NZUSA as a member of the International Student Conference and its travel commission, the International Student Travel Conference had been issuing the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) throughout the 1960's. The increase in sales of ISIC's from about 1,000 per year to in excess of 25,000 plus per year occurred following the negotiation of the Student Standby Scheme with NAC in May 1972.

Second, the capital to form the Student Travel Bureau Ltd was raised from the Travel Reserve Fund which stood at nearly \$20,000 at the end of 1974. This Fund had been generated from surpluses made by the then NZUSA Student Travel Bureau. No loans were or have ever been raised for the capital of the Travel company. Loans for the purchase of Student Union House and shares in other NZUSA owned companies were however raised from constituents.

Third, it is the intention of the Board of Directors of the travel company to sign a new agreement with NZUSA to allow for the repayment of monies owed to STB Ltd by NZUSA. in respect to the AUS Student Travel debt, to be repaid from the ISIC surcharge of \$NZ2.00 per card. This will allow the repayment of this aspect of the debt by mid 1981 assuming the Nev. Zealand dollar does not devalue significantly against the Australian dollar (Something I suspect is most likely to occur as the country continues to slide deeper into its current economic crisis.)

Apart from the above I again compliment you on your role of explaining the somewhat complex financial matters surrounding NZUSA to the members of VUWSA (Inc.) One wishes other student newspaper editors had the ability or inclination to do likewise.

Finally, a note concerning the future of students and their involvement in travel activities. I received this week advice that "the All China Youth Federation (being a nationwide youth representation of the Peoples Republic of China which includes students and youth in general in its ranks) has at its recent general meeting in Peking (held during May) passed a resolution to develop a youth travel company and the decision has been approved by the Chinese Central Government. Now the preparatory work at the head office in Peking and the branch office in Kwangtung (Guangdong) Province is underway. Their services will consist mainly of receiving youth tours, renovating old buildings and constructing new youth hostels". I am pleased to announce we are working with this new company and other student travel companies in Asia to organise student and youth tours of China Those interested in such tours should contact their on campus Student Travel sales office

Yours sincerely,

David Cuthbert.

Managing Director.

STB Ltd.

Students not Fooled

Dear Editor.

Like the "average" student in last week's Salient, I too get pissed off with people claiming to be middle of the road, non-political, or a wishy washy dingbat with no political viewpoint. That's why I was particularly annoyed to read King Andrew Dethroned by Leslie Brown which claimed to be an objective assessment of the political situation at Vic.

In a patronising and arrogant manner worthy of a Paul Norman, he gave advice to the "right" and the "left" on how to improve their profile. He also spent a great deal of space in the article attacking Caroline Massof. He

claimed from an objective viewpoint that Caroline Massof was just not acceptable to large numbers of students. Some objectivity! Thus, I was really surprised to see that he is standing for the position of President. It seems to me very "political" and manipulative to first of all set yourself up as the students' friend, nearly attack your opponent and then offer yourself as the saviour in white armor. Sorry Leslie, students aren't that easily fooled.

Eileen Drake

Sun, Surf, Tubes, Shops, [unclear: Bazza] and Aussie Dollars to take Home with you.

[unclear: ork] in Australia these [unclear: ilidays]

Spending your summer vacation on a [unclear: rking] holiday in Australia could be [unclear: the] smartest thing you've done for a [unclear: ig] time.

First, you'll see some of the world, [unclear: perience] an Australian sun and [unclear: nmer,] and make the most of the [unclear: opping].

Second, you could earn higher [unclear: istorical] wages which, with all expenses [unclear: ducted], could give you money to see [unclear: u] through the next year.

[unclear: Student] Travel makes all Possible

Your Student Travel Centre will [unclear: range] it all.

They have been organising Australian [unclear: ips] since 1965. So they know how to [unclear: ake] it work for you.

Student Travel will slip you across the [unclear: isman] on an organised group flight for [unclear: e] cheapest fare possible.

They'll put you on the right track to [unclear: cate] accommodation in Australia plus [unclear: ovide] all the travelling and holiday formation you need to move about [unclear: ustraiia]

What you Need

First, you need \$206 for the return- fare, plus \$200 or so, in spending money to tide you over the first couple of weeks.

Second, the capability and willingness to locate a job in Australia Thousands of New Zealand students have located temporary employment all over Australia during past summer vacations. You should be able to do likewise.

Your I.S.I.C. is the Key to Student Travel

Wherever you go in Australia, your International Student Identity Card (ISIC) should go with you. It will save you cash with the various concessions it will entitle you to:-

- 25% discount on domestic flights to students under 26.
- Reductions on bus tickets on Greyhound, and other buslines.
- Discounts at many museums, art galleries, cinemas, theatres and shops.
- 25% discount on the room rate at any Travelodge, Park Royal and Caravilla motel in Australia.

Apply to your Student Travel Centre for your card.

Do it Now

Drawing of a can and \$100 notes

It is important that you see your Student Travel Centre as soon as possible.

The special student airfare rates apply from November through to February.

So see us soon about your Australian holiday.

Working and Living: a Typical Example

Annabelle Lush: New Zealand student who went to Australia November '77 to January '78

Annabelle left Auckland on November 18 (a Friday). By the following Tuesday she had two job offers. Her initial outlay for the trip was the airfare plus \$200 spending money.

For the first fortnight she stayed at the Sydney YWCA (SAUS 57 per week including breakfast). Later she found a flat at SAUS 26 a week.

Annabelle's hotel waitress job earned SAUS 110 a week clear plus SAUS 100 in tips. She also got all her tax back at the end of the holiday.

At the end of January she came back to New Zealand with \$1300 in her pocket — as well as having spent money seeing Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.

*N.Z International Departure Tax payable in addition.

Stop Labelling Salient Staff

Dear Peter,

As a member of Salient staff and recently elected SRC representative on the publications board, I am increasingly disturbed by the tendency for people to label me as holding or espousing certain political or religious beliefs.

Since I began working on production of Salient at the end of the first term I have been regularly labelled as 'communist', 'Trotskyist', 'Maoist', 'Marxist', 'Marxist-Leninist' and so forth.

I write this letter as I am deeply disturbed at allegations made in a leaflet entitled: Holocaust — Two views published by *New Zealand Jewish Students*. In this leaflet I am by implication (as a member of Salient staff) accused of anti-Semitism, of espousing fascist 'National Front' propaganda, and of opposing Zionism and supporting the PLO.

These charges are made against Salient and its 'coterie' as a result of a review of the television series *Holocaust*, published in Salient of July 9th, written from a viewpoint which has been interpreted as anti-Semitic. The accusation is that because the writer of the article expressed certain views, the Salient newspaper, its editor and staff therefore, must uphold these views.

I totally fail to comprehend the line of reasoning that says that the Salient staff are in accordance with all views expressed in all articles published in the newspaper they work for. How can any person be held responsible for something which they did not write?

It seems patently obvious to me that as the editor of the paper has an obligation to present both sides of any controversy, he will often have to publish material with which he or any of his staff may disagree. The writer/s of the Jewish Students' leaflet have chosen to ignore the fact that on July 23 in the special 'Education Fightback' issue, Salient carried an article condemning the National Front, and on July 30 articles replying to the original Holocaust review, expressing an opposing viewpoint.

I reiterate that I do not wish to be held responsible for the views expressed by Salient contributors on any issue, be it Zionism, International politics, Gay Rights, Abortion or anything else. The only articles I am responsible for are those that carry my by-line. I am proud to work for Salient, and I am proud to sign my name to this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Jessica M.A. Wilson.

No Musical Taste

Dear Sir,

Neil Young is a genius.

Amazed

A Tale of a Pig

Dear Editor,

Drawing of people worshipping a face in the sky

Once upon a recent time, Ah Tee boarded a DC10 flight and arrived at the pretty wonderland in the Southern Hemisphere. At the beginning, all was so very nice. The wonderlands milk and honey have sweetened Ah Tee's many golden dreams.

In Ah Tees' many dreams, a monster who calls itself 'pig' always appears. The pig used to say 'Look, Ah Tee, I am the master of the wonderland. What I say is law. What you say is shit.' Shocked and scared at the almighty giant. Ah Tee can 'only say, 'Yes, my Lord. I will always be your servant and obey everything you say.'

Ah Tee learns in his dreams that Ah Tong was insulted by the pig, for marrying Tina Thompson, Ah Chang's sister cannot come to the wonderland to study because of the pig's are which makes a 45% chop, Ah Lan had to return home because her cap was taken away by the pig and etc.....

Ah Tee cannot understand why he dreams so much about the pig. He thinks may be it is only a natural thing because he is in pig's wonderland and has heard and seen so much about him. Ah Tee always says to himself, 'Why do I worry so much about the pig. After all, the pig's never disturbed my peace.'

One night, Ah Tee dreamed that his high school friend, Ah Ong, has to pay \$1500 to the pig for staying in the pig's wonderland. The \$1500 question had electrified Ah Tee a bit. After recovering from the shock, he says, 'So what, after all, I don't have to pay the \$1500 fee,'

Over the August vacation, Ah Tee was awoken in a nightmare when he learnt that postgraduate students have to pay the \$1500. The pig has hinted that Ah Tee may not be allowed to work during the end of year's holiday. Ah Tee is caught in a dilemma. He wants to continue his Ph.D degree in physics but he is so poverty stricken. 'Oh God, what can I do now,' Ah Tec cries helplessly. His golden dream is broken. The pig has come to him finally. He realises that it's too late.

The New Zealand Government has announced over the August vacation that overseas students intending to take up post graduate courses in 1980 will have to pay the \$1500 fee. First they came for the high school students, and the intending students from overseas, then they came for the post graduate students. Who's next? It can be either you or me. So wake up from the golden dream and fight for our cause or else it'll be too late.

The recent Australian Government's announcement of imposing fees ranging from A\$1500 to A\$2500 on overseas students, shows only too clearly that in times of economic crisis, overseas students can well be the scapegoat to bear the economic burden.

Therefore, I urge you all to continue to deplore the tactic of discrimination imposed by any government and stand as a united force to fight any discrimination.

A pig's observer

A New Group on Campus?

Dear Sir,

As President of The Society for the Protection of the Innocent from the IRA, I must write to let the students of Victoria University know that the British Government is not the only external influence doing something about the serious situation in Northern Ireland.

What can a group of New Zealand citizens do to hinder the IRA? Without funds the IRA will not be able to buy guns, ammunition, explosives, or feed and hide members. Each year New Zealanders give \$500,000 to the IRA. We hope to stop this flow of funds by exposing where this money is coming from as well as those IRA sympathisers in New Zealand. We are of course working in close colusion with the Special Branch of the New Zealand Police. However we are not too happy with their handling of the situation as it stands. Not only is the Minister of Police a Roman Catholic, but so is 40% of his department. Don't forget that the Catholic Church is regarded as a greater loyalty, by its members, than the state and the law. Next time you give a donation to Liferight or in Church (Catholic) on Sunday make sure your money is being used for peaceful purposes and not to buy some 232 ammunition for an M16.

For obvious reasons (I don't want to be shot in the knees or be tarred and feathered) I am withholding my name and address. Please do not release the original of this letter to anyone coming in off the street.

Yours faithfully,

President SPItFIRL (Society for the Protection of the Innocent From Irish Republican Extremists.)

Love Springs Eternal

Dear Peter,

Every now and then something happens at this place which brings some fun into an otherwise drab environment. I am referring to the public letters being exchanged between two people who have obviously never met one another and which are available for public viewing on the first floor notice board by the lockers in the New Kirk Building. The girl calls herself Blondie (no relationship to Rod Stewart's friend) and the guy calls himself Andy — which he point out is a pseudonym.

I have followed their daily letter writing for about one month now and I really think they are getting serious with one another.

Good luck Blondie and Andy (you both sound like nice people) I hope you get together soon — and if you do please let the rest of us know how it turned out. You could even start a blind date scheme using the notice boards as intermediaries.

Margaret Hartley.

Digestion Problems

Dear Peter,

One thing I have learnt not to say in Uganda even in jest, is, "eat me" oh no! no! Aie-eeee...

gobble, gobble, gobble!
(burp)

Massof's Missed the Point

Dear Sir,

It is unfortunate that many people have been sufficiently pressurised by the media and pro-choice groups to assume recklessly that it is solely a woman's right to decide whether to have a child or not. This apparently is the trap that C. Massof has fallen into. Initially it is necessary to realise the gravity of the subject with which we are dealing. It is not merely a question of whether or not it would be convenient to carry through a pregnancy to term and the responsibilities which this brings. We must consider the sum total rights of a foetus to a life.

It disgusts me to see letters printed which undoubtedly show that the writer is no more aware of the subject than s/he is of the time of day.

For C. Massof assumes too much. She states: "Women should be allowed to make this decision themselves", but does not say why. Nowhere does she produce any measure of fact unless conjecture and fact have become confused.

Her brand of feminism means that to be a feminist one must agree with abortion — but the writer of *Abortion Attacked* has adequately shown that feminism can be tempered with a pro-life stance. This shows that abortion need not be a 'necessary condition' to allow women equal opportunities in 'this' society.

C. Massof would do well to study her subject more closely. I refer her to *Abortion-by Baruck Brody*. She may well be surprised at what he has to say on 'The Women's Right to her Body' (P.26) and his final stand on the subject.

In conclusion, C. Massof has not said anything that is not at least sensible — it is just that she argues on the

assumption and once more we question the necessity of abortion.

J. Sheehan,
(President, Liferight).

Twice

Dear Sir,

As the writer of the article printed in *Salient* Vol. 42, No. 20 entitled by *Salient* as 'Abortion Attacked', I would like to reply to criticisms of it printed in last week's issue. Firstly, I would like to reply to Caroline Massof's two criticisms. She claims that abortion would still be necessary in a society free from discrimination. She argues from the viewpoint that the burden of the child would be too much as it would necessitate one partner giving up his or her job.

I would like to suggest that with the 'adequate daycare facilities, socialised housework etc' that Caroline Massof mentions (and which I believe are an important part of a truly free and equal society), this would not be necessary at all. Her second criticism is that as some men support abortion as well as women, it can hardly be in order to punish the foetus for the abuses of men. This is true, but I would like to suggest that while some men support abortion because they genuinely believe it an essential ingredient in the liberation of women, many men support it for other reasons. I once read to a male acquaintance a newspaper account of a rape that resulted in pregnancy. At the end of it I questioned him — asking him if he ever felt any guilt for the crimes perpetrated by his own sex on women. He replied by saying that he felt that rape was naturally a 'bad thing', but that whether pregnancy resulted or not was 'irrelevant' because the victim could have an abortion! To him, his sense of guilt at the crime of another man was lessened by the fact that part of the victim's suffering could be alleviated by abortion.

Secondly I would like to reply to Kate Reed's criticism that my article carried no by-line. I in fact signed my article 'Member of Liferight' — thereby clearly indicating what organisation was representing but for some unknown reason *Salient* omitted this. I felt that signing my name was not relevant as I was writing not only on my own behalf but on behalf of Liferight and anyone who wanted to dispute my article personally could do so through the club.

With regard to your editorial comment, your support of Kate Reed's criticism rings completely false as you regularly publish articles with no by line including one in the very same issue in which mine appeared — namely, the article entitled *Housing Problems in Malaysia*.

Yours,
Liferight Member.

(The only articles that regularly appear in Salient unsigned are those submitted by Malaysia students, who, quite rightly, fear retribution when they return home, if they have publically criticised the Malaysian Government while in New Zealand. I find it hard to believe you are in the same position. Your comment that you produced no by line because you were writing on behalf of Liferight would look better if, in this letter where you do express your personal views you had signed it with your name. I notice President of Liferight (Joe Sheehan) frequently submits signed letters for publication, which I atleast, take to present the views of that organisation, -ed.)

Drawing showing six different scenes