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Promise of Things to Come

Editorial

Editorial header showing as child writing by candle light

If the SGM of last week is anything to go by, we are seeing the start of a new struggle in student politics. Not between the left and the right, or the left and the middle, or between Tees and the Executive, the struggle that is building up is the fight against fascism in the Association. At last week's SGM, fascism has its first victory.

Fascism is a word that tends to be bandied around too frequently, and is often (incorrectly) applied to any supposed extremist group. Because of this wide usage it is necessary to consider exactly what the characteristics of fascism might be. Probably the simplest definition would be the retrenchment of power in a smaller and smaller group that is then forced to harsher and harsher measures to sustain its position. It is usually characterised by measures to stifle opposition by any means possible, generally violent means-both the expression of opposition as well as acts of opposition.

Whatever you conceive democracy to be, fascism is the antithesis of it.

You may well ask how such a repressive and violent system can come into existence. The answer is that fascism rises by playing upon people's natural prejudices and hatreds, casting the groups that the masses are already inclined to suspect, as the cause of crises and difficulties that exist. Clearly not every facet of this definition of fascism can be applied to student politics, some features of society simply do not appear in the university, nevertheless there are similarities.

The No Confidence Motion

In other circumstances, if Andrew Tees faced a motion of no confidence, the actions of his supporters might have been something like: producing publicity material which clearly demonstrated what they believed to be his effectiveness as president, they would have prepared re-buttals for the accusations they expected, they might have produced explanations for those areas in which he had not performed well.

As many readers will know, that scenario did not eventuate. The campaign of Tees' supporters started with the publication of two leaflets last Tuesday. In these leaflets, rather than defending Tees, or supporting his actions, they attacked those who supported the no confidence motion. The motion, they said was being moved by the 'Maoist-Salient clique', that the PSA which supported (they claim) the motion "was a front for the Wellington Marxist Leninist Organisation."

They did not attempt to substantiate these ludicrous claims, produced no evidence for them nor did they even give examples of this "Maoist plot". I do not intend to pursue the falsity of these claims here. The important question is what these leaflets represented.

By attacking the supporters of the motion Tees' advocates were clearly implying that these people had no competence to play any role in determining the functioning of the Association - that simply by being allegedly communists they were unfit to exercise the rights that members of VUWSA possess.

It is crucial, if one is to understand what took place last Wednesday to consider the implications of moves

to discredit those who hold a particular view. It is not an expression of a disagreement with that view, it is a denial that any have the right to hold it.

This attack is not an act of petty vindictiveness, but is necessary for two main reasons. Fascism has never been successful in an ideological battle - it has no dominant ideology, it is only the politics of expediency. Therefore fascism can only be successful where there is a power vacuum. The label communist is used to discredit those at present in positions of authority - with no regard for accuracy (it would be hard to demonstrate that such people as Stephen Underwood, Peter Edwards, Peter Thrush, Phil Sowman who have all played leading roles in the Association recently are "communists").

Tees used this technique in his election campaign last year. He did not stress his own suitability for the job, rather that those standing against him were "communists". At the SGM, Tees' defenders did not point out how effectively the President had operated, rather that his opponents were supposed "communists". At the SGM, Tees' defenders did not point out how effectively the President had operated, rather that his opponents were supposed "communists".

The reason is [*unclear*: clean] the battle of ideas, fascism always comes off second best—but in the battle of rhetoric it has a head start - the inbuilt prejudices of people which it plays upon.

This is the second reason that everyone who opposed Tees was labelled "communist". Because fascism cannot produce reasons to fight differing ideologies (particularly communism) they must attack dissenters, give them a label that will isolate them from the bulk of society.

Tees' supporters also played on another prejudice in the society — prejudice against students generally. By distributing leaflets to all the media in Wellington, they no doubt hoped to place, in the minds of the general public, the impression that all the student dissenters and protesters were these "Marxist-Leninist Salient types". Thereby laying the groundwork for a wide spread campaign against them.

The other move of the Tees gang was to attack Salient. Using the same techniques as were used to discredit supporters of the no confidence motion. Salient was attacked as being a "communist newspaper". Again no evidence was produced, but when you can rely on prejudice none is necessary.

By attacking Salient, the intention is to discredit the organ which will, so long as I edit it at least, fight against any trend again against democracy within the Association. If they gain "control" of Salient it will be the beginning of the end of the Students' Association that we have known for the last decade.

We can expect to see the end of SRC, the end of an association that has any interests outside the university (which fundamentally means the end of an effective association as events within the university cannot be divorced from those without it), and the idea of free participation in the activities of the association will breathe its last.

I predict that shortly we will see the emergence of an "anti-Salient" leaflet. This leaflet will devote itself to attacking, particularly those in Salient as well as organisations that oppose the new trend, like the PSA, and, on the whole, the Executive. Like the smear sheets before the SGM there will be no evidence to back up the claims, merely slander, innuendo and abuse.

When and if these sheets arrive they must be recognised for what they are, not an attempt at constructive criticism but an attempt to destroy the part of the association responsible for informing students on the activities of their association, amongst other things.

Effective Leaflets

The leaflets proved more effective than I, for one, believed would have been possible for so transparent a smear campaign. Not only did they bring students en masse to the meeting (which was good) but they brought them there with their minds already firmly made up as to how they were going to vote (which is appalling considering that the decision was not based on any evidence, but on sheer prejudice.)

In the meeting itself we saw a continuation of the tactics used in the leaflets... Steve Underwood (Chairman for the day) proposed to limit discussion to Tees' competence in the job. This was thrown out as it would have prevented the attacks on supporters of the motion. The technique of implying that supporters of the motion had forfeited their right to act as part of the Association continued as speakers against the motion emphasised that it was the so-called communists that were proposing that Tees should go. Few speakers vindicated Tees' performance though many attacked supporters of the motion.

Not only did Tees' supporters attempt to discredit the "left", they physically tried to prevent them from expressing their views. Speakers in favour of the motion were, almost without exception, heckled, interrupted, booed, pelted by missiles of various description, and I suspect not listened to at all. Many speakers and would-be speakers were intimidated by the crowd reaction.

This phenomena also has its parallel in history. If we examine the Europe of the 30's, we see the physical intimidation of Hitler's and Mussolini's thugs which started with interruption of meetings and petty

harrassments, passed through the stage of groups of thugs wandering around beating up Jews and communists and ended up with the Gestapo.

We saw the first step on that path on Wednesday.

The Fascist "Democracy"

At the meeting I was sitting behind a group of three individuals who were making [unclear: afreer] out of harrassing the Chairman and [unclear: ski] kers for the motion. A chant they used [unclear: in] time Steve tried to bring the meeting to [unclear: ca] was "Justice not Order".

Without wishing to get tied up in [unclear: pflsophy], the conduct of meetings is designed to ensure that it is at least possible for [unclear: the] democratic system to operate.

The sentiments that were expressed [unclear: show] wed quite clearly, as did the actions of [unclear: large] sections of the crowd, that many of [unclear: tham] assembled had no interest in the [unclear: democ] tic system. They had decided what they wanted (and then daubed it with the [unclear: that] "justice") and were not going to give it [unclear: was] for anything.

This is an example of the fascist [unclear: principle] that as long as democracy gives us [unclear: tfl] we want, we'll keep it. When it gets in [unclear: the] way - out the window with it.

Some of you may think that I am [unclear: over] dramatising the situation, and were last week's activities in isolation, I would agree with you. However we must look at what is happening elsewhere in society, It is my belief that it is not surprising that these developments ocured this year [unclear: rather] than last year, because of the trend in [unclear: New] Zealand towards fascism - the SIS Act, the Industrial Relations Amendment Act, Muldoon's red baiting and union bashing are all part of this trend. And like it or not, events in this university reflect movements in the outside world.

It is this similarity inside VUWSA with developments in the New Zealand situation generally that require us to take a careful look at the underlying factors and trends at last week's SGM. I'm not suggesting that everyone should jump on an anti-fascist bandwagon, but I do ask that each one of you look at what happened and try to produce your own explanation for what ocured, and when you do so, look at history, it holds the keys to many problems.

Where Tees Stands

In the course of this article I have [unclear: scrup] lously referred to Tees' supporters without necessarily including Tees himself in the [unclear: re] baiting campaign. At the time of writing Tees has neither associated nor [unclear: disasscx] himself from the campaign, although he is expected to do so in his President's [unclear: cod] below.

I hope that he will disassociate himself from it.

The struggle that is before VUWSA will motivate many students to re-examine their politics. A lot of those who consider [unclear: the] selves middle-of-the-road, or conservative will join forces with the so-called communists to defend democracy. Some of those who parade as "left" will stand aside from the struggle for their own sectarian ends, but every person who leaves the fascist camp is a victory.

Andrew Tees is now making his decision as to which side he will support.

Peter Beach.

HATE & KILL

Presidential [unclear: Statement]

[unclear: 1979]

[unclear: Statement] by the President of the Victoria University [unclear: Willington] Students' Association

[unclear: student] of the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association [unclear: like] to make it clear that no member of the VUWSA Executive is a [unclear: meni] "Maoist Clique" nor have they worked in any political capacity to [unclear: ob-he] President.

[unclear: opportantly] in the light of the abuse of various speakers at the Special Meeting of the Students' Association on 23 May 1979 the President that the point should be made that students of any political persuade

the democratic right to be heard at all meetings of the Association, [unclear: aident] also refutes any unsubstantiated allegations circulated prior Special General Meeting.

[unclear: lusion] the President of VUWSA reaffirms that all policy of the [unclear: Asso] decided by the Student Representative Council is the bona fide poli[unclear: te] Association, and that every officer of the Association is bound by WSA Constitution to uphold that policy.

CONTINUED FROM ISSUE 9 JOE SPUTNIK AND THE MYSTERY OF.... RAVIOLIS FATHER EPISODE HE'S DEAD! And look! The assassin is getting away! stop I say in the name of all fair play! PERHAPS WE'D BETTER LEND A HAND HO-HO! YIPE! come back come back! I'm sure this is highly illegal SHUT UP AND DRIVE! Whoops were on our own now!

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Top of the Week

Smoke from a Distant Fire

A burning building the start to a new government? Sounds strange but it happened only recently.

On February 27th the Reichstag building was destroyed by fire. This fire was later discovered to have been started by sympathisers of the Nazis at part of a carefully planned campaign to subvert democracy as it [unclear: them] existed in Germany.

Immediately the communists were accused of setting the fire, and many arrests were made of leading officials of the communist party. On this pretext the constitutional guarantees of individual liberty were suspended and the Reich government given emergency powers.

It was in this atmosphere of fear of insecurity that the elections were held a week later. Despite the smear tactics used, the intimidation of working class voters, and massive propaganda drives by the Nazi party, the Nazis failed to secure an outright majority and both the Centre Party and the Social Democrats held firm. It was only with the help of his Nationalist partners that Hitler secured a bare majority of 288 plus 52 seats in a house of 647 deputies.

Hitler's next step was to secure the passage of an enabling bill which would give the government power to issue decrees independently of the Reichstag and the President. For this he required a two thirds majority in the Reichstag.

The 81 Communist deputies who would have vehemently opposed any lessening of democratic rights in Germany, had to be silenced. Also their votes combined with those of the Social Democrats, would have squashed a two thirds majority. The Reichstag fire therefore performed yet another invaluable service to the rise of fascism in Germany. The Communist Deputies were either arrested or excluded from the chamber by police and Nazi supporters. The support of the Nationalist and of the Centre Party (73 seats) was obtained by assurances and promises and the Social Democrats who alone opposed the bill were outvoted 441 to 94.

Many Germans while they were a little suspicious of the direction of the new government were however mollified by the ousting of the communists. The communists alone, after all, stood for the destruction of the present society, for the [unclear: alienation] of personal liberty, their departure, many felt, gave Germany an enhanced stature in the world, and appeared to resolve many of the economic problems facing the middle class.

The enabling Act remained the constitutional basis of Hitler's dictatorship. No new constitution was to be introduced to replace that of the Weimar republic. Fresh laws were promulgated as they were required.

Armed with overriding powers, which he had been careful to obtain without formally infringing on the principle of legality and which he had gained by excluding from the democratic process only the communists, Hitler proceeded to carry out a revolution with the authority of the state on his side. A series of decrees culminating in the Law of the Reconstruction of the Reich abolished the Land diets, and transferred the sovereign powers to the Lander to the Reich.

In May 1933 trade unions organisation was suppressed and the trade unions merged into a German labour front under Robert Ley.

This was followed in the course of the summer by the suppression or "voluntary" dissolution of other

political parties, and on July 14, 1933 the Nazi Party was formally declared the only political party in Germany.

The rest is all history.

Does this ring a bell?

Salient Notes

Full moon is a troublesome time in Salient. It's all Stephen A'Court's fault really. If only his hormones weren't so god-damn sensitive. Peter Beach was the first one to notice something odd about Stephen. Over the preceding few hours, his mustache had been transformed into something rather the same size and texture as a doormat, and the smell was becoming quite oppressive.....Concerned, Peter asked Helen Aikman what they should do about it.

"Oh come on, you don't really believe in that full moon nonsense" asked Helen, her curiously long fangs glinting in the moon-light. More and more anxious, Peter observed the only other person in the office at the time. Unfortunately, it's not easy to be sure about Geoff Adams at the best of times. His farm upbringing combined with his naturally simian outlook means that he has always had a propensity to moving about on all fours and eating large hunks of raw meat.

At last some sanity arrived on the scene in the form of Lorraine Wilson and her dogs. Or was it some dogs with Lorraine? Oh my God!!! They've become indistinguishable. Peter rushed from the room and straight into the arms of Debra Montgomery. "Oh Debra, it's good to see you" blubbered Peter, "All nine foot six and thirty stone of you....."

The terrible realisation hit him at the same time Debra did. Peter's entry into the dark room was as rapid as it was dramatic. So rapid was it that Alan McArthur nearly dropped the glass of developer he was drinking, and wow was he developing. His face had taken on the unmistakable features of an Asahi Pentax, and when he turned around to look at Peter his eyes had the misty look of an f 1.5 lens about them. Things looked decidedly dangerous when Jeremy Richards arrived, his Nikon-like features elongated into the threatening shape of a zoom lens.

Fortunately Mark Wilson was on hand. Mark has been taking his history studies very seriously, and it seemed inevitable that he should be dressed in a long black cloak and be riding a broomstick. Equally unsurprising was the fact that he (without any apparent trouble) turned the belligerent cameras into white rabbits. Lisa Saksen rushed in and grabbed the unfortunate beasts. "For later" she explained.

Over by the light table, Virginia Adams and her deformed henchman Nigel Parry were piecing together an odd assortment of bits and pieces. The end result was a rather unattractive but not totally unfamiliar figure with bolts sticking out of its neck. Virginia was delighted. "Oh" she squeaked "I'll call you Simon Wilson". It was then it happened. Oh my God, yes, it's the Thing From Beyond. "Aw come off it you guys", said Andrew Beach. "It's only Michele A'Court".

Rather sheepishly Graeme Robertson emerged from the pile of debris he had been hiding in, only to be insulted and taunted by a cadaverous looking creature dressed in black armour - Rachael Wood, who was eating a banana with the skin on, winked across the mayhem at Kathy Marr. They knew. Dawn was almost there, and soon these unfortunate side effects would be over. Even Kathryn Fleming, who doesn't really possess a normal state, was beginning to look almost presentable. By the time Chris Conway, hobbling as fast as he could, reached Salient, everyone was quietly working round the light table, and the only sign of anything out of the ordinary was Peter Beach being led away in a straight jacket.

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The Week in Action

Education Fightback

In the last issue a letter that revealed the extent and probable consequences of the cut that were coming. Two days after it came out, muddling Merv Wellington went public and announced the cuts. So now we know: \$3 million off the current universities grant.

The Vice Chancellors' Committee says the money cannot come but of non-salary items because there's

nothing more to come out there. Its view is that salaries must suffer, We're not so sure: with no spending to be cut back anywhere without seriously jeopardising the area from which it comes, who is in a position to argue one side against the other? The simple fact is, if the cuts are accepted, the universities are in big trouble.

At Victoria, it looks like we are in especially big trouble: we have heard that Vic will have to shoulder more than its share of the burden.

- because we don't have so many expensive departments that need to be kept running properly
- because the Government could be thinking there's too much university education in this country and be looking to wind one or two of the "less important" universities down (eg. Victoria and Waikato)
- because we are only a telephone call away from Treasury and all sorts of harmful information might have been unwittingly given by university personnel thinking they were having a friendly chat with an old mate working for the Government.

Whatever the case, we have a clear choice either we accept the cuts and do our best to implement them (ie. give in), or we fight back. It doesn't seem much of a choice really.

Last week the Education Fightback campaign kicked off properly.

Monday: the first organising meeting was held. General areas of work have been decided upon, ranging from production of on-campus publicity to speaking to school committees and community groups. The key to this campaign will be the large scale involvement of students.

Anyone who has an hour or two free and would like to take part, see the Campaign Organiser in the Campaign Room, along the corridor on the middle floor of the Union Building. The campaign also needs information on the specific nature of the coming cuts. Any such information can be dropped in to the Campaign Room, sent through the internal mail, or phoned in (738.566 ext. 59)

Tuesday: Merv Wellington met with NZUSA National Officers about nothing at all. They were told they would be informed of something relating to bursaries, but on arrival Merv demanded that they furnish him with information on hardship cases. NZUSA has been collecting this information, but doesn't have it ready yet. A phone call could have established that. President Chris Gosling called the meeting a "total waste of time."

The Cuts Have Come

Why did Merv call it? Was he going to tell them the cuts were about to be announced, but chickened out at the last moment? The meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday, the day the AUT was officially informed, but Merv's Private Secretary unwittingly moved it forward.

But consider this: with nothing else to talk about, Merv chose hardship allowances. He has a bee in his bonnet about them. Now we know that the Government wants to chop \$5 million out of the bursaries grant. If we take the number of students on the Unabated rate, multiply it by \$11 (the difference between the two rates) and again by 37 (the number of weeks for which the STB is paid), we get approximately \$5,200,000.

Add to this some recently noted signs of support for a loans scheme from the UGC and Treasury, add also Merv's hardship fixation, and what do we have. A budget announcement that the STB will go onto the abated rate for all recipients, with loans available for cases of genuine hardship ministration costs would go up, but a scheme will inevitably be prohibitive [*unclear: en*] to stop most students applying for it. A saving of at least \$5 million (and the end the STB even in the inadequate shape [*unclear: the*] we know it.)

Thursday: a snap picket was [*unclear: cafl*] day after the cuts were announced. [*unclear: A*] students congregated outside Parliament test at the stupidity of the Government [*unclear: de*] A few managed to see local member [*unclear: Ken ber*], who made the usual inane remarks; the Minister himself, stayed well out of [*unclear: the*]

A paper on the new [*unclear: discnminat*] facing overseas students was prepared for Professorial Board. This university has [*unclear: in*] past recognised its responsibility to [*unclear: ovl*] students and against Government [*unclear: atte*] impose racist standards on it. Because [*unclear: the*] university is bound by the University [*unclear: act*] impose only such fees as are provided for its regulations, it therefore is in a position reject the Government policy that [*unclear: ovel*] students will pay \$1,500 per year.

If the Professorial Board adopts the [*unclear: me tion*] presented in the paper that runs [*unclear: afl*] these lines and the University Council [*unclear: for*] lows suit, and if other universities take up Victoria's position, there is a chance that discriminatory fees may be thrown out.

Friday: Open Day 1979 at [*unclear: Victl*] in which the university displayed its [*unclear: gfl rious*] wares to the public at large. The Education Fightback campaign set up three displays around the theme "Closing Day 1980?" to inform the public of the [*unclear: prd*] posed cuts to education spending and the campaign being organised against them. [*unclear: but*] leaflet was also produced, and at the official ceremony, the President presented [*unclear: a*] mission prepared by campaign workers [*unclear: on*] the Association's attitude to the cuts. [*unclear: Taj*] submission has been released to the daily press.

Forthcoming Events:

Monday: VUW Council meets 2.30 pm in the Conference Room at the top of [unclear: East] field. All welcome (for part of the [unclear: meet] at least.)

Wednesday: The Association of [unclear: Univer] Teachers (AUT) meets to discuss the [unclear: cut] The Students Association hopes to be able to find some common ground for action with it.

Thursday: Professorial Board meets, to [unclear: discuss] cuss the cuts and overseas students' [unclear: disci] minatory fees, among other things. These meetings are not open.

Racism in Godzone

Haka Party

When I was first asked to write this article, it was to be a report of the National Commission of NZUSA's May Council. However, the more I thought about one aspect of the Commission - the discussion over the 'haka party' incident - the more I considered that the topic warranted an airing in an article of its own. And so this article will be devoted entirely to this issue; perhaps more information on the functioning of the National Commission will be forthcoming in a future Salient.

Apart from the National delegates from each campus, those during this discussion included Janet Roth (AUSA President) and Kevin Haigh (AUSA Education Vice-President and participant in the haka party.) The debate started with these two people giving their versions of the incident. Perhaps it would be useful at this stage to give a background to the affair.

The haka party is performed by Auckland University School of Engineering students (or engineers during capping.) In it they wear grass skirts, paint their faces brown, and 'tattoo' themselves with lipstick. As many as one hundred male engineers, dressed this way, rampage around the university and through the streets of Auckland. They chant a mock haka, shout obscenities and aim to disrupt as much of ordinary life as possible.

Good, Clean Fun?

Perhaps there are those among us who would consider that this twenty-five year tradition is 'good clean fun', given and taken in the spirit of capping. But this is far from the truth. Many groups, especially Maori students, have always held the view that the haka party is racist and an affront to the Maori Community. This feeling came to a head this year, when Maori activists from the He Taua (War Party) group managed to end the haka party in a confrontation which resulted in the hospitalization of several engineers, and the arrest of eleven Te Haua members on charges of rioting.

Thus two antagonistic views developed: those who see that the issue is primarily one of racism, and those (mainly the engineers) who see the issue purely in terms of the violence committed. Janet Roth immediately released a press statement which stated that the engineers were meted out only the punishment that they deserved and urging that all charges against the Maori activists be dropped. Naturally, this statement angered the engineers, and in a heated forum the next day, a motion of no confidence in Roth was moved. As this article is written the result of this motion is not known.

However, to return to the debate at the National Commission, both Haigh and Roth gave their versions of the incident, the differences being that Haigh claimed that the engineers were unaware of any bad feeling towards the haka party and that he was concerned only with the violence that was used on his friends.

It would be best to clear up this first statement of Haigh's right now. To claim that the engineers were unaware of any opposition to their actions goes beyond the bounds of comprehension. Maori students have expressed their opposition to the haka party since its inception. They have made representations to the engineers calling for the end to the haka party. AUSA has policy which opposes the haka party. To be as liberal as possible to the engineers, the most they could claim is that they ignored the opposition in the mistaken belief that opposition to the haka party is unfounded.

A Racist Act

It is my belief that the haka party is, in fact, a result of racism; and racism of a specific kind. There are two types of racism: conscious and unconscious. Conscious racism is easily detected - in manifests itself in fascist politics (such as those of Hitler's Germany and South Africa today) and in instances where people are condemned or ridiculed on the basis of race.

Unconscious racism is more difficult to detect but it can be objectively seen in the actions of all of us when,

without thinking about it, we prejudge a person or group of people of one race solely on "the basis that they belong to that race. Unconscious racism can also be described as an act which is objectively racist, but subjectively (in your own mind) is not racist. Unconscious racism is largely a result of the culture, the political system or even the nature of the family like in which a person is brought up in. As such it tends to exist covertly with in your mind surfaces, say, in the type of joke you find funny, or the way in which you talk to European (or Jewish, or Malaysian) students. But the difficulty of pin pointing unconscious racism in no way diminishes its seriousness. In fact, I believe that, of the two, unconscious racism is the more dangerous.

It is precisely because this type of racism is so difficult to recognise and eradicate that it poses a greater threat than the racism which is entirely visible. Unconscious racism can result in acts which are just as offensive as any act of conscious racism — certainly unconscious racism, from the point of view of those who suffer from it, is much more frustrating.

I believe that the haka party incident is a result of the unconscious racist attitudes of the Auckland engineers. And, the violence of the incident is entirely a result of these racist attitudes. Consequently, there can be no condemnation (in a court of law or in any other form) of the violence used by members of He Taua. The violence came about because this situation could be averted by no other means - years of talking and 'conciliation' on this, and many other issues of Maori rights, have proved that a peaceful settlement of these antagonistic contradictions is impossible. After all, the incident has brought about the effect that has been vainly desired for years; the haka party has been stopped - for good.

The Policy Decided on

This attitude was reflected in the National Commission in the fate of the first three [unclear: motions] presented on this topic. The first was That NZUSA condemns all conscious and [unclear: the] conscious racist acts - a motion that was [unclear: pas-manimously]. The second motion read NZUSA recognises that the violence [unclear: rated] with the haka party at Auckland [unclear: entity] was a direct result of domestic [unclear: ra-] and the inability of society's "normal nels" to adequately bring about social [unclear: Be].

Drawing of a building being split in two

After much heated discussion this motion was also passed, with one dissenting voice and one abstention. Unfortunately this motion was emasculated at final plenary, where each delegation gets the chance to change the way they voted on motions (and even the motions themselves.) The motion ended up with all the words after ".....domestic racism" deleted. Well, at least half of the reason for the haka party incident will be recognised by NZUSA.

The third motion was That NZUSA condemns physical violence as a means of expressing an opposing view in New Zealand. Apart from being an extremely badly worded motion (what about Australian violence) it fails to recognise the point made earlier that in this case, violence had become the only way to solve the conflict. With a division of opinion, this motion was lost.

It is my opinion that these motions constitute good policy for NZUSA. They recognise the evils of racism, they recognise that members of He Taua are sufferers of domestic racism and in effect, condemn the Auckland engineers for their racist act. As a result, NZUSA will tour a Maori activist (probably a member of He Taua) to further inform students of the evils of domestic racism, and the question of violence in society.

What is Violence

It is this question of violence and our society which warrants further inquiry. It is a question which has been raised by the haka party incident, but not answered by it. Violence, and the role it plays in social change, is certainly not a question which is confined to the area of Maori Rights. Violence is a question which arises especially when we consider the prospect of fundamental changes being made to the type of state we have in New Zealand.

Our developed capitalist state is a product and a manifestation of the irreconcilability of class antagonisms. That is, our society, and others like it, are constituted of several distinct social classes. The primary class antagonism in our society is that the interests of the working class are diametrically opposed to those of the bourgeois classes; and it is a contradiction which, objectively, cannot be reconciled within the present system. Thus, the capitalist state is not an organ for the reconciliation of class antagonisms - rather, it is an organ of class rule, of the oppression of the "working class by the bourgeoisie.

The state then, in New Zealand, creates an 'order' which both legalises and perpetuates this class rule. The class antagonisms, however, cannot exist indefinitely; that is, social forces work towards the eradication of class oppression. But the oppressing classes will not give up their position without violent opposition. Obviously, the liberation of the working class requires a violent revolution in order to destroy the state power of

the oppressor classes. It is in this context that violence and social change must be seen. To oppose violence as a means of solving any social conflict is politically naive. It is a matter of fact that to change the state in a fundamental way - violence is necessary and inevitable. The morality of the cause mitigates the use of violence.

The oppression of Maori Rights and the Maori people is part of the wider oppression of the state. It is an economic advantage to the ruling classes to keep the Maori people's status low. Racist attitudes are merely tools in this wider economic oppression. The liberation of the Maori people (and the eradication of racist attitudes) will come only through the liberation of the entire working class. Violence itself is a necessary tool in this eventual liberation; that the haka party could be stripped by no other method than violence indicates this.

This, I believe, is the light in which the haka party incident must be seen. It is an indication of the role that political violence must fulfil in the final working out of irreconcilable social antagonisms. In itself, the violence cannot be called "revolutionary" — it simply indicates that the social contradictions that produce the oppression of the Maori people, cannot have a non-violent solution.

Stephen A'Court.

[unclear: M'Sia] & Spore News

the mere publication in the Gazette [unclear: xess] in the political system in [unclear: Malay-icre] by rules and regulations become of the land without any public debate Discipline of Staff Rules for university came into force on February 15. The thus promulgated govern the conduct academic staff as well of officers and [unclear: jyees] of the 5 universities in Malaysia.

[unclear: e] controversial rules were drawn up at [unclear: ting] of the Vice-Chancellors in collabo [unclear: i] with the Education Ministry in early

general, the rules require the staff to [unclear: heir] "undivided loyalty and devotion [unclear: i] Yang di-Pertuan Agong (the titular in Malaysia), the country and the [unclear: Uni-y]", bar them from politics, place their [unclear: e] finances under constant scrutiny and [unclear: ly] restrict their freedom to make pu—[unclear: taments] or publish various materials.

[unclear: Oppotion]

[unclear: from] the outset, the proposed rules met [unclear: g] opposition and protests from the [unclear: uni-y] staff. On 15th January 1978, a [unclear: mee-if] the academic staff associations of all [unclear: versities] agreed upon and counter-[unclear: pro-I] to the authorities a "University [unclear: Char-which] established university autonomy code of professional ethics for [unclear: univer-achers.] The proposed "University [unclear: er]" was ignored by the Education [unclear: Mi-ed] and University authorities.

[unclear: i] the very day the Rules were gazetted [unclear: cademic] Staff Association of the [unclear: Uni-y] of Malaya (PKAUM) issued strike [unclear: ba-to] its members. A week later, its [unclear: Presi-] Professor Abdul Kahar Bador, was [unclear: sac-rom] his post as head of the [unclear: Anthro-po-ind] Sociology Department in the [unclear: Uni-y] of Malaya by the Vice-Chancellor, Ungku Abdul Aziz, though the [unclear: Edu-i] Minister, Datuk Musa Hitam, [unclear: stre-y] denied that it had anything to do Prof. Kahar's activities as PKAUM's [unclear: lent].

March 7, at an extraordinary general [unclear: ng] of PKAUM, attended by over 300 [unclear: ers], tutors and heads of departments, of the 612 strike ballots returned [unclear: fa-d] industrial action to resolve the [unclear: dis-over] the disciplinary Rules. A further [unclear: jsal] for a collective agreement on [unclear: res-of] the Rules was also adopted at the [unclear: ing].

[unclear: le] Academic Staff Association of the [unclear: rsity] Teknologi Malaysia also rejected [unclear: Lules] and called for their immediate with [unclear: al]. Submitting a counter proposal to the the Association also set up a strike fund [unclear: ticipation] of industrial action.

the face of an unprecedented threat of [unclear: ke] by academics, the Education Minister Hitam, met with representatives of the Staff Associations of the 5 universities on March 17, and decided to suspend the Rules pending further review.

Background to Suppression

The dispute over the Discipline of Staff Rules is only the latest round in the running battle between the government and the academic community over the fundamental principles of university autonomy, freedom and the basic democratic rights of intellectuals. The struggle dates back to the 1960s when students and academics began to be more vocal in articulating the plight of the disinherited masses of the people, actively supporting

their struggles (e.g. the landless peasants led by Hamid Tuah in clearing and occupying 'state' land in the 60s) and exposing government corruption and mismanagement of the country's affairs.

During the general elections in May 1969, the University of Malaya Students' Union put forward a manifesto analysing the problems facing our people, voicing their demands for civil liberties and social justice, and held election rallies, attended by tens of thousands of people in towns and countryside, to explain the root causes of the country's ills and expose the government's indifference to and complicity in the hardships of the common people. Then in 1971, amidst widespread protests at home and abroad, the government enacted the Universities and University College Act (UUCA) designed to [unclear: streng-] The Act tailed suppress student activities.

Peasants - Students Solidarity

The Act failed to stultify critical inquiry by the students who continued to use their knowledge to analyse this country's problems. When the students began to articulate the oppression and sufferings faced by the squatters, peasants and workers, they incurred the open hostility of the authorities. In September 1974, when the students protested against the demolition of squatter houses at Tasik Utra in Johore Bahru, the University of Malaya students Union was suspended under the UUCA by the then Education Minister, Dr Mahathir Mohamed Undaunted, the students all over the country continued in their struggle.

In September 1974, starvation brought the peasants and workers out to protest at Baling, Sik, Kubang Pasu, Selama, Bandar Baru, Batu Kuray and many other areas in the biggest peasants' demonstrations since the days of the anti-colonial struggle.

The students in every institution of higher learning in the country came out to demonstrate in support of the peasants demand that the government took immediate action to alleviate the hardship of the poor people.

Academics' Support

The academics too fully supported the students' and peasants' struggle against rural poverty. A statement issued by the Academic Staff Association of the 5 universities on Dec. 12, 1974, said in parts: ".....we believe that students in institutions of higher learning were justified in highlighting the plight of power various parts of Malaysia, especially in rural areas. Students should continue to be concerned with the problems of the nation as part of their intellectual as well as their social committment. When students are aware of such a committment it becomes imperative to develop effective channels of communication so that their views could be harnessed for purposes on national developement. We regret that recent student demonstrations expressing concern for the problems of the poor degenerate into a confrontation between the police and students. As a result of confrontation, it appears that public interest has been shifted from the real problems of Malaysian society to the way in which students expressed themselves."

The statement went on to "urge the government to launch immediately a Fund For Food Campaign as a short term measure to alleviate the suffering of the poor in the country. We resolve that all our members shall contribute at least 5% of their salary towards this fund. But we believe that for long term solution of poverty it is necessary to mobilise all available research resources to study the problem. The academic Staff Association, for its part, is prepared to participate fully in this effort. We urge the government to take up this task as a matter of the highest priority."

Instead of congratulating the academic communities for taking an interest in the plight of the less privileged, the government replied with crude repression.

Thousands of troops were sent into the universities through out the country to terrorise the students and staff. More than 1100 students were arrested in one demonstration. 38 students, lecturers, youth and religious leaders were detained without trial under the Internal Security Act. Some are still detained today, the most prominent being Dr Syed Husin Ali, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Malava: some have been forced to seek refuge abroad e.g. Hishammudin Rais, Secretary General of the University of Malaya Students' Union and the whereabouts of some are still unknown.

In the wake of the student upheaval, the government unleashed further repression in the form of an Amendment to UUCA designed to render the universities a servile, unthinking and uncritical adjunct of the Government.

The Amendment Act 1975

Under the UUCA Amendment 1975, University autonomy and students' right to organise were completely destroyed. All student bodies were dissolved and had to seek fresh approval from the Vice Chancellor (vc) on such terms as he specified. The University Council, the executive body of the university, which hitherto had a

majority of its members selected from and by bodies involved directly in the university (e.g. the University Senate, the Graduate Guild, etc) then had an overwhelming majority appointed by the Education Minister.

The Vice Chancellor formerly appointed by the Council, was then appointed by the Minister and removable only by him; so was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor who might be selected "from within or without the University." Deans, Deputy Deans and Heads of Departments, formerly elected by faculty members from among their own rank, were then appointed by the government's nominee, the Vice-Chancellor and removable at his discretion. The discretion. The recent sacking of the PKAUM President, Prof. Kahar, as head of the Anthropology and Sociology Department amply demonstrate the intent of the UUCA amendment in that it guarantees the government direct political manipulation of the academic community through its hatchet-man, the Vice-Chancellor.

The Amendment Act also provides for the promulgation of disciplinary rules for university staff, by which new offences can be created, punishable by such penalties as reduced salary, suspension without salary, reduction in rank and dismissals. All appointments to the university, including appointments made before the commencement of the Amendment Act, are subjected to the Act, which includes the disciplinary rules. Hence, the recently gazetted Discipline of Staff Rules, 1979.

Academic Freedom Destroyed

The intent of the Rules is transparently clear in its suppression of the democratic freedoms of the University staff. As the Vice Chancellor of the University of Malaya Prof. Ungku Aziz spelt it out: "Suppose a lecturer on constitutional matters questions a certain aspect of the national constitution in the spirit of intellectual debate. Fine, I'll back him 100%. But it would be different if he then proceeds to lead a movement to bring about changes: that's one thing the new rules are clearly designed to prevent.

Any intellectual, who rightly sees the use of his knowledge, not for intellectual masturbation, but for serving and promoting the welfare and interests of the less privileged majority of our people, will find grounds to revolt against such draconian measures that deny him the liberty to perform his social responsibilities.

Arts Festival

If you noticed the dazed, dozy, starry-eyed students wandering around at the beginning of the term and you are wondering what happened here's the answer - a week at the Student Arts Festival.

If anyone was going to complain about the Arts Festival (held in Christchurch, May 5-12) there would be one overriding argument - too much to see in too little time. Although incredibly well organised (thank-you John Page and many others) it was a hectic week with each day's events starting at 10 am and going through to the early hours. Anyone who was going to try and see everything they were interested in had to be in top gear from go to woe.

Sunday's opening started with a Concerto for Twenty-odd car horns. Armed with a screwdriver for a baton the conductor, Phillip Norman, managed to co-ordinate the car-horn honkers into what was, surprisingly aptly, termed an arpeggio. A large crowd stood in the rain and applauded their way into a renewed blast or, in musical terms, an encore.

Despite the weather enthusiasm was high at the Grand Opening. Later in the afternoon John Gadsy kept the crowd amused during a Poetathlon; five people read poetry as they performed various feats round an obstacle course. Wading through the icy cold Ilam stream, drinking wine, hurdling and a sack race were nothing to the orators who performed bravely in the name of art.

On a more formal note the Festival was officially opened by the Minister for the Arts, Hon Mr Alan Highet. Mr Highet spoke about the Youth Initiatives Fund which was established in December 1977 as "the Government's response to the social effects on young people of the unemployment situation." Jobs in the arts have been created for a lot of young people, including some of the festival organisers, under this scheme.

The organisers certainly did their job incredibly well and John Page, the director, who has been working towards the Festival for over a year, certainly deserves more than a pat on the back. Some of the groups performing, such as the Chameleon Theatre Group, are employed under the Temporary Employment Scheme. It seems crazy that it takes an unemployment situation before people are paid by the Government to work in the Arts.

The highlight of Sunday evening was the *Tripple Ripple* Rock Concert held in the Town Hall - the "tripples" being Te Aroha, a predominantly Maori band, Citizen Band, and an Auckland group; and, fresh from Australia, the Phil Manning Band. The latter certainly provided the "ripple" particularly the band's leading guitarist and names like Phil Manning, and their newly acquired guitarist-cum-blues harp player Midge Marsden (a New

Zealand boy who used to play in Country Flyers.)

Music

Music at the Festival didn't stop at Rock, in fact it was hardly noticed there was so much else going on. Folk and Jazz concerts and "workshops" were also held giving people a chance to listen to the greats and then have a go themselves.

The Folk section was organised by Rob Lake and performers including Wellington's Marg Layton and Paul Metsers, Brendan Power (Nelson) and many more.

The Jazz section included dixieland and street bands and the highlight was a Jazz concert starring Bob Bradfords Big Band, Doug Caldwell Trio, Malcolm McNeillands sextet and the Bobcats. The classical section included an opera, "Dido and Aeneas" and lots of concerts from professional to amateur and university groups.

A pair of musicians who didn't want to be classified as any particular "type" of music were a group called Negative Theatre. John McLearly and Louise Loft with their guitars performed their own music - mainly personal and protest lyrics in a variety of styles. They included dramatic effects in their act and although they had only performed in public twice previously they were very well recieved. Perhpas the strength of their performances came from the sincerity with which they sang.

Drama

The outstanding feature of the drama at the festival was the number of groups performing either their own or New Zealand written plays.

Particularly popular were the Chameleon Theatre Group whose repertoire ranged from a documentary style play, "Leonard and Virginia" — a look at the intellectual Bloomsbury Group, to clowning in the square.

Dynamic new styles for theatre were also presented by The Plague and Jam Burlesque - the latter who seem to be a little too obsessed with sexuality. Plays by three New Zealanders - Alan Trussell - Cullen, Gordan Dryland and/a younger writer Peter Tait:—were presented with a commendable degree of success, although they all centred around similar domestic scenes.

The university revues from Victoria and Auckland were very popular, Otago didn't show up and Massey's wasn't quite up to standard, judging by audience reaction. What more can I say - everyone is a little patriotic. The theatre workshops were a great success - young actors and actresses saw the chance of instruction from recognised artists and grabbed it.

Children

Childrens events became a festival of thin own and included plays, clowns, workshops (for parents and children) and an adventure playground. Particularly enjoyable were two of the three plays by Gay Cusack which were presented: "Archibald Snowaddles Magic Custard" and "The Gravy Blobs". With names like that how could they miss?

Dance

Predictably Limbs were the highlight of the Dance section, but a lot of people worked hard and even the beginners workshop group entertained the public with their "Fashion Parade" which featured a variety of legs, heads, arms and faces that can be worn on different occasions.

Poetry and Film

A wide variety of poets read their own poems during the week. Among the well-knowns were Peter Olds, Lauris Edmond and Alistair Paterson. In addition to [unclear: tm] ding, Ken Hudson presented a poem and a short story at films he had made. [unclear: These] showed how well someone can make a film, although inexperienced, if he has good ideas behind him.

Ken's films were a great contrast to the ones we saw made by students from the school division of the Fine Arts Schools These films were a bad reflection of what happens when ambitious film-making [unclear: open] rations are undertaken by people with [unclear: the] limited technical skills and only partly [unclear: developed] ideas.

Visual

Other visual displays included photography - from instamatic shots to first [unclear: class] "professional" ones — and artwork by [unclear: people] of all ages.

Fringe

Fringe arts is a term invented for [unclear: evl] thing that couldn't be classed as anything else. They ranged from "Ye Battle of [unclear: ye] Studass Pass" starring Alf's Imperial [unclear: Army] to the "National Frisbee Fling."

The highlight of the fringes was [unclear: pro] bly a debate; "That Vanity is the best [unclear: people]", held in the Town Hall. Over 600 lookers cheered and booed while Bob [unclear: joe] A. K. Grant, the Wizard and other "[unclear: cell] ties" hurled abuse at each other.

Multi Media

The proposed highlight of Tuesday, [unclear: va] "Multi Media", was a bit of an [unclear: anrichrofl] many. It was a case of being in the right at the right time and if you weren't there missed out. The Student Union Building "transformed into an organic artwork" [unclear: was] you were too early, or too late, you [unclear: miss] out on Limbs (in an otherwise empty [unclear: hi] tube), films, drama and a "metal [unclear: orchestra] Queueing for each event led to high [unclear: expect] tations which were often left unfulfilled.

An estimated 12 to 15,000 of the [unclear: \$15] \$20 tickets to the festival were sold yet [unclear: tye] organisers only hoped to "break even" [unclear: does] pite the \$55,000 grant they recieved from the Student Arts Council However. [unclear: v] few of the hundreds of people involved [unclear: wa] deny that it was money well-spent. [unclear: Ro] the next festival.

AUS in Trouble

Recently Michael Carr-Gregg was co-incided with a referendum at Macquarie University in Melbourne on membership of the Australian Union of Students (AUS a sort of equivalent to our NZUSA.) Below he offers his analysis of AUS and its problems.

Three weeks ago, Macquarie University Students' Council decided to withdraw from a much troubled and criticised Australian Union of Students. In what was the highest student turn out in Macquarie's ten year history, the vote was 1519 in favor of secession, and 1236 against.

Steve Lewis, the president of Macquarie, told Australia's weekly news magazine, the Bulletin, that ".....the AUS machine devoted a huge amount of resources to this campaign. There were thousands of leaflets distributed and a Friends of AUS table manned daily. Fifteen hundred copies of a pro-AUS newspaper was distributed and outside speakers - union officials and academics were called in to help, all that and AUS still couldn't hang on to Macquarie."

So far this year, the universities of Melbourne, Macquarie and New South Wales, as well as the Swinbourne College of Advanced Education, the Sydney Conservatorium and the North Brisbane Advanced College of Education have all left AUS. In response to the Macquarie vote, the President of Sydney University, Tony Abbott, moved a motion of secession for his own campus, and a referendum to decide the issue will be held in the second week of the second term.

To add to the ever increasing worries-of AUS President Chris Hobson, it was revealed last week that there are proposals for Monash, and the University of New England to follow suit, as well, people on Tasmanian campuses are organizing secessions for next term. The principle thorns in Chris Hobson's side, are the Centre Unity student groups, who claim that they have tried for three years or more to reform AUS, but have been frustrated by what they see as the undemocratic structure of the Union. They have been joined in their protests by the Liberal students who are vigorously opposed to the left wing nature of AUS,

Most Australian students I spoke to, did not seem to question the need for some kind of national body or organisation, but many have recently tried to examine the accountability and relevance of the present AUS, to the average student.

In particular they objected to what they described as an increasing tendency for AUS to become a mini-united Nations, currently supporting South African Liberation Centre, Malaysian News Service, Thai Information Centre and the Squatters campaign. Many kinds of organisations have come under the benevolent wing of AUS. Having supported the PLO in 1974/5, there was still a need to debate the Israel/Palestine and Kampuchean Vietnamese situations at the last conference. AUS then came out in support of "armed struggle in South Africa."

It is only a matter of time now until the traditional left wing leadership of AUS finds itself out on its ear. But what lessons can we learn from the Australian situation? How long will it be until NZUSA is faced with the same problem? What can be done now, to help avoid this type of situation? These are the questions that our student leaders must consider now and act urgently.

Michael Carr-Gregg

When Mr Carr-Gregg handed me this article, he said he believed the issue to be an important one. We agree, and Salient intends to produce an in depth article in the near future.

In the meantime however, Salient believes that facts are important, and therefore we ask readers to take note of the following errors and inaccuracies in Mr Carr-Gregg's article.

- Tony Abbott, is a very prominent member of the National Civic Council, a fascist organisation which sprang up in Queensland (where else) and had been transporting its adherents around the country to spread its influence. For example at the 1978 AUS Council Abbott represented the Queensland University. He is now, one year later at the Sydney University, where Mr Carr-Gregg spent much of his time. Unlike the students mentioned in the article, the National Civic Council is opposed to any form of National Student Unionism and it is the Liberal students who are supporting an alternative student union.
- After the '78 AUS Council largely because of the cowardice of the leadership of AUS, and their refusal to organise their members into a campaign, AUS found itself by law denied the right to support various campaigns and projects they had funded in the past. These included the South African Information Centre, the Thai information Centre, the squatters campaign, the Malayan News Service and many more, including the Black Resource Centre. The Black Resource Centre is situated at Brisbane and is one of few effective self-help centres run by Australian Blacks.
- There was no debate in 1979, 78 or 77 at the AUS Councils on the "PLO/Israel question". The debate was on whether AUS should have any policy at all on the middle east. In the 1977 and 78 Councils the National Civic Council (whose anti-semitism is as pure and unrefined as Hitler's) and the Australian Jewish Students Association formed an unholy alliance with the Communist Party of Australia to prevent discussions on this topic, and to constrain the officers of AUS in even privately expressing their own opinions. Many of the "centre left" were surprisingly antagonistic to this ploy.
- AUS has supported "armed struggle" in southern Africa since 1976 to our certain knowledge, and probably supported it long before then.
- The "left-wing" leadership of AUS has consisted since 1975 of members of the Communist Party of Australia (the equivocal of the SUP only less so) the Social list Youth Alliance (Trotskyites) and their managers on. After Patrick Mulrennens [unclear: pi] forance at the SGM on Wednesday one would have thought that this was the type of "left" that Mr Carr-Gregg approved of.
- The University of New South Wales, [unclear: the] Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and many of the smaller colleges of Melbourne have left AUS not because of the "left" nature of that organisation, but because they believe that AUS at the 1978 Council deserted, without a fight, many of the principles and campaigns they consider appropriate to a national students union. Things such as the Black Resource Centre Malayan News Service, the Thai Information Centre. They were particularly antagonistic to AUS because of the attitude of the leadership of AUS towards the National Overseas Students Service, which was not only monstrously ill-treated at the 1978 Council but was also stripped of all its funding. In addition to this a member of the Communist Party of Australia decided that the 1978 Council was the time to accuse the NOSS of supplying the Malayan Communist Party with funds, and certain leading people in NOSS of being members of the MCP. But these allegations are capital crimes in [unclear: Malayasia] Fine inspiring leadership, showing great concern for the well-being of its members, but left-wing? hardly!

The demise of the Australian Union of Students is as tragic as it now seems [unclear: mev] table. But the conditions that apply and [unclear: com] plied in Australia are completely different what has happened in New Zealand for the last few years. While there has been the [unclear: smae] resurgence in the right, with extremist [unclear: group] like to NCC and the National Front [unclear: port] huge sums of money into campaigns to [unclear: de] troy student unionism, the leadership, the aims, the work, and the objectives of the two organisations have always been at variance. Proximity should not be taken for complicity. To try to draw the parallels between the two organisations is neither just nor honest.

[unclear: An] Injury to One, An Injury to all

[unclear: Emergency] NOSAC Meeting

[unclear: C] last Tuesday night an emergency [unclear: age] of the Victoria University branch SAC (National Overseas Students [unclear: Act-mmittee]) was held. The meeting, [unclear: call-discuss] the news of the discriminatory [unclear: ing] imposed on overseas students, [unclear: ed] over 80 students, most of them [unclear: nans].

[unclear: about] any consultation or discuss-common feature of this [unclear: Govern-ment] announcements on overseas student overseas students learnt that from next ear all new entrants from overseas to [unclear: caland] universities will have to pay in tuition fees. After some confus-was found that students from the would not have to pay these fees, [unclear: st] overseas students are from Malaysia [unclear: w] policy means that the majority of as students will have to pay these [unclear: dis-atory] fees.

[unclear: I] announcement of the new fees came [unclear: rprise] to all sections of the [unclear: govern-hat] deal with overseas students. [unclear: Nei-ie] Labour Department, the Ministry of [unclear: n] Affairs or the Education [unclear: Depart-new] that the fees were being [unclear: consider-ithout] taking the advice of people in [unclear: lepartments], who whatever their own [unclear: n] overseas students, do at least have [unclear: xperience] in matters relating to ed-for non-New Zealand citizens, the [unclear: lment] in its typically highhanded [unclear: man-ided] to go it alone.

[unclear: It] was emphasised at the meeting, [unclear: com-to] the suffering that the new fees will the monetary benefit for the [unclear: Govern-s] paltry. The new fees are expected [unclear: g] another \$800,000 in revenue in [unclear: rising] to about \$2 million in 1982[unclear: w] fees do not affect students [unclear: current-Ued] at university). The universities [unclear: Ives] cost more than \$100,000,000 to [unclear: d] Muldoon has admitted that the total internal deficit is now \$1.5 billion. In this situation \$800,000 is not even a drop in the bucket.

THAT'S THE WAY, ROB, MY FRIEND OVER SEATS STUDENTS COST US TWO MUCH — NZ.
GOVT

Chris Gosling, the President of NZUSA, pointed out that bearing this in mind, it was more than likely, that if the new fees were accepted without too much fuss, they would be imposed across the board to all students at universities, overseas and kiwi alike.

Gosling also said that countries like New Zealand, which has a fair measure of industrialisation, have an obligation to assist third world countries, and that the educational aid that New Zealand provides, while it had been restricted by previous Government action, was a very valuable way of doing this.

The meeting was informed that this kind of discriminatory action was not confined to New Zealand. Both the Australian and the British Governments have already attempted to do the same thing. Mr Low, the Coordinator of the National Overseas Student Service of Australia, told the meeting that Australian students had managed to effectively mobilise together against the governments actions, and urged overseas students to show the greatest possible unity in the face of this common threat.

It is not surprising that the Government should have excluded Pacific students from the fees, as that will have the effect of splitting the unity of overseas students, a ploy that the Government is fond of using.

Unity among other section of overseas students, should however be strong, and both the President of MSSA and MSA pledged themselves to supporting activities against the new fees.

Various forms of protest action were then planned at the meeting, and a call was made for funds and workers to make the campaign a success. Salient will publish details of the campaign as they come to hand.

All students have to wake up to the fact that unless they get organised to fight-back against the Government's actions, further abuses to the University system and to education as a whole will occur, and with these economic measures will come further attacks on freedom and civil liberty. There is an old trade union saying that is very appropriate for for the current situation. "An injury to one is an injury to all."

[unclear: From] the [unclear: Courts]

Photo of an arched doorway

Finally a decision from the Hunua [unclear: elec-te]. Following a seven week hearing, 11 page decision was released on May The electoral Court consisted of [unclear: ef] Justice Sir Ronald Davidson, Mr [unclear: ice] Sinclair.

The Court ordered a recount of votes in the Hunua electorate during last [unclear: r's] General election. It instructed the [unclear: itineer] to disallow, for among other [unclear: rea-s], any votes marked with ticks or

[unclear: cros-mstcad] of the recognised crossing out [unclear: 11] names except the name of the [unclear: candi-s] voted for. It also disallowed a num-of votes for reasons such as plural [unclear: vo-sa] and duplicate appearances on the [unclear: elec-the] roll, which people had taken advan [unclear: the] of. The petitioners challenged 1100 [unclear: es] of which the court disallowed 480.

Ironically one of the votes disallowed that of Mr Winston Peters, National [unclear: iididate] for Hunua and Chief petittio-He exercised a 1976 census option the Maori roll and was therefore not [unclear: itled] to enroll in the Hunua electorate. [unclear: gs] must really be bad when the candi[unclear: es] don't even know which electorate [unclear: y] are in. If Mr Peters should be [unclear: succe-f1] now, he will be representing an electorate of which he is not even a member-is this what is called representation?

The Court described the situation of plural voting in the electorate as unfortunate because it demonstrated that ordinary persons could descend to deceit and dishonestly just over this simple issue of an election. This may be so but firstly a general election is not a simple issue and secondly perhaps the voters were just following the examples of the political parties which had descended to equal depths during the campaign.

Some voters were registered on two electoral roles and took advantage of this to vote twice. Many Polynesian's names appeared twice, in English and Polynesian, these people sometimes voted twice. A large proportion of the blame for voting discrepancies due to inaccurate rolls may be laid at the feet of the electoral officers. These bunglers made rather incompetent midwives of the electoral roll baby.

There were of course blatant cases of plural voting by using separate polling stations and special votes. The court suggested the production of identification cards which would erase this problem. This is a reasonable solution however it may be a solution to a few problems of the SIS also, if these cards ended up being used for other purposes.

What appears to be the most significant and sinister decision of the court is the disallowing of votes with ticks or crosses. Just because people are ignorant of voting methods there is no reason to disallow votes which are still easily legible. This decision may put another seat in National's hands when by rights it should belong to Labour. This decision is removing people's right to vote and is treating one electorate in variance to the others in New Zealand. It is not democratic. Logically this decision should apply to the whole of New Zealand which means a total recount.

Ideally there should be a new election. Last year's was a fiasco especially with the rolls in such a mess. However perhaps we don't need a parliament. Rob Muldoon & Co. have been making some very important decisions in the last seven months totally unopposed by parliament. What a good thing everybody trusts him - otherwise someone might say something about how totalitarian it seems.
Chris Conway.

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Economics

An open Letter to the Head of the Economics Department

Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the activities of two junior members of your Department, who apparently coordinate the Economics 101 class.

You are aware, no doubt, that there is at present academic debate about the value of classical microeconomics, such as is taught in that class. For example, it has been called irrelevant to the real world: ideologically biased in favour of the maintaining the capitalist status quo; trivial in any of its applications.

These are quite fundamental challenges, and when it was suggested to Messrs Bertrarm and Stephens that they should be aired openly, the gentlemen agreed to a class debate. And, lo, when the debate occurred, the gentlemen spent their time passionately defending the status quo (Bertram actually said we were being trained to fit into our "chosen" society.) I suppose it was an act of purest optimism to hope that two such junior academics should have yet learnt of the need for integrity, open debate, and challenge in the university.

At the end of the classes in which this 'debate' took place, Mr Stephens suggested a vote on whether the class would be [*unclear*: interested] in studying alternative theories. Approximately three people wanted these lectures for every one who didn't. Mr Stephens agreed to arrange these lectures, but Dr Bertram said, "Not in my part of the course, you won't". Leaving aside the arrogance of this statement, you must agree that it was irrelevant to the point at issue. The challenge is to the micro-economics part of the course, and the alternative lectures were obviously going to be valuable only if they opened the debate on Micro economics further. Dr Bertram is responsible for the Macro part of the course.

When approached at the beginning of this term, Dr Bertram said that there would be no change in the course; that in the 'general' section at the end of the Macro course, there would be lectures on Marxist and Institutionalist economics as there always are (this, you must note, is not in the spirit of what had been agreed on in class.) Mr Stephens said that he could not change the course and upset other lecturers. So much for promises to respond to student requests and interest. I must confess to being slightly disappointed by this turnaround.

Before I go back to Lipsey (the Econ 101 text), and rote learn the rubbish I apparently have to trot out to get a pass mark, I would like to ask a few questions:

Is it departmental policy to simply ram bad theory down students' throats; to stultify rather than stimulate; to ignore student interest in the subject?

Do you think that this course would be more valuable if it set itself to challenge ideas, and develop new ones?

Why is it departmental policy to have such an important course run by such junior people? Do you yourself believe that the micro-economics we are taught is value-free? That it is useful in the real world? That is not basically trivial?

Why do you think that our great leader, Mr Muldoon, dismisses academic economists as "out of touch with the real world?" (The evidence given at this university is forcing me into the untenable and horrifying position of agreeing with him, for the first time ever.)

Is there any connection between the type of training offered at this university, and the total lack of long-term (or effective short term) economic planning evident in Government?

Drawing demonstrating economics and inflation

I hope you find time to write an answer to this letter. However, if the answers you would give to the above questions are what I believe they might be, I won't be expecting one. Cynical friends have told me that academics are far more interested in tenure [*unclear*: the] in truth. I wish I could be convinced [*unclear*: other] wise.

Yours in anticipation,

W. B. Anderson.

Film

Don't Miss Nashville!

This Tuesday (May 29) the Student Association is screening Robert Altman's Nashville (Memorial Theatre, 2.15 pm). It's one of about half a dozen really good films they're showing this year, and well worth skipping lectures or selling your grandmother into slavery to see.

Altman is perhaps the most innovatory and exciting (and certainly the most prolific - he's released three new films in the States within the last year, all of which were still waiting to see) of the present generation of American film-makers. Whereas directors like Lucas and Spielberg and Coppola (their films have been the top grossers of all time) remain basically traditional in their approach to the medium, Altman is continually experimenting. Films as diverse as *Mash*, *Three Women*, and *Buffalo Bill and the Indians*, evidence the different directions he has moved in, in both content and form, in his career. *Three Women* is his most stylistically adventurous work to date, and as such is a resounding success. Until this film Altman's main centre of interest has usually been the sound track. The soundtrack to *Three Women* is certainly very clever, packed with aural jokes, but in this film the visuals demand our closest attention, particularly the way selected colours (blue, yellow and pink) and the grotesque murals are used in the narrative. Perhaps he felt held already developed manipulation of the soundtrack to its logical conclusion. Because this is (part of) what he achieves in Nashville.

Sound and Vision

Nashville is a startlingly original film, and much of the credit for this, as I've suggested, must go to Altman's careful control of what we hear. Basically, he filmed most scenes of the film with multiple centres of interest (that is to say, with 3 or 4 different activities or conversations going on within the cameras range), itself a result of having several major characters all as important as one another and all involved in different plots. He recorded each of these conversation etc. separately, and then in the sound mix balanced them out against each other so that either a) we hear one more clearly than the others, and pay attention to it, or b) we hear every thing that's going on, and have to choose for ourselves what we're going to pay attention to. That's kind of a simplified version of the technique, but I hope that you can see that it results in very stimulating viewing. The viewer is forced to participate in the creative process. God that sounds pretentious, but the net result of it all is that its possible to see Nashville a second or third time and see quite a different film.

This playing around with the soundtrack is first prominent in Altman's work in *Mash*, where often conversations overlap both each other and the divisions between scenes, and the characters themselves fool around with public address systems. Given this awareness of the potential of control of sound, it was only natural he should go on to make a film centred on the music industry.

The American Nightmare

And so at last to what Nashville is about. To wit: a zany, kaleidoscopic view of bicentennial celebrations in the country-music capital of the world. A notable feature of most Altman's films is that they are distinctly American, and Nashville is no exception. While *Three Women* makes some devastating sideswipes at the consumer culture, and *Mash* stampedes whole herds of sacred cows, Nashville methodically and savagely demolishes the entire American dream. Not only that, but it brilliantly captures the fatalistic atmosphere of post-Watergate political paranoia. Its shock climax, through, runs so close to slapstick as to mix tragedy with farce, and the final effect achieved is one of catharsis, a rediscovery of strength and a note of genuine hope.

Enough jargon. Nashville is an energetic hilarious, and very rich film, and it contains more fine performances (especially from Ro-nee Blakely as the country-and-western queen on the verge of a nervous breakdown, Geraldine Chaplin, Keith Carradine, Karen Black, Lily [unclear: lin], Barbara Harris etc. etc. etc.) than you're likely to get by touring all the movies at present on in town. One of me very best English speaking films ever.

Something Completely Different:

Another film worth seeing is Michael Thornhill's *The FJ Holden*, showing at the Majestic. Screened first at

the Film Festival last year, it's now on release and being plugged on the basis of its cars, sex and [unclear: Au-] chunder appeal. All that it has, but don't 'be fooled. It's actually a very sharp satire on suburban life Down Under (especially the roles both sexes are forced into) that's embarrassingly close to home. The details are right down to the concrete garden gnome hurled through the lounge window. Recommended.

A Polish Perspective

I was lucky enough to get to talk to Polish film director Krzysztof Zanussi when he visited the country a few weeks ago. However, as I didn't take notes (and was three—quarters sloshed at the time anyway) I won't attempt to quote him (I'll just plagiarize other people's quotations instead, and hope they're accurate.) I will, though, recommend his work highly. In conjunction with his visit the Film Commission screened *Behind The Wall*, a film he made in 1971 for Polish television, and it was very good indeed. A small, modest feature - an encounter between two people, a scientist (Zanussi himself trained to be a physicist before abandoning that career in favour of film) and the woman he must turn down for a job. Something well within the scope of New Zealand's present resources, but more perspective, more eloquent, more relevant, if you like, than anything made here that I've yet seen (with the possible exception of Vincent Ward and Tim White's *A State of Siege*, which is still awaiting a Wellington release). His most recent film, *Camouflage*, is booked for this year's Film Festival. One to look for.

Scientist and Artist

A couple of things make Zanussi particularly interesting as a director. Firstly, there's his background in science. Its influence could be strongly felt in *Behind The Wall* (and apparently the rest of the films too.) Not in any cold, clinical way, nor in the mere fact that his protagonists are themselves scientists, but in the sense one gets of a questioning, a controlled probing into what makes people tick, what shapes their own values and the way they relate to others. In *Behind The Wall* the camera closes in like a microscope on the characters, never flinching from the centre of interest. As their conversation becomes more and more personal and soul-baring, there are fewer and fewer cuts. This fascination with the uniquely human, Zanussi suggests, was part of the reason for nil disillusionment with science. 'My interest', he says, 'was more in people than in matter.....Perhaps I had to understand very early on that physics was unable—that science was unable — to give universal answers to many philosophical and elementary questions about the nature of our existence.'

Being a film-maker in Poland also has interesting influence on his work: '..... there are two interfering elements: difference of systems and difference of cultures You are an extension of the Anglo-Saxon [unclear: of] American conception of life, we are not—are Europeans. You are living in a [unclear: Capita] country, and we are not. Both these things are responsible for totally different [unclear: outlo] on things. You are probably aware of [unclear: soi] economic differences, while our production is totally subsidized. We get our money regularly and it is not connected with the income films make. It is easier to explain—or more difficult to explain — that this conception is considered completely natural, because film, and indeed all our cultural needs are considered elementary needs, whereas in this country they are not.

'If you look at semantics....when you say "success" in your language you naturally this "commercial success", whereas for us it is a [unclear: ect] pattern of speech to say a film was [unclear: "very] popular but totally unsuccessful". It mean [unclear: the] it was stupid, bad. Of course many people [unclear: feed] it, but it is not quantity that decides [unclear: we] have in mind other criteria like, for example Would people remember this film? Would this film or this novel influence their life or their attitudes? If it doesn't, it does not [unclear: roter] if they have not seen it or not - they may all have seen it and forgotten it. So you [unclear: u tand] that the fact that films are subsidize is natural for us, something that should be done

'Film is more important in terms of the health of society, in terms of the proper [unclear: fuctioning] of society. From that point of view we have a chance of getting money to make our next film each time without many problems. I have to have a script approved and this is another chapter because whatever is subsidized by the State is controlled by the State and the State would not permit me to make things which express ideas [unclear: contradic] to the policy of the State. But there is a [unclear: certain] margin of tolerance and freedom of [unclear: el] resion, which I try to explore in my films.'

(Quotations thieved from Cinema Papers)

Paul Hagan

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Drama

[unclear: Macbeth] Minus Magic

[unclear: Cbeth]

William Shakespeare

[unclear: Directed] by John Banas

[unclear: wastage] at the State Opera House

Downstage has recently indulged in [unclear: un-sedented] expansion. The theatre [unclear: deci-] to do four plays at once: two in the [unclear: inah] Playhouse, alternating weekly as [unclear: perty] season; and two at the State [unclear: ra] House. These latter were a child[unclear: 's] show and the annual Shakespeare.

Nice diversity? A grand extension of [unclear: tats?] Perhaps. Some aspects of the [unclear: produc-is] reveal a glimmer of something of the [unclear: t]. But when it came to Macbeth, the [unclear: y] of the enterprise was made abundan-clear.

Downstage's Macbeth reminded me of [unclear: no-ag] so much as a school production. It [unclear: loo-I] cheap, as if someone decided that shiny would dazzle the audience (literally) in-thinking it was exciting; as if a couple of [unclear: oden] frames sticking up into the air would [unclear: ate] all the right grandness and scope.

The costumes suggested a similar [unclear: amateu-mess]. Geometrical patches of colour sewn to simple black feudal garments serve the [unclear: pose] of separating the clans. One actor [unclear: s] lucky enough to have a massive woollen cloak (and four Scottish hounds to go with it.) Very impressive, but when he entered he appeared in such stark contrast to the rest of the play that he almost looked like he had walked onto the wrong set.

Almost. The trouble was, I couldn't shake off the impression that it was he who belonged in Macbeth, while all the others were misplaced. There is no reason, of course, why this play must be done with everyone looking like they've spent their lives on the wild Scottish moor.

But whatever way one does it, there must be a reason, an underlying thread that ties things together and means something. The geometrical patches of colour, the silver and the wooden frames effectively dislocated the action from its immediate context, but they went nowhere near relocating it anywhere else. They didn't even create a location of the play's own.

Visually, the production was barren. Yet this was only one obvious indication of a more serious fault. Macbeth is one of the easiest Shakespeares to make powerful. This production fell flat. It is probably one of the easiest to come to terms with. This production was meaningless.

Why? Was it the actors? They are usually the ones who take the rap when things go wrong. But there were many in this cast who have given fine performances in the past. It's a bit hard to believe that they would all lose their touch at once.

Drawing of stick figures on a stage

There are better reasons than that though, for looking elsewhere for the source of the problem. All the actors displayed remarkably similar characteristics. They stood still as much as possible. They gave the words expression at the expense of meaning. They congregated in small groups and struck the same group poses. Nearly all the minor characters were treated as extras.

These things were too regularised to be the quirks of bad acting. They were the result of somebody's overall concept. They were the consequences of the direction. If they were not wanted, it was the director's job to get rid of them. If they were wanted, it is he who must take responsibility for them

Because the acting bore such an all-encompassing stamp, it was clear that John Banas, as director, did have some idea of what he was trying to achieve. But apart from curiously unmotivated acting, it is difficult to say what.

There were a few suggestions of ideas. Ross, it would appear from an end scene when he was refused the privilege of kissing the new King's sword, was not to be seen as the most trusted of allies. But" if this was a study in opportunism, why wasn't it drawn out? The fact that at other times he was made to stand halfway between two groups looked more like the director's attempt to strike a physical balance on stage.

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth seemed not to be able to communicate. There are better ways to convey this than merely having them stand 15 feet away from each other.

Nevertheless, the production did have some good aspects. As one of the witches and Lady Macbeth's maid. Deidre O'[unclear: Cornor] seemed to have made a con [unclear: ous] decision to ignore the lifelessness being imposed on the play. Frances Edmond, as Lady Macbeth, seemed to have made that same decision in the sleep walking scene. The result, in its simplest terms, for both women, was that they acted not just with their tongues but with their whole bodies. Not surprisingly, it worked bloody well, and many other actors could be seen straining at the bit to do the same.

Why did Banas do this production? Many people condemned Downstage's The Merchant of Venice last year for not being "proper" Shakespeare. But no-one can deny that it was a genuine attempt at thematic coherence. This Macbeth revealed the absolute absurdity of thinking that such coherence will come by itself. Even with Shakespeare? Especially with Shakespeare.
Simon Wilson.

[unclear: P.C.] Plod Wades in

Scenes at the End of the May 17 Demonstration at Parliament Grounds.

Poto by Jeremy Richards

Photos of a protest march and class between protesters and police

Photos of police and protesters

When I was a little girl my mommy always told me if I needed any help or got lost, just to ask the nice man in blue for help. One day last week I lost my mommy and got caught up in a lot of people walking along the street. There were lots of nice men in blue there so I felt safe. Then they started chasing and hitting people and I was frigh—tened my belief shattered. My mommy was a [unclear: liar] a agree with my dad-they are bastards!

Shootout [unclear: at the]OK Cafe

SGM Report

Moved: Aikman/Montgomery

That this Association has no confidence in its President.

Last Wednesday a Special General Meeting of the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association was held. The purpose of this meeting was not just to clarify an issue of great interest to students — it was a matter of the greatest importance to the future direction of the association that was under discussion. At a meeting of the Student Representative Council last term, our President Andrew Tees was rejected decisively in his bid to be an official representative of VUWSA at the NZUSA council held in Christchurch over the holidays.

At a meeting of the Executive of VUWSA shortly after the SRC, Alan Philips, the Man Vice-President, expressed consternation that Andrew had not been elected Chief delegate to the Council. His solution was that the Executive over-ride the decision of the SRC and send him as a chief delegate if this was not done, Alan said he would resign.

The SRC is the most democratic method of action that has yet been decided upon by our association, and the Publications Officer, Helen Aikman, (to her credit) saw this as the attempt at blackmail and perversion of democracy that, it was. Her solution to the problem was to recognise the fact that neither the Executive nor the SRC had confidence in the ability or competence of the President, and to accordingly ly call an SGM to consider a motion of no-confidence in the President in order to clarify the situation. It was clearly intolerable that the President should not command the support of the body that decided the policy of VUWSA [unclear: the] To this end the motion was presented to, and passed by the Executive.

"Advertising" the SGM

The result of this motion was last Wednesdays SGM. It is interesting to examine the activities that foreshadowed this SGM. On Monday morning we were priviliged to be presented with a collection of leaflets

which outlined the "facts" of the matter. Appealing to what can only be called students baser interests and prejudice, these leaflets protested against what they termed the Maoist takeover, and the attempt of the Milo/Salient clique and their PSA front to dominate the Students' Association at the expense of 6,000 others. These leaflets [*unclear*: aa], while representing the undisputed right of any students to air their views, rather smacked of a particular period of the 1950's — that of Joe McCarthy.

The disturbing part of these pamphlets was that an incredible lot of students seemed to accept them as gospels. It seems incredible that any student could go along with the kind of transparent smear campaign espoused in these pamphlets, yet of the 600 people at the meeting, at least 400 appeared to be affected to the extent of wishing to jump on a red, regardless of their understanding (or lack thereof) of what Marxists believe in, or indeed what the motion under discussion was actually about.

Photo of a person speaking at an SGM meeting

Underwood Under Fire

The meeting chaired expertly by Steve Underwood, began at twelve o'clock, and straight away the mood of the meeting was made apparent. Underwood opened the debate by stating that the question under debate was whether or not the meeting has confidence in the President, and that a discussion of the pros and cons of our SRC system would be inappropriate. To this, end he announced that he would rule out of order any comments that dealt with the representativeness of SRC.

Alan Philips took exception to this ruling, saying that a lot of discussion will necessarily centre on Andrew's lack of support at SRC's, and to this end it will be inevitable that the discussion come around to the role SRC plays in this association. Carr-Greg, apparently deciding that Tees' and Philip's bootlaces were the ones to grab hold of, backed Philips up and a motion from these two gentlemen that the chairman's ruling be disagreed with was proposed and passed. With the battle lines drawn mover Helen Aikman got up to speak.

Helen began by outlining the events that occurred at the Executive meeting that called the SGM, but went on to explain that this was not an isolated incident — it was indicative of the tension that has existed on the Exec all year. It was, she said, not the first time Tees has tried to subvert democracy and overrule SRC. She cited the appointment by the Exec of interim Exec members, and attempts by Tees to get rid of SRC officers.

Already this year 4 Exec members have resigned - an obvious result of the lack of leadership from the President. This lack of leadership was not only apparent on the Exec, Helen said. It extended to other areas as well. She cited the example of Union financing. At the moment the University pays for half the cost of the Union Building, but with cutbacks upon us it is possible that this financial support will be withdrawn. To persuade the University to continue its assistance, VUWSA is to present a report outlining our case. Tees has only called one meeting of the subcommittee created to prepare this report and it is not even in draft form. The report is due at the beginning of next month.

Another area in which he has failed to meet his responsibilities, said Helen, is catering. It is ironic that a President who was elected on a platform of student welfare should ignore union financing and catering. As for the Student Travel Bureau, we were told that Tees simply cannot present a consistent point of view on this matter. What he says is often dependent on what the last person he was talking to has told him.

Exec meetings are a shambles due to Tees' lack of knowledge and poor chairing. All year he has made, mistake after mistake.

Photos from left to right

- *Preaching to the converted*
- *The biggest meeting Vic has seen for 3 years*
- *Well, I've been a very photogenic President*
- *Aw shucks - I'm too young to join Milo*
- *Alan Philips gives the crowd spiritual guidance*
- *Principles - they went that way*

"This is a crucial year for Victoria — we need a President who is competent, and able to lead."

The Crowd Response

Throughout Helen's speech, and indeed the speeches of all the supporters of the motion, the large section of the crowd that had come to the meeting with apparently unshakeable ideas of what was right and what was wrong, maintained a barrage of abuse, vilification and missiles. Many people chose to ignore the Chair's requests for order especially a small group of descendants of Attila the Hun who kept braying "Justice not Order".

Apparently these peoples' idea of democracy is to prevent their opponents from speaking — looking

through history, there is no shortage of regimes who have paid lip service to the ideal of preserving democracy, while perverting it to their own aims. It was distressing indeed to see this line of reasoning emerging at Victoria University, but the hypocrisy of their attitude did not appear to bother the opponents of the motion.

Next to speak was the seconder of the motion. Debra Montgomery. She concentrated on what she saw as Tees' attempts to undermine the association. She gave as an example the May Council of NZUSA where Tees circulated a report (purporting to be the official report from VUWSA) In this report, Tees repeated his old catch cry that the SRC was dominated by a small group of political heavies, and that the motions these people pushed through were not representative of the real wishes of students. As Debra pointed out, the Presidents job is to represent the Association's policy, no matter what his own views be. In saying what he did, Tees was obviously going against the association policy.

Another example Debra gave was Tees handling of SRC's. She described his chairing as incompetent and biased. SRC is a forum for informed debate, to which every person has a right to go. No-one has a right to stop any one expressing their views, especially not the President, whose job is to chair the meeting in an unbiased manner. Yet Andrew only keeps order when it suits him to, and if the views of the speaker do not coincide with those of Tees, he is just as likely to laugh at the interjections as to quell them.

Tees' Virtues

The points raised by Helen and Debra were extremely important, and carried very serious implications. Unfortunately, the next speaker (incommon with all the spekers in favour of Tees) made no attempt to refute them. Instead, Gerard Winter said it was sick that a person who is elected President can be kicked out by a small [unclear: grn] of people who have clubbed together for this reason. "If we are going to let the communist elements of this university rule our existence, we will walk arm in arm with them to the grave". According to Gerard, Tees has been one the most sucessful, unbiased Presidents we have had for many a year. "He may not be concerned about Kampuchea, but he is concerned about you and me". Winter threatened that if this motion was passed, he would move a vote of no-confidence in the entire Exec describing them as political children, out to get their own ends.

Alan Philips took the podium then, to say that it was not a case of Tees not providing leadership to the Exec — the [unclear: Exect] just do not want to be led. Deciding that this was an appropriate time for a little red baiting, Philips said that the fault must lie with the PSA who had made no attempt to understand "Andy's" point of view. "Tees worked very hard, and all he had done [unclear: wrol] is to disagree with the Exec."

And then the moment we had all been waiting for — Mr Micheal "[unclear: gggfg]

Photo of Andrew Tees

Photo of an SGM meeting

Carr-Greg spoke. He outlined his reason for [unclear: lion] the Exec at "all the crap that [unclear: here]". That may be how he rational [unclear: gnation] now, but at the time, he [unclear: his] reasons were threefold — he go on holiday overseas for ten was worried his academic work [unclear: ring,] and, as a distant third, the [unclear: lence] motion.

[unclear: ie] had established his credibility went on to accuse Salient of being [unclear: e] of a Maoist plot to overthrow [unclear: lent]. Apparently, Salient has been all year in an attempt to [unclear: under-i] obstruct both democracy and [unclear: lent]. This sounded very good [unclear: rom] the man who had tried very [unclear: et] Heather Worth to run for Presing that he didn't think Andrew [unclear: nan] for the job. If Heather would position to Tees, Carr-Greg told her back her all the way. That is the story he told the SGM, [unclear: eh] did manage however to cough things that Tees had done this year [unclear: J] organise capping week, he helped Revue to the Arts Festival, and [unclear: t] Tech facilities open to varsity

[unclear: Fended]

Photo of a woman

Mr Poseur '79 had finished, Virginia [unclear: oke]. Virginia, who is the [unclear: chairper][unclear: e] PSA, was trying to reply to the [unclear: iade] on the alliance by previous She saw the attacks on left wing groups as an attempt to cover up Tees in-action and incompetence. What it really came down to was that the President was attacking the right of an independent club to exist. His claims that the PSA was under mining the Association were dismissed as obvious rubbish. It was the PSA that was largely responsible for the success of the Bursaries March. If anyone was hindering the operation it was Tees, who played little part in the actual work that led up to the March and limited his activities to grabbing a loud hailer and grabbing the limelight.

Carried away by their new found "democratic" fervour, the crowd called for a motion that the speaker be no longer heard (although there was so much heckling going on that the speaker could not be heard anyway). The

Chair refused to accept this motion, and Virginia continued to reiterate her view that it was absurd to suggest a group of about 20 people could possibly be riding rough-shod over 6,000 others.

Caroline Massof launched into Carr-Greg for his "contemptible display", distributing his leaflets around the newspapers and radio stations, and posing as an official spokesperson of the Association. Moving on to the problems of the Exec she said that last year, despite their political differences, the members of the Exec managed to work together as a body because there was definite leadership from the President - leadership which is just not there this year.

The Form of the Debate

This was the way the rest of the discussion went. The supporters of the motion gave well-documented accounts of the failings of the President. Paul Norman for instance explained how Andrew had failed to inform him of the Students' Arts Council meeting that was held last weekend Paul, as acting Cultural Affairs Officer felt that he had a right to know what was going on in this field, and the blame must lie fairly and squarely on the shoulders on Tees. Paul McHugh pointed out that the social life around campus this year had been extremely quiet (what activity there had been had been often organised by the "political heavies"), and yet improved social life was one of Tees' election promises.

Simon Wilson, who serves on the University Council as a student representative, told how Tees had failed to give him any support in the field of documenting representations at Council. Geoff Adams, the Education Officer, said that Tees' involvement in the bursaries campaign had been just about zilch. He had only attended two organising meetings, and when it came to painting banners was conspicuous for his absence. Phil Sowman, the Sports Officer, said that Tees had not researched the financial affairs of the Student Travel Bureau adequately, and was making decisions on this vital matter based on poor information Furthermore Tees has attempted to axe SRC policy on occasions — the most notable being the AGM when he proposed motions that would mean SRC had no policy on abortion or international affairs.

The attitude of the opponents of the motion might charitably be put down to ignorance of the matter under debate, but in honesty it must be attributed to a desire to forget the issue and replace it in their minds with a blind, baseless hatred of a group of people they choose to think of as the "Left". The examples of this attitude are many. Patrick Mulrennan, speaking with a kind of transparent opportunism we have come to expect from him, stated as a fact that Salient had been conducting a smear campaign, and used as his evidence a letter that appeared in Salient signed "Andy", which he claimed was written by one of the Salient Staff. In another example of this groups selective ideas on democracy, he seemed to think that Salient should not print letters that disagreed with anything he believed. He went on to call for the Election of the editor — although how this was relevant to the topic, he didn't say.

John Hebenton, one time secretary of the Association, said that the Exec simply refused to be led. If this had been true in the past, it is merely because of his own obstructionist attitude (for instance, dissenting to motions such as That the minutes be accepted. That the Exec move out of closed committee.) Furthermore as Lindy Cassidy said, she a self confessed communist, had served as President for two years on a politically divided Exec, yet there was never the kind of divisions that have emerged this year. Why? The conclusion is obvious.

An "Average" Student

The most farcical event of the meeting was when an "average student", who really did not know anything about the situation, was invited to come and speak, giving his impressions of the meeting. The student who accepted the challenge was about as average as a three dollar note. Examples of this persons preconceived ideas and bias would fill a very large book indeed. For example; "I know that there are many tensions on Exec..... and that they are obstructing Andy in his job." He went on to imply that he was a friend of Tees, saying that "The last time I was at Andy's flat whoops...." And the amazing thing is that all the people lapped it up. Mr Average Student (???) got a prolonged ovation for each ridiculous thing he said.

Finally the time came for Tees himself to speak. His speech was interesting to put it mildly. It consisted of a series of buck passing and half truths that to say the least, transcended the credible. For instance, the fault about not preparing the report on Union financing lay with Peter Edwards and the University. The mess over the catering could be laid fairly and squarely at the door of the Exec who were, in some mysterious and unexplained way, scared of rocking the boat.

His examples of what he had done were that when the law faculty was given the use of the eighth floor of the Rankine Brown building, he was the only person who had done anything (in fact untrue. While he may have been involved, many others were involved to an equal or greater extent.) He also said he was responsible for

cementing good relations and unity with the other tertiary institutes in Wellington. He did not back this meaningless statement with any examples - apparently the mere assertion was considered adequate.

Changing the subject in a far from masterly manner, he then slurred his way over to the previous speakers. He accused them of trying to drag the meeting out so that there would not be any people to vote against the motion. And then he said the incredible; "If I don't stop now, there won't be anyone left to vote for me." Which organisation was it that was meant to be stacking the meetings. Mr Tees?

The motion was lost, to the accompaniment of hysterical cheering, and that was that. Tees has apparently been vindicated.

A Hollow Victory

I have written this report in anger and sorrow, not so much because Tees won, but because of the way he won. Many of the people that attended the meeting has almost certainly never been to an SRC before, and could therefore have almost no way of knowing just how Tees has performed. Despite this, their attitude to the movers of the motion was not suspicion or even intolerance. It was hatred. It was a joke. When one of those in favour was insulted, and it was an insult when they raised any points that could not be rebutted.

The people who were in favour of Tees apparently styled themselves "interested" or "concerned" students, yet they do not attend SRC's, they have not participated in the bursary campaigns, and would certainly not be able to define just what a Maoist is. A democracy means that people must vote in a responsible manner after having reached an informed decision. Did Wednesday's decision represent a blow for democracy? No, it was an anti-democratic, dictatorial move that was based on slander and deceit, and made a mockery of our much vaunted democracy. But then perhaps this is the way everyone wants it.

Andrew Beach

Photo of a man pointing

Photo of the SGM meeting

Records

The Stranglers

Live (X—Cert)

No, this is not another "All Praise-No Criticism" appreciation of Wellington's latest musical/audio oddity, Smashed Executive. Neither is it (I hope) a Telford-type rave. Thought I'd just share a few thoughts about the new Stranglers LP, called Live (X-Cert), that's all.

No chocolate bikkie for ascertaining that it's a live record. To note though is that (like Cheap Trick's latest) it is a single album.. This is where the Frampton Dynasty ends. It's also pressed into breath-taking black vinyl. Also no free EP, no colour photos, press blurbs, take-home roof racks, miniature atomic reactors or Charles Atlas guarantees.

Back in '77, yours truly intimated that The Stranglers were a 'New Wave' band as opposed to a 'Punk' outfit. Today such words are meaningless, and only really used by 'fashionable punks'. Let us just say it's Modern Music (brilliant aren't I.....can I have a Pistols badge?) By the way, if you're still into Rumours, then don't bother reading any further.

The LP is made up of live gigs recorded at the defunct Roundhouse (June and November, 1977), and at their Battersea Park concert, September 1978. The obvious cuts such as Peaches, Sometimes, Somethins Better Change, No More Heroes and Nice 'n Sleazy, are missing. Instead, we have a cross-section of their less-known, but still "brilliant numbers.

Side one kicks off with a speeded up version of (Get A) Grip (On Yourself), from '77 Thanks to Mr Telford and the Neurotic Monkey, Godzilla, et al, trying to describe each cuts' merits no longer seems attractive, desirable or even possible. 'Bloody good' and 'Titanic' could be applied to each and every track on this LP. As for comparison, that too seems to have been made ridiculous (eg Jam-Who. Yes, but Why???)

The other cuts are Dagenham Dave (an early standard, from '76 originally). Burning Up Time, Dead Ringer (a song about 'the state of identity', to which a person in the audience replies 'Wanker', and to which J.J. Burnel

asks the question; 'who said that? isn't He going to own up, then?'). From June '77 comes a xyz version of Hanging Around (insert blahs to personal inclinations.) Closing off the side is I Feel Like A Wog (to which Cornwall says that he doesn't like being spat at while he's playing. That's the price of being a cult-band-made-good I suppose.)

Side Two features two more tracks recorded in '77: Straighten Out, (previously unavailable) and Five Minutes. The side starts with Straighten Out, which sounds decidedly similar to English Towns from their No More Heroes LP. No great sin these days ('gabba gabba hey' and 18 ways to sound trendy.) Curfew, Do You Wanna / Death And Night and Blood (Yukio), all from Black and White come from their Batter-sea Park gig. Mark Ellen from the "NME" reported that the concert was so-so. The few early numbers were apparently the best, as well as the above songs and Toiler On The Sea (which is one of my favourites, unfortunately not on the LP.) The 'bum' part of the gig was during Nice 'n Sleazy. To keep the crowd awake the boys decided to stage a strip show involving "five sin-soaked nu-biles" (NME, 23/9/78.) Yummy. And all Wellington gets are sloppy magicians and 20 stone transvestites. Is there no justice?

Five Minutes and Go Buddy Go (only previously available on the B-side of Peaches) round off the set, both driving along on basic yet compulsive beats, adorned with Dave Greenfield's still Doors-like keyboards (acquire the right kind of equipment, play the appropriate notes and you too can be Ray Manzarek. I like it. I like the Doors. So what?)

Until the next Pink Floyd LP is released, or the world ends, which ever comes first, (It's rumoured that the latter may win out), you may as well invest in this little crustacean. Meanwhile I'll stick to Hendrix, the Doors, Devo and Steeleye Span. I'll leave the Pistols' (or is it Malcolm McLaren's) latest 'effort' to Mr Telford to rave over. Super, great. Right, JJ?

Greg Cotmore

"FAT IS A FEMINIST ISSUE"... BY SUIE ORBACH GOOD GRIEF! feminism If you are interested in women, we have a comprehensive collection of books on feminism on display this week. Pankhurst, Wollstonecraft, de Beauvoir, Hite, Greer, Stopes and many others can be found at the Victoria Book Centre 15 Mount St.

Cryptic Crossword

Empty crossword

Across

Down

Last Week's Solution

Across: 1. Friend in need, 9. Climb, 10. [unclear: Ev] sion, 11. Treasure, 12. Next, 14. Better, 15. [unclear: Grped], 18. Ripe, 20. Portions, 23. Acrobat, 24 [unclear: u] 25. Keep the peace.

Down: 2. Raiment, 3. Embossed, 4. [unclear: Drcail] 5. Neat, 6. Elide, 7. Denoted, 8. Scot, 13. [unclear: pro trude], 14. Barrack, 16. Prosaic, 17. Bottle, 19, Purse, 21. Sash. 22. Abet.

Cooking

Cooking with Alfred

Since my last column and desperate plea to guage if anyone actually read my column, a survey (cunningly designed and executed) has been carried out on campus. Two people have admitted to reading my column, one actually cuts it out (it makes a good bookmark in cookbooks). So this week, for Jody and Andrew:

Sesame Seed Crackers

Have you ever thought how much a packet of crackers cost to produce? Well don't spread it round but it is my guess that the packet and other wrappings cost more than the crackers! They are easy to make and can be

made while or following using the oven for something else (bread or muesli perhaps). You can play around with various flour mixtures and seed combinations (try poppy seeds too.) This recipe is my own. You may keep all copyright money and treat yourself to some camembert or gouda cheese to go with the crackers.

Things you will need

- 2 cups white flour
- 2 cups of wholemeal or rye flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- about ¼ - ½ cup of sesame seeds (Ocean commodities is cheapest)
- ¾ cup margarine 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 rolling pin (milk bottle will do)

Turn oven on to 425°C

Mix flour, salt and baking powder together, add sesame seeds.

Using two knives cut in margarine until it is the size of small peas. Beat egg lightly and, with milk add to dry ingredients. Knead only until dough sticks together.

Divide dough into smaller pieces (say quarters) and roll out thinly. Cut into biscuit shapes with a sharp knife then transfer to a baking tray. Prick dough with a fork and sprinkle salt (to taste — but start with quite a lot). Bake until brown (about 10 minutes). Let cool and transfer to an airtight tin

Discerning Dining

Now for something different (or 'novee' Russians might say.) You may have noticed [*unclear*: the] 'Annie's Pancake Parlour' in Willis Street has [*unclear*: hab] a change of name and is now 'The Izbah', [*unclear*: well] ton's first Russian-style restaurant. We paid [*unclear*: to] and found it 'orchan horror-show' (or very [*unclear*: hi] you prefer.)

Actually, the menu's not entirely Russian this is probably a good idea as it allows a wide range of choices and Russian style dishes are available in most sections of the attractive, easy to-follow menu. The hard seats of Annie's [*unclear*: has] had some padding applied and some work has put in to transform the place into a [*unclear*: pseudo-log] (that's what 'Izbah' means.) Candles and [*unclear*: seeds] seating help create a romantic atmosphere [*unclear*: ya] can even order a birthday cake or a corsage [*unclear*: fro] your special lady' if you're that way [*unclear*: inclin] The music which drifted out from the kitchen along with the garlic aroma had a suspiciously 2ZM flavour about it - but a balalaika player may be too much to expect at this early stage.

The service receives top rating. The [*unclear*: waw] rives at your table with perfect timing and [*unclear*: but] out his role with that combination of [*unclear*: plca] corum and efficiency which is the hallmark of expert. (A potential disaster with the candle our table was handled with the minimum of [*unclear*: the] and bother, for instance.)

The fare on offer looked most attractive [*unclear*: has] we felt like eating our way through six [*unclear*: ccu] but opted for entree and main meal only, [*unclear*: tm] proved a wise move (apart from the financial problems involved) as the servings were generous. We ended up 'doggy bagging' portions of our main course and having them for lunch the next day.

The quality, however, more than matched the quantity with the Blenni Ribah (or fish [*unclear*: acb] pes) at \$2.95 pronounced superb and the [*unclear*: CflJ] crepes at \$3.25 (a real luxury but perhaps too much caviar), the Kiev Kotlet (\$5.95) — [*unclear*: delicious] minced chicken seasoned and [*unclear*: breadc] bed, and Filet Pate at \$6.95 (again, a little too rich if anything) all highly recommended.

Although people still wandered in looking for coffee and toasted sandwiches it shouldn't be too long before the new image of this place is established. From the free sherry before [*unclear*: es] ting to the after dinner mints to finish off we were impressed with the transformation.

Student Health Rec Centre

Breast Cancer

8 Points toward peace of mind

BREAST CANCER IS A FACT BECAUSE BREAST CANCER IS CURABLE FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE

SELF EXAMINATION TECHNIQUE ONCE A MONTH REPEAT THESE EIGHT STEPS FOR THE RIGHT BREAST. PLACING THE OW UNDER RIGHT SHOULDER. CANCER SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC. WHO TO CONTACT. DIVISIONS AUCKLAND P O BOX 1724 AUCKLAND Phone 540-023 WAIKATOIBAY OF PLENTY P O BOX 134. Hamilton Phone 80-538 CENTRAL DISTRICTS P O BOX 142. Palmerston North Phone 72-149 or 70-635 WELLINGTON P O BOX 11-125 Wellington Phone 726-875 CANTERBURY/WESTLAND P O box 373. christchurch Phone 65-864 or 5132 Summer OTAGO/SOUTHLAND P. O. Box 1245. Dunedin Phone 77-042 or 43-857

Be quick to be in..... the learn-to-ski classes and beginners squash classes are all but full. Enquire now at Reception to get your name down for the Recreation Centre Term Two Specials.

Badminton for beginners is now Only on Tuesdays at 10 and Fridays at 10. We have had to axe (temporarily) the Friday 11-12 class. But coming soon, in its place, will be golf for beginners. So watch this space if you want to improve or learn to swing.

We would still like more teams for the Social Volleyball Competition. Has your Department class, flat, got six people who would enjoy a casual volley on Thursday 12-1? If so, give us your team's name at Reception.

The Sweet F.A. Cup first round on Wednesday 16th May saw Mutants, Aro, Ablob, Eagles, Geology and Murrays go forward into the second round and Wombles, Victoria's Champs, Chemie, Greasies, Pols, and Maintenance go into the Sweet F.A. Plate first round. The draw and first round scores are featured on the Centre noticeboard.

Are you anxious about imminent exams or is the pressure of work making you tense or irritable? Centre staff can provide training in relaxation techniques, so come and talk to Diana or Hugh..... and relax.

Using the Exercycles

- First, adjust the seat correctly for yourself.
- Decide upon how long you wish to cycle.
- Gradually, over a period of one to two minutes, build up the cycling rate to a speed which you think can be maintained for the time you have selected.
- Pedal away; reading a book, listening to the radio, watching activities in the Old Gym, etc.

Remember: it is easy to overestimate your capabilities start slowly and build up. Talk to Centre staff about how to use and how long to use the exercycles.

Be regular and pedal at least three times a week, if not daily. For the average person, fifteen to twenty minutes thrice weekly is adequate over a long term programme.

The exercycle is useful as:

- an enjoyable form of weather-independent exercise
- a means to developing an efficient heart-lung system
- a way of repairing damaged knee joints, ankles or achilles tendons
- a substitute exercise for running if you have back problems
- a warm-up procedure before a game

Answers to Quiz No. 6

Yet again, the free Sauna has yet to be claimed. No one was able to produce an example of a classic fourteen-line sonnet, written in iambic pentameter, on the delights of any form of physical recreation. People must, obviously, have far too much academic work to do.

Quiz No. 7

- Who won the 1979 Interdominion Trotting Final?
Boadicea
Ben Hur
:.....
- Complete the following limerick (a free sauna to the most amusing):
There was a young man at the Centre
Who went for a jog at a canter
As he raced down the hill
He went for a spill
:.....

[unclear: Notices]

[unclear: One] Series — "Under Attack

[unclear: j] by Brian Edwards

[unclear: he] Memorial Theatre, Students may [unclear: REE] (up to 100)

[unclear: t] speaker - Marilyn Waring MP

[unclear: the] should be seated in the VUW Memorial by 7.45 pm Wednesday 30 May 1979.

[unclear: Rressive] Students' Al—[unclear: ce] Meeting

[unclear: a] concerned about the recent rise of a [unclear: ke] trend in the university as displayed [unclear: ill] group of students at the SGM come [unclear: a] discussion on the SGM and the future [unclear: aidents] Association.

May 29th 12.00 - 2.00, Union Lounge

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[unclear: Ntre] Meeting

[unclear: ironment] and Peace Information Centre [unclear: we] be evicted from Perrett's Corner!

meeting to decide the Epicentre's future in Buildings, Terrace (opposite James [unclear: UESOAY] May 29TH, 5.30 pm.

[unclear: te:]Support!

[unclear: he] Wanted

[unclear: he] person who took my oil-skin raincoat [unclear: the] Library foyer please return it and the [unclear: n] inside. The pen is of sentimental va-

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Rite

[unclear: Rier] Club

[unclear: on] events

[unclear: y] June 2nd Club Run, Hosts Janet and Martin, 98 Heke St, Ngaio.

[unclear: on] Dorne Cup at Trentham Memorial Park, [unclear: lub] event. [unclear: Defence] seniors 5 miles, [unclear: wo-d] juniors 2½ miles. Meet at the front of [unclear: way] Station at 12.15 pm. Races start [unclear: 30] pm. All those wishing to run con—Jamieson. Transport will be arranged [unclear: hone] 728-739

[unclear: ber] Victoria Harrier Club need women [unclear: or] runners of any fitness, so support your

Tramping Club

A wine and cheese evening will be held on Wednesday 30 May from 7pm in the Union Lounge Cost \$2.50.

Queens Birthday Trip to National Park final date for payment of this trip being \$20, is on Monday 28th May. 12.12.30 pm. After this time vans booked and not filled may be cancelled. A Rockcraft Course will be held on Sunday 10 June at Baring Head. This course is essential for those going on the AIC. Watch the notice board for details of this event.

There is a wide selection of gear for hire, any enquiries Ph 758503

Marijuana Party Club

The Club is holding a National Convention over Queens Birthday weekend at Victoria University in the Union Hall.

The programme outline is:

A registration fee of \$1.00 per person is asked to help cover cost of Hall hire, and may be paid on arrival on June 2nd.

Any individual or group interested in helping in the Legelise Marjuena Campaign is invited to come along.

Joint Discount Scheme

VUWSA members are now able to use the following WEPSA facilities:—
Step 42 Wellington Polytechnic's cut price fashion boutique.
Enquiries Please contact Linda Burrows at 842-856 [*unclear*: on] Extension 805.
Hairdressing Salon
For an appointment please contact Dave Bendall at 850-559 on Extension 890.
VUWSA hopes its members will make full use of these services.

Come to the Young Socialists Brecht Film National Conference

The conference is being held at Wellington College over Queen's birthday weekend (June 2-4). The conference programme includes sessions on the imperialist's wardrive and world revolution, a panel of trade unionists and a panel of people active in the fight against racism in New Zealand.

Of special interest to students will be a discussion called "Defend Student Rights" featuring a panel of well-known student leaders including Chris Gosling, President of NZUSA, Ian Powell, a Research Officer for NZUSA, Janet Roth, President of AUSA and Tony Edward a leader of the Australian Youth Alliance.

For further information ring Joan Shields 686-793 or Peter Brockway 729-225.

Radioactive

Meeting: To discuss August broadcast and elect new administration.

All welcome

Wednesday 5-6, Smoking Room

A film of *Mother Courage* by Bertholt Brecht.

A production by the famous Berliner Ensemble, Brecht's own theatre company, with his widow Helene Weigel in the leading role.

In German - no sub titles. English resume available.

Tuesday 29 May, Memorial Theatre, 8 pm.

Thesis Typing

Contact Mrs Johnston, 735-626

Debating Society

The Debating Society invites all interested students to assist TV1 in the filming of the pilot for a programme called "Under Attack".

Guest on the show will be Marilyn Waring MP. The programme involves audience participation so this is your chance to have your say!

Memorial Theatre, Wednesday May 30 at 7.30pm

Drawing of a man farting through the back of his jacket

Letters

Discriminatory Fees Criticised

Dear Editor,

Drawing of a woman writing with a feather quill

I would like to express my strongest protest at the recent N.Z. Government decision imposing \$1500 fees increase on probate overseas students.

The New Zealand government claims that overseas students are here at the expense of New Zealand tax-payers. I would like to reject that claim strongly. I am here, not at the expense of New Zealand tax-payers

but at the expense of my family and others at home who have made my study here possible. My parents send me the money for my fees, and expenses. I receive no bursary or unemployment benefits. Moreover, I also pay taxes for the labour that I perform during summer vacation. I owe the New Zealand government nothing, and it doesn't deserve the claim.

The New Zealand government always claims that it has done a great service to us with its foreign aid programme in the educational field.

In actual fact, this form of aid is little and insufficient when comparing in terms of trade imbalance between New Zealand and Malaysia (where I am from) which is markedly in favour of New Zealand and also the ripping off of my country's resources to feed the New Zealand welfare state of today.

The \$1500 fee increase has shown the New Zealand government's hypocrisy in its foreign aid programme. What is the 'meaning' of this aid when it has to turn on to overseas students and extract or earn from them a \$1500 sum. This also shows the bankruptcy of the New Zealand economy when it has to resort to a minority group like us to 'earn a living.'

Frankly speaking, if the \$1500 fee was imposed earlier, I would not have a chance to come to study here. My family is a middle class family and thus I choose to study in New Zealand because it is the only place which my family can afford. I still have many younger brothers and sisters who are receiving education and thus there is a heavy burden on my parents to work hard to earn a living. A fee of \$1500 is 7 times as much as I presently pay. It means 7 years tuition fees. I can't afford to pay that sum of money. On top of this, there are other expenses like food and accommodation, air fares, clothing and other miscellaneous. In view of all these financial difficulties, the only way I have to resort to is to stay back in Malaysia. I think I can only imagine higher study in New Zealand in my dreams.

Education obviously has become a luxury. Indeed, no money, no education! I personally think that education is a right. We must fight for this right.

A Malaysian student.

A Call for Action on the \$1500 Fee

Dear Editor,

My greatest concern is of those overseas students, be they Malaysians, or Singaporeans, who are still not offering any concrete support to the most recent campaign against discriminatory fees of \$1500 proposed by Mr Muldoon.

For the high school students it is 'imperative' that you show support against this blatant attack. You have the support of senior students here. It is a right for you to fight against this injustice. Remember your parents effort to send you here. Do you want Muldoon to rob you an extra \$1500 each year?

For the seniors, it's time to show your support. The attitude that "it doesn't concern me" is selfish. Moreover what if Muldoon imposed a \$1500 fee on you next year or after that — how would you like it?, especially getting up at 6 in the morning and coming back at night everyday throughout the whole summer vacation and in the end all goes into Muldoon's coffer?

For OCFUS, don't pray, please do something concrete. Don't expect mana to fall from heaven (sky).

What the \$1500 Fee Means

Dear Editor,

It was a heart-breaking day for all overseas students when Mr Muldoon announced the discrimination fees for overseas students.

Unfortunately most overseas student do not have wealthy parents but come from middle class background. Bear in mind I only have to pay about two hundred dollars for university fees next year. I came to do high school this year with the meagre savings from my parents. My father earns about five hundred Malaysian dollars (N.Z. \$200) per month and two of my younger brothers are still in high school being supported by my father.

Last week, we were told to pay \$1500 for a year to get into University. I know that my father definitely

cannot send me to university. My dream of getting tertiary education was shattered.

What shall I do now? I have been so incoherent and disintegrated for the last few days that I can't sleep nor study. What am I going to tell my parents in my next letter about the bad news that I may have to go home soon.

Your's sincerely,

High School Student.

No! Pols III is not Any Good!

Dear Sir,

CHAMELEONS

Concerning the letter in last week's Salient in reply to my comments about the Pols III Politics of Taihape:

- Who ever you are, you obviously must have shares in the Political Science dept, to write such a biased letter.
- What are you "Les Clevelands son or something.
- As for your comments about passing the first essay, how could you pass this if you can't even interpret what I intended to say.
- If you think that you can get most of the money back on this text book, you're a bigger fuckwit than I thought you were.
- You may think that by writing that letter you will pass pols. You've got another think coming though as I have it on good information that Les can't stand greasers.

I hope you don't take this personally because this is not designed to be insulting.

Yours for your Racist Political Society,

Ismac B. Flapworth

French Department Hinders Student Politics

Dear Sir,

Last month the French Club held a luncheon on the day of the Bursaries March. This week there is a French Drama workshop scheduled for the Wednesday of the SGM.

Does this mean that we French students are meant / thought to take no part in student politics?? How much longer will it continue?

Jessica Wilson.

Unique Response to the Depression

Dear Ed,

Drawing of a person walking on water being followed by a shark fin

Yesterday my academic eyeballs were stretched beyond reason. JAS McKenzie of Treasury (Muldoon's top economic adviser) was guest lecturer to the Department of Economics. He stated that given current policy (without change) projected figures to 1985 shows a massive decline in employment coupled with a rising labour force (an honest viewpoint by a practising economist.)

However, this gave Dr Geoff Bertram his a — waited chance to show off his inflated academic ego. Bertram clearly stated that we New Zealander's should not be scared by massive unemployment and emigration — after all look at Scotland and Ireland as examples — "rural Ireland is so quaint." — need I say more?

Graham D. Mulligan.

Someone has been Reading National Lampoon

Dear Sir,

I did it my way.

Sid Vicious.

P.S. Johnny R. likes Donny and Marie.

Average Student on Salient

To whom is responsible,

I, in my naivety, thought to write a responsible and informative letter to the "Salient". Spurred from my habitual prostrate position by the noble campaign of my fellow students to save our halls of learning from the butcher's axe, I decided to write a letter praising their efforts to prevent the imposition of unjustified cuts on the already overburned education system by the tyrannical Muldoon and his bourgeoisie lackeys in their ceaseless attempts at class discrimination against the student body because they are the only ones capable of standing up to their fascist policies.

However, at this point, I realised that such a politically irresponsible letter could well attract the unwanted attention of the notorious SIS, and being of an inherently cowardly disposition with an aging mother at home, I decided that a lower profile letter might be in order. Perhaps, I thought I could hurl some foul abuse at those poor demented souls who write into the Salient each week in an attempt at self-expression denied them in every day life by the conformist attitudes of society, or, better yet, attempt a devastating literary analysis of "Ravioli's father".

However, even my desperate ambition was foiled by the total lack of content in last weeks "Salient." Many of my friend's well, actually this one person (who shall remain anonymous) who happened to be sitting next to me in the Library on the day in question, I found to be suffering deeply from mental starvation, for, without his weekly intellectual stimulation by "Ravioli's Father", he had reverted to little more than a vegetable, and he just sat there with that dejected look in his glazed eyes so common of someone with their ego hanging tattered in shreds a—round him - either that or someone pretty heavily zonked on toenail clippings.

Personally, I don't consider this to be an isolated case, and although lacking the statistical evidence to support myself (something which never daunted the truly great in history), I would like to categorically state my belief that the unthinking, inconsiderate, and irresponsible behaviour of "Salient" staff in failing to produce a normal (normal???!!??!) "Salient" issue last week has probably caused irreparable damage to the intellectual level of this university, and any further such demonstration of this lack of concern for society could well have far reaching socioeconomic effects on all mankind.

Yours faithfully,

The Average Varsity Student.

What's in a Name?

Dear Ed,

Who the hell named this place after me anyway?

Victoria Regina

The Function of a Students' Association

Dear Editor,

I find myself in the position of dubious honour of agreeing with our president up to a point. The motions such as the German industrialist one or the Cambodia/Vietnam one which are passed with regular monotony at SRCs are not the sort of thing a Students' association should have any policy on. Tees is on the right track but, as usual, he gets his argument all mixed up.

What is this associaiton? Is it a political party? Or a Ministry of Foreign Affairs? Or a trade union? Or a Ministry of Energy. It is none of these things, rather it is (or should be) a welfare organization looking after the interests of students As Students. Such things as bursaries library problems, lecturer training. Not which side is right in some far away war, or whether the Government should be looking at the use of illegal drugs to solve our energy problems. I fail to see the connection between China's invasion of Vietnam and New Zealand university students.

Another head-in-the-sand type I hear [unclear: you] On the contrary, we should all be interested is going on in the world around us, and [unclear: theity] of ways the association can stimulate [unclear: int] out going to the unnecessary step of having these matters. I believe forums are a very [unclear: g] and we should have more of them, with say of association members with strong view [unclear: on ticular] subject putting both sides of the [unclear: ar] and then anyone having the right to [unclear: qucst] have his say on the matter.

This newspaper is a very good way to [unclear: stil] interest and discussion on what is [unclear: happenitf] world. We get some good articles in these [unclear: fl] and I would hope that if the editor recieved [unclear: cles] offering differing points of [unclear: vievy], [unclear: blish] them both. I would also have hoped [unclear: thre] tides expressing a different opinion to that [unclear: a] editor would recieve better treatment than Telford's article on punk did. It is the [unclear: edial] to make sure that stories that art printed [unclear: hv] grammatical mistakes in them, and not just [unclear: C] them there to make the author look stupid, [unclear: I] letters column of Salient also provides an [unclear: are] discussion, of course.

Drawing of the three wise men going into a hamburger bar

If you really have some misguided idea [unclear: the] Germans are taking over, join an environment or form an Anti German Industrialist Action [unclear: a] (as long as it does not receive any funds association) and organize protests through [unclear: tin] those really worried will still take part in the but there is no need for the association to [unclear: has licy].

This type of motion is a complete waste [unclear: o] anyway, aside from being a waste of money [unclear: he] asked in one SRC, who is going to convey [unclear: our licies] to the world? I am sure Jua Guofeng [unclear: as] Xiaoping did not have an emergency meeting out their next step after being condemned by to withdraw rather than incur the wrath of [unclear: V] They probably have not even heard of [unclear: Victo][unclear: versity].

I think it is worth repeating Aesop's little that I told in a letter last year. It is called "[unclear: TI] and the Bull".

One day a fly landed on the horn of a bull rested there for a while and then said to the [unclear: be] "Do you mind if I leave now?" The bull [unclear: repfi] "It's all the same to me. I didn't see you [unclear: co] I won't know when you leave."

The moral is that we are sometimes more [unclear: important] in our own eyes, than in the eyes of [unclear: the] This is certainly true of those who like to play time politicians and insist on these motions.

And now to the question of SRC. Is it [unclear: realy] democratic that 100 or 50 people should [unclear: decided] policy for 6000 students? Is the result really [unclear: representative]? I doubt it. Students have shown they don't want this type of motion by [unclear: elecar] Tees President. They would have read his [unclear: mfffestoj] (this name is part of the game of big time politics — it makes me laugh) and, not knowing what he is like, voted for him. I am sure that [unclear: it] a suitable referendum question could be [unclear: work] out, there would be a massive rejection of this sort of policy at SRC.

It is argued that the fault in SRCs can be [unclear: sily] fixed by having everyone come along. The very reason they do not come is because of [unclear: tfl] type of motions at SRC wastes most of its [unclear: tnfl] on. They cannot be bothered listening to the [unclear: politicos] arguing it out. To boost attendences at SCR we

have got to discuss things that are [unclear: more] relevant to the students' association.

Is SRC really democratic when the vote [unclear: ai] be changed, as it was last year, by people moving out of the room, and some more coming in? I say no, and I think this incident is a good illustration of the undemocratic nature of SRC No, I would not wish to see the Executive making policy, I would simply like us not to have this sort of policy in the first place.

For a democratic students' association Pierre.

A Grateful Student

Dearest Andrew,

Did you realise that this is the first time [unclear: the] I have put pen to paper to show the gratitude [unclear: i] have for you being Andrew.

Yours with affection,

Deborah.

[unclear: Letters] Written on the Same [unclear: type-]

Drawing of a stocking on a fire place

[unclear: would] be interesting to see how many-people [unclear: lead] Salient if it was sold, rather than free.

[unclear: nk] you would find that very few people [unclear: agree] with what you write.

Regards,

Jason White.

[unclear: would] like to give you a piece of my mind, [unclear: m't] think you'd know what to do with it. you tell a lie - the knives aren't out at all - spoons that are out, and I have that on the [unclear: thurity].

[unclear: Madams],

[unclear: itastrophe] in Victoria has been averted. [unclear: All] of you who were at Wednesday's SRC may [unclear: ee].

[unclear: left] wing or Maoist faction (which can be [unclear: istered] around the desks of Salient) has had [unclear: iehold] on Victoria too long — it is time they [unclear: opped]. It is time for "Joe average" to stand be counted - as you did on May 22nd's SRC you to those who did, which ever way you

a good laugh, I will read the next Salient - [unclear: t] their version of the meeting will read mor [unclear: nee] fiction.

[unclear: le] we are on the subject, isn't it time that [unclear: cal] political commentaries were relegated [unclear: etters] column? For many years, Salient [unclear: n] dominated by a small number of [unclear: individual] completely dominate student press. [unclear: A] who don't conform to their way of [unclear: think-tt] get very far in Salient.

overwhelming majority in favour of [unclear: rtainly] proves that Salient does not rep [unclear: etive] the views of the average student the they painted of Andrew was more like [unclear: ade] horror film - personal and unfair.

[unclear: ppears] most students would prefer a 'fun' that keeps politics to a minimum, and opinions [unclear: us] like Peter Beache's (to be fair, my own) to the letters column.

[unclear: conclusion,] I appeal to New Zealanders - [unclear: ve] one of the nicest countries that I [unclear:]

en] I beg you not to let it fall to the comm [unclear: as] so many others have done.

[unclear: ge] New Zealanders to stand up for their but at the same time, remember true demo [unclear: neans] that you must co-operate with the [unclear: y] even if you voted against that majority - wouldn't hurt to keep the strikes down!

Peace,

A traveller who has seen the light.

[unclear: Ther] two Letters Written on the [unclear: e] Typewriter

Editor,

Drawing of a person putting things in a stocking

[unclear: A] finally all the bullshit about Tees has been [unclear: d] down the toilet and along with it goes much respect the students have for the Executive if Tees has ballsed up a few times and no he has (believe or not he is human) one expect them to get their fingers out of each [unclear: s] arses and offer Tees some assistance. The [unclear: tive] is supposed to act as a team - if one [unclear: p] somewhere the others should clear up

[unclear: However] the case has been that the Exec has [unclear: te] brainless vultures waiting for Tees' mis-and then they're pounced and exaggerated and dramatised. Unfortunately for then the students saw through the bullshit.

As for Salient, people must be sick of this so called organ of students views being constantly used to promote leftist views and anti-propaganda. Salient has consistantly attacked Tees it's views however are totally divorced from the views of students. Salient consistantly gives one sided viewpoints - time for a change.

As for the great amazement at the number who attended the SGM, it is clear that students will make an effort when issues are relevant to their affairs.

Lets have less crap about Kampuchea and other irrelevancies. Leftists are dominating SRC with motions more relevant to bowel movements (which is typical of all their political views) than to problems effecting students. The same can be said for Salient.

Now the squabbles are hopefully over let's see some changes for the better and the students in general.
Yours in ecstatic expectation

VUWSA fees victim.

Dear Editor,

At least it seems now that the students are going to be represented by our council, by 'our council' I refer at least to its President. The last SGM showed almost unanimous support for him, a person, perhaps the only one, concerned with policies which affect all of us. The attack on him was pitiful in its lack of substance. To allege he is incompetent due to his failing to give total supportive action for each of the varied committees does not hold against any President, manager, or holder of similar office. His position is one of delegation and continuity. If the people delegated to one area cannot do the job without his immediate leadership it is they who are incompetent.

It is heartening to see that the body of students could see this fallacy. Their actions and support indicate an awareness of problems which do affect them, as compared to issues which are politically abstract from their reality where they are labelled 'apathetic'!

It is to be hoped that now our support has been shown, with it's reasons apparent, other Executive members will forget any personal interests and squables and get together to do what people in that position should do - collectively represent the students as a body. Representatives against the present problem, the economic situation.

Heres hoping

A. Brown.

(Jason White, A traveller who has seen the light, VUWSA fees victim and A. Brown, should watch themselves. It is really obvious when one person writes more than one letter on the same subject, using fictitious names — and it does make Patrick Mulrennen, who after all supports you whole heartedly so angry! - ed.)

Does Anyone Really Care?

Dear Ed,

Drawing of someone holding a leg

I had planned a brilliantly Gumboot Maniacial letter for today, but the non-publishing of letters last week has put my schedule out. Two letters will be published this week.

If you don't already know it is the Gumboot Maniac here. In the other letter I started a competition for my fellows of this hallowed place to guess my identity.

Here is the second clue.

Arsenal won the F.A. cup and I am a resident of Victoria House. Fellow residents, the people who run in the Sportweek Fun Run, and staff of this paper are barred from the Competition.

Thank you for reading this and remember to Love a Gumboot.

Signing off,

Yours for another 17 weeks, the Gumboot Maniac.

A Timely Question

Dear Sir,

What about the democratic Bolsheviks?

Yours in confusion, politically uninformed,
Pols 111 Student.

Mellow Yellow

Dear Peter,

I don't read Rosemary MacLoed, I just sleep with her.

Regards,

Stu.

P.S. I'm not Brian Jones reincarnated, and Mick J. told me personally that Margaret Trousseau goes off!

The "Liberated" Soviet Union

Dear Peter,

Drawing of a man looking up a woman's skirt

In a letter entitled "A Balanced View" in your April 23 issue, Patrick Mulrennan, in time honoured fashion, graced your pages with a combination of logical inconsistency and blindness to facts.

The letter was directed originally at Leonie Morris, but after the second sentence she somewhat faded from the scene. The rest of the letter was taken up with attacking me. For my own part, I simply wish to put the record straight and discuss* some of the points that Patrick has brought up.

If you disregard Patrick's worn out accusations of me being a "cold war McArtbyist" relying on

"anti-Soviet prejudice" etc etc, the barrenness of his arguments becomes even more obvious. For a starter, he attempts to defend the actions of the present Vietnamese government and proclaims that Vietnam is a country "whose population has lessened its dependence on imperialism and taken genuine steps along the road to genuine independence".

May I suggest to Patrick, that the only road that Vietnam has taken steps on recently in this regard, has been Number Five Highway to Phnom Penh. The Young Socialists and its parent organisation the Socialist Action League are the only group in New Zealand that have correctly pointed out Vietnam is occupying Kampuchea with over 100,000 troops and then goes on to defend the invasion. Even the local Moscow stooges, the SUP, didn't dare do that.

As for Vietnam's "genuine independence", Patrick correctly points out that they successfully freed themselves from US imperialism. But because Patrick's way of thinking only acknowledges one type of "genuine imperialism" in the world — that of western imperialism headed by the US. He then goes on to deduce that they are now "on the road to genuine independence" as he so quaintly puts it almost anticipating my objections to his simplistic and objectively pro-Soviet stance.

I don't wish to repeat points raised in the articles I wrote on S E Asia, but in them I tried to show the ways that Vietnam has become neatly nestled in the Soviet sphere of influence. Readers not conversant with them can get hold of them in earlier copies of this year's Salient.

Patrick has not raised any obvious objections to the content of those articles but merely prefers to attempt to knock them down with meaningless rhetoric.

The prize example in his characterisation of the Soviet Union which he states is a "post capitalist country with a conservative and undemocratic government." Sounds like something out of a stage one Political Science text book. It certainly doesn't square with the realities of the world. For one thing, it doesn't explain why Russia has troops in so many other countries and pursues the most consistently aggressive foreign policy in the world today.

In short, I think the letters column would be better served if Patrick stuck to debating about the real world and not the situation thirty years ago.

David Murray.

Drawing of three parrots

An alternative SASRAC

Starting this Friday (the 1st) is a great new way to relax after your week's work. Bring your friends, come by yourself, to the Restaurant on the first floor of the Union where you can relax, in comfortable chairs, in pleasant surrounding, and listen to good music.

Kick-off time is 2.30 and we'll be going till around 6. While you're there have a drink if you want. Beer, spirits and fresh-up will be available at reasonable prices, and perhaps tea and coffee.

The music will not be rowdy, but we think that you'll hear good recorded music of the type you won't hear on the radio.

Those of you who go to SASRAC will notice a similarity. While the idea definitely evolved out of that, the emphasis this time is very much on a pleasant place to relax at the end of the week, rather than a place for a quick drink on the way home. SASRAC will be on as usual on Wednesday and Thursday at 4 - 6.

So come along and relax at the end of the week. It'll be good.

Kick-off time is 2.30 and we'll be going till around 6. While you're there

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Zionists Should Learn to Read

Dear Peter,

I had naively expected Zionist replies to my article to not distort and misquote my statements La Heymann, a lesser offender, only misquotes me twice but Nigel Hayhurst and Andrew Tides-well (who refer to themselves in the letter collectively as "I") spiel a long collection of error, misinterpretation, and contradiction.

For instance, they/he alleges that the parallel I drew between Carter today and Chamberlain at Munich was inappropriate, since both Egypt and Israel signed the treaty; unlike the situation in '38 when Poland wasn't a signatory to the pact. To begin with the Munich agreement wasn't about Poland it was about Czechoslovakia. Furthermore,

I did not say that the agreement wasn't signed by Egypt and Israel. The point that I did make, was that the modern equivalent of the Czechs, the Palestinians, were the ones neither consulted nor involved in the signing.

In retrospect now the comparison may be inappropriate, Chamberlain didn't offer to send Hitler a few squadrons of Spitfires as reward for signing up, like Carter's gigantic military aid package to Egypt and Israel.

I also said that Sadat wasn't too serious over his wars with Israel, not that he wasn't too serious over his peace with Israel.

Likewise I didn't intend to prove that Arabs and Jew didn't coexist peacefully in pre Zionist times, as challenged by Hayhurst-Tideswell, since I said that they did coexist; not that they didn't.

They / he trumpet(s) that I have no shred of evidence" for saying that the Zionist propaganda prior to 1947 insisted the Palestinian Arabs "weren't meant to exist," I have; Theodor Herzl, the "Father of Zionism", frequently pronounced that, "Palestine is a land without a people and the Jews a people without a land." Both ideas are preposterous myths.

Heymann thinks I am getting carried away by claiming that there are four million Palestinians and most of them are exiled. I said that there are nearly four million, taking as my conservative estimate "Time" magazine of March 13, 1978, which! stated that there were 3.8 million Palestinians. The PLO itself claims a figure of 4,100,000 throughout the world.

In achieving this dispersal Hayhurst-Tideswell portray(s) an Israeli Robin Hood act of driving the exploited Palestinians off their tenant holdings and then doing them further favours by preventing the homes from collapse by generously going to live in them while the Palestinians were busy in Arab "concentration camps."

Heymann, in the second time he makes his point two, asserts, "It is an accepted fact that many Arabs were goaded into leaving the surrounding Arab countries," before the 1948 war began. In contrast, Hayhurst-Tideswell believe(s) the exodus happened after the war. They may accept either as fact but I don't. Neither does British writer Erskine Childers who upon investigating could find no evidence of the Arab High Command urging the inhabitants to leave. BBC monitoring of Arab broadcasts show convincingly that the Arabs were urged to stay, despite the Zionist terror campaign against them.

It was the Zionists who were the keenest to see the inhabitants leave in order to establish their exclusive state. As the present Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, said in 1967, on the subject of the return of the Palestinian refugees, "It would turn Israel into a binational or poly Arab Jewish state instead of a Jewish state, and we want to have a Jewish state."

Heymann's pointing out of the reverse migration of Oriental Jews into Israel after the Palestinian expulsion in no way justifies perpetual Palestinian exclusion. It was central to Zionist policy that this occur and was encouraged and often initiated by the Zionist agencies. The reaction of the Arabs and their Governments to Israel's creation in persecuting Jewish minorities was not only exaggerated by the Zionists, but was caused by Zionism and wouldn't have happened without it.

It is as inconceivable to think that the Palestinian Arabs could have urged Jews in the Arab countries to go and occupy their Palestinian homes as it is to imagine that Palestinians would happily and voluntarily give up those homes. It is the policy of the PLO and of many Arab states for these exiles to return home.

Heymann says that, "Zionists have always wanted to live in peace and harmony with their neighbours and fellow inhabitants." He also urged me to be very careful when I say that the Israelis will not tolerate a Palestinian state. The Israelis I referred to were government spokesman, like Dayan who said that Israel would walk out of a conference, "where the Arabs suggested the creation of a Palestinian state." But perhaps Moshe has no mandate from the Israeli people?

I am sure that the Zionists would like to achieve their goals peacefully; the invading general who gained surrender with no casualties at all would indeed be a hero. Yet to think that the Zionists believed that they could replace the people of Palestine without a fight is just ridiculous. Realistic Begin was saying in 1955, "I deeply believe in launching preventive war against the Arab states without further hesitation. By doing so, we will achieve two targets: firstly the annihilation of Arab power; and secondly the expansion of our territory. The murderer of Deir Yasin is hardly a man of peace and neither are the current raids on Lebanon a particularly peaceful act.

Points were made about the Zionist forces in 1948 being inadequate to deal with the armies of the surrounding Arab countries. CIA figures, among others, give the total of Arab forces who moved into the area prescribed as the Arab state, which was under Zionist attack, as only 27,000.

In this war, as in the wars of 1956 and 1967 it was the Israeli forces which began the hostilities against Arab territory or states.

Your correspondents base the legitimacy of Israel on the United Nations. The United Nations simply recommended partition of Palestine with the Jewish state grossly out of proportion to individual land ownership and population, yet still much smaller than today's Israel. Subsequent UN recognition was conditional on Israel complying with still unfulfilled directives on such items as repatriation of refugees. It is strange also how the

legitimacy bestowing power of the UN is suddenly different in Zionist eyes when it demands Israeli withdrawal from the territory it took in 1967.

Another thing that the UN does is recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation as representative of the Palestinian people, as do 105 nations of the world. Israel hypocritically refuses to do this on the grounds that the PLO will not become Zionist and believe in an exclusive Jewish-Zionist state, or because the PLO wages war against the usurpers of Palestine.

Usurpers they are for no matter how long or deeply diaspora Jews have looked on Palestine as their homeland or how many and what type of external international decisions have [unclear: beenlaid] on this land the Palestinians are the rightful inhabitants by the criteria used for establishing every other state on earth.

It is they who have the right of return.

Sincerely yours,

Don Carson.

Man in a Suitcase

Dear Sir,

BULLETS

Why is it that those damned activists who are so concerned with the Germans polluting our South Island are not so concerned with the polluting of Victoria University? By this I am referring to the two large "briefcases" used in the demonstration against the Germans. The cases have now been partially destroyed and, at the time of writing, left lying around the varsity. Although I do not credit the makers of the cases with destroying them, I do hold them responsible for disposing of them and that they should be disposed of as soon as practically possible after the cases had been finished with.

Ich bin blass vor Zorn!

The Holy Land

The Editor,

I have recently heard (from undisclosed sources) of a rather complex theological argument that is at present being conducted in the pages of your publication between certain Messieurs J. C. Grope and Arthur P. Hedgehog. I have been led to believe that it concerns that much debated question: "Who is God". Well I would just like to clear this up now, once and for all. God is a hole in the ground. I hope that this is of some use to all those confused Catholics out there.

Yours (without doubt) sincerely,

The Pope

A Day in the Life.....

I read the news today, Oh boy,
four thousand holes in Blackburn, Lancashire.
And though the holes were rather small,
they weren't nearly as small as P. Android's brain.

J.L. & P.M.

A Gentlemanly Attack

Honoured and Revered Sir, Greetings,

The shocking displays of juvenile behaviour expounded in your pages by the anti - O'Donoghue-ists leave my humble self with little option but to take my quill in my phalanges and commit my deductions to print. A personal attack is not in itself a heinous crime but to remain anonymous as does 724406699230, who obviously has an acquaintance with O'Donoghue, is base cowardice. I am not denying the fact that an attack on O'Donoghue is a pleasure not to be forsaken but one must be open and gentlemanly when one is engaged in a ruthless slaughter of another's character.

The Drysdale does not rise above the slime of petty conservatism that cloaks the whole charade of the controversy that has wasted much time and effort of the editorial staff of Salient.

Be it not in me to suggest the controversy should not fire the pages of Salient, or some of the pages of Salient should not be put in the fire.

O'Donoghue himself is not entirely innocent. His deliberate attempts to perpetuate the foolish antics of Drysdale, and now probably 724406699230 definitely show a streak of immaturity not in keeping with the behaviour to be expected of him. It is of course entirely possible that O'Donoghue's lack of physical suture and the locale in which he resides may have had an advance effect on his poor tortured mind (It is a well known fact that O'Donoghue is confined to the grounds of Porirua Psychiatric Hospital during vacation breaks)

The only positive results of this whole charade has been to show the world O'Donoghue's ability to turn a phrase (ie. bullshit) I feel an end to the stupidity of O'Donoghue, Drysdale and 7244066 99230 is most definitely called for.

I remain,
B. G. Kelly.

ARSE first

Dear Seditor,

May I express through the journal under your super vision my gratitude to Miss C. M. Beatty who made me smile? May I? Oh well, at least I tried.

Secondly I would like to publically admonish Sir Terence James Doolittle Jnr for his execrable plagiarism of the acronym A.R.S.E. (Association of Rightist Society Exponents). We of the Antipodean Rock Sitters' Equity have long been endeavouring to curry public favour, and let me point out that our acronym is registered with A.P.R.A. and B.L.U.F.F., and that these societies take a dim view of acrobatty mutologues.

Yours Diurnetically,

R. N. Phillipsss.

A.P. Hedgehog is Dead! Long Live Wombats!

Dear Sir,

I was somewhat surprised to find A.P. Hedgehog's letter in your last issue, and as I feel it may be setting a dangerous precedent, some comment as to the state of affairs is necessary. In short, Arthur P. Hedgehog is dead, defunct, etc; as decreed by our Lord and perpetuated by me.

When he first commenced his Satanist ravings, I never thought anyone would take him seriously. The ovine condition had begun to improve under my inspiration until he showed up, and because he was listened to even though he was usually given over to gibbering idiocy.

So, in true biblical tradition, this perpetrator evil has been punished. His true identity (which shall remain secret to protect his relatives) was revealed to me in a flash of inspiration at the Clarendon just before closing time, and I set off in pursuit.

I cornered him at the horrific experimental sheep centre in Ohariu Valley (Thats right! You eluded me then but you're next, Peter Beach!) and minced him up in the wool press. The remains were scattered through the wool stock [unclear: a-initiatyive] export by contaminating our produce I hope to reduce tee sheep subservience - and the act completed and sanctified by a rousing rendition of "The Lord is my Sheep-herd".

This all ocured some 3 weeks ago, so one asks - how did this letter get printed? Either it has been sitting around evading staff attempts to lose it, or you, Peter Beach, have deliberately saved it. If any other hedgehog letters appear, your involvement in the plot will be proven, you despicable, potentially condemned, and pathetic individual!

And what of Arthur's last hopeless message to the world? To state that the hegehog is useless and therefore religious and then that sheep make a useless noise is a self contradiction that shows up once and for all his ravaged, diseased mind. And the personal attack? My involvement with the Exosss Groops marketing board itself is small, my position being with the loosely attached ovine division-a 100% philanthropic and incorruptible group.

So, in closing, say a prayer for the departed Hedgehog, and be vigilant and ever sheep-loving.

I remain (with any luck)

J. C. Grope,

Moral crusader and divine hatchet man

The Hello Sailor Concert

Dear Peter,

Recently I attended the Hello Sailor concert organised by the Progressive Students Alliance.

Due to the numbers attending not being and [unclear: ficient] to break even or make a profit, the good [unclear: ok] Students Association is coughing up for the loss. Well! that's bloody nice I thought. If you make a profit you get to keep it, if you lose the Students Association will pay. Sounded almost foolproof to me and one helluva good way of [unclear: ting] rid of part of the \$43 that I parted with [unclear: lier] in the year.

I have since learned that sanity has [unclear: prevaf] The executive (after some debate!) have [unclear: detfl] to discontinue acting as guarantor for [unclear: aff] clubs etc in future, for similar occasions.

However the bad news is that the PSA is apparently running up quite a nice total, [unclear: thank] in ordering refreshment etc, through the [unclear: Stu] Association, for more functions that [unclear: lit] is [unclear: as] ting itself with.

The question is, how can a club who [unclear: pr] organised and lost money on a top attraction [unclear: say] as Hello Sailor be allowed to continue [unclear: to] the associations funds, seemingly ad infinitum rely they can't hope to make enough money [unclear: to] ver their costs in future.

The answer is that a strict credit limit should be imposed by Exec on all clubs, relative to their size of membership, and requirements. This [unclear: limit] should not be exceeded.

If the PSA thinks that it is working in the [unclear: fl] rests of students by creating future bad debts [unclear: for] the association in order to further their [unclear: po] fantasies, then it is high time for Mr Tees and [unclear: co] to call a halt to the progress.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Burke

Action on Salient

Dear Sir,

"Come on in—the pollution is at tolerable level."

Usually on an avid reader of your learned [unclear: puff] cation, I was shocked and astounded to read [unclear: M] bellous letter in your publication of April 23 [unclear: fl] after three weeks you or your readers can remember such an insignificant yet so offensive [unclear: dish] mish on your pages). This letter, written by so-called "Reginald Kruts" - personally, I find it hard to believe that anyone with such a [unclear: ridiculous] name could actually exist — attempts to [unclear: rebuke] the 'Salient' over alleged misprintings of [unclear: cartoons] by some unknown pervert going under the suspicious pseudonym of "B. Kliban". [unclear: Person] I have always found this kind of humour [unclear: disgusting] and the "Kliban cartoons" in particular [unclear: tiff] extremely nauseating. In fact, I would wholeheartedly support and endorse the "Salient" in its misprintings and furthermore hope that in the future they could succeed in annihilating such cartoons from the paper altogether (possibly by "forgetting" to publish the drawing as well as the caption).

Moreover I find "Kruts" feeble attempts at gutter humour in extremely bad taste, and his reference to being a "typically bored and apathetic varsity student" exceedingly insulting to the intelligentsia of our erudite institution, who have higher academic and cultural aspirations [unclear: this] the usual socially degenerate moron found [unclear: defiling] these sacred grounds. Needless to say, these are all obviously symptoms of severe [unclear: psychotic] withdrawal and I think it would be a danger to the public to let this maniac wander around of streets any longer, thus I would like to appeal to any civic-minded, responsible and decent people out there to help us hunt down this mindless [unclear: and] mal and expunge him from the face of the Earth.

Yours in righteous indignation,
Action

(Association for the Complete Termination of Items that are Offensive in Newspapers.)

[unclear: Inder] Fire

[unclear: letter] has been written in response to our [unclear: ing], president's letter in Salient 23 April, 79. [unclear: the] three pages of letters)

[unclear: is] letter he attacks with boring regularity, which he has labelled Mao and or Trot. He, better, calls them "selfish selected [unclear: minority] "not exactly majority viewpoints". [unclear: er] when I looked back at my last years and using my pass in Maths 115 I see that Trot candidates pulled in more votes than own President Mr Tees.

[unclear: ee], during the run up to the last years [unclear: elec-lumed] that he, Tees, was more able to [unclear: repre-] "average student" than any other candi - [unclear: ung] my Maths 115, I worked out that the of any group is at most one member of the group of people that is.) Mr Tees almost [unclear: Id] this aim. He got only 9% of the eligible [unclear: o] vote for him.

[unclear: ever] as he polled the highest number of [unclear: re] any one candidate he took his place as President As President it was and is his [unclear: lirotect] student rights. VUWSA is a [unclear: de-c] organisation and as such the majority [unclear: If] the majority want VUWSA to have a [unclear: MI] abortion or some overseas activity or [unclear: hing] they wish, so-be-it. It is not up to [unclear: ident] to try to prevent it. Some cynics, Mr [unclear: L] included, may say that SRC is not an [unclear: ade-ay] of getting majority student views. [unclear: How-C] is open to all students, all students may their views, and all students may vote. Mr [unclear: huld] like a small group of elected men and to decide policy. This way students vote year not nine or ten times every two weeks. [unclear: y] students lose the basic right of freedom [unclear: h] as NZ as a whole has already done.

[unclear: rerfore] submit that the actions taken by [unclear: sident] at the ACM were anti-student, and [unclear: Lttack] on student rights. In his letter, Tees was elected to represent true student views." not done this. And so I call on him to re-constitution permitting to be impeached Not following VUWSA policy and 2) At-the basic student rights he was elected to

S.J. Ruth

[unclear: aise] of Salient's Letters

[unclear: Dear,]

[unclear: Dratsrab] Detogib's letter of the 14th May [unclear: ling] graffiti in Salient.

[unclear: li] anonymous "person" was so concerned [unclear: would] have had enough guts to sign that [unclear: oth] their duly given name.

[unclear: A] only reason why people with a sense of [unclear: r] write to Salient instead of on toilet walls use weirdos like this Dratsrab have already up all the blank walls with their fantasies [unclear: ey] are too ashamed to put to pen and pa-

[unclear: And] do many other students, I enjoy reading the [unclear: had] absurdness found amongst these delight—ers. A bit of humour doesn't go amiss a—the ratrace of Campus.

[unclear: The] majority of right thinking students that [unclear: ib] talks about are the Patricia Bartletts of [unclear: rid], who if females just need a bit of the [unclear: inch] to enligh ten their ideas and if ma—[unclear: ldn't] know what it was any rate.

[unclear: o] can say what is graffiti and what is art. [unclear: me] has been said about Picasso. Maybe [unclear: ture] author of N.Z. will be the Arthur [unclear: gehog's] and J. C Gropes who at pre—[unclear: e] tyrantly oppressed.

Yours In Upmost Importance,

I. B. Flapworth.

[unclear: The] Letter Speaks for Itself

Dear,

Hey,Gort I see you're inventing again. What is it?

[unclear: Concerning] the Boyd-Wilson field and the [unclear: s] to my letter of the 23rd April. Ms Wilson [unclear: I] a point of interest when she mentioned a [unclear: ming] pool - even though I don't personally [unclear: ietn] I am aware that there exists a shortage [unclear: imming] pools in the Wellington District (I [unclear: es] Mayor Fowler made remarks to this ef—[unclear: last] year.) However, [unclear: Jessifca,] I would prefer "swimming pool" with, and thus make the concept similar to the squash courts over the road - ie. create a quasi-independentamenity to be enjoyed by anyone capable of doing so. (Although note that the squash courts are in fact totally independant.) Actually, Jessica, were you being entirely serious?

And concerning the second letter in the same issue written in "full faith" by TOB KOS - well, what can I say? I must say that it was useful to be informed that the writer is not an English student - nor am I.

I presented my self at the Boyd-Wilson field on Monday evening 5.30 to 6.15 (if that's what time your evening occurs, its only a definition anyway) and at most there were only 35 - 40 people using the field (not the 100 the writer asserted) - however I concede that this one exception does not prove an exaggeration on the writers part. Actually it was bitterly cold and windy, there were no seats, and I fell over in the mud, so I didn't hang around any longer.

I have doubts whether the primary school next to this field allows its students to play anywhere near this field on account of the muddy, wet conditions for most of the year.

As for the writers written attack on my person, I feel it is somewhat petty to advise people to 'stay clear' of me. Perhaps the writer misunderstood the concept of "jocko Homos" - its not an attempt to slander the sexuality of anyone! The writer seems to have assumed that I drive to university - this is not true, in fact I have walked up alongside the Boyd-Wilson field almost every day for a year and one term. This is how I am acquainted with its cordition. TOB KOS suggests a "new" playing field - but as yet the "old" one is grossly underutilized - 100 people on Monday evening by itself is not sufficient justification of its continued existance as a playing field.

Lastly, I don't believe that there exists a "national petrol crisis" — perhaps an International Monetary crisis would be a better term to use.

William Donald McDonald

Great Graffiti

Oy mate!

I call it the Automobile autos meaning self... mobile meaning 'moving' or 'mobile'.

What's with this "KrutZ" business? The name is KrutZ like with a "z", you know? I've had about as much as I can take from you illiterate clods, next time you make another cock-up I'll have you hanging by your balls from a meat-hook in the cold-store at the freezing works.

And about that whining toadie "Dratsrab De-togib"? Sounds like one of them bleedin' greasy Arabs to me. Goddam oily foreigners coming over here and poncing around with their brains up their bums trying to tell us what to print in our newspapers. Up the Free Press! (with a bag of peanuts.) Personally I think the standard of graffiti in the "Salient" is very high, and I commend Arthur P. Hedgehog Esq. and J. C. Grope for their continued efforts to reveal the true identity of God (who?).

Furthermore if that poederast "Dratsrab Detogib" or any of you anarchists on the paper start preaching literary standards and censorship around here you'll be looking for a good kick in the throat with a point steel-tipped ballet shoe.

Yours not so Faithfully,

Reginald KrutZ.

The "Privilege" of Education

Dear Sir,

As a student: defined in my mind as someone who treats varsity as a full time job and spends many extra hours doing assignments, making notes etc in the Library and other places, not spending hours in the cafe on "coffee breaks" and at Studass meetings; I am very much aware of the possible consequences of any cutbacks in education. Conversely I am also very much aware of the amount of money the government is putting into my education.

A varsity education is a Privilege not a right and so we should be very aware of the responsibilities which go with it. Only a small percentage of New Zealanders, through our exam system qualify academically to receive this privilege. The Government has attempted to make this privilege easier to accept by giving many students a Gift called STB for which we should be grateful. At no time was this said to be a living allowance, and we should not expect such, unless of course we are quite pre-pared for all the tax-payers to Day increased taxes to finance this.

If a whittling out of those bludgers on STB who are not "students" was effected, so watch out Lindy Cassidy the supporters of your meetings might have to start paying to come to your meetings tut-tut, then the education bill would be substantially reduced.

Let's support the claims of secondary and primary schools so as the majority of the school age population can get the basic education which is the right of all children, remember it's IYC. Those of us who made varsity are more likely to have it made on our own, than the other 75% who are also in the class at the local high school where there aren't enough teachers to go round.

It is democracy and the basic rights which-are the battle cry of our Studass, fantastic I support that. But did anyone stop to think that the most undemocratic facet of our society is the union, including studass. A "democratic" organisation with compulsory membership is no democracy at all. It would make the lot of the student easier if the cost of our varisty education was reduced by \$43.

Why? What're you doing? I'm. inventing something myself

With regard to overseas students, I in no way support my meagre tax contribution being used to pay for the education of some foreigner, whose sole aim is to get a degree and then return to his/ her home country, what a

wasted investment for New Zealanders money. Too bloody right they should pay to come to our universities.

Fortunately my ACCY 101 commitments prevent me from marching for the well being of our poverty stricken varsity students - Shame.

Ms Brian Tinsley.

P.S. These handouts from Studass make great scrap paper for assignment notes.

(It's interesting that a trade union with compulsory membership fees is "undemocratic" but Government with compulsory taxation, duties, levies etc. is "democratic", -ed.)

Hedging on the Bible

Dear Sir,

Arthur P. Hedgehog (esq.) is an addle-pated oinny! What he fails to realize is that there is a far more logical reason for the absence of the hedgehog's infamous name in the Bible. It is obvious in the extreme that the hedgehog is actually Lucifer, Satan, the Devil, Yog Sathoth (the Goat with a thousand young), or whatever you care to call him.

Again, I quote from Arthur P's own extract: Leviticus ch. 1 vs.2 — "When any man of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of cattle from the herd or from the flock." The hedgehog is naturally not mentioned here as who the hell (pardon the expression) would offer Lucifer to our Lord?

It is also a well known fact that there are no hedgehogs in Palestine, and naturally so, since it is the Holy Land and the Devil could not possibly cross its borders.

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" refers to the man protecting the flock from, among other things, stepping on sharp-spined hedgehogs!!

In our little part of the world we are faced with an attack by the Powers of Darkness (in the form of the Great Hedgehog) upon our (vaguely) Christian nation. Hedgehogs are invading our roads in ever increasing numbers, causing drivers to swerve (wasting fuel) and probably accounting for a large percentage of the "no-cause" road accidents.

It is my firm belief that this menace to our very souls should be eliminated by mounting special work gangs armed with crosses and blessed machetes to save our children from this monstrous evil!

Instead of the malevolent hedgehog I propose that the Lord is actually the sweet, chaste, and gentle Tuatara, residing exclusively in God-zone naturally.

So you, Arthur P. Hedgehog, you minion of the Forces of Darkness, get you behind me and return from whence you came!

So Q.E.D. to you too Arthur P.

Yours reptilicenally,

Daphe Eleanor Gladys Herbaceous Tuatara.

Corruption in Exec and SRC?

Peter,

It is my understanding that at the Executive meeting on Wednesday 15th there was considerable discussion over the amount of the Honorarium to be paid to the Education Fightback campaign organizer, who was to be elected at SRC the next day. Specifically the executive were bating this sum on their assumption that Simon Wilson would be duly elected at SRC.

Now this makes a mockery of SRC democratic principles, because Exec had already chosen a man for that position, and decided to pay him whatever they thought that specific man's needs deserved, before the Wednesday SRC.

Fuck, I wish I had friends on the Exec whom I could convince to give me more money and get me elected at an SRC.

Further, I consider it to be an abuse of Presidential privilege when the president attempts to suspend

speaking to a motion immediately before a speaker, whom the president disagrees with, is about to speak. (Specifically I am referring to Gerard Winter.)

These instances are Corruption, and we must not let them go unchallenged because these people are in control of our students funds. I must point out that I have no qualms over Simon's election, and that Phil Sowman was the only person on Exec to oppose the honorarium.

William Donald McDonald.

(It is my understanding that at the Executive meeting on Wednesday 15th, no member of the Executive was aware that Mr Wilson intended to throw in his honours course and stand for election. Furthermore it is beyond me how anyone can claim that 9 Exec members can ensure that an SRC of over 200 will elect any particular individual to any position - ed.)

The Average Student Speaks

Dear Mr Beach,

Do you not agree with the rest of the students in this university that voted in Mr Tees as President last year did a jolly good job. And that it is rather a pity that Mr Tecs no longer has the support of the executive but does have the support of the majority ie. the average hard slogging accountancy, History, Science, Sociology, Geography, Biology, Maths, Law etc, etc, etc students, writing essays, assignments etc.

Do you not think it odd the executive doesn't have the unity it once had.

Well, I'm just another average student and don't understand what was so important about Kampuchea or what ever. I only know I've an essay due tomorrow, and if I don't do it won't get terms. I guess there are a lot of students in this position.

So do you agree Mr Beach with the rest of us students or are you just like the rest of those sitting in gilded cages.

Sincerely,

An average student.

Norman's Lost Rafts

Dear Sir,

Oh? What is it? I call it a Parking Meter

I sincerely hope that Paul Norman does not expect to be elected to any position where the ability to organise successfully is essential. His performance at the raft race on the last Friday of term plumbed the depths of ineptitude.

Some (including no doubt Mr Norman) may regard the facility to bring down three rafts to the raft race forty minutes late as some kind of talent. For myself, however, such conduct borders on the incompetent and irresponsible, not to mention untrustworthy.

Surely an apology from Paul should be forthcoming to all those who had put in a lot of time to prepare their rafts and who were greatly disappointed when they did not appear until the race was over.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth E. Thompson.

The Hard Life

Hey Ed,

Did you know that there are no toilets for female students anywhere near the music department? And that certain staff seem to object to our using the staff one on the ground floor of Hunter Building?

This makes life such fun when a) you're a vegetarian and thus eat lots of nuts, beans, dried fruit etc and b) you happen to play the trumpet, which requires some physical exertion to reach the high notes.

Love from,

Gabrielle.

No Bursary Increase - Better Cafe Facilities

Sir,

I have little sympathy with students moaning about their bursaries when they appear to be blind to the rip-offs and inefficiency of the 'student union' which is costing them money. If members of the student executive were doing their job properly the grotty conditions and high prices of the cafe would be changed. For instance, why not have a non-profit or even a subsidized cafe; At the Wellington Clinical School, a med student pays 57 cents for a cup of coffee, biscuits, cake, roll, bowl of soup, and a pic. Their cafe is run on a non-profit basis and is very clean. If something of this nature were put into effect at Varsity with perhaps cut-rates on transport, such as Polytech students get most students might expect to save around 5 dollars a week.

Students are not getting a fair deal and this is not just because of their apathy, but also the apathy, inefficiency, and maybe even corruption of members of the student executive and associated facilities. A relevant example of this concerns one member of the student executive, whom whilst treasurer of a local club, misappropriated a large sum of money from the club funds. Despite repeated demands for the last year and a half restitution has not been made. As well as leaving the club short of cash, the books were left in a mess. People like this are not to be trusted running the Student Union and its facilities.

President - W.G.S.C.

The Catholic Approach

Dear Sir,

In reply to the anonymous Catholic Student (Salient 14.5.79) I make the following points:

- His assertion of the right to convert others to the Catholic viewpoint is a classic illustration of Catholic bigotry and self-righteousness, in fact the religious equivalent of racism, and taken collectively just as destructive. This sort of intolerance has stirred up trouble in many Latin American countries. It was one of the main reasons why most of the Catholic countries supported the Nazis and Fascists (conversion of Holy Russia); it perpetuates the trouble in Northern Ireland. It treated the internal civil war between Catholics and Buddhists in South Vietnam. Because of this sort of intolerance, the corrupt Catholic monarchy in Iran was overthrown and replaced with an Islamic state. It is one of the reasons why the Vietnamese boat people (mostly Roman Catholics) are not welcome in Malaysia which is also an Islamic country. In fact the matter has been taken further; according to the Tablet of 18-4-79, the Malaysian government has ordered practically all Roman Catholic missionaries to leave the country by the end of this year. The list goes on and on.
- In the case of Catholic regimes, the authority of the state is used in the service of the church, and if things go wrong, public attention is directed to the apparatus of the state thus absolving the church. This principle is called the "Doctrine of the Two Swords", attributed to Pope Boniface VIII. One application of this process in New Zealand is the abortion issue, in which Catholic Action aims to make Roman Catholic doctrine into civil law. It has been fairly successful.
- His use of the phrase "the common good" tends to mislead non-Catholic readers). The common good is

an explicitly Catholic phrase, and if one bothers to sort through the definition and various qualifying phrases it can be shown that the common good means the situation in which all aspects of peoples' lives are regulated in accordance with the instructions and directions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, (the pastors of souls). The anonymous Catholic student's concern for the common good is understandable but is hardly likely to impress non-Catholic readers.

- His traditional Catholic claim of an unchanging revealed truth (and intolerance derived therefrom) is one of the biggest obstacles to human progress. The formula for Catholic philosophers, sociologists and politicians can be stated quite bluntly: "You must close your mind against modern knowledge when it comes into conflict with Roman Catholic doctrine." The Catholic Church uses the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas as a pattern for mental obedience and servility. The acceptance of priestly authority in place of reason is described in the Catholic education system as a virtue. Bertrand Russell gives the following acid summary of St. Thomas Aquinas. "There is little of the true philosophic spirit in Aquinas. He does not, like the Platonic Socrates, set out where ever the argument may lead. He is not engaged in an enquiry, the result of which is impossible to know in advance. Before he begins to philosophise, he already knows the truth; it is declared in the Catholic faith. If he can find apparently rational arguments for some parts of the faith, so much the better; if he cannot, he need only fall back on revelation. The finding of arguments for a conclusion given in advance is not philosophy, but special pleading. I cannot, therefore, feel that he deserves to be put on a level with the best philosophers either of Greece or of modern times." The process of special pleading is otherwise known as "rationalising", and is part of the characteristic slant on a Catholic education. From this is derived the necessity for censorship, not pornographic but doctrinal and political. Although a Catholic education and Communist education are poles apart culturally, it can be shown that their underlying philosophies of education are almost identical.
- When discussing Papal Encyclicals, one must distinguish between the public image put forward by the church ("window dressing") and the political machinations of Catholic Action. In Catholic regimes, the claim of an unchanging revealed truth provides the motivation for the most appalling discrimination against non-Catholics, but as pointed "out by G. Herrington, these issues are concealed, largely due to the Catholic presence in the broadcasting newsroom and NZPA etc. I could discuss these issues at length, but there is enough material here for one letter.

Donald J. Beswick.

The Paranoid Pope

Dear Sir,

Drawing of a man with large teeth

To the Paranoid Android, may your bolt get rusty, may your arms fall off from overuse for slurring good music.

With ultimately good taste I too fear and loathe the hip swinging energy of Disco. Too many instant replays of Rivers of Babylon on Saturday Night Fever. I cringe at the sound of Baww Mauwice, and Wobbin whom I believe love furry little animals.

West Coast rock is supposed to be an even greater trap to fall into with "Don't they ever Fuck" being the order of the lyrics (tongue in cheek) maybe the Paranoid Android could understand the subtlety if he took his metal head out of his tin ass long enough to see the logical progressions of "middle class rock."

As for his utterly and completely fallacious statements about Genesis' success (top live band 1977 Rolling Stones) spelt Genesis, peasant, what rubbish. He says that their success is due more to the manufacturers, in that does he mean a) they have lots of instruments so it sounds good or b) sound engineers do a marvellous job of mixing in the studios. What shit!

Sheer graft and brilliant genius have got Genesis their great reputation and nothing else. Their music is sensitive and encompassing not obtrusive like punk, "acts" who bash shit out of their guitars in the hope that they will hit the right combination to make a note.

To be a successful live band raw talent must be there and Genesis proves the fact with the eminent Peter Gabriel, flautist vocalist and God extraordinary, playing the beautiful, haunting flute solo on fifth and the sheer brilliance of the omnipresent Steve Hackett on lead guitar on Genesis's Live Album "Seconds Out" not to mention Mike Rutherford's individuality in hit base pedal solo on "Genesis Live", nuff said about the ace group.

As for punk, what can you say morons with supposed right wing tendencies and meaningful lyrics such as, "God save Martin Borman and Nazis on the run they didn't mean any harm they were only having fun, what impressions can you formulate as a relatively sane weirdo. Talking about New Wave, Devo the in group, it in fact as we were told making chart headway and could be classed as commercial as it was aimed towards a certain market, when it was billed as the world's greatest rock group (good propaganda) people just like the Bee Gees' fans (publicity for Spirits Flown bought the album.

Love and Kisses,

Pope Harold Hedgehog I.

Also M. A'Court's article on Bursary investment was ace. So it Michelle.

My Kingdom for a Headline!

Dear Sir,

Philip Diver has the brain of a paraplegic hamburger. In fact he even lacks the common sense of a chocolate fish. Furthermore, he should be deported to the ""looney haven" of Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

David Pye.

The Android Returns

Sirrah,

Before the screaming millions stampede their way into print, may I add that when I brewed up my article (and the title wasn't my own. I swear it, your Honour) John Barry was still, to the best of ray knowledge, on ZM. I'm just another victim of the Electronic Age, not to mention a product of it

Furthermore (pauses for dramatic intake of breath, chokes accidentally inhaled oxygen), don't take that acreage of ink to be my definitive opinions. Nothing is absolute except student politix (there, I've saved the typesetter a keystroke), and it's certainly not complete. Just take it that what I haven't championed or condemned is unworthy or the former and undeserving of the latter.

I thank you for your tolerance in supporting my right to freedom or senility at any age.

Must go now, my note needs feeding.

Yours intergalactically,

The Paranoid Android.

P.S. I've a brain the size of a planet and I'm So depressed.

Criticisms of Weir House

Dear Salient,

It is about time a letter of interest to most first year students who have to live away from home was published. By this I mean hostel students. This year I have to stay in Weir House, not because I want to but it was where I was accepted after my application. Also since I knew nobody to go flatting with, I thought it would

be a good grounding for flapping next year when I would know some people. Well since then I have changed my mind about the usefulness of hostels (so have most people there I think.)

There are so many complaints I could make about it but I will try to limit these so as not to make it boring.

Food is just short of being pigfodder come shit. I am sure the cook who is useless as tits on a bull has a sideline going with the overseas students, as all we get is curry this curry that (is this because the food is off or is it because the Indian President! likes it hot-no not the chef but the meals.)

And the Weir House Association (the so called body Behind the students) it the biggest joke around, even worse than the National Party. They are not concerned with the students but rather what they can get out of it for themselves, and how well they can impress the House manager and the Warden so that they will be looked at as nice boys and a girl. (There are even rumours of them imbezzling funds???) This has many students worried. The president even called a vote of no confidence on himself because he knew how unpopular he was. The funny point being that the president made the rest of the committee resign if he got voted out.

Accommodation is just short of like living in a hovel (all the beds are is a piece of foam and a bit of hardboard.)

The House manager, nickname being Mum the walrus, is too motherly. It is just like being at home again you can't do anything without being told off. Really, it is a pain in the arse. Most people come to varisty to get away from your parents not to be henpecked by a domineering old lady who really is useless.

Also it is a real pain to be spooned down with to much religious garbage by tome of the deputy wardens (one thinks he it god!)

Well that it about it I suppose.

I hope the prospective students reading this pass the message around about how slack hostels are. A Normal Student Staying Under Sufferage.

Who Killed Carol Addley?

Dear Ed,

Enough of this nonsense. I am about to reveal to you an astounding plot devised by certain individuals to disrupt the harmony and tranquility of university life! By now many students will have noticed that some dastardly plan is being carried out and, as intended, is disturbing their peace-of-mind and social conscience. Now I have discovered the evil master mind behind this scheme. It is.....

As Carol Addley cannot finish this letter because she has been taken to hospital to have the bullet removed from her person I will sign off on her behalf.

Yours,

Mr X.

The Truth About Telethon

Dear Sir,

Here coroes Telethon.

Just a word of warning to all those people intend spending money on Telethon and not [unclear: on] themselves.

Recently, certain profs, from a certain [unclear: hospital] in Wellington spent a number of weeks in the Statet, with wives, with all expenaet paid, VIP treatment, attending a conference on men disorders.

Was this conference necessary? Did wives to be there as well? Did We, yes We, have top for the bloody lot? And Where do you [unclear: this] the money came from. Yes, from all those [unclear: il] who thought that their money was going to [unclear: held] some poor, mentally disabled person.

Here comes Telethon; keep your hands in [unclear: year] pockets Or ask for next years recipient to [unclear: scence] a postcard.

Signed,
I'm spending my money on Me and some ones overseas trip.

P. O'Donoghue Again

Dear Peter Beach,

I write to you from amidst the wastes of [unclear: de] lation mainly because my former [unclear: correspond] have seen fit to lambast me as a heinous [unclear: back] ber and silenus and a derelict reject and an [unclear: "it"] Since they have done this I am now left with [unclear: otc] yourself to correspond with.

But who in hell wants to correspond with [unclear: yar] anyway!?! So I would like to broadcast both [unclear: hr] peal and a rebuttal to the lettters concerning [unclear: him] self in the 'Salient' of May 14. So

Number One: Kathy, can you ever forgive me my brutal and disgusting actions in criticising [unclear: you] worthy self? Please find it in your heart to [unclear: rifl] me to the [unclear: benelovent] glow of your friendships! please also reinstate me on that "Who's who [unclear: at toria] University" — your Christmas card list [unclear: I] realize that I have done an awful and vile thing by allowing my baser instincts to triumph over truth, justice, integrity and the American way and I ask, nay beg and grovel at your feet, for forgiveness. P.S. Is it still alright for Wednesday night?

Number Two: O vile 7244046699230, you [unclear: excrement] of diseased hyenas, you bloated [unclear: wfefl] carcass, you degenerate psychotic, you Minister Education (save the worst for last.) You sir are [unclear: cad], a bounder, and a coward!!! You do note [unclear: even] have the intestinal fortitude to sign your letters with your true identity (unless you are the Wanganui computer.)

Secondly, your feeble attempts at claiming the support of the people in your "Shoot an O' [unclear: Does] now" campaign is worthy only of the tiniest of Why claim the people's support when they are [unclear: teh] apathetic bunch of mindless Government-led [unclear: cr] the entire Galaxy? Please sir, if you can find a [unclear: fl] other than silenus in time for the next letter, let some facts and not the inconsequential [unclear: wandaf] tiny diseased mind.

I remain to all (except [unclear: 724404669923] Your Most Humble & Obedient [unclear: Servent,]P.
O'Donoghue.

Image of a lion, dog and child

PEPE LOPEZ THE SPIRIT OF MEXICO

The Education FIGHTBACK Campaign needs Well ahem.....ahem... It looks like its going to be a long hard winter, and the enemy has already taken the offensive, so you chaps, and you ladies, we are looking for new recruits to supplement our tested volunteer force. Yes, arumph the winter campaign will certainly be something! We face the prospect of drawn out battles short skirmishes, an awful lot of fun don't you know. Every little bit you can do will be awfully appreciated. Just look at these lads. Here they are working out the simplest way to letterbox all student flats. Do they look discouraged? Do they look depressed? Well of course they do! They are all on their own, and they are in need of your help. We need leafleters, pamphleteers, writers, singers, walkers, runners, thinkers, actors, knitters, sewers, bakers butchers and candle stick makers. We could do with a few sailors too, the navy's not too strong, you know. Well just rush along to Staff Headquarters in the Committee Room opposite the Smoking Room and see Field Marshall Wilson. You are bound to be welcomed.....don't you know!

Shit of the year award! put your money on the shit of your choice anyone within the university) cafe foyer 12-1 every day for the next fortnight Weekly progress chart of Top Ten To raise money for the education cuts campaign ext week we start a PIN BALL competition

Executive Elections

May be I could be Man vice-president!

Due to the resignation of five Executive Members, an Executive By-Election has been called. Applications are now open for the following positions:

Man Vice President
SRC Co-ordinator
Secretary

Cultural Affairs Officer

Welfare Officer

Each position Carries an honorarium of \$500 per year. Applications will close on Thursday, 31st May at 4.30 pm and should be lodged in the box in the Students Association Office. Any application may be withdrawn before 4.30 pm on Friday 1 June.

Polling will be on Wednesday 13 June and Thursday 14 June, 8.30am —6.30pm.

Further information on the positions is available from the Students' Association Office and further information on the elections can be obtained from the Returning Officer. Anyone wishing to register an absentee vote should see the Returning Officer as soon as possible after all the candidates are known.

Lamorna Rogers

Returning Officer

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