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COSTS AGAINST ADEL. UNI

A decision handed down in the Supreme Court last week supported an appeal by an Adelaide University student against the University bureaucracy. The student, Alexander Graeme-Evans, presently enrolled as an undergraduate in the Law School, was nominated for election to the University Council as an undergraduate in the current Council elections.

Returning Officer for the election, and Adelaide's Academic Registrar, Mr. H.E. Wesley-Smith, already named once as On DIT Bureaucrat-of-the-Month, decided that the nomination was invalid because Graeme-Evans had already graduated from the University on another faculty. In a typically narrow-minded, heavy-handed and ill-considered fashion, he told Graeme-Evans that he had one hour in which to gather evidence to support his case before a final decision was made. Fortunately Graeme-Evans was able to get two considered opinions from members of the Law School, one supporting his candidature and one which considered that either interpretation was supported by the resultations.

The situation was this: Wesley-Smith had made a snap decision against the students' candidature (there was another student excluded from the election for the same reasons) and was now faced with respectable legal opinion which made his decision doubtful.

Wesley-Smith spent a good deal of time examining the situation but stuck by his original decision not to accept the nominations. Graeme-Evans, with the financial backing of the Students Association took out a writ against Wesley-Smith, challenging his decision.

"The main reason I went all the way," said Graeme-Evans later, "was that Wesley-Smith refused to give students the benefit of the doubt. He made a decision himself and restored to a legal opinion only after receiving a written opinion from a member of the Law School which supported my case. Even then, though the matter was open, the administration refused to admit that it even might have made a mistake."

He had approached the University Administration to gain an assurance that the legal costs of his appeal would be met by them, an assurance which seems quite reasonable as the matter was really concerned with the interpretation of a University regulation; he was told by Vice-Chancellor Badger that it was "by no means certain" that they would pay costs, a rather unsympathetic attitude.

Eventually the court not only upheld the appeal against Wesley-Smith but also awarded costs against the University.

The issue is less whether the students were eligible or not, and more the unsympathetic attitude towards the students by the administration which characterised the whole incident.

Graeme-Evans' refusal to accept the initial decision and to put his energies into opposing the decision is the exception: usually the student is intimidated into accepting the authoritarian bureaucrats on their own terms.

This story has been ignored by the up-town media because of the embarrassment that it could cause the Administration, and Wesley-Smith in particular.

THE DRUG

Drug users constitute, one of the most persecuted and socially undesirable sub-culture in Australia. Consensus is that those who take illicit drugs are of unsound mind, weak, demented, filthy, deviant, perverted, sick . . . (whereas aspirin suckers, etc. are normal). Heads are stereotyped by the capitalist press and media - they are news; and are converted into that marvellous commodity sensation - and, for the most part, the facts published concerning the drugs used are lies. Drugs are deemed a social menace at this stage and-time primarily because the culture arising from their use negates that of the dominant bourgeois culture, i.e. a disregard for socially acceptable goals, the lack of motivation etc.

The members of the D.S. are invariably cowards, bullies and cretins. One member frequents Hillcrest psychiatric hospital - he is a confirmed wife-beater. All are similarly obnoxious. It is not just a job which makes them like this. Just what sort of personality is attracted to brutality, cruelty, domination and subservience and the power game in general, all of which are entailed in the job. Surely no-one who possesses any sensitivity or humanity. This vocation only seems to appeal to those with a servile, regimented and impotent consciousness. If you've ever been busted or raided you will recognize the sick glee their faces exhibit during an interrogation in which one is assaulted or insulted without any recourse save consent. To use the vernacular - they are pigs. Let me cite a few examples. In a recent bust, one suspect was beaten incessantly for 4 hours - he later had to receive hospital treatment. In the same bust, a juvenile was beaten for

2 days until a confession was wrung from him. There are two recent cases in which, unable to obtain an admission, via beating and intimidation, the suspects were threatened with hammers. But, all are not treated equally. It seems that students being the children of bourgeoisie essentially, are treated with deference in comparison to working class suspects. The cases of students being beaten (and I do not classify being slapped about or roughed-up as a beating) are negligible compared to the occurrences of beatings incurred by working-class heads. Class plays just as important a role in the treatment of drug-users as in any other section of the law.

To explain further upon this theme of class, bail for drug offences is high e.g. for possession and administration of morphine, \$600 personal reconnaissance plus \$600 surety. Many student heads or their friends and families have little trouble in forwarding such bail, but, for a significant proportion of working-class heads, it means 2 or 3 weeks in jail. A similar situation exists with fines, although it must be noted that class empathy is no mere contention. An articulate, ex-private school student would appeal far more to a judge than, say, a working class head who quit school at leaving or matric because he or she knew then that it was all shit. Examination of the penalties reveals that one's class background, character witnesses, alters the severity and conditions of one's penalty. The class nature of the system of good lawyers does not require any comment.

SQUAD

The last ON DIT gave some advice concerning busts. Here are 2 more points:

- (1) If you are busted for narcotics, you do not have to have a blood or urine test, irrespective of what D.S. say. Unless you give your permission, you cannot be made to submit.
- (2) This is important: the squad, if they possess a search warrant, can search your property, but cannot search your person without your permission, unless they bring you before a justice of the peace. Most heads do not know this and thus the squad randomly search who they please. Therefore, if you refuse to permit them to search you, except before a J.P., and they force search you, a writ can be issued against them.

I feel it is about time for the squad to get theirs. There have been enough heads beaten, humiliated, unlawfully searched and arrested. If you have witnesses against them, complain and issue a writ (there are a few decent lawyers willing to assist, free of charge) or if that entails too much time, or if your faith in bourgeois justice is non-existent, Jock's phone number and address is in the phone book - why not drop him a line, a trip, or something. The bastards deserve it.

The Editor, The Advertiser.

Dear Sir,

Along with the Organiser of The Festival of Light, we too would like to protest the moral pollution of our society.

We recognise that, whilst the "morals" or "moral standards" of a society are arbitrary, highly subjective, and transient, there are certain concepts of consideration and regard for other people which should underlie all moral and ethical codes. It seems that ours is a society motivated not by these concepts, but by self-interest and greed.

Thus, we are concerned not so much by the "permissive society" as by the exploitation of sex for gain, by the high-pressure use of sexual advertising, especially directed at young people. The hypocrisy, or stupidity of people attacking "permissiveness", but ignoring this profiteering, is astounding.

However, this seems to us only a mild manifestation of the immorality of our society. We would direct our protests rather at

- The obscenity of the part played by us in the death and destruction in Indo-China - because it seemed in our interest that these countries be governed by regimes economically and culturally aligned with us.
- The immorality of the social structure in Australia, whereby over a million people live in poverty - in one of the world's richest countries.
- the total immorality of our abuse of the world's resources and ecological balances, in the interest of short-term profit, with an arrogant and uncaring disregard for the future - our own and other peoples.

Unless we can open our eyes to the immorality of so much of our way of life, and begin to work towards moral precepts of regard for our fellow man, it may well be that we'll be left with no society - permissive or otherwise.

Ed: This letter has been prepared for people to sign and send to the local press. It was prepared by Anne McMenamin.

Snip it, Sign it and Send it.

- the immorality of our relationships with the underdeveloped countries, whereby more than half the world's population live in poverty while we exploit their labour and resources, and where any "aid" we offer is returned to us many times over in profit.

WHY THERE IS NO AUS FRIENDLY SOCIETY IN ADELAIDE

- (i) No Local Society will underwrite the AUS Friendly Society.
- (ii) Legally the capital must be provided locally, and operations must be conducted locally, i.e. cannot be conducted from interstate. (Most Eastern Societies operate from Melbourne.)

It is economical to operate from a head office in terms of administrative costs. In Melbourne societies were keen to underwrite AUS because it gave them a chance to get a foot in the door . . . a step towards getting the custom of graduates, young people who would be likely to continue with the company who supported AUS.

But meanwhile, back in Adelaide the local organisations got their heads together and decided that it would be more profitable if they refused to underwrite AUS and forced the students to pay full rates with one or another of the societies. Local groups and AUS have found that the Local Government, mainly through apathetic public servants, is not interested in changing legislation to allow AUS Friendly Society to operate.

(Here it is appropriate to point out that medical societies probably exerted pressure on the Government.)

The only thing stopping local constituents setting up their own local society is capital and administrative costs, and also the likelihood of a National Health Scheme.

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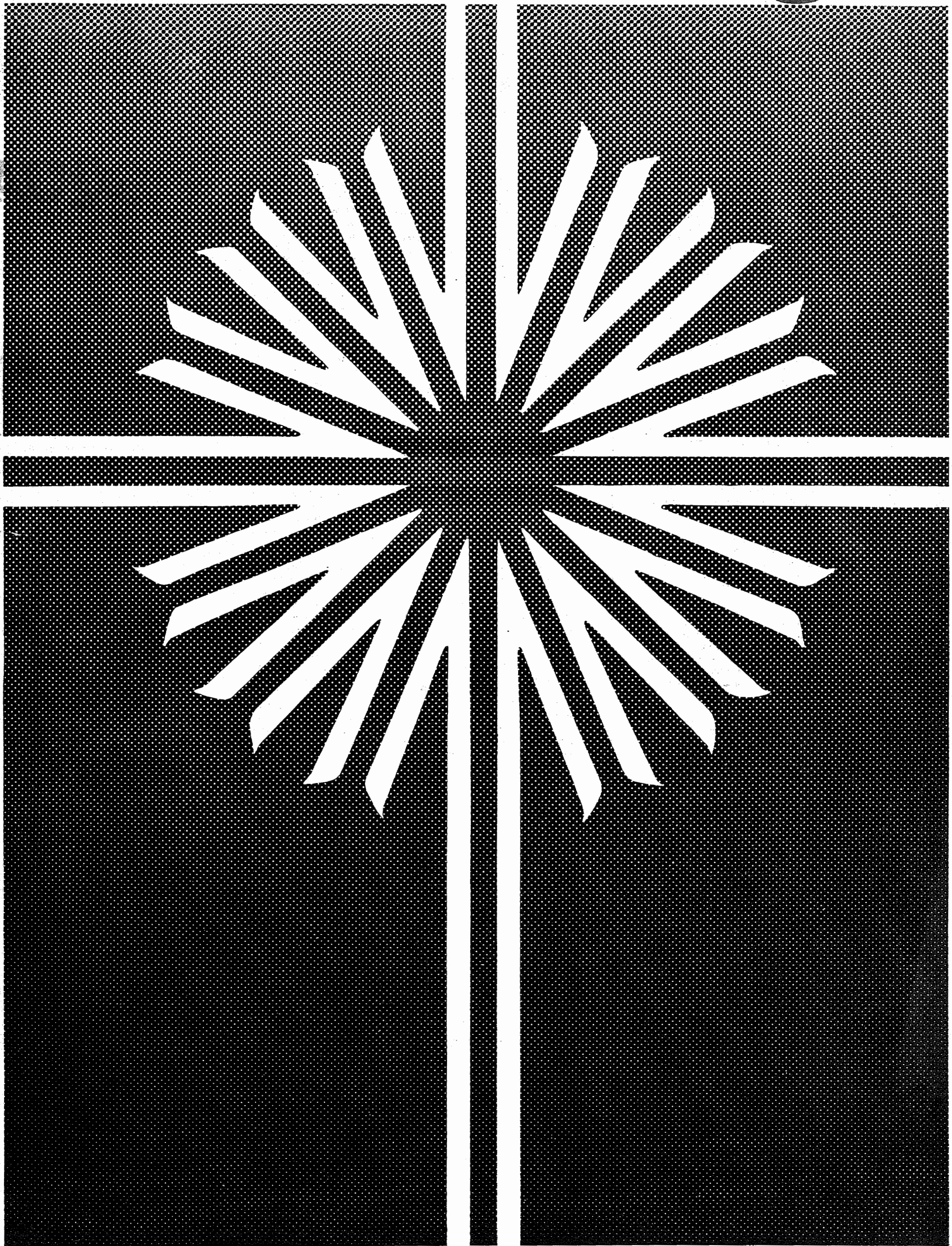
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