

You Pay-a the Fees or we Break-a your fingers

YOU PAY-A THE FEES OR WE BREAK-A YOUR FINCERS Protest against tuition fees April 8

Letters

DO YOU BELIEVE ALL WRITERS HAVE ONLY THREE THEMES? YER. ME ME MATES AND PEOPLE I NEVER, HEARD OF

The Keys are Here

Dear Editor,

In reply to your dark taler of the locker room, we have some keys to the problems.

We have been aware of the problems over lockers for some time, and these are the points we have taken into consideration in our discussions.

- we have only 60 lockers for men, and slightly fewer for women.
- If we charged more - only affluent students would be able to use the service.
- We could install more lockers but the expense would be prohibitive in terms of financial outlay and the space they would take.
- We decided to have multi-purpose space instead of a locker room, since we had seen several recreation centres overseas in which lockers monopolised colossal areas (and incidentally, created lugubrious effects).
- It is not our responsibility to provide lockers for people who want to store books, and many of our lockers are being used for that purpose.
- We do have a temporary locker hire system available for both men and women, at 20c per hire.
- We would not be able to install sufficient lockers for everyone who uses the Centre.

We [*unclear: riise*] it is a difficult problem and we have [*unclear: ye o*] find the ideal solution.

Diana Jones

Recreation Centre

Is this a Letter?

Sir,

I am pleased and amazed that the stereotypic view of Vic students is at least partially true. I had heard they were apathetic baton-wavers for lost causes. You are certainly apathetic. Look at orientation - Ekatahuna Primary Schools' Dental Nurse's Flat warming had a larger turnout! A rage in a million!

Now when I pick up a copy of Salient and read bad news: Bursary, glorification of orientation organisers, Sharpeville, accommodation and "free financial advice" from a number of solicitous banks. I expect to find something entertaining goddammit! So I find the letters: a Marxist Gumboot Maniac, a, nay two chip masticators, and other pole vaulting Bohemians who struck out in the dark at mis-timed movies.

Will somebody kindly take their proverbial finger out, take lessons if necessary, and write an entertaining both boots in the guts letter.

Thank You.

Bored to death by quasi-intellectual Assholes

Another View

Your Excellence,

Drawing of an artist painting a still life of war

Orientation was fuckin' good. Congratulations and much thanks must go to Paulette Keating and Simon Wilson. It was well worth the \$1500 it cost the Students' Association. But, a quote: 'May those that drop beer cans on the floor at hops, slip in the piss and land uncomfortably upon the metal can'.

T. Sutherland

Chips

Dear Sir,

I have responded to CAM's request for people incensed with rage to write in and complain about the chips disappearing from the cafe. I would like to put my word in and say hells teeth am I livid.

Yours sincerely,

Brent Acne

Statistics Defended

Mr Stephen A'Court,

I feel I must answer "A Patriotic New Zealander Fighting for Anarchy" (16/3/81). Barring the obvious political inconsistencies in this person's letter, the basic subject matter, too, was completely astray with the facts.

The Census was around long before Muldoon was thought of and will still be here when the man is gone (an encouraging thought, maybe). But what APNZFA fails to realise is that if a group of people i.e. students, failed to complete their forms, then the end result would be a 'drop' in the number of students.

Resulting from that our friend Muldoon (Merv can't add) would drop Education spending even more since the Census would show that there were fewer students.

Bernard McDavitt

P.S. Statistics can't lie, its the people that use them.

Cruelty to Cats Unmasked

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regards to an incident which came to my attention last Friday (6 March). Upon leaving, after thoroughly enjoying the Horror movies in the graveyard, I perchanced to notice that the saddlebag that had resided upon my bicycle had become removed from said bicycle by some fucking, shitstabbing, mother fucking, cat bugging, cock sucking, seat sniffing excuse for a normal person.

Of course I was upset as said saddlebag contained many important items in addition to some varsity material (books etc.). To whoever perpetrated the crime I wish him the best of luck and good cheer to your unmarried mother, and we hope your cat gets napalmed.

If the above mentioned saddlebag (with contents) is not passed into the Registry Lost Property Office and I happen to identify you consider yourself conscripted as a live specimen for a stage 1 Testicectomy class full of spotty faced students with the manual dexterity of spastic millipedes.

Yours sincerely,

Mildly irritated

Registry Mistreats Malaysian Students

Dear The Editor,

I would like to bring to your attention the most unfortunate incident I have ever encountered at Victoria University.

In early March, seven Malaysian students arrived in Wellington with the intention of doing a BSc degree, majoring in Computer Science (or Information Science as it is called here). To their utter surprise, they were not allowed to enrol in the Stage One Information Science course, simply because the intake quota had already been satisfied. It was indeed shocking that no place was reserved for them even though they had expressed their intention very clearly in their application and, long before their arrival, had in fact informed the Registrar of the Victoria University of the course they wanted to pursue. No doubt they were only offered a BSc, but the very fact that they had stated their choice of majoring subject, the University at the very least should have informed them if their preference could not be met. In the first place, by not giving them chance to pre-enrol, some kind of arrangement should have been made to ensure that they could enrol for the course they applied for. By allowing them to come, and then forcing them into doing an alternative course or having to take an extra year to complete the intended course is undoubtedly a very heavy penalty unjustly imposed on them.

Although these seven students have already transferred to another university, the matter is by no means over. In 1980, new students from Malaysia were not allowed to do the core subjects in their first year in BCA, based exactly on the same reason given to these seven students, ie. they arrived too late to be considered! But, exactly what prevented them from coming earlier is no other than the red tape in the application procedure!

What an awful lot that the \$1500 can buy - a take-it-or-leave-it kind of education plus immense amount of frustration and the feeling of being cheated! Obviously, some kind of investigation needs to be conducted to make sure such things won't happen again.

Yours In Fury,

Ah Tong

Exec Resignations

Dear Editor,

What is it that makes people put themselves up for election to the Exec at the end of one University year, only to resign at the beginning of the next?

If they thought someone was going to give them a gold star for their heroic act, no wonder they became disillusioned so quickly.

It makes a mockery of those elected who are prepared to sacrifice the time necessary to put in a decent years work on the Exec.

Yours sincerely,

A Student Against Politics Even Pettier Than Last Year's.

Orientation does it Again

Dear Ed,

I, like many others, would like to complain at the large numbers of students unable to attend their own orientation function, the concert on Friday 13 March, because of the large numbers of non-students arriving early and buying all the tickets. Why can't the Students' Association sell tickets during varsity time preceding the night's programmes so as to ensure that students (and friends), will gain admission, and then sell the remaining tickets to the general public?

Better go, the whisky bottles calling me,

Yours Forever Scotland,

Haggis MacMuncher

Phil 101 - The Inside Story

Dear Ed,

Drawing of two people carrying cases of wine

I am presently a student in Phil 101. The lecturer seems to be a nice enough gentleman and most of the other students seem fairly normal - But there is one girl, and dear you know who you are, who wastes time every lecture. I am sure she has done a 7th form year at some trendy college and is convinced in her own mind that she knows more than the lecturer. Please "Shut Up" you're driving me crazy.

Thank you.

SRC (Means Student Representative Council) — a time to have your say — Union Hall Wednesday 25 March 12 noon to 2.00pm Featuring elections, debate and controversial motions

At Last a President!

Ex Lincoln President Heads NZUSA

At the third Special General Meeting since Simon Wilson was forced to resign late last year, NZUSA has elected a new president - Derek Shaw of Lincoln.

There were two candidates for the position of president of NZUSA this time round - Shaw, who was standing for the first time, and Gary Stewart of Waikato, standing for the third.

Instead of making an appearance, Stewart simply sent a memo which was read to the meeting by Chairperson Brian Sweeney. In it, Stewart expressed his unwillingness to pay for another airfare from Hamilton to Wellington to see people who, he said, "have already made up their minds, and ask meaningless, insincere questions."

"I am prepared to put my record of pedestrian pen pushing up against that of Derek Shaw's any day," he added.

There was very little further discussion of Stewart's candidature.

In Shaw's initial speech to the meeting, he said that NZUSA was in certain difficulties. It had lost credibility following the last president's forced resignation in the eyes of both its members and the public, he said.

Shaws Contractual Obligations

He sees the issues of course fees and the TAG as priorities for NZUSA and that negotiations with the government should again be attempted. He outlined his experience in student politics, with two years as president of Lincoln and two years on National Executive.

So far, everything was going well for him. Shaw's face is well known and his reputation is good. But he went on to outline his conditions for standing. Shaw has contractual obligations until April 1 and would not be able to assume the position of president until then. As well as this, he is working on his masters thesis, which has been deferred over the past two years because of his involvement in student politics at constituent level and it must now be completed.

At this stage he proposed to stand as acting president until May Council, at which stage he suggested another election be held to elect a president until the end of the year. By then he would have been able to evaluate his position more clearly in terms of his other obligations and may stand again.

Acting President Helen Aikman pointed out that an SGM cannot elect an acting officer. Such an officer can only be appointed by National Executive. Shaw replied that it would make no difference to him whether he was president or acting president, the responsibility would be the same.

Photo of Michele A'Court

Delegates Confused

He was asked by a Canterbury delegate how the prospect of being only a short-term president would affect planning of long term campaigns. Shaw replied that at this stage it was hard to evaluate. Speaking to him later, he said he felt that he had sufficient experience and enthusiasm to put his time as president, no matter how short, to good use.

In the discussion that followed the question period, many delegates expressed both their concern and confusion at the conditions under which Shaw was standing. Was it better to leave the position of president vacant for yet another month or elect one now and risk having him resign in May? Delegates were concerned about the reaction of the news media, and more importantly, campus reaction. The first ballot reflected this confusion and no result was obtained.

Shaw was called back for further questions, this time focusing on what he would hope to do as president of NZUSA, and also on ways to relieve pressure from his other commitments. After only a few questions a second ballot was held. The result: Derek Shaw 33, against 9. It would seem that NZUSA's need for a president and Shaw's willingness to do the job outweighed the risks involved in electing someone already so heavily committed.

Brian Small, Education and Welfare Vice-President of NZUSA, will be acting president until April 1 when Derek Shaw will assume the role of president till the end of the year. God and his academic advisor willing.

Michele A'ourt

Editorial Sparks Debate

Acting President Shows Strength

Dear Stephen,

Your editorial in Salient of March 9 1981, which discusses NZUSA, contains a great many allegations which you do nothing to substantiate or explain. It also shows a considerable lack of knowledge, or deliberate blindness, to the way NZUSA operates.

You speak of the demise of NZUSA's work since the forced resignation of the President, Simon Wilson, last year, and certainly there is no doubt that this event has had a marked impact on NZUSA's public image and effectiveness, and has provided a dream come true for Merv Wellington.

You go on to use this scenario as a basis for your claim that "there has been an overall lack of co-ordination and cohesion" in National Office. However, you do not provide any substance to this claim and completely ignore the fact that many problems did indeed exist under the former "strong Presidency".

You state that officers have often not sought approval before launching out on new projects and that they have indulged in incidents which "just should not have happened". Perhaps you would care to enlighten us, and readers, what these many occasions and incidents were.

It has been freely and publicly acknowledged that there was one occasion when unauthorised expenditure did take place, involving NZUSA's activity in promoting Maor rights, an area in which we do have policy. This matter was discussed fully and resolved in National Office the next day, and then taken to National Executive, where there was the opportunity for any National Executive member to have discussed it should s/he have so wished. What you seem to want instead was a repeat of the public "blood letting" that occurred last year with regard to the production of an allegedly unauthorised sticker - hardly the manner in which to build up the unity you desire.

Your editorial also criticises the time spent by the WRAC Co-ordinator on investigating the feasibility of a Women's Conference. While obviously you are welcome to hold whatever views you want on the merits of a Conference, the WRAC Co-ordinator is acting pursuant to a National Executive resolution instructing her to carry out this preliminary work, and she would be failing in her duty not to do so. It should also be pointed out that WRAC have recommended the Conference as a means of promoting NZUSA's policy on women on campus as an alternative to the "button, sticker and poster" type campaign which has often taken place in the past. It is now up to the National Executive, not the President acting alone, to decide whether it thinks this is the correct course of action.

Clearly, NZUSA will be looking for a strong and competent President when it considers the candidates on March 14, and it scarcely needs to be told this. But, in trying to place the blame for what you perceive as NZUSA's problems on the lack of a permanent President, you are falling into the same trap as the Minister of Education did last year in forgetting that NZUSA is more than one person. No matter how strong a President we have, s/he will ultimately be no stronger than the support s/he gets from National Office, National Executive and the 41,000 members of NZUSA.

Your editorial also totally ignores the work undertaken by NZUSA during the past four months, in particular the planning and preliminary work done towards two major activities in the first term; the Stop the Tour, and Education Fight back campaigns. Nor does it mention the vital work in which National Office has been engaged representing students' interests in discussions on the Student Community Service Programme, the Tertiary Assistance Grant scheme, loans and more recently, the prospect of a hike in the overseas student fee. Perhaps if you had bothered to consider any of these or other areas of NZUSA's work, you would realise that National Officers have not exactly been frittering away their time for the last few months, waiting for the

coming of a messiah in the guise of a new President.

While NZUSA welcomes comments, both critical and otherwise, on its activities, I hope at least that in the future these comments will be based on well founded facts, not unsubstantiated allegations.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Aikman

Acting President

The Editor Replies...

In my Editorial of March 9, I did not cite particular examples of a lack of National Office cohesion because I had squeamishness (probably unwarranted) about naming names. In this case, there was little real advantage in doing so. However you cite an example of unauthorised expenditure. Surely this in itself should never have happened.

Womens' Conference

While I did not directly criticise the WRAC Co-ordinator for her time spent on the Women's Conference work, I would strongly criticise National Exec, for giving her this work in the first place. National Exec, should work only within the framework of policy set by Councils. In this case, a major proposal involving potentially high expenditure has been made outside the proper council structure.

The problem here is a contradiction between NZUSA's policy and National Officers' action and this is really the basis of my complaint. This contradiction was a source of many of 1980's conflicts. Then, there was a President prepared to stand up and make sure policy was adhered to - with the WRAC sticker being a particularly good example - this issue was taken to National Exec.

To regard, as you seem to, that episode as nothing more than bloodletting shows a misunderstanding of the principles involved. Basically it is about NZUSA sticking to its own policy; and if it doesn't, NZUSA's credibility is denied.

Unity must not be confused with a lack of difference of opinion. Unity is not built by avoiding conflict, nor by turning a blind eye when policy is ignored or overstepped. This seems to be exactly what has happened at various times in National Office since Wilson's departure. Unity within National Office and support from students, will only come when criticisms of officers are able to be made and errors rectified. A President has this task by definition and is also the person in the best position to do so. It is not the lack of a permanent president which has been the direct cause of NZUSA's problems, but a lack of anyone prepared to draw the line when policy is infringed on.

Stephen A'Court

This Week

Department of Music Concerts

Unless otherwise stated, all concerts take place in the Memorial Theatre, commencing at 1.10pm, and admission is free.

March 26:

Adieu - Stockhausen - Ensemble directed by Gillian Bibby; Capriccio in Bb Major - J.S. Bach "On the Departure of his beloved brother" - Diane Cooper; Farewell Symphony - Haydn - University Orchestra, conducted by Peter Walls

VUWSA Films

The Eagle Has Landed

GB 1976, 135 minutes

During WWII an English village is infiltrated by Germans hoping to get a chance to kill Churchill.

Joint Forestry Committee

Talk/slide-show conducted by JFC (F&B, NFAC, ECO, and EMC). The meeting has been organised to give students the opportunity to write informed submissions on the West Coast Native Forest management proposals. At stake in this year's decisions are such famous and valuable forests as Okarito, Waikukupa and Maruia Valley. The native West Coast forests are the largest and most important areas still left in the country. After the talk and slides the speaker will help people to write their submissions. So bring pen and paper!

Thursday 26 March 7pm Students Association Boardroom. (Any queries contact Neil 628-117).

Nominations Open Executive By-Elections Nominations are now open for four positions on the VUWSA Executive. The positions are: Cultural Affairs Officer Finance Officer Media Officer Woman Vice-President Written nominations should be handed in at the Association office. They should contain the nominee's name, address and telephone number and the position(s) applied for. They should also be signed by the nominee. Nominations close at 5.00pm Thursday 26 March 1981 and the election will be conducted by a general ballot held on Wednesday 8 April and Thursday 9 April 1981. Any queries should in the first instance be directed to the President, Virginia Adams.

Play

Who is Sylvia?

Wellington Repertory Theatre

Terrence Rattigan

dir. Fergus Dick

Playwright Terrence Rattigan was the firm favourite of the British postwar theatre era. While America thrilled to Hollywood's frivolous '50's movies, Britons (not to mention we colonials) eagerly absorbed Rattigan's buoyant comic plays. But alas *Look Back In Anger* and *The Angry Young Men* duly arrived on the scene in 1956, and since then Rattigan's work has been dismissed as somewhat passe and lacking in depth. Hence Director Fergus Dick's concern to rediscover this man's work. I believe that Repertory Theatre's current production of *Who Is Sylvia?* more than successfully proves the validity of this concern.

Full [unclear: on] Folly

Who Is Sylvia? is a vivacious light comedy that is replete with the folly of human conceit. The central character, Lord Mark Binfield (Tony Spite), egged on by his boorish soldier companion Oscar (John Dean), attempts to lead a double life throughout the thirty-three year time period of the play. He is on one hand following his respectable image as a happily married career diplomat, while we the audience are permitted a view of his womanising private life. Mark buys Oscar's Knightsbridge flat in 1917 (Act One) for the purpose of practising 'the fine arts of seduction' on the vulgar flapper Daphne (Christine Osboldstone). Daphne reminds him of his adolescent fantasy ideal Sylvia, hence the enigmatic poignancy of the play's title - 'Who Is Sylvia?' - Does Mark ever know? By 1929 (Act II) and 1950 (Act III), Mark has acquired 'new' Sylvia's in the persons of the affected actress Nora and lastly the dress-shop assistant, Doris (both Christine Osboldstone). His folly lies in the cocksure conviction that he has managed to pare the halves of his existence into a respectable social realm and an indulgent private realm. As Oscar emphatically points out in Act One, Mark's worlds must, of natural necessity, collide. In Act Three Mark is rocked by the knowledge that his wife Caroline (Isabel Reid), has been 'in the know' all along (no one has been fooled by his double life) and thus his grandiose illusion crumbles to dust.

A Dark Comedy?

Repertory's production in part hoped to captive the essence of a dark, counterpoised comedy. Part of the purported mystique of *Who Is Sylvia?* being Rattigan's bitter caricature of his own father in the guise of Mark. But this play does not have enough in it to let you feel this - it is overwhelmingly an entertainment comedy, only lightly tinged with some measure of message. I feel that the basic highlights of the play come in terms of the witty dialogue, barbed quips and colourful characters, rather than any 'socially relevant' comments. For instance when Mark's wife confronts him with his fragrant and flagrant lies in Act Three, there is no tragic remorse nor a sense of sin. Instead Mark comically and roguishly says, "It was fun while it lasted wasn't it?" and we as audience agree. After all we have witnessed lots of fun such as Oscar's 1929 flame, the socialite Bubbles (Julie-Anne Evans) drunkenly lurching into the bedroom in her vodka-stained silk.

Rex Hearst and Julie-Anne Evans in Who Is Sylvia?

Photo of actors in the play 'Who is Sylvia' with a telephone

A Deft Production

The production aspects of *Who Is Sylvia?* are very impressive to say the least. Fergus Dick's set is excellent as it manages to create a skilful illusion of dimension and space within Repertory's limited stage area. The costumes were A1 and in conjunction with the recorded music and properties, made for a genuine period feel, sustained throughout the play. In addition one could not but admire the natural way in which food and drink were handled on stage. For the most part the acting was colourful, resilient, having verve, but I would have to criticise a lack of ease and fluency of character, exhibited by some of the major roles, especially in Act One. Tony Spite's Mark had little of the amorously deluded dilettante, but this was compensated for by a certain pompous pathos especially in Act Two when he talks of the horror of dull middle-class respectability. This was where the illusion of Mark's double life became palpable. Here was a man afraid of missing out on the feast of life. John Dean's Oscar didn't seem to contain much range or depth, but the querulous, coughing old man of Act Three was nicely captured. Christine Osboldstone deftly handled her Sylvia character-transitions between the acts, while some of the minor roles were excellently played. Lyn Savill's Chloe made for a refreshing and comically natural interlude, while Isabel Reid as Mark's wife Caroline admirably conveyed a bitter, incisive edge tempered with an understanding indulgence. All in all, *Who Is Sylvia?* is well worth seeing as there are guaranteed laughs aplenty within a deft and colourful production framework.

Perry Baye

Film

Who needs Punk?

Phantom of the Paradise

Memorial Theatre Thursday 12 March

With a Phantom around, who needs Punk? New wave, rock 'n roll, heavy metal - all fall by the wayside under the psychedelic assault of this movie by Brian De Palma.

A young musician, Winslow, re-writes *Faust* as a modern opera. His music is stolen by the irredemably demented ex-superstar 'Swan', and during an attempt to retrieve the "masterpiece, the indestructible Winslow becomes disfigured in a record-press. Through an apparent reconciliation with Swan, Winslow manages to destroy his enemy, but dies himself in the attempt.

Taken as a simple remake of its three predecessors, the movie could have been more successful. However, De Palma chose to overlay the simple plot of Universal's 1925 *Phantom of the Opera*, with a complex pastiche of modern themes, plus a sub-plot lifted directly from *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (suitably updated with videotapes). Vampires, Frankenstein Monsters and Zombies then appeared as part of a stage act in which the description of a guitar as an 'axe' took on a whole new meaning. Gary Glitter would not have been out of place here. (This gives an indication of the heights of musical quality the film achieved.)

This overwhelming array of sub-plots, insipid romance and monotonous glam-rock tended to work against the overall impact. The climax, when it occurred, was dulled because the viewer was inured to the orgy of psychedelia surrounding the action - indeed, virtually swamping the action at times. In terms of plot it was a

predictable ending, but the shock value of Phantom Winslow's suddenly revealed face, climax of the 1925 movie, was eliminated by the prior appearance of Swan's disintegrating features.

On the whole, *Phantom of the Paradise* was better than the average American exploitation movie. Scenery was impressive - notably an array of wall to wall synthesizers, enough to make any normal Gary Numan go mad with desire - and there was some interesting camerawork, but the direction and over complex plot were less inspired.

It was perhaps unfortunate that co-producer Paul Williams, also the songwriter, took a major acting role, but this was not the first film to receive over enthusiastic help from the sponsor. (Remember Anthony Newley's *Will Mercy Humpppe Ever Defeat Heironymous Merkin and Find True Happiness?* No?).

Considered overall as a lesser version of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and despite its faults, the film worked reasonably well.

Matthew Wrigh

Records

Short Stuff

The Call-up/Hitsville UK

The Clash (CBS)

Two singles from the much abused *Sandinista*, triple [*unclear*: Id] set: the sublime and the ridiculous, all for \$2.99 (Free ad': At EMI, Cuba Mall). *The Callup* has dulled after its initial impact last year, but the sentiments it expressed pushes it firmly to the forefront of the Clash singles catalogue, i.e. *Capital Radio*, *Complete Control*, *Armagedon Time*. All the messy prophesying inherent in their work, from *London's Burning* to *London Calling*, is taken to much neater and more convincing ends here. The song recoils in its own understatement, but the reality of its issues more than compensates.

The other half of this very uneasy pairing can only be described as dullsville, UK. A flat, limp joke of an album track, 45 status makes it just that little bit more unbearable. Like *Sandinista*, this package seems like a good deal until you actually listen to it. Recommended if you're into illusory bargains.

Scary Monsters

David Bowie (RCA)

This is the third A-side to be separated from its 33 1/3 rpm origin, with the remaining LP tr ax probably destined for future B-sides. Record company greed aside, RCA are providing a valuable service for those of us who consider this song to be the standout selection from Bowie's most recent waxing.

Scary Monsters is a magnificent, labyrinthine structure of a song, with a cryptic lyric about dangerous minds and doors that should never have been opened. The sad part is that it sounds the death-knell for 'Bowie the Innovative Artist(e)' - you know, the guy who described rock as a 'toothless old hag', then went totally against tradition by backing up his mouthings with a volley of rapid-fire masterpieces; *Sound and Vision*, *What In the World*, *Beauty and the Beast* ...Gone, gone, gone.

Scary Monsters eschews such groundbreaking recklessness, instead assimilating (or blatantly stealing, depending on where your faith lies) some post-punk influences that have filtered through the Bowie cranium. Taut guitar lines recall Wire's *154*, (skeptics can check out *Map Reference*), the drum sound from *Unknown Pleasures* and even a smattering of subliminal background noise, a la Pink Military. The chanted fade is gloriously inappropriate and shows that, incestuous though he may be, Bowie has lost none of his sense of fun.

Dog Eat Dog

Adam and the Ants (CBS)

The pop merchants of the early '70's were generally brought under the single banner of 'bubblegum'. Another decade brings a renewal of interest in this sweet, chewy musical product, possibly the ultimate in accessible listening.

Instead of Gary Glitter, Alvin Stardust and the Sweet, we now have Adam and the Ants, Bow Wow Wow and the Skids. And instead of bubblegum being snobbishly derided for possessing inbuilt obsolescence, it is

now treated with an air of reverence. The music of these groups makes one thing crystal clear: bubblegum is, and always has been, more consciously minimalist than the Ramones (who are virtually 'fringe bubblegum' anyway), the Feelies or the B52's could ever hope for.

Dog Eat Dog is a classic minimalist statement. You can almost see it being pieced together, battering drums, connecting guitar sounds and Adam's deliriously exuberant vocals', all pivoting around that one title phrase. Is Adam Ant the Man who would be Wild Frontier King? Or just stuck in '73 with the post-glam blues again? Worry not, don' be a jerk, do the dog!

Paul Sheehan

Drawing of people playing instruments

Film

Kubrick's Cuckoo

The Shining

Stanley Kubrick Embassy

Boris Karloff, who played Frankenstein's monster in the 1930 film, and was involved in countless other similar productions, objected to the term 'horror' movie. Most so-called horror pictures were, he said, better described as terror movies, working as they do to scare us rather than to horrify us. *The Shining*, however, deserves the description horror movie as much as *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* does, because along with liberal doses of terror, it succeeds in horrifying its audience.

Jack Nicholson is cast as a frustrated writer who takes on the job of winter caretaker of a hotel in the mountains. He, his wife Wendy and his son Danny are the only people in the whole huge and isolated place, and of course after a while things start to go bump in the night. The plot gives itself plenty of options which it then doesn't use - too many characters and opportunities are wasted as the plot gradually comes to centre on Torrance and his conflict with the disturbing forces at work in the hotel.

What is Real?

Whether Torrance is a victim of these forces, or whether the insanity is inherent in him, with the hotel situation acting as a catalyst, is something that Kubrick leaves largely unresolved. It is difficult to tell how much of what is going on is real, and how much is imagined, both by the characters, and by the audience. The ghost images that the child Danny sees we know must be real, because they are of the murder that the hotel manager has already described. Danny Lloyd as the child with the psychic talent of shining is a newcomer to the big screen, but copes well with a plot that demands him to do things that no small boy would ordinarily do. As for Jack Nicholson, well, we already know just how insane he can be. However, the real horror of his situation lies in his frustrating inability to write - this combined with his situation in the deserted hotel, pushes him to the point where the ghosts in the hotel become real. We are not actually sure how much is real and how much is imagined until the point where one of the ghosts actually releases him from the storeroom in which his terrified wife has locked him. When the wife herself (Shelley Duvall at her hysterical best) sees a very strange couple in a bedroom of the supposedly deserted hotel we know the horror has become real.

Kubrick has always been a music man, whether choreographing space-ships, card-sharps, or cosh-wielding delinquents. In *The Shining*, visual images of horror are matched with the appropriate wailing demented music of Gyorgy Ligeti, and Krzysztof Penderecki, and, as Kubrick usually does at some stage in his films, with a wryly misplaced banal pop-song 'The White Cliffs of Dover' under the atomic holocaust in *Dr Strangelove*, 'Singing in the Rain' under the rape scene in *Clockwork Orange*. This is the first Kubrick film which is orchestrated not only with music, but with sound effects which enhance the emptiness and hostility of the vast empty hotel in which the story takes place. In exploring the Overlook Hotel in picture and sound Kubrick echoes (literally as well as figuratively) Orson Welles searching of Xanadu in *Citizen Kane*, and the roving confused camera work in Resnais' *Last Summer at Marienbad*. The camera is an unobtrusive presence; we almost see through the character's eyes as they discover the horrors concealed in the maze of corridors and long empty halls. But, unlike many horror films, there is no time at which the audience knows something the characters do not; as they discover, so too do we discover. The horror element is much more subtle than in any of the gore 'n' guts epics around at the moment; the nastiest images are not those of axed corpses or beasts with

ten heads, but those of the apparently normal invested with meaning by the plot - the two sweet little twin girls straight out of a Diane Arbus print, the sinister and ghostly barman and waiter. An empty, plastic American hotel can be as terrifying, if not more terrifying than any number of graveyards-at-midnight.

Photo of Jack Nicholson in 'The Shining'

Back in friendly Wellington daylight its easy to say that the film wasn't scary - but it is, very. It's also very clever. The more you look at it, the more you find in it and the more complex it becomes - a film that leaves you wondering.

HM and SD

Bands

Constantly Hooked

The Protons and Pop Mechanix

Union Hall Friday 13 March

A snappy four-piece; the Protons came onstage to a receptive audience and lurched into an hour of original rock/reggae music. Some brilliant moments, unfortunately their set overall was marred by gusts of howling feedback, and an under-mixed guitar. However, the band trudged on, Phil Bowering's bass carrying the badly balanced sound along, while all the band could do about the painful feedback was to look despairingly at the sound mixer.

The sheer energy of the band is enhanced by advanced use of tonal textures and considerable rhythmic flexibility. I'm sure many of their songs would make excellent recordings, whereas some live rock often loses its punch on vinyl. Their debut single, (soon to be released), is reasonably indicative of the Protons sound, perhaps unnecessarily constricting a realistic idea of what the band can do. *Lights On* is raging pop, while the flip, *Modern Homes* is more pensive, 'serious' stuff.

A versatile outfit, they have a singer who at times sounds like the vocalist in "Martha and the Muffins" - accurate, steady and clear. However, red tights and 'punk' dress do not a rocker make. Interesting to compare the two frontpersons seen at this gig - May Lloyd seems to be an instrumentalist in the band rather than the "face", or symbol of the band - as Andrew ("snoid") McLennen is to Pop Mechanix. For me, she lacks that control and embodiment of the band's basic concepts McLennen has achieved.

Pop Mechanix

MacLennen is a natural showman, quirky and demented in the vein of Dick Driver, but with his very personal style; well known to those who experienced "the Plague" or the "Whizz-Kids" in concert.

The band - four top notch pop musicians. I can't agree with Gordon Campbell's concern that this band will tread the Dixie/soul road; too much of their own sound here. Thunderous bass guitar, punctuated heavily with drumming of a clean, Inventive nature. This is overlaid with organ (thin and reedy), clean pop guitar and Snoid's smooth but intense vocals. It's amazing how similar Snoid is to Dick Driver, the band's original vocalist. In looks and sound, it's incredible that the band could find someone to fit in so well. Sure, melody and vocal range aren't strong points but style and charisma just ooze off the .stage. (Kevin Emmet, the drummer, still does the high vocal ad-libs on *I'm a Believer* - Dick Driver did not do them when he was vocalist either). His snakey, wiry frame is constantly hooked into the rhythm and power of the music. I've never seen a mover like this in a New Zealand band - fascinating! MacLennen also doubles on organ, and guitar occasionally.

It took Pop Mx three songs to really get the whole crowd going (Protons did leave a definite impression) but the first number, *Now*, was the call to arms for those who have followed this band. Their first single (even released on Platinum Plus!), *Now* contains all the classic Pop Mx hallmarks. The spacey organ riff, punchy, echoed vocals and 'big' overall sound. Bassist Paul Scott (and whoever else writes the band's original material) have the ability to create catchy, irresistible hooks, as in *Ritz*, which had 40,000 people at Sweetwaters doing the "whoa-whoa, yeah-yeah" bits.

Original Highlights

The secret lies in the pure strength of the songs and the careful, well rehearsed arrangements. Accents are

tight and without spare or untidy notes. They did two one-hour sets of largely original songs with a few covers (*I'm a Believer*, Monkees; *Shake Some Action* Flamin' Groovies) which were really well received, and deservedly so. Highlights for me were the band's original numbers (*Now, Ritz, New Identity* and *White Girl*). The only faults I could mention about this whole show were sound problems. An excellent Cerwin-Vega pa didn't mean excellent sound all the time sadly. However, the atmosphere generated more (than made up for this imperfection).

I had this image in my mind of a band seen a lot at Willy's Wine Cellar last winter a tall wiry guy with curls on top, whirling his limbs in front of a blazing wall of grunty pop-rock - the illusion remains, is alive and well and going to Australia. Look out Split Enz!

Clarke Gregor

Book

Jones Entertains Himself

Travelling

An Entertainment by Bob Jones Whitcoulls Publishers

I wrote a review on Jan Morris's travel book *Destinations* in Salient's first 1981 publication. It's a magnificent collection of Morris's essays from "Rolling Stone" spanning the 1970's. Bob Jones' travel book *Travelling - An Entertainment* is something else again. It's self-serving and silly. It's really just a book of lists - all about Jones. All about Jones' "well known" friends: (Ron Brierley "the least pretentious man (except when discussing wine) that I have ever met") and how many towns and cities Jones has been to and swum about. (Jones's "quirk" when visiting a new destination is to swim its main waterway, Washington DC's Potomac and Vienna's Danube are examples.)

Jones (Sic)

Comparing Jones with Morris is completely unfair to both parties. Their respective prose styles, for instance, possibly highlight this. Jones writes in a chapter fetchingly called "The Romance of Rail", that when he travels to Auckland by train from Wellington: "The traveller is fresh as a daisy, (sic), fighting fit (sic) and ready to go (sic) right at the beginning of the day (sic)."

Morris writes about an early morning train in Trieste: "The sun is warmly rising as we step onto our hotel balcony over the harbour. A couple of fishing boats are bustling off into the bay, a couple of anglers are already settled against their bollards on the quay. It is a shining morning and across the water down the coast the romantic little Castle of Miramane is already caught in the sunlight. But below us along the quayside a long, long freight train is laboriously moving among the parked cars, its engine out of sight along the waterfront, and all its wagons are crusted with snow. *Snow!* Snow from Vienna? Snow from Carpathia? Snow from some distant steppe or forest of Asia Trieste snow: momentary snow: snow passing by."

Do you see what I mean? Unfair. It's like comparing Mohammed Ali with Tony Mundine, or Shelly with Shadbolt Unfair.

Navel Gazing

Comparisons aside, is the book "an entertainment"? Well yes - but I think for its author only. For God's sake then, is it good for a laugh? Again, well yes maybe, but only if you share the author's particular brand of humour. So try this for size.

"On a recent trip there (to India) I found myself in a taxi driven by a Sikh. He was taking me from the airport to my hotel. We had proceeded for less than a minute when we knocked over a sari-clad Indian woman walking down the middle of the road, an event that distressed my female companion, who cried out in alarm. This was her first visit to India and the hour she had spent on Indian soil had featured two punch-ups between me and firstly an immigration official and secondly an overweight customs clown whose stupidity was such that in New Zealand he would find employment as a traffic officer and nothing else. When we had finally emerged from the air terminal she had entered the taxi with sighs of relief as if it was a sanctuary. Some hope, for the Sikh, as is their wont, misunderstood her cry of anguish, wrongly interpreting it as delight. For some

eight kilometres thereafter we careered down the road bowling pedestrians and animals into the roadside ditch with gay abandon. Small children and old women were chased off the road, while slow-moving cripples (in the production of whom India leads the world) brought gleeful shrieks of delight from our driver as he bore down and mowed them over. A skinny boy on a bicycle was pursued at high speed, his long legs pedalling furiously while all the time he gazed backwards in horror at his tormentor, before he eventually escaped through an open farm gate and across a field where, flinging his cycle to the ground, he took cover in a hut. The Sikh backed off in preparation to ram and destroy the hut, at which point I conveyed to him that while his enthusiasm to cater to our taste was commendable, he had unfortunately misinterpreted its true nature."

Pretty funny, hey boy?

Stewart Mackay

A Violently Racist Society

Henry Isaacs Forum

Photo of Henry Isaacs speaking on stage

Is peaceful change possible today in South Africa? Addressing a forum of 400 students the United Nations representative of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) and ex-Vic student, Henry Isaacs, gave a categorical "no".

"South Africa is a violent society - a country based on structural violence such as the removal of black communities to be dumped like garbage on barren wastelands to eke out a meagre existence devoid of any established community structure. In contrast, white South Africa has one of the highest standards of living in the world."

Struggle Intensifying

The theme of Isaacs' address was that the issue of the Springbok Tour has ... "to be placed in the overall context of the struggle for national liberation and independence in Azania" (the word used by the black movement in South Africa to refer to South Africa - ed.)

The struggle, he pointed out, is intensifying through numerous political trials the white regime has recently been conducting, a rising number of confrontations between government security forces and armed freedom fighters, an increase in popular resistance especially through workers' strikes which have rapidly increased in the last 14 months, and strikes by other groups such as students, journalists and churchmen.

And yet, he said, the Western press has been giving more publicity to the reforms which have been instituted such as integrating public lavatories and opening the country's national parks to blacks. Still the calls are coming from the West to build bridges, political and economic to try and influence the white regime. It is still thought by many that economic growth is the best solution to the poor condition of the blacks and that economic sanctions would hurt only the African population.

Bridge-Building Futile

These statements, Isaacs said, ignore South Africa's history. For one thing, it is the exact people who pushed for bridge building the hardest - the controllers of the plethora of transnational corporations operating in South Africa - who, in fact, ensure the survival of the apartheid regime because of their investments. Transnationals were not in South Africa because of their concern for the black people - but because of the superprofits they reap through exploitation of black labour.

He pointed out that even during a very prosperous period - the 1950s - 94 new repressive laws were introduced, and from 1911, the wages of black goldminers relative to whites had fallen from being 11 times less to being 35 times less in 1969.

But the tide is turning, he said. There has been a change in the balance of power in southern Africa with the creation of the independent states of Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau and Zimbabwe. Freedom fighters no longer have to travel through these countries - now they are but a few hours drive from the industrial heartland of South Africa.

The black people are looking towards armed struggle as the only solution because of the experience of the other black former-colonies, and because every avenue of Deaceful change has been either exhausted or closed, Isaacs added. Any challenge to the regime had been met with the savagery of police brutality as witnessed at

Sharpeville (1960), Soweto (1976) and many other incidents.

The Pretoria regime has also been stepping up its attempts to destabilise the black frontline states, he said, especially Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia using bandits and mercenaries to upset economic reconstruction and political stability. In Angola, commonwealth mercenaries have been trained up and members of a rival guerilla army have been used by the South Africans to raid villages and wipe out Angolan army patrols.

New Zealand's Role

Isaacs then alluded to New Zealand's role in the conflict. He stated that as a people we were duty bound to support the struggle for freedom and justice and that we should be very concerned about any discrimination on the basis of a person's colour. New Zealand must play its part in the total isolation of South Africa.

The Springbok Tour is not simply an exchange between two teams but would be seen as giving comfort to the South African regime in the context of the overall struggle. As for sport building bridges he replied, "no rucking in the mud or having a chat over a glass of beer is going to change conditions in the Bantustans."

After prolonged applause at his address, he answered questions from the floor.

One questioner asked what was Isaacs' attitude to the "so-called" socialist countries especially the Imperialist Soviet Union and the "paranoic" Peoples' Republic of China.

Isaacs stated that as far as the PAC were concerned, the main external enemy of the black people is western imperialism, lead by the US. However he added that because the Soviet Union supported only one of the two main liberation movements, it was exacerbating divisions in the liberation movement and holding back unity.

We are aware of the fact of superpower contention in southern Africa but he went on to say that neither of the two Superpowers would succeed. As for China, Isaacs added, it had supported national liberation movements in Africa but because of recent internal developments had less overt activity.

Armed Struggle

To a question on the black people's acceptance of the need for armed struggle, Isaacs replied that it is widespread and that this was the position of the main mass organisations inside South Africa.

What was the effectiveness of the black student movement? asked another questioner. The student organisations worked closely with both the black trade unions and the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (AZAPO). Presently it is co-ordinating a campaign against black 'education' and also has some links with the movement based outside the country.

Asked about where the call for the Tour to be called off had come from, he replied that its origin was the South African Council for Sport, an affiliate of which was the South Africa Rugby Union (black - ed), the largest rugby organisation in the country which has 70% of all players in it. AZAPO has also called for the tour to be called off as well as the Azanian Students' organisation and the Soweto Committee of Ten.

A question was asked on the PAC's attitude to the relation between the race question and the class question in Azania. In reply Isaacs stated that equality would only come through equitable distribution of the country's wealth and that meant socialism. But the first step would be the fight for black freedom. He added that the black people were triply oppressed - as working class people, as people with black skins, and as an oppressed nation which does not have self determination.

Reagan's Election

On Reagan's election Isaacs warned that the US is more likely to directly support South Africa to protect its economic interests, especially in the area of raw materials. Haig, he said, had given full support to Prime Minister Botha stating that South Africa was the "lynch pin in the West's defence (sic) plans for Southern Africa" and had revived talk of establishing a South Atlantic Treaty' Organisation (SATO).

After the announcement that \$161.66 had been raised to help to pay for Henry Isaac's trip, the Chair, President of VUWSA, Virginia Adams, closed the meeting by urging Victoria students to join the movement to stop the tour.

David Mrray

No Excuse for Excuses

Tour Debate

Orientation - good time for some lively debates.

Springbok Tour - contentious topic for a debate.

So the wheels were set in motion for what was hoped to be the most lively debate of them all. But it was not to be. Aim for the biggies was my initial philosophy, so I went straight to the top - shooting off letters to Ron Don from the Auckland Rugby Football Union and Thomas S. Williams, Catholic Archbishop of Wellington, well-known anti-Tour speaker. As time went by and no replies were forthcoming my optimism waned slightly so it didn't come as a total shock when I received a note from Don which read as follows. "Because the Springboks are coming to New Zealand this year there is no point in debating whether the Springboks should tour New Zealand this year. The tour is on."

Amazed at the gall of the man, I was even more determined that the debate should go ahead, so I tried the NZRFU. Of three potential speakers I spoke to, the official "line" seems to have been put most succinctly by Cez Blazey: "I see little point in debating this issue. I have better things to do with my time. I have nothing more to say to you." A responsive lot, these Rugby Union fellas, I thought.

But What About the Archbishop?

A letter from him arrived shortly, after Don's, which although disappointingly contained a refusal to speak, nevertheless demonstrated a dry wit not possessed by any of the Rugby Union crowd.

"The essence of a debate ..." (Williams wrote) "... is to score points and provide entertainment in so doing. I'm all in favour of entertainment but my style is more to discussing a subject with a view to everyone involved, myself included, becoming better informed as a result. Somehow I can't see that sort of situation being achieved in any kind of encounter with Mr Don." He was probably right, but at the time his refusal represented yet another nail in the tour debate's coffin.

Realising now the immensity of the task I'd set myself, I decided to pass the buck and so enlisted the help of David Murray from the Anti-Apartheid Club. Six toll calls, 4 telegrams, eight speakers and many hours of frustration later we had a result - no debate.

Brian Wilson from the NZRFU was going to be in Napier at the time of the debate but stated he would speak if the Association paid his return fare. Unfortunately he then departed for Christchurch, was unable to be contacted to confirm this agreement and consequently had made other engagements by the time of his return.

Rejected Again

Ben Couch, Minister of Police, received one letter, two phone calls and three different speaking times - his answer was simply "no". Kennedy-Good, Pro-Tour Mayor of Lower Hutt, received two phone calls and two options as regards speaking times - he claimed he had other meetings.

Pro—Tour Anglican Minister Mathew Calder was little better than abusive when spoken to:

Calder: "Which side do you want me to speak on? (sic!)."

Murray: "Well I have heard that you're Pro-Tour."

Calder: "Well in that case I've got nothing to say to you!"

Slam went the phone.

We had little luck with anti-Tour speakers either. Ex All Black Bob Burgess was tied up in Palmerston North and for Ken Gray it was the height of the farming season. Ron Evans from the NZRFU had other commitments and Trevor Richards, ex-National Chairperson of Hart was off overseas on a Hart mission.

Quite a sorry little affair really. Downhearted and despondent we felt, but not quite in despair. We had after all managed to get a commitment to speak at a later date from both Brian Wilson and Trevor Richards. The Anti-Apartheid Club has expressed interest in pursuing the debate so let's just hope that they will have better luck.

Paulette Keating

Anti-Apartheid Activities

Monday 23: Organising meeting to Stop the Tour.

All welcome: Lounge 5.00pm.

Tuesday 24: Sportspeople meet with Henry Isaacs. This meeting will deal primarily with the question of

sporting links. All sportspeople are urged to attend. Tennis Pavilion 4.30pm

Thursday 26: Azania Study Group. Compulsory for all anti-apartheidists. Others welcome too. This session will examine what makes "apartheid" tick.

Lounge 12 noon.

Enquiries about other activities and the AA Club to Kate (722-831)

Illegal Occupation

The Current Situation in Namibia

The NZUSA South African Scholar, Gillies Kati recently returned to Africa for a couple of months. He spoke to Colin McFadzean of NZUSA about the current situation in southern Africa and the struggle for self determination in Namibia (South West Africa) and Salient reprints this interview below.

NZUSA: Gilles, you have just returned from Africa. Recently elections have been held in Namibia. What was the outcome of these elections? Could you highlight any important problems revealed through the elections?

Gilles: In the final analysis the result proved the failure of the South African government and apartheid. To us in Swapo this was yet another victorious battle in the protracted struggle for the liberation of Namibia. It underlines the widespread support, and trust the people of Namibia have in Swapo to lead them to true and total independence. My assessment of this result is based on the facts. The racist government of South Africa illegally occupies the territory of Namibia. Therefore it is clear that the racist government of South Africa (as a force of occupation in Namibia) has no right to conduct an election in that territory. The elections of 1978, which illegally installed the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) and the subsequent election of last November were an experiment in desperation by the racist government of South Africa in defiance of United Nations resolutions and international opinion.

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Such an act is indeed in direct opposition to the stipulation of the United Nations member states, including New Zealand, that any election in Namibia must be under the supervision and control of the UN. Those who participated in this election are none other than South African stooges and local tyrants who are the instruments through which the racist government of South Africa exploits, and oppresses the people of Namibia. The membership of the DTA coalition consists of outmoded tribal chieftans who, through bribery and sinister manipulation by the South African government are blind to the reality that the future of Namibia is no longer a game of ping pong by imperialists. The goal is total freedom and independence and this is just a matter of time. Those ethnic elections were boycotted by the most progressive forces in Namibia. Not all ethnic groups in Namibia were allowed to participate in the election. For instance the Ovumbos, who constitute about 50% of the entire population, were not allowed to vote. Judging from the multitudes of abstentions and boycotts we arrived at the conclusion that ethnic elections cannot be regarded as the legitimate expression of the will of the people of Namibia and therefore the DTA claim that it represents the people of Namibia is not valid.

One of the major reasons for South Africa's continued occupation of Namibia is undoubtedly its incredible mineral wealth. Can you tell me something about the manner in which South Africa and its Western backers are exploiting Namibia.

At the moment most of the companies exploiting the wealth of Namibia are owned by the imperialist Western countries such as USA, Britain, France and West Germany.

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South Africa has major dealings with them. One of their recent discoveries in Namibia has been uranium, situated on the west coast and perhaps the world's richest uranium mine. Because Western countries are exploiting Namibia for its uranium, Namibians cannot rely on them for liberation because we can't expect the people who are exploiting us to save us from this exploitation. There is no indication from the Western world that it is really serious in wanting to liberate the territory or to put pressure on South Africa to leave our country.

There are two basic wings of Swapo. Swapo lead by Sam Nujoma and the Swapo Democrats who operate mainly within Namibia. Can you tell me something about the distinction between those two arms of the struggle?

Swapo Democrats is a splinter group that broke away from the main Swapo a few years ago. It is headed

by one of the founder members of Swapo, Andreas Shipanga. Though they have a different label they are on the same line and we still count them as being one of the progressive forces within the political cocktail. I don't think there is any political quarrel between the original Swapo lead by Sam Nujoma and the Swapo lead by Andreas Shipanga. Whatever the case may be, we are all in the category of forces who intend to liberate the territory of Namibia. Swapo Democrats boycotted the South African organised elections. I doubt the weight of their activities since they don't operate militarily. They seem to be a mere political party.

Police inspection of passbooks in Windhoek, Namibia.

Photo of police and citizens in Windhoek, Namibia

The Democratic Turnhalle Alliance is the major form for the forces of reaction with Namibia. Could you expand on the actual political role played by the DTA and its alliances with South Africa and various other reactionary forces with Namibia?

The Coalition of the DTA consists of those who go along with the creation of Bantustans in Namibia. There is another front, the Namibia National Front. This is a coalition of all the patriotic forces such as SWANU. On one side you have the Namibia National Front comprising all the patriotic forces and on the other side you have the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) being propped up by the South African racist government.

The DTA does not constitute a major threat because the elements in the DTA are hated by their own people. It is through them the South African racist government has been exploiting and oppressing the people of Namibia, and they have less chance of winning an election in Namibia. Our main opponent is the South African government who are occupying the country illegally. As far as I'm concerned I see members of the DTA as confused fellow citizens who will need education to change their world outlook, and I'm fighting to liberate them.

In the last few weeks South Africa has made incursions into Angola to chase the forces of Swapo. Can you tell us something about those "hot pursuit" raids by South Africa. Who are they directed at? Who do they affect?

According to South African propaganda intended to confuse world opinion, South Africa is pursuing only the military target of Swapo. The reality of the situation is that South Africa has several aims. The South African government is an aggressive government hostile to all three independent states north of its boundary. The incursion into Angola is aimed at provoking the government of Angola and destroying some of the economic pillars of the Angola Peoples Republic. It is also aimed at massacring the civilians who reside along the border of Angola and Namibia. Most people realise the situation favours Swapo and support the members of the People's Liberation Army of Swapo. South Africa's incursions into Angola involve the senseless massacre of villagers in order to discourage them from supporting the liberation struggle.

The South African racist government has joined hands with a party which is opposed to the government of the popular Republic of Angola. That is the UNITA movement led by Jonas Savimbi. With the dissidents of Savimbi the South African forces enter Angola to carry out acts of atrocity and massacre. Another South African tactic is to recruit stooges, dress them up like the People's Liberation Army of Swapo and send them as a destroying squad into Angola. This way they confuse the West by telling them that this is what Swapo does.

Savimbi was propped up by the South African regime during the liberation struggle and at the moment receives quite a lot of support from South Africa to destabilise the present government in Angola, the MPLA government. What is the attitude of Swapo towards Savimbi and his close relationship with the South African government?

To us in Swapo there is no difference between Savimbi and South Africa because the aims and objectives of Savimbi and South Africa are all the same, they are all enemies of stability, peace and freedom. South Africa is refusing to withdraw from our territory of Namibia, and Savimbi is collaborating with South Africa by mounting a campaign of extermination and harrassment of the Namibian populace. Our bullets would know no difference between Savimbi and South Africa.

Mozambique is another liberated country which is coming under increasing attack from the forces of reaction in South Africa. In particular the Movimento Resistencia Mozambique (MRM) has received substantial backing from South Africa.

One way of destabilising the economy of a neighboring country is for South Africa to ally itself with whatever forces suit it. The MRM is made up of former Portugese who refused to live in a new society and fled to South Africa. Ever since liberation, South Africa has been building up this group to provoke the government in Mozambique. Recently the South Africans backed up these renegades and attacked refugee camps in Mozambique. This is another Kansinga massacre in which defenceless civilians have been attacked and bombed. The mask the South Africans put on was that it was attacking military targets of PAC or ANC, the liberation movements of South Africa, but in actual fact this act is characteristic of the aggressive nature of the racist government of South Africa.

South Africa has very close ties with Israel, which supplies military expertise and technology. How do you view this relationship?

I believe that the goals of Zionism and the apartheid goals of the racist government in Pretoria are similar. I am not surprised that the racists in Pretoria have teamed up with Zionists in Tel Aviv to find ways of developing nuclear capability to destroy human life. History has taught us a lesson. In both countries human rights have been violated and it is not only the Zionists that have been telling the world that they are a supreme race as opposed to the Arabs. The same thing happens in South Africa where the whites who control the government machinery think they superior to the blacks in South Africa. They are all enemies of freedom and we in Southern Africa fully back up and support the Palestinian Liberation Movement in their struggle for liberation. We condemn the close ties between the two racist states South Africa and Israel.

What significance do you think the election of Ronald Reagan and his new approach to the political situation in Southern Africa will have for the struggle in Namibia?

To the people of Namibia, Ronald Reagan, Carter, and Nixon are all the same. Presidents of the same state, the same government. There has been much talk in South Africa that they are counting on the Reagan administration to find a solution in

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Namibia. We don't have any hope for the Reagan administration because whatever approach the Reagan administration takes will be to the advantage of the South African government, our enemy. We in Namibia believe that the solution to our political situation lies entirely in our hands.

One of the things that Reagan did say when talking about the political situation in Southern Africa was that the United States was firmly committed to halting the spread of so called communism through the front line states, including Namibia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Would you like to comment on Mr Reagan's views of communism in the liberated and front line states.

This is quite a broad view and it really requires a deep analysis because I am not very sure of what Mr Reagan's understanding of communism is. There has been such a move. I understand the Western imperialists regard freedom and independence and self determination by the indigenous people of Africa as being a communist move. Whatever steps America and South Africa take to block the self determination and independence of the, people of Southern Africa will be on the pretext of fighting communism.

Do you see the shift in American foreign policy as one towards protecting its economic interests in Southern Africa, specifically Namibia and South Africa?

One thing I do remember is that the move to build up a contact group of Western foreign ministers was first of all proposed by Kissinger. The aim here was not to find a solution to secure independence and freedom for the people of Namibia. The prime idea was to secure and protect the economic interests in this subcontinent. A shift in the US foreign policy will look to secure their economic interests rather than to secure the freedom and independence in these territories. The same western countries who are playing with the question of Namibia are directing the issues of the United Nations. The people

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of Namibia have become tired of this diplomatic game between the western countries and the racist government of South Africa. Shift or no shift in the US policy, the struggle in Namibia continues and we are determined to increase our military activities under the banner of the Peoples Liberation Movement in Swapo until independence is achieved.

Colin McFadzean

General Vice President NZUSA

7 March 1981

Hopes Dashed

A Malaysian Student Gives Evidence

At the end of 1980, NZUSA made a submission to the Human Rights Commission on the imposition of discriminatory fees for overseas students. The following is one of the personal testimonials of overseas students affected by the \$1,500 fee, included in the submission.

I am a Malaysian student now in my fourth year of study. I am very close to completing a degree of Bachelor of Science. Last year (1979), I obtained the requirements for entry into an Honours course in my majoring subject, Biochemistry. The courses I have undertaken this year are only necessary for meeting the required number of credits for my degree.

My decision to pursue Biochemistry as the major subject in my degree was based on the intention to pursue study up to the level of honours and possibly further. However, nearing the completion of the degree, I am faced with the prospect of having to pay out \$1500 (over twice this figure in Malaysian currency) in fees in order to be allowed entry into the Honours course.

Competition Fierce For Jobs

In the pursuit of my employment related to my qualifications I will have to meet the standards demanded by potential employers of university graduates. In the competitive arena of job seekers back home in Malaysia, employers considering taking on university graduates, expect as a minimum standard, a degree with Honours.

Before embarking on a course of study in New Zealand, I had to consider the costs involved. There were a limited number of opportunities available to me with regard to further study or job training. The costs and benefits of each option had to be weighed up. The major factor that had to be considered was the extent to which my family was able to support my efforts financially.

I have a younger brother and four sisters. My father has recently retired from military service. My two elder sisters have jobs which earn them enough to live with a little left over for the family.

Support For Family

When the decision was made that I should study abroad, it was with the hope of my eventual return home to a job which would earn enough to ease the financial burden my parents face in supporting the younger members of the family.

After four years in New Zealand, the other options which were previously available to me back home, are now out of my grasp. There is no hope whatsoever of my family being able to raise the \$1500 necessary to allow me entry into the Honours course. The finance required to keep me in New Zealand during these past few years without the additional handicap of an astronomical \$1500 has already proven to be a burden on my parents.

I am presently facing the prospect of being left stranded, being just short of sufficiently qualified and, possessing qualifications which are totally irrelevant to whatever job I may have to settle for, when I return home.

Education in Vain

The thought that I have striven so hard for four years, and received so much from my family, has all been in vain, leaves me with a strong feeling that I and my family have been deliberately cheated by some cold and totally unconcerned bureaucratic machine.

The feeling of total helplessness to influence my own fate, penetrated deep and is causing me increasing anguish. My family has pinned all their hopes on me and I have tried not to disappoint them. They look to me to bring some comfort into their lives and hopefully better the prospects in life for my younger brother and sisters. Inhuman effort on my part or the intervention of some unseen benevolent being is not going to return to me my hope and confidence in the future for myself and family.

Graph showing student numbers, pertaining to overseas students and Malaysian students

Crippling Fees Increases

The discriminatory tuition fee of \$1,500 for overseas students (except those from South Pacific) took effect in 1980. The most evident impact was on Malaysian students, being the biggest overseas student group in New

Zealand.

The graph shows the decline in the number of Malaysian students since 1977 as a result of the 45% cutback, and the \$1,500 tuition fee. Consequently, the total intake of overseas students to NZ universities register a directly proportional decrease.

According to an OSAC (Overseas Students Admission Committee) report, of the 240 places allocated to Malaysian students in 1980 only 162 eventually came, i.e. 33% below the quota. If we take the base year at 1976, just before the 45% cutback, the 162 represents only 30% of the 1976 intake. The drastic drop in the number of Malaysian students being able to come is a cause of serious concern. What happens to the 70% who were denied the opportunity? Through a case study of the Malaysian students in particular, this article attempts to examine the harsh repercussions these discriminatory policies had in general on overseas students and their families.

Soup Kitchen Next

A History of Students Being Ripped Off

Ian Powell outlines the tortuous background of our current bursary and fees system; as part of the build-up to a national day of action on April 8.

In the 1975 election campaign the then Opposition National Party through its Education spokesperson Les Gandar promised a new reformed bursary whose level would be adjusted to take into account increased costs. This was in response to the Labour Government's Standard Tertiary Bursary (STB) which was announced in the 1975 budget and intended to be introduced in 1976.

The STB, as announced, was a significant improvement on the previous bursary system which was totally inadequate, but still came under strong justified criticism by the New Zealand University Students' Association (NZUSA) at the time. In particular the basic level, which although higher than before, was not indexed to the promised a new reformed bursary the level of which would be adjusted to take into account increased costs. This was in response to the Labour Government's Standard Tertiary Bursary (STB) which was announced in the 1975 budget and intended to be introduced in 1976.

Consequently the National Party was able to capitalise on these genuine criticisms plus the widespread dissatisfaction among students of the day with Labour's intention to introduce in 1976 what it had promised in the 1972 campaign! It has been argued that whereas most students voted Labour in 1972 they turned to National in 1975 out of frustration plus the promise of a new reformed bursary scheme.

National responded to its promise of 1975 in the same way as Labour - with considerable inertia. Two conferences were held in 1976 and 1977 while in election year (1978) Education Minister Les Gandar established a Review. But in the meantime the STB continued with all its anomalies and inadequacies. In particular the basic level

Note 1:

The government intake restriction policy was announced in October 1976 by the then Immigration Minister Frank Gill. The cutback was to the effect that "the number of students from any one country in any one year to be limited to 40% of the total intake." The official reason was purportedly to admit students from Middle East countries. But the fact is, as the graph shows, no increase in demand from anywhere else, and the total intake of overseas students has dropped from 743 in 1976 to 284 in 1980.

The Malaysian Students

The Malay Peninsula was under direct British rule for more than a century. After the 2nd World War, when the anti-colonial struggle was at its height, Britain knew that it could no longer contain the Independence movement, and had to resort to indirect control through a class of local elites. That marked the first wave of overseas students, but they were mainly the children of rich aristocrats and business tycoons.

The picture changed somewhat in the 1960-70s. 'Independence' and 'development' entrenched the elites who in turn bred a string of professionals and technocrats. In a developing country like Malaysia, a glaring gap exists between the rich and the working masses, whose life hovers around the brink of poverty, despite generations of unflinching toil. They have no hope out of this destitute whirlpool; their dream is if they work hard and save enough, perhaps one of their children could have a high education and climb out of this under privileged class. But how many of such dreams could come true?

Minimal Higher Education

Malaysia like many developing countries, largely through the effect of colonization, plummeted downwards in value due to persistently high inflation, and this is a continuing trend.

The Basic Balls up

During the existence of the STB (1976-79) the basic level was \$30 per week. If the level had been indexed to the CPI at the level of the STB's introduction in 1976, then at the start of 1979 it should have been \$36.04 (requiring a 20.1 % increase) and at the end of the year it should have been \$40.65 (requiring a 36.8% increase). It is NZUSA's policy, in fact, that the basic level should be adjusted to the 1976 level.

Only a politician like Merv Wellington could, in one fell swoop, transform a very poor situation into an appalling one.

The already eroded \$30 was cut by \$7 to \$23 per week. Thus instead of the required has its development priorities distorted. By as late as 1970 there was only one university. To-day there are five, and a few technical colleges. Even so, there are only places for about 30,000 tertiary students compared with 40,000 university students alone in NZ, with ¼ the population of Malaysia. The result was (in 1977-78) out of the 26,000 eligible applicants to the universities only 5953 were accepted i.e. 1 in every 4. Of the remaining ¾ and many other thousands more pre-university students, only a very small percentage will be fortunate enough to go overseas to countries like UK, Australia, NZ, etc. To the rest, it means an end of their academic pursuits, a shattered dream and the beginning of a lowly paid menial job if they can find one.

Overseas students rally at Parliament, May 1980 500 fee

Photo of a rally, people with a lot of banners and posters

The Disparity Gap eases

For the sector of Malaysian students who resort to going overseas, the past few years have become increasingly difficult. Britain now requires overseas students to bear the 'full cost' of their education i.e. 3,300 pounds a year for a science degree. NZ and Australia followed suit last year by imposing a discriminatory fee of \$1,500 a year - a stunning 600% increase. To the many middle and lower-middle class families (where the majority of Malaysian students currently in NZ come from) earning between \$3,000-6,000 a year, even these two countries are now out of their reach. Thus, only children of the wealthier families can afford to come, with the exception of a handful who manage to borrow and work their way here. This discriminatory fee policy in effect widens the disparity gap and aggravates the indebtedness of families in Malaysia. The official reason given for the increase was that 'overseas students are generally from wealthy families' only adding insult to injury for the hapless victim.

Where we go from here

The NZ General Election is only 6 months away. It will never be a better time to do some lobbying among the MPs, especially.

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Image of two empty rooms

Under the STB the hardship system was much less controversial and complex. If your parents lived in your university centre then your STB was abated by \$11 per week to \$19. However, you could apply for nonabatement on grounds of hardship. Also if your holiday earnings had been impaired by employment difficulties you could apply for up to \$7 extra per week.

There were many flaws in this system, but because the basic level was significantly higher than the TSG, relatively fewer students were in hardship. Consequently, under the STB less than 1000 students would apply for up to \$7 per week.

But instead of getting rid of the abatement Wellington in effect abated all students, thereby intensifying the means-testing, and consequently the anomalies. Whereas under the STB less than 1,000 students applied for hardship in 1979, in 1980 nearly 17,000 applied for the Supplementary Hardship Grant. This, albeit crude, comparison sums up the crass nature of the hardship component of the TAG. And what other Minister of Education could cause a 1600% increase in hardship applications in one year?

The Great Fees Rip-off

Merv Wellington was not content to sabotage what remained of a basic grant. He also got stuck into fees. It has been an accepted argument by many people that low tuition fees improves accessibility to tertiary education. This argument is particularly prevalent in Labour Party circles. Consequently as a result of this belief, and student pressure, the Labour government of 1973 to 75 instituted two positive reforms to the Fees Bursary. It extended the value of the Fees Bursary to cover 100% of tuition fees (previously it had been 90%), and the scope of it to cover part time students, not just full timers. These reforms remained in existence until 1979.

In apparent acceptance of the belief that universities should be elitist, and accessibility limited, Mr Wellington made major changes, as part of the TAG, to the Fees Bursary. Renamed the Tertiary Fees Grant (TFG), coverage was cut from 100% to 75%, income restrictions were introduced (\$3000 in 1980 and \$3500 in 1981) which cut out many part time students, and the criteria for retaining it were made much more stringent. Thus it is not surprising that there was, in 1980, a 21% reduction in the number of students receiving the TFG.

(Dis)entitlement

As if cutting the basic grant, intensifying means-testing and slashing fees grants/bursaries were not enough, Merv Wellington went further and hacked into bursary entitlement (tenure as distinct from eligibility).

Under the STB all bursars were entitled to two courses of study as well as for a masters course. This meant that students could receive a bursary for a "conjoint" course (eg BA/LLB or BA/BSc) as well as a masters degree.

But under the TAG the entitlement for the TSG and the TFG has been cut to two courses or five years, whichever is the *lesser*. The effect of this is that assistance for conjoint courses is out.

A and B Bursaries

Even this relatively small and less significant area of bursary expenditure did not escape the Education Minister's hatchet. Before the TAG students needed only to pass a full time course to retain their A or B Bursary. But under the TAG more stringent criteria based on higher grades (A and B Passes) are required in order to retain it.

What's left to Say

In one year the Minister of Education has changed an inadequate bursary scheme into a totally disastrous scheme. Every fundamental area of bursary support has been slashed or substantially undermined. Consequently it is essential that students, with election year in the back of their minds, express political opposition to the TAG through the Education Fightback campaign and other channels.

Ian Powell

NZUSA Research Officer

The new Hard Lines

Education Fightback march in early 1980

Photo of an education march, with a 'Victoria University Students Association' banner

Are you wondering how you'll possibly be able to get through this year? Your rent's too high, you've been stunned by the amounts you've had to pay out in tuition fees and welfare levy, you've avoided buying text books because the cost would burn a huge hole in your savings and you've no idea how much SHG you'll get but you've a nagging feeling the odds are stacked against you. You don't want to get a loan because you don't know if you'll be able to pay it off and you'd rather not have that part time job because it makes you tired and affects your study. Well, if it's any consolation, there are many other students in the same position - and some in a worse one.

With a Minister of Education who doesn't think students should be supported by the taxpayer things are not going to get better. What can you do?

This year more than ever, the crisis large numbers of students are facing must be brought out into the public eye, and the government challenged to do something about it.

Would you believe Merv Wellington once said, "Education is the greatest investment the country can make in its future, and the training of young people its best invisible asset"? Obviously, there is a missing link between the philosophy and policy of the government. Election year is a good time to point this out.

You can have your chance on April 8, New Zealand University Students' Association's National Day of Action for Education Fightback 1981. The day when hoards of Victoria students can descend on Parliament to voice their concern(anger?) at the erosion of government support for tertiary education.

But... before that day we need your help in planning activities and collecting information on student hardship. If you have any gripes and/or are willing to give up some time to get involved in the campaign just bowl on up to the Students' Association office or the organising meeting.

Bursaries Action Organising Meeting Lounge Monday March 23 5pm All welcome Your time will be well spent

The Third World Solidarity Committee and the Progressive Student Alliance presents ... "The Philippines and Revolution" A Seminar. Towards the end of 1980 a group of New Zealand university students were able to spend a month in the Philippines. During that time some travelled with units of the New People's Army, others spent time at an NPA training camp. They were all able to meet and talk with workers, peasants, students and church people during their visit. They received one of the most intensive exposures of any group of New Zealanders to the growing struggle of the people of the Philippines. This seminar offers you an opportunity to hear of their experiences. Saturday March 28 Lounge and Smoking Room Student Union Building Victoria University of Wellington 9.30am to 5.00pm plus social. Cost \$3 (includes lunch etc.) All enquiries to P.O. Box 970, or phone Alick Shaw 663-516 (wk)/893 572 (evg)

El Salvador

Brutality and Repression

On the evening of March 24 1980, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdames was officiating at a memorial Mass for a friend's mother in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence in San Salvador, capital of the tiny Central American state El Salvador. There were about sixty people attending.

The Archbishop finished his homily, stepped to the altar and raised the chalice. A man came to the chapel's open door: "We heard what sounded like an explosion", said a nun who had been in the congregation, and the Archbishop fell dying with a single .22 calibre bullet in his heart. His assassin ran to a car which promptly sped away.

Brutal Attack

With tens of thousands expected to attend the funeral, the risk of widespread violence was obviously high,

and appeals for calm went out to Romero's supporters. Said Juan Chacon, leader of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc: "The best homage we can pay to Archbishop Romero is neither wreaths nor tears but to act with tremendous serenity." (Time April 7 1980). In the event over 100,000 people turned up to the funeral on March 30, but there was not much serenity evident when shots and bombs began to explode in the crowd, sending thousands fleeing for safety and others to take refuge in the cathedral.

This attack left thirty or more dead and dozens wounded. Dermot Keogh, a journalist who sought safety in the cathedral, wrote: 'I found myself comforting a little girl who had just seen her parents trampled to death. On the seat beside me sat a pregnant woman in her late thirties who died from lack of oxygen. There was nothing I could do.' (Document supplied by New Zealand Catholic Commission for Evangelisation, Justice and Development.)

Church Hierarchy Target of Violence

Violence with political overtones is of course nothing new in Latin America. The new aspect to this violence in the last decade or so is the number of its targets among the hierarchy, religious and affiliated lay workers of the Roman Catholic church. How could such a situation come about on a continent of whose c.280 millions, the overwhelmingly majority are Catholic, including nearly all the high-ranking politicians and wealthy oligarchs, who control the armed forces.

As late as the 1950s large sections of the Latin American church, notably the hierarchy, whose members were drawn from the upper social ranks, held aloof from the mass of the people and the conditions of their lives.

Clergy Look to Masses

Then, beginning in the early 1960's, events both within and outside the Church brought about a radical change in its direction, methods and goals.

The message came through loud and clear: 'For the Church, the first means of evangelisation is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God ... and at the same time given to one's neighbour with limitless zeal. Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.' (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 1976 from Paul VI.) It coincided with the growth of nationalistic feeling and radical political consciousness among the people of many Latin American nations.

The reaction from governments composed mainly of members of oligarchic families, and the military or such paramilitary forces as the secret police, was naturally to increase the vast repression that already existed. Any movement, political or otherwise, that might increase social, economic or political independence among the mass of people became subject to harassment or attempts at elimination. Priests, religious and catechists - lay men and women who assist in evangelisation - engaged with such projects as local literacy campaigns, organising food co-operatives, starting communal work groups or peasant unions, were threatened, arrested, imprisoned, tortured or killed.

Excuses for Repression

But how could the ruling classes whose members were devout Mass-going Catholics justify such brutal opposition to the work of their fellow-religionists?

Well, "certain elements" were adopting Marxism. Foreign missionaries, especially nuns, had "subversive intentions". Their activities were "Communist-inspired". So: in the interests of the State, of national security, internal stability, law and order ...

Turning from the general to the particular, how did all this affect El Salvador?

It has all the statistics to qualify as a Third World country: a capitalist economy dominated by the "Fourteen Families"; 57.5% of land owned by 1.9% of population; 91.4% owned by 22% of population; an illiteracy rate above 40%; full-year employment for only 37% of the people; an urban infantile mortality rate of 85.3%; widespread malnutrition amongst children owing to an export-oriented economy; poor health facilities. (1980 figures, World Council of Churches.)

History of Rebellion

A peasant uprising in 1931, bloodily repressed at the cost of c. 30,000 lives, ensured a strong military presence in the government for the next forty-eight years. The oligarchs of the "Fourteen Families" meanwhile made such a successful business out of coffee-growing that they were actually able to keep US companies out of the country (not that the people fared any the better), and recently have diversified into industry: their

workforce is supplied by peasants fleeing to the towns from fighting in rural areas. Using massive electoral fraud, the government "won" elections in 1972 and 1977.

Slum children in El Salvador.

Photo of children eating food in El Salvador

Government troops

Photo of El Salvador soldiers

Junta Loses Control

A reign of terror was instituted: random shootings, constant surveillance of "suspicious" individuals. A coup by a group of junior army officers toppled President Romero in October 1979, but the reform promises of the civilian/military junta headed by Jose Napoleon Duarte - land expropriation, nationalisation of banks etc. - could not be carried out. The Junta depends on the backing of army and oligarchs as heavily as did its predecessors, and therefore can neither control right-wing brutalities (where it does not actually condone them), nor trust the mass of the people.

In this situation Romero, aged 59, generally regarded as somewhat conservative, was appointed Archbishop in early 1977. Within two weeks of this appointment Father Rubilio Grande, a close friend of Romero's, was murdered with machine-gun fire: apparently someone disliked his (again non-political) activity among the peasants in his depressed rural parish. This seems to have marked a turning-point for Romero. He 'literally became the voice of the opposition in El Salvador' (The Nation Dec 78) in hour long sermons broadcast over the Catholic University station every Sunday morning. He spoke of, and demanded an end to, clandestine disappearances, torture, killings, detentions, the false "Christianity" of the wealthy, the shortcomings of both Romero and Duarte governments. Most priests and religious people, certainly the great mass of the people, supported him. He urged reforms and supported popular attempts to create *comunidades de base* (grassroots groups) which could create an alternative...

Repression Creates Refugees

Meanwhile the atrocities continue. In December 1980 the bodies of three nuns and a woman lay missionary, all Americans, were found near San Juan Nonoalco - raped, strangled and shot (Amnesty International newsletter, January 1981). Between August 1 and 8, 1980, 219 selective assassinations of peasants, students, workers etc. were carried out (Newsletter of the Religious Task Force on El Salvador, September 1980). Catechists are prime targets.

In this tiny country of 4.5 million there are now about 150,000 "internal refugees" and about 100,000 in Mexico and other neighbouring countries (World Council of Churches document, 12 February 1981): the economic situation will shortly be chaotic.

US Aid for Junta

A new and disturbing factor has appeared in the Reagan Administration's willingness to give the present government unqualified support. According to latest reports, over 50 US military advisers are now aiding the army, which is also equipped with sophisticated American hardware. Economic aid has been increased to \$32.5 million and military assistance now amounts to \$5 million. Comparison with American involvement in Vietnam is not a frivolous by-the-way; it was exactly the cumulative process of military advisers/equipment/aid which 'led to the "situation" "escalating" into a full-scale, long-drawn-out, savage conflict which ended in American defeat. This is the struggle of the El Salvadorean people today.

Mary G. Neazor

for the Catholic Society of Victoria University

Activities

Slide show/commentary:

7.30pm Tuesday 24 March.

Stand in Manners Mall:

4pm to 9pm Friday 27 March.

Watch notice boards for details
of further events.

Catholics Support El Salvador

The Catholic Society of Victoria University has decided to co-sponsor a week of commemoration and information on El Salvador from 24-27 March, along with such groups as the Socialist Action League, Corso, the Nicaragua Solidarity Committee, Young Socialists, the Wellington Chilean community, etc.

Our reasons for this are:

- *It is relevant to us as Catholics concerned for social justice and human rights. CathSoc is by its very nature unable to adopt a particular political position, as is the Latin American Church: 'The role and competence of the Church being what it is, she must in no way be confused with the political community, nor bound to any political system.' (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Article 76.) it is our clear moral and religious duty, however, to speak out against oppression, injustice and any system that causes them.*
- *It is relevant to us as New Zealand citizens. New Zealand, as a partner in the ANZUS alliance, has recently been under pressure to make a greater material contribution [see remarks by Miss Ginger Lew, a 'senior State Department official', Evening Post, January 10 1981]. Not much was said about our correlative right to help determine policy. Whatever personal feelings on New Zealand's partnership in ANZUS may be, and whether or not it would be used in El Salvador, clearly as a military partner of the United States (which we were in Vietnam) we should be capable of making our opinion dear: namely, that all foreign powers should leave El Salvador to find a solution based on the establishment of justice and recognition of basic rights. [cf. Bishop Rivers y Dumas' remarks, Zealandia, March 15 1981]. On this point the Catholic Commission for Evangelisation, Justice and Development has sent a letter to Mr Talboys protesting his pledge of support in Washington for the new US policy in El Salvador (Zealandia, op. cit.).*

Guest Editorial

"Just for a week Geoff" he said in sweet dulcet tones. "Here's the Editor's key, I'm sure it'll be no trouble."

Must be the joke of the bloody week, And it seems like doctors orders may keep the bleedin' little cripple away from his desk for another week. Anyway, things were going quite sweetly until I had one helluva shock - what to write for an Editorial. Hard though I might scratch that hairy region between my side-flappers, I could not ignite a spark.

So then I put my mind to some problems that might face students at this infant stage of the year and I thought - Tuition Fees and Textbooks. Boring, I thought; but then really is it so boring? It's certainly not boring dipping into ones pocket for \$100 tuition fees and then a \$12 welfare levy when one is only \$200-300 in the black. What do you do about text books. 'Never buy what you can beg borrow or steal' becomes a way of life, but still, what happens when you go to the library to use a specific text and find that during the whole time allowed for your assignment it is not available? How do you cope with buying course manuals, often upwards of \$5 a throw, when a couple of years ago they were only about \$2? The obvious question springs to mind - why the hike in costs? To answer this one must look at the position universities occupy in society.

The University exists to serve two main functions; one in competition with the other. Firstly, the function of social selection, or providing a certain number of managerial and technologically skilled people for employers. Secondly, and it seems less and less importantly in the eyes of Government, to provide the members of our society with an education to the level they wish to pursue. I say less and less importantly because the trend is during economic crises, to cut back on university funding to the barest minimum level. Attacks are made on 'liberal' subjects like Romance Languages and students are required to foot the bill for more and more

of their education. This works directly to make the first function of universities more prominent.

Because most students come from 'middle-class' backgrounds, we are encouraged to expect a life free from the daily grind of a boring menial job. As unemployment amongst graduates becomes more of a problem, more students tend to take courses which have secure job prospects. This narrowing of the range of education pursued is precisely the result desired by those few influential people in the background who really control education funding - the Fletchers, Watties, Todds etc.

That money which continues to be spent on universities has more direct results in terms of specifically qualified graduates. Nothing is 'wasted' on liberal education so, the main reason for universities actually existing at all is certainly not "to provide the members of our society with the opportunity to further their education to their full potential." (This in itself would provide skilled people of benefit to everyone.)

Another aspect of universities which is heightened by cutbacks in funding is that they certainly do not provide equal opportunity for anyone, regardless of class background, to attend. As the economic crisis worsens with its associated problems of unemployment and high inflation, only those from secure and reasonably well off families are able to meet the escalating cost of attending university. Very similar arguments apply to the Health system, primary and secondary education (note rich and poor schools) childcare etc.

So the hike in tuition fees means much more than just a rise in costs. It is the direct result of an economic crisis not of our making and no more made by the majority of people in NZ. Why should we pay?

'Unity is strength' comes to have some real meaning when applied to a situation like the one we find ourselves in. Any one individual is powerless to have any real effect in either concretely changing the funding situation or changing public opinion.

Speaking of Unions, NZUSA, the national union of all university students, is planning a campaign to oppose the rise in tuition fees, erosion of the Tertiary Assistance Grant and welfare levies, among other things, with a National Day of Action on April 8. This will publicise the issues and through this put pressure on Government to make a real commitment to university education. Bring to mind another old saying?... "If you don't fight you lose." Watch Salient for details of Action.

Phew! Life back to normal without the 'Editorial' black cloud. Not much whiskey left in that bottle though!
Geoff Adams

Salient Notes

Back in the graveyard the dastardly Salient crew, masked and gloved, were slaving and sweating, winding the handle of a huge winch. Stephen A'Court, a tell tale cloud of smoke emitting from his stocking mask, directed his grovelling plebs. "Harvey Molloy, kill that foul vegetable excuse for a cigarette" he screamed, "and Wiggins, cease masticating that froth of seaweed on your upper lip and get two hands to the wheel.

The hook on the end of the winch was precariously held under the lid of a rather fresh looking tomb by Fergus Barrowman and Helen McNaught. In their reeling and jovial but nonetheless drunken state, they could only ever manage one hand out of three on the hook at a time, but Ruth, of whose surname we are unaware, kept her foot on at least one of the deviant hands.

An inch wide crack was spotted by Lorna Mass of who promptly inserted her fingers. Michelle A'Court, not to be left out in the cold followed suit and promptly the happy pair were howling with glee, insanely chuckling at little fountains of red spurting from their severed digits after Jonathon Taylor stumbled onto the release lever and the lid slammed firmly shut.

"Heave!, you bone lazy apologies for a geriatric tiddly winks team" rasped Stephen as he landed a bare and grimy foot squarely onto the ample posterior of Kevin Swann, slinking away through the bushes.

Burly Paul Jackson arrived on the scene and latched onto the handle. He flung the winch into motion, flinging Peter, minus surname, against a nearby tombstone where he still rests, chewing granite.

Up flew the lid of the tomb. The stench was appalling and the foul crew threw up en masse into the reeking grave. Wiping Chop Suey off her chin, Marina Skinner peered over the lip of the tomb only to be neatly shoved in by a sinister Mary Hubble. Rachel Barrowman, arriving late on the gruesome scene, shrieked with delight at Marina's fast disappearing foot.

Jackie Hogan, boldly holding up the slimy granite slab, suddenly found she was unable to cope with the social shock of joining the Salient mob and raced for the VUWSA opium den (ring extension 56 for service). Jessica Wilson, never slow on her feet, grabbed Latika Vasil and Tracey Cooper by their necks and jammed them under the descending lid. But why has the Salient crew turned to grave robbing - hunger? poverty? or just plain boredom? The answer was soon to be revealed.

A hideous belch emitted from the tomb and an enormous putrid fist rose out of the stinking hole, followed, as closely as a decomposing body can, by a bristled and reeking Geoff Adams.

"Bout time you bastards got me out of here" he roared, stepping from the reeking grave.

"Out of my way A'Court or I'll kick in your bloody kneecaps", he hissed, "and where are those ace typesetters you're so fond of."

Back in the typesetter's office, Jean Mackay and Kathryn Irvine huddled over their typesetter desperately composing formats to confuse their new boss.

Salient was edited by Geoff Adams - returned from the dead - published by VUWSA Funeral Services and printed by Wanganui Newspapers

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Salient reporter goes on fact finding tour to Radio Active - How does a radio station work?

Articles covering International Abortion Action Day - March 31

Ros Roberts

High noon Weds

The heart of last Wednesday's Students' Representative Council meeting (held most Wednesdays in the Union Hall at 12) was contained in the reports presented. Loong Wong, the VUWSA Overseas Students Officer, praised the efforts of those who have contributed to the abolition of the LATOS exam for overseas students. The President of VUWSA, Virginia Adams, talked about the results of the previous weekend's NZUSA Executive meeting, at which a new national President was elected. Deryk Shaw will take up his position on April 1. Virginia moved on to describe a proposal put forward by the Women's Rights Action Committee co-ordinator at the meeting, that a conference for university women be held in August of this year.

The proposal was accepted, although both Victoria's and Otago's representatives opposed it. Neither Virginia Adams, nor the VUWSA Executive, object to the conference in general principle, but believe the Women's Commission at present operating within the NZUSA structure would be unnecessarily duplicated by the proposed conference. Because of the high financial costs involved in accommodating and transporting people to the conference, the WRAC coordinator suggested that a certain number of delegates be selected from each university to attend, thereby creating a closed conference. In comparison with women's representation in NZUSA at the moment the conference is seen as being less democratic. A proposal for a conference for university women is also opposed because of the unknown degree to which it will be financially supported by NZUSA. Outside sponsorship will be sought, but NZUSA would be expected to contribute if the necessary funds are not found - a position which NZUSA's bank account may have difficulty coping with. The National Executive agreed that the WRAC coordinator should investigate the problems of a "delegates only" conference and the uncertainty of how finance will be obtained.

The SRC members present saw the President's report as warranting discussion, and Paul Wiggins proposed a motion that the VUWSA Executive's stand on the issue be ratified. There was much comment from the floor, indicating that some people see the proposal as a good proposition, to be considered more carefully, and not opposed outright. It was generally agreed that a delegate basis and financial vagueness are disadvantages of the proposal, but some speakers felt that the democratic foundations of NZUSA would be maintained as the conference would only be able to implement any findings through NZUSA's hierarchy. When put to a hand vote the motion that SRC ratify the decision of VUWSA Executive to oppose the Conference, was carried.

After the election of a number of SRC representatives, a motion by Andrew Tees, that tooth fairies exist on the campus and that the Prime Minister be informed of this, was discussed. Students agreed that this wasn't especially funny, and it was lost.

The following are those SRC Reps and Officers elected: Education Officer: no nominations

Publications Board: Michele A'Court, Mark Wilson, Jessica Wilson, Mark Harris, David Murray, Stephen

Dawe Catering Board: Rosalind Roberts

Radio Board: Rosalind Roberts, Roy Torlesse, G. Cotmore, Dave Drees Teaching and Learning

Committee: Mary Hubble, Jessica Wilson

Accommodation Committee: Lesley Huffam Careers Advisory Committee: Richard Hellyer Disciplinary Committee: Paul Cochrane, David Murray Parking Committee: Angela Main

Teaching Aids Committee: no nominations

Bursaries Committee: Andrew Tees was nominated but not elected

President

Photo of Virginia Adams

The mention of Education Fightback 1981 may produce groans of "not again!" and "what good can it do?" or "haven't time to get involved." In looking at a 1981 campaign to oppose the cuts to university funding and the continued erosion of government support for students two important points must be noted: one, the 15% increase in tuition fees, imposition of the welfare levy, the accommodation crises, a 53% increase in student vacation unemployment, rising prices and inflation means that students are worse off than last year financially, and two; this is election year. The second is a point in our favour,

It is also important to recognise that the strong opposition to the cuts shown in the last two years of Education Fightback has resulted in the Government giving in over some things. For example, with the additional \$3 to the SHG in last year's budget, and the increases in some other areas in the education vote, (especially salaries for secondary school teachers), and the backing down in the face of striking Technical Institute Teachers over the right to negotiate class contact hours.

Merv's red-baiting tactics in refusing to speak to NZUSA because he believed the President to be a Marxist showed that organised student pressure was niggling the government. NZUSA's campaign clearly played a prominent role in making education a well-known and popular issue. If we give up now these gains will be lost.

We need to renew our efforts to change the government's attitude in 1981. If they receive a mandate in November to continue to implement their anti-education policies things will undoubtedly go from bad to worse. The obvious issues facing students right now are the "student pocket" ones - fees, bursaries, cost of living and unemployment. As part of NZUSA 1981 Education campaign your Association will in the next two and a half weeks be attempting to revitalise what seems to be a despondency amongst students about these issues into enthusiasm for showing the public and government their effects on students' ability to get the full benefit from tertiary education. April 8, National Day of Action, will be the time to pour into the streets to show your feelings. Before then we will be holding forums and organising other activities.

So, don't wait till you get a reply from your SHG application before getting hacked off enough to do something. Some and see us now - there are plenty of things to do. See you at the organising meeting tonight huh?

Virginia Adams

Orientation Hassles

Beatlemania Thwarted

re Students refused entry on the night of Friday 6th to the Union Hall (Beatles evening).

At this apparently successful event two of my friends and I were refused admittance. I, as had my friends, purchased a \$7 orientation card. This card was purchased under the condition that the holder was entitled to admittance at all orientation functions, though certain functions required booking or additional cost. The event did not require booking or additional cost, yet we were refused admittance.

Last year I had the great fortune of actually learning something useful. In Coml 101 I was told that a legally binding contract would exist if there was an offer and this offer was accepted. This I feel was the case with the orientation card. The offer was "admittance to all orientation events for a fee of \$7", and acceptance was when I agreed and paid \$7. So as I was refused entry to the Beatles night I feel they broke the contract.

Being a devout Beatles fan you can imagine I wasn't satisfied at being bluntly turned away at the door so I went to the student boardroom where I happened upon two members of the exec. Informing them that they had broken a contract, I demanded a refund as my card until then had not been used. My demand for a refund was quickly turned down, and believe me satisfaction and logic from these people was at a premium. They did

however suggest that there would be another Beatles night in the future but this idea, I believe, has been scrapped. Disillusioned and bloody upset I left

I was told that night that the reason for being turned away was because the hall was already overcrowded and exceeding fire regulations. It's the first time in two years of coming to hops etc. that I have had such a load of Bullshit as that quoted at me. It shows a lack of foresight and judgement by the organisers as they had sold thousands of orientation cards to students of which only about one-third had to come to make the event overcrowded. The lack of foresight did not stop there as the event was mentioned on both student and commercial radio that there were door sales, this of course led to a large number of non-students coming along and getting in which a hell-of-a-lot of students who had purchased orientation cards and arrived slightly late, like myself, were left out in the cold.

M. Brockie

The Ins and Outs of Controlling Orientation

Firstly, we would like to apologise to M. Brockie and everyone else who did not get into some of the Orientation events. The simple fact is that with the Beatles night, Top Scientists, Coup d'Etat and Pop Mechanics, attendance was well up on what we expected (about 1,000 - 1,300 each night), we did advise people to turn up early to major events and as much as possible told people buying the Card that obviously they would only get into events while there was still space available. In addition the doors to every "sold out" event were re-opened later in the evening when enough people had left. Unfortunately, fire regulations limit numbers in both the Union Hall and the Cafe to about 700 - 800. We were not particularly keen on going over this for several reasons: no-one is happy to be held responsible for overcrowding if a fire does break out; we knew the police were watching Orientation, probably looking for an excuse to jump in and close us down (plain-clothed and uniformed police were spotted at several events and steps were taken to have them removed); we also knew the fire brigade were keeping an eye on us. The situation was made a lot worse after the Beatles night when some clown punched in a fire alarm. The fire brigade, although used to this sort of behaviour from students, was not at all amused, particularly when it could not get the engines close enough to the building due to congestion in the car park.

The Card System

Why did we not reserve places for card-holders or ban door sales? The general answer is that in planning the programme and budget we had to be mindful of past experience on this campus. Unfortunately, last year only a few hundred cards were sold and there would be few people around now who can remember as big and varied a programme as was offered this year. With no strong popular Orientation tradition and little precedent for the value of a Registration Card we knew we could not rely on Card sales alone to finance the programme. This again was unfortunate, but one of our major aims was to create a level of cultural activity that would carry over to people's expectations for next year.

This is exactly what has happened at Canterbury, where Card sales rose from 500 in the first year of a "Card system" operating, to 2,500 last year. Their tradition is now so strong that this year they were able to ban entry to all non-Card holders and still cover their costs. If we had done that we would have lost several thousand dollars (or had to attach a much higher price to the Card, which would also have affected sales).

Value For All

Hopefully, the Association will be better placed in 1982 to budget for fewer door sales and more Card sales. But this would require all those people interested in theatre, film, non-commercial music, poetry, dance and so on to recognise that the Card is good value for them too. This requires a level of publicity that for financial and organisational reasons was not fully possible this year.

Reserving a percentage of tickets for Card holders would have been rather futile: most major events were attended by about 80% Card-holders anyway. Capacity was not reached on the Beatles night until about 10pm, two hours after it started. M. Brockie could not have been "slightly late" and is surely, not suggesting that we should have left the Hall unfilled for half the night just in case more Card-holders turned up. Whatever way you look at it, if too many people turn up somebody's going to get pissed-off. We could have hired a bigger venue (like the Opera House) for one or two of the functions, but that's a big gamble in itself and besides, would as many people turn up if they couldn't dance?

Why Sell So Many?

But why did we sell Cards to more people than could fit into the Union Hall? This argument is logically flawed. If we accepted it, we should have only sold as many Cards as the number of people we could fit into the smallest venue. What would have happened if 400 people had turned up to see Jean-Paul Bell in a theatre that seats 380? Of if 200 people had turned up to the Late Night Club in a room that can only squeeze in 150? Obviously, Cards are sold on the basis that not every buyer will turn up to any one event. This was in fact the case. We sold close to 1,400 (not "thousands" as M. Brockie assumes) which was more than we had counted on in the budget. Again, the Card system will work better when greater interest is taken in the non-commercial events.

Pre-Booking?

Perhaps we could have had a pre-booking system. This did operate for night events in the Memorial Theatre, but there are two reasons why we didn't take it further. The first is simple: we didn't have the resources. There were only seven Executive members when we started and one of these dropped out in the middle. The Association office has a full-time staff of three who were all rushed off their feet during Orientation as it was. In fact we could not even open the Theatre bookings as early as we wanted because there was no one to handle them. There was no way we were prepared to give the office staff more work than they had to do and we are extremely grateful for all they did in very trying circumstances.

In regard to the Beatles night itself we were simply not expecting such a large turn out, especially when for a variety of reasons we were only able to get the poster out on the day. (We would be interested to know which commercial radio station mentioned the event: certainly no advertisements were placed by us). M. Brockie is wrong to assume that the idea of a repeat has been scrapped. To the best of my knowledge no decision has been made. It would be easy to organise, relatively risk free, and (in retrospect) very popular.

Irony

In conclusion, we are well aware that a lot of problems and mistakes arose during Orientation. These need to be pointed out and analysed so that they may be avoided in the future. However, we hope that those with criticisms will appreciate that we simply did not have the money, time or resources to run the programme as well as we would have liked.

Hopefully, M. Brockie and others who missed certain events will appreciate a little more of the context of their disappointment. We can only apologise again, noting with some irony that the most forcefully expressed criticism to date stems from the fact that some events were so much more popular than we had anticipated.

Paulette Keating

and

Simon Wilson

Orientation Controllers

Notices

Lost

Blue leather man's tie, possibly near tennis pavilion. Please ring 721-000 ext 2792.

Lost

A brown and blue checked jacket (with button on hood) from boardroom at Beatles hop. If found call Peter at 873-795, after 8pm.

Graveyard Fence

Due to the white fence alongside the graveyard being broken, there is now great incentive for people to walk across the newly planted garden. Could those with no appreciation for the greener things in life please keep to the path.

Paul Lidgett, Managing Secretary Union Building.

Study Methods Development

This is the title of a programme of videotapes which is being shown each Wednesday for the first five weeks of the first term. You still have opportunities to see the programme on Wednesdays, 25 March and 1 April, in CB.114 (Cotton Building).

Each Wednesday, the videotapes will be shown in two continuous sessions, starting promptly at the times indicated. Five of the videotapes are presented by Dr Alex Main, Adviser on Educational Methods, Centre for Educational Practice, University of Strathclyde, Scotland. The sixth videotape is *Varsity - The Good Life*, and represents the views of five students, of transition from school to Auckland University.

Study Handbook Available

The Victoria University Science Faculty has published a Student Handbook which, although written for Science students, has useful material for all students.

Improving Your Performance as a Science Student

Contents

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Learning From Lectures - Are You Ready?

Laboratory Work And Laboratory Reports

Field Trips - Leaving The Campus To Learn

Scientific Illustration

Reading And Essay Writing

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Self Defence for Women

The situation - a country pub packed with the spoils from the nearby washed out dog trials. One unobtrusive feminist pushing her way through the crowd.

Local yobbo, intoxicated with talk and booze makes suggestive lip smacking overtures to unobtrusive feminists. "Gis a kiss darl," he drawls. Unobtrusive feminist weaves past and with the butt of left elbow lands one solid hit in yobbo's kidney regions. Results - one happy feminist, and hopefully, one revolutionised yobbo.

According to the new All-Women's nonsexist dictionary, rape means much more than "sexual intercourse of a female against her will." When some man friend slaps your backside expecting you to virtually "orgasm" at his seductive attention - that is rape. When boss, acquaintance, doctor (or whoever you get into a heated

argument with) puts his arm on your shoulder and says "Now don't get hysterical dear," then that is rape.

When a man hangs out a car window and says "wanna fuck" that is rape! There are many rapes. And there are as many ways of avoiding/coping with them as there are ways of not being able to avoid/cope with them. But society makes it difficult for your average female to get the gist to know how to avoid/cope with these rapes. Many women don't think these "small compliments" are threatening. Many of these women will refuse to go out to a night meeting in the heart of the city for fear of being attacked in some way. They are living their lives under a curfew - the threat of male violence.

Breaking the Curfew

Two things must happen to a woman before her curfew is broken. Firstly - men must realise that women's bodies are not toys for their condescending pats, prods and leers. Secondly, the woman must learn that her body is a physically self sufficient organism capable of defence. The latter is hard to teach. This is because most women have a lifetime of inherent fear conditioning that she "might hurt" the guy who is attacking her, and that she hasn't enough strength to do anything anyway.

A woman is taught to be 'ikebana' gentle, to be 'cotton-wool' beautiful and to be "held in the hand of King Kong" vulnerable. She is told that to be successful in a man's world she must accept "condescensions" as compliments and not to slam her fist on the table when angered (or not to get angry at all) which leads onto the conditioning that women are taught to be the peacemakers. From breaking up Johnnies school skirmishes to placating hubby/male friend after an office row.

So, for a woman to break her curfew and become physically independent many things are going to have to happen. The woman must realise that she has a curfew, she must make an effort to learn physical and mental manoeuvres to make her feel more confident, and she must know, within herself, what rape is.

And it does not take ten years of constant killer karate training to prepare a woman to defend herself against Any rape. It takes an awareness that her body is a weapon. I was in a meeting discussing the greater implications of rape in Christchurch last year. Someone was demonstrating self-defence techniques, e.g. eye gouging, and groin kicking. One woman said then - "but how could I hurt that man - I might even kill him." Don't laugh - try to imagine poking your brothers eyes out - a unhealthy majority of reported rapes are from men the victim knows.

What is Essential

Many self defence classes give a five week crash course on how to break knees, crunch toes and apply fancy arm bars. But all these ploys are useless if the female student leaves the room saying "wow that looks good but I really don't think I'd ever be able to do that." Until the student respects her body enough to protect it, she will not defend it properly. Respect must come from, a) some sort of fitness; b) a friendship between your mental and your physical; c) knowing and using your anger and, d) overcoming fear with common sense.

Drawing of a cupid with a machine gun

Don't Get Involved (sic)

A middle-aged woman who lives not far from a dingy pub-surrounded carpark in central Auckland once told me about the time she saw a young woman being beaten up there early one morning. At the time, the older woman had four young men staying in her apartment. She woke them up and told them about the scene and made her way to the carpark. She didn't even make it to the door - the four men physically prevented her from going to the carpark - "don't get involved, he'll beat you up too," they said.

After calling the police and seeing the patrol car cruise by - ask the guy if it was a domestic incident and then cruise away - the middle-aged woman sneaked out the back way. By this time the young woman's face was covered with blood. During the confrontation the older woman told the guy that if he touched her "he'd swing higher than he'd ever swung before." Without even having to touch the guy she managed to stop the beating and eventually the police came and took him away. The young woman spent three months in hospital. The guy had been out of prison for only two days from a previous assault charge. Apparently, this woman's friend in the shop next to her apartment was also bodily prevented from helping the young woman because her husband blocked the door.

For too long a woman has relied on her male partner, the taxi driver, the milk man, to come to her aid if she is in trouble. "It is better to lie back than fly forward," we are constantly told. Piffle, a woman must rely on herself for self defence. There are ways a woman can go about 'reclaiming' her ability to self defence. The ways are as varied as there are women.

But for any woman who has finished reading this article - be aware of the subtle conditioning you are

exposed to, especially around the university. Ask yourself if you feel scared whenever you are home alone at night or have to walk home from the pictures by yourself. Think of positive action, and demand that you live your life the way you want to.

see box below for self defense activities

Sue Lytollis (based in Auckland) is a recognised self-defence instructor for women. She tours to other centres giving classes/workshops. Sue will be visiting *Wellington March 26 to 31* and a number of activities have been arranged for campus students at Victoria.

Friday 27 March:

"Why Women Should Learn Self-Defence" followed by practical demonstration Union Hall, 12 to 2pm.

Self-Defence Performance at Cuba Mall (near waterfall) 5pm.

Saturday, 28 March, Sunday, 29 March:

Self-Defence Weekend Course. Prebookings ring (at night) Sue 757-281.

Monday, 30 March:

Meeting with Women's Action Group Lounge 12 to 2pm. Women from Rape Crisis will also be speaking.

Evening Self-Defence Workshop 7 to 10pm Lounge/Smoking Room. Ring Sue 758-271

Eating Out

The Italian Job

As promised, we finally make our way to a real restaurant

Guido's

38 Cambridge Terrace. Next to Sawyer Honda. Takeaway service also.

Hours:

Monday 5 to 10pm

Tuesday to Thursday 12 to 2pm and 5 to 11pm

Friday to Saturday 12 to 2pm and 5 to 12 midnight

Sunday 12 to 2pm and 5 to 9pm

A small Italian restaurant with a bit of flair. The main courses are quite dear, but in the absence of a minimum charge you can order the same tastes as an entree and thereby have a wider range between you.

Immediately that you go inside you know that you are at someone's place. Though the walls and carpet are solid Australian Home and Garden bathroom green with framed pop art fixtures, and the table cloths plastic, it's just nice to be there.

All the many pizzas are made from scratch while you wait. Try a *Marinara* (seafood) pizza and you should be back for more. Open late at night at the weekends it's a good place to go for a meal after the flicks or merely a snack and coffee. Also being a take away you can have the same beautifully prepared stuff in the steamy privacy of your mother's car somewhere further afield.

I consider the house speciality to be their *cannelloni* so I make the suggestion that you may like to stroll along there after a movie and discuss the thing over some *cannelloni* and a couple of cups of cappuccino rather than rushing in some time before eight.

So what is the difference between the merely Ok and the restaurant that you recommend to your friends and go back to yourself? Try out Guido's some time and it'll probably become clear.

Note: We are preparing a complete guide to all the watering holes in and around the University. If you know of any place that has regular meals or tea and coffee available, eg SCM Cabin, please send info, to VUW food, C/- Editor Salient.

Robert Lithgow

Rec Centre

Drawing of a cyclist

Don't Do Nothing

Is the current energy crisis affecting you? University life is known for its sedentary nature, and along with

it, potential low energy levels. If you want to do something about your physical energy level, bowl over to the Recreation Centre, and find out about the opportunities. There, you can:

- make a phone call
- eat at the cafe
- bounce on a trampoline
- throw a frisbee
- find a friend to play table tennis
- exercycle
- take a shower, or a sauna, or both
- lift some weights
- extend yourself in yoga
- practise your indoor bowling
- shoot some baskets
- or just sit in the lounge

Choices, choices, so many choices - recreation is all about choices, knowing what is available, and how to get involved.

The Knowing

The classes offered at the Recreation Centre are free - and generally you don't have to enrol - just turn up. The classes are taught at beginner level so you don't need to be skilled to become involved. Join in the jogging group at 12 noon on Mondays for a gentle jog, and find out how to enjoy running without those aches and pains you've heard about. Or learn to dance: there are two classes: one 1-2 on Tuesdays which concentrates on modern dance techniques and rhythms; and 10 to 11 on Fridays is the improvisation class. You've tried creative writing? Well this is creative movement.

There are two yoga classes 1-2 on Mondays and Thursdays. Mats are provided. Learn to appreciate your flexibility and muscle control in both tension and relaxation. And if you want to shift weight, move weight or change weight, enrol in one of the four weight training beginners' sessions.

The How

Don't just stand there - move. Ring the Recreation Centre on 738-566 x72 or 720-723 (after hours) or visit the Recreation Centre and ask our friendly receptionist for more informations.

Real Aid Needed

United East African Famine Appeal

Refugees and displaced persons, figures from host governments, December 1980 (UNHCR) 490,000 42,000 3-5,000 1,300,000 377,000 3,500 African Sahel region African countries affected by drought United East African Famine Appeal The people of East Africa need your help right now. The situation is desperate. Millions face starvation and death. If they are to have any hope of survival and re-building their shattered lives we must act now. Sympathy is not enough. A UNITED Appeal How can I be sure that my gift Because the situation is so urgent. Corso. Christian will get there? World Service (National Council of Churches), and This combined appeal means that administration the Catholic Commission have combined to mount costs will be saved. It also means this appeal, on behalf of the people of East Africa. By international agencies can be chosen to make sure working together, administration costs can be that your money provides most help to those who minimised and the amount of practical help that need it. reaches the people maximised. Delay Will cost lives. A deadly combination of war, Send your donation NOW! drought and greed War in Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea and Uganda has To United East African Famine Appeal, caused millions of refugees to flee for their lives. Add PO Box 9716, Wellington. to this the failure of the rains for 2 years causing widespread drought in East Africa. Make cheques payable to: A third and more serious factor is the man-made "United East African Famine Appeal" nature of this tragedy. Much of the good arable land in Africa is being used to grow cash crops for Western Please find enclosed my cheque for \$ markets. While people die, multi-national companies Name are growing crops like carnations, chrysanthemums and vegetables for export to Europe. The underlying Address "unnatural" cause of famine in Africa is that not enough food is being grown for Africans. What must be done?

() Tick if you require a receipt. An immediate combined grant of \$35,000 has been made from Corso. Christian World Service and the nearest NATIONAL Bank Branch Catholic Commission for Evangelisation. Justice and Development. Much more is needed The urgent need is for food, medicines, clothing and shelter. Your donation will make sure that help moves quickly to those who need it most. In the medium to long term, we must ensure that programmes are set up to support the re-settlement of CHRISTIAN people into self help communities. WORLD SERVICE CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR EVANGELIZATION. JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT

At least thirty million people, more than half of them children, are affected by famine in East Africa. In the horn of Africa alone, twelve million are affected. Add to that the hundreds of thousands of refugees and you have a crisis of major proportions. But why? The answer is to be found in the recent history of East Africa - a century of war, exploitation and greed.

The failure of rain for two years in a row has caused widespread drought in Africa. Some rain has fallen recently in Somalia and Ethiopia but it has fallen too early for the sowing season. There are fears of yet another poor harvest in October and November. The situation is worst in the horn of Africa (see map). Stretching across Africa from Senegal (on the western coast) to Ethiopia is the Sahel; a region of low rainfall, poor soil (sand), harsh climate (see map). Supplementary food programmes are operating in the East African countries in the Sahel region; but the work is hampered by measles, malaria and the influx of refugees. In Somalia, a shortage of fuel is slowing the delivery of emergency food.

Local Hosts Struggling

Almost everywhere in Africa there are refugees and displaced persons. One and a half million live in over crowded camps in Somalia, Sudan and Djibouti. Supplies of medicine, food and water present problems to the host countries. However these countries although hard pressed to meet the needs of their own people do their best to aid refugees.

Subversion of Land Use by Imperialists

In sharp contrast to this are the actions of Western Governments and the Soviet Union. The problems of famines and war are not solely of African making. Before European intervention, land was used solely for the growth of food and grazing of stock. The European Colonial powers seeking raw materials, sliced up Africa between them. The boundaries of the colonies cut across tribal groupings. Land not essential to immediate food needs was no longer used to grow excess for times of drought, but used to grow cash crops such as coffee.

Even after independence, economic colonialism continues. Western loans and aid over the last two decades have been conditional on the development of cash cropping and export industries at the expense of food production. Transnational corporations grow carnations and chrysanthemums for Europe while Africans grow hungry.

Superpower rivalry escalates tensions in Africa and it is Africans who suffer. The majority of refugees in eastern Africa are fleeing the war in Eritrea. Eritrea, a colony under Italy, then a protectorate under the British, has been fighting a war of independence against Ethiopia since 1962. The Soviet Union, originally behind the Eritrean People's Liberation Front is now actively supporting the Ethiopian forces. Soviet power politics has escalated the conflict and the Soviet Union is largely responsible for the current refugee crisis.

"Aid" Inedible

Increased United States presence in Egypt and Somalia and the declaration of the "Carter doctrine" (US intervention in the Middle East to protect US interests) has added to the tension.

Tanks and jets don't relieve famine. Jet fighters don't aid development. Africans cannot eat carnations. All the East Africans want is self reliance and self determination.

While there are the long term needs of peace and development, there is an urgent need for medicine, food and shelter. The United East African Famine Appeal has been designed to cut administration costs so that the maximum amount reaches East Africa. Their advertisement in this issue explains the appeal. Have a think about it - but do not think about it for too long because delay will cost lives. Student health

Student Health

Cystitis

Infections of the lower urinary tract are unfortunately common and cause distressing symptoms. Due to their shorter urethra (passage from the bladder to the exterior) females are most frequently affected. Lower urinary tract infections may be cystitis and urethritis, together or separately and it is difficult to distinguish between them as their symptoms are the same.

Early signs and symptoms are a frequent need to pass urine and a burning or painful sensation when urinating. Left untreated and allowed to reach a more serious stage, the sufferer may have back pain, pus and blood in urine, fever and chills.

Bacteria which grow naturally in the bowel without causing infection, easily move forward to the urethra and bladder, causing infection. These bacteria, E. coli, are the cause of 75% of all cases. One of the most common causes of their spread to these areas is sexual intercourse, which may also cause local irritation of the urethra.

Prevention and Relief of Symptoms

- Wash the genital area morning and night and perhaps before and after sexual intercourse. Sexual intercourse can not only cause, but also aggravate an infection.
- Passing urine after sexual intercourse may help.
- Do not use vaginal deodorants.
- Wipe from front to back after bowel movement.
- Always wash your hands after using the toilet.
- In preference to nylon, wear cotton pants or pantyhose with cotton gussets. Synthetic fabrics can cause moisture retention which provides a good environment for the spread of infection.
- Ensure a good fluid intake, although coffee, tea, alcohol or spices may further irritate the bladder.
- Empty the bladder frequently.
- Ensure extra care with hygiene during menstruation.

The above suggestions can lessen the recurrence of this common problem. In the event of having the symptoms, treatment is simple and is best started early. Contact Student Health if more information is needed or if requiring treatment. A urine sample will be needed for laboratory testing, so if possible provide this before collection at 3pm. Meanwhile drink up to 2½ litres of water daily to dilute the urine. Also a warm bath 2-3 times each day will often give relief.

Other causes can be: hormonal changes stress, childbirth, chemicals or physical problems, e.g. blockage of the urethra.

Don't be shy about seeking help from your doctor.

Drawing of an artist painting an eye through a keyhole

Cooking

A Chinese Meal A Week

Last week I mentioned some simple Chinese recipes and also the most common method of boiling plain rice. But rice can be done up in many other ways too, and some of them in themselves can be a complete meal which is both easy and cheap to prepare. Just use cooked rice which has been left overnight to reduce the moisture in the rice. Heat a frying pan or wok and add 2 or 3T of oil, brown some sliced onions and garlic, the add in some sliced bacon, diced pork, mixed vegetables and chopped spring onions; saute for a while. Add the cooked rice and stir fry ten minutes and then add a dash of soy sauce and salt and pepper to taste. Dish out onto serving plates, perhaps garnish with some small omelette pieces and you are serving 'Yang Chow Fried Rice'. Or you can use any meat you like and give the dish your own style and flavour.

Chicken is quite a good buy nowadays, especially when it is on special. There are many delicious chicken dishes cooked in the Chinese style and I include here some simple ones.

Roast Crisp Skin Chicken

Clean a defrosted chicken well. Split the chicken on the breast side only and lay the whole chicken flat (like

the mutton birds one sees in the fish shops). Then marinate the chicken with some salt, pepper, soy sauce and dry sherry. Rub the whole chicken with honey or golden syrup and leave for 15 minutes. Then put the chicken onto a roasting pan with the skin side up so that it can be browned and crisp. Roast at 300F for about an hour, or until the skin is golden in colour and the chicken cooked. After the chicken has cooled, chopped into bite-sized pieces and serve with prawn crackers as garnish; or on a bed of thinly sliced lettuce.

Lemon and Honey Chicken

This is a more complicated dish but the results are worth it.

Ingredients:

- chicken, 1 lemon, 2 or 3 T honey (or golden syrup), 1T Soy Sauce, salt and pepper to taste and 3 T oil.

Method:

- Cut the chicken into halves and slice the lemon.
- Heat the wok or a frying pan and heat the oil, add some sliced onion if preferred. Add the chicken halves and brown them.
- Mix the honey with half a cup of hot water and the soy sauce; add to the chicken and also add the lemon slices. Add more water and some sherry if preferred. Cook the chicken in the sauce for twenty minutes over low heat or until the chicken is cooked. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Take the chicken out of the sauce and cool, chop it into bite-size pieces. Put it on a plate and pour the sauce which is heated up onto the chicken and garnish with spring onions or parsley. Serve.

Ginger Oil over Chicken

Ingredients: Chicken, 1 oz sliced strips of ginger, 1 t of chopped garlic, sliced 2t oil, corn flour.

Method: Boil the chicken in a pot, with the water just over the chicken for 15 minutes over low heat or until cooked. Remove the chicken, let cool, then chop into bite size pieces. Heat a frying pan, add the oil, followed by the onion slices, ginger and garlic. When the garlic is browned, add half a cup of the chicken stock. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix 2t of cornflour with a little water, add to the pan. When the sauce is thickened pour it over the chicken pieces, garnish with chopped spring onions and serve.

Chicken and Sweet Corn Soup

Use the chicken soup from the boiled chicken and add a small tin of cream style corn into the soup. Bring to boil, add salt and pepper to taste, some stripped chicken meat, and then thicken the soup with 3 or 4t of cornflour mixed with a little water. Beat an egg in a bowl and pour into the soup beating at the same time. Turn off heat immediately. Add a dash of sherry before serving and garnish the soup with chopped spring onions.

Note - A full Chinese menu can be a chicken dish, corn soup, stir fry cabbage or cauliflower (method as last week) and fried rice or plain rice.

Bon appetite.

Vincent Wong

Clubs

Cultural

National Party Club

The AGM will be held at 4pm on Thursday 26 March in the Smoking Room. All interested students welcome. Ring either 753-215 or 769-947.

Social Rugby

Join our Social Rugby Team. Plenty of social activities after games on Saturday. Meet lots of other students, especially for first years.

If interested please ring Tarek 857-534.

Chess Club

We will be having another meeting on Tuesday. Eleven o'clock in the Clubsroom until two or thereabouts. The problems that were handed out during enrolment are worth \$20 if you can return them correctly answered.
Graham (845-688)

Labour Club

El Salvador. Reagan's Vietnam? Speakers from Labour Party, Churches and Trade Unions. Also screening a slide show illustrating conditions in this Central American Republic.

Tuesday 24 March Lounge/Smoking Room 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Maths and Physics Society

The AGM will be held in the Maths Dept Library, RB818, at 11.00am Thursday 24 March.

Cathsoc

"Unless the heart of Man is changed..." Masses: Tues 8.30am 8 Kelburn Parade, Wed 12 noon RB819 followed by social time, Thurs 5.15pm with tea afterwards. Make an extra effort for Lent.

Fun, Fitness and Frolicking interested? Join one of our social teams. Contact: volleyball John 739-358, basketball Carol 738-958, indoor soccer Steve 723-519.

Women's Action Group

Meeting Monday 12 to 1pm Lounge. Speakers from the Women's Refuge Centre. All women welcome.

Demonstration of self-defence Friday 12 to 1pm Union Hall. Places in the women's self-defence weekend Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 still available, ring Sue 758-271 for more information.

'Scream from Silence' unfortunately unavailable.

Student Christian Movement

This is a small ecumenical group open to Christians and people of goodwill. Study/tea Tues 6-8pm 8 Kelburn Parade.

Discussion/lunch Mon and Thurs SCM cabin behind library.

Members are reminded of the Tertiary Christian Studies Programme, 5-6pm Tuesday, in K629, and are urged to support Powell social concern cellgroup Wed 1-2 in SCM cabin.

Friends

Lesbians-Gay Men.

Friends will be holding its first disco dance for the year in the Union Hall this Saturday 28 March from 9.30pm.

Students \$4 with ID.

Please ring Rod 845-754(day) or Peter 738-168(night) for further details.

Sports

Tramping Club

Tararua's Trip 27-29 March: Restricted to 12 people. There will be two groups - a "fittish" lot and an easy trip, both around the Blue Range Waingoma area of the Eastern Tararua's. Transport only \$7. Come along to the club meeting on Thursday to find out more or ring.

Club meeting Thursday 26 March 7.30pm in the Coffee Room.

A talk with slides by three tramping club Stewart Island. Includes some amazing photos of Kiwis and other wildlife, kiwis and other wildlife.

Dave 686-795 or Mike 882-747.

Easter Tournament

Eligibility Forms have been distributed to clubs and must be returned to the Studass Office by Wednesday April 1. This is also the closing date for seats on the bus and money must be paid by this date. The total is \$55 return and bookings must be made through your club official handling tournament.

Stephen Dawe
Sports Officer

VUW Soccer Club

A Special General Meeting of the VUW Soccer Club will be held Wednesday 25 March, 7.30pm in the Kelburn Park Pavilion.

The meeting will set the subscriptions for the coming year.

Further trials will be held on Sunday 29 March 10.00am at Boyd-Wilson field.

Anyone interested in playing this year but unable to make the trials or practices should ring Gyles Beckford 861-293.

Black South African Speaks to Sportspeople

All VUW sportspeople are invited to a meeting with Henry Isaacs, UN Representative of the Pan Africanist Congress, a South African liberation movement. Henry will be talking about sporting links between New Zealand and South Africa.

This is important for all sportspeople. Tuesday 24 March 4.30pm Tennis Pavilion.

Junior 7th A Rugby

First and last pre-season game Sunday 29 April against Karori. Length of game will be inversely proportional to the day's temperature (RJ's first law of logic).

Training run Western Park Public Bar, Thursday 26 8pm. We still have playing and supporter vacancies for both sexes.

Any questions or answers phone Alan or Luigi 857-593.

Basketball Club

Men interested in playing any grade meet on Tues 24 March at 8.30pm in the Rec. Centre, Old Gym.

Women meet at the same place on Thurs 26 March at 8.30pm. Teams will be selected and/or trials organised.

For further notices see Rec. Centre notice board.

Catering

Coping in the Cafe

Firstly let me say, after an unpleasant incident in the cafe this week (the first since I came here), I will not tolerate any abuse of my staff who perform a difficult task in hot, old-fashioned badly-designed conditions. Service will be refused to anyone who can not behave in a reasonable manner. The majority of you are pleasant, co-operative and helpful. I ask your assistance when the odd lout acts aggressively.

Secondly, in the cafe and probably the burger bar too we will be serving tea and coffee in *paper cups* from now on. The plastic cups have disappeared despite requests to return them, so we have no option but to return to the old way!

Finally, to the 27 students who wrote to me - thank you for your congratulations on the improvement in catering services. However, whilst I appreciate your feelings at the loss of the 'coffee bar' I cannot at present make any further changes to the operation. The hard facts are that it is a very difficult business to provide good services in this building. The physical facilities are appallingly bad - really antiquated - which necessitates extra staff. You will no doubt understand that it is necessary to generate a large turnover to cover all the costs.

The old coffee bar was simply not viable, so there is little chance of a return to that style of service. May I suggest that you use the restaurant - *The Sunflower Seed* has delicious filled rolls and cakes, muffins, tea, herb tea, perked coffee, fruit juices, all of a much better quality than we sold in the coffee bar last year. It also has a nice atmosphere - plants, flowers on the tables and folk singers at night. And you can try the house speciality dishes, hot and cold, that Steve and Sue make. We even provide a continental meat dish each night now. See you there!!

Perhaps the writer of the letter would make him/her self known to me? Thanks for writing.

Lorna Conway

Capping Controller

Nominations are now open for the position of capping controller.

Capping Week 26 April - 2 May

This position carries a substantial honorarium.

Apply in writing to Secretary VUWSA Studass Office. Nominations close 4.30pm Friday 27 March.

TALA'S Pacific and New Zealand Books languages, art, voyages, history archaeology, ethnology, society, fiction, Maoritanga, Maori/Pakeha.... reprints. 211 Club Street, Tel: 851-913

GARY'S Burger by the Varsity cable car stop phone 723-602

European Volleyball Tour

The University A team in action at Easter Tournament in Auckland.

Photo of people playing volleyball

Since their successful participation in the 1979 World Student Games in Mexico, the Universities Volleyball Council has been actively preparing to attend the Games in Bucharest, Rumania in July this year.

At Easter Tournament last year men's and women's squads were selected. At Easter Tournament this year, those squads will be carefully amended as the selectors see fit. After a five day training session in May, the final touring teams will be announced.

For the first time, a volleyball team will leave New Zealand with a full medical back-up. A Melbourne chiropractor, Dr Malcolm Brown has been appointed to tour as the team doctor. Before the team leaves, all members will have been carefully examined by Dr Brown, who will also have a full set of x-rays of each player.

The team will travel from Auckland to London, where games with English university teams have been arranged. From there, the team proceeds to Amsterdam, Paris and Frankfurt, before flying onto Bucharest. It is hoped that matches can be arranged with university sides in all of these cities. In this way, the team should be fully prepared for international competition when it reaches Bucharest.

With this preparation, it is hoped to improve upon the performance by the men's team in Mexico 1979. There they came fourteenth out of twenty four countries competing, coming second in the lower division. As many countries send their Olympic teams to the World Olympic Student Games in volleyball, there is yet no chance of a medal prospect. However, it is widely hoped that the men's team will move into the upper division.

This will be the first time a women's volleyball team has competed. Judging by the standards witnessed in Mexico 1979, it is predicted that the New Zealand women should do at least as well as the men.

The Games' History

The World Student Games were first held in Paris in 1923. They are now second only to the Olympic Games for the variety of disciplines and the worldwide distribution of competitors, Although New Zealand attended the first games in 1923, it has had only an intermittent attendance since then. Recent policy and planning should permit a more regular attendance. New Zealand has become a member of FISU, the international governing body. It is expected that even more countries than the hundred and four which competed in Mexico will attend in Bucharest.

The tour will be funded in part by contributions from each student's levy to the New Zealand Universities Sports Union. A small portion of this goes into the new World Student Games Fund. Further fundraising will be made on campus before departure, and applications will be made to the Ministry of Recreation and Sport and the Sports Foundation. It is hoped that these will better the subsidies obtained for the 1979 Games, which approached 50 percent.

How can you qualify for selection to the World Student Games Volleyball team? You must satisfy the following criteria:

- Your university must certify that you have enrolled at that university, paid your Student Association fee and that you are enrolled and attending at least six hours of lectures, tutorials and practicals per week.
- If you are completing a degree or diploma or are a graduate, special considerations may apply.
- Your university club must certify that you are a fee paying, fully competing member of your university club's side. This is most important; if you do not play for your university club, you are not eligible for selection.

If you have any enquiries at all please contact the University Volleyball Club Secretary, whose name and address is: Peter Thrush, 18 Bidwill St, Mt Cook, Wellington 2. Phone 721-094(W), 849-238(H).

The Victoria Club has commenced training at The Old Gym on Monday nights from 8.00pm to 10.30pm.

Everyone welcome.

Selections will be held shortly, with the team for Easter Tournament announced by Monday 30 March.

And Here it is ...

The Moment You've All Been Waiting For Another Great Salient Caption Competition

Same rules as last week

Photo of a squash player

Executive Report

On Tuesday night the VUWSA Executive had one of its frequent meetings. Although nothing earth-shattering occurred, the much depleted Executive was able to deal with a large number of Items without any significant arguing or bloodletting. After dealing with fees exemptions the Executive was informed of the \$22,000 profit made by the Victoria Book Company, only to be saddened at the loss made by the Victoria Catering Company. The expectation is that catering will however make a small profit in 1981.

The Victoria Club was given approval to recommence operations. Although the new venue is (unfortunately) the Cafe, the organisers will hopefully be able to provide a salubrious atmosphere.

Orientation appears to have kept to budget with over 1,300 cards being sold. It was generally agreed that Orientation had been a success, although the budgeting for such events needs to be tightened up in future.

National Front to Return

Several clubs were affiliated although the National Front Club will be asked to come back and inform the Executive exactly what their objectives of "protecting New Zealand Nationalism" means.

After three hours the meeting ended and the famished Executive rushed off to spend their honorarium on take-away foods.

Winter Tournament Controller Applications are now open for the position of 1981 Winter Tournament Controller. The successful applicant will be responsible for the overall running and organisation of all aspects of Winter Tournament to be held at Victoria this year from August 24 until August 28. This position carries with it an honorarium. Any preliminary enquiries should be directed to the Sports Officer at Studass. Application must be made in writing giving background and experience and the closing date for correspondence is Friday March 27. Apply to The Sports Officer, VUWSA Private Bag, Wellington.

Your money man Jim Woolf Bank of New Zealand Wellington Branch Jim Woolf at the Bank of New Zealand is always willing to talk to you about your financial problems. He knows it's tough for a student to make ends meet these days. If you've got a special financial problem call into our campus office and arrange a time for a chat. You'll find an understanding attitude backed by solid, practical help and advice. You might be surprised at just how much we can do for you. Advice is free at the Bank of New Zealand. So, if there's a financial problem worrying you talk it over with us. We'll do our best to help. Call at the BNZ on-campus office, and arrange to see Jim Woolf, or phone him direct at BNZ Wellington branch, corner Lambton and Customhouse Quays, phone 725-099. Bank of New Zealand Here when you need us - on campus