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**You're in the
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A day in the life of a leader

The average student has little idea of what the President of the Students' Association does in his job. We look at a typical working day for Greg Mackay, and find that he has even less of an idea. SLUGGO PHEWINGS presents an April Fool's Day tribute.

The 5.30 alarm rings, and once again the SAUA President arises from the land of Nod.

It is the beginning of another day for Greg Mackay, another day of what Blake described as "the same dull round", in which Mackay, as the student spokesperson of this campus, puts all his energies into making the SAUA an efficient, tightly run body. After a quick shower, and, if it's a Tuesday, a shave, Mackay is ready to set out from his family home tucked away in suburban South Plympton.

Greg's first task of the day is to make dough, and bundles of it he does indeed make. Although the position as SAUA President is a full-time paid position, our industrious President still manages to hold down a part-time job with an American pizza franchise. Each morning for an hour or more, he can be found carefully measuring and adding the secret ingredients to make a light, fluffy, and nutritionally dubious dough for mass consumption. His work at this so-called restaurant begins at about 7



The Big Mac at work

am, and is usually completed by about 8.30. So, with at least 90 minutes of frantic work behind him, Greg is fresh to begin his bus ride to University to assume the role of full-time paid student representative.

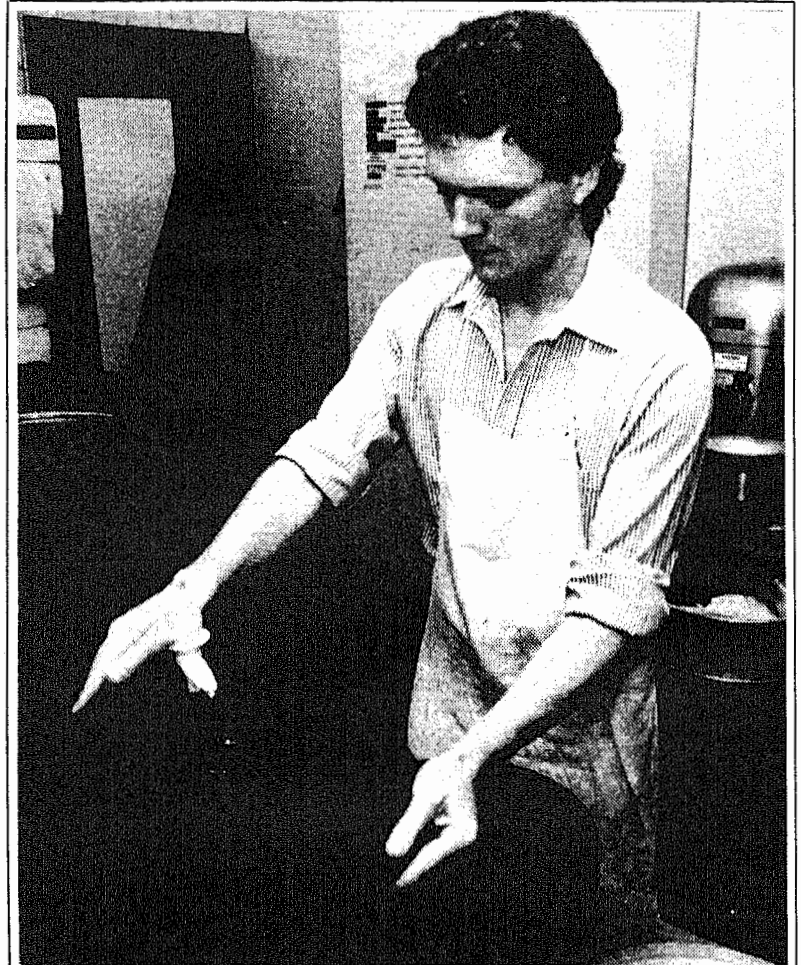
Arriving at the Student Activities Office at about 11 am, Greg immediately gets down to the serious business of having a cup of

coffee. By about 11.30 am he is ready to start his round of student-related tasks, handling complaints, attending meetings, and sharpening his pencils. If his hands are not too tired from kneading all that dough, he may write a few letters. People are always coming into his office for important discussions about the things that matter to students, but usually Greg would rather talk about football or women. After all, he did promise to be more like the average student. At the meetings he attends, Greg is always at the centre of attention, asking the questions specially prepared for him by his advisors, Darzins and Snell, Pty. Ltd. If required, he may bang his fist on the table, but only if it is in the script, for Greg Mackay does not believe in ad libbing.

With the tiresome duty of meetings, rubber-stamping and other administrative duties out of the way, Greg adjourns to lunch in the Mayo Refectory. Greg feels that it is good to be seen in public, eating nutritious whole-meal salad rolls and perpetuating his image as a clean living, upstanding young man with good morals and lots of friends, none of whom, thank God, are the least bit "red", or so we are led to believe.

But often our hardworking President is not even spared the grace of lunch in the company of his masses of adoring fans. No, the theme of this man's job is work, and work he must. So it may be that he must sit at yet another meeting, recite the well-rehearsed lines, and sneak a wink at the cute-looking chick in the pink blouse, who of course is just crazy about the guy - and who wouldn't be?

Meeting follows meeting, and in the brief moments he is able to snatch, he has to cope with the problem of filing away the countless numbers of letters and the like into the complicated and already bulging files in the SAUA President's files. And as soon as that's done, another similar task props up. Often there are problems between the various political factions on campus, and Greg, not being one for confrontations, is usually the one called upon to sooth the situation when tempers become



Our man does his fast-food thing ... just an ordinary working-boy-cum-student-leader

frayed. Both the left and right have great respect for him both as political foe and ally. Indeed, if Greg Mackay is not solving one problem, he is usually creating another. Many have likened his approach to that of a Liberal Bob Hawke, but Greg doesn't make as many overseas trips, and he definitely isn't a Rhodes Scholar.

Mind you, Greg is still a student, doing a two-thirds workload in Economics, having already completed a Science degree. He feels that it is important to keep in contact with students, especially first years, many of whom happen to be female. By attending lectures and tutorials, Greg is a walking advertisement for the Students' Association, which all students are glad of, because when it comes down to it, Greg is a regular guy.

With the day over, Greg does not retire home. As late as 3 pm he can be found in his office, poring over newspapers of national impor-

tance, and magazines from all parts of the world - not quite as important, but usually with lots of glossy photos. For this man Mackay it is work, but work of a different nature - a moment to relax, to get away from the plebs and undesirables, and to unwind before setting off home, only to rise the next day for more of the same.

The question we all ask: how does he do it? A normal person would not consider working a full-time job and a part-time job, handling a two-thirds course at University, and managing a football team on Saturday afternoons. But as many have already said, Greg Mackay is not normal. His boundless energy is a wonder to all, and a tribute to his belief in the Australian motto of rolling the sleeves up and getting right down to the task at hand - the task of fooling the public into thinking that he actually does do some work. But alas, it maybe that the only person he is fooling is himself.

Apology

In *On dit* Number 4 (25/3/85) the story "O-Ball a \$12,000 hit" mentioned that 1982 O-Ball lost \$18,000. This was an editorial error; the 1983 O-Ball lost \$18,000. We apologise to Nick Murray, director of the 1982 and 1984 O-Balls; he earned students a total of \$16,900 in his two years and brought to campus such bands as *Men At Work*, *Split Enz* and *INXS*.

The story "Libs entrenched after poll win" quoted the number of students voting in favour of the new SAUA constitution as 417. This was a transposition of the actual figure of 471 votes.

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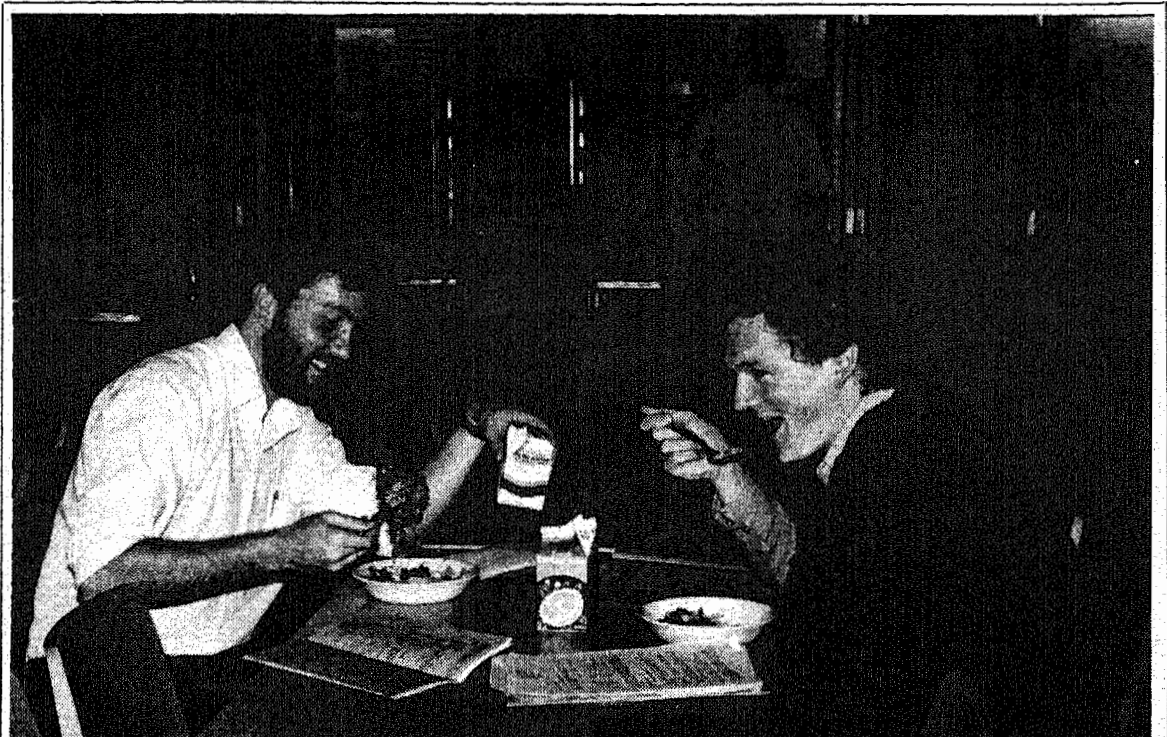
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The All Australian Boy sampling the delights of the refectory with one of his non-red associates

Clear victory for Ryan Fees: Labor Caucus says no

A DECISION of the Federal Labor Caucus last week has dismissed the possibility of the re-introduction of tuition fees. The decision was "conveyed to Cabinet for implementation" which means that Cabinet can no longer consider the proposal, effectively ending the debate.

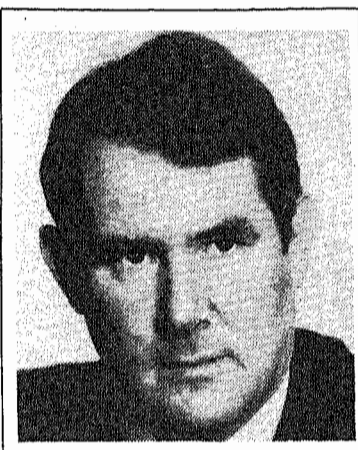
However, the result may have little net effect because of compensating measures through taxation which will be necessary to help students from lower income families receive a tertiary education.

Finance Minister Senator Peter Walsh, who had led the push for fees from the beginning, was highly critical of the premiers of the four Labor states and will be seeking a tough stance on payments to the States from the Treasurer, Mr. Keating.

Senator Walsh is seeking to recover the \$230m to \$300m which fees would have produced in order to offset the anticipated budget deficit of \$6.7 billion for this year.

Mr. Keating has already been planning an increase of only two to three percent in real terms, whereas the States would have received 12 percent under the Fraser Government's tax sharing arrangements which expire in June.

The fees debate, which has been



Senator Peter Walsh

continuing for some weeks now, resulted in a clear victory for the Federal Education Minister, Senator Susan Ryan. But some ministers feel that she used the public forum to prevent cuts to her department, and have levelled criticism at her for working outside the rules.

Senator Ryan has produced figures indicating that there has been a move towards greater equity, and expects this pattern to continue in light of the recent decision.

- Paul T. Washington

Australian politics has reached a strange point indeed when we have a dryish Liberal Party opposing a Labor Government parts of which want to sell places in higher education.

What used to be a fairly simple halves versus halves issue has cut across Labor's right-wing and Centre-Left factions.

The Liberals are in no doubt their constituency will suffer if fees come back. More importantly, their party would have stood to gain if Walsh had got his way.

He didn't get past Caucus, where the Left voted as a bloc and the Centre-Unity and Centre-Left traded principles and pragmatics.

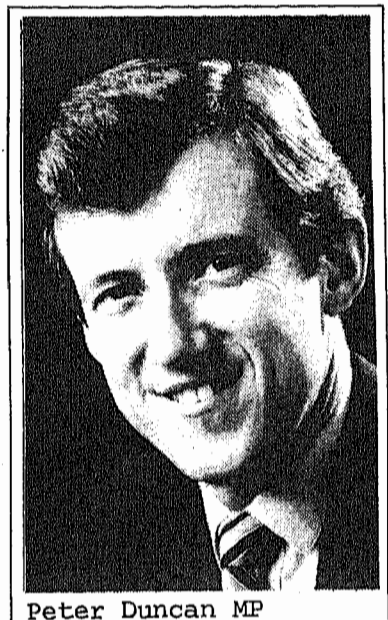
Of S.A. Caucus members, Mick Young, Gordon Binney and Senators Eletob and Foreman argued for fees.

Lefties Peter Duncan, John Scott and Senator Nick Bolkus voted against.

Duncan in his speech said the government must be bound by party policy not to impose fees.

Senator Walsh's argument was quite simple. He used figures from the 1976-78 Anderson Report to show the socio-economic composition of students has not drastically changed since 1974. Let's hit the rich, he said, and use the cash

Comment — Robert Clark



Peter Duncan MP

to spend more on education. You don't have to spend much time on this campus to realise many more students come from this side of the North Adelaide Railway Station than the other.

The major differences between now and 1974 seems to be the presence of Asian and mature age stu-

dents. We know what the Hawke Government did to the former and can only guess at what the fate of the latter might have been had Walsh's proposal got up.

But people's attitudes to universities don't change overnight and neither do these elitist institutions. Professor Anderson (he of the report) says recent research suggests a wider range of students are attending higher education and he personally opposes their introduction.

Labor's backdown over capital gains tax and its near-inevitable sales tax should remind us all that this is not a government about distributing the 60 percent of the country's wealth held by 10 percent of the population into the hands of the other 90 percent.

Finally, I'm not a person to say "I told you so" long after an event, even the destruction of our own union. However, it does strike me as ironic that within two months of the formal demise of AUS sections of the Labor Government and the public service should propose charging for tuition.

And when one sees that some of those most eager to snuff out AUS are now those screaming loudest about the threat of fees, one is inclined to a touch of cynicism.



The system in operation at Chicago University

'Course Pay' system may be here soon

THE UNIVERSITY is considering a new pay-as-you-learn American system of fee collection.

Convinced that last week's Labor Party Caucus rejection of tertiary fees will mean continued education cuts, the University Council is now debating an Education Review Committee report recommending the introduction of the Course Pay system.

The report, entitled "There's No Such Thing As a Free Lecture", says CoursePay has been trialled by several American colleges in the last 12 months with "resounding results."

If CoursePay is approved, an electronic vending machine will be placed outside every lecture theatre and laboratory within the university.

Each student will pay fees into a special account, which will register upon his or her union card. The

student simply punches the card into the slot before going into class.

The turnstile will click and the student will then punch another slot on the desk to be able to hear the lecturer through the ear-phones in the new-style classroom.

The report argues that the main advantage of CoursePay is that students will not have to pay the full fee at once.

"The students or parents will only have to pay what they can afford. They can pay the whole year's tuition, or they may only have enough for the next week's."

"If the student can't pay, however, he or she will have learnt a valuable lesson without having attended class. The system instils a healthy respect for the dollar and makes students realise their edu-

cation has to be paid for somehow."

The other advantage of the system is that it is impervious to cheating.

The Committee recommends that if a standard fee is charged for all lectures, a restructuring of courses may be needed to ensure each has a price commensurate to its earning potential.

"Obviously medicine will remain the longest course and indeed may be extended to maintain relativity. We recommend that law remains the same length, while the various engineering degrees will need further review."

"Arts degrees must be reduced to 18 months, while anything which involves astronomy or environmental studies or anthropology should be eliminated altogether."

A decision on the report was expected by today, April 1.

Left-winger quits Exec: "disenchanted"

LEFT-WING MEMBER of the Students' Association Executive, Vince Stefano, has resigned after the new constitution was drafted without his knowledge.

Stefano was a member of the Constitutional Review Sub-Committee which had been set up to look at the previous constitution and prepare a new one.

Although he had received virtually no communication over summer from the other members, Liberal Davids Darzins and Anthony Snell, the new constitution was ready on the first day of term.

Stefano handed in a brief resignation letter during the first week.

"It's not my style to make a big thing about these sorts of matters," said Stefano. "I don't want to sound dripping."

But he said he had been increasingly disenchanted with the "childish bickering" and "intimidation" of some executive members and that his treatment by sub-committee had been the last straw.

Some members appeared to hold strong personal grudges, culminating in a "savage attack" on a single member during a recent in-camera session.

Stefano, a law student, returned home to Port Lincoln for the summer after he and Darzins agreed to correspond.

He received a single letter from Snell in mid-January, to which he wrote a seven-page reply.

Although the sub-committee's report refers to regular meetings between December and February, when Stefano caught up with Snell and Darzins during enrolment week he was told "nothing's happening."

Snell said last week at that stage the sub-committee had received submissions and was just about to begin drafting the constitution.

He did not inform Stefano, who

returned to Port Lincoln after enrolment week.

Said Snell: "He was a member of the sub-committee. He could have come to meetings."

"It is extremely difficult when someone is drafting a constitution when someone is in Port Lincoln."

Snell criticised Stefano's reply as a "few hackneyed phrases" and said it repeated some of the questions put to Stefano by he and Darzins.

He said the Constitution was drafted, printed and bound within three weeks by the sub-committee without Stefano's participation.

Said Snell: "I've never been very impressed by Vince Stefano's performances in anything."

Davids Darzins said he believed Stefano had resigned because of study pressures.

Stefano said: "The whole affair has been one of the most amazing I have ever encountered. They didn't even ask me to sign the report of the CRS."

"I quite agreed with the concept of a constitutional review. Some aspects of the previous constitution needed tightening up, although I favour a larger council."

He was disappointed at the behaviour of some executive members and admitted he was "a bit wide-eyed" when he joined a year ago.

"There are some strong grudges and it is not the best attitude to take into a meeting with you when you are dealing with the welfare of nine or ten thousand people."

"I still believe it can be useful though."

His resignation leaves Kathleen Brannigan as the only left member of the executive. Andrew Brown is an ALPSA student, while Darzins, Snell, Pippa McKee, Hugh Martin and Chris Flaherty are all Liberals.

- Robert Clark

Electronic litigation for the future's poor?

IF YOU are in need of legal advice, and are dreading the sometimes exorbitant legal costs - fear not! You may be able to receive computerized legal advice.

This is the belief of Dr. Alan Tyree, a mathematician-turned-lawyer at the University of Sydney Law School.

Dr. Tyree has recently been given a government grant to develop the system. "If one of the cheaper, simpler systems I'm testing works, we may get artificial intelligence in some areas of law ... within four or five years."

The system operates by receiving details of a case, and comparing them to those of past cases stored within its memory. It then bases its

decision on past verdicts.

When the system is perfected, clients will be able to question the computer, and receive either an answer or a request for more information. The computer will be able to interrogate as a lawyer would.

Dr. Tyree is optimistic.

"Not many people are aware, but this method has been attempted successfully in the medical and geological fields."

"Law is not all that different to those areas of study. There is no reason why it can't be successful in this field."

The new system would be welcomed by the large part of the community that cannot afford legal advice. Dr. Tyree says that for

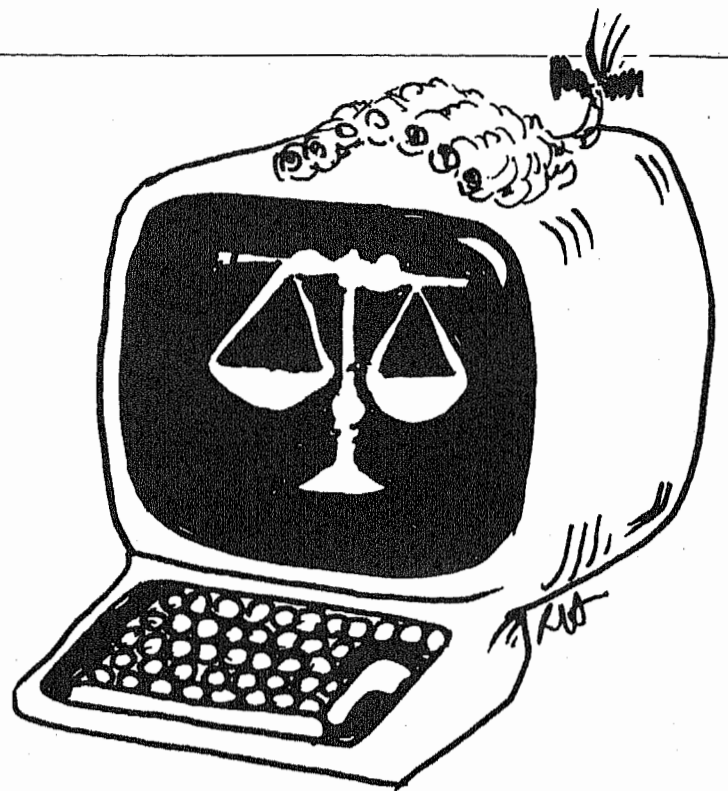
these people it may be a choice between machine justice and no justice at all.

"A computer won't replace a good lawyer, but to be socially very useful its opinion doesn't have to be the best."

To test the feasibility of computers in law, Dr. Tyree is experimenting with disputes where someone finds something which is then claimed by someone else, usually the occupier of the premises where it was found.

Because there are few statute laws involved, there are only about 30 cases under British common law to which the computer need refer.

- Paul Washington



V.D.'s Top of the Pops

WHAT IS the most common venereal disease in Australia? (i) Syphilis, (ii) Gonorrhoea, (iii) Herpes. Answer: none of the above.

The most prevalent form of sexually transmitted disease is one that few people have heard of, and many medical doctors know little about: Chlamydia. Its name is its cause, a tiny bacterium Chlamydia Trachomatis.

Over two thousand complaints a year, about ten every working day, reach the S.A. Clinic of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, according to Director and Chair Dr. D. Hardy. That spells three times as many reports of Chlamydia infections than of Gonorrhoea, the second most common venereal disease. The University Health Service advises that it has been the most prevalent among Adelaide University students for the last two years. Director Dr. C.O. Auricht says, "A few years ago it was herpes, but that seems to have died down - I don't know why - and given way to chlamydia."

An epidemic - so why do so few people know about it?

Many of today's physicians went to medical school before it was recognized. According to Dr. Hardy, a world expert on venereal disease, the bacterium that causes chlamydia was "not popular" in the world of bacterial research until the mid-sixties.

"The profession did not realize the full implications of the disease. We knew only of a minor eye complaint and a lymphogranular condition in the testes".

The 'full implications' have since come to the fore.

With the venereal disease

chlamydia, men experience a burning sensation during urination and a mucoid discharge. In women, the signs are more subtle. A severe pain in the lower abdomen serves as a danger signal, but gives little to suggest chlamydia.

A woman may be unaware of her infection until trying unsuccessfully to become pregnant, or worse still, discovering her fallopian tubes have become blocked by scar tissue. The disease can cause a life-threatening tubal or eptotic pregnancy if a fertilized egg embeds itself in the wall of the fallopian tube.

Pregnant mothers transmit the disease to their babies. Conjunctivitis and inflammation of the eyes, are common among the babies.

According to some U.S. doctors, there is evidence that chlamydia increases the likelihood of premature and still-born births. Dr. Hardy calls this "speculative" but adds "Chlamydia has certainly been found in still-born babies."

But the most potentially destructive thing about this disease is that it looks like gonorrhoea - not just to patients, but to doctors as well. Abdominal pains, mucoid discharge and discomfort in passing urine are all signs of gonorrhoea.

"There is a laxity about the profession to this condition", Dr. Hardy said. "Doctors frequently don't do enough investigation before actually treating it... They see the discharge and automatically assume gonorrhoea, give treatment, and then ring here (to the Clinic) to ask why the disease won't go away."

The snag for doctors is that unless they order a special laborat-

ory test on the discharge, costing the taxpayer fifty-five dollars, they won't discover that what at first seems to be gonorrhoea, is indeed, chlamydia.

If penicillin, the standard treatment for gonorrhoea, is mistakenly prescribed the disease rages on.

Another cardinal blunder frequently made by doctors perpetuates the disease. Dr. Auricht says that "many don't insist on women coming in (for examination) as well. If a male is treated he can be reinforced next time he has intercourse with the same partner."

The key to treatment of chlamydia - and its sometimes grave consequences - is detection. If doctors do indeed have a mucoid discharge laboratory tested, recently developed diagnostic tests - microtrak and an enzyme test chlamydizime - will isolate the bacterium. A third test released onto the U.S. market in late January is about to be evaluated at the Clinic. Dr. Hardy was unable to say whether it would become available in Australia.

Chlamydia has become so widespread that some doctors have begun administering the appropriate antibiotics before the results of lab tests are known, because in the time it takes for lab results to be processed, a patient can become sterile.

Dr. Hardy urges young people to do their own part in avoiding the damaging effects of this silent epidemic.

"Anyone who has discharge or pain in passing urine after intercourse should get it checked out immediately."

- Richard Ogier

Marriage advice cash call

THE CONSUMER MAGAZINE *Choice* says the Federal Government is getting marriage and relationship counselling services on the cheap and has called on Canberra to increase counselling funds.

It says current funding restrictions are limiting the ability of approved services to cater for the "growth markets" in relationship counselling - the unemployed, those experiencing problems from the changing role of women, and same-sex couples.

According to *Choice*, funding is far below early 1970s levels and most organisations involved can't assess the long term effectiveness of their current work - let alone cope with the new demands being put on them as a result of changing social patterns.

In the last Federal Budget, the Government allocated \$4.1 million to 22 approved organisations for "marriage guidance", though in

fact people in de facto relationships, separated people, and same-sex couples are counselled as well as married couples.

Around 33,000 people use the approved services every year but *Choice* says this is only a tiny proportion of the eligible population - around 5 percent - despite a divorce rate of one in three for first marriages and one in two for second marriages.

According to *Choice*, investigations have shown that counselling can help people in relationships, at least in the short term, provided they go early enough and provided both partners attend. Eighty percent of men and 84 percent of women who have completed a counselling course have reported a positive change in their situation.

Counselling also helps people who are determined to separate to do so cleanly without the bitterness, guilt and resentment that often threatens their next relationship.

The *Choice* report points to the need for funding to cope with innovative approaches to counselling for people affected by unemployment or the changing role of women.

It hails as a world first a group counselling and information service organised by the NSW Marriage Guidance Council in Wollongong, where there have been massive retrenchments in recent years, leading to high stress levels in many marriages.

By the time many people came to counselling at the Wollongong centre, they had reached crisis point - facing separation, depression, child abuse and marital violence.

Such group counselling of unemployed people cannot be funded under the present Marriage Act, according to *Choice* - though it says changes which would make these approaches eligible are likely to be presented to Parliament this year.

BRIEFS

Mackay Liberal chief

GREG MACKAY, Student Association President, was elected President of the Adelaide University Liberal Club at the Club's Annual General Meeting held last Wednesday.

He replaces SAUA Executive member Hugh Martin.

Also elected were SAUA Education Vice-President Pippa McKee (Vice-President), SAUA Finance Vice-President Anthony Snell (Treasurer) and SAUA General Council Member Davids Darzins (Secretary).

Mackay sees no conflict between his role as SAUA President and his new position with the Liberals. "Liberals better represent Adelaide University students than the extreme left and communists who have previously held these positions", Mackay said.

Mackay, Snell and Martin will represent the Liberal Club at the Australian Liberal Students Federation conference to be held in Canberra starting on May 13.

- Matthew Exton

Starvation protest

SIX VIETNAMESE AUSTRALIANS are staging a hunger strike at Parliament House in Canberra, in protest against 22 Vietnamese students currently studying in Australia.

The protesters claim that the students, here as part of a United Nations training program, intend to organize communist propaganda in Australia. Luan Ho, the spokesman for the hunger strikers, said that the students could not be trusted, and that the Australian Government could have discharged its duty by sending teachers to Vietnam or by paying for their education in some other country.

The President of Canberra's Vietnamese Community, Dr. Cuong Bui, said that although the Australian Government would be held responsible for the safety of the students "I do not think we can control our people completely."

Mr. Hayden, the Foreign Minister, said that the activities of the students would be watched closely whilst in Australia to ensure that they do not intrude upon Vietnamese Australian Community.

A spokesperson for the Australian Development Assistance Bureau said that to their knowledge no Communist Vietnamese students were in Adelaide.

- Matthew Exton

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Greenpeace files Washington suit

US loophole lets whalers in

CONCERN OVER the world's sperm whales has raised doubts about the future of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and its intended moratorium on commercial whaling, which is due to begin this year.

A meeting in Cambridge last month of a special working party

of 12 of the 40 member nations was divided over a proposal to excuse many traditional whaling nations from the ban.

Japan, Peru, Norway and the U.S.S.R. have all lodged objections to the moratorium which was voted for by the I.W.C. three years ago. But the moratorium has no

sanctions; therefore member states which disagree with decisions are not bound by them.

The U.S. has laws that require economic action to be taken against any nation which "diminishes the effectiveness" of whale conservation. For example, Japan could be denied up to \$750

million worth of fish taken annually in U.S. waters, while the Japanese whaling industry is worth only \$40 million a year.

Greenpeace and other conservation organisations have filed a suit against the U.S. State and Commerce departments, contending that the U.S. has no right to enter into such an agreement and is legally bound to enforce sanctions.

The U.S. agreed last December that if Japan withdrew its opposition to the moratorium, the U.S. would not invoke sanctions. Rather, it would allow Japan to continue taking minke and sperm whales at least until 1988.

Japan says the U.S. has no right to impose sanctions anyway, while the U.S. claims that its negotiations with Japan make it more likely that Japan will "eventually adhere to the moratorium."

Two aspects of the U.S.'s position have left conservationists particularly worried. One concerns a rather contradictory explanation of the Japan agreement given by the State Department. This explanation says that the scientific committee of the I.W.C. had agreed that a continued annual haul of 400 sperm whales would have "little effect on the trend of this stock." However, the St. Lucian I.W.C. commissioner told the working group that this was "substantially at variance with the advice on this matter given by the scientific committee."

Dr. Sydney Holt, a British committee member, said that the scientists were "unable to agree on what the long-term effect ... might be." He also believed that the original findings of the scientific committee were invalid.

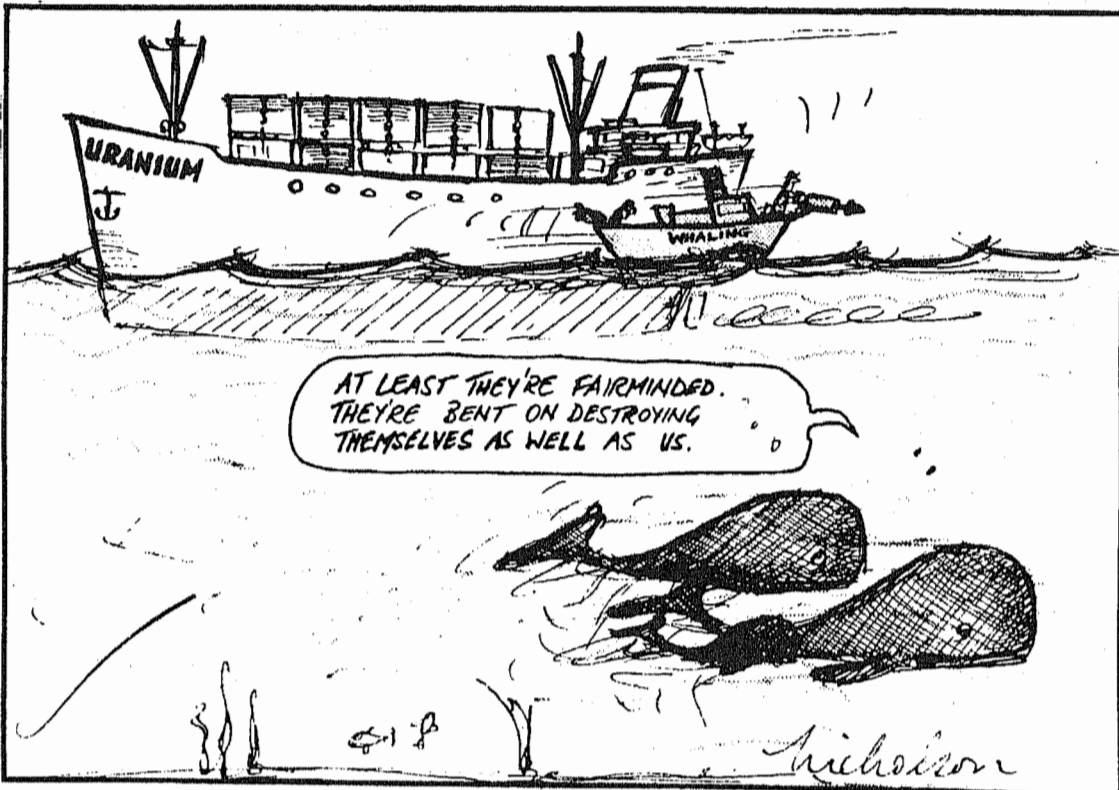
The second cause for concern is both less tangible, and potentially more detrimental to whales. The I.W.C. currently recognizes two forms of whaling - commercial and aboriginal subsistence. It is commercial whaling to which the moratorium applies.

However, plans are in motion to create a third category of whaling which would render the moratorium essentially ineffectual. For some years Norway has been claiming that its whaling is a traditional industry similar to the aboriginal whaling of various Eskimo peoples. Last year the U.S. proposed a whaling category to permit whaling performed with small vessels in coastal waters and with no international trade. The U.S. plan was scorned by the Nordic council, and strongly opposed by New Zealand, the Netherlands, Sweden and Britain.

Consequently the working group decided that although the development of a third category of whaling was feasible, the time was inappropriate to consider it.

The next full I.W.C. meeting in July will discuss this matter and others.

- Paul T. Washington



BRIEFS

Clayton's poll

STUDENTS ARE FACING yet another referendum - this time a somewhat frivolous motion that the Students Association (SAUA) should affiliate with the University Foundation.

The referendum arises from a constitution clause restricting the SAUA to one referendum concerning affiliation with any other body each year.

Some left activists, fearing that the Liberals might try to have a referendum to affiliate the SAUA with the politically moderate Australian Council of Tertiary Students (ACTS) later this year, decided to call an affiliation referendum before the ACTS supporters could call one.

Unfortunately for them the plan came unstuck when the new constitution, changing the relevant section, was voted in.

So students are left with a referendum with no supporters for the motion, and no real opposition to it either.

The main question for campus political analysts is not whether it will reach quorum (400 votes) but whether anyone could be bothered to vote at all.

Polling is from Friday March 29 - Tuesday April 2 in the Student Activities Office.

- Graham Hastings

Keeping it safe

AN all-your-questions-answered video tape on contraception is now available for student viewing

at the campus Health Service Office.

It is the first in what will be a library of videos on issues of student life and health. Topics will include, adolescence, laboratory safety, stress, lifting technique, and fitness.

A video recorder is permanently set up in the Health Department Office on level one of the Horace Lamb Building, and the video can be seen on request.

Director of the University Health Service, Dr. D.O. Auricht, says that this "excellent video" shows a doctor and a student in discussion; "all the questions everyone who comes in here asks about contraception, are set out and answered on the tape," he says.

He adds that if there is a student demand for the video, he will organise group showings-cum-short seminars, chaired by Health Service representatives.

A video on venereal disease is currently in preparation and will be the next tape available.

- Richard Ogier

Institute Library envy

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN Institute of Technology's Union has organized a "National Day of Action" involving a library sit-in.

Institute Union President, Stephen Drummond said that the Institute feels short changed when it comes to library funding. Mr Drummond was prompted to contact *On dit* upon reading about the \$1 million 'door' to the Barr Smith Library, the western entrance which is currently under construction.

"I doubt if our library would have seen that sort of cash in its entire history," he said.

Mr. Drummond and his union feel that there is a need to upgrade their library and for that

reason they are holding a sit-in.



Stephen Drummond

The day chosen for the sit-in is April the third and those interested in supporting the Union should ring 223 2655.

- Michelle Clark

Daleks get their own back

DR. WHO IS ABOUT to become Dr. "Who?"

The B.B.C. has decided to suspend the long-running show, after 20 years on our screens.

Despite thousands of fan letters a week, a worldwide Fan Club and consistently high ratings, the show, according to a B.B.C. executive "is just too expensive".

Compared to some American shows, the production costs of \$140,000 per episode are minimal. Star of *Mash*, Alan Alda, was paid \$100,000 per episode.

The American chapter of the *Dr Who* Fan Club is attempting to raise \$5m to resurrect the Tardis and its eccentric occupant. The B.B.C. has indicated that if the money is available, then the Daleks will once again be exterminating.

- Graham Lu gsd en

No-growth the answer

IMAGINE A WORLD where resource exploitation is halved, energy consumption has dropped by two-thirds, and houses, cars, appliances and production systems last twice as long.

This startling scenario has been proposed by Dr. Jorgen Norgard, a visiting Danish professor who last week gave the first of the University's 1985 Foundation Lectures.

Dr. Norgard and his associates at the Technical University of Denmark believe that the present Danish standard of living could be maintained with one third of the present energy consumption. All of the improvements he outlined are achievable, he says, because they make use of current, well-known technology.



Dr. Jorgen Norgard

To make these changes, the government will have to completely reverse its economic policies: instead of striving for growth, it will have to achieve "a national and economic saturation - a no growth economy." This revolutionary ideal will obviously upset many economists and bureaucrats, who have always believed that growth is the only objective.

But by initiating such reforms as job-sharing and reduced working

hours, a government can, according to Dr. Norgard, move a nation towards "a saturated low energy society, with all its human, environmental and political benefits."

- Graham Lugsden



Smell thin

New Nigerian dietary research may offer hope to the overweight - at a price.

When researchers at the University of Maiduguri fed rats a high-fat diet, they got what they expected: cholesterol built up in the rodents' blood, liver and kidneys. In humans, this means that fats not only give you a chubby figure, but raise your chances of suffering heart disease.

But when the experimenters added garlic oil to the rats' high fat diet, levels of cholesterol, triglycerides and total lipids remained normal.

The results can be explained by assuming either that the garlic knocks out some of the key enzymes involved in cholesterol production, or that it neutralizes a particular hydride involved in the production of fats.

Either way, slimmers are faced with a rather hefty dilemma ... stay fat, or smell.

Fears that aid will fail

Food falls short of starving Africa

THE WORLD AID EFFORT to feed the hungry in Africa is caught in a crunch.

Aid from private, individual pockets and purses is slowing down. Efforts by the United Nations, private agencies, and governments are beset by politics in Ethiopia and are not well co-ordinated overall, diplomats and private analysts agree.

Yet famine in Africa is worsening. The UN estimates that the 21 worst-hit countries will need twice as much food aid this year as they needed last year.

On the one hand:

•The massive response from individuals in the West to pleas for food donations to Africa - a response that has seen about \$60 million donated in the US and as much as \$112 million in Europe since October - is beginning to slacken.

The fear is that the graphic television pictures of African famine victims aired last autumn might only have created a donor cycle in the West - a cycle, as one analysis has it, of "shock, pity, giving, feeling better, and forgetting."

The slowdown is reported by private agencies such as Oxfam International and Save the Children, and also by a private campaign that raised \$1.12 million in Britain

to send wheat to Ethiopia between June and December last year.

•Overall co-ordination of the global aid flow remains a problem. While the US and some other governments continue to pour food and other supplies into Africa (the US effort alone may reach \$1 billion in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30), private aid agencies and the UN may not be co-ordinated enough to respond well to the current situation.

Some private agencies are unhappy with new co-ordination machinery set up by the UN. "The UN is so compartmentalized," says Hugh Mackay, director of overseas operations for Save the Children (UK). "It lacks the sense of urgency that is so needed."

At the same time, some private donors think the private agencies themselves need to show more efficiency to match their generous motives. "Well meaning, but too often disorganized," is how one donor characterizes the agencies.

Meanwhile, the situation in Africa is worsening:

•Famine in the Horn of Africa, westward in the Sahel, and south in Mozambique is growing so much worse that the 21 most needy countries will need 6.6 million tons of food aid this year, according to the latest famine

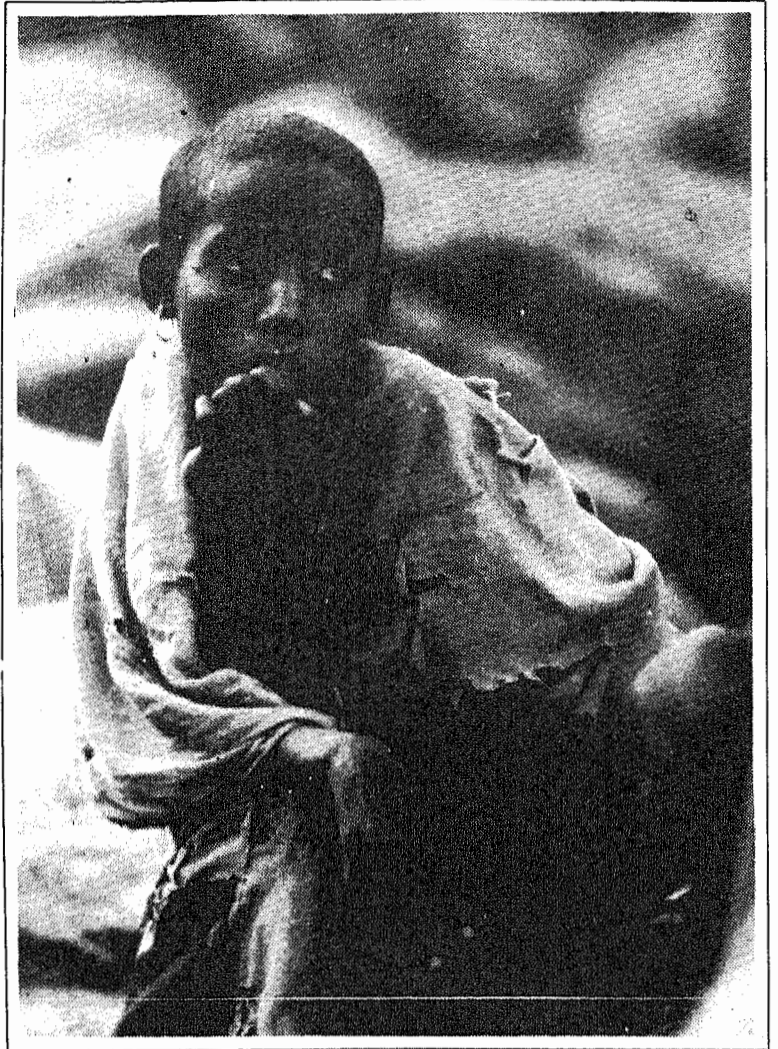
report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome. The countries needed half that amount - 3.3 million tons - last year.

Pledges from donors have reached 4.4 million tons, but the FAO reports that "less than half of the known pledges have yet to be delivered." There are fears of an aid "gap" after April, though the UN World Food Program says pledges are in sight after April.

•Growing alarm is heard here about the Sudan, which so far has lacked the kind of dramatic television coverage that roused public concern for Ethiopia.

So many refugees are pouring into Sudan from other countries - including as many as 250,000 from Uganda and 100,000 from Chad - that the total number is now put at 1 million. They exacerbate drought conditions in Dafur and Kardofan to the west, and in the Red Sea hills among the Beja nomads. Large crowds are camping at Omdurman, on the bank of the Nile opposite Khartoum.

The population of a former watering hole called Wad Kowli, also just across the Ethiopian border, has jumped from a handful of people last December to some 85,000 today as refugees from the province of Tigre drag themselves



across into Sudan. Conditions are so desperate that the private agency in charge, Save the Children (UK), reports that the camp will need to be moved in 20 days because it has almost run out of water.

•In Ethiopia, the FAO now estimates that 7.7 million people face food shortages or starvation. This is more than 1 million higher than estimates made last autumn.

•In northern Ethiopia, in the Tigre and Eritrea provinces that are waging civil war against the Marxist government in Addis Ababa, so

many areas are now uninhabitable that refugees are fleeing across the border into Sudan at a rate that may be as high as 2,000 people a day.

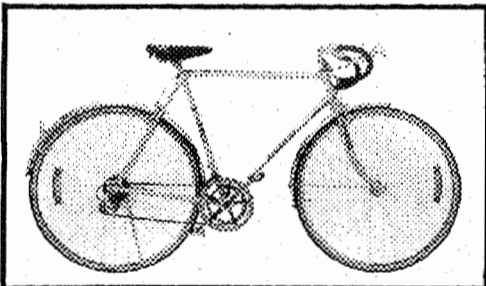
•"You also have politics," says one international aid official. "The port of Massawa, to the north, isn't being used because it is the port for areas held by rebels in the civil war." So, he notes, "You still have Ethiopia, a country of 40 million people, depending on a single small U-shaped port - Assab on the Red Sea - with only five berths."

- David K. Willis

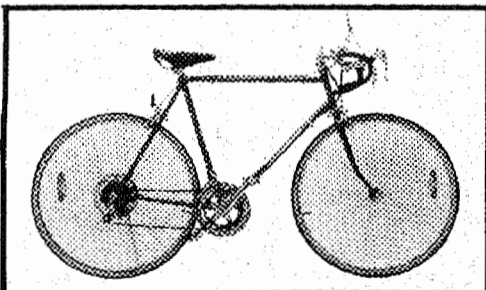
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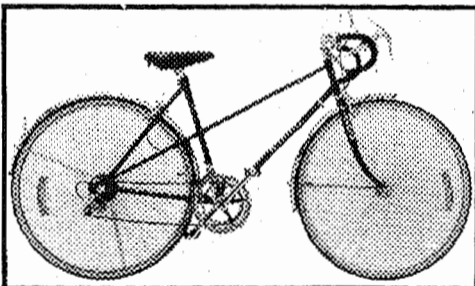


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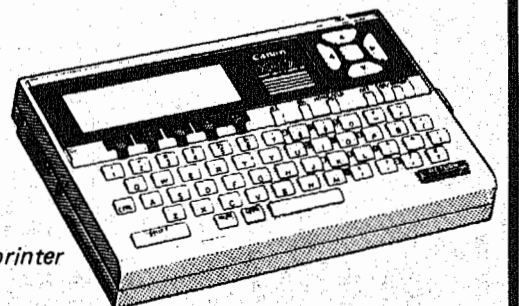
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Famine used as weapon of war

OVERSEAS RELIEF SUPPLIES are being exported to Russia to pay for arms, given to government troops as wages, and sold to famine victims, according to a relief worker who has just returned from North-East Africa.

Graham Romanes, co-secretary of Victorian Community Aid Abroad, spent two months on a fact-finding mission in the parts of Ethiopia and Sudan worst hit by famine.

"Overseas governments don't want to do anything to upset their relationship with the Ethiopian government" he says. Few non-government agencies are prepared to risk being "accused of interfering in internal politics."

Consequently most of the relief goes to government-held areas, which according to Romanes "are only the tip of the ice-berg."

The government is supported by 10% of the population, the other 90% being actively engaged in civil war to overthrow the military dictatorship.

He claims that aid is being maldistributed for political purposes.

Foreign government and media representatives are shown only government-held areas and Mr. Romanes claims that "there is no exposure of the main part of the ice-berg, where there is a real struggle and real suffering is occurring."



Volunteers terrace agricultural land

Romanes claims that "the famine is being used as a weapon of war" by the Ethiopian government as it aims at depopulating rebel areas to "move in and take them over".

300,000 people are on the move in Tigray in search of food. 65,000 have been forcibly evacuated to

resettlement camps in the south. Romanes spoke to some who had walked over 1000 kms back to their homes, who told him they had "been dumped in ... desert concentration camps."

Romanes interviewed members of an entire village which crossed

rebel lines in search of food and were confronted by armed troops who tried to force them into aeroplanes. When they fled, thirty villagers were killed.

One woman claimed she "was told to wait four days for T.V. cameras to arrive before she

would be fed". Another woman was turned back after being told she was "too old and not worth feeding."

Tigrayans are pouring into Sudanese refugee camps at the rate of 2,500 a day. The migrants travel on foot with barely any possessions, in constant fear of being bombed by government troops.

Romanes saw little children who had been walking for six weeks, and "old people who quite clearly weren't going to make it." During the bitterly cold nights, women died of exposure when they wrapped their children in their own clothes.

"Most Tigrayans have gone to Sudan in the hope that ... their plight will be recognised and acted on by the international community. At present their hopes are being dashed by inadequate supplies of food, water, shelter, and medicines."

Sudan is on the brink of a famine crisis of its own, and is trying to cope with over one million refugees from Ethiopia, Uganda and Chad.

Many people are now returning to their homes, preferring to die at home rather than in refugee camps where "the scene is one of absolute devastation," says Romanes.

"The world has failed to face that problem."

- Tricia Hensley



Jean-Claude Duvalier and friends.

No Amnesty for Haitians

UNACKNOWLEDGED detention of political prisoners, political killings, "disappearances", torture and ill-treatment. They all happen in Haiti, and have done for some time, Amnesty International says in a report issued this month.

Since at least 1971 Amnesty International has been receiving reports regarding the abuse of human rights in Haiti. But the Amnesty report says that during the administration of President-for-life Francois Duvalier (1957-71) thousands of people suffered when human rights violations were widespread and indiscriminate. In 1971 Jean-Claude Duvalier took power and until 1977 the pattern of human rights violations remained much the same.

In 1977 the human rights violations became more selective.

Jean-Claude Duvalier is now President-for-life, Head of State, Head of Government, Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces, the Police Force and the armed militia. He has the right to designate his successor and for 9 months of the year he "is endowed with full powers to pass decrees having force of law."

Opposition Leader and funding member of the Christian Democratic Party, Sylvio Claude, has spent

much of the past 6 years in prison, under house arrest or in hiding. His daughter has been forced to live in exile.

Trade Union organisers, journalists and suspected political opponents have been detained and mistreated. The main agents of this political repression have been the 9,000 Volunteers of National Security, the President's militia - or, as they are more commonly called in Haiti, *tantons maroutes*, "bogeymen".

On March 3 1984 President Jean-Claude Duvalier gave instructions to "strictly prohibit members of the Armed Forces to attack the physical or moral integrity of any individual, particularly using torture in any of its forms."

By June 1984 Amnesty had received reports of 40 people who were "arrested without warrant, have been held in detention without charge, have not been brought before a judge and have been denied legal counsel."

Amnesty continues to receive reports from relatives, churchworkers, friends and refugees of the human rights violations in the Republic of Haiti. Haiti is only one of 118 states which Amnesty reported as committing human rights violations in 1984.

- Justine Bradney

REST and relief in Tigray

DESPITE THE 'incredible suffering' which Greg Romanes witnessed in Tigray, he returned with another side to the story, one of 'wonderful optimism'.

The effective government in Tigray, described by the Ethiopian government as a 'handful of bandits', is the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front.

The T.P.L.F. army plays only a security role in the administration of Tigray. People's councils have been established at village, district and regional levels. Each council has a Social Affairs committee responsible for education, relief and health, an Economic Affairs committee responsible for industry, agriculture and trade, and the Administrative Affairs committee looks after security and judicial matters. A point is made of representing groups traditionally excluded from power, particularly women and minority ethnic and religious groups.

A humanitarian organisation, composed entirely of Tigrayan nationals, called the Relief Society of Tigray, also operates in Tigray.

REST and the T.P.L.F. are independent bodies which co-operate in various aspects for the benefit of the Tigrayan people.

REST volunteers distribute relief supplies, many of which are bought from government centres at a quarter of the price it costs the Australian government to send the donations.

A migration program is being co-ordinated by REST.

Every effort is made to keep refugees in their village groups and large groups are given a REST guide. Each person is registered and details of remaining family members, health problems etc. recorded. A series of transit camps have been established so that food supplies and medical facilities are available every six hours walk.

REST would prefer the people to continue the fight for survival at home, but feels there is little alternative with the massive food shortage in Tigray.

There are now two large regional hospitals and seventy district clinics in Tigray. These clinics operate with remarkable efficiency considering the conditions they are working under. All signs of habitation must be carefully camouflaged to prevent detection



Graham Romanes in Tigray

from bombers.

Working in conjunction with the T.P.L.F. Department of Agriculture, REST is teaching improved farming techniques in an effort to prevent a recurrence of the present disastrous famine. Model terraced sites have been constructed in each sub-district to demonstrate the correct technique for soil and water conservation.

Oxen play a vital role in the cultivation of land in Tigray. Villagers are having to resort to eating their cattle in the absence of any other food. REST has embarked on a project to buy as many cattle as possible and assist them in the more fertile western regions. A registration of each sale is made, so when the rains return and it is possible to cultivate the land, cattle can be given back to the owners

and food production will continue.

Education is an important aspect of the program and teachers travel with their pupils to the refugee camps to continue classes.

The relief effort is hampered greatly by a lack of transport and a complete road system. In the last twelve months the T.P.L.F. has organised a team of 7,000 workers to join the road system in the west with that in the centre. This 1,000 km link is being constructed entirely with hand tools through extremely mountainous terrain.

Workers on the road have suffered attacks from helicopter gunships. Memorials follow the route, like milestones, testifying to the determination and dedication of the Tigrayan people who are willing to die for the development of their country.

- Tricia Hensley



Constitution a triumph for trickery

Dear David,

I call your attention to the new SAUA Constitution adopted on 20th March. The blurb on the inside front cover of the Draft stated "making the SAUA more representative and democratic by increasing the number of directly-elected representatives". This is a lie. The constitution adopted in the 1984 Annual Elections had 20 General Members on the SAUA Council. This new constitution has only eight. This, if my maths is correct, is a decrease of 12, 60%.

Also, the word "democratic" has obviously changed its meaning since last year. I draw your attention to part fourteen of the new Constitution. Clause 86.1 states:

"Regulations may only be made by the following procedure:"

It then has seven subclauses stating in meticulous detail that Council must meet to discuss the regulations, that *On dit* must print the changes, that students may object to the changes thus taking it to a referendum, and so on.

However, Clause 86.3 states: "Notwithstanding 86.1, the Council may enact by regulation passed before June thirtieth 1985, such Regulations as it deems necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the Association."

If this is democracy, I'll eat a whole week's *On dit*! Obviously, most people who voted for this Constitution did not read clause 86.3. This gives the current SAUA Council, consisting mostly of the Executive of the Liberal Club (who else?) power to change any regulations at whim. E.g. if they choose, they could change the Regulations for ballot box posting and have ballot boxes in the Law School and Medical School only.

All this adds up to only one conclusion; that the current SAUA Council may do as it pleases, prior to this year's annual elections. This is not democracy! This is dictatorial, underhanded and typical of them.

Another point I wish to make is this; Clause 103(2) states that a Constitutional Referendum now requires 100 clear votes to be passed, and not a simple majority as was the case before. Again, another savage blow to democracy. Another triumph for trickery.

Finally, try to call attention to these points I raise to a Council member and they ignore your question, or tell you how good the rest of the Constitution is.

I ask you, what price have students paid for a Liberal campus?

Yours in solidarity,
- Shaun Minahan

must come out of the Executive Contingencies fund, which was, according to the Treasurer's Report, \$1,731.81 over budget at the end of 1984.

This seems a very excessive amount. The Executive was also \$1,100.00 approx. over spent on their campaigns and projects budget, which means the Liberal SAUA obviously pushes very hard.

If you don't believe me have a look around the campus at all the SAUA signs, then look for the opposition's.

Now for a suggestion to Mr. Mackay and his merry band of followers. Is there really any need to bore us all with the resolutions from the past X number of meetings because if someone wanted to complain about a 4 or 5 month old motion what could be done?

If you had a couple of 'interesting' columns every week and cut the other crap you would get people actually reading the SAUA pages. The only reason I saw resolution 11 is because I spilt coffee on it which makes it stand out more.

Yours waiting with interest,
- On dit reader

Contempt for students?

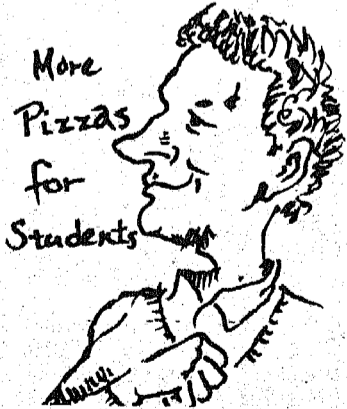
Dear Sir,

The page two article in the 25th March *On dit* seems to indicate by Student Association President Greg Mackay's own admission that the latest Student Association Constitution was planned by students whose philosophy is "the end justifies the means."

Students were led to believe they were asked to vote for a good, new constitution when *firstly* the potential student representation was reduced from 29 to 13. *Secondly*, the new constitution was produced on the first day of term and the vote taken a week later without time for an effective presentation of the other side of the case - particularly to inexperienced new students. *Thirdly*, Mackay states, the reason for the rush was that "any loopy left or loopy right hoo ha could have won a seat in 'too big a council'".

Really! Are 29 Council members too many to represent 10,000 or more students? As neither pro-right or pro-left may I ask - is Mackay indicating that he is part of an elite who are fit to govern while most students are either too dumb or too way out?

Does not the fact that some present Council members (Constitutional Review Sub-Committee) if rightly reported, were a party to moral dishonesty in election framework organisation seem odd - or questionable? Also - is there a conspiracy of silence about vital facts or misinterpretation of them? Is it not pertinent to ask "Whose thinking is really 'way off' or 'loopy'?"



Contempt for students and student involvement seems indicated by Mackay's stated belief that once every six months is often enough for students to make their views known. Really - *really!* Only twice a year! Will the meetings be held at a time and place easily accessible to all students? Will they be well publicized?

Last but not least, Uni fees. Refer middle page of same *On dit*. Another student representative on the same council admits that they are not well enough organized to arrange student petitions against Uni Fees.

Is this the kind of caring decision making students really want?

Sincerely,
- (Ms.) Lorraine E. May

The president's reply

Dear David,

I wish to point out a number of serious inadequacies in your page 2 story "Libs entrenched after poll win", from *On dit* 25/3/85. The article was riddled with inaccuracies and misleading statements.

The first glaring inadequacy was the heading. The Liberals have not been entrenched in the SAUA. To say that they have is a lie and the journalistic standards of Messrs. Clark and Hasting should seriously be questioned. I will also state that I pointed out some of the fallacious sections of this article prior to printing, but was ignored. For example the number of students that voted in favour of the constitutional change was in fact 471 (not 417).

It is also alarming to note the article declares that "Left and ALP students" called the referendum "a farce". I found this also to be grossly misleading as the President of the ALP students Mr. Gary Martin informed me that he, as spokesperson of ALPSA, had not been asked for his views on the matter. It is also interesting to note that the resident socialist/communist bureaucratic spokesperson on campus, Michael Scott, indulges himself with many incorrect statements.

* He was aware of the existence of the CRS and its terms of reference.

* He was invited to present a "No" case.

* He supported his constitution at the last elections which called for the Association to be run by an indirectly elected Executive. (So much for democratic processes.)

His credibility as a person interested in students and their welfare must seriously be questioned by his blatant encouragement of apathy and his distortion of the issues in broadsheets he published.

I hope that in the future a more professional journalistic approach is adopted by your writers, although I sincerely doubt whether some of them have the capacity to write a proper, well-balanced news-story.

Yours Sincerely,
- Greg Mackay

This nong wants comics

To all Freshers:

You may have by now realized that on this campus there are groups of people who call themselves "student politicians", and who apparently strive to better our Uni and our society by toppling the Government, supporting the Government, wiping out the Godless Commies, undermining the fascist Capitalists, enlarging the Uni. Bar, or whatever. Such people labour under the illusion that some people actually listen to them! Folly!

But, I hear you cry, what then is the true source of knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment at Uni? I'm glad you asked! It is, of course, the COMIC STRIPS in *On dit*!

Yes, you may relax in the knowledge that at any time you may refresh yourself in the fountainhead of their wisdom and wit. So read them, absorb them, let them permeate into your very soul and carry you into a higher plane of understanding, and then cut them out and paste them into your scrapbook.

Go forth, read and enjoy!

Yours ever-so-sincerely,
- A. NON(G)

- President, Executive Secretary and Committee of C.O.C.S (Collectors of Comic Strips)

P.S. I am *not* Saville (God forbid!)
P.P.S. Sorry 'bout that, Mathew!



Article Encouraging

Dear David,

I was encouraged by your article "Back to School for Teachers" (*On dit*, 25 March) principally because student action on teaching has contributed to important developments such as the establishment of the ACUE and the recommendations on assessment policy and practice commenced to University departments by Education Committee in 1975.

Your article suggests that only a tiny proportion of Adelaide academics make use of the ACUE. This is not the case. Although course participation rates among full-time tenured staff are around the level you indicate, we attract many part-time, tutorial and clinical grades of staff courses, workshops and seminars on teaching.

However, course attendance is not the only, or necessarily the best, means of improving teaching. For instance, both individual staff members and departments regularly request independent evaluations of teaching and of courses which can - and do - lead to quite significant changes in teaching for the better. Since 1980, fourteen different departments and four faculties have used this service, some of them on a continuing basis over several years.

Apart from the academic services we offer, many teaching staff regularly use ACUE technical services to support their teaching. These services include the production of teaching material, especially videos, slides and overhead transparencies. So the situation is really not quite as dismal as you make out...

On the other hand, the fact that the ACUE is the smallest centre of its kind providing both academic and technical services in the Australian university system - and the only centre of its kind in higher education in South Australia - is a reflection on some of the issues you raise in your article.

Yours sincerely,
- R.A. Cannon

Director
Advisory Centre for University Education

Tuition fees

Dear David,

In regard to the Saturday *Advertiser's* article re: the introduction of Tuition Fees (Saturday, 23rd March).

Vicki Wayland's comments epitomise the future archetype of the Uni student, should fees be introduced.

Whether from a lower, or higher socio-economic bracket, every secondary student, if capable, has the right to a liberal education.

The implication of Wayland's statement is that poor people are not capable of "serious" tertiary study.

In introducing these fees we would deny many people who are capable of excelling the opportunity of broadening their outlook.

Does the Labor Party realise that in introducing tuition fees, they run the risk of creating an institution full of Victoria Waylands, who have the arrogance to assume that wealth is directly related to intelligence and seriousness of purpose? One wonders what the short-sightedness of Victoria's attitude indicates?

What is the price of a closed mind?

- Oona Nicolson
Emma Laurence
Toby Hansen

'Dear Mum and Dad,
Figure I can get back my fees if I run for Student Office and use the perks available...'



Presidential spending '84...

Dear Editor,

Just having a look at the SAUA Treasurer's Report published in last week's *On dit* I noticed the 1984 SAUA President exceeded her expense budget in all areas. Please note I am *not* suggesting she frivolously spent students' money on self-indulgences (10¢ per week over budget on travel can be tolerated, I think), but I was wondering if there is a clause in the SAUA constitution that would compel the President to repay funds if he/she was guilty of such activities. If not would the SAUA consider implementing such a clause?

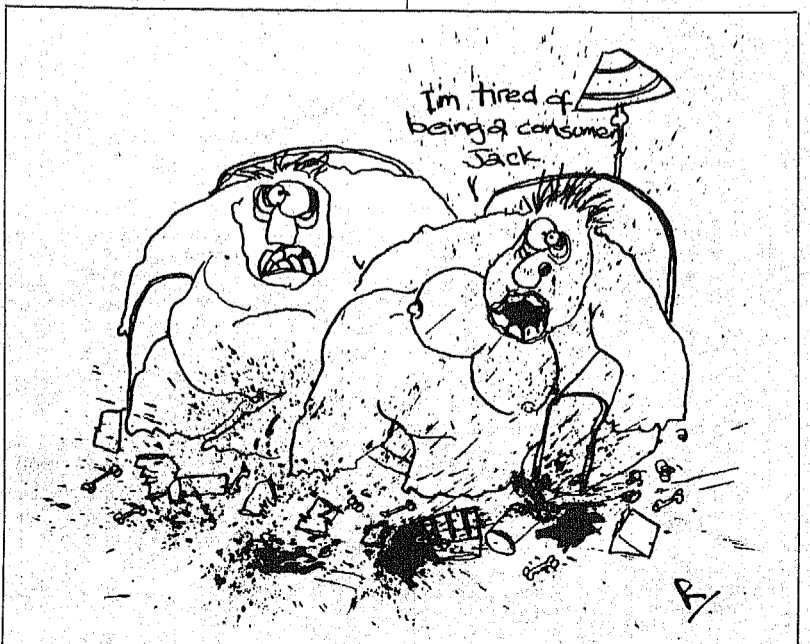
Yours,
- C. Siviour

...and '85

Dear *On dit*,

As an old stager on this hallowed campus, it falls to me to remark that C.A.P.G.'s apposite strictures on the "character" (such as it infamously is) of our "beloved" leader, Gregor, are a trifle mild. *B & C's* editorialist implied that our President, when he was *B & C's* editor, had settled out of court at his own expense the consequence of his indiscretions. But not! Fee paying reader, the nimble laddy got *you* to foot the bill for him, before you had even enrolled. He arranged for his mates on Union Council to secretly lend him more than \$5,000 of your money at a peppercorn rental. Isn't mateship wonderful?

- David Faber



On Resolution 11

Dear Editor,

As a paying contributor to the SAUA, if somewhat indirectly, I wish to make a complaint and a suggestion with regards to the SAUA pages in *On dit* Number Four (25/3/85).

The complaint I wish to make is in reply to Resolution 11 on page 6. The resolution states that "the SAUA [must] allocate up to \$450.00 for the end-of-year party."

Surely this is an unnecessary expense, because \$200.00 of that

'Peacemaker' bombshell

Labor's MX fiasco: the man behind it

Jim Falk is the academic who triggered the Hawke Government's MX missile crisis. Now that the dust has settled, he looks back on events with **ROBERT CLARK**.

On the eve of Prime Minister Bob Hawke's international tour in early January, *National Times* editor, Brian Toohey published an article revealing the Australian Government had secretly agreed to provide logistical support for the testing of the MX "Peacemaker" missile.

Timed as it was only days before Hawke was scheduled to meet President Reagan in Washington, the report enraged the Labor Party's Left and Centre-Left factions and Hawke lost the support of even his own right-wing faction. Sensing perhaps that the issue

was not a major one by comparison to New Zealand's nuclear ship stance, the Americans gracefully accepted the Australian backdown.

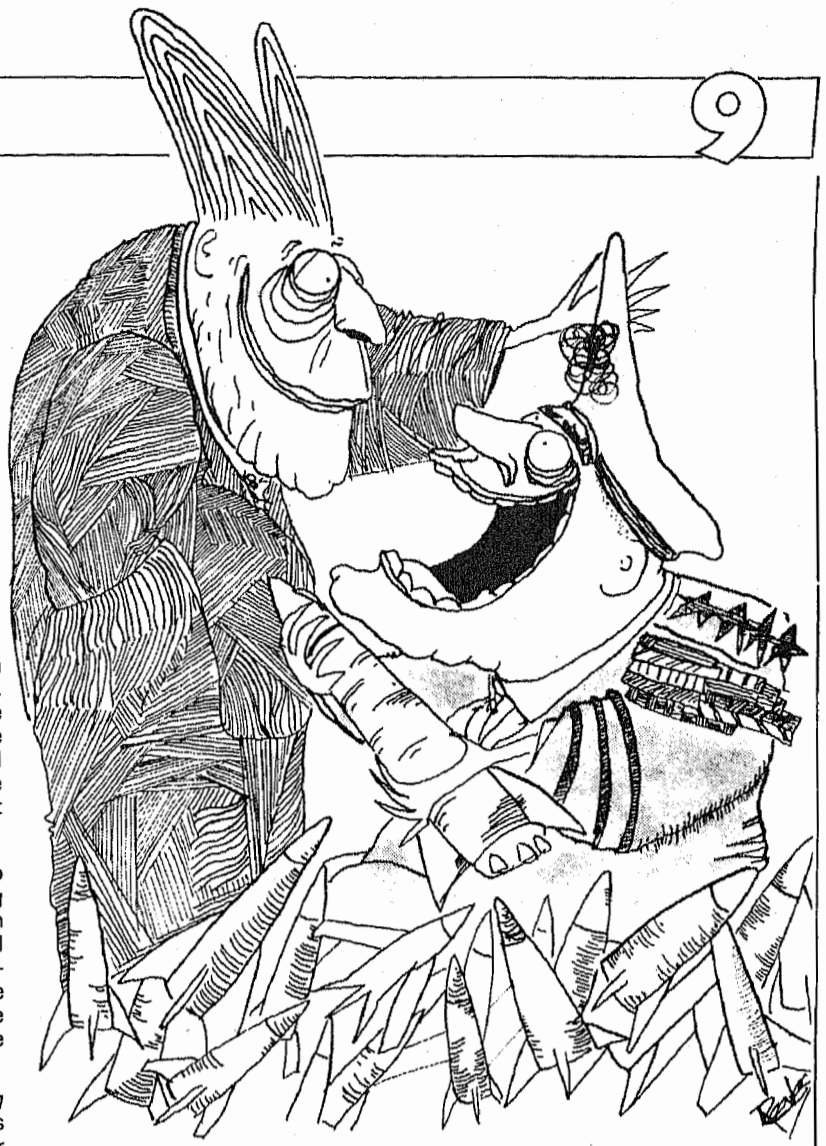
When Hawke returned home however he faced an angry reception about his decision-making methods and about the participation of a government which advocated disarmament in the testing of a first-strike weapon.

The original decision was taken by Hawke and Defence Minister Gordon Scholes in 1983. Foreign Minister Hayden was not informed until much later.

But Australia's participation in the testing was not known until Dr. Jim Falk, a lecturer in the Philosophy and History of Science at Wollongong University, passed on a Pentagon report to the Australian Associated Press just before the December election.

Hawke immediately attempted to put out the bushfire by asserting that no testing would be held on Australian soil. It was not until Toohey's story and the subsequent outcry that the Prime Minister was forced to admit the whole truth to his party and to the nation.

Falk is the author of *Taking Australia Off The Map*, which looks at Australia as a potential nuclear target and at our role in the Western alliance. He is now co-writing a similar book on New Zealand.



Q: What was the Pentagon document which revealed Sydney's role in the MX test and how did you come to obtain it?

A: It was called the Strategic Arms Test Ports Study and had been obtained by a Boston-based group called Nautilus. They passed it onto some New Zealand contacts, who passed it on to me. Many other people played equally important roles and I was the person who in some senses lit the match.

Q: How did the study actually reveal that Sydney was proposed as a staging base for support aircraft?

A: It didn't indicate it in so many words but it did show the splashdown was within two and a half hours or so of Sydney and so we deduced it from that.

Q: How do you reply to those who say you were one of those responsible for humiliating the Prime Minister in the eyes of the world?

A: I think the thrust of those attacks appear to be against somebody using the Freedom of Information laws to obtain information in a legitimate way. It's hard to see what sort of a democracy those people are actively seeking.

Hawke had a very individual style and this was one of those decisions made by a very small group. He was forced to tell the rest of the party, which didn't agree with him. He would have had to tell them eventually, and when the *National Times* ran the story he had to come clean.

Q: Were Hawke and the Labor Party then no more than victims of their own enunciated policies? They did after all play the nuclear card quite prominently during the election campaign. Had they not tried to appear anti-nuclear the backlash would surely have been nowhere near as virulent.

A: Yes. The Government was trying to have its own cake and eat it to. They have been trying to say they are in favour of disarmament policies - for example a freeze on stockpiles and a nuclear-free South Pacific - yet they slavishly follow every twist of US foreign policy.

Q: What links do you have with scientists and academics in general in Australia and overseas?

A: I'm a member of the international scientific community and there are quite a number of scientists outside of defence establishments who are interested in defence issues.

It's a habit of these people to exchange information and work together.

In America there is a Centre for Defence Information and the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, as well as Nautilus.

These are all privately-funded groups. Nautilus is a smaller group headed by a former head of Friends of the Earth in Melbourne.

There is also the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Australian branch of the world-wide Scientists Against Nuclear Arms, of which I am a member.

In the US there are vast amounts of information to be gleaned and there is a tradition to follow this stuff as it churns out of Congress.

Q: Are you making available to the USSR information which it otherwise wouldn't have?

A: I doubt it. I might find some stuff but they have satellites which tell us vast amounts more than the public will ever know, ship-monitoring of tests and signals and human intelligence.

Once that is put together there is no doubt little that they want from Congress. The Australian public gets more surprises than the Kremlin with regards to the role of bases here, the deployment of nuclear weapons in the region, research and development and the agreements between Australia and the United States.

In a more general sense, that argument (of making information available to the enemy) will be used by both sides to tie all countries to uncritical support.

The superpowers are like self-imprisoned, muscle-bound giants. There has to be a third force to extricate them from this action-reaction chain of events and it has to be other countries.

The New Zealand Government is giving a very good lead, as is Yugoslavia which refuses to join the Warsaw Pact, and Hungary, in calling for the removal of all nuclear weapons from Eastern as well as Western Europe.

I am working for Australia to join the third force and to do something concrete towards breaking out of the nuclear arms spiral.

To join the third force would mean abandoning U.S. bases and the U.S. alliance. However, there are degrees of these things.

For example, one of the small things we could do is to say we won't accept visits by nuclear-powered ships. A tentative step would be to say we will no longer accept B-52 flights over Darwin.

Other measures would be to stop the mining and export of uranium and to refuse to extend the leases of U.S. bases.

The alliance ties our hands in being able to do anything towards seriously breaking the nuclear weapons spiral.

ANZUS is part of the justification used for our own nuclear entanglement. It's a strong ideological barrier towards acting independently.

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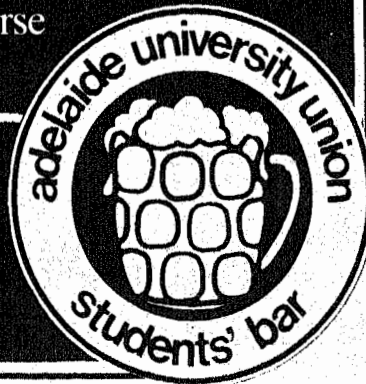
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Greg Mackay



President of the Students' Association

The battle isn't over

FEES: Round 2 Begins

The first round in the fight against the re-introduction of tertiary tuition fees has been won. But the battle is not over yet. Last Monday the Federal Labor Caucus re-affirmed their current policy. Is this such an amazing revelation? I think not. The Government's Expenditure Review Committee is still meeting. This committee still has the power to recommend the re-introduction of tertiary tuition fees as part of its total budget package. If this recommendation were made, it would then pass to Cabinet and in turn, if successful there, on the Caucus for ratification. Senator Walsh must realise that it will be a hell of a lot more difficult for Caucus to reject a total budget package. It can easily be argued that the political cost of fees will weigh up on the light side against the strong economic arguments that would doubtless be forwarded by Keating, Walsh et al. Several weeks ago I sent a letter to all members of Caucus and at the time of writing this column, 12 replies had been received. Of

these, only four indicated that they were unequivocally opposed to fees. The other replies were either from a secretary or indicated that my letter would be taken into account when the Member or Senator concerned was making their final decision. Anyone who is genuinely concerned about this issue should write to their local MHR and/or State Senators to voice their opinion.

WANTED: Seven Student Reps

It is this time of year when most faculties and departments around the University are asking for student representatives for various committees. The importance of these committees cannot be under-estimated. To give you an example, consider the new library door which is now inconveniencing our University's thoroughfares. There was no student perspective forwarded in the discussions and debates about this proposal during 1983 and particularly in 1984. Why? Ingrid Condon and the '83/'84 SAUA Executive saw fit not to attend the million dollar debates. On top of this \$150,000 was allocated for landscaping the area. It was not until an increase in the landscaping budget of another \$82,000 that any questions were raised by students about the astronomical cost of this proposal. Carol Johnson (the 1985 post-graduate student representative on the Executive Committee) and myself indicated our disapproval of this venture, but we were informed it was "all too late".

This is just one example (albeit considerable) of how valuable student input into the University is at all times. A representative is needed in all faculties. If you are interested, contact either your lecturer or myself.

The Electrical Engineering Department is currently looking for a student representative. They have asked me to try to find a representative since lecturers have had no luck in lectures. It is important, it isn't difficult and the decisions made by these committees are important.

The material on this page has been inserted at the order of the Executive Committee of the Students' Association of the University of Adelaide. The SAUA is constitutionally empowered to direct *On dit* to include up to one page of material in any given edition of this paper.

By-elections and fees

Anthony Snell

Under the new Constitution, enacted by an overwhelming majority of students a week ago, the F.V-P or Finance vice-President administers the finances of the Association and chairs the Activities Standing Committee. The old position of Secretary/Treasurer was abolished and the Sec./Treas. became F.V-P.

The most important on-campus event last week was the by-election. A number of positions, some of which have only just been created by the new Constitution, are up for grabs. Although voting isn't compulsory these are the people who will be claiming to represent you, so get out and vote.

Off-campus, the ALP plan to re-introduce fees, though knocked out in Caucus it will still remain a threat to students in the run up to the Budget, with Senator Walsh still pushing fees as a solution to the deficit problem.

Finally, no doubt some of you saw the misprints in last week's Treasurer's Report. Besides all the extra figures that cropped up in the left hand side of the page, the Printing Account had a number of errors. "Access Fees and advertising collected" should be \$42,576.97 and balance should read \$10,905.38.

Resolutions

Resolutions of the Vacation Administrative Committee Meeting Held December 27th, 1984

RESOLUTION 1: "That the Minutes of the Vacation Administrative Committee Meeting of 10th December 1984 be accepted and confirmed."

Darzins/Mackay Carried

RESOLUTION 2: "That the President-Elect negotiate the removal of the telephone in the general public area in the Student Activities Office. Persons who need to use a telephone for 'Work Action' related matters will be allowed to use the telephone that is located on the bench behind the counter."

Snell/Darzins Carried

RESOLUTION 3: "That the V.A.C. authorises the disposal of the new and proposed old constitutions as printed forthwith. The V.A.C. also asks the President-Elect to keep several copies for the S.A.U.A. files to be stored in his office after 1/1/85."

Darzins/Mackay Carried

RESOLUTION 4: "That the answer to the question as to moneys expended on the SAUA Restructuring campaign be attached to the Minutes for the record."

Darzins/Mackay Carried

RESOLUTION 5: "That the V.A.C. amends 5.(xi) of the Terms of Reference of the C.R.S. as established by Resolution 7 of the S.A.U.A. Executive Meeting of 27th August 1984 so that 5.(xi) reads: "Present the C.R.S. Report as per item 5(x), with a copy of all legal opinions sought in the course of the C.R.S. deliberations and all other written evidence, by April 10th. The Executive shall publish the Report of the C.R.S.""

Mackay/Darzins Carried

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Darzins/Mackay Carried

RESOLUTION 2: That the President be asked to send a letter to the Office of Youth Affairs asking the following:

- ii(i) The terms and conditions upon which the Office of Youth Affairs gave money to the S.A.U.A. for the Student Activist Exchange;
- ii(ii) Whether or not the Khon Kean University's inability to reciprocate the exchange (because of the political situation in Thailand) would affect funding by the

Falk-from page 9

Q: Do the bases have a verification role?

A: Pine Gap has a verification role but its main purpose is not verification. It is an electronic intelligence base monitoring communications between nations, between ships and between forces.

It also transmits messages from CIA agents in the field.

Nurrungar has many more functions than early warning. It determines when missiles take off and where and when they land with what effect. By determining precisely which missiles take off it determines which silos are full and which are empty at any given time. That is very important if you are interested in finding and firing at nuclear warheads, as the present U.S. administrations is.

Q: What is the significance of the MX?

A: It's a first strike weapon but extremely vulnerable. That is, it's a fixed land-based missile. Soviet missiles are more vulnerable because the MX is so accurate - within 90 metres with a 99 percent chance of taking out a hardened silo. Because it is so accurate it threatens the USSR with destruction of its missiles.

If 200 are deployed, with ten warheads each, it would be enough to wipe out the entire Soviet silo force.

It is also part of the strategic thrust towards winning a nuclear war. The MX reinforces the belief held now by a significant number of defence planners in Washington that fighting a limited

nuclear war is possible. Because they are able to do so makes covert threats to use weapons more credible and makes it more likely they will be used.

Q: As uranium suppliers, are we party to nuclear proliferation, or can a safe division be drawn between military and non-military uses for uranium?

A: Commercial nuclear reactors provide a very fine screen behind which they can develop a nuclear weapon without suffering the consequences of doing it overtly.

Firstly, they avoid the chance of being involved with a mini-arms race with their neighbours. Secondly they are able to procure the basic fuel needed.

Australian uranium is inescapably a part of the arms cycle. Israel and South Africa almost certainly have built nuclear bombs, while Argentina has boasted about making one.

Q: You are also intent on involving scientists more in social issues.

A: Yes. The technical community can and should work to move us away from the prospect of nuclear war. More generally they have to rid themselves of the belief that what they do is socially neutral.

Every action in this world has some social implications, whether it be discovery of a new weapon system or the publication of a new mathematical theorem.

Those who hide that from themselves are abrogating part of their humanity.

Visa charge issue remains

Pippa McKee

Caucus must have taken note of our General Student Meeting on tertiary fees held last week - last week they stepped on the proposal for tertiary tuition fees from a dizzying height. However, comforting as that might seem, students shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security as it is still possible that Senator Walsh and his supporters might try and include fees in a Budget 'package'. So don't throw all your anti-fees badges, stickers, etc. in the bin just yet.

Another issue which was causing concern at the same time didn't have such a satisfactory out-

come; namely the raising of the overseas students' visa charge. By doing this, the Government has made it rather clear that they see this area as being great for revenue raising, and that they intend to bring in full cost of fees for the overseas students in a couple of years. Obviously this is unacceptable - these students often have difficulty in finding the money to cover today's costs, and this means that there will be a number of overseas students prevented from returning next year due to the price hike. Hardly conducive to fostering friendly relations with our Third World neighbours. A General Student Meeting will be held next week on

this issue, so come along and support the overseas students.

Last week some of you voted in the Referendum to put into effect a new Constitution for the Students' Association. It got up, if you hadn't heard. I am now the Chair of the Education and Services Committee which takes the place of the Education Action Committee. As the name implies, services is to be given a higher profile, as in expanding the Work Action service, getting discounts for students, and so on. If you have any suggestions as to what services the SAUA might be able to offer, please let me know - I can be contacted via the Students' Association. Until next week.

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Henrietta Frump

Regiment formation

1948. Coming hot on the heels of further international unrest, and the news that America was preparing to re-introduce conscription to save the peace, the announcement that the University Council had approved the decision to form the Adelaide University Rifles (A.U.R.) was not without significance. The formation of A.U.R. brought Adelaide Uni in line with leading English universities, and with Sydney and Melbourne Universities. Prior to the Second World War the Sydney and Melbourne University Rifles were the crack units of their state's militia, and were immediately converted into Officer Training Units at the outbreak of hostilities, and hundreds of students graduated to commissioned rank.



Dangerous proclivities

The Henrietta Frump Award for the letter that abused the most people goes this week to "Old Maid" who wrote his masterpiece for *On dit* in 1939. "In recent years freshers have been addicted to driving cars at dangerous speeds, and that in the 'Varsity grounds; cornering has been wont to tear the tyres in a skid and noise is no object (except of emulation). "Dear youths this is part of that self-display common to animals from homo sapiens upwards. If you consider that those impressed are also very fresh and hardly worth impressing, you may learn to curb your dangerous pro-

clivities. "The fashion of mutilating felt hats has ever been prevalent; the wearing of glaring ties is not unknown, even, be it said, among the sophomores; but there are some people who can clothe their necks decently, who shall be imitated." To the women freshers I shall be more lenient as befits me. Pray do not be impressed by the antics of your male counterparts. Also one of your characteristics is to stop and talk and never stop laughing, nay giggling, which is one of the drawbacks of co-education. Could you be but charming and subdued ... as I am."

Gross initiation ceremony

1944. Engineering students have long been associated with gross acts, a reputation well earned if reports about their initiation activities are accurate. The following is a report in *On dit* about engineers' activities on March 28 1944. "There was some fun (for those who looked on) at the University last night when new engineering students were initiated. "Their eyebrows were heavily marked with boot polish, a moustache was painted on them, and

their noses were coloured bright red. "Blindfolded, they were made to kiss something fluffy, said to be a dead cat, which had a dreadful smell (later found to be caused by high-powered cheese). "The lads had to take off their shoes and socks and were prodded with a wire that gave them electric shocks. Then there was a relay race, in which they had to crawl along the floor, each pushing with his nose an evil-smelling rag.

"Others had to box blindfolded, while occasional blows came from gloved outsiders." "The engineers regret that *News* scooped this item from *On dit* but for the benefit of our readers would point out that the something fluffy was not said to be a dead cat, it was definitely presented as a dead dog, Throgmorton's pup, to be exact." This columnist eagerly awaits the details of 1985 Engineering ceremonies.

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ARE WE GONNA BE ABLE TO LAND THE SHIP WITH ONLY 3 WHEELS?

GOOD QUESTION, WELL, I'NO IS THE CLAIRVOYANT... HE MUST KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN, ASK HIM.

I CANT. HE JUST ABANDONED SHIP IN THE ESCAPE POD.

THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT

LOOKS LIKE HE TOOK SLOTTY WITH HIM, THAT LUCKY DOG. THIS ISNT FAIR... I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE.

YOU'RE 837!

NOT UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY

HEY! WHAT DOES THIS FLASHING RED LIGHT MEAN?

WE'RE LOSING ALTITUDE FAST. I'M GONNA HAVE TO TRY AND LAND THIS THING. HANG ON TO YOUR UNDIES, HERE WE GO!

PA-NIC!

AIR BRAKES ON!

I WONDER IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR A GHOST TO DIE...

DONT WORRY I CAN SEE THE PERFECT PLACE FOR US TO GO DOWN...

KA-BOMF!

NO LANDING ANYTIME

NO LANDING ANYTIME

YOU KNOW SOMETHING LARRY... I THINK THAT'S THE BEST LANDING YOU EVER MADE!

I'LL SAY! WE ALL SURVIVED.

AND SO TREVOR AND COMPANY DECIDE TO SPLIT UP AND SEARCH THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR ANY SIGN OF THE TERRORISTS. TREVOR HAS ONLY WALKED A SHORT DISTANCE WHEN HE IS STARTLED BY TWO ALIEN BEINGS EMERGING FROM THE UNDERGROWTH...

GO AHEAD! MAKE MY DAY... WHAT THE...?

HI, I'M DAKERY.

DAKERY, I'M HIGH! HA! HA!

THESE BANANAS ARE BENT!

THIS IS JOH. HE'S A GOOD GUY; I HAND-PICKED HIM MYSELF. HA! HA!

HELLO, I'M TREVOR. AT THE MOMENT I'M A GHOST. I'VE BEEN SENT HERE BY GOD, ALONG WITH THE CREW OF AN INTERGALACTIC STARTRUCK TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE FROM BLOOD-THIRSTY TERRORISTS...

HEY MAN, I DONT KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ON... BUT CAN YOU SPARE SOME? HA! HA! HA!

I THINK WE'RE GONNA NEED A LOT MORE HELP. WILL YOU JOIN US?

SURE MAN. WELL HELP YOU... LEAVE EVERYTHING TO US.

WILL YOU TRY TO GET SOME OF YOUR BANANA FRIENDS TO HELP AS WELL?

NAA... IT'S FRUITLESS. HA! HA! HA!

YEAH... THEY'RE A LAZY BUNCH! HA! HA! HA!

RUSTLE! >

SHH... SOMEONE'S COMING. EVERYBODY GET DOWN!

I'M WITH YOU, TREVOR... LET'S BOOGIE!!

I HAVE TO SEE A SHRINK BECAUSE I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU, BABY...

...WHEN I SAID I WAS MAD, I DIDNT MEAN ANGRY...

OH TREVOR, FANCY MEETING YOU HERE, WHAT'S GOING ON?

I THINK THE UNIVERSE IS IN BIG TROUBLE

MEANWHILE, SOME DISTANCE AWAY, CAPT. QUIRK HAS STUMBLER ACROSS A SLIGHT SO HORRIBLE I CAN BARELY BRING MYSELF TO REVEAL IT.

FOR HERE, IN THIS SEEMINGLY INNOCENT FOREST CLEARING ARE THE THINGS THAT NIGHTMARES ARE MADE OF...

...HERE, QUIRK HAD DISCOVERED THE BEINGS WHICH WILL THREATEN AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE!!

WE HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED TOO LONG BROTHERS. THE TIME FOR LIBERATION IS NEAR!!

LIBERATION!!!

NEXT EPISODE: THE ATTACK OF THE BUTTOCKS PEOPLE!!!

Onward Uni Soldiers!



The Adelaide University Regiment is now walking tall on campus once again, after years of ostracism. DAVID WALKER poses the question — are they militaristic fools or just people doing something worthwhile?

For a long time, the light had been fading. A dusky silence had descended on all, still and cool and quiet save for the piercing bird-cries. Of all the moments which the Australian bush offers, this is always one of the nicest.

The bush was full of army Reservists. Over a dozen of them, in tough khaki uniforms and bush hats, camouflaged with pieces of scrub and poster paint to dull their faces, "cammed up" as they say. In the flat evening light they were all but invisible, crouched down, still, their black Belgian rifles held low to the ground.

Responding to the commanding officer's hand signals, they crept slowly through the open gully between two areas of forest. For a mere reserve unit they were impressive, mostly wearing purposeful and determined looks as they studied their game of soldiers with their guns full of blanks.

Eventually, as they entered the woodland, machine-gun fire broke the peacefulness and war-game was entered into. To both observer and participants there was little pattern to the bursts of mock gunfire and the sudden crashing sounds in the bush. Officer and section corporals

conferred, and bellowed orders triggered a new burst of activity.

Little could be seen; all was noise and smoke, with the stench of cordite strong in the air.

The Adelaide University Regiment is a reserve unit with a difference. Like all university regiments its purpose is to provide officer training for undergraduates. Of its 356 members well over 50 percent are currently studying at Adelaide university, but there are others from Flinders, the Institute of Technology and the CAEs and a few from civilian life. Most are under 25.

The exercises such as they held in the Yankalilla woods over the summer are a thrice-yearly affair. It is part of the value of AUR to the Army that it allows university students to train during the breaks in the academic year; if they had to serve and train with normal reserve units they might be deterred from military service altogether by the havoc which it would play with their study.

Their Annual Field Exercises at Yankalilla are their big event. Most of the soldiers go down in buses; they take writers down in jeeps. Some things may change,

but Army landrovers stay the same; dented, rattling, covered in a thin layer of dust and a somewhat thinner layer of paint. During field Exercises they are relayed to and from the Yankalilla camp each day. Bouncing along in the back you can smile down on the mere mortals in their Cortinas and Geminis, trendies with their mirror sunglasses and their Bruce Springsteen tapes. You're in the Army now...

When the trendies finally accelerate past, you can turn and watch the sergeants

deck-chairs and 44-gallon drums scattered outside them in the fine dust and white-burnt grass. Everyone is proper and serious, and the talk is of RSMs, GCHQ and communications systems - you and I might call them radios. In a nearby field huge Army 5-tonne trucks are carefully lined up. Generators hum to give the camp electric light and heat for cooking.

It is odd to be surrounded so overwhelmingly by men, with women hidden away for the most part in kitchens and medical stations. Canberra's policy is to restrict women to non-combat roles, meaning that while women are trained to use guns, grenades and other pieces of military

hardware, they would be expected to use them only in the most dire of military emergencies. It's nothing that just about every other army in the world doesn't do.

But when people tell you knowingly that women don't have the bone structure or the muscle mass to throw hand grenades, you have to wonder just a bit. Because the Army, of course, has the option to exclude any man who doesn't measure up to certain physical standards - though since the Army doesn't like to lose people unnecessarily, this rarely happens. One would think, though, that they'd be eager enough to take in any woman who did measure up.

In fact one suspects that for many of the male reservists the regiment acts as something of a private club, a place where they can congregate away from the females and talk man-talk. This they do with unrestrained enthusiasm - "cunts" and "bitches" are discussed and dismissed with gusto. Jane Fonda seems to be everyone's nemesis; they have never forgiven her for the traitorous act of visiting North Vietnam. For the "unliberated", old-fashioned man, the Army must be quite a haven.

For many of the AUR men it goes without saying that the army also imposes a mental discipline which women will be unable to meet. This is more wishful thinking than anything, an inflation of one's own ability achieved through exaggeration of the tasks one is asked to perform.

To be sure, there are tasks involved in army life which not all women would be able to perform. Some men seem to have swelled these tasks to almost Herculean proportions in their own minds.

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It has taken the armed forces more than a decade to climb out of the hole which they dug themselves during the bitter years of Vietnam. Not so long ago AUR members walking through Adelaide Uni in Army greens would have been hissed at. At the height of the Vietnam saga they would have been thrown out of the place in short order.

Those days are ended. "It's OK now," says one AUR member. "No one minds us any more ... except a few of the radicals." Recruitment is said to be up, and one suspects the same could be said of morale. The anti-militarists have retreated, or at least fallen back to regroup. These are the 1980s.

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at sacrificing them for military advantage. Australian officers, it is said, must be more caring. Australians have always rebelled against dictatorial authority. Those who climbed out of their trenches to death at Gallipoli might, given the chance, have disagreed.

You would need to spend a long, long time with them to really understand what goes on in the minds of the AUR people. Despite the chauvinism they're a good bunch of blokes, even the digger with the remnants of a mohawk haircut, the charac-

answers are often mumbled and uncommitted. They know that there is not an enormous difference between scrambling through the undergrowth squeezing the trigger on a gunful of blanks, and doing the same thing with 7.62 millimetre shells in your rifle. They know dimly that in a real war they might all go up in a cloud of thermonuclear dust without ever firing a shot.

They are playing soldiers and preparing to kill, and you must make your own judgments.



Union Council & S.A.U.A. By-Elections

Bread & Circuses Editor(s)

Kate Battersby
and Michael Scott



As all we elite and pampered university students know, bread and circuses are to distract the masses from thinking on serious matters. Then the ruling classes can get on with it. Actually, we've no sympathy with this philosophy and so, sadly, will most likely entirely misinterpret our role as *B&C* editors.

We will accurately announce events at Adelaide and Waite that we hear about every week; and, as we think there's more to social life than "wotson", weekly features will explore matters that reflect students' interests as *people*.

If you can bear to think, you can bear us as editors.

P.S. We also think 100 words is ridiculously short for a representative policy statement.

Andrew England
and David Monk



A *Bread and Circuses* under our editorship will never be straight up and down because we've got the big brush for your bowl. Special features will include a rumours column, a students' top 10 and three cartoon strips, plus all of the features you've grown to love. We are not political hacks (i.e. neither of us has failed a subject and we don't hand around the Student Activities Office. And yes — we've even had experience with other publications).

So remember — like a rang on a

rack, your eyes will roll back, as you read our *B & C*.

Damien Storer



Arts

Q. Why did the chicken cross Frome Road?

A. It considered the banks of the Torrens safer than the zoo.

We live in a sick and perverted world (believe me, I didn't touch the alligator) full of sick and perverted people most of whom find their way into Uni. It is in this oppressive atmosphere that Joe Average, a student, tries to cut a path in life — up four flights of stairs to the bar. Thankfully when he gets there he finds light at the end of the tunnel (not out of G. Mackay's arse as popularly believed), yes he finds *Bread & Circuses*, if not on a table then in the loo. *B & C* has traditionally kept the student masses informed of up and coming few events on campus and club activities. If you want to find out what happened last week get yourself a copy of *On dit*. Under my astute editorship this will not change. Being of an apolitical stance (in other words I think it's all wank) I will not let my bias enter my column unless I'm tired and hungover (only every 2nd day). Furthermore Charles and Di will not appear again, although breasts and other parts of the female anatomy may become a regular feature. (Peek of the Week).

Save the Animals: Feed a Leftie today.

General Member of Council

Graham Edmonds-Wilson



Law 1 Economics v
Chairman, Finance Committee of
Union Council

Undergraduate member of
University Council and
Education Committee

Sports Association Council

The Students' Association is a good idea which only really works well if the students on its council

understand the way the University's administration works, and then use the knowledge to get the best results for students. After a few years on the University Council and its Education Committee I think I have that experience to effectively help out in the Students' Association. Greg Mackay as President is making the Students' Association listened to again in the University; I hope I can help him continue that job.

Rolf Schmidt

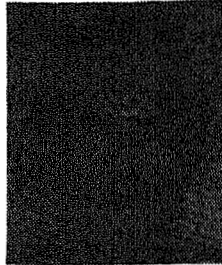


I'm blind, and through the Students' Association I will work to improve facilities for all disabled people, thereby making the University a more attractive place for the disabled (e.g. more ramps for wheelchairs).

I will also work for all students by opposing the re-introduction of tertiary fees, supporting increases in TEAS and education funding, and working for reduced incomes for overpaid tenured academics.

As a St. Mark's College resident, I will work for a better deal for college students, both from the University and in increased government expenditure to help students pay their way through college.

Laurie Williams



If you are as tired as I am of seeing students grossly misrepresented by the SAUA you can do something about it. Vote for a level-headed Council member who will work to destroy the influence of extremists who do NOT even care about finding out what normal University students think.

On Council I will work on affairs of genuine concern to every student.

Phil Crowe



A non-aligned pianist and renowned animal lover, I am opposed to the reintroduction of university fees for llamas, angora goats, antelopes and alligators. Those who survived the '85 O Camp holocaust understand my sensitive views on education, welfare, services, social activities and alcohol poisoning. In all my dealings with the Students' Association, Union Council and other minority groups I

promise to be cruel but fair. No longer will self-interested politicians be able to monopolise the Association's \$81,000 budget for their own benefit. Now more than ever, the association needs a student representative who has enrolled in three faculties.

Shaun Minahan



I am committed to the principles of the ALP Students' Association being introduced into the SAUA. These include ensuring the continuing standard of education, not accepting the re-introduction of tertiary tuition fees, attempts to increase TEAS funding, to end the continual rise in overseas visa charges and to ensure that the democratic processes of the SAUA are enforced.

I will also take affirmative action in keeping the current SAUA Council to its election platforms, i.e. making the SAUA work for students, all students.

Vote Labor,
Vote 1 Shaun Minahan.

Education Standing Committee



D.V. Darzins

Law/Economics 5th year

The two major issues facing the E.S.C. in the next few months are the proposal by the Federal Government to reintroduce Tertiary Fees and the question of overseas student visa charges.

The E.S.C. has a budget of some \$5000, but being a new committee needs support from the Council. As a Councillor and one of the drafters of the new Constitution I will be able to deal with any teething problems the new Constitution has.

I feel I will be able to provide some continuity between the work done by the Executive so far and that which will be done by the E.S.C.



Caroline Kort

Economics 2nd year

The E.S.C. is a new committee

established to organise, promote and work towards improving services provided for students. It also should work on education issues specifically relating to students such as Education, Funding, Student Financing, Curricula and Assessment.

As this is my second year at Uni (in Economics) I feel I understand how the Uni works. I am interested in and concerned with these issues and ask for your support.

Andrew Brown



Union Councillor
SAUA Councillor
Union Executive
President Science Assoc. '83, '84
Secretary Book Exchange '85
Secretary ALP Students' Assoc. '85

I hate committees solely consisting of reactionary Liberals. Put the students' voice on this committee. Vote 1 A. Brown, Vote 1 Labor.



Christopher M. Pyne

Due to my interest in student politics and the need to promote discussion and activity in education matters, particularly concerning introduction of fees to attend tertiary education I feel it my duty to stand for election and do everything possible to forestall the introduction of fees and indeed to end any movements by the Federal Government to introduce fees. I also feel that as a first year I should become as involved as possible in the administration of the student association.

Activities Standing Committee

Eleanor Catcheside



Student activities need to cater for the varied tastes of uni students. The new Activities Standing Committee hopes to do this by:

1. organising social activities for students, e.g. O' Week, free barbecues.
2. promoting awareness and discussion of issues which affect students (we should all be able to have a say in the activities we want organised).
3. inviting speakers onto campus to talk to students on issues of interest.

Having experienced university activities and helped in the running of bar nights, the End of Year show, Prosh and the O-Ball I feel that I've got the enthusiasm and experience needed to be involved in the new Activities Standing Committee.

Voting in the By-Election will take place on

Monday 1st April

Student Activities Office 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Engineering School)
C.A.S.M.) 12.00 noon - 2.15 p.m.
Airport Lounge)

Tuesday 2nd April

Student Activities Office 9.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Law School Foyer)
Medical School) 12.00 noon - 2.15 p.m.
Airport Lounge)

Wednesday 3rd April

Student Activities Office 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

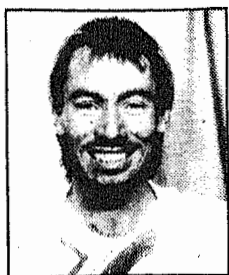
Napier Foyer)
Waite Institute) 12.00 noon - 2.15 p.m.
Airport Lounge)

Thursday 4th April

Student Activities Office 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Airport Lounge 12.00 noon - 2.15 p.m.

MINAHAN, Shaun



Secretary, Overseas Students' Association. Treasurer, ALP Students' Association.

For the past two years, the Union has slowly fallen under the control of a group of Liberal power-mongers. It has seen a huge drop in staff morale and thousands of dollars of unnecessary spending of students' money. This trend must be reversed. Control of students' affairs and finances must ultimately rest with students, not a top-heavy management and bureaucratic, Liberal dominated Council, who have recently attempted, twice, to hand over our Accountant to the University. It's like putting a mouse in charge of the cheese.

I, like fellow ALPSA candidates, support participatory democracy and student involvement in decision-making, not back-room bargaining by management.

I will also push for Union Councillors to attend the majority of Council meetings, as representatives who are elected must be there to serve student needs, not merely run up a large curriculum vitae to show their future employers.

Don't vote for the Liberal students with their loyalties elsewhere. Vote ALP students. Vote 1 Shaun Minahan.

FLAHERTY, Chris



The annual fee is here to stay, so the most important thing students want Union Council to do:

1) Ensure that if we students have to pay Union Fees, that such a Fee is "REASONABLE", and that we students get value for money out of Union facilities.

2) If elected to Union Council I shall work to assist in keeping student services as efficient, amenable and as cheap as possible.

Well, that's my policy. By the way, did you know that the word "policy" can mean "political wisdom"? Gee are there some gullible people in the world (did I say that!). Basically I am running for Union Council because I bloody well want to be on it. I suppose I could sit here and "CRAP ON" about nothing, and crack lots

of trendy in-jokes, but I am not going to. I am just going to ask you to vote for me. FUCK! Without knowing it I have written a policy statement. I think it is a very nice one, actually.

Now with every great policy statement there should be at least one cliché.

SO VOTE 1 CHRIS WHAT'S-HIS-NAME!

MAY, Lorraine



We need real democracy. We need faithful representation of student ideas and problems. In short we need true, non-sectarian caring for student needs.

As an average middle-class mature-age second year art student I feel compelled to nominate for the Student Union Council after reading the last "On Dit" (refer page 2).

Whatever the pros and cons of the Constitution voted for by a Referendum of students last year, I feel that it should have been given a chance to function. Greg Mackay, SAUA President, admits that it was "cynical" to arrange another election at such apparent short notice - with another Constitution that effectively reduced potential student council representation from 29 to 13. My question is, is this truly democratic? Is it not like passing a bill to outlaw charging students tertiary education fees (positive) and then at the last minute rewriting the Bill so that in fact students do pay fees? (negative).

Inexperienced politically, nevertheless I would make myself available by 'phone at home plus each Friday in the Wills Refectory between 1-2 pm. for any student to approach me with an idea or problem. This is my ideal of student representation - caring, answerable participation.

RICE, Andrew



Honours History.

A.U. Liberal Club. A.U. Regiment.

To many, the Adelaide

University Union is a large and unwieldy organisation that seems divorced from the everyday needs and desires of students. Although the Union may give this impression, two things must be considered:

- (1) It's all we've got. (2) But with proper student representation it would lose its stuffy image.

If I was elected to the Union Council I would ensure that students were represented and that the Union was properly run. I am a responsible person and would not be blinded by political position or influence. So in the immortal words of many a politician - HOW 'BOUT A VOTE.

CLEMENTI, Devin



3rd Year Science Student.

1985 Orientation Ball Co-Director.

Union employee.

ALPSA Committee Member.

1984 On Dit Rock Editor.

On Dit Advertising Manager.

Stage Manager: End of Year Show: "Icehouse".

Having worked in the Union for the past eighteen months, I feel that I have the experience required for responsible participation in the administration of the Union. The Union provides many essential services for students which need to be maintained and upgraded. It is imperative that the Union's first priority be its members and their needs rather than some extreme political ideology.

Vote for people who will represent you.

HARFORD, Chris



4th Year Law Student.

A.U. Athletics Club Captain. Footlights Committee.

If there is a reason why you should vote for me rather than the other candidates it is pure sympathy. In just over 3 years at University I have run for Council 3 times, for Students' Association President once and for Law School Society President twice. And I've never been elected! My time is running out - please elect me. I promise I'll try to do a good job. You don't know what it's

like to lose time after time, to accept the advice of others to "give it a go" just to be kicked in the face on voting day. For the sake of my self-respect and so I can once again walk around Uni with my head held high - please vote for me. I don't care who you are or what you look like. Just because you may be fat and ugly with terminal acne doesn't mean I don't want your vote. I admit it - I'm desperate. I want a seat on Council and I'm willing to grovel to get one.

SCHULZ, Lucy



1983/84 Education Action Committee.

1984/85 Women's Officer.

1983/84/85 Student Radio.

SAUA Representative Sexual Harassment Committee. CSA Councillor.

As students we are all being affected by the Union's dwindling services. The Child Care Centre is under threat. The Union Card this year is a total fuck-up with hundreds of students, including most post-grads, still waiting for their cards. Union staff are continually being harassed by unsympathetic Union Councillors and Managers. Managers have increasingly gained control over the Union's decision-making, while the Councillors elected to protect your interests sit back and let the management run wild.

I have been actively involved with student issues for the past two years, and have gained many skills from this experience. I will bring these skills and enthusiasm for representing students to Union Council, where I will continue fighting for students' rights.

Let's stop the boys from playing petty power politics with our Union (and our Union Fees). Halt the creeping management control.

For stronger welfare services, a better deal for women, and student control of student affairs.

Vote [] Lucy Schulz.

WILLIAMS, Laurie



Electrical Engineering.

3rd Year Rep.

Member: A.U. Liberal Club. A.U. Gliding Club. A.U. Engineering Society.

Many Union facilities currently run at a considerable loss. Students pay for this loss through excessive Union Fees. Only effective Union Council and management can make these facilities profitable and keep fees down to a sensible level by simply making much better use of all services of the Union.

Currently every student of this University must join the Union. This provides bureaucratic management with an open invitation to waste money. Voluntary membership would force the Union to be profitable in its own right and give all students much better value for money. The Union I want to see will offer students so much that they will join simply because they want to.

On Council I will work to this end for all students, including those who just want a degree.

SAUA Ballot paper

Bread & Circuses Editor(s)

- 1 Battersby/Scott
2 England/Monk
3 Storer

Education/Services Standing Committee

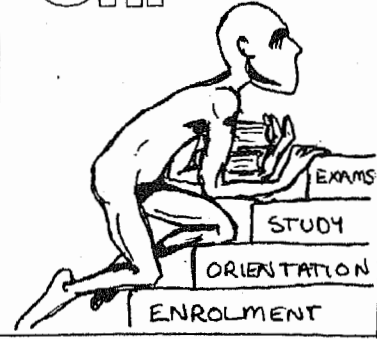
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2 Kort
3 Brown
4 Pyne

General Member of Council

- 1 Edmonds-Wilson
2 Schmidt
3 Williams
4 Crowe
5 Minahan

Staying one step ahead of the landslide

Surviving Uni



Norm Greet

THE UNION BOOKSHOP has a number of well planned, constructive, practical books on who to study efficiently and be a successful student.

Recently Vic Beasley, a student counsellor at Flinders, wrote a very comprehensive book about the subject called *Eureka! or How to be a Successful Student*. It covers such topics as "learning to learn"; coping with lectures and tutorials; use of the library; effective reading; writing essays or lab reports; use of footnotes; logical argument and self-discipline. If you are a mature age student who has been out of study for a while or if you are a continuing student who wants to sharpen up or check up on your own study techniques then I recommend it to you.

I'm always rather wary of students coming to me asking for methods to improve their study techniques. Most of the books I've read seem to be crammed full of

good advice which makes excellent sense. If you consider that the average university student has been at school for 13 or 14 years and has achieved the status of a tertiary student, then you might also draw the conclusion that they already know how to study effectively and that it would be arrogant of me to suggest ways of improving their methods. They are obviously intelligent and they obviously already know what study habits suit them best and under what conditions they study poorly. Of course I can go through a check list to see if they have overlooked or are ignoring a particular recommended style, but generally speaking the reason for poor study habits lies elsewhere other than in technique.

For what it's worth I'll give you a check list, and later I'll have more to say about idiosyncratic problems which affect study.

1. Be aware and recognise that tertiary study is independent study. Directions are given but the task is yours. Staff are not there to pressure you to achieve the standards they set: you must do this yourself.
2. Self organization is of primary importance. Timetable lectures, tutorials and study periods.
3. Make up your mind to give these periods priority and no matter how interesting the conversation or exciting the company ensure that you get to everything timetabled.
4. You may not have time to rewrite lecture notes but you should make time, preferably the same day, to go over lecture notes, underlining the significant points, making the writing legible for future revisions and noting and

listing areas that need further clarification from private reading or tutor or lecture discussion. As this is done, cross them off the list - it will give you a guide to how much you still don't understand or a sense of achievement.

5. Being successfully organized reduces pressure and stops the guilt and anxiety of falling behind. There are pressures and stresses enough without adding to them.

6. Be aware of your concentration span and experiment with it to find its optimal level, but bear in mind also that the span varies with mood.

7. Find the best place and time for studying. This includes sufficient comfort and lighting, and as much freedom from distractions as possible. Some people like the stimulation of others studying, while other students find this too noisy and even depressing. Some students study best before meals, after meals, in the morning, late at night, after lectures, after sport and so on. You already know when you study best, or you can work it out.

8. Take short breaks between study periods. Efficiency will vary with length of study periods, usually peaking after warming up and slowing down at the end of a period. Breaks stop mental fatigue and often increased anxiety and gloom.

9. Plan each week as it comes. Know that you are going to study and when, e.g. Monday 11 am - read for history essay; Wednesday 2 pm - write first draft history essay; Friday 8 pm - write out in full and edit history essay; Saturday 3 pm - bibliography for history essay.

10. You still need, despite all this organisation, to be flexible enough to change. When additions occur or something takes longer or an interfering commitment comes up, replan - don't neglect.

11. Some students can write out a lab report or do an essay as a whole. They start in the morning and read the references, draft it in the afternoon and write it out at night. Other students begin to despise the assignment if it takes all their time and they prefer to schedule several separate attacks on it. You will know best what works for you.

12. Organise your note taking and develop your own set of abbreviations and shorthand. Number and date your pages for easy refer-

15. Where you can, summarize the content of a lecture or the reading you have done. If it's your book don't hesitate to underline or make margin notes.

16. Analyse your lecturer's style. Watch for word signals. "There are three objections..." "In conclusion..." Emphasis and tone can tell you what the lecturers feel is significant.

17. Check up on yourself. What was that chapter all about? This is called the SQ 3R method.

Survey Take a minute or two to survey the assignment as a whole. Look for summaries.

Question Change the chapter heading and section of the topic into questions. e.g. "What is a neuron, what does it do, what are its component parts and how do they interact?". "Is there anything else I need to know?"

Read Read to answer your own questions.

Recite Check up on yourself. What do I know now? What's stuck and what's lost?

Review Briefly skim through again noting the main sections or underlining, or if you have the time, make a card index of the main points for later study and further review.

18. Finally, although it's easier to say than to do sometimes, don't procrastinate. If you have to do something get on and start it. Starting's the hard part because till then all the problems and difficulties you are going to experience can be avoided.

There are study skills tutors attached to the Counselling Service, and counsellors can also help you discuss problems with study habits, essay writing, and more specific problems such as dyslexia.



BUT WILL HE STUDY IF HE'S NOT SCARED TO DEATH?

ence. Have a separate book or pad for each subject. Make sure they are protected.

13. Choose the method you require for specific reading: slow and steady if the content has to be noted and retained; fast if you are searching for information or scanning for key words.

14. Try to be in front of the lecturer. Having read something of the subject beforehand gives you the advantage, aids concentration and increases confidence.

BABY DOLL

Panel 1: I WAS IN THE BATH WHEN THE PHONE RANG. ISN'T THAT HOW LIFE IS?

Panel 2: EDDIE AMERICA. ALSO KNOWN AS MR. BIG. THERE'S ALWAYS ONE, ISN'T THERE?

Panel 3: EDDIE GREETED US AT HIS NIGHT CLUB, 'THE FAT YANK.'

Panel 4: I GOT RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS AND ASKED WHAT HE KNEW OF HUGH MANLY.

Panel 5: HE WAS...INVOLVED... WITH SALLY ACTION...

Panel 6: SHE DIDN'T LOVE HIM THOUGH! I LOVE HER! WELL, OKAY, SO SHE MIGHT HAVE LOVED HIM! BUT SHE SHOULDN'T. I'M A NICER GUY. I'M ALL HUGGABLE!

Panel 7: DON'T YOU THINK? I HAD TO AGREE.

Panel 8: LATER, I TOLD NUMBER TWO THAT I'D EAT ALL OF MY VEGGIES THAT NIGHT IF EDDIE WAS GUILTY.

Panel 9: OF COURSE HE IS B.D.! HE HAS ALL THE MOTIVES, AND THE MEANS TO HAVE DONE IT!

Panel 10: PSSST. BABY DOLL? I GOT SOME INFO.

Panel 11: HUGH MANLY. I SEEN EDDIE AMERICA DO IT, WITH HIS BIG BARE HANDS. KILLED HIM!

Panel 12: AND THE CARROTS...!

Panel 13: NONSENSE. TOO EASY.

Panel 14: I MADE A MENTAL NOTE TO START A DIET.

Panel 15: TO BE CONTINUED...

LIMELIGHT

A fitting monument to crazed brutality

The Killing Fields missed out on the best picture Oscar last week, but it remains as good a movie as you'll see all year, says PAUL T. WASHINGTON.

The tragedy of war-torn Cambodia has long been overshadowed in the movie world by the Vietnam conflict, which caused it.

But *The Killing Fields* is a suitably stark, horrific representation of the grief that a desecrated country and the slaughter of three million peasants can engender. What happened in Cambodia is a stain on humankind for all time, and *The Killing Fields* is a fitting monument to the crazed brutality of that branch of human interactions called war.

The movie is, ostensibly, the story of Sydney Schanberg, a New York Times war correspondent, and Dith Pran, his Cambodian assistant, who, while reporting on the escalating conflict between the U.S.-backed Lon Nol government and the Khmer Rouge, develop a binding friendship. In the wake of the U.S. withdrawal from Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge take Phnom Penh and Schanberg is ordered to return home - alone. Pran joins the forced exodus of Cambodians into the countryside, and is placed in a Khmer Rouge labor camp where only the belief that Schanberg will return sustains him.

The U.S. is depicted in an unsympathetic (some would say realistic) light and winds up wearing the tag of villain, more so than the Khmer Rouge.

This is not a film for the faint-hearted, as it contains occasional vivid scenes of dismembered limbs, decomposing corpses and wounded children. And the brutal mindlessness of the Khmer Rouge is just plain unnerving. Unfortunately the explicit violence dominates the film at times, to the exclusion of the human events. Don't be put off though, as this is only a minor grievance in what emerges as a great piece of celluloid.

Scenes of rolling, verdant countryside topped by blue, tropical skies stretching away as far as the eye can see, and some superb photography capturing both the sorrow and the beauty of Cambodia, make for a splendid setting.

The acting is strong throughout, with Haing Ngor (Dith Pran) leading the field in his silver-screen debut. It isn't difficult to appreciate why he won an Oscar last week as Best Supporting Actor, or why the British film industry voted him Best Actor of the Year - but in his own words, he "spent four years in the Khmer Rouge school of acting". Sam Waterston (*Capricorn One*, *The Great Gatsby*) plays Schanberg, and does well despite taking the image of the hard-nosed journalist to an extreme with the result that he appears slightly unemotive at times.

John Malkovich, also making his film debut, provides some comic relief as the cynical photographer Al Rockoff. With lines like "Aid is opium" he makes his way through the film without having much effect upon it. And (surprise! surprise!) Graham Kennedy adds a nice touch as Oscar, the Australian freighter captain.

For those of you whose appetites are not

satiated by the film, the book of *The Killing Fields* is worth reading. Christopher Hudson's novel has the depth that the film lacks, and also explains some of the vaguer scenes. The political intricacy which the movie only touches upon comes across more strongly in the book, with Nixon claiming that "Cambodia is everything the Nixon doctrine represents", and President Ford and Kissinger trying to wipe their hands of it and preaching that "America looks after its own." But for both viewer and reader *The Killing Fields* is a real story relating the tragedy of a massacre of defenceless peasants.

Although a world apart from *Chariots of Fire* and *Local Hero*, David Puttnam's latest offering is well worth seeing. *The Killing Fields* does not have the bloodlust of



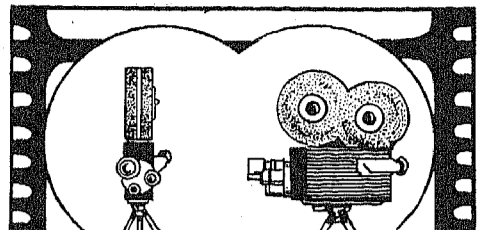
Apocalypse Now or the soap opera element of *The Deerhunter* but stands simply on the strength of the story. It shows that in international affairs there is sometimes justice, and there is the justice that a big brother nation like the U.S. can dispense.

Finally, for those who enjoy a happy ending

and are willing to wait for it (the film is over two hours long), Schanberg and Pran are reunited in Thailand after four years of anguish. The reunion takes place to the strains of John Lennon's *Imagine* felicitously suggesting that peace might not be such a bad idea after all. Just imagine.



Aided by interpreter Dith Pran (played by Oscar winner Haing S. Ngor) reporter Sydney Schanberg (Sam Waterston) interviews victims of U.S. bombing.



SCREEN

Dino DiRosa

A Soldier's Story: 1944. A black drillmaster is murdered, a black lawyer investigates. Tense combination of melodrama and psychodrama, with powerful perception that in a racist society the tendency toward self-hatred is part of being black. (Hoyts).

The Killing Fields: It's written like a docu-drama, but it may sometimes seem like a loaded love story - between a journalist and a Cambodian during the time of the Khmer Rouge's genocidal revolution in 1979. You can't fault the backdrop though. (Hindley).

Amadeus: Not really a play on the difference between Mozart and Salieri, but about the difference between Milos Forman and Peter Schaffer and Art. (Hoyts).



The Gods Must Be Crazy: Modern slapstick satire, sends up modern society but not modern people by colliding our age's life with that of a Kalahari bushman. (Classic).

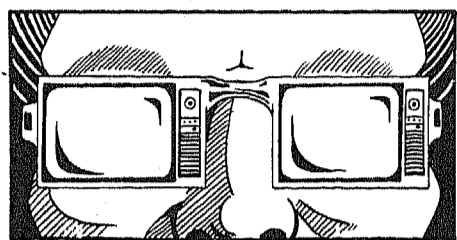
Places in the Heart: Sally Field epitomizes those places in writer-director Robert Benton's heart: she's from the past, part myth,

part cliché - a little monument. Dreadfully decent (Hoyts).

Gremlins: Spielberg-produced saga of cute things which ravage mid-American town. Looks horribly like Disney - except Disney wouldn't have had people killing the things with microwave ovens... (Hindley).

FILM CLUB

Citizen Kane: Orson Welles' shallow masterpiece - often cited as the greatest movie ever made - is as fresh today as the day it opened. It may be more fun than any other great movie. (Little Cinema, Tuesday, 7.30 pm).



THE BOX

Richard Wilson

MONDAY 1 APRIL

Bleah! And that's no joke. The only departure from the normal Monday night meanderings is that Channel 10 has removed *A-Team* (one of the biggest jokes on TV), and replaced it with a concert by Billy Joel (one of the biggest fools in the music industry). Recorded at the Nassau country coliseum in New York, it features 60 minutes of live music from the Piano Man himself. Songs include *Allentown*, *Bit Shot*, *It's Still Rock and Roll To Me*, and *My Life*. I know Brenton Seager will be watching it. But does anyone else like Billy Joel?

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Tune to the best comedy on television - *The Bill Cosby Show* (Channel 9, 8 pm). Bill Cosby has an incredible ability to make people giggle and laugh. This 30-minute sitcom is filled with hilarious gags and predica-

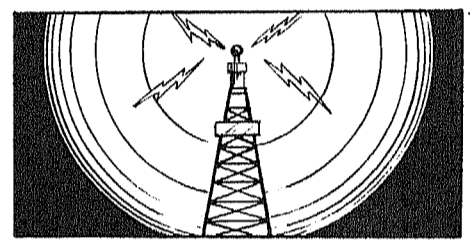
ments. Bill Cosby is an obstetrician who lives with his wife and four children above his offices in New York. It's genuinely funny, and undoubtedly the highlight of the week.

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

This week will go down in history as one of the most abysmal seven days of viewing ever. It is bad. As an example, Friday night's



movies are *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* (Channel 10, 8.30 pm), and *Mountain Family Robinson* (Channel 9, 7.30 pm). The former is a fictional account of the life of the founder of the Roman Catholic Order of Franciscans. The latter is a nice family show about a family who build their mountain home deep in the wilderness, and must battle the government to keep it.



AIRWAVES

MONDAY 1 APRIL

Background Briefing - Atomic Language (5CL, 9.45 pm) explores the language of the arms race from its beginnings 40 years ago.

The superpower rivalry has created new names and preferred grammar - "nuke-speak".

Science Fiction plays: The Fall (ABC FM, 9 pm) by Nicholas Parsons centres on the tensions between a group of battle-scarred space-station veterans, none of whom have furry, bear like appearances or pointed ears - or at least they don't sound like they do....

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Science fiction plays: Transmitters (ABC FM, 8.20 pm) by Damien Broderick, is a story of a world where people never communicate face-to-face.

The Blue Stocking Hour (5UV Student Radio, 10 pm) with Lucy Schulz and Mara Predkalno, presenting interviews and information about various women's groups on campus.

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Science Journal (5UV, 9 am) is the University's national science program.

Wagner's Parsifal (ABC FM, 6.30 pm) from the 1984 Bayreuth Festival programme, with Peter Hofman (tenor) as Parsifal and Simon Estes (baritone) as Amfortas.

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Encounter: Judas - The Case for the Defence (5AN, 7.30 am) is a BBC production asking whether the traditional view of Judas as an unprincipled traitor is correct - although it may seem rather late to be re-opening the case.

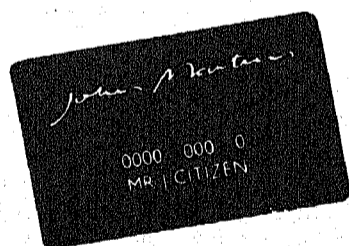
John Hinde: Cult Movies and Block Busters (5CL, 1.40 pm). John Hinde examines a selection of modern-day cult movies, including *2001*, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Blues Brothers*, *Mad Max* and *Amadeus*.

Hancock Remembered (5CL, 12 pm) presented by Richard Briers, traces the career of one of Britain's greatest comedians.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

University Concert (5UV, 10 am) presents Louise Caldicott, Wong Weng Han, Rebecca Meegan, Stephen Walter and Andra Darzins with works by Hummel, Fauré, Ravel, Martinu and Bartok.

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John Martin's

The Boss makes his mark

Bruce Springsteen won't be coming to Adelaide, because we don't have a suitable venue — but just to let you know what you're missing out on, PAUL KLARIC sent this report from Sydney.

Bruce Springsteen's first Australian concert was destined to be extraordinary before it even began. The crowd milling about the Sydney Entertainment Centre was visibly excited - the booths selling Springsteen T-Shirts, Windcheaters, and other assorted memorabilia were attempting to cope with banks of people ten-deep, as money was handed over at a pace which can only be described as blistering.

The anticipation was to be expected. Promoters had been trying to lure "The Boss" for over a decade, and the concert that up until recently had always been just a rumour was only a few minutes from becoming a reality. Indeed, the six concerts planned for Sydney were sold out in a matter of hours, a fact which, while not surprising fans or promoters, apparently surprised Mr. Springsteen, whose reluctance to tour all this time was based on a fear that he wouldn't be popular in Australia.

The sight of a capacity-packed Entertainment Centre would have allayed his fears, while making any visitor from Adelaide wonder just why such a simple thing as a place which seats 12,000 isn't a viable concern in our city. The mandatory warm-up act was a string quartet, perhaps a fitting alternative to a rock band, as the prospect of playing support to Bruce Springsteen would have been as poorly received by the audience as it would have been daunting to the band given the task.

The concert was set down for a 7.30 start, and at 8.00 a message was broadcast that the show would be beginning in 5 minutes. Screams and applause followed. Another 30 minutes passed, with slow hand-clapping, and choruses of "Bruce! Bruce! Bruce!". Finally the lights dimmed, the crowd worked themselves into a further frenzy, and "The Boss" appeared at the front of the stage.

The first 90-minute half began with the title song from his *Born in the USA* album, followed a succession of songs from his earlier recordings.

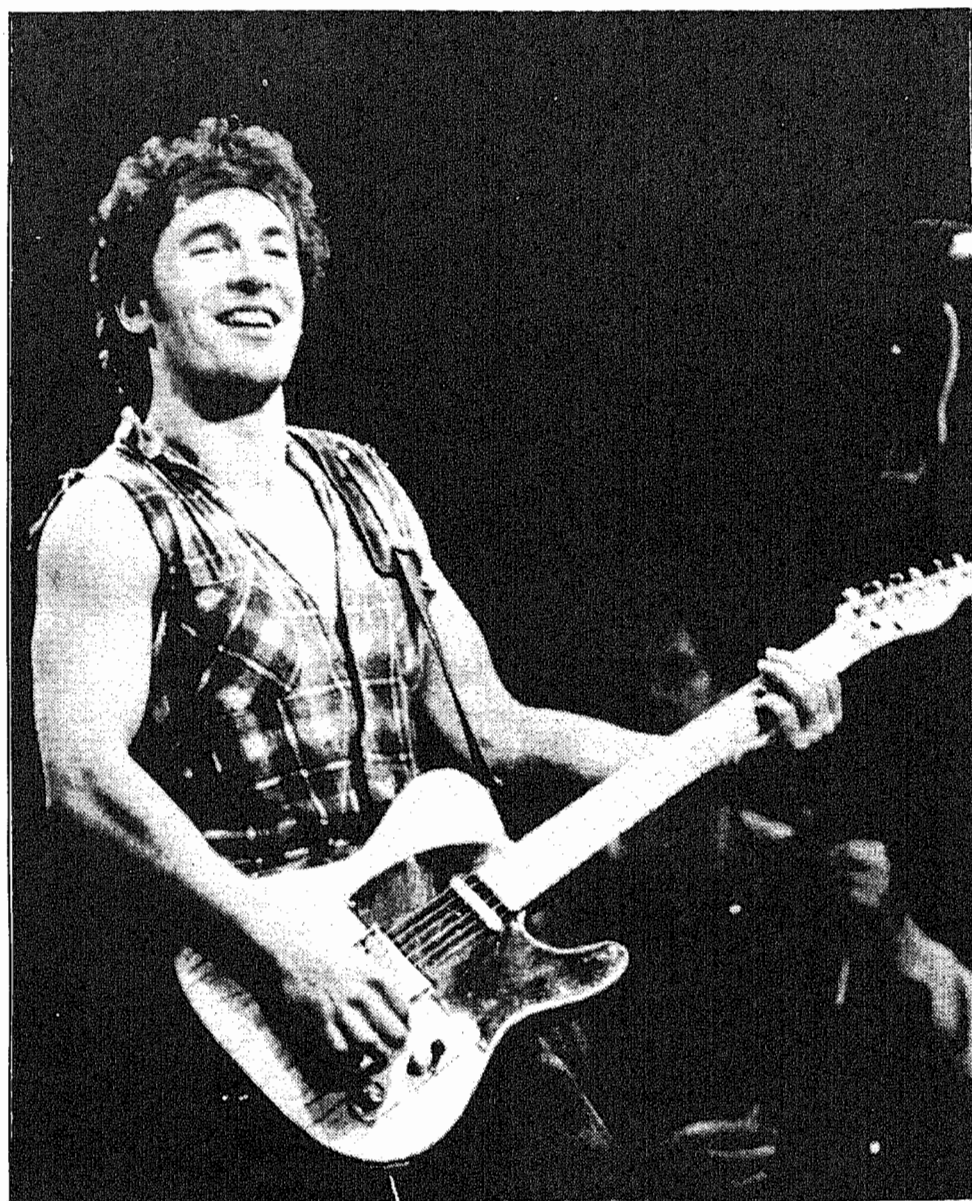
This was all done without any commentary, and it seemed that Springsteen was more one for singing rather than talking. However, eventually he got down to introducing himself, the band, and if requiring explanation, the song he was about to sing. In fact, as the concert progressed, the stories he told about the various songs were antici-

pated by the audience even more than the music. After all, everyone had heard the songs before, but it is seldom that Springsteen, who rarely gives interviews, is able to be heard by people in some sort of conversation.

The audience would sit, in silence, intently listening to what he said, and remaining silent during the ensuing ballad. Then he would launch into a number like *Cadillac Ranch*, and immediately the crowd would be on its feet. It has always been said that Springsteen in concert is a totally different affair from his recorded efforts, and his ability to control his audience is anchored more on theatrical skill than simply knowing how to play a guitar and sing.

The second half began with Springsteen's most popular single of late, *Dancing in the Dark*, during which he chose a girl from the audience to dance with him on stage, as in his video-clip of the same song. The next few songs were probably the highlight of the show: *Hungry Heart*, *Thunder Road* and the Springsteen anthem *Born to Run*, played in succession. Even Springsteen and the members of the E-Street band seemed surprised with the reaction they received from the Sydney crowd. "This is just as good as New Jersey" he yelled. "If we'd known it was gonna be this much fun we would have come over a whole lot sooner." He tried to say something else, but by this point he could not be heard over the noise of the crowd.

To summarize the three hour performance would require countless superlatives which on paper may seem trite and clichéd. Springsteen gave the audience an exciting, vibrant performance of basic rock 'n roll, one that every fan enjoyed, and which all questioned in a Sydney newspaper survey said was indeed value for money. Perhaps the only negative point which some people expressed was that he didn't sing *The River*, one of his most popular songs, or *Rosalita*, the punchy number from his *E-Street Shuffle* album. There was also a similar comment that he played too much of his latest album, and too little of his earlier material. Indeed, from memory, every song was played from his *Born in the USA* LP, but in concert lasting three hours, one really has little room for complaint. Except if one is in Adelaide...



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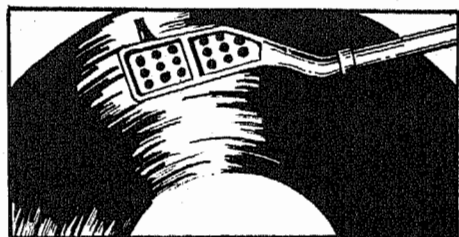
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DISCS

Over the last few years it's become musically sacrilegious it seems, to even think about releasing a single without putting out at least three versions of the song simultaneously. The trend toward the issue of numerous "dance mixes", "extended mixes", "American mixes", "Serbo-Croatian folk-dance limited import editions", etc. continues unabated.

Now some of us might think that the only reason for these products is to rip off the glib punter who thinks they're getting value for money by paying seven bucks for a bigger bit of vinyl than your average 45 rpm. Nonetheless, mixing on metaphors and bowing to the tide, here are some of the latest 12" releases.

ROUND AND ROUND
Spandau Ballet

Ever since the boys found their musical and commercial niche with the *True* album, one *Spandau* song has begun to sound pretty much like any other.

In fact of all the singles released from *Parade* this sounds most like a *True* outtake, leaning heavily on the smooth and silky keyboards/sax combination so prevalent on that album. It's undeniably pleasant, although the 12" mix adds nothing (other than length) to the 7" version. The flip-side does feature live versions of *Gold* and *True*, good up-tempo offerings marred only by Tony Hadley's abysmally flat singing in the latter. Hope he was better at Mem. Drive...

WHICH WAY IS UP
Don Miller Robinson

Embarrassingly amateurish vocals, predictable chord changes, pseudo-funk backing - yep, this is the guy who gave us *Who Kissed the Usherette* last year. DMR, currently playing guitar with *Dragon*, strikes me as a competent session player/producer with pretensions above his station. This mix features the unusual backward drums, sparse guitar bridges, blah, blah, blah. Trouble is, someone forgot to write the song hiding underneath the production. By the way, guess what turns up on t'other side? Perhaps he thought the public might have forgotten his "hit" song already...

TONIGHT
David Bowie

For a performer hailed by so many as rock's greatest original talent, Bowie certainly does release a lot of trash amidst all his musical years. This is a nothing song given a pleasant calypso-type production and dragged out to the point of tedium, as well as being accorded a rather unnecessary dub-mix on the B-side. The other track is a dance mix of *Tumble and Twirl*, which does at least have life breathed into it by some driving bass-work. Not much DB magic on show on this record, though.

MAGIC (WHAT SHE DO)
DD Smash

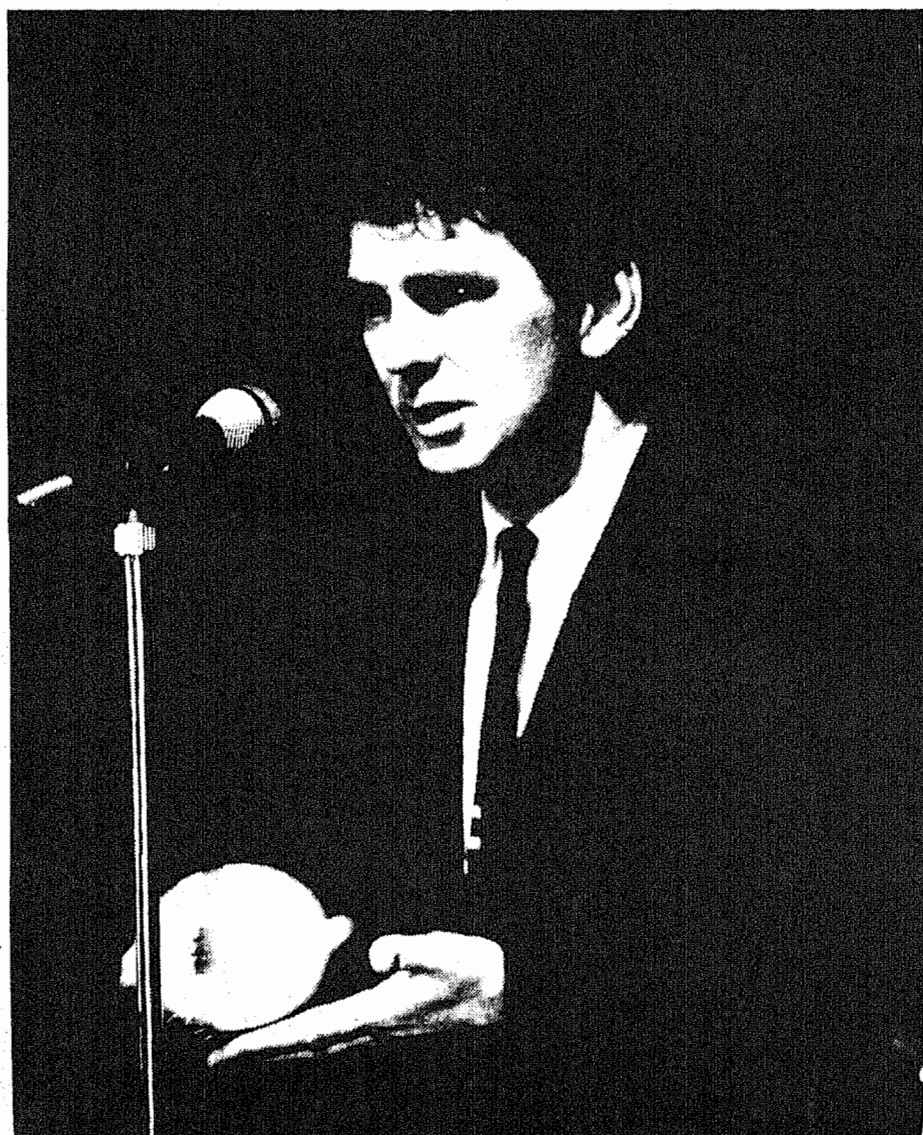
As the excellent single *Whaling* testified, this New Zealander outfit has no little talent, principally in the form of singer/songwriter/guitarist Dave Dobbyn. Although neither *Magic* nor its flipside *Tobacco Indian* hit the heights they're interesting and musically varied songs which fully justify their extended treatment. The main song particularly, with its strong refrain (only marginally spoiled by unnecessary female backing vocals), is fresh and appealing - even if it's basic riff isn't. Give it a listen, at least.

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One of the great composers - currently decomposing - would have objected to it immensely. A hint - he was 300 years old just over a week ago. At least he would have been if he were still with us. Another hint - he had twenty children.

It is generally not known that J.S. was the J.C. of improvisation during his lifetime. He almost never played any of his cantatas, or fugues or "two parts" - over 600 items in all - the same way twice. He improvised them. He wrote down the dots only so that his droves of students might learn and understand his work.

Bach didn't write for financial reasons; he was not a 'big name' composer during his lifetime. The fame (minus the fortune) has come since.

It is not really surprising to learn that he improvised his music. His piano pieces particularly; (The French Suites for example) sound like a collection of notated improvisations; with the thematic material stated at the outset, and then explored by that characteristic running quaver or semiquaver line; weaving and turning, probing and turning again.

There is humour in these lines, and wit, and

hidden surprises. No wonder Bach is a favourite with jazz musicians.

A sin for instrumentalists, especially in public performance, is the dreaded blunder, the "clanger", the note that wasn't. And everyone takes great delight in picking what is usually obvious anyway.

While society says it's O.K. to make a slip - and recover - on the sports field, in the work place, or even in speech, musicians are not allowed to do it.

That is how we see it, but not J.S. Bach, you can feel sure. Let the patrons pout, and nudge and brow-beat; the 'Old Wig' would be interested to hear how the musician was able to resurrect the music's natural flow, and at the same time maintain the character and feel of the piece.

So the next time you see the typically stone-faced, unsmiling, every-inch-the-lutheran Bach in reproductions of paintings, you'll know to take no heed. This guy was a swingin' cat.

So join in a toast to the great man for the occasion of his 300th birthday, but do it in the real style: enjoy a night with a friend, and throw some spicy, lively Charlie Parker on the player. Or better still, whack on some Bach.

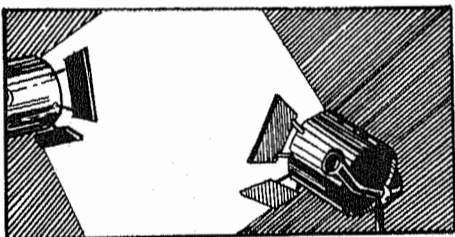
But instead of engaging in it because it is good and proper classical music of the highest technical merit, lie back and 'dig' it.

they do justice to the play and not just play stereotyped gays and Irish people.

Troupe's contribution to Come-out this year is a season of plays written by young South Australians. It could be interesting to see what a professional company will do to the work of young South Australians.

Quite a farce surrounded the attempts of a group of students to get the 1986 Festival of Australian Student Theatre here at Adelaide Uni. Attempts were made in September/October of last year to find a series of venues on campus and next door at the C.A.E. to hold the F.A.S.T. Apparently all such possible venues had already booked everything on the two campuses for a convention. Even though it is against the Union's policy to let people book two years in advance. The way things went the group had to forget about F.A.S.T. in 1986 and it will probably be held in Perth. This year's F.A.S.T. is in Brisbane.

Bruno Knez's *Equus* is still playing at La Mama. As I suspected last week it is getting great reviews.

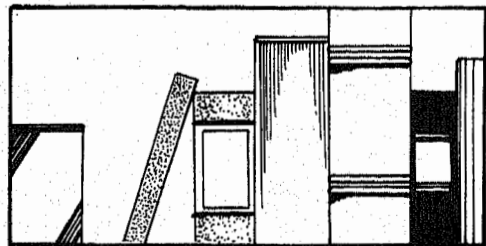


STAGE LIGHTS

Ronan More

High Flyers, from the Australian Dance Theatre, started last Friday. The show is a mixture of the talents of Nigel Triffitt and Jonathon Taylor, two of the most respected people in their fields. The A.D.T. is originally an Adelaide company, one that has been successful throughout the world.

Entertaining Mr. Sloane by Joe Orton starts this week at the Playhouse. Although the production is part of S.T.C.'s calendar it is a visiting company. A good omen? Let's hope



BOOK MARKS

Jaci Wiley

Aspiring writers will be pleased to know that numerous prizes are awarded to both published and unpublished writers.

At the local level, the Faculty of Arts awards the \$50 Bundy Poetry Prize to the best poem or group of poems in English. Entrants must be undergraduates or graduates who commenced their studies not more than six years prior to 31 May 1985. Typed entries are preferred.

Full details of the competition are not yet available but the expected closing date for entries is 31 July 1985. The faculty of Arts is currently preparing the notices for the

Bundy Prize. Further information is available from the Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Arts, University of Adelaide.

At the national level the \$10,000 Australian/Vogel National Literary Award is now receiving entries. The award, the richest in Australia for an unpublished manuscript by a young writer, will be announced in September. The winner will also receive a publishing contract from Allen and Unwin. Full details of the Award are available on the entry form coupon published in the *Weekend Australian* newspaper. Entries close 31 May 1985.

In Victoria, Premier John Cain will offer five literary prizes totalling \$50,000. Two awards, each to the value of \$15,000, to be known as the Vance Palmer Prize and the Nettie Palmer Prize, will be awarded to a work of fiction and non-fiction respectively. The Premier's Award for Drama and the Premier's Award for Australian Studies (each to the value of \$7,500) and the Premier's Award for Poetry (to the value of \$5,000) will also be offered. Guidelines and entry forms are available from the Executive Secretary, Premier's Literary Awards, Ministry for the Arts, 168 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

Triffids: sound and style all their own

THE TRIFFIDS

At the Tivoli Hotel
Reviewed by Tom Morton

Hold tight! Five mean but modest dudes from over West ride into town one weekend, stroll onstage at the Tivoli and blow all the bad guys away. This little town ain't big enough for them and no technovarmints. Hammond organ and guitars and real drums is their line of business and they don't even look like no Elvises from hell. Is it because they hear Jesus Calling?

The *Triffids* are one of the few Australian bands to emerge in recent years who have developed and maintained a sound and style of their own.

As they quite freely admit, their music draws heavily on American country and country rock of the late 60's/early 70's, with a big dash of tough *Doors*-style psychedelia thrown in for good measure.

But even though they wear their influences on their sleeves, their brand of 80's urban country music is unique and (unlike many other things which pretend to be, especially the nauseating Goanna) distinctively Australian. Baby.

Many readers will probably have heard about the ecstatic reviews given to *The Triffids* on their recent extended tour of England. It's pretty difficult to take anything the English music press says very seriously these days, but in this case they hit the bullseye. I haven't seen a live band kick out all the stops like the *Triffids* for a long time.

Singer David McComb snarls, howls and soars his way through the songs with so much passion and raunch you'd think his life depended on it. He has a truly individual voice with a range of expression that only really shows itself in his live singing. From the frenetic, demented *Field of Glass* (the title track on their excellent new EP) through the delicious throwaway remorse of *Beautiful Waste* and all the way to Elvis, David gives it all or bites it back as the song requires.

All the way to Elvis? Yeah, that's right - as part of their encore the band did an unforgettable version of *I Can't Help Falling in Love with You*, with drummer Alsy MacDonald on guitar and guitarist Robert McComb on drums.

Earlier on they had proved that they are the only band in the world who can get away with playing *Sweet Jane*, Lou Reed's most-performed and most mistreated masterpiece.

Other high points of the show were *Hell of a Summer* - a song to make you thirsty if there ever was one - and Jill Birt's performance of *Raining Pleasure*. Jill doesn't have a great voice, but somehow she manages to make this almost eerily beautiful song sound as convincing as David McComb's full-on thunderings. I still can't help having my reservations about *Jesus Calling*, but it's such a great tune you can hardly feel too guilty if you find yourself singing along.

Seeing the *Triffids* live makes one realize that the criticism some people have levelled at the new EP - namely that it's an attempt to cash in on the *Birthday Party/Moodists* dirgeobilly market - is wide off the mark.

Despite the variety of influences they've

Those readers concerned to find a safe place in the event of a nuclear war will be pleased to know that space technology has come of age. Publisher Franklin Watts's *Build Your Own* series now includes *Space Station*. The book seems designed to appeal to those of differing ideologies. It is promoted as 'designed for individual or group project work'.

The fashion for bad taste has finally entered the publishing industry ... well, they're acknowledging it now. ANZ Books is advertising a series of *Bad Taste Books*. Described as 'dubious humour' they are suggested gifts for people you like and people you don't like. There are currently 4 titles in the series, including *Toilet Humour*.

Those readers interested in non-sexist literature for children will be pleased to know that Sugar and Snails has published *The Sugar and Snails Guide to Non-Sexist Books for Children*. No doubt it will be helpful in research projects or in the careful gift selection for children of ideologically sound families.

moved through on the way from *Treeless Plain* to *Field of Glass*, the very individual strength and feeling with which they deliver their songs live is unmistakable.

... and it's appreciated

The *Triffids* were "surprisingly well received" in England according to Martin Casey, bassist and vocalist of the band. The *Triffids* played with *The Go-Betweens*, *Echo* and *The Bunny Men* and *The Moodists* whilst on tour.

"We didn't even realise we were playing with *The Go-Between* until someone bought a *New Music Express* and we saw we were in there ... Playing in Scotland with *Echo* and *The Bunny Men* was like playing an F.A. Cup show."

Bands from Australia are getting a good reception in England - "I don't know how much that is just flavour of the month, or the dire lack of any good music in England."

Whilst they were in England *The Triffids* recorded a twelve-inch E.P. at the B.B.C. Studios. It's called *Field of Glass* and was recorded in one afternoon. The record doesn't produce any specific change in direction (musically) for the band. "It turned out quite robust sounding; it was a good cheap way of getting a record done."

After their whirlwind tour of Adelaide the band is heading to Perth for a few weeks and then back to the U.K. The band has gigs lined up in Germany and are to play at a New Music seminar in June. "It's really exciting, everyone is looking forward to going to New York, it's one of those places everyone looks forward to going to."

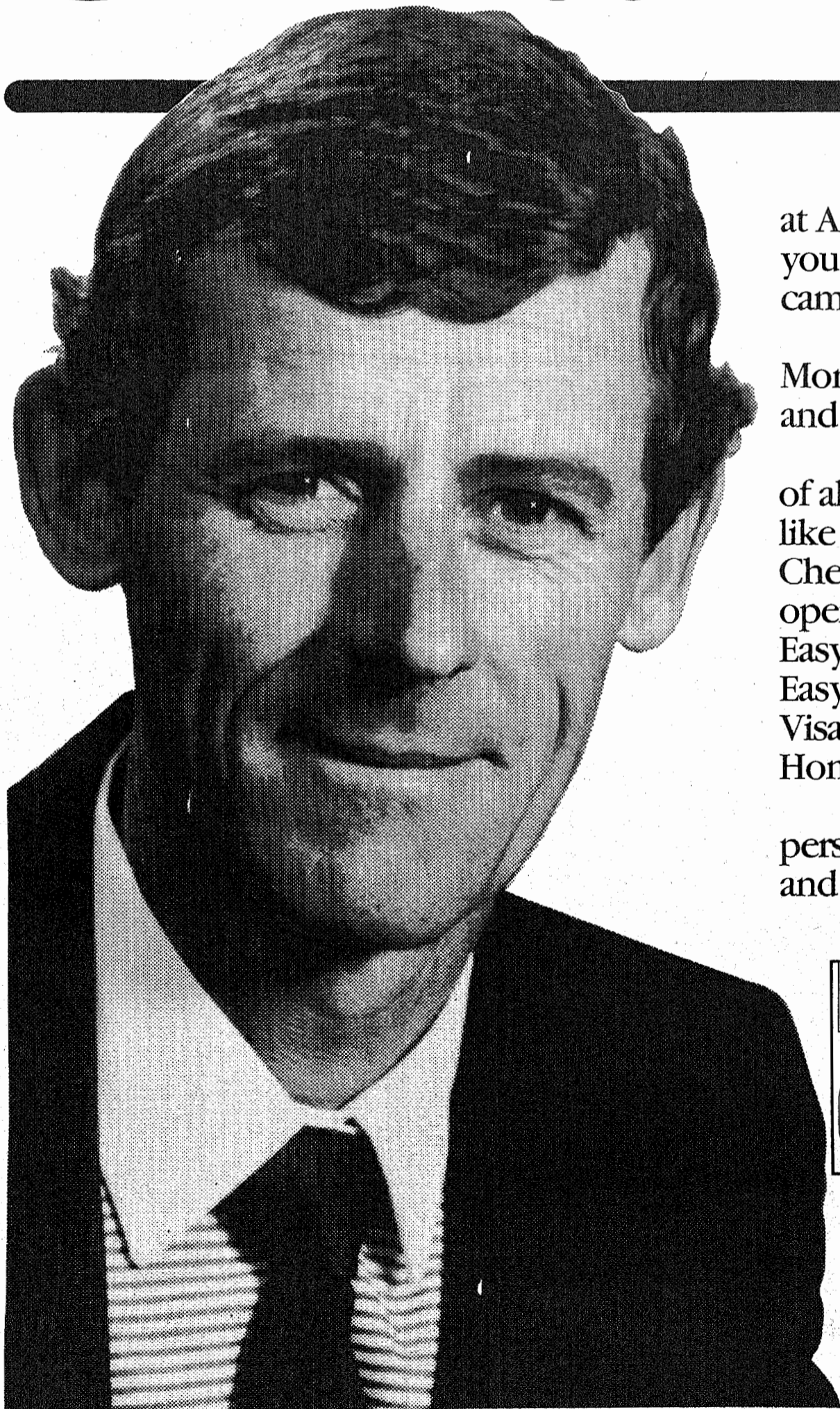
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WEEK'S BESTSELLERS

1. THE AQUITAINE PROGRESSION by Robert Ludlum (Grenada, \$6.95).
2. A MAN CALLED POSSUM by Jones (Irving, \$12.50).
3. ROGET'S THESAURUS (New edition) by Roget (Penguin, \$8.95).
4. THE CONCISE OXFORD DICTIONARY (Oxford University Press, \$19.95).
5. A FORTUNATE LIFE by A.B. Facey (Penguin \$7.95).
6. IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE by T. Peters (Harper and Row, \$12.95).
7. THE MACQUARIE THESAURUS (Weldon, \$34.95).
8. SO LONG AND THANKS FOR ALL THE FISH by Douglas Adams (Pan, \$4.95).
9. THE LITTLE DRUMMER GIRL by John Le Carré (Pan, \$6.95).
10. A PASSAGE TO INDIA by E.M. Forster (Penguin, \$6.95).

State Bank now open on campus

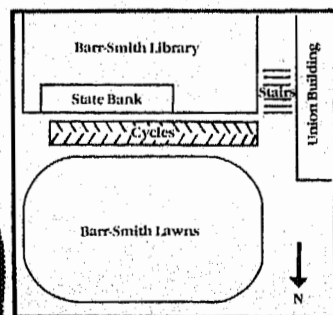


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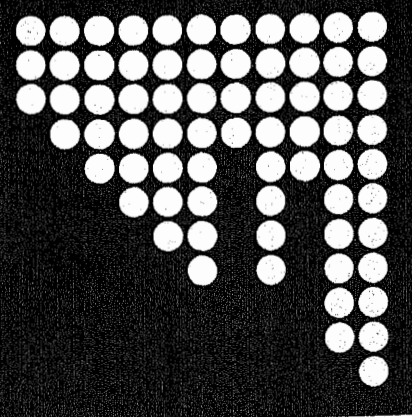
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PETER LODGE
Manager

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Noticeboard

Clubs and Societies

Evangelical Union

Bill Vasilakas will continue his talks based on Joshua. 1.00 p.m. Dining Rooms, Tuesday, 2nd April.

Coffee, Muesli & Toast

Free breakfast for all who feel fit enough to get to the Dining Rooms at 7.30 a.m. Thursday, 4th April. Missionary speaker to follow. (Presented by E.U.)

Japan Society

Wine and Cheese Night. When: Monday, 15th April at 7.30 p.m. Where: South Dining Room.

Whom: All those interested in Japanese culture.

German Club

Meeting and Kaffeeklatsch (coffee & cake) will be held in Meeting Room 1, Union Building on Thursday 4/4/85.

Friends and ideas for activities are very welcome.

Women on Campus

All women are invited to a general and informal discussion on the aims and directions that Women on Campus should take this year. So come along and help by having your say on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Woman's Room, lower ground floor, Lady Symon Building. All women are most welcome!

Catholic Community

Thursday 4th April, 1985, 1.10 pm. The film *Excuse me America* - Dom Helder Camara - Brazilian Archbishop, apostle of non-violence in the Little Cinema. All welcome.

History Club Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April, 1.00 pm History/Politics Common Room 4th Floor Napier Building. All members and prospective members are welcome to come along and see how our club operates and vote for committee members or even nominate yourself. 1st year students are particularly welcome.

Hope to see History students on the day.

Literary Society

Widely published Australian writer Peter Goldsworthy, winner of several literary prizes, will be reading a selection of his works at 1 p.m. Monday, 15th April in the North Dining Room. Free wine and cheese! Presented by the A.U. Literary Society.

Literary Society

The Literary Society, the driving force behind the impending Adelaidean Golden Age, has recently been celebrating this first triumph on its part by drinking, eating reading and, of course, writing.

To be a part of this cultural awakening, come to the North Dining Room, 1 p.m. Mondays. The Literary Society - combining the best in creativity and intoxication.

Not Pop or Hip Hop (or Head Bang Room)
Music by: Virgin Prunes, The Fall, Sisters of Mercy, Wire, The The, Yello, Lydia Lunch and more...

Student Life

The Historical fact of the Resurrection is the very basis for the truth of Christianity. To put it simply, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and Christianity stand or fall together. One cannot be true without the other.

Does Christianity have an historically acceptable basis and are the documents reliable?

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the life, whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Come and assess the evidence for yourself.

An audio-visual presentation from A.U. Student Life. 1.10 p.m. Wed. 3rd April, North Dining Room, Level 4, Union Building. Free.

Sports

Intra-Mural Snooker

The Cavaliers snooker team has taken a strong grip on top place, and looks like holding it for some time.

Cavaliers have won both their matches comfortably. The team comprises veteran Mike Tolley, a big improver in Pazy Razzino and newcomer Chris Murphy (16) the club's youngest member.

The premiership table and leading player points will appear in next week's *On Dit*.

Skydiving Club AGM

The Skydiving Club Annual General Meeting will be held at 1.10 p.m. this coming Wednesday the 3rd of April in the Trophy room in the Sports Association. All members are urged to attend as club directions for the year will be established and jumping-course details must be finalised in order to get the club off to a flying start this year. All welcome. Bring your lunch.

Student notices are free on this page - so if you want a job or a place to live; if you want to buy or sell, then lodge your notices before 5 pm on the Wednesday prior to publication. The *On dit* office is in the south-west corner of the Cloisters, or phone 223 2685 or 228 5404.

Miscellanea

Anti-nuke Competition

To find a name for the antinuclear and disarmament group.

Prize: Dinner for two at the Cane Cafe. Best suggestion so far: PRANG (People Raging Against Nuclear Genocide).

Entries must be accompanied by short explanations of the name and should be left at the Students' Association Office before Friday 12th April. Winner to be notified by mail.

Typist Grade 1

(Ref: C3860) in the Office of the Registrar (Executive Committee Secretariat) to perform general typing and reception duties (including dictaphone work), collating, photocopying and other clerical duties. Hours of employment would suit a person entering the work force for the first time. The position is available up to 31 December 1985.

Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary, Executive Committee, Office of the Registrar, no later than 1 April, 1985.

Full-time salaries per annum:

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Fast, professional service. Theses, term essays, reports, etc. All work collected and delivered in southern suburbs. \$5.00 per hour. Manuscripts, \$6.00 per hour. Phone Keryn on 227 3868 A.H. 297 0730.

Seminar

Why are the Nuclear Disarmament Party wrong? Why does Australia need U.S. Bases? Guest speaker: Mr. Alexander Downer MHR Mayo.

Venue: Wednesday, April 3rd 12.15 p.m. - 1.50 p.m. Kerr Grant Theatre (mezzanine level, Playford Building), South Aust. Inst. Technology, North Terrace. For further information contact Hugh Martin.

Correspondence

To all female students between 18 and 22:

I am a young German of 21 years, nonsmoker and very fond of sports. I have University Entrance and a qualified profession. My interest in Australia has always been very great and therefore I am looking for a nice intelligent girl who wants to write to me. As I plan to travel to Australia this year we could meet each other about December.

If you are interested in corresponding with me and to meet me please reply to:

Christian Langenfeld
Otacharstr.7
8269 Burgkirchen a.d. Alz
West Germany

Yours,
Christian



Buy and Sell

Situation Desperation

Wanted to buy. Good copy of Bodmer and Cavalli-Storza's *Genetics, Evolution and Man* Please ring 269 3684 between 6 and 9 p.m.

Students Special Offer

Sick of catching the bus? Legs too tired to work the treadmill? Honda CB125N motor cycle for genuine sale. A good reliable commuting road bike with 6 months rego. Was \$480, now reduced by 12.5% (students discount) to \$420. Phone Betty 217 4639 (work) or 44 2185 (home).

For sale - Bass Or Rhythm graphic drum machine. As new, \$150 or best offer. Ph. 272 1252 evenings.

For sale - Symbolic Logic - 5th edition - Copy Brand new \$17. Ph. 332 6517.

For Sale

Philosophical Problems and Arguments - 3rd edition - Cornman. Brand new - \$26. Ph. 332 6517.

Union

The Gallery

A new exhibition of Australian landscape paintings & etchings by Mori Hannagan and John Turpie.

Dates: Thursday 4th April to Friday 3rd May. Venue: The Gallery, 6th Level, Union Building.

The Gallery and The Coffee Shop are open from 11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Monday, 1st April

12 noon - *The Secret Policeman's Ball* video.

1.45 p.m. - *The Rutles* video.

Both videos in Union Bar.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd April

12 noon-12 midnight - 10th birthday party in Union Bar. Special 1975 drink prices - Beer 50c schooner, Spirit (Brandy, Scotch & Gin) 60c nip, good food available.

Entertainment includes an evening appearance of *The Luau* (at 9 p.m.) Other acts to be announced. Special request of management:- if attending, please do not drive.

12.10 p.m. *Karate Kid* film in Union Hall.

\$2.50 admission. Commercial Films every Wednesday lunchtime in Union Hall.

6 p.m. Music Students performance in Union Bistro. Free to Diners only.

THURSDAY, 4th April

1 p.m. - Jazz with "The Andy Vance Quartet" in Union Bar.

NOTE: Union Bar closed over Easter vacation.

TUESDAY, 9th April

9 p.m. - Special guest appearance of "George Smilovich". Free to A.U. Students and Guests.

COMING ENTERTAINMENT

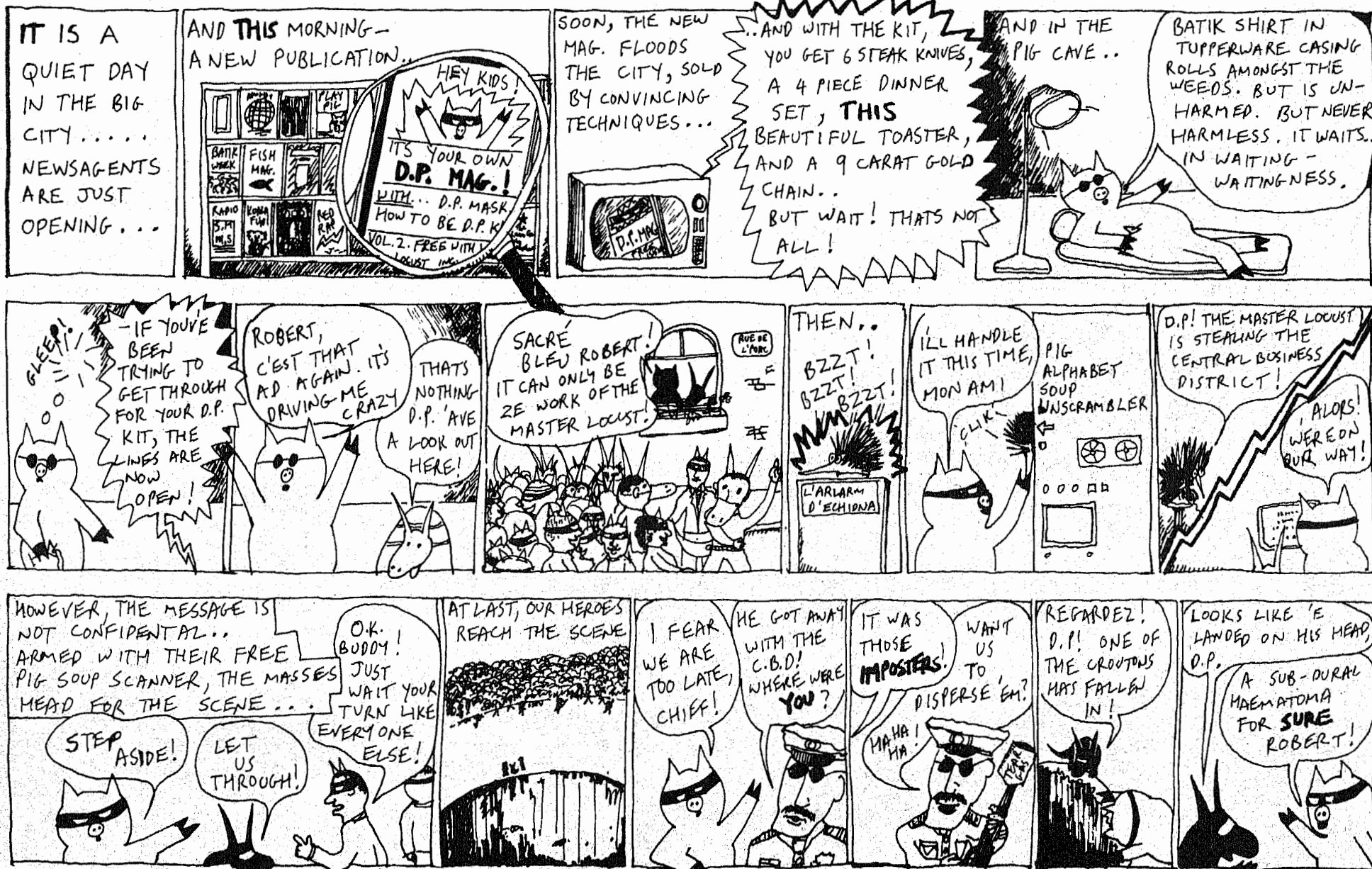
Hey Daddyo
Minimum Chips
Painters & Dockers
Scream Believers
Learning to Laugh cabaret show
Casual T's
Rocky Horror End of Term Show

UNION VOUCHER SCHEME

Use your Union vouchers before Easter (Thursday, April 4th last day). Offers include free biro from Union Shop, 25% discount on Bistro main course, 2 sausage rolls for price of 1 in Refectory, cheese roll with tea or coffee in Celler for 60c, free glass of beer from bar, etc.

DANGERPIG!

- AND HIS CONSORT - CARELESS ROBERT.



Where It's At!

Some of the best, some of the worst, and a dash of the bizarre. Edited by Moya Dodd.

Double Take

As avid readers of eastern states newspapers, we were intrigued to see a two-week-old *Sydney Morning Herald* story turn up in the *Advertiser* under the by-line of local fashion writer Marina Craig.

She said that the by-line was mistakenly inserted by the sub-editors. The *Tiser's* Features Editor Alex Kennedy told us that it is "usual practice" for a story to be bought from an interstate paper and given some local content. It may then run under the by-line of the local writer.

Could this be misleading, we asked?

"I don't see why," she replied, "It happens all the time."

The original author was less than impressed. "I was very distressed to see that my story had been swiped by a paper which has developed a reputation for a certain degree of integrity," he said.

We wonder where the *Advertiser's* notions of fair play and author's rights begin and end.

Well done Rupert. If we don't want to read your views in your newspapers, or hear about them on your radio stations, we now have the option of seeing them at the cinema or watching them on TV.

What next? *On dit?*

WHAT'S MORE, THE PRESIDENT WILL USE SOME OF MY MATERIAL IN HIS SPEECHES.



Digestion

Ever wondered what your digestion would sound like in zero gravity?

According to *Aviation Week* magazine, the postponed March 3 launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger was planned to include a civilian named Jake Garn as a passenger.

Garn, who happens to be the Republican Senator for Utah and friend of Ronald Reagan, was to participate in medical experiments.

As *Aviation Week* reports, one of these experiments was "Gastric motility - the Senator will wear microphones around his lower abdomen to record the sounds of solids and gas moving through his bowels as an indicator of digestive activity."

Perks

It seems that graduates get all the perks.

The Singapore Government set up a Social Development Unit (SDU) last year, which is specifically designed to marry off graduates working in the Public Service.

The SDU has so far spent \$295,000 on organising cruises and courses for graduates, in the hope that they will meet, fall in love and marry.

According to Singapore's Finance Minister Dr. Tony Tan the SDU was created because many women graduates stayed single.

"Life is not complete without marriage, which is an honourable institution and deserves support," he said.

Dr. Tan said that the program was directed at graduates because they experience par-

NOW READ ON....

Tired of never knowing how to pronounce Jean-Paul Sartre?

Sick to death of not being sure whether Abstract Expressionism is a school of art or a racehorse?

Does Kafkaesque sound to you like the name of a perfume, and did it come as a surprise to find that Evelyn Waugh was a novelist and not a script writer for the BBC?

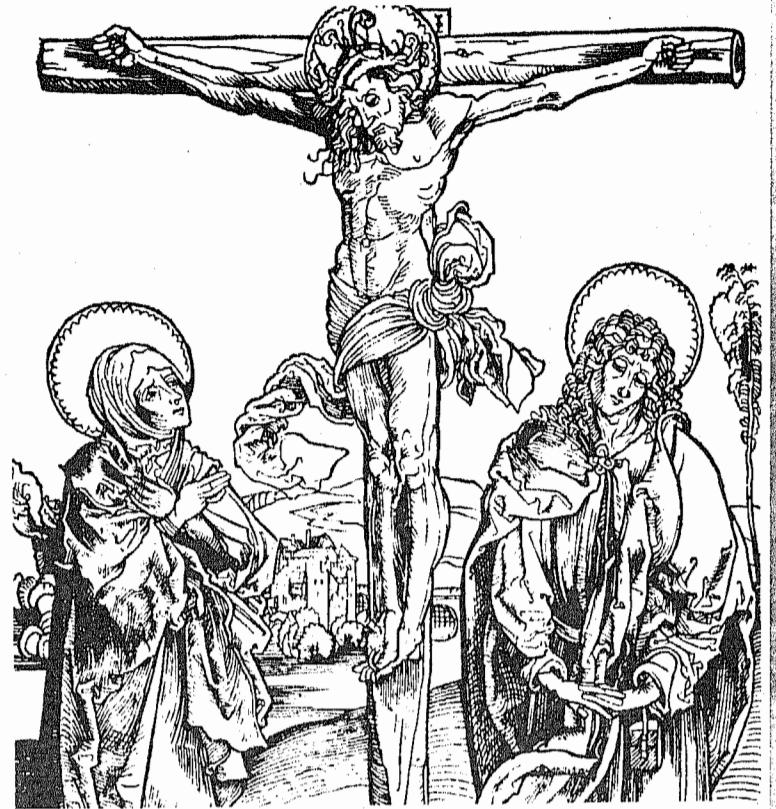
Where *It's At* comes to your rescue. In this occasional feature, *Now read on*, we bring you great works of Western art and literature in easy-to-digest, pocket-sized instalments.

As Easter turns your thoughts to things chocolate, things vacational and possibly even things Biblical, we take this opportunity to reprint the best of *Now read on* from 1984: *The Bible*.

The story so far: God does a rush job on the creation and botches it to the extent that Darwin is persona non grata for most of the 19th Century and feminists are left with a number of serious gripes.

The tribes of Israel go bushwalking for years and years without adequate camping gear and disrupt shipping in the Red Sea. They spend millenia in refugee camps around the Middle East without assistance from the Red Cross which hasn't been invented yet.

Goliath loses the World Heavyweight Slingshot Championship, Methuselah founds the world's first retirement village, Joshua fights the battle of Jericho, his Nubian slave composes the first negro spiritual, Jacob begets Ezra, Ezra begets Jedachiah, Jedachiah begets Ahab etc., a bright light is seen over Bethlehem but UFOs



haven't been thought of yet, and John the Baptist invents washing-behind-the-ears and personal hygiene as we know it today.

Now read on: *Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside." He replied, "My mother and brother are those who hear God's word. (Luke 8:25).*

Will Luke finish chapter 8 and begin chapter 9? Will Jesus set a precedent and weep?

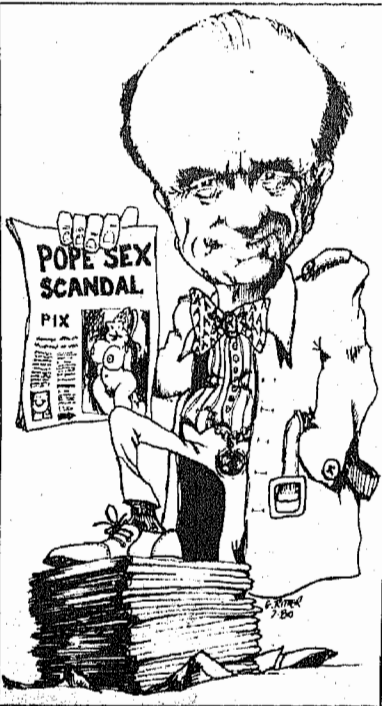
Is a nasty shock around the corner for Peter and will Christ

quit speaking in parables and use plain Hebrew?

Will the Virgin Mary take up a central role or will the Roman Catholic Church have to invent one for her?

Will a small group of anti-establishment Jews in and around Gallilee in the 1st Century A.D. synthesise sacrificial elements of traditional Judaism with Hellenic hero myths to create Christianity, a mytho-poetic religious ideology of such power that will provide the ethical, philosophical and institutional foundation of Western society?

For the answers to all this and more, don't miss next week's exciting instalment.



Manoeuvres

We note with some alarm that media magnate Rupert Murdoch has bought the film group 20th Century Fox.

ticular difficulty finding partners, unlike non-graduates who seem to have no trouble.

The SDU subsidises cruises by 15 percent to 100 percent "depending on the type of

activities". Subsidised courses range from computer classes to personal effectiveness workshops.

When asked about the success of the program, Dr. Tan replied:

"Love must take time to bloom. I have no doubt that through the activities of the SDU, appropriate results will be forthcoming in due course. Please be patient."

What Rudi Next Did ... 3 ...

Panel 1: Rudi was sent to the CES by the DSS to get a form...

Panel 2: Inside the CES... What do you get when you cross summer & winter with an occupation? What? A seasonal worker! - me!

Panel 3: Everytime I come here they say they're snowed under & give me the cold shoulder...

Panel 4: Rudi went to the desk... I need a form for the DSS... Take a seat...

Panel 5: Form: ... "long seat without back, bench." (Oxford) Form = seat!

Panel 6: Rudi was about to take the seat back to the DSS (silly penguin), when he heard his name called. He found himself in an interview...

Panel 7: We're going to find you a job. What do you do?

Panel 8: Well, I've got a Bachelor of Arts degree...

Panel 9: But what do you DO??

Panel 10: After realising Rudi had a B.A., the CES gladly gave him his DSS form & sent him away...

Panel 11: Try getting a job if you're an artist...

Panel 12: Will Rudi now get the dole? Will the CES get him a job interview? Will any jobs come into view? Find out AFTER EASTER!!