BOOK DEBT ROW AT TEACOULLS

From our Teachers College Correspondent

Whitcoulls Bookellers are at the centre of a row brewing at Wellington Teachers Training College. It seems that Whitcoulls are not just satisfied with their captive audience of T.Coll students. They have been trying to build up a network of office based debt collectors. Students at Karori are indicating, in no uncertain terms, that they are unhappy about the situation.

At a meeting of the Association on Monday March 28, the President of the Association, Audrey Young, outlined the facts of the Whitcoulls Affair.

* Whitcoulls drew up a list of 60 students who hadn’t paid their bills. Whitcoulls then sent copies of the letter to Wilbur Manins, College Dean.
* Manins approached the students concerned, and pointed out that money was owed, despite the fact that it was none of his business.
* He then published a list of the ten worst offenders in the confidential staff bulletin, accompanied by the following introduction: “Whitcoulls have informed us that they are unable to extend any further credit to the following students because of their previous credit record with Whitcoulls. When making purchases from Whitcoulls they are required to be made on a cash basis. This information might have some significance for the library, the resource centre and staff who are in the habit of lending out materials.”

The irony was that some of the students had paid their bills before the list was published. Manins, who attended the meeting briefly, stated that he was justified in taking this course of action. After all, how could he stand idly by, when the actions of a small number of students would jeopardise the wonderful credit system that Whitcoulls were offering to students out of the goodness of their hearts.

Members of the audience, however, pointed out that the Whitcoulls were in the business of making money out of students who had to have books, and secondly, that the relationship between Whitcoulls and any student was a private matter.

Manins was then asked two questions: would he publish an apology in the Staff Bulletin to the students concerned, and would he write to Whitcoulls and advise them that in future they should do their own debt collecting. Manins would not agree to these requests, but stated instead that he would give more thought to the matter if the situation arose again. This statement drew an angry reaction from the audience, and the remainder of the meeting was spent in looking at ways to repair the immediate damage, and to prevent the sordid affair happening again.

The Main Point.

There is no doubt that Manins’s actions were unjustifiable, and he should be severely rapped over the knuckles by both staff and students for his actions. After all, it’s none of his business whether students owe money to Whitcoulls, the S.P.C.A. or the Association of Left Handed Typists ‘Whitcoulls Affair’.

However, there is a more important principle at stake. Whitcoulls, who started the hail rolling, has used the administration to pressure students into paying their debts. The reason for this is quite obvious. Whitcoulls is not only assured of a guaranteed profit every year, but has taken steps to eradicate any risk factor that their line of business may involve. The result is twofold.

Firstly, Whitcoulls, who have no real interest in the affairs of students, stand a tidy sum each year. For 1976, that figure was $24,485. In return, they pay 6% of sales as rent, reduced from 10% in 1975 because they claimed, they weren’t making enough profit. Secondly, students who have no real alternative but to shop at Whitcoulls, either pay up or risk having their dirty linen displayed in the staff-room.

It is high time that the whole question of the Whitcoulls monopoly on books is looked at closely. There are indications that students are dissatisfied with the service that Whitcoulls offers. Students have no direct say in what books should or should not be stocked, and lecturers, as salesmen for Whitcoulls, are convincing students to buy books that are rarely used.

Victoria University vs Whitcoulls.

For a number of years, both academic staff and students at Victoria had complained about the service offered by Whitcoulls. And, as they held at that time, a virtual monopoly on university texts, they were not compelled by the capitalist laws of competition to better the service. The University bookshop in Mount St, which was the only real competitor to Whitcoulls, indicated to the Students’ Association that they were being forced to sell, Whitcoulls moved fast and offered to buy the shop in partnership with the Association. It soon became obvious that such a deal would work heavily in favour of Whitcoulls, so the Association bought the shop outright. There were obviously problems associated with this venture: purchasing buildings, accurately ordering books, and paying and keeping of staff during the summer holidays.

However, the venture has its merits. The most obvious is that students will get the benefit of the profits, in the form of better students facilities etc. The implications of this scheme for training college are clear. Firstly, a shop is already available, which removes the initial problem of purchasing premises. Secondly, a sum of around $28,000 has been discovered in a bookshop account, the result of accumulated rent paid in by Whitcoulls over the year. This money is apparently to be used by a committee of staff, students and council for their mutual benefit. It is possible that part of this money could be used to set up a bookshop similar to the one owned by Victoria University.

Solutions.

In the mean time, the events of the Whitcoulls Affair have caused serious concern to students at Training College. Action must be taken to ensure that a similar situation does not occur again. Two important courses of action could be taken:

1) A letter from the Association should be sent to Wilbur Manins, strongly reiterating his actions, and demanding an assurance that it will not happen again.
2) A similar letter should be sent to Whitcoulls, demanding an apology on behalf of the students concerned, and an assurance that this devious practice will cease.

The letter should also point out that alternatives are being discussed, and that a repeat of this incident could lead to a sharp reduction in the value of Whitcoulls’s shares.

At the same time, students could discuss the possibility of boycotting the shop if this situation occurs again.

But more importantly, initial discussions could begin over the possibility of setting up a co-operative bookshop, similar to, or in partnership with, the bookshop at variety. In this way, any profit could be re-invested into the association, instead of being used to line the pockets of businessmen downtown.

In any event, students must ensure that the ‘Whitcoulls Affair’ is knocked on the head once and for all. Who knows? You might be the next on the blacklist.

ACT NOW. BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE.
COME TO THE MEETING
IN THE COMMON ROOM
AT 12.30pm.
ON MONDAY, APRIL 4.
TO DISCUSS THE ‘WHITCOULLS AFFAIR’
Assessment Forum

For too long students at V.U.W., have suffered from a deficiency of fair play: that is fair play on the part of some members of the Professorial Board.

With the recent outspoken remarks from many prominent and "senior" members of Departmental & Faculty Staffs, it is obvious that the present system of Assessment is corrupt.

While the more moderate, but very concerned actions of individuals such as members of the French department who wish to operate experimental departmental schemes, are being clamped by the stamp of bureaucratic Regulation-Regulations, it must be hoped that they meet with success very soon. For yet again the stone-walling effect of officidom is crumbling up an expansive wealth of student unrest and frustration that will soon yet again, rise to engulf the perpetrators of avaricious (fold fashioned) methods that are hurting all students so dearly.

The nature of the problem is highly explosive and must be dealt with carefully.

For assessment determines the future course of all our lives. Assessment is not a "pie in the sky" problem as has been asserted by one very clever gentleman recently, but an issue that must be controlled by the people who are directly affected by it, and not solely by people already secure in their jobs.

For too often today we are becoming familiar with entities playing "God" with our destinies. The chain of our future lies with us and our elected representatives.

NOT with the paid bureaucrats who should do little other than follow the considered wish of the masses.

As we are all intelligent people, it is time we all, staff and students, from Professor to 1st year student, recognised the fact and found a common ground to solve the problem, before untimely precipitate action is forced upon us all.

The issue must be settled in a common forum, and not behind the closed doors of any Board or Council.

The problem is with us now, and like any cancer must be dealt with now, in real terms. Elect and support your class assessment rep, your future lies in your and your reps actions. Be part of the common concern, don't be caught unaware, know the facts.

IS THE ITALIAN DEPARTMENT COMMITTING SUICIDE?

The major subject requirements for Italian are:

a) 12 credits in a language other than Italian,

b) ITAL III,

c) ITAL 211 and any two of ITAL 202, 203, 204,

d) ITAL 311 and any two to ITAL 312, 313, 314 and LING 301.

These major requirements are of a similar structure to those for most other languages.

Of the approximately 30 students who completed ITAL last year, 11 have enrolled in the second year language course ITAL 211. Very few, if any, of these students will be majoring in Italian. The reasons are two-fold: First, many of these students were unable to study the required complimentary literature courses because of timetable clashes. Among the clashes were those with second year French literature, and with some English courses. Surely not unusual combinations with Italian?

Secondly, the 3 students enrolled in the literature course ITAL 202 left at least 2 of whom wish to have Italian as a major in Italian at all. The reason? The head of Department is leaving this year. The students were told that it probably will not be economically viable to employ another senior lecturer to teach 2 students the stage three literature courses next year.

You may well say, "Fair enough. Of course it would be a waste of money," but for one thing. At least 5 ITAL 211 students (who are NOT now doing the complimentary literature courses) either rang the Department of paid it a visit between last November and enrolment day, informing the Department that, although they would like to study the literature major in the subject they were unable to because of timetable clashes. Was there any possibility of changes in the schedule hours? Each of these students was individually given non-committal replies. If they persisted, they were told that the hours would remain fixed, as the Department could not be held legally responsible for what was published in the Calendar. Presumably this is only a remote possibility, since the majority of students wanted the hours changed.

Surely times that suited everyone could have been found? However none of the students was given any indication that others were in the same predicament, and were making the same enquiries. Therefore, they each felt they were a lone voice, and that there was thus little point in pursuing the issue.

The result: 5 fewer second year literature students for the Italian Department; probably 2 or 3 fewer for next year's stage three literature classes (since second year literature is a pre-requisite for third year literature). Therefore too few students in these third years classes to warrant holding them at all.

I object to an assessment system which entails having to obtain a minimum mark in assignment and exams through the year, just to obtain a pass at an exam, at the end of the year. It seems to me to be grossly unfair as in Legal System and Law in Society we have to obtain 45% of the marks in our assignments and exams. Then after a whole year slogging our guts out, we find we have only 40% and have wasted a whole year. I can also imagine the situation where someone could get, say 90% for assignments, get terms, then fail the exam. All that work for nothing.

Instead of the unfair system envisaged by the "powers above", I suggest that either the assignments count as a % of your mark OR that to obtain terms one only needs to hand in the % of the assignments and attend a % of the Tuts. Thus the mark you get in your assignments would not count for terms at all.

—Paul Cochrane.

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NEWSHEET

MONDAY APRIL 4th

11-2 p.m.: Labour Party Club enrolment table on foyer as part of Labour Week activities.

12 NOON: Massage each week at this time H327.

TUESDAY APRIL 5th

11-2 p.m.: Labour Party Club enrolment table in main foyer.

12-2 p.m.: "The New Zealand Economy — A National Disaster". Hear Labour's deputy leader, Bob Trudel speak and answer questions. Union Hall.

7-7 p.m.: Swiss Army Band. Union Hall. All welcome. Come and try something new.

5.30 p.m.: International Club. A discussion on Samoa will be held with Samoan students leading the discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Coffee bar (top floor, Union building.) All most welcome.


WEDNESDAY APRIL 6th

12-2 p.m.: Labour Party Club enrolment forum. Union Hall.

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12-1 p.m.: Join the Labour Party Club. Enrolment table in main foyer.

12 p.m.: We are looking for volunteers to join Youthline. If you are interested or would like to know more about Youthline, come along and talk to some of us. New Kirk 708.

A Special General Meeting of the Marks and Physics Society will be held in E14. All interested parties are invited to attend and join in the fun of deciding what the society should do.

Bring your lunch and join in. Coffee and tea provided.

Learn a new skill or share an old one. Anything from Rock-climbing, Maroi Hendorfs. Contact RELAX, Gym Store, this time every Wednesday.

Mass each week at this time R8819. Labour Party Club meeting. Lounge discussion on "Labour and its Alliance", led by Prof. Robins. All members and supporters welcome.

Dressed-up reading of Ted Hughes "Crow" sequence of poetry, will be staged by a cast from the English Department. Of particular interest to students of RNG103, but all others welcome. Kirk 301.

Unions Film. "The Go-Between". Memorial Memorial Theatre.

Debating Society. Smoking room, Beer and cheese and a debate. That our grandchildren are to be pitied.

THURSDAY APRIL 7th

9 a.m.: Easter Hop. Cafeteria. Band: "Billy Star".

FRIDAY APRIL 8th

5.15 p.m.-7.30 p.m.: Christian Union Tea. Lounge.

We apologize to all those clubs who have had notices left out this year. Please would you not bring them into the office, but put them in Newsheet through the Students Office.

NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY APRIL 14th

1-2 p.m.: Those who wish to establish a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ, are invited to three lectures at this time. For further information contact Paulina, who has experience from London smuts to Univeristy. Organised by Christian Union.

8 p.m.-10.30 p.m.: Table Tennis club starting. Gymnasium. Every Thursday night at this time. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY- SUNDAY

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Compulsory.

Plenty of "fun and games" for all past present and budding hockey players.

Social Events: "Get together" Friday evening.

"One and done" Saturday evening.

Sporting Events: "The Saturday afternoon. (Note to Club Day.)" Choice of activities. Monday evening.

Further information available from: Mandy Arnett 842-567. New Compton 842-159.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY Annual Camp at Okai. The theme is "reconciliation."

Contact: Robert Allen. Jerseys at 759-405 or 758-639.

Any club can post notices in Newsheet. Deadline is 12 noon Thursday at the Students' Association Office.
Women protest Prices

From April 26 to May 3, the Working Women’s Alliance is holding a National Week of Activities against Rising Prices. The aim of the week is to focus the public’s attention on the effects that rising prices have on the living standards of NZ women working people and to look at both short- and long-term solutions to the problem.

By rising prices, we not only mean those of food prices, but also those of clothing, housing, rents, electricity, cars and spare parts, and almost anything you like to name.

It is these facts which we intend to publicise and discuss over the week. The sort of activities that we envisage taking place during the week include: public meetings, house meetings, displays and leafletting in shopping centres, community centres and factories, talks to as many different groups as possible.

We have made approaches to organisations such as CARP, Pensioners’ Association, Women’s Groups and others asking them to participate during the week. We strongly believe that high prices are also having severe effects on students and we hope that they will also participate during the week both on and off campus.

This participation could involve one or all of the following:

- Students Association could issue a press statement during the week on the difficulties students are facing with the increasing cost of living.
- Provide us with material for our special issue of Working Women to come out prior to the week.
- Hold lunchtime forums to discuss the implications of rising prices.

We strongly believe that high prices are also having severe effects on students and we hope that they will also participate during the week both on and off campus.

The success of the week does not depend on people organising huge activities, but on a whole lot of small things taking place throughout the week, in as many different areas as possible.

The Working Women’s Alliance has been in existence for almost three years and, during that time we have been involved in many struggles and educational activities around the overall theme of the decline in living standards of NZ Working People. We have organised many actions around specific aspects of this theme e.g. price rises, employment of women, unemployment, child-care, housing and others, and we have also provided assistance to workers during various industrial disputes.

Our most regular activity is the bi-monthly publication of our newspaper, “Working Women,” which we distribute throughout the country.

We believe that the average man and woman are able to live a fulfilled, satisfying existence without having to spend the whole of their lives working to make ends meet. There will have to be a change in the structure of society. The profit-oriented society in which we live must change for a society which benefits working people.

At the same time we must work specifically to improve the conditions of women, as a change in the economic system will not immediately mean that women’s emancipation will be achieved. Through continued struggle we will ultimately have a society free from exploitation of any person working towards this we must never forget that the only way in which this can be achieved is through unity.

For further information, write to Working Women’s Alliance, Box 9012, Wellington, or phone Sandra McCallum, 4792, Wainuiomata.

The VIUWSA Publications Board has called for the Executive for attempting to interfere in Salient. On more than one occasion in the last few years members of the Executive have attempted to stop criticism from Salient by trying to gain the right to prevent anything printed. Unfortunately, Salient’s independence has been successfully defended.

The latest interference attempt came in the closed committee section of last week’s Executive meeting when Sports Officers Peter Thrush, still smarting from the criticism in Salient No 4, presented a motion allowing the Executive to read Salient’s final proofs before they are sent to the printer. Ostensibly it was to check for libel (a job already done by Salient’s legal reader), but the real reason seemed to be to halt criticism of the Executive through attempting to delay Salient’s publication. The motion passed by 9 to 8.

The Publications Board, following the line adopted at the Association’s Annual General Meeting, censured the Executive for its action and reaffirmed its belief in the necessity for the independence of Salient. The only person who voted against censure of the Executive was Association Treasurer Steve Underwood (also a member of the Executive) who said that he would “treat the motion with the contempt that it deserves.” It is obvious which way he voted at the Executive!

By SRC rep John Ryll

Snow White & the Seven Dwarves

March 29 SOUTH AUCKLAND, by Salient Correspondent, Evan Leslie.

According to Peter — male-chauvinist pig of Victoria University 1973-Rothwell, there wasn’t a spare seat on the barricades to be had for love nor money.

“The pace of the Socialist Action election campaign in Mangere is stepping up daily.” he wrote in the March 11 “Socialist Link.”

“Teams of campaign supporters are active in the electorate, selling single copies and subscriptions to the campaign paper Socialist Action, and distributing the 16,000 campaign leaflets.”

And in the Mangere town centre a table has been set up where shoppers are able to meet and talk to Brigid Mulrennan the socialist candidate.”

A gallant and charitable fellow. Rotherham added, “The National and Labour candidates are there too.”

As the Labour and National candidates stood quietly under the verandah amid all this flurry of vote-seeking, Brigid was, on her own modest admission, carrying the fight “into every household in Mangere.”

“Socialist Action” readers were promised that this “intense campaign” would be brought to a climax on March 26 — election night — “an end-of-campaign wind-up rally” was offered “all of Brigid Mulrennan’s supporters” in the Renown Orange Hall, Papatoetoe.

It would have been a cheap round.
For when the more than 13,000 ballot boxes were counted and all the pre-poll ballots and, in some cases, the post-poll results had been tallied, Brigid’s haul was found to be a mere seven votes.

Not allowing for the special votes, the investment Socialist Action made in the fellow fields of Mangere (remember those 16,000 campaign leaflets) make the old companies exploring off New Zealand’s coast look like cheapskates.

Perhaps a more reflective “socialist” might have seen it coming. After all, as a dinkum dyed-in-the-wool Trotskyite, Brigid doesn’t allow for the possibility of Socialist in One Country... How then, could she have sought to find socialism in one electorate.

There are serious lessons to be drawn from the Socialist Action campaign in Mangere.

First, Socialist Action can no longer rely on the matters’ vote which carried Kay Goeden into three figures in the 1974 Sydney by-election Kay’s vote was accurately predicted by one seasoned commentator who said, "There must be at least 100 mourners in Sydnetam."

Second, for all their windy rhetoric, the Socialist Action League do not practice what they preach.

On issue of the “campaign paper” devoted half a page to attacking criticism of the Communist Party of New Zealand for running a “rascalt article” in the People’s Voice, a number of years ago.

The cartoon depicted a Japanese mili- itant sporting large buck teeth and spectacles.

"Town this issue, presumably into every household in Mangere," was an SLA member wearing a singlet T-shirt His garb evoked a huge smile on my face. big buck teeth and all, from which protruded a Magnum cigarette, topped with the legend “Campaign to Ban”.

This correspondent wonders just how many votes the Socialist Action managed to garner among the market gardeners and other national minority folk in South Auckland.

Lenin always maintained that the counterpart of a serious political party was its attitude to its own mistakes. But throughout its inconsequential history Socialist Action has displayed the characteristics of an amateur, and, who knows, for some bright spark of the “socialist” campaign there might even be a little kudos.

“On the whole of Europe became craven. stupid and selfish. how could our brave heroes fail to grow in their own estimation, for were they not the priests who kept the sacred fires of hatred burning,omitting in their breasts and who maintained the traditions of terror and love of freedom for a more vigorous generation yet to come? If they too deserted the flag they too would be eased for ever from our memories as the democrats of 1848 they saw in every defeat a guarantee of future victory and they gradually transformed themselves mere and more into timorer Don Quixotes with dubious sources of income.”
Students in unions

In his letter in the last "Salient", Kevin Siemens, a student of importance among students of trade unions during the long vacation.

Kevin's first point is that "most students do not bother, or object to, becoming a member of an appropriate Union."

While this is possible, it has been the hard-fought experience of a lot of students that they lose more money because of under-award wages and so on than they save from not paying union fees. And Kevin makes that point in his letter.

Naturally enough, trade unions will be a bit reluctant to assist student holiday workers to communicate with the union. The question union officials and members who do pay their subs ask is this: shouldn't every worker who gets the union's protection pay a fair share of the costs of running the union?

Nevertheless, the trade union movement has always been willing to assist students in the workforce. For example, the Wellington District Trades Council of the Federation of Labour made the following statement about student employment a couple of years ago:

"That the Council inform the N.Z.U.S.A. student labour a couple of important protection of the Trade Union Movement in relation to Awards and employment and payment of an appropriate Union fee be accorded in accordance with the experience that students are assured of the protection given while covered by the said Union."

The principle here is relevant here is that problems of under-award payment of wages, conditions of the contract and on can only be successfully tackled by people if they are organised and united.

For example, students working in the public service during their holidays were paid low wages for years. The relevant trade union, the Public Service Association was aware of the problem, but faced big difficulties in trying to organise this student labour.

I know that many students who worked in government departments during long

Crossword puzzle

Across.
1. Source of the loyal toast?(5)
2. Give lecture and we may choose you.(5)
3. Confused alder having qualities of something (?).(8)
4. Rite for part of a wedding cake.(4)
5. Surround religious letters by nobbing French.(9)
6. Step up or name a top that.(4)
7. M.R. was on it, so was R.L.S.(2,6)
8. Computer language(5)
9. Trip Oliver took to a capital city,(7)
10. Second daughter of the last, (7)
11. The vote ones are often removed,(5)
12. Zion.
13. A red orb which pays for its keeps(5)
15. A city of the east, (3)
16. B.S. becomes less from a mixed 500 nickels and(6)
20. Usually after I've woken up,(1,5,2)
21. Keep price tidy(5)
22. Sun, if it is a reason for fishing,(7)
23. He suffers from 6 down, he's probably and(8)
24. Flat tune in a music(8)
25. Shadow near to lose money on horses,(4,5)
26. A whirling Modern.(7)
27. Cheese colouring in an atomic case,(7)
28. Understood childish that is to a shortened city,(5)
29. Animal diease among who ever there(5)
30. Able to be a place of exile,(4)

Down.
1. Radio Active ZXA 1200
2. Your student radio station is selling T-shirts.
3. Pay money and treat the students offer.
4. Deliver is this week. Support the Club that bring the goods means to the cafe and the air at the radio.
5. Member Cricket Records discount cards are also available at Studials.

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**Women in Unions**

Equal pay, unfair dismissal, voluntary unionism, the problems of a trade union field officer — these were some of the subjects Therese O’Connell discussed with the Women’s Study Group at its March 28 meeting.

There is the Organizer for the Wellington Clerical Workers’ Union. Her job involves looking after the interests of union members, 80% of whom are women, and negotiating with employers on their behalf.

She finds that many workers are unaware of their rights, or are uninterested in union affairs. This is scarcely surprising given the limited resources of trade unions. Many unions are not doing nearly enough, for they would like for members simply because they have not got the money. For example, the Wellington Clerical Workers’ Union can only afford one field officer to serve 9,000 members.

Another handicap that unions like the Clerical Workers suffer from is getting workers from all offices together for meetings. The C.W.U. wants to see the introduction of regular shop-stewards meetings, to be held during working hours, for all clerical workers. Women workers in particular find it very difficult to attend Union meetings after work or in evenings given other commitments like their families. In any case, why should workers have to meet outside working hours or in their lunchtimes? Meetings could discuss their concerns within working hours.

Given the limited resources of unions it is understandable that many employers will be ignorant of their rights. For example, part-time clerical workers are entitled to the same pay as full-timers. But many older women returning to work part-time after a long absence, sometimes, in some cases, if workers don’t agitate for the benefits they are legally entitled to, employees don’t give them.

In general of course, fear of being sacked acts as a strong deterrent against worker action — this applies particularly to part-time women workers who know the employer that there are more women wanting work than there are jobs to go around.

Ignoring the rights of employees can also be attributed to the lack of formal education we receive about industrial relations and trade unionism. And we may doubt the value of any such instruction given the capitalist ideology which underpins the education system.

Quite often shocking cases of exploitation arise out of ignorance of one’s rights. Therese cited the case of an employee who agreed to work three days ‘on trial’ without pay. (It must be said too, that often employers are ignorant of their legal responsibilities to their employees.)

Women workers too are more easily manipulated by employers because they have been socialised to be less assertive, particularly towards men, who constitute the majority of employers hence the hierarchy of union support. However, union hierarchies are usually male-dominated and unfeminist, so it is not hard to find examples which show that union leaders are unaware that women workers play an important part in the workers’ struggle.

Women are now working in a number of N.Z. freezing works, thanks to the determined efforts of women like Viv Portzold, who is at present working at the Meat Works, Petone.

Viv first worked at Longburn, where as quickly as was hoped for. The meeting decided that by giving him $85, it would clearly be seen as fair to pay the people.

A motion that the same scheme be put to the Tenants’ Union for $146, plus for reconnection charges, be paid, and this money be taken out of the Housing Account, upon production of a bill of $85, was moved. It was passed.

When the matter was raised of giving $50 to the Wellington Anti-Apartheid Pledge to pay for three different leaflets, Peter Thrush questioned the support the group had amongst students. He said he had distributed one function and had been ‘misled’ to another put on by WAAP. Both he said were poorly attended. At this point Kevin Swann, Neil Gray and Co. entered the fray arguing that WAAP did have a large student support. 250 students marched from the Hunter Lantern and a great many more joined downtown — obvious signs of support.

Much surprise and anger was evident when Peter Thrush and Steve Underwood stated that they not been in the march. WAAP got their $50 with all supporting the motion except (guess who) Peter Thrush and Steve Underwood who abstained on the grounds of ignorance.

After things went into closed committee and I was heading home to rest my head, the bookshop as well as Salient’s autonomy from the executive were being discussed. A motion was passed (which they were later bruised for) which meant that whilst and for the purpose of protecting the association from legal and financial trouble, the Executive would have the right to peruse Salient articles before publication and could censor ‘Salient’. Those who voted for this (iniquitous) motion were: Underwood, Thrush, Gray, Patton, Gilmour, Shattock. Those who opposed it were: Cassidy, Cooper and Swann. The people who voted for it were bringing Salient closer to Executive control. Salient should be free from interference by parochial Executive members. Salient has a responsibility to bring the actions of the Association’s officers under students scrutiny. Those who voted for this (Vonster-lke) motion, be aware and nervous about having their articles or lack of activity printed in Salient. The responsibility for freedom of thought that the Association is not open to legal action would be left to the Editor of Salient and his legal advisors. This is the code which all the free press work under and which Salient Underwood should be left to work under.

— Eugene Doyle

**Executive**

One of the things Lindy reported on was the ‘Living with Sex’ booklet which had been brought up at the National Executive Meeting. Most conservative, even particular Lincoln and Massey were not happy with it. They felt that such words as ‘sex’ and ‘lovers’... were around the more general members of their Association. Also discussed at the meeting says Lindy, was Bunnies. It was decided to hold a National Bunnies Action day on June 9.

Kevin Swann started the rush for the title by asking for reimbursement of a taxi fare which he had incurred whilst carrying out Association business. Steve Underwood followed by asking the Association to pay a traffic fine received whilst rescuing women and children from bomb-scarred Rankine Brown. The prospects looked good for a general loafing of the till when Peter Thrush went overboard by producing 15,000 cable car tickets he said were bought whilst carrying out Association business. Once these three placed their wallets back in their pockets and climbed off the table, business commenced anew.

Tenants’ Union was represented at the meeting and were hoping to get a bit of the bickery. They eventually let Steve Underwood (alas safely by Peter Thrush) suggested that instead of simply donating a sum to Tenants’ Union, the Association should take on some of their debts. That way the Association’s money would be safe from misuse and the students could see that their money was being put to a specific purpose. Nice one Steve. John Cranna, a member of VUWSA had spent his last penny ($58 to be precise) in paying off some of the telephone bill.

The reason why Cranna had to pay the bill was that he deliberately put his own pocket was that the Association’s money had not come through

**President**

This year’s AGM was characterised by the usual constitutional wrangling and long-winded gibberish with a bit of ultra-futurism thrown in for good measure by our President, but it is acknowledged that an SGM should consider substantial increases of such a nature. The President, Secretary, Sportspersons, Publications and Cultural Affairs Committee report was read by the Presiding Officer. The meeting carried a bigger handout and it was concerning how we would take a break from this and where a President’s address is heading and where it should be headed.

**Members**

Often hear old-timers muttering that University isn’t as much fun as it used to be. Why?

Firstly, I don’t think students are inherently apathetic. Most students want to go Rock Concerts, but too bad VASSAC, but they also want to pass courses. The different types of activity need not be compatible, but with the introduction of extra-curricular social and political activities there has to be a trade. Thus the Students Association places a great deal of importance on the assessment and working of such a campaign. By trying to work out the fairest and most flexible methods of assessing extra-curricular activities, we are learning more about our fellow students, and are able to bring them into an important and constructive vocation.

Assessment is not confined to traditional methods do exist and can be implemented in your course. If you want to find out more about these come and see me or the Education Officer at the Students Association office, or phone 78279, or call in on the student officers at the Union Bar (try the tickets). We’re also there to help you organize social functions e.g. wine and dine, or meetings for the intramural teams in your sports classes. But the Association also needs your help to clarify the issues involved and that’s why we have come up with this forum to discuss what we have and come up with suggestions on how we can improve it. We have set up a special representative group for women students in the next AGM meeting on Saturday, April 19, 1-2 from 2-5.

Whether you’re studying or part-time, working, social, political or sporting activities, it’s important to enjoy yourself. If you are not, it’s important to know why.
FREITILN DECLARES INDEPENDENCE AND INDONESIA INVADES

During September 1975 the Portuguese Governor and his administration left for the island of Atauro in Dili harbor, and FREITILN filled the administrative vacuum left behind. Later in the month UDT and APODETI joined forces, together with minority parties, to form MRAC, the Anti-Colonial Revolutionary Movement. In the following months, fierce fighting between FREITILN and MRAC forces, supported by Indonesia, broke out along the East-Timor-Indonesian Timor border.

A NZ TVI team managed to shoot film of FREITILN operations around the border towns of Vagiasgade, Vairboume. However, two Australian TV newsmen were shot dead in the neighboring town of Balibo on October 16 when it came under attack from the established UDT-APODETI forces led by Indonesian troops.

On November 28, 1975, FREITILN gave up waiting for the Portuguese to negotiate a programme of decolonisation and unilateral declared independence. They knew an Indonesian invasion was imminent. An Indonesian response to East Timor's indecision to vote for independence would come.

The FREITILN party (Revolutionary Front for Independent East Timor) aimed to be a broad front representing all pro-independence forces in East Timor and did not identify itself with any particular philosophy such as social democracy.

APODETI (Associação Popular Democrática Timorense), a party formed about a year after the Lixion coup, sought for East Timor "independence within Indonesia rather than on its own."

The Philippines, the Malaysian, the Indonesian and the Australian governments all supported the independence movement in East Timor, with their aid, the liberation movement was able to carry on with its activities despite the continued military actions of the Indonesian government.

The Indonesians were obviously hoping to get the "Timor problem" out of the way by the end of the year, but FREITILN's resistance was strong and had so much support from the Timorese people that a second conspiracy was carried out on Christmas Day involving 15,000 to 20,000 top Japanese troops. Occupied Indonesia still controls very few towns and villages. Radio Maubere reported on February 2 that 25% of the territory were occupied, and 5% of the population were killed. Radio Maubere is the national radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. Re-occupation in Darwin is possible, despite the low power transmitter used in East Timor. Indonesian military success in East Timor has been so abysmal because FREITILN is well organised in guerrilla warfare. The mountains, forests of the country are well suited for guerilla warfare, as demonstrated in the Second World War, when fewer than 400 Australian troops succeeded in holding down 20,000 Japanese troops, killing 1,000 of them and losing only of their own men. About 40,000 Timorese were killed by the Japanese because they had helped the Australians.

Rogério Lobato, Minister of National Defence in the government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, described FREITILN's military strategy in a recent issue of the Australian Left Review.

"Our strategy is that we want to destroy as many of the enemy forces as possible and conserve our own forces. We therefore disperse our forces, but concentrate them to destroy the enemy immediately after having carried out the attack... Our tactics are not only to conquer, but also to destroy them economically. So we must cut all the roads, destroy all the bridges and force the enemy to move by expensive means—helicopters, planes, warships.

Since the invasion of East Timor, Indonesia has kept a tight blockade on the territory, yet reports of Indonesian atrocities continually filter out. A pro-Indonesian Timorese, Lopes da Cruz, during a press conference in Jakarta on February 17, 1975, stated that 60,000 Timorese had been killed because of "Indonesian excesses." World attention has recently been focused on Indonesian atrocities in East Timor with the release of the Dunn Report in Australia. Mr. Dunn, former Australian Consul to Dili and director of the Foreign Affairs Group of the Legislative Research Service of the Australian Parliament, interviewed East Timorese refugees in Lisbon last January, and his report details many Indonesian atrocities. Mr. Dunn has recently given evidence before the U.S. Congress Committee on International Relations on these atrocities as "talks in Italy."

The Indonesian government has also indicated that he and other members of the Rusk Tribunal are keen to set up a similar war crimes tribunal in Europe to investigate Indonesian aggression.

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New Zealand's foreign policy is indeed in an alarming state when our Prime Minister shatteringly admits to being too ill-informed to comment on an act of invasion so close to home. One should question the morality of a government which has a stance on Uganda, on the other side of the globe, yet none on East Timor, only 400 miles from Darwin. What is happening politically matters emerged, each with a different orientation.

THE BACKGROUND

To fully understand the significance of the guerrilla war now being waged in East Timor, one must understand some of the development there in the last three years. For some 400 years East Timor (then known as Portuguese Timor) was a sleepy outpost of the Portuguese empire. It was suddenly awakened in April 1974, when the Armed Forces Movement took control in Portugal. The coup in Lisbon brought some democratic reforms to the Timorese people for the first time, and with them came the hope that the colony might seek independence and govern itself like all other countries in the region. However, independence was not the only option open to the 630,000 people of East Timor, and in the months following the Lisbon coup, various political parties emerged each with a different political orientation.

The UDT party (União Democrática Timorense) was essentially a union to protect the status quo, and its founders included Timorese who had benefited from Portuguese rule. The UDT initially envisaged Timor as part of a Federation of Portuguese-speaking states with strong cultural and trading links with Portugal. The FREITILN party (Revolutionary Front for Independent East Timor) aimed to be a broad front representing all pro-independence forces in East Timor, and did not identify itself with any particular philosophy such as social democracy.

APODETI (Associação Popular Democrática Timorense), a party formed about a year after the Lixion coup, sought for East Timor "independence within Indonesia rather than on its own."

Of these three main political parties which emerged, FREITILN soon commanded the most popular support, as it operated widely throughout East Timor at grassroots level. After one year of operations FREITILN had 200,000 registered members and many more supporters, largely as a result of its literacy and agricultural projects.

1975 proved an eventful year for politics in East Timor. On January 21, UDT and FREITILN formed a coalition. Following events in Portugal and the Whittam-Suharto talks of September 1974 (when Whittam stated: "an independent Timor would be an unacceptable state and a potential threat to the area."), UDT found itself moving towards a more clear-cut position on independence, while FREITILN recognised the importance of keeping the Portuguese in East Timor for some time to...
"Freedom of the Press" is a phrase often bandied around by politicians, newspaper editors and political scientists—apparently one of the tell-tale signs of a democratic society.

And because New Zealanders have been brought up on a cleftaddle with constant batters over how lucky they are to be living in a "free" country, everyday we see a headline such as "The Press in Chains." We think of those horrible Communist countries or those ugly South American dictatorships.

Newspapers such as The Dominion play upon these concepts of freedom to constantly pump us with their analysis of the world, which is essentially that the world is a struggle between forces of democracy (private enterprise, peace, justice and the American way) and dictatorship (those countries attempting to throw off the yolk of colonialism) with democracy presently being on the retreat.

Two weeks ago the Dom published a short article on its editorial page entitled "Press in Chains" bemoaning the fact (according to a US organisation called Freedom House) only 19% of the world's population now live in countries with a "free press." And according to the same source just below 40% of the world population live in countries "that are not regarded as free" (i.e. not free to choose their own leaders and to read uncensored news.)

10% are living in countries that could be classed as "partly free."

But what precisely is "being free" and what is "freedom of the press." In Wellington we have a "free press" because we have more than one newspaper and these are not government controlled (the criteria of Freedom House.) But if we examine the newspapers in Wellington, we find that they all (with the exception of Salient and Koros News) are owned by independent newspapers or its subsidiaries.

So one would expect all these newspapers to follow the same sort of line or not to get involved in controversies that independent newspapers don't want them involved in.

However things are a little more subtle than this because the gathering of news (although it is a great crowd attractor for fitting in between the advertisements) must be seen to be impartial. Journalists will tell you that all they are doing is reporting "the facts" without comment and without bias.

But while journalists may not be consciously imparting any world view upon their unsuspecting readers, objectively, they are.

In every society the media (in the same way as the education system) plays a role of perpetuating the world view (or ideology) of the ruling class (whether it be feudal, capitalist or socialist.)

There are numerous, but most avid newspaper readers will probably be aware of the following: Evening Post court reporters go along to the Wellington Magistrate's Court and try and gather "newsworthy" stories. The most common of "newsworthy" court stories, is one in which the defendant is ridiculed, either for the bumbling comments he makes before sentencing or because of the wit he heaps upon him by the magistrate. There is never any attempt to explain why 90% of the people appearing in our courts are labourers, factory workers, storemen or people from similar occupations. It is unconsciously accepted that these people are "criminals," have offended against society (or against the values of the ruling class,) and must be punished.

So the news is always about important people in society and never about what the ordinary working person is doing or thinking. History and politics is about the conflict and exchange of personalities in public life, never about the mass of people, who are actually the motive force behind many of the struggles. In this way the newspapers can single out a "leader" who can be either created or destroyed (and the movement with it) in terms of his/her individual personality and characteristics.

Newspapers also create and perpetuate prejudices against all sorts of progressive groups (HART stirrers, violent, masonic Communist Parties, and stupid workers) so as to re-fuse anything they say in public to the non-elite level.

In the third world countries, the contradiction between the sorts of things being pushed in the newspapers, and the condition of the mass of the people is even more explicit. But to use the newspapers to improve the condition of the common people is seen by the Dominions as destroying the "freedom of the press," for newspapers must not be responsible to the mass of the people, but to those people who have invested the capital (hopping for a nice tidy return in the newspaper.

So next time the "freedom of the press" is mentioned, ask the question, "Who’s money is this free press serving? Those who are benefitting from the status quo, or those who are not?"

Robert Collins

CONCLUSION

While NZ remains silent, world-wide reaction against the Indonesian regime continues to increase. The regime's incredible corruption, the continuing detention of up to 100,000 political prisoners without trial and the atrocities in East Timor are receiving wide publicity. President Su-harto is particularly sensitive to "bad press" at the moment as the campaign has begun for "elections" due in early May. Foreign journalists have been banned from visiting villages to cover the campaign. Also moves are afoot in America and Holland to cut aid to Indonesia because of gross violation of human rights there.

Support for the struggle of the East Timorese for independence is growing among the people of NZ, but more action and awareness is needed. Already members of the recent International Conference for Peace Action in East Timor are now urging NZ to "accept the need for an alternative solution to the Indonesia-Asian conflict." They say in a petition to the New Zealand government they are supporting the "people of Indonesia to make their own decision for peace and prosperity for their land and their people.

While, there are always exceptions, in this case the New Zealand government should support our Indonesian friends in any way possible, be it the boycott on Indonesian goods, "freedom of the press" or immediate withdrawal of war material.
All this and the AGM too

Peter Gibbs

The question of Salient's accountability to the Association Executive was one of the few matters of any moment to arise at last Wednesday's AGM. It came up in a motion moved by Bruce Robinson, that "the VUWSA upholds the principle of editorial independence for Salient, and reaffirms SRC policy motion 14/69". The SRC motion referred to was passed unanimously in 1969 and was to the effect that any student publication could only be over-rulled on matters of content, where that content would open the Association to legal action. And that the only body with power to overrule the publication was the Association Executive in formal meeting, excepting that the President could delay publication by 24 hours in order that an Executive meeting could be called.

The meeting was told that at the last Executive meeting, Peter Thrus (Sports Officer) had successfully moved a motion purporting to reaffirm 14/69, which in part mentioned that Executive members have the right to pereuse Salient openly before it goes to print. Persons at the AGM (among them Salient editor David Murray) asserted that 14/69 did not give the Executive members any authority to decide upon the content of Salient, and that the Executive members did not vote against Peter Thrus's motion.

Peter Agraar made a further amendment that "only the President oring President have legal right to pursue Salient before it goes to print." Mr Thrus objected strongly to any limitations being placed on entry to the Salient office - he claimed that any student as a member of the Association had the right to enter any part of the Union building. David Murray pointed out the obvious problems which would arise if even half a dozen students wanted to look at Salient as it was being prepared. He said it had been unofficial policy for years, that if you came in, no one would help with some work. Someone from the floor also pointed out that there were parts of the Union already off limits to students (e.g., the Executive workroom). Finally, the motion, as amended, was passed.

For the Association President a rise from $2,000 to $3,000 per annum. For the Secretary, a rise from $800 to $1,000 p.a. And for the Secretary, Sports Officer, Cultural Affairs Officer and Publications Board Officer, a rise from $300 to $450 p.a. These were the suggestions for changes in honorariums put to the meeting by Steve Underwood and Peter Thrus. In making a case for the first two rises, Mr Underwood said that both were particularly demanding jobs in the time they took. If they were to be carried out well, the job of President was virtually a full-time one, and as such was definitely deserving of more than $2,000.

A motion put to the meeting on the changes for President, Treasurer and Secretary was passed, however when other changes were considered Alfonso Fanelli pointed out that such proposed changes should be widely advertised among students in order that anyone who felt strongly about the matter could express their opinion. Consequently the previous motion was rescinded and the whole question of money rises to a General Meeting in the near future - we'll see if it.

The other point of interest in the meeting was considered by many at the meeting to be of minor interest - however the matter of principle at stake is worth considering. It transpired in considering the financial accounts of the Cultural Affairs Committee that David Murray pointed out that in 1976 the Socialist Action League had been given a club grant of $40 which they were not entitled to as they were not affiliated to VUWSA. Mr Murray wanted this year's Committee to investigate the matter with a view to removing the $40.Mike Curtis (last year's VUWSA Treasurer) took the matter further by moving that the Young Socialists Club be denied affiliation to VUWSA until the whole business had been sorted out. There were immediate protests that it was not just to penalise one club (Young Socialists) because another club (Socialist Action) which people assumed was linked to the first had received money it was not entitled to.

There is no doubt that the Young Socialists are the campus front for the Socialist Action League. We know this from documents written by the T.U.R.S.S. Young Socialist Coordinator, Patrick Mulhern. Ed.

Regardless of one's feelings towards Young Socialists, it was held to be wrong to penalise them for money which was not given to them. The meeting agreed, and rejected Mr Curtis' motion, but still passed that of Mr Murray.

That was all. Most AGMs are boring, dull, lack lustre affairs with endpoints of order of clarification, procedural motions and amendments - this one was no different. There was much on the agenda unfinished when the meeting closed at 1.45 p.m. for lack of a quorum of 50. So there will be plenty on the agenda for the AGM when it is held in the next few weeks - notably motions regarding bursaries and Arts Council. If you've never been to an AGM and wonder what it's all about then come along and see - and don't be hesitant to speak, it's your Association too. As Mike Curtis said in his report: "In my experience at Victoria, the social and political climate is closely inter-related. A strong social climate leads to an active political one and vice versa."

Council Runs as Hunter Totters

Every month, twenty-five university bureaucrats gather to weigh up the pros and cons of suitable watered down motions which attempt to control the direction of the University. This is not the forum to expose who really does control the University: suffice to say that practically all decisions that the Council have to make are foregone conclusions. Those that give the Council difficulty, for example a motion which would commit the University to student demands on the Standard Tertiary Bursaries, are normally referred around for a few months until they metamorphose into items which are more palatable to our administration, or to avoid embarrassment from above.

On this particular day, the March meeting, more than a number of votes and amendments would be of some interest to students.

The first was the discussion that took place about the potential of Student votes in the last stage of the Student Union Building as a provisor.

As previously mentioned, the Council passed the buck yet again on the bursaries question.

Recommending which came from the large, Education Conference on interim measures to be taken until the whole STB is looked into by Government, and would refer back to the Education Committee on the final stage of the Student Union Building as a provisor.

As previously mentioned, the Council passed the buck yet again on the bursaries question.

There was no interesting vote on this motion. One can then assume that we will see action from the Council when preparing their submission for the quinquennium grant. It is important to remember that the Council has the political urchins to get these additional funds. Let us hope that the student attitude to cuts which have to be made is sufficiently clear so as to make the University as cooperative as it should be of the importance of the library to students and learning.

A few motions flew past at breathless pace and we were ushered out as the meeting went into closed committee. Council meetings to the uninformed are a daunting affair with few members willing to speak unhesitatingly or on threats of political dismembrement.

Anyone thinking of running for the student rep positions which comes vacant in June should be aware of this.

-David Murray,
Health Service

Hello! Before we go any further we'd like to correct one of the telephone numbers which was in last week's edition of Salient.

The number for the Free Ambulance Service is 722-999 — remember to call this number if you need to see a doctor at the weekend, whenever it's needed.

We thought this week we'd tell you about the Nurses’ Clinics, available to all students at the University.

MONDAYS: 10a.m. – 12noon; Dressings, 2.30p.m. – 4.30p.m.
Weight Control Clinic: If you want to lose or gain weight come down and see either Stephanie or Vivienne in conjunction with Diana Jones in the Gym we may be able to help you.
TUESDAYS: 10a.m. – 12noon; Dressings.

Contraceptive Advice. This is available to all enrolled students, see us either by yourself or with your partner and discuss any problems or queries you may have.

WEDNESDAYS: 10a.m. – 12noon; Dressings, 2.30p.m. – 4.30p.m.
Cervical Smears and Breast Examinations.

This again is available to all female students and is an important part of preventive medicine. (It doesn’t hurt either.)
THURSDAYS: 10a.m. – 12noon; Dressings, 2.30p.m. – 4.30p.m.
Wart Day! Have your warts magically and painlessly by the nurses! Also this is VACCINATION day in the winter, so if you’re travelling overseas come down and see us to make sure your vaccination certificate is in order. Are you up to date with your vaccinations?
FRIDAYS: 10a.m. – 12noon; Dressings.

The 10a.m. – 12noon daily clinic is for students who have to dressings and minor injuries and sprains. Remember, you don’t need an appointment to see Stephanie or Vivienne. If you can’t manage to come down at the appropriate clinic time, come down anyway and have a chat.

Watch this space again next week, we’ll try and have something exciting here!
The Road to the R

Salient: The first question that I would like to ask you is your own background and how you got into trade unionism.

Kelly: Well my own background is from Liverpool which seems to breed trade unionists. That's understandable if you appreciate just what Liverpool was like when I was a child. It's not the same any more but Liverpool has brought up in a family that had just two things: trade unionism and their religion, and it was a great problem at all for me becoming really active in the trade union movement. It really took place in New Zealand, and by accident than any plan, because I was forced into a situation where I had to get a job and that was Dunedin were having problems which they were not prepared to tackle by getting another man. I was quite astounded, because the picture of New Zealand that had been painted to me, was of a puritanical country, and I was faced with this situation where workers were not often prepared to fight. I remember, the result of that was of course that I got the sack from that particular job. I eventually finished up in Kawerau and it was not many weeks before, again, I was tied into a side deal where I had no problems, and they needed someone to do something about them and the job fell to me, I suppose really that's why I've just continued on from there.

I've been on a job anywhere where I haven't been a job delegate. I went to Meremere paper mill and got a job and the job delegate for the drivers' Union and at one stage was Chairman of the Combined Unions Committee. It was the first time I was able to understand the heavy effects of blacklisting of transport operators. Everywhere I went for strike and get my name, which I refused to change, they told me there was no job. They didn't have a job because I couldn't get onto a job where there were union policies, and I had one on a coffee delivery job. That did not last long.

"...The employers were completely ignoring that they were signatories to..."

I got on the Drivers Union Executive about 1951, played an active role in the Union which was just starting to come right again after the 1951 industrial disputes. I was on the road full time in Hamilton as an organiser. I spent 13 months at that, but because of my wife's health I had to have Hamilton and then we came back here. I went to work for Central Cement in Wellington, and I was there from February of 1961 until April of 63. Then the tragic death of Victor Bailey took place, the then Secretary of the Wellington Drivers Union. As I had gone on strike back in 1951 and I found that I couldn't get onto another job there. I eventually finished up in Kawerau and I couldn't get onto a job where there were union policies because I had one on a coffee delivery job. That did not last long.

The reality of it is that there are parliamentary elections and this government will be defeated in the parliamentary tradition and we've got to try and help that happen.

Salient: I take it that you are saying that you would not take this action in a normal state of politics, and it's a sign that the disease has arisen, that has caused you to take this definitive position.

Kelly: Quite right. If we had had, it may sound strange saying it, but if we had had the government of Holyoake, despite Vietnam, and I don't want anyone to think that Holyoake was a good fellow, there would not be the harnessed determination to set about what this government has set about doing. There was a bit more liberalism although it was because of the economic times.

The Holyoake Government served capitalism according to the economic situation as it existed in that period, and I think that Muldoon is serving capitalism. The Holyoake administration could afford to be a bit more liberal because capitalism was not in the crisis it is now with Muldoon in government.

"...for the National Government to succeed in its economic policies, it must destroy the Trade Unions."

The sweet glow is now coming off the capitalist class because of the crisis, and the international capitalist class is showing their aggression. It is suffering from Muldoonism. The British people could have it tomorrow. There is a tremendous development taking place internationally and the forces of reaction are trying to hold back change and are banding together. The type of legislation that is being witnessed in New Zealand is the type of statement that is being made in many other countries.

However, we are in New Zealand with our great liberal traditions. People still bow when they pass Richard Seddon.

I say this, and I mean it: I've never, ever been frightened for the working class in this country, but I feel frightened for them now. I don't think they appreciate just what this government's intentions are.

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Kelly: I think that the Trade Unions will ignore the legislation. Look - they can write all the legislation they like - it will not stop trade unions making political statements, carrying out political resolutions and encouraging them to take political action. If the Government chooses to use its legislation, we will meet that situation as that time. But this is the thing that we're up against - the Government are either complete idiots or complete fascists, because it won't succeed. I have started to look at Amin and recognising there are different economic circumstances. But the legislation will just not work. It's not worked in the case of the Boilermakers Union. Mr. Gordon thought that with the strike of a pen, that by de-registering the Boilermakers Union, that he had removed the problem. It didn't of course. Their attempt to use the political legislation fell down badly.

Salient: However, the Boilermakers are a very strong Union. What will happen when the Government starts attacking the working unions?

Kelly: I think what people outside the movement do not realise is that when we get into a confrontation with the Government over the political legislation, if they touch one union - they touch all of them. If they attempt to use the political legislation, then the upheavals of 1951, 1958 and 1976 will seem like a picnic. One's got to realise that they are not only dealing with NZR workers, but that they will find that they will be getting embroiled in an international conflict both with the ACTU and the TUC. I don't know if this Government givens up the struggle. It is a struggle for which the trade unions are a lead body. They are a part of the struggle, and I'm sure it will be successful.

Salient: What do you think the FOI is doing enough body to unite trade unions to resist the assaults by the Government?

Kelly: Use a practical example - the strike by the engineers regulating the Trade Union threat held fire and brimstone. The FOI was not in existence when the Combined Waterfront Unions and Transport Unions did not back off on the Trust.

The whole matter of the Trustee was why the solicitors got de-registered. The Government gave them a way of getting to give public something. It had made so many resolutions - and they de-registered the Boilermakers.

Don Devit expressed it very well when he said, "the Lion riared and they kicked the cat." There was an industrial dispute in existence when it happened. There was a lockout at Cables - there was no dispute on the BNZ site. People got confused and thought that there was. The BNZ site was working - the trouble came some weeks after the de-registration.

Getting back to your point. Weather it is the Shop Assistants or any Union - if the Government tries to use its political legislation then there will be a stand by the whole Trade Union movement. And I think that we will be surprised, despite the fact that Government may be operating on the basis of thinking that there is an apathetic mass out there, if this Government attempts to resist the freedoms they have here to engage in politics, although some have not done this: if that Unions are those rights being taken away from them, there will be a stand up fight and as I said earlier, the Unions will fight as a mass. Salient: For the benefit of our readers, do you think that you could outline why you see the democratic right to organise the Trades is such a crucial one?

Kelly: the lowest get the time in the workplace to discuss collectively the problems of workers then we have got nothing. We just have nobody at anything at all.

Students for instance have the right to attend examinations, but are kept away from it whether it is bursaries or political meetings. I know that the lowest get the time in the different worlds for activity. But, our only defence is the right of our workers to organise themselves in the workplace and to collectively bargain for wages and conditions.

What I would suggest to students, in all due respect, because I have had a very close relationship with students, that when they do work in the holidays, that they make sure that they do not go into the Union, is what the Union's policy is helpful - and if they can't - do it on their own way.

Too often I have had situations where students have been sent by the Unions and played against a reactionary role. Voted against correct decisions of workers because it had affected them. If a wool-workers wanted to stop work, then some students would vote against the stoppage.

Salient: Apart from this, is the best action for students to take, given the present situation?

Kelly: Where possible students should identify with the campaign of the Trade Union movement as much as carrying resolutions. Striking study I don't see as a worthwhile proposition. Certainly if they see such things happening as a de-registering of the boatmen, they should recognise the all that is being made on democracy.

"...I've never, ever, been frightened for the working class in this country, but I feel frightened for them now."

If the Government succeeds in suppressing us, then the students will be next. If the Government attempt to suppress movement, they will be right in there with the students, because we have shown very clearly that we are doing it, because students have played a very active role in the present movement. If the Government didn't have students organisations or movements, then the Trade Union movement would not start taking action. They should be very clear that if they touch the student movement, then they are next. Students should be aware of the danger - that if they succeed in smashing the Union movement, the students will come under attack because of their strong role in opposing against these restrictions, and other issues.

Salient: Apart from this, the best demonstration of students against the industrial legislation? To get down to Parliament and demand that the Government observe workers' rights as is under the ILLO conventions - to organise ourselves, to have bargaining rights, to be free of wage regulations, to be free of state interference.

Other ways that the students can assist, are that they see a strike, by getting in touch with that Union and asking. "How can we help?" Worker-student participation is very important and I have been saying this for many years. I think it is fair to say that the conservationists and the Trade Union movement in the first instance, and on the other hand, the students going way out. With both parties accommodating and re-thinking each other's relationship would be much better.

The Unions have changed. There are not as many workers' kids going to University as I would like, but there are a damn site more than there were in the last 20 or 30 years. Students have acted as strike breakers in the past of this country and they could do it again. They probably could do it again. If the trade union movement ignores the students, then in turn the students will ignore the trade union movement. So it's a matter of fostering and developing fraternal relationships with NZUSA for instance in the agricultural, and on the legal side with the local student union executives. This has very important place because if there is a massive stoppage we might be able to stop the students knocking us in the back.

Salient: How well do you think the unions protect the women workers in particular?

Kelly: Well I wouldn't tackle a question like that and say yes or no, or anything. I don't think it would be right for me to answer it.

I can say it, that I protect workers - male or female.

"... if you are a Pomme com, then you cop the lot..."

I honestly think that this whole image of females in the labour force and some of the things that are happening in this country isn't really awful in getting development in the Trade Union. I honestly believe that unless the women's group stand up and have their say at where they are going with the present situation on New Zealand in which it will not stop the matter of wanting to go to work, but having to go to work in the kind of dead, that being able to come in on one way to keep the family, it will be eliminated from the New Zealand society.

I honestly believe that the best ways of protecting females in the work force and protecting the family is to make sure that the bloody movement is galvanised into getting a living wage bound on a 40 hour week, with five day breaks. Lots of women are working because they have to. They're much better off at home, they are much better off being in the kids. They are not demanding anything, they are just, because it's so much more safer at home, but they are out at work: it is because the old man isn't raising enough to keep the family. And it's not fulfilling their situation in my opinion to be pushing in this direction for perks at factories.

Every woman should be able to work - but it should be on the basis of choice, not because they need to supplement the family income. Some of the women are working more than 70 hour work at 2.30 or 3.00 and get home at 5:00 on the morning. If anyone criticises that they want to work, they're just out of their Right. These women would sooner be at home with these kids. I see dangers in all that whole thing.

The boss class - their desire is to have Mum working. They are working and if you put the kids onto the creche at the factory they might be here a couple of hours out of the kids as well.

My general position is that I protect workers, and that I do believe every, except the exception in the Divets Union where women were doing a lot of hard work and if you put the kids onto the creche at the factory they might be here a couple of hours out of the kids as well.

"Yes, I think so..."
Great expectations

IN WHICH A REFERENCE IS MADE TO GERARD COUPER'S 'THERE YOU GO-BRINGING CLASS INTO IT AGAIN.'

In our Middle Class Institution believing that, good or bad, only we have the advantage of Education... seems to be a bit of a half-truth.

Education, I also worked during Christmas and before, and I was learning something; and from outside of that institution, I had the idea that education equals becoming familiar with literature, or history, it has a bit of a disadvantage in being experience third-hand.

If it's working in a bank, the limitation is that it's man-made consistency, not much inspiration from anything else.

Working as a carpenter, the ways of the world are mirrored by wood wanting to split a bit of healthy doubt about the next move, you could call it empiricism. But nobody wants to listen to a carpenter, which is where perhaps university education has the advantage, it gives you power to influence – be a teacher.

But the Quiet American of Graham Greene's novel was also a university product – and his influence to blow up Vietnamese thought he was a saviour.

So: Healthy carpenter's doubt; misguided idealism; and Negativity: So much NEGATIVITY!

It's electric cool aid acid test, WHY THE FUCK SHOULD I WORK IF I DON'T WANT TO? Throw the baby out with the bathwater; throw out the body-touching of the gay-gordians with the rigidity of the Formal Occasion. Do nothing. Make a consistent circle in your head.

And maybe; go to university, get your experience from a certified dealer, in a nice cardboard box.

It's been handled a bit when you get it through.

Here's a bit of Marc Chagall (a Russian artist) remembering, back in 1919, a bit of the same thing:

"All those house-painters, the old bearded ones and their apprentices alike, began to copy my cows and my horses.

And on October 25th, my multicoloured animals swung all over the town, swollen with revolution.

The workers marched up singing the International

When I saw them smile, I was sure they understood me.

The leaders, the Communists, seemed less gratified.

Why is the cow green and why is the horse flying through the sky, why?

What's the connection with Marx and Lenin?

and a poem by Norman MacCaig, a Scotman... Old Maps and New.

There are spaces where infringements are possible. There are notices that say:

and while the voices spoke
of hope and freedom,
the Little Mother of the Earth
saw the junkies and the looters recreating
painfully into a purgatory policed by H. Sapiens, Esq.
into ostracism and condemnation,
afraid to attempt a return;
the wall of hostility
and the voices spoke
of love and brotherhood,
the Little Mother of the Earth
saw balloon-bellied children with eyes made old
by a premature overdose of death and washed tears,
while blacksmiths lardled milk-biscuit consciences
and the Pope advertised his private art-collection
before illiterate millions.

and while the death-squad
marched with hammers and axes into the woods
and chopped little old ladies into matchsticks,
while right-thinking cops
killed a few niggers for a bit of a laugh
the Little Mother of the Earth thought that here was a kid
she'd have adopted if she'd known
of its monstrous deformities...

and she thought then
of a memo received that morning:
"Serious shortage of poppies, milk-biscuits,
old ladies and live niggers. Have run out of room
at Dinhua."

- Rice Scortney

Barefoot Poem.

Why am I regarded with such
Suspicion?
Do I look
like a baby-basher?

or (Most Dreadful)

a student?!!

I suppose it wouldn't simply be
that in order to avoid aggravating an extremely thorny

sort of blister,
I am forced to walk

through town
(to be said in a whisper)

barefoot?

Rice Scortney
David Bowie: Low
R.C.A.

David Bowie has taken a rejection as one of rock's most flamboyant and influential forces. From the days of the aerial Space Oddity, through concepts concerning Ziggy Stardust and the Orwell inspired Diamond Dogs, the man now follows his restrained but mystic station to station with an album titled simply Low.

Once again, it is a new approach for Bowie moving into the surreal, synthesised world so worthy inhabited by King Crimson, Yes, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Eno and, at times, Todd Rundren.

The enigmatic singer/guitarist/producer is released with a full band, a new group for Bowie. For the first time, he has been able to play with his own band, a band which, for the most part, has only worked under his direction for Bowie's previous projects. The band consists of: David Bowie (vocals, guitar), Tony Visconti (vocals), John Beal (vocals), Bruce Sterling (vocals), Peter Townshend (vocals), and Tim Rice (vocals).

The album is divided into two parts: Side One, which is a more experimental and perhaps, the more cerebral side with Eno and Bowie trading the opening track: the piece is titled "The Woody W Cherries (The Woody W Cherries)."

The first track, arguably, is "Be My Wife," and features the cartoonish character George Scott as the lead vocalist. Scott is the only member of the original band who has returned to the studio for this project.

The second side of the album contains more conventional pop songs, and includes a cover of "The Woody W Cherries," which was originally recorded by the band's lead vocalist, George Scott, in 1966.

Bowie's vocals in this track are gentle and melodic, with a clear sense of melody and harmony. The rhythm section is tight and precise, with a strong beat provided by the drums and bass.

The album is a significant departure from Bowie's previous work, and it is easy to see why it has been so well received. The album's themes revolve around themes of transformation, identity, and the search for meaning in a world that is constantly changing.

In conclusion, "The Woody W Cherries" is a strong album that showcases Bowie's evolution as an artist. The album is a testament to his talent and creativity, and it is a must-listen for any fan of his work.
Film

Psychopaths in the living room

Network*, directed by Sydney Lumet, Screenplay by Paddy Chayefsky, Awarded four Academy Awards

Despite the proliferation of Academic Awards, this is a remarkable film. Not only does it deliver a message of political, economic, and social import, but it is also a compelling commentary on the nature of truth and reality. The film is set on the campus of a university, and it explores the complex relationship between students, faculty, and administration. The narrative follows the lives of several characters, each with their own motivations and agendas, as they navigate the challenges of higher education.

Howard Beale (Peter Finch), an aging newspaper editor, finds himself at the center of a controversial case that threatens to tear the university apart. As the story unfolds, we see how the crisis affects not only the students and faculty, but also the community at large.

The film's powerful message is conveyed through a series of powerful performances by the cast, including Beale, who delivers a tour-de-force performance as the beleaguered newspaper editor. The film's success is also due in part to the outstanding direction by Lumet, who expertly guides the narrative through a series of emotional highs and lows.

In conclusion, Network is a must-see film for anyone interested in the issues of truth, power, and the media. It is a classic of its time, and it continues to be relevant today as we grapple with similar issues in our own society.

Avanti-Garde at the Gallery

Len Lye: "To me, the medium ain't the magic. The gene pattern does the twangin'. The medium is no more magical than a flashlight to an opossum, or a truck driver."
The Constant Wife

Circle's 'Constant Wife' is a faithful presentation, as faithful to period dress as it is to the themes it explores. The design is a masterpiece of congruity. The set a dreamily adorned Art Deco boudoir - the costumes restate the individuals and complementing the group. Only the strains of Strauss's 'Death Tryst' Pat 4a, and similarly dischanced pieces disturbed the atmosphere of affected elegance.

Before assessing Circle's interpretation of it, we can ask curiously why the play was chosen. Certainly within the genre of 20's comedies it had audience appeal (which inevitably prove their popularity by extending seasons of such worthy classics as Coward's 'Private Lives.') But why the 'Constant Wife'? It is the heart-wrenching struggle of a woman liberating herself within marriage - or as aesthetic brilliance coupled with Mauthausen's undeniable wit I think the latter. Her name Constantia, is no less than Wonder Woman - Mauthausen's mouthpiece in which half the seeds of a tragi-comic marriage are sown. Little wonder she's hardly believable. When Mauthausen gives us the end-product of her thinking, with none of the introspection and tortured self-seeking that must have preceded it. Consequently she operates in an emotional vacuum. Fed by such paradigms that would enable her to buy her way out of sexual fidelity in her marriage.

She cites the modern wife as a prostitute who, 'doesn't deliver the goods,' but she can just as easily be labelled a prostitute even if it is an inverted kind. Her friend Marie-Louise can be accused of tactful understatement when saying, 'Oh, but you are old, Constantia...because she's downright frigid!'

However this is no reflection on the actress (Frances Edmond.) Her's was the undeniable task of humanizing a paragon, but her obvious talent and intelligence combined with an over-awed presence, shadowed the few poignant moments in the play. Her husband (Peter McCauley,) provides sharp contrast to her with his sympathetic naturalism.

Throughout the play there is an extraordinary range of acting styles with McCauley at one pole and True Langbaan's chastened Marie-Louise at the other. O hope Max Langbaan is not to be stereotyped as a 'swarty-browned' lady, as her Marie-Louise shows she has indeed perfected it.

Considered fuel for feminism, which a reading of Coward's plays may be, certainly Constanzo's ideology is unsuitable and her person inaccessible to the audience. We remember her bitchy sister and how the ridiculous Mauthausen made us laugh, and possibly we might have some vague recollection of speeches about economic freedom for women - but that is all they were, speeches.

Possibly Mauthausen was wrong in choosing a comedy of manners as a vehicle for her thoughts when we laugh at their expense. So Circle can be forgiven for not inspiring us and congratulated for amusing us a great deal.

- Elizabeth Ross

Das Kapita

On the Sturt...

The Capital Strat - Sunday night cabaret with Red Mole at The Falconry, reviewed by Allan Smith.

Not only me, Idris Amni and Poppy Mudgett were there too. A sort of international weight watchers for hysterical heroes. And the Queens. And the queer, for that matter. In fact every heavy in town and their consort were there, disappearing, till the air was thick. Smokes and spits. Red More country. Cabaret night.

Cabaret as a theatrical genre used to enjoy a tremendous popularity in the twenties. Probably one reason was that years before its time it was breaking down barriers between actors and actors at Cabaret was practising 'Theatre' long before anyone thought about sanitising it. For cabaret simply cannot function without a continuous and tangible dialogue between the performer and the immediate surrounding human milieu. Perhaps it was because of this latter dialogue that cabaret came to articulate a very immediate social and political consciousness. Whatever, this direct socio-political articulation became one of the hallmarks of cabaret, and is, I think, the essence of the genre. Perhaps the most accessible example we have had of this in recent years is the Lenny Bruce story, and on the local scene certain student issues.

In Cabaret Strat Red Mole have rediscovered this sort of vitality. They are in their element riding the tension between entertainment and socio-political comment, for they have developed a high degree of excellence in performance skills with which they match their equally powerful attack on all that represents and supports the status quo. Mediums and messages. Obviously of cabaret they are mutually exclusive. And where the Strat is strongest is when they are, such as Alan Brunton's, 'Lateness Bus.'

But the problem with the Strat is that Red Mole are too good for the rest of the show, and too few to carry the entire show themselves. There were times when the performance took on a somewhat dissonant feel. But God's sake do something to entertain them for a while. It's only in fact had the patrons not been so determined to be entertained by this so welcome departure from the traditional theatrical mode, their should have been nary fault in the cabaret spirit. But this is not the problem of the tempo of the Strat, nor of the artistic excellence of the show itself. Merely organizational. They need good supporting acts. So if you're a good cabaret number take it on a Strat. The show runs weekly and never the same. The Mole is a vintage find. It can only improve week by week.

Lloyd Scott and John Barnes
Dear David,

We have become increasingly concerned by the general weakening of the effectiveness of SRC and individual members of the student movement, evidenced by a number of initiatives. It is especially evident in regards to the feeder groups of the anti-Tro Paterson's, Nucor, and his fellow Transfers that their influence is waning and that the influence of the anti-Tro factions was demonstrated clearly to us in two different incidences.

The first was an occasion where Morritt initiated the appointment of Patrick as a marshal on the recent anti-apartheid march. That person could be one of the most popular, because of his or her beliefs, will not be seen as a sign of a lack of capacity even of the smallest in diameter, one assumes.

The other incident was more important as the anti-Tro feeling was reflected in the decision of SRC and, therefore, student welfare. In the latest setting of SRC (Week 30) Marshall McTavish attempted to move a procedural motion. The motion stated that the SRC would make a motion in favour of another that was far more urgent. The first motion itself had been moved by Patrick, but nevertheless the procedural motion was voted out. A motion to extend the meeting to 8:30, moved by Patrick, was also rejected. To add insult to injury, Patrick's original motion to rescind the previous policy on SAAS was also rejected. This would not have been so bad, if it was not evident that Patrick was not given a fair chance—neither by a specific body of the meeting nor, indeed, if it appeared to us, by the chair. We cannot see how people could claim to be so concerned with the participation of students in decision making when the people on themselves are narrow-minded enough to prevent an incredible useful and hard-working member of the student body from working effectively.

Signed:
M N Berghman
F J Brown
J A Sax

This is a strange letter—mainly because the authors have failed to get their facts right. Only two others are responsible for the organization of marshals for the recent WAP march, of which one was a long-time member of the Socialist Action League. All decisions on marshals were taken by a fairly small group. A new form of anonymity was organized for the march and also to prevent possible abuse of power. We did not receive the letter.

The time for the march was declined. So much for that theory!

Letter from a thinking democrat.

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Sir,
Dear Editor,

As an overseas student, I cannot but express my disapproval of the voting trend at the recent SRC elections. It is very saddening to see that the campus is a minority, and can be easily influenced by the majority. In most matters or motions, that the interests of overseas students are concerned, it is highly questionable whether New Zealand students are adequately qualified to make decisions in relation to the feelings and opinions of overseas students.

Surely the New Zealand students’ one-sided voting for the Fiji Laboons, as versus the minority vote of overseas students for the other candidate, indicates a situation where the interests of the overseas students are being lost. As the phrase, "a J. B. Mill put it—"...but over the rational society collective... it... practices a culture that is more prevalent in the professional and political circles... there is a precaution against the tyranny of prevailing opinion that is against the tendency of society to impose its ideas and practices as rules of conduct upon other people... and to compel all characteristics of voting themselves to be approved of.

I quote, excuse me, believe, for most of the overseas students, their position here holds a high status.

Two often in the past I have witnessed VUWSA giving support to certain overseas students, on their election desires, merely because these students are sentimentally connected or economically essential to the faculties. In the pursuit of a case, we have seen many of such characteristics to our home country, and I dare say we are getting extremely tired of them. Such kind of people are generally socially classed, away from the majority of the people who struggle in VUWSA. It is our belief that we will not fail to see the result that we have anticipated, and we need to associate with the drop of the ordinary overseas student to the new situation in views, interests, and priorities? On the contrary how will it be possible to satisfy their demands, the character of that person, his motives, his sincerity, his social aspirations, etc. Social aspiration? No, and certainly notinstrumentalism nor sentimentality, period.

The act of VUWSA giving support in individualism is not shared in their values and beliefs, in my opinion, serves only as a symbol of superficiality, of support, and of support of overseas students’ interests. People elected or appointed as representatives of organizations or even the society at large could come from the ‘secondary’ of the population: people to be used and ignored, as was the case with people as well low in the hierarchy of society. It almost looks as if those people are only being considered or serving as a few of whom are important to you. I think that some students feel not appreciated is this is not so.

As an overseas student, I look with interest to the positions of the Overseas Officers, James Blackie. Like any other person, I would like to feel like a citizen of the society I choose to study in. How to do things and how to be respected. I trust assured you will spend time helping Americans to find a position in which they can be in the office for reasons other than his own interests, and may find himself serving the overseas students.

Certainly, I am going to demand more than mere public appearances, speeches and exhortations for the continuation in the future.

Sincerely,

An ordinary, average overseas student.

Sound Off

Dear David,

Last week you published a letter regarding the imminent decision of the SRC to use two coffee machines, one of which is the one currently used by the students. While one can sympathise with those who found it difficult to get a cup of coffee in the morning, thesnowflakes continuing major problems with the facilities is that we are not entirely sure where the coffee machine was. The students who are not made by the big monopoly company are the only ones who are ever using the coffee machine. The Rolling Stones film and the Fillmore film that followed the next day, were made by a big hit company, and that was the only time we ever saw a film in cinema. In other words, many of the films that we receive look as if they have been through a coffee grinder and then stuck together again. While attempts are made to present the big screen as a possible condition, this is not always possible.

Where films are of poor quality then people are warned, and in some cases the films shown for free. However, "Your Soul's Destroyed" will be enjoyed and the films that Student's put on.

Yours, etc.

Graeme Becked

Questions on Country Joe

Dear Sir,

It is interesting to note the differences between the "country music" and the "country music" in the United States. Student Union Building on Saturday, March 5th, with Country Joe and the Fish. The concert on the following night, at the Footpath, was concert was our own illustrious Student Union building, which although it may be considered an ideal place for the capital's intelligentsia does not sit as one the ideal place for a concert. The support act may have been a little bit flat, but the main act was really quite good. The price, $3.50, although well below normal

the concert price was not as cheap as it perhaps should be. In contrast, the Palmetton concert organized by the Massey University Student's Association, was held at the Pantry Opera House - more suitable for such concerts acoustically and seeing wise. The support band was the "Boston Orchestra" - presently appearing at the Millennium. Neither the venue nor the support act would have made much difference to the MSC a "extrovert" such as by being Mr. McClelland, with their own build-together by the MSC support (of that) and yet still manage to change the current climate. It is very far away from the actuality of the individual students relating with the University Arts Centre Associates in Wellington at least. I am curious to see just who is winning who flip who off.

D.A.C.

A Moving Experience

Dear David,

We would like to express our most heartfelt thanks to the University of Otago and the University of Auckland, and the students who were involved in the organization of this event, for allowing us to be here to enjoy and attend the films that Students put on.

Yours, etc.

Graeme Becked

Cafe Complaint - again.

Dear Sir,

I think the food in the cafe is becoming stale. The students were very unhappy with the $5.00 price of a salad that they ordered, en route to the trouble of standing up...

Yours sincerely,

Highly Frustrated.

Afalonz again.

Dear Editor,

I beg of you - please agree to Afalonz Fanciell taking over the cafe.

After declining to accept his proposal, with the hope that Afalonz was taking action of what COULD BE, surely you would not be an idiot as to agree to... to... down on his suggestions! Even the proposal isn’t as bad as you could have... and to... must not be put down. Home made soups, vitamin packed delicious foods at our finger tips CAN’T any more! Attractive surround with WINE & TEA. Oh nice this - get your friends together for a half an hour! To let us enjoy the cafe.

My illuminated taste buds are crying out for it!

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Rutherford

Dear Sir,

I’m planning some imminently at the noticeboard upstairs of the Student’s Arts Council, the light of the day in which the Ski Club Kirkland was directing the Student’s Arts Council. We are pleased to announce that you can now use the cafe on the third floor at night (to Joanne Maysy.

Good News!

I’m going to call you Afalonz’s Fanciell tonight before seeing her again. She’s got a lot of potential tonight, I think the cafe is good for the people that are there.

Yours,

Your ‘GOON’ MAD.

‘I might suggest that you sample Afalonz’s Fanciell’s food, but tonight I’ve got a lot of potential tonight, I think the cafe is good for the people that are there.

Yours,

Your ‘GOON’ MAD.

Two people who are aware of the cafe on the third floor also.

Sincerely,

Seated Citizen.

‘Pro-apartheid draws comment.

Dear Editor,

In reply to Mr Lowers attempt at displacing the student version of events in the recent anti-apartheid conflict, I would like to disagree with his comments on the ordinary citizens mere role. It certainly seems to me, however, that Mr Lowers comments, particularly in the context of the 1980s, are quite useful in the developing understanding of the anti-apartheid movement.

Nigeria and South Africa are the two areas of imperialism that Africa is a matter of a complex of various African sorts of Anti-apartheid, and the contribution of this movement is another form of division which is related to the effects of the black community in the Black Consciousness Movement. While the black community in South Africa has become more involved, it is only in the Black Consciousness Movement that the focus of support is on Nigeria and South Africa, while in the {

and South Africa and its leadership. The fanned Government of South Africa can be exposed to the real possibility of a peace settlement, which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off. Wherever imperialism occurs in Africa, it is the real possibility of a peace settlement which is, however, a long way off.

Reader supports Salient's stand.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your front page article on the 4th issue of Salient on the performance of the Executive in taking up the matter of security on 30th September. In my view, the Executive was quite correct in supporting the views of the Minister of Defence, who has clearly stated that his department is not able to support our security needs in this situation.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Taylor.

Reader supports Salient's stand.

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Questions, questions.

Dear Sir,
1. What is happening at the Bookcenter?
2. How much is Senator losing each issue?
A Student's Right to Know.

I suggest you ask the Company Secretary. Mr. Steve Underwood for an answer to your first question.

The answer to your second question is about $77 per issue. (Ed)

The Case of the Pub.

Dear David,

In last year's Executive election I did not vote for Catherine Patterson for the very reason that she intended setting up a pub on campus. This is because of the fear that she has not the necessary experience in the field. People should drink when it will not interfere with their work, and a pub on campus, open from after 5 p.m. on, will be counterproductive to the people.

Yours etc,
S. Breslin
P.S. Allison for good food!

Robinson does return

Dear David,

I feel that it is now time to look back on the debate within the Anti-warfield movement on the campus at the recent March on Sharpeville Day. I will leave aside the question of the development of opposition to sporting contacts to South Africa. What I want to say is that people in South Africa as a result of the March which I have already been on.

The recent "Student Action" has reported that the March was headed by a "Nazistocant" of Polynesian and Blacks. This is simply not true. Sadly say Polynesian turned out to March. The Black contingent assumed largely the role of protecting the marchers from the hooligans and5 burnt out in the first two rows in a few of the march. Unfortunately, the March being led by a section of "Polynesian Against Seminar" was not realized.

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Yours etc,
Eugene Doyle.

Exec actions condemned

Dear David,

At the last Exec meeting a motion was passed, that motion was to have any Exec member be allowed into the Salient office for the express purpose of pressing the final copy, presumably with the power to veto, should they be offended by any of the contents or lines. Now this motion is unavailable to us according to certain members of the Exec even though we had earlier been told by an Extremely Reliable Source that we could in fact have a copy of the motion.

The motion which prompted both the motion and the sudden backtracking over a serious decision is that the Exec are to have full control over all the workings of their own association and to be very democratic of the association itself.

It is vital for the maintenance of the strength and unity of the Students' Association, that those in a position to do so, exercise their power responsibly and with the welfare of all students for the relief of their own association.

The consequences arising from the abuse of this power of control and veto, and do not cease with the passing of a single generation. It is therefore with a heavy heart for all students at Victoria more, and those coming after, that the conduct of our officers is to be viewed with the condemnation it deserves.

Yours etc,
Lamorna Rogers
Rae Bonney.
Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the W.M.S.A.A. for organizing the "Get Together" on the 20th June and I hope more activities will be organized in the near future.

Yours etc.,
New Student.

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Dear Editor,

After reading through the letters about the Malaysian sketch put up during the international night, I felt that most of the students who attended had a good night. However, I have never known the real value of "sketch" attitude. Poorly written with no other members of the audience taking part, the international night would be marred by the scene, what would happen then? The answer is: "the misunderstanding between the Kinas and Malaysians will become greater."

I hope that this misunderstanding is corrected.

A MALAYSIAN STUDENT.

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Dear Editor,

I have read the letters published in your last issue on the "hot topic" about the sketch and found these letters very touchy and educational.

I feel very guilty for I was also one of the fools. I do not know what I was thinking during the sketch which was being largely salary and property devoted to laughing stock.

I do not know who you are or what you are, but I do not purposefully give such a stupid and misleading picture during that important function. This might not only affect the student's understanding, but also the lecturers as well.

Yours etc.,
A MALAYSIAN.

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Dear Sir,

I joined the others in condemning MSA for putting up the recent sketch. I am sorry I could not attend and at the same time sad to think that there is such a group of students who are playing down on our own people. To this group I say: do not ever play down on our own people. We are all in this country, which is our own country. We think that our country doesn't need people like you who are spreading lies about our own people.

As regards to the editor that you will be preoccupied:

You will always be preoccupied yourself as a high class of "intellectual" and those who has gone bad.

You will look like a bunch of blank hand idolaizing the fellow, youseaa while the hawker will be金额 the opportunity to exploit your exploited people in the MSA.

And all of you, which is your fate, your position and your place. I am sure you will come to a gain a higher education and have forgotten that your role as a privileged group is to understand and to do something concrete to help them.

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Dear Editor,

I am a first year student and have just come from a very political country a month ago. I was then invited to join the "non-political" party. Later I read about the "non-political" outcome of the sketch I had read. I can't find such a word "political" (in their criticism) and yet the regime in those criticise seem to be "political." May I ask those "non-politicians", look into this outcome of "non-politicality".

A first year student in major in "non-politicality".

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Dear Editor,

As I read last week's Talent (Vol. 40 No. 4) and the other pieces put by the students, I can picture what MSA will be looking for:

"It's only an entertaining piece with not aimed at anybody and so the hell are they thinking up the fuss for?"

This comes from the common words of the MSA. To the group of politicians who are not familiar with treatment, you are looking down and have done a very great injustice to our Malaysian people. I do not care for what has happened.

Sincerely yours,

A former student.

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Dear Editor,

I think that everyone agrees on this: "hawker is an UNFORGETTABLE thing."

You can't do anything for them, though you believe in your great capacity to earn great money, just lay off from at least don't belittle their efforts to strive for a living. They're among the type of living not because they want to play down on our own people.

So I join hands with A Malaysian Hawker's Association (MHA) against the promotion of the sketch.

A Mongolian.

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Thoughts on MSA.

Dear Editor,

At the last WMSA AGM I was one of those knowledgeable members who voted for the "no" side. This is not because I did not realize the importance that the bunch of hawgs would promote some semblable and constructive activities for the Malaysian community in Wellington. There have been only disillusion and disgust from them, and to top it off came last week's WMSA committee's most revolting and outrageous claim:

"And because we know how we have done no wrong we can only wish that many of the students here in the campus support us in the activities we have undertaken."

Such an infantile claim can not even stand the test of opposing my neighbor's five year old son, let alone be swallowed through. We try the MSA to stop his obsession of disrupting in complacency and racist activities. The dear thing would be to try ourselves and let the MSA be tried or do otherwise. As a last word I will be the MSA committe's official booklet that their claim of support from members was a far cry from truth. In fact, I challenge them to call a referendum to allow the students to ratify the committee. Till then, the committee's claim holds as good as any irrational and paranoid statement issued for President Amin.

Yours etc.,
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Concerning false letter - Editor apologizes

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