

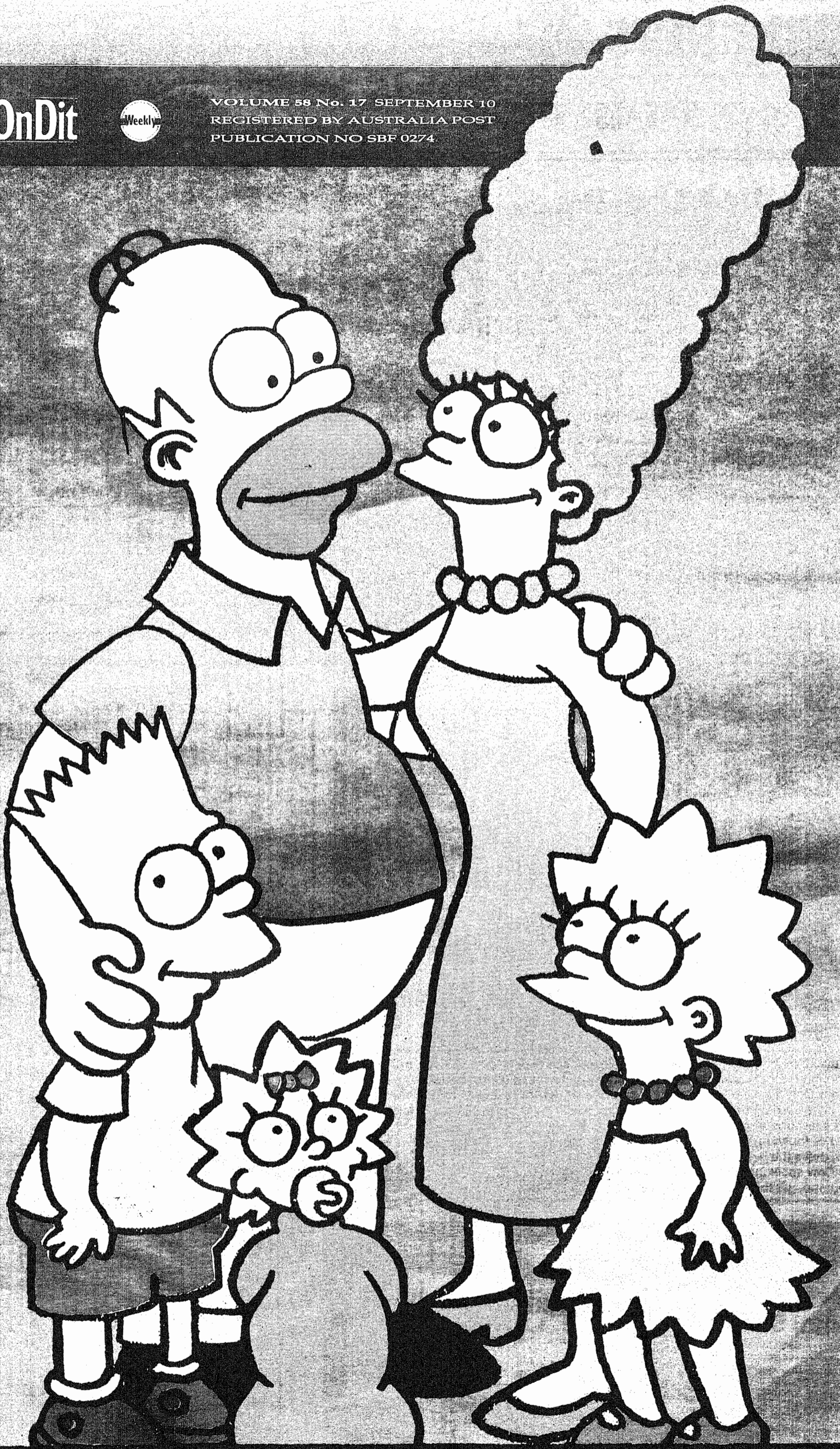
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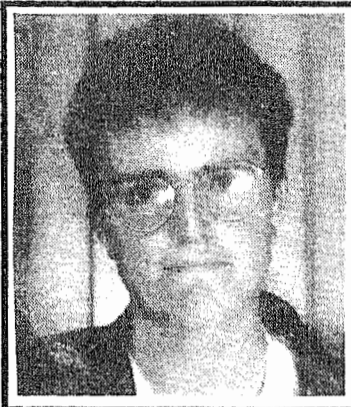
Friend of the Week

Surprisingly, this week's winner is Mr. Ben Allen, well-known campus celebrity and Roseworthy student. He was nominated as friend of the week by Benjamin D. Boxer, and will be receiving his champagne and flowers any day now.

"I would like to nominate Mr. Ben Allen as Friend of the Week. The great thing he did for me was to create an election position for me on Union Board. He added my

name to the list of candidates, and gave me a 15th preference, behind such erudite pollies as Johnny Rotten, Henry Rollins, and the inimitable Michael Stipe. Not only did he provide me with some much-needed limelight, he provided the scerootineers with hours of pleasure. Thanks Mr. Twisty Turny, enjoy the champers and flowers.

Unsuccessful Union Board Candidate,
Benjamin D. Boxer."



Benny Allen- "I Can't Believe My Luck!"

Fill in this form and place it in the box in the refec to show that special friend you care...

Name of Friend-
The Wonderful Thing They Did-

Your Name and Contact Department-

WILD AND OUTRAGEOUS CAPTION COMPETITION!



After the absolutely phenomenal response to our last caption competition, On Dit is proud to announce yet another, featuring (predictably) yet another shot of somebody playing with a bottom. Only this time a cow and a kilt-clad highlander are involved. The person who comes up with the best caption will win a night for two with John Kyrimis in the Echuca Flag Inn. Here's a few of our own...

- Hey! I've found my Robert Bruce poetry anthology!
- Wow, that's the biggest sporran I've ever seen!
- (The Cow speaking) No, I haven't been selling crack.
- Eh Jumbo, get this down your oesophagus!

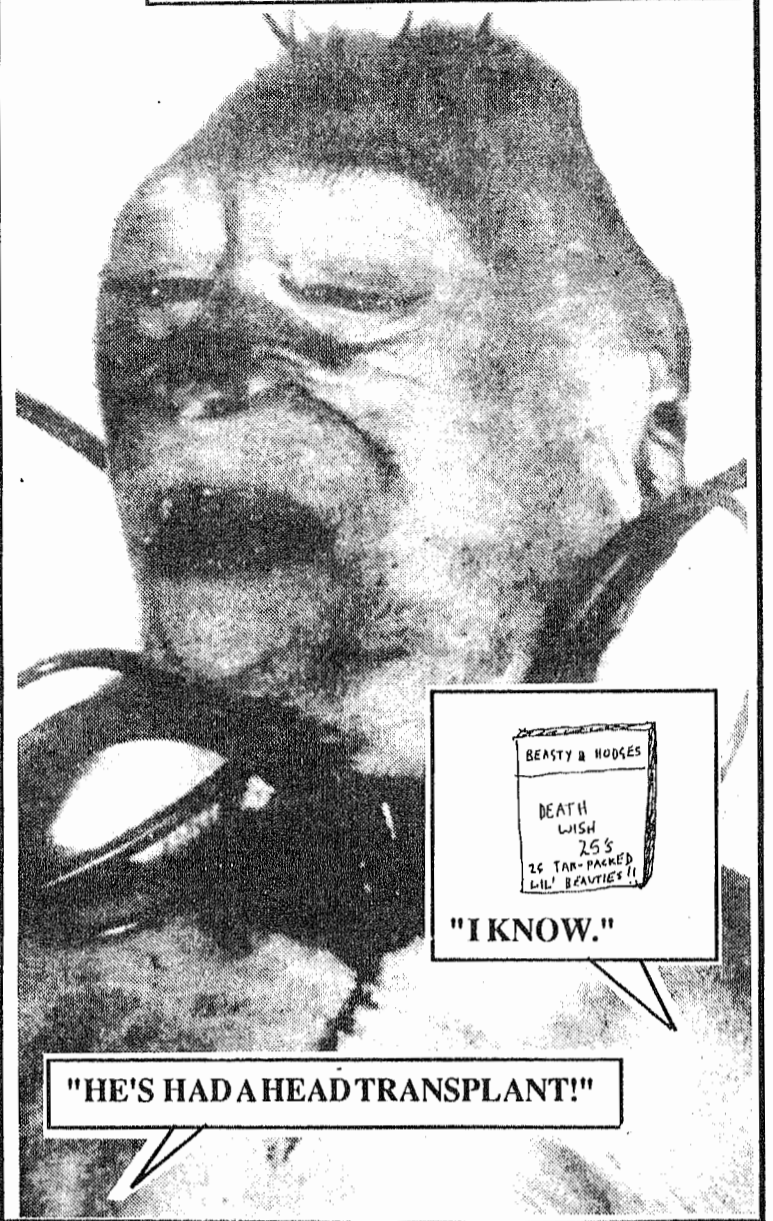
WORLD WEEKLY NEWS...first with the hot news stories

Man's courtroom cocktail shocks judge

Defendant Daniel Gill set a judge's head spinning when he strolled into court and calmly mixed himself a cocktail. "I'm mixing a gin and tonic," Gill, 38, told stunned Judge Harold Froehlich when the Outagamie County, Wis., circuit judge asked what was going on. "Judge, if you have a glass, I'll mix you one, too," Gill added obligingly. The nonchalant defendant

appeared for sentencing on eight counts of disobeying an order to stop filing frivolous lawsuits against his family. Judge Froehlich delayed sentencing and ordered Gill to undergo psychiatric tests.

WARNING- SMOKING ADS ARE GETTING WORSE
Reading very small health authority warnings can be extremely hazardous to your health. Mind you if you can read this they must be pretty good anyway



BEASTY & HODGES
DEATH WISH
25'S
25 TAR-PACKED
LIL' BEAUTIES!!

"I KNOW."

"HE'S HAD A HEAD TRANSPLANT!"



designed by ancient Egyptian architects,



built by slaves,



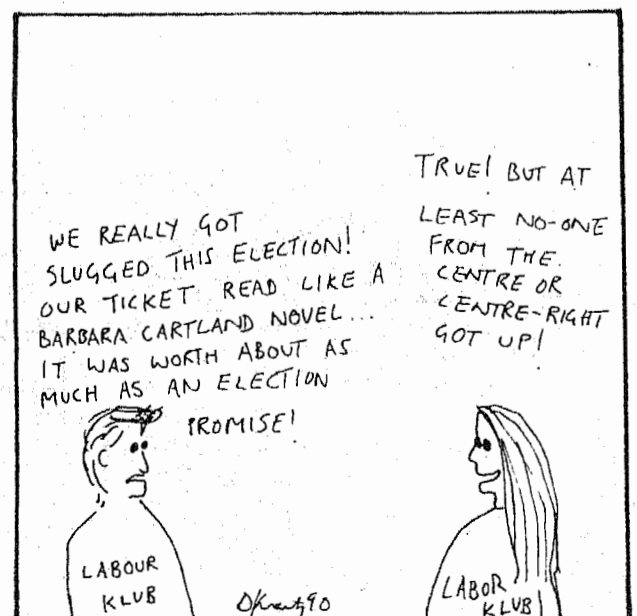
run by Victorians...



Pyramid Building Society

as safe as houses...

In Newcastle



WE REALLY GOT SLUGGED THIS ELECTION! OUR TICKET READ LIKE A BARBARA CARTLAND NOVEL... IT WAS WORTH ABOUT AS MUCH AS AN ELECTION PROMISE!

TRUE! BUT AT LEAST NO-ONE FROM THE CENTRE OR CENTRE-RIGHT GOT UP!



Okay 90

Prosh 1990 Survives Despite Confusion

Just when it seemed to be a thing of the past, Prosh has been given the go ahead for 1990.

The Student's Association and the Activities Council had decided to shelve Prosh for good, after no applications were received for the Prosh director position.

Incumbent Finance Vice President Kamal Farouque promised voters during election week that he would ensure the survival of Prosh.

He told On Dit that there was a "strong groundswell of support for Prosh, not just from Activities positions but the student body as a whole."

At a meeting held last Wednesday, it was decided that Prosh should go ahead, but not on Friday September 14th, the date originally proposed.

Farouque told On Dit that "...in order to have enough time to organise any activities, Prosh will be held on one day only, Friday 12th of October."

A lot of people have apparently been organising activities for next week in the name of Prosh, but are urged to hold them over until the new date.

The question of which charity will receive the money raised has not yet been resolved.

"Although a GSM has not yet been held to decide which charity will receive the money raised, people are receptive to the proposal of giving it to Amnesty International and perhaps a women's shelter as well."

The University and Union were reportedly eager to get rid of Prosh due to the rather exuberant tone it has acquired in recent years. The Adelaide City Council is opposed to the idea of Prosh, and on campus the banks and the bookshop have said they will close down for the day.

This year, the Student's Association will strive to ensure that Prosh does not deteriorate into a drunken binge, which in the past has resulted in widespread vandalism, much of it related to the now defunct Grabathon.

"The emphasis of Prosh should not really be just on having a good time but raising money for charity," Farouque told On Dit. "We will be hoping to avoid the excesses of the past."

David Penberthy



PROSH 1990 ACTIVITIES

Friday 12th of October

- 9:30 Liquid Breakfast on Barr Smith Lawns
- 10:30 Baked Bean Wrestle with SPC Bookie for gambling in cloisters
- 11:30 Iron Man/Woman Event on Maths Science Lawns, with interfaculty sculling.
- 12:30 Annual Proshession to Interrupt Traffic & Raise Money for Charity
- 2:30 Cher- Sponsored by an extremely nasty soft drink company, performing in the bar with My Love Pumpkin.
- 7:30 Prosh After Dark "Warehouse" Party

University Finally Pays Up For Disabled

The University has provided urgent financial assistance for a student unable to take lecture notes due to physical disability.

The student had been taping all lectures and having them transcribed by the Students' Association. The SAUA was unable to continue transcribing due to heavy typesetting commitments, and when the student's position was reportedly put to the University administration by the Disability Officer, no funds were forthcoming.

As was pointed out in On Dit (27/8/90), the University was reneging on its policy of supporting the 'obstacle-free' participation of

disabled students at Adelaide University. It was also engaging in an act of great hypocrisy in crying poor to the student when it had in fact found \$1.5 million to loan to Lincoln College at the very same time.

The situation has now been rectified, with \$10,000 set aside to cover the student's transcribing costs and those of others who find themselves in a similar position.

The \$10,000 has been allocated for the rest of this year, and also for 1991. The University has given a guarantee that no disabled students will find themselves in a similar position in the future.

David Penberthy

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDA

Friday 7th, Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th September

The Students' Association President has received a petition requesting a referendum to consider the following two proposed Constitutional amendments. Polling will be held at the dates and times listed hereunder.

1. That the words "Equal Opportunities Officer" replace "Women's Officer" in Sections 36 & 37 of the SAUA Constitution and that Sections 36 and 37 of the Constitution be amended to read:

36. The Duties of the Equal Opportunities Officer

The Duties of the Equal Opportunities Officer shall be:

- (1) To promote the position of any minority or disadvantaged group amongst members of the Association.
- (2) To liaise with any on campus minority or disadvantaged group.
- (3) To represent any student before Adelaide University Council Standing Committee on Sexual Harassment, if the student so wishes.
- (4) To implement the Association's policy relating to women and to implement the SAUA Equal Opportunity Policy.

37. The Conditions of the Office of the Equal Opportunities Officer

- 37.1 The Equal Opportunities Officer shall hold office from September fourteenth in the year in which they were elected until September thirteenth the following year.
- 37.2 No person shall be Equal Opportunities Officer more than twice.
- 37.3 The Equal Opportunity Officer shall receive remuneration of not more than \$1500 consistent with the ideal that the position is honorary and part time; and should therefore receive only a nominal amount.

2. That in Section 31 of the SAUA Constitution "Conditions of Office of the Vice Presidents", 31.3 should be added stating:

- 31.3** The Vice Presidents shall receive remuneration of not more than \$1500 each consistent with the ideal that the position is honorary and part time; and should therefore receive only a nominal amount.

POLLING DATES AND TIMES

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

- Students' Association Office • 9 am - 5 pm
- Airport Lounge • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Napier Foyer • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Waite • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Adelaide Children's Hospital • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

- Students' Association Office • 9 am - 7 pm
- Airport Lounge • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Law School • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Engineering School • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Royal Adelaide Hospital • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Queen Victoria Hospital • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

- Students' Association Office • 9 am - 5 pm
- Airport Lounge • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Medical School • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- CASM • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital • 11.45 am - 2.15 pm

To vote you will need to produce your Adelaide University Student Card, Law Library Card, or Waite Institute Card.

Wendy Wakefield, President, Students' Association of the University of Adelaide

Clearing Up Confusion Over Medicare

Since the introduction of the Medicare system to the Student Health Service, there have been several matters raised by students that should be cleared up.

Firstly, if you are currently on your parents' Medicare card and are happy to use it at the Health Service, there is no compulsion for you to obtain your own. However, if for personal reasons you wish to have your own Medicare card, it can be obtained by simply applying at any Medicare office - the closest one to campus is in Pulteney Street. All students can be reassured that no information comes back from the Medicare Office to the holder of the card relating to visits to doctors - that is, if you use your family card and are concerned that the holders of the card will in some way be informed by Medicare of your attendance at the Health Service, please be assured that this cannot and will not happen.

Several students have been

concerned that they will receive a bill for attendances at the Health Service. For student attendances, for sickness and treatment, the services are bulk-billed (or Medibank Private billed in the case of overseas students) and no further charges are made.

If you require a medical examination for such matters as a scuba-diving course or a medical clearance to climb Mount Everest Medicare does not allow billing and these accounts have to be settled privately. However, for the bulk of student consultations, please be assured that the service is at no direct cost to you.

The Health Service can be contacted directly on 228 5050, so if you wish to ring from outside the campus to make an appointment or seek advice, that number will put you in direct contact with the Health Service secretary.

P.J. Setchell
Director, Health Service



On Yer Bike- The Bikes For Life Rally

The third of the Bikes for Life Rallies, held on September the 1st, was attended by over 200 people.

The Rally was a success in that many members of the general public would have seen the Rally and become aware of the issues through banners which displayed the purpose of the Rally.

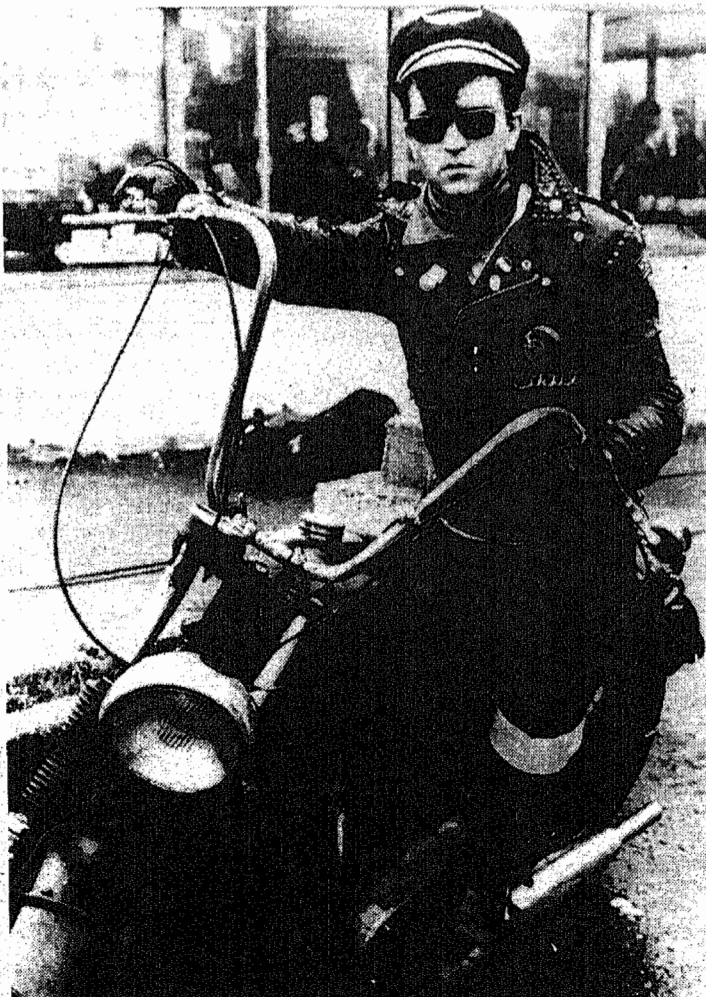
The principles behind the Bikes for Life rallies are as follows:

1. more bikeways
2. more public transport
3. less cars and carparks
4. more walking malls

Demonstrations are also a good way for committed people to get together and do something that lets off steam and furthers their cause. People meet each other and extend the network of committed people.

The next Rally will be held on Saturday 1st December at 10.30 at Victoria Square with a walk to Parliament House then Ride Thru Streets to the parklands next to the intersection of Rundle Street and East Terrace where a picnic will take place.

Roberto Giorgio



THIS IS A FREE AD

The tight fisted bastards at

AUSTUDY

would like to announce...

AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY
is moving to
115 Grenfell St.
1st Floor Wyatt House

from September 18th

closes PM September 14th
reopens PM September 17th

...however, due to a lack of finances,
they are unable to pay
for their advertising. We sincerely
accept their public thanks.

ALP Education Attacks Continue - Rally Wednesday

The National Union of Students has organised a rally in response to attacks on higher education outlined in the recent Federal Budget.

The rally will be held this Wednesday, 12 September, in Victoria Square. Students are asked to assemble at 12.45 for the march beginning at 1.10.

This year's budget well illustrates the economic principles behind the ALP's education agenda. HECS repayment rates have been increased, access to AUSTUDY has been tightened, and operating grants for teaching and research have been reduced by 1.2% since last year.

On a local level, the State Government has acquiesced to Canberra's demands, introducing fees for TAFE students, and closing down the TAFE College at Kensington Park.

The increases to the HECS repayment rates are detailed in the table at right.

Part time students who hold down full-time jobs will be affected most by these changes. Mature age students, many of whom have family and mortgage commitments, will be severely disadvantaged. A student who earns just over

\$25,000 pa will have to pay what amounts to a \$500 annual fee with no option to defer payment.

These changes will contribute to the obstacles already being faced by many

students in the higher education system. Studies have shown that even before the 1991 Federal Budget, the participation of mature age students, postgraduates, and students from non-English speaking backgrounds had waned considerably.

It also begs the question - where will the ALP draw the line? How many more increases are planned for the HECS repayment rates? Clearly, the 1991 Budget changes have not been indexed to the CPI, but are part of a strong commitment to user-pays education by the ALP.

AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY have been standardised with social security benefits. Despite hopes from NUS and sections of the ALP itself that the qualifying age for full independent rate would be lowered from 25 to 21 (see On Dit 23/7/90), the Government has done no such thing. The qualifying age is still 25, and AUSTUDY will be even harder to get.

The spouse income level has

been cut from \$18,150 pa to \$12,150 pa, reducing the level of income a recipient's spouse can earn before his/her AUSTUDY is reduced.

The parental assets test threshold will also be reduced, from \$322,750 to \$200,000 a cut which will have great impact on rural students.

When HECS was introduced, Dawkins argued that the revenue it raised could be channelled back into AUSTUDY. The fact that eligibility for AUSTUDY has been tightened, not widened, and that AUSTUDY is still below the dole and, indeed, the poverty line, makes such claims seem completely fallacious.

The National Union of Students urges all students to participate in Wednesday's rally and voice their concern over the continued attacks on the quality of their education.

David Penberthy



Personal Income	1990 Rate	1991 Rate
below \$25,500	nil	nil
\$25,500 - \$32,000	1%	2%
\$32,000 - \$38,000	2%	3%
Above \$38,000	3%	4%

EDUCATION FIGHTBACK RALLY

Wednesday September 12

protest against...

- austudy restrictions
- hecs hikes
- funding cuts
- tafe fees



Assemble 12.45, Victoria Sq.
 March to Parliament House
 Departs at 1.10

RORY TELLS IT LIKE IT IS

Dear Greg Lewis,
Sorry I haven't responded to your letter sooner (On Dit, 6/8 and 24/8). I did intend to, but contrary to your opinion that we are "causing more people to reject Christ than all the JP (Judas Priest) and Ozzy albums ever sold", I have been too busy baptizing and teaching new Christians. It was what you perhaps call 'hard sell' tactics that caused the early Christians to "turn the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) to quote the first century Jews.

With reference to you saying if Satan caused Judas Priest's backmasked message "DO IT, DO IT" on their Stained Class album, why were they on trial and not Satan himself. Without going into too lengthy a discussion, let me just say that JP are the ones who through their lifestyle and music open themselves up to influence from satanic powers, obviously unknowingly as you pointed out in your last letter. Incidentally I also didn't agree with SM Waiters' claim that both Judas Priest and Ozzy Osbourne were admitted devil worshippers. I do believe, however that they are under his influence like puppets so to speak. The Nevada court has apparently now judged in Judas Priest's favour and said like you claim that the message is indistinguishable. CBS were fined \$30,000 for attempting to withhold the original tapes. As to your claim that the messages have to be subjected to you to understand

them, I agree with you, but the same is true for probably 90% of Rock'n'Roll music being listened to forward, let alone Heavy Metal music. The messages are definitely there, though some clearer than others.

I'm glad to hear you are still alive and that you don't abuse illegal substances. If you were to adhere to the message of Jesus Christ and let Him rule and guide your life, you may begin to experience a whole new dimension of life you have up till now not seen or experienced, I presume.

I'm happy to hear that Ozzy was married in Christian marriage ceremony. I hope they had good weather. I'm perplexed though that he supposedly claimed to be a Christian when he also said "X rated demon that lives in my head, hungry for and wants to be fed." Jesus said you'll know them by their fruits. That goes for you too Deborah Cashmore (Christian Headbangers against the Fundos - On Dit 6/8) I'll reply to you later.

They, your last line about you burning "for eternity in the deepest pit of hell" is not something to joke about. You may not believe in it, that's fine. God's not taking votes to see if it exists. It is a real place that lies unaffected by public opinions.

I pray that you'll never have to face it.

Rory McDonnell

wouldn't go to heaven. If it's anything like the place you probably have in mind she's glad she's not going there and I hope I never go there. What gives you bastards the right to judge somebody else? I can just see you sitting there, bravely throwing bible passages at someone, out to show what a jolly decent person you are with your patronisingly 'benevolent' care. What do you get up to in your spare time? Study the Spanish Inquisition and learn how to apply it to your membership? Instead of making the person feel better she felt hateful - and that's something I have never seen in her before. You certainly inspired my hate. Thank God (the real one) that somebody else spoke to her and told her what bullshit artists you are.

With Disgust

M.R.

2nd Year Arts

PS: Stick this in your chimney you serpents- "God is the only law-giver and judge. He alone can save and destroy. Who do you think you are, to judge your fellow man?" (James 4:12).

More on Orr

Dear Editors and Students

Why is it that Mr Orr has so generously taken it upon his very own diligent person to raise the referendum motion regarding the position of Women's Officer because of which students will again be asked to go to the polling booths this week? Does this man have nothing better to do with his time? Does he have anything in particular to personally gain from all the sweat he has no doubt exuded over this issue? Is Doug Orr suffering from a deep emotional crisis as a direct result of the fact that he is not himself a woman? This motion is hardly even worthy of a vote but since Mr Orr is sufficiently angst-ridden to drag you to the polls on this issue, this is your big chance to tell him to piss off and mind his own business.

Vote NO - not this time Mr Orr.

Natalie Meyer

Referendum "Ill-Informed"

Dear Editors

I write regarding the ill-informed attempt by way of referendum to abolish the necessary and specialised position of Women's Officer.

Although an Equal Opportunity Officer sounds a reasonable idea and in fact supports a necessary cause, it must be recognised that a (possibly male) EO could in no way replace the services of the Women's Officer.

Functions such as counselling and safeguarding against sexual harassment are some of the services which are far too important within their own right to be neglected along with a swag of other unrelated duties in the portfolio of a part time EO.

If, then, there is to be an EO which, in view of the current existence of the Equal Opportunity Unit, seems an ill-justified necessity, then so be it, but it is unreasonable and illogical for this to happen at the expense of the Women's Officer.

Annabel Crabb

More on the Referendum

Dear Editors,

We write in support of the views voiced by Jo Churchill, Cath Bolton and Jo Wilton regarding Doug Orr's clumsy attempt to undermine the essential position of Women's Officer on this campus.

In addition to the points already raised we feel it is important to stress the danger that this referendum poses to the relationship built up between the Women's Officer and women's groups both on this campus and in the wider community.

Only a woman can provide the support needed by isolated women in male dominated areas of study.

We sincerely urge you to vote NO to the referendum on Monday and Tuesday.

Isabella De Leo, Chemical Engineering

Clair McDonnell, Economics

Roberto the Eco-Maniac Writes

Dear Editors

Congratulations to Jo Gilbert on her elevation to the position of Environment Officer of SAUA. I promised during the campaign to help in any way I can the eventual winner in the event of my loss. My offer still stands and I am ready to be at service to the University community and JO. Naturally Jo will have to work in the position herself and not leave it to the other environmental extremists on campus. Since the election I have attended to the following:

1. introduced waste paper recycling into the Union office (at my own expense).
2. started an anti litter/poster campaign at the law school.
3. spoke to staff at the Refectory about introducing recycling bins there and discussed their attitude to bulk delivery of beverages into re use containers. I hope to speak with Chris Shaw, the Catering Manager, in the near future.

The first thing that should be done is to stop using one trip/throw away milk shake, Coke and chips paper cups and get back to aluminium or glass containers and plates.

4. Monitoring the waste paper recycling system of the Law School. Some people are still putting inappropriate materials in the bins. On the whole the system works well.

Finally I would like to thank all those people who voted for me this time around and remind you that we must all work together to make Adelaide campus more environmentally friendly.

Roberto Giorgio

Whoops! We thought it was postmodern

Dear Editors,

While I am pleased that you chose to print my poem "Singularity" in the last On Dit, I would be still more grateful if you had seen fit to publish it in its entirety. Leaving out the last eight lines of the sonnet (part 3) and the last 2 stanzas (a further 16 lines) is hardly conducive to a receptive readership nor does it indicate a particu-

larly firm commitment to student writing.

Had you but printed the remaining section of "Singularity", my poem might have been vaguely comprehensible.

Yours,
Nick Smith
Law/English

Misleading Information

Dear purveyors of falsehood,

It's with a sense of sadness in my heart and a sense of moral outrage in my mind that I write this letter to you. The picture of me and my tree under the title of 'MEET THE LOSERS' is disturbing in the extreme and not to put too fine a point on it, downright nasty. This is insinuating that I am a loser when in fact in all facets of my life and in previous lives as stormtrooper, commando and serving wench I am (and was) an absolute, repeat absolute, winner. Was this page due to a bankruptcy of ideas or just due to the green monster swimming in your head until it overtook all logical thought and reduced you two so-called editors to the level of mindless puppets? Editors shmeditors say! The fact of the matter is that I am a moral victor and it was only due to the sheer hard work by the voting pixels that my victory wasn't translated into real terms. As you know, so called Davie and so called Stevie, attracted the quality votes. The NSA attracted quality votes. Voters who were concerned with the direction this University is taking and were willing to do something about it.

It is to this institution's great shame that the dedicated and personable team that was the NSA was not elected.

Long Live the Revolution

Yours swimmingly and watching you come out of the closet, your friend and mine,

Darien O'Reilly
The True Environment Minister

PS I happen to know that both of you folk enjoy the odd game of Totopoly. What do you think of those bananas?

More Enlightenment From Roseworthy

Dear Editors,

Thank you for the "election special" in the last edition of On Dit. Cut up into small squares it made wonderful toilet paper and it gave me something to read while sitting on the bog.

I can't believe how intense some people get about all this election bullshit as if it's vital to the spinning of the world who gets voted in. Who gives a fuck anyway?

Sitting here in my luxury apartment at Roseworthy I can hear the cries of "apathetic bastard" echoing around the hallowed halls of Adelaide University. Well fuck you all! It's not that I don't care, it's just that I think it's pathetic seeing these students running around playing politician. Although at least it's a small advancement from cowboys and Indians.

At least I got a nice picture of Ben Allen for my dart board. We know who you are mate!

Love and peace,
Duncan Somers esq.
Roseworthy College

Inarticulate Person For Christ

Dear Heath Anderson,

In regard to the "Eight Reasons Why" letter published recently, I would like to say that two years ago I would have agreed - more than agreed. In fact, Christianity would hardly ever rate a second's consideration - if that. It so happens that every non-Christian preoccupies himself/herself with a variety of activities and ambitions in which they believe they will find fulfillment, only to find they don't, and they keep on striving. Thus laying in bed at night many ask "Isn't there something more, there must be?" There is.

His name is Jesus Christ, He is the Incarnate Word of God, and without Him we are unfulfilled, and striving towards goals that hold so much promise, and deliver so little. With a personal relationship with Christ, I can assure you that no Christian finds life unfulfilling, for we were made expressly to experience the loving fellowship of a merciful Creator. The Bible says that "God is Love" and the Lord proclaims "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly". Now you've heard that God loves you, this is not new. Yet you do not comprehend, or even understand this, otherwise you'd accept His offer of forgiveness and eternal fellowship.

Life is much brighter knowing who you really are and where you're going, experiencing an

unconditional love from your real Father. With such a great thing going, well yes, it's time consuming, yet not enough. [???

In regard to the comment that Christianity has wrought great unhappiness, this must be dismissed as a comment made by a non-History Major. History shows that the worst unhappiness was caused when the Bible was kept from the people in the Dark Ages.

You are wrong in asserting that God would not believe in you. God does exist, and the Bible states "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life?"

You may not like us, Mr. Anderson, but the feeling is not mutual. God gives us the ability to even love our enemies. In fact, I'll include you in prayers.

Adam Malek
2nd Year Economics

Not Very Christian Really

Dear Evangelical Union

I use the term 'dear' with the utmost cynicism and contempt. It's really great to see that you are so kind, considerate and humble in your own minds. One of my friends came to you on Tuesday 5 June to be 'counselled', and what do you do?? Proceed to tell her (in your unchallengeable wisdom) that were she to die today, she

Beyond God... Humanism Explained

The Adelaide University Humanist Society was formed primarily as a vehicle for the rational analysis of ethics. In particular, its formation represents a reaction against the views and methods of the latest Christian group on campus, 'Campus Challenge'.

The first activity arranged by the AUHS is a talk entitled 'What is Humanism' by Dr Peter Woolcock, to be held in the North South Dining Rooms at 1.10 pm, 12 September. This article has a similar scope, although it is by necessity more brief. I will explain what we mean by Humanism, thereby placing our antipathy towards the activities of Campus Challenge in context and providing a framework for defining the clubs activities.

There are many brands of Humanism: 'ethical humanism', 'secular humanism', and 'religious humanism' to name the more common varieties. Given that our club formed from a gathering of atheists it is fair to say we are secular humanists. As Humanists our prime concern is with improving human welfare in the here and now. We believe that the questions

raised by human existence cannot be answered by recourse to a supernatural creator. By abandoning the concept of a God, humans are left free to determine their own meaning. Human existences given the capacity to attain meaning by creating a society in which all individuals are provided with the freedom to realise their full potential and find their own happiness.

Belief in the supernatural must be swept away in the movement towards such a society. By offering greater pastures beyond death such beliefs increase the propensity for humans to acquiesce to material, cultural and intellectual deprivation, and to the imposition of a possibly irrelevant ethical code by an inherently institutional structure. Many supernatural beliefs actually espouse such acquiescence as the path to 'salvation'. After all, sixty to seventy years of mediocrity is a reasonable price for salvation.

Humanists abhor any system in which humans are made subject to a 'superior' entity. This is not limited to belief in the supernatural. Government, social custom, and economic systems can all



operate to restrict human potential, stultify creativity and engender banal conformity. The rate of change in these institutions has left much of our ethical system (especially those embraced by Christianity) languishing in their wake. Humanists hold that moral values must be unfettered from theological and other dogmatic

bindings, and exposed to critical examination and revision in the context of current human needs. We oppose any social code which is intolerant of the infinite range of human desires and needs and seeks to delimit the complete range of human experiences. We support any moves towards a society which provides the capacity to

realise ones full capabilities (through access to quality education and an equitable income distribution) and the freedom to realise ones full capabilities (through the abolition of oppressive social codes).

The Adelaide University Humanists Society

RORY SAYS & GOD SAYS "DON'T GO!"

The Adelaide University Humanist Society presents

"What is Humanism?"

an introductory talk by Dr. Woolcock

Wednesday 1:10
September 12
North/South Dining Rooms

All Welcome...
EVEN RORY

*Danceworks
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**Mel Yuan
Education Vice President**

Faculty Representation

The recent elections have uncovered a trend towards students running on faculty based tickets so that particular student groups i.e. Engineers, Medical students etc. are 'well represented'. In this column I have consistently spoken about "faculty representation", however this kind of representation is different.

The University makes decisions about the way the University is run through University Council and its various subcommittees. Part of this structure of "Governance" involves decisions made at the faculty level. Each of the eleven (soon to be twelve) faculties have a faculty committee, and often a number of departmental committees as well. This is the "faculty representation" that the Students Association has been working towards in the last eighteen months. The process has involved formulating a position to be put to the current University decision makers (i.e. University Council and its subcommittees). These proposals involve better run elections and more publicity about the role and nature of students on faculty committees. This representation is crucial as it is there that the many of the most important decisions are made about timetabling, courses, assessment and the like. This faculty representation is crucial if students are to have a say in the direction of our University.

The other form of "faculty representation" is what we have seen in the last two elections, and that is students elected to various positions in the Union and Students Association on the basis of their enrolment within a course. The most obvious example is the Medical students who have argued in past for the continuation of Skullduggery and half fees for clinical year students. This form of representation gives students from different courses a say in the way the Union is run.

This distinction must be made as there is likely to be some confusion as to the exact role and powers of the Union and Students Association.

To use the example of an elected Engineering student, if the student is elected to the faculty committee the decisions made would relate to allocations of funding in the faculty, staff appointments, curriculum reviews, research and new technologies. The other individuals that sit on the committee would include the Dean, senior lecturers & tutors, the Assistant Registrar, and probably one or two other students. It is this kind of representation that the Association considers to be important both to students and to the general nature and administration of the University. Students should be well represented at all levels of University decision making.

In contrast an Engineering student elected to the Union Board would need to make budget decisions about the allocation of funds between the different affiliated

groups such as the Clubs and Sports Associations, the PGSA and Students Association, as well as now the Overseas Students Association and Roseworthy College Student Union. Other decisions may involve new Union initiatives and activities such as the Resource Centre and End of Term Shows. If elected to Students Association Council an Engineer would suggest initiatives for the Office Bearers such as a campaign to introduce and enforce a fair number of contact hours or lobbying the University (or faculty committee) about more computers or library books for Engineering students. Further, the Students Association may want to hold special events or activities.

But no matter what the organisation or its function more student involvement is essential if we are to truly represent students in this University.

Referenda

Even though the elections are over there is one outstanding Constitutional change to be put firstly relating to the disestablishment of the Womens Officer to be replaced with an Equal Opportunities Officer and secondly regarding the honoraria paid to the Vice-Presidents. The first change has been covered by others in On Dit so I will deal with the second. This seeks to limit the amount paid to the Vice-Presidents to \$1500 per year.

Currently each of the Vice-Presidents receive \$20 per week for the work that they do. In the last budget submission to the Union the Students Association asked for the amount paid to the Education Vice-President to increase to half of the Presidents honorarium. Unfortunately the increase afforded to the Students Association was only 7% CPI so it was reduced down to a quarter of the Presidents honorarium which is about \$55 per week. In tandem with this are Constitutional requirements of the position as well as policy and regulations on what the Education Vice-President should be doing to justify this amount.

There can be no argument that the demands placed on the position have increased in recent years. The White Paper and the resulting changes in the Higher Education Sector and changes within the University have led to an increased demand for student representation. For too long now student representatives have been underfunded, and this cannot continue or students ultimately will suffer.

However this constitutional change takes none of this into consideration and is ill-conceived. What your personal view on honoraria is not even the real issue. By placing an amount in the Constitution and trying to justify it, it removes the ability of the Students Association Council to set the amount or regulate the position, to ensure real accountability of its Officers.

What if an Officer is incompetent? What if they refuse an honorarium? What about the effects of inflation? Or of the changing needs of the position?

This change will create more

problems than it solves. The Students Association Constitution is not the correct place to express some kind of personal political viewpoint but a document that guides the Association and its elected representatives for the good of its members, and that is all students.

VOTE NO

Final Comments

As this is my final column I would like to thank a few people. Firstly Wendy for being a great person to work with, Anthea who knows more about what goes on in this place than anyone else and Alan who never gave up on us student reps. And the Staff of Georgie, Sharon and Anne for their commitment to the organisation and for teaching me to use a Mac.

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No thanks whatsoever to those people who know nothing about the organisation, what we do and what we stand for. And finally a great big 'Eat Shit and Die' to all those who ever disagreed with me on anything except the aforementioned individuals who at least could say they knew what they were talking about.

**Natasha Stott Despoja
Women's Officer**

In 1988 the Adelaide University Health Service underwent a review and as part of this review the Students' Association released a Discussion Paper on "Women and the University Health Service". The paper, written by Kathy Edwards, discussed the perceived inadequacies of the existing system and suggested future changes. Recommendations that arose, after consultation with women on campus, included the adoption of an extensive health policy with a substantial section on women, and that roles and facilities such as those for Family Planning and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Gynaecology, Stress, Diet, Nutrition and Child Health Care. As outlined in the article prepared by the NUS Women's Department in On Dit (July 30/1990) women, due to their biology, face many health problems that men do not. One proposed solution for dealing with women's health problems is the employment, by the Health Service, of a specialist in women's health. Presently the Health Service has a female doctor on at least 9 out of 10 shifts, however a lot of women do not realise this. Many women feel more comfortable speaking to a woman about health

problems of a reproductive or sexual nature. The University Health Service is accessible to all students and the new system of billing through medicare simply means you can bring your medicare card (or your parents) and your confidentiality will be respected and the service is free. Utilise this service it is designed primarily for students. The new Director of the Health Service is Dr John Setchell and he encourages feedback from students about the Service being offered. Specifically in the area of women's health, if you have queries, suggestions or concerns please contact me or someone at the Health Service.

**University Council
Juanita Lovatt**

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT UNIVERSITY BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.

All the important decisions about the University are made at Uni Council. It must approve, among other things: all new or amended courses, the budget (particularly the distribution of funds across the Uni), Professorial appointments, Clause 4C decisions, Board of Conduct and special grievances, policy decisions, Library funding and the allocation of scholarships, awards and prizes.

Council is the last stop for these matters (except course changes which must be passed by Senate) so it would be inefficient to re-discuss non-controversial issues. Council acts on the advice of its standing committees, which are comprised of academic staff, general staff and students. The major committees are: Education, Finance, Personnel Matters and Student Services, however other bodies such as Faculties and working parties feed into Council as well.

Major initiatives are authorised by the Council, often as a direct result of pressure from within the Uni, and sometimes because of governmental attacks. Two topical examples are the Review of Governance (which has been the subject of several detailed articles in On Dit by student Council rep, Anthea Howard)

and the mergers of Adelaide Uni with SACAE City Campus and Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Of the 35 members, 17 are internal (including 4 undergrads, 1 postgrad, 8 academics and 1 general staff). State Parliamentarians

and community members make up the complement of external members. The Chancellor, Dame Roma Mitchell, who chairs meetings, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kevin Marjoribanks, are ex officio members of Council.

Effective student representation on Council is essential, as it is often the last chance students have for input into specific decisions before they become concretised as University policy.

Past achievements of student reps include: increased lighting and safety measures on campus, protection of your rights in the amalgamation process, security cameras in the Barr Smith bag room, the creation of the reading room and strong, comprehensive

University responses to State/Federal Government Green and White Papers.

Juanita Lovatt

**Overseas Students
Sujeetha Selvamanikan**

Elections and Affiliation

As you should all know, the recent elections went extremely well for the OSA. The affiliation referendum was passed convincingly and the OSA is now officially affiliated to the Union. A great deal of the credit must go to Kumar who put a lot of time and energy into the campaign. Also, all the OSA election candidates: Asha Puvan and Kumar Kanagasabal for Union Board, Sathish Dasan for NUS delegate, and John Francis for SAUA Council were all elected. Not only this, but they all managed to break quota.

Congratulations to all successful candidates and commiserations to those who didn't quite make it.

OSA ELECTIONS

Just as the excitement of the University elections are over the OSA elections are just around the corner. The elections will be held on Saturday 15 September 1990. Nominations are now open, and nomination forms are available in the OSA office or Vibes (Vol 2, No. 6) Nominations will close on Saturday 15 September at 10:30 am.

Due to the affiliation all overseas students are now automatically FULL members of the OSA. This means that they are entitled to vote and to run for positions in the upcoming election. In addition a Social Standing Committee comprising 6 members has been created. Nominations for these positions are open to all OSA members.

Further information can be obtained from the OSA election ad, Vibes or the OSA office.

Sujeetha Selvamanikan

Adelaide University Overseas Students Association

Annual Elections- 15 September 1990

Nominations now open to all FULL members of the OSA for the following positions:

President, Education Vice President, Welfare Vice President, Activities Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Officer, Sports Officer, Vibes Editors (Two), Publicity Officer, Committee Members (Six)

Nominations now open to ALL members of the OSA for the following positions:

Social Standing Committee Members (Six)

Nominations close Saturday (15 September) 10:30 am

Nomination forms available in OSA Office and Vibes (Vol 2 No.6)

Authorised by Returning Officer, SOH Lal Leng

OnDit A Step in the Wrong Direction

The most depressing thing about the University of Adelaide is the abundance of moleskin-clad boultique beer boneheads who surface every year, usually at election time, and rally in their own miserable way around one squalid issue.

This year, we've seen a couple of illiterate homophobes attempt, and attempt unsuccessfully, to seize control of OnDit. Why? "Coz' it's full of poofs". Excellent. If it wasn't for the fact that this duo of inarticulate, insecure little boys received nearly 300 votes, it would be kind of funny.

In a similar vein is the current push, headed by the usual menagerie of Head of the River/Right Side of Town WASPS, to get rid of the Women's Officer.

We say get rid of the Women's

Officer because it is the only objective of this week's referendum. It has absolutely nothing to do with equal opportunities. It is the grubby result of a group of underdeveloped male minds who, racked with paranoia and rage, simply cannot handle the fact that the Women's Officer position exists.

Let us imagine, however, that these lads are serious, that they do believe that the Women's Officer position is perhaps too narrow, and that an Equal Opportunity Officer could handle all problems of discrimination, not just sexism.

First of all, we already have an Equal Opportunity Unit on campus, which competently handles broader issues of discrimination. An Equal Opportunity Officer in

the SAUA would create unnecessary overlap.

Secondly, the Women's Officer position is one with a unique and essential function. The Women's Officer, like the Equal Opportunity Unit is responsible for the handling of complaints dealing with issues of sexual harassment and rape. However, unlike the E.O. Unit, the Women's Officer is responsible for initiating campaigns and activities designed to create a non-sexist environment on campus. Surely nobody could object to that.

Over the past few years, the Women's Officers have all done important work in the areas of women's health, security and other issues of particular relevance to women such as gender bias in the curriculum. If we were to chronicle the outstanding work of this

years' Women's Officer, Natasha Stott Despoja, this editorial would be an eight-page liftout.

You will see below that the YES lobbyists claim that the "democratic mechanism" will ensure that male joke candidates are not elected to the position. This is rubbish. Firstly, any man who genuinely supported the Women's Officer position would not run for it. They would recognise the importance of having a woman as Women's Officer. How many women who had experienced sexual harassment, discrimination or assault would feel comfortable receiving advice from a male?

Secondly, the fact that this referendum has emanated from a bunch of gilded male youths, most of whom seem to hail from the Engle/Med School enclaves, surely says

something. If the referendum gets up, there will definitely be a rash of misogynist yobbos running for the position on a sweetness and light "Sure, I'm a feminist" ticket.

And if a couple of losers like Neuling and Phillips can muster up three hundred votes on a "Poofster-Bashing" platform, then a candidate with an agenda of "Feminist-Bashing" could surely give it a nudge.

A vote for the Equal Opportunities Officer is not a vote for equal opportunities. It is a vote against the Women's Officer. It is a vote against women.

As Liberal MP Steele Hall says, "To sacrifice the position of Women's Officer would be a step in the wrong direction."

David Penberthy
Steve Jackson

WHY SHOULDN'T WE REPLACE THE WOMEN'S OFFICER WITH AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER?

The University already has an Equal Opportunity Unit and the Union employs two Education Welfare Officers who deal with equal opportunity issues. If students would like a student working on equal opportunity issues, then the best way to address these issues would be to create a separate Equal Opportunity Officer position, rather than undermining both equal opportunity and women's services by combining the two officer positions, which would result in an unenviable workload.

An Equal Opportunity Officer deals with a completely different range of issues than a Women's Officer. An Equal Opportunity Officer deals with issues of sexuality, age, race and class discrimination as well as problems faced by disabled and other disadvantaged students.

A Women's Officer deals with issues of sexual harassment, rape, women's health, security and other issues of particular relevance to women such as gender bias in the curriculum.

As can be seen both an Equal Opportunity Officer and Women's Officer perform vital-but distinctly different-functions. To combine the two positions in one would compromise these vital services.

Realistically, no one part-time officer in the SAUA would have the time or skills to deal with all equal opportunity issues and all issues affecting women. The work load would be too great.

At present there is a constitutional requirement that the Women's Officer must be a woman. This ensures that only a woman liaises with all women's groups on campus, sexual harassment and rape victims. Replacing the women's officer with an Equal Opportunity Officer would mean that a man could perform these duties, again compromising the services provided to women on this campus.

VOTE NO

to abolishing the Women's Officer.

Equal Opportunity?- Yes.

BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WOMEN'S OFFICER!

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE YES TO THE AMENDMENT

A statement from those who support the referendum

- The renaming of the Women's Officer is a positive and important step to stop the continued alienation of large sections of the student community from their representative body- the SAUA.

- The position is blatantly sexist at present- it reserves a place for a female on SAUA Council purely on the basis of gender.

- This is not an attempt to undermine the position of women on campus. If that were our aim we would be trying to abolish the position. On the contrary we have been meticulously careful in maintaining every role previously specified and performed. The position will still implement the Association's policy relating to women, promote their position and liaise with on campus women's groups.

- We see no reason why the important role of representing "any student before Adelaide University Council Standing Committee on Sexual Harassment couldn't be equally well performed by a responsible female. We are confident the democratic mechanism which prevents a "joke" female candidate from being elected will be equally effective in stopping any "joke" male candidates being elected.

- With 8000 students Adelaide University is a relatively small campus and doesn't need, nor can it afford both a Women's Officer and an Equal Opportunity Officer. To suggest such is unrealistic and impractical.

- It is a misconception to suggest the Women's Officer performs a support & counselling role for rape and sexual harassment victims. These are neither specified roles nor is the Women's Officer trained or qualified to perform them.

VOTE YES-

A VOTE FOR REAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

NOT A VOTE AGAINST WOMEN

SUBVERTING THE DOMINANT PARADIGM...

Women and Equal Opportunity at the University of Adelaide

Of all of the recommendations contained in both the Interim and Final Reports of the Review of Governance, those proposing that positive steps be taken to improve the number of women in University Committees have perhaps been the most controversial. Anthea Howard reports.

Background: The Contents of the Review Report

There are four recommendations (15, 16, 17 and 18) contained in the Final Report of the Review of Governance (Review, 1990). Their effects are as follows:

- to set a quota of at least 30% women on most Faculty and Departmental sub-committees, promotion and appointments committees, the proposed Vice-Chancellor's Committee and Standing Committees of Council;
- to require Departmental Committees to have at least four women members, excepting those where the nucleus is less than 11. In the latter case, the proportion shall be no less than 30%. Departments may draw upon women in cognate disciplines to achieve these quotas;
- to allow exemption from application of the quota where it is not possible to meet, within certain criteria and for a limited term. Departments and Faculties gaining exemption are to put forward a plan for increasing the number of women involved in governance;
- to require one of the proposed Deputy Vice-Chancellors (who is to be responsible for EO matters) to develop criteria for identifying contributions to administration made by women serving on committees in order that any disproportionate burden can be taken into account for promotion purposes. (Report, 1990: 74-77).

While concerns have been raised by women about this final recommendation in particular, as requiring strengthening to shore up provision of compensation, my purpose here is to extend the discussion of the general thrust of these recommendations and to address the nature of the objections raised against them.

The criticisms of the EO recommendations proposed in the Interim Report are reiterated in the Final Report as follows:

- the proposal was insulting to women and amounted to tokenism. It was inconsistent with the principle that eligibility for committee membership should be based on the qualities and skills of members. It discriminated against men;
- it would be an unfair burden on women, diverting their energies into administrative tasks, and could slow down or prevent their career progression; and
- in the cases of disciplines with few members of academic staff it would be impracticable to implement. (Report, 1990: 72).

In response to these criticisms, the Report makes a number of points.

- The view that the recommendations attempting to correct gender imbalance on Committees amounts to discrimination against men is in part a justification of the status quo;

- equal opportunity principles allow for "special measures which are designed to overcome the effects of past discrimination" (Report, 1990: 73);

- the University accepts that the "interests and concerns of students may differ from those of academic staff," but assumes that those of male and female academic staff do not (Report, 1990: 73), and there is a need to challenge this assumption;

- a male majority should not decide whether or not women are able to gain equal access to involvement in governance;

- concerns about the impracticality of finding enough women to sit on committees are mitigated by the modified recommendations in the Final Report.

In expanding upon these arguments, I will turn first to the nature of the discrimination which the Review's recommendations are attempting to counter.

The Nature of Discrimination

It has been argued in other contexts that evidence of discrimination against women in academia is tenuous (see Over, 1983: 388-389). The implication of this argument, and of many of the challenges to the Review's EO recommendations in the current debate, is that for discrimination to exist, it should be direct. This is a perspective which fundamentally fails to recognise the very nature of the discrimination which the Review is seeking to counteract, which is systemic or indirect discrimination. Marlan Sawyer quotes Peter Wilenski at length in providing a definition of systemic discrimination,

Discrimination...is not always a matter of individual bigotry or conscious intent. Nor is it always overt. Prejudices may, especially if they remain unchallenged, be incorporated in rules, standard procedures and criteria of eligibility, both written and unwritten. They thus become institutionalised; their origins in time obscured or forgotten. The rules of procedures may outlive the attitudes which produced them but continue to be widely accepted so long as they are applied impartially and universally. This appearance of impartiality or neutrality may obscure the fact that they affect members of different groups differently, offering advantage to some and handicapping others.

These rules and practices, sanctioned by custom and familiarity, are frequently not recognised as

discriminatory by those who perpetuate them or by those affected. This form of discrimination is referred to as systemic or indirect.

It is a form of discrimination not easily proven and cannot be readily identified by scrutiny of individual cases. Its existence is revealed in statistical data. It is reflected, for example, in differential patterns in employment between men and women and characterised by rules or criteria for recruitment, selection or promotion, which are not directly related to the requirements of the job. (Sawyer, 1984: 105)

Wilenski makes several points which bear emphasising. First, the appearance that existing rules are impartial and universal is an important assumption to highlight. Criticisms directed at the Review's recommendations along the lines that the "current under-involvement of women in the governance of the University simply reflects their lack of merit" (Report, 1990: 73) displays this assumption. The rules governing election or appointment to and operation of committees, in this view, are deemed impartial, and thus as having no inbuilt bias against the participation of women. While this assumed objectivity of rules persists, suggestions that the rules are in fact biased are naturally greeted with hostility. Moreover, attempts to redress the bias are seen as reverse discrimination - against men - in spite of the fact that past application of the rules certainly has not discouraged men from committee participation.

Secondly, Wilenski suggests that prejudice allowed to go unchallenged finds its way into both written and unwritten rules and standards. Jennifer Jones and Frances Lovejoy examined a FAUSA survey performed in 1977 (FAUSA, 1977) for evidence of beliefs about sex roles in work and family among female and male academics. They found that

...more men than women held negative views regarding matters such as women's capacity for logical reasoning, career commitment, ambition, reliability and competence. These views [were] particularly entrenched among higher-status males, that is, among the persons one is likely to encounter on selection, tenure and promotion committees. (Jones and Lovejoy, 1982: 390)

Once again, the responses to the EO recommendations proposed by the Review demonstrate that prejudices of this nature are alive and well at the University of Adelaide. (I note that the age of the literature I am citing suggests that this insti-

tution is rather more backward than most in coming to terms with the existence of such prejudices...)

Structural change of the nature proposed in the Review Report is necessary to counteract systemic discrimination entrenched in the existing male dominated structures and culture of the University, not least because the growth in female enrolments in the 'seventies and 'eighties has not been paralleled by growth in the numbers of female academic staff.

A Male Dominated System: The Impact on Students

Critical responses to the Review's recommendations have devoted scant (if any) attention to the impact upon women students of the existing systemic bias against the participation of women in governance. The Report, on the other hand, displays sensitivity to both the immediate and longer term needs and interests of women students. For instance, the Report notes that the increased participation of women in governance "may bring about a re-assessment of existing assumptions about the nature of the educational process and lead to different decisions about policy and future directions." (Report, 1990: 72) It goes on to indicate that feminist criticism of teaching methodology and curriculum will also be encouraged by the increased presence of women on committees. Moreover, the Report suggests,

women on committees will provide more accessible points of contact for women staff and students to make their views known, and provide greater support to women who are isolated within Departments in which there are few other women. (Report, 1990: 72)

This last point is particularly vital for women students strongly under-represented in a number of the professional Faculties. The number of women proceeding to postgraduate and even Honours studies in all Faculties remains very low. An increased prominence of women academics in Faculties and Departments as role models and mentors is vital if we are to achieve increases in the number of women undertaking higher degrees, especially in 'non-traditional' areas.

Changes in Practice

There is no denying the likelihood that the burden on senior academic women will increase with the implementation of the EO recommendations contained in the Review Report. For this reason the need for adequate and appropriate compensation cannot be emphasised enough. Recommendation 18 in the Report is not adequate in this regard. However, it is simply unacceptable, as the Report points out, for "a predominantly male University community to reject the claims of women for a greater voice in governance on the ground that this is not in women's interests." (Report, 1990: 74) The sexism inherent in this attitude scarcely needs expounding. It is also likely that in the short term senior academic women will be unavailable for some of their teach-

ing load due to committee commitments. This is a necessary short-term trade-off for long term gains in terms of structural, policy and cultural changes. Finally, some Departments continue to maintain that the Report's recommendations would be impracticable to implement, either because they have few or no women on their staff, or because of the small size of their Department. The Final Report's recommendations provide for such cases, as well as allowing limited term exemption where implementation of the quota proves impossible.

The Review of Governance presents the University with a number of opportunities for progressive change, as do the mergers with Roseworthy and City SACAE. Giving real effect to equal opportunity in the area of governance is one such opportunity not to be missed. Our alternative is to maintain a system along the lines of Bettina Cass's wry characterisation of Don Aitken's *The Second Chair*,

...where women as auxiliary workers... frame the borders of the political action, but only men sit on the committees, send memos to each other and appoint new staff - establishing and maintaining the over-all assumptions and ground rules within which the academic profession operates. (Cass, 1983: 80)

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ECOLOGY, CAPITALISM AND THE STATE LIVING ON SPACESHIP EARTH

When the first colour pictures of Earth from space were broadcast, humanity was for the most part profoundly moved. Many people, perhaps for the first time in all of human history, realised the truly global nature of human existence and evolution. For an instant people forgot that they were American or Australian and realised that all of humanity are Earthlings (Earth-things) with a common bio-evolutionary past and a shared destiny. That planet Earth was not only extremely beautiful but that it was also our home and that without it there would be no America or Australia (or anything much else).

It was not until we were able to view the Earth as a whole (like an imaginary alien from a foreign galaxy stumbling upon Earth for the first time), that most of us began to understand the true nature of the human situation: that of a self-conscious biological species entirely dependent upon the health of a living planet around a small star in a universe without boundary or centre. That we are stranded, like explorers on a spaceship lost in deep space, in a vast universe, unknown and unexplored, in which there is no certainty of encountering any other form of intelligent life or of finding another planet upon which our species could conveniently live. Space-ship Earth is the only viable space-ship we possess (after all it has kept some form of life going for over 2500,000,000 years). It is up to all of humanity to keep it afloat. IT IS ALL THAT WE HAVE.

**ACTING LOCALLY/
THINKING GLOBALLY:
Saving the whole
by saving the parts**

If by chance an intelligent alien from another galaxy had happened to make an inquiry into the organisation of life upon Earth any time in the last 1000,000,000 years he would not have described the world in terms of countries and nation states such as China, England or Scotland. For even in human history (itself a very recent event in the evolution of life), such a way of looking at the world is but a few thousand years old. Beginning with the construction of the Great Wall of China and ending with the Imperialist-state carve up of America, Africa and Australia etc, by the European empire builders during the last couple of centuries. Our intelligent alien would, as a matter of course have described the organisation of life on Earth in purely ecological terms; in all probability in the following manner: "as a self-regulating, living planet, teeming with many millions of life forms, composed or organised into a globally integrated patchwork of distinct and self-organising ecological regions and eco-systems." Our alien would surmise, "that dramatic changes in physiography (Canyons, mountains, plains and islands etc) with their corresponding differences in climate and drainage etc. when combined with the spontaneous accidents of biological evolution (eg mutations and the effects of

isolation caused by continental drift etc) had created a multitude of separate ecological regions (deserts, forests, grasslands etc) each supporting its own life colony. A unique and diverse mixture of animals, trees, flowers and soil types specific or native to the area." Our alien would conclude that "the planet, whilst being an enclosed and unified entity in which all life was integrated and inter-related, it was none-the-less composed of a host of distinct biological regions."

A nation state the size of America might contain many thousands of distinct ecological regions and sub-regions, and in appreciating this fact, it becomes obvious that our

of its parts. That the health of every ecological region, be it a swamp, a flood plain or a mountain range like the health of every bodily organ - from the heart and liver to the individual blood cell - are, when combined with one another significant to the overall health of the whole. All parts of the Earth like all parts of the body must remain healthy and work effectively with another.

If we are to save the planet as a whole we must begin to save the parts. This involves redrawing our social and political boundaries and developing a new and ecologically informed sense of eco-regional difference. Boundaries between states, although they

social space must, if we are to regain a proper appreciation of the complex fabric of our living planet, become increasingly more sensitive to natural eco-regional difference and boundary.

We must as the slogan goes: ACT LOCALLY/THINK GLOBALLY. We must develop a local or eco-regional consciousness - through planting or preserving trees and encouragement - or farming animals appropriate or native to our area - whilst at the same time seeing such action within a global context - as part of a global effort to create a greener, healthier and more sustainable planet. In asking us to ACT LOCALLY we are asked to go beyond the narrow confines of our backyards and develop a new eco-regional sense of space and place. In asking us to THINK GLOBALLY we are asked to go beyond the equally narrow confines of national state patriotism and develop a new sense of global ecological unity, equality and purpose. In asking us to ACT LOCALLY modern ecological thought asks ordinary people to positively contribute to the ecological betterment of their environment - where they live, work and bring up their families - amply understanding the fact that the vast majority of people are able to be of most influence in their immediate surroundings where everyone can personally make a directly practical contribution in that part of the planet most directly affecting them. In asking us to THINK GLOBALLY ecology asks ordinary people to appreciate that the only rational way to save the planet is to save the whole by saving the parts. To realize that if everybody in every ecological region comes to care, preserve and deeply identify with the natural ecology of their region then the planet as a whole is much more likely to survive the onslaught of our present profoundly destructive industrial and social system.



What sort of future is there for the planet? Graham Purchase presents the first in a series of four articles discussing the relationship between humanity and the environment.

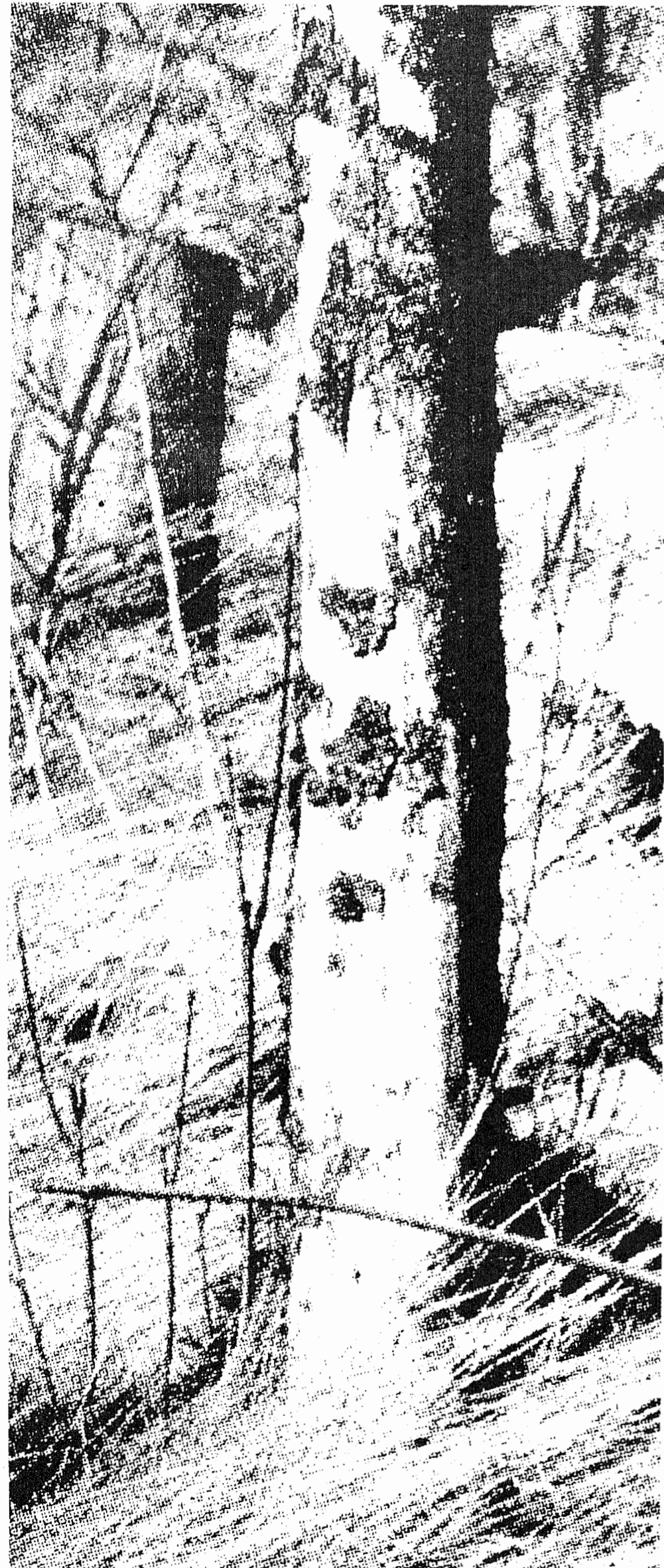
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species has in recent years been all too easily duped into seeing life upon earth in human centred and purely nationalistic terms. A good number of the self-sustaining and complex eco-systems which we see upon Earth today having existed and evolved many millions of years prior to the human-cultural imposition of national-state boundaries. It makes no difference whatsoever from an ecological point of view that one half of the Rocky mountains is in Canada and the other half in North America. The observation of our imaginary alien as well as the findings of modern ecological thought assure us that it is foolish to ignore (something as a species we have consciously decided to do for some time) eco-regional boundaries and difference. That the overall health of the planet, like that of the human body, is intimately dependent on the health

are frequently related to dramatic natural boundaries (e.g. the Rhine between France and Germany or the River Murray between Victoria and South Australia) are for the most part simply the result of international conflict and colonial-state imperialism. National-state boundaries are often simply the line where the fighting ended or (as is the case with Australia) where someone drew straight lines across vast tracts of land they had never even visited in the office of the colonial-state administrator in London. Naturally, national boundaries do, and will, continue to have an important human-cultural dimension that cannot be ignored (we cannot just stop being Germans or Americans), but we must increasingly begin to think of ourselves, first and foremost, as inhabitants of the Rhine Valley or of the Murraylands. Our concepts of political and

The need for clean air and pure rain as well as the inter-continental migration of bird and marine life show us that the distinct ecological region is far from an enclosed entity and that although the concept of the United Nations was a promising move in the direction of fostering a global consciousness in the minds of the mass of our species we must begin to go beyond these first beginnings. We must begin to think in terms of ourselves as a global ecological entity and begin at the level of the individual region construct a global federation of ecological regions. The people of each ecological region must in striving to preserve and improve upon the ecology of their region must be encouraged to see their activity in terms of taking a responsible part in a regional, inter-regional, continental, inter-continental or global federation of environmental regions.

the growth of the greens



The Tasmanian Green Independents were dismissed by most people as a group of lunatic fringe candidates obsessed with one issue and one issue only. They silenced the sceptics in the last election, winning five seats in Parliament and forming a coalition government with the ALP.

Stephanie Pribil spoke with Michael Lynch, coordinator of the Green Independents, about the achievements of Tassie's Greens.

OD: Your title is Green Co-Ordinator. What does your job involve?

ML: The title really arose because there was nothing else we could think of. The situation is that there are five Green Independents, one in each of the electorates: Bob Brown in Denison, Gerry Bates in Franklin, Lance Armstrong in Bass, Christine Milne in Lyons and DI Hollister in Braddon. Now, part of the deal in the Green ALP Accord was that we would get the same staffing and administrative support levels as the Opposition. We objected to the hierarchy structure of staffing and in the end were able to negotiate nine jobs at \$27,000 p.a. So each of the members has one assistant, although Bob pays for another two out of his own salary, and we have a secretary-typist, two researchers and then my position which is looking after everything that no-one else does, plus trying to co-ordinate everybody. So that's the way we're structured and that's what I do.

OD: How did you become involved with Green Politics?

ML: Well, I come from Sydney and I joined the navy when I was fourteen, then got out in 1981 after twenty years, partly because twenty years was enough, partly because there was a growing disillusionment with the military. Since then it's become very clear to me that I was probably a pacifist all along. In early '85, my wife and I came down to Tasmania for a holiday, and decided to buy her uncle's house. The very day we arrived here, the Liberal government at the time announced that they were going to build a silicon smelter on the shores of North-West bay, which is the bay we live on, about 30kms south of what became the biggest environmental battle in Tasmania between the Franklin River and Wesley Vale. The thing about Tasmania is that it's so bloody beautiful, you can't help but want to do something to protect it.

Not long after that, a nuclear warship came into Hobart, and Bob Brown wrote a letter to the paper about the visit, and as a result, I wrote him a letter explaining who I was and about my experience in the navy, and offering my help. We met, which was the start of an incredibly close friendship, and then he asked me to stand with him in the last state election, so I was second on the ticket in Denison. After that, it seemed the natural thing that I would work here, and here we are!

OD: How would you suggest other people become involved, particularly with the political side of the movement rather than just general environmental action?

ML: The conservation movement (in Tasmania) has been very much an "issues" thing, starting in the early '70s when the United Tasmania Group (UTG) was born out of the fight to save Lake Peddar. That was a formal political party, contesting (and

losing) a number of state and federal elections, and it had a life of about five years.

OD: Why was that? Was it due to a lack of support?

ML: It was because there wasn't a specific issue to rally around...Tasmanians have historically not wanted to put energy into structure. Now, one of the greatest debates that has raged in Tasmania since the last election is to "party" or not to "party". Should we have a formal structure?

OD: What are the arguments for it?

ML: There aren't many! We have a very loose support structure that meets on a statewide basis every couple of weeks and the majority of us - and everything we do is by consensus - don't see the need for any formal structure.

Also, we've always had the Wilderness Society, and the Conservation Trust, and the Australian Conservation Foundation and Greenpeace.

OD: Obviously, the aim is to ensure an environment-friendly Tasmania. What will happen to green politics if that aim is achieved? In achieving your aims, will you be meeting your demise?

ML: Hopefully, we'll see the demise of the political wing. Even though the UTG died, the people were still around, and they came together to save the Franklin, and Farmhouse Creek, and Electra, and Wesley Vale. When the need arose, they wanted to play their part, and when it didn't arise, they'd be much happier bushwalking or growing vegetables or raising children -

OD: - Just on that point, do you see people who support the Greens as traditional "greenies"?

ML: No, not totally. Pre-May '89, there were two independents in Parliament but the word "green" wasn't used at all. In early '88, Bob decided that because of the growing environmental concern, there was a real possibility that we could get a balance of power situation in Parliament. So he got Joan Staples (the then ACF's Canberra lobbyist) to come down here, and she spent fifteen months working around the state, putting together the bones of an election campaign. The decision was made in February '89 that we would run a full ticket of three people in each of the five electorates.

OD: Where did the funds come from to support all of this?

ML: All donations. The election campaign cost \$125,000 and it was all paid for by donations.

OD: Was everyone confident of election success, or were you fairly cautious?

ML: Well, Bob was always confident.

OD: And the others?

ML: There was no question that Bob and Gerry and Christine would not get elected. Lance was a fairly good bet and as it turned out he got the second highest vote! I don't think anybody thought that DI would be

in Tasmania

elect, not because it was DI but because her electorate is probably the most conservative in the country. It's rural, it has lots of farmers, it has a very large fundamentalist Christian enclave and it had never elected a woman in its history. Out of that comes a green, a green woman...it was amazing! So there we were with the balance of power. Then the fun - the real hard work - started!

OD: What has been happening since the election? What have the Greens been doing?

ML: The election was on May 13, the poll was declared on May 29, so we had two weeks to sort something out - "we" being the Liberal Party, the Labor Party and the Greens. There are thirty-five seats in the Lower House - the conservatives got seventeen, the Labor Party got thirteen and we got five. So now we had three choices. We could align ourselves with the Liberals, or we could sit on the cross-bench and that still would have meant that the conservatives would be returned since they had a 17-13 majority, or we could align ourselves with the Labor Party, so that our combined vote would be 18 against the conservative's 17. The Labor Party had agreed to support the World Heritage Nomination, to stop Wesley Vale, to allow the Douglas Aspley National Park to be gazetted and to stop the fourth woodchip mill mooted for the Huon. So we (Greens and Labor) negotiated an accord which, considering the circumstances, isn't too bad, but it is fundamentally flawed.

OD: Why? What are some of the weaknesses?

ML: The big fundamental flaw is that we cannot direct policy. The five members had to promise the Governor that they would not block supply or support a motion of no confidence. We can complain and object but in the end the government has the power.

OD: If a situation arises where either of those is the only option, what would happen to the Accord?

ML: The undertaking the members gave to the Governor was conditional in that there had to be an "out" in instances of gross negligence by the Government. But as long as a government isn't totally corrupt and is administering the state correctly, but is pushing through policies you totally disagree with, there is nothing you can do. This is the problem we've found ourselves with - the sort of relationship that we envisaged is mutually exclusive of executive government. The whole history of the Westminster System has been one of Cabinet superiority and solidarity, of the executive having the final say. What we want is a situation where, although not part of the Cabinet in a coalition, we have a say in the decision making process. The Labor Party cannot get its mind around that, and so it's a clearly flawed relationship.

OD: Do you think the Accord in Tasmania is a prototype for the mainland, or do you think it's an example that will go unheeded?

ML: The problem of it being a prototype is that no other state has our voting system (The Hare-Clark). We have multimember electorates, and each of the seven members in an electorate only needs to get around 13.5% of the vote, and that means even a minority party can get elected. That's why we've been able to get five people

elect, because you only need a small proportion of the vote, whereas in a single-member electorate, you have to get 50% plus.

OD: What about in environmental terms rather than political terms? How do you think Tasmania stands as an example?

ML: Oh, as an amazing example!

OD: How do the Greens reconcile economic concerns with environmental concerns when the two are in opposition?

ML: I cannot think of an instance and I'm not suggesting there aren't any - where there is a direct example.

OD: Given the anti-nuclear stance, what do the Greens see as the future power source?

ML: Conservation of energy, and co-generation of power. Co-generation is where a factory generates its own electricity through its waste products. A wonderful experiment is happening right now at the newspaper mill at Boyer - by using their waste fibre to burn, they produce steam to drive the turbines to produce electricity. On King Island, the government is running a trial on wave-powered energy. Even in Tasmania, you get enough sun to run solar energy sources for households, and on the west coast there's enough bloody wind to power half the bloody world! You could get windmills running 35 hours a day over there! There's any number of options for energy.

OD: Is there ever a feeling of "I-told-you-so" among the Greens towards everyone else who has suddenly joined the trend?

ML: Oh yeah! (laughing)

OD: What about resentment?

ML: Mmm, frustration. Frustration for the number of species that have been made extinct in the meantime whilst we've plundered the natural resources. Frustration at...the Exxon Valdez...Chernobyl...the salination of the Mallee Country - they needn't have happened.

OD: What direction do you see the Green movement heading in? Is there a chance that people will eventually tire of the trend and abandon it, or that will they realize it is important for humankind's survival?

ML: It's a multifaceted thing. It's a necessity for people to re-order the way they live, but not everybody has to be green, and I don't think anybody I know in the green movement has that expectation. We've got to change as a nation and as a world, we've got to be more considerate of the way we waste energy and food and unrenovable resources. One of the things that will save us is that concern is so broadly based, it's across an incredibly wide spectrum. To that extent the Green movement does have a future, but maybe not as "the green movement", perhaps as more of a social change.

OD: Do you think this is a turning point in history? Or perhaps not a turning point but the beginning of a new path?

ML: Well, Jonathan Porritt, who I think is the most articulate exponent of Green philosophy, talks about the lack of difference between political left and right. It talks about them both being headed down the same road to destruction and what the Greens are trying to do is to get off that road and onto a track that's going in a different direction...



Charity by Anarchy?

Prosh, the annual student mardi gras which defies authority has been surrounded by controversy in the past. But these days it is a lot less rowdy. Is it charity by anarchy? Jamie Skinner reports on the history of Prosh.

What do Archbishop Rayner, ex-Lord Mayor Jim Jarvis, Bob Francis, Scott McBain, Paul Makin, Mr Tonkin, Martin Cameron and countless Vice Chancellors all have in common?

They've all participated in helping students raise money for charity in the annual campus mardi gras which is Prosh, an activity traditionally occurring during the last week of the penultimate curricular term, "devoted to disruption of the normal academic status quo". In recent years, lecturers have cancelled lectures and tutes on the Friday, the bookshop has been closed down and the ANZ autobank barricaded.

The First Prosh
The first ever recorded Prosh dates back to 1905 when a hot bed of activity was occurring not only in Russia but at a downtown Adelaide campus.

"Finnis in the Lower Level", a book documenting the history of the Adelaide University Union, reports that "Japes and attacks on the Chancellor reached a peak in that year."

"Sir Samuel Way was minuted as having asked the University Council for protection from students," thus begatting the first ever Prosh.

"Armed with inflated and painted oxbladders tied to bamboo poles, the students... in drays and wagons suitably dressed with posters... made their way from in front of the Town Hall blipping the crowd with their medieval buffoons' bladders."

Flour bombs had yet become a part of Prosh.

The Fifties and Sixties

It was during the fifties and sixties that Prosh really came into its own. Procession day marchers turned out in numbers of over five hundred, and crowds of thousands watched thirty to thirty five floats during their lunch breaks. One particular float in the sixties sported a five foot phallus, much to the embarrassment of passers-by. Smoke bombs were let off during rush hour in Rundle Street, police cars had their tyres punctured, and in 1958 the names of "about seventy youths and some girls" were taken. Warning lights were stolen from roadworks and flashing lights short-circuited at a level crossing, almost causing several accidents.

The Advertiser reports on Wednesday November 26, 1952 that the actions of Uni-

versity students were responsible for placing a nude female dummy on top of the Elder Conservatorium spire, more than one hundred feet from the ground. A professional steeplejack described it as a "risky and stupid escapade."

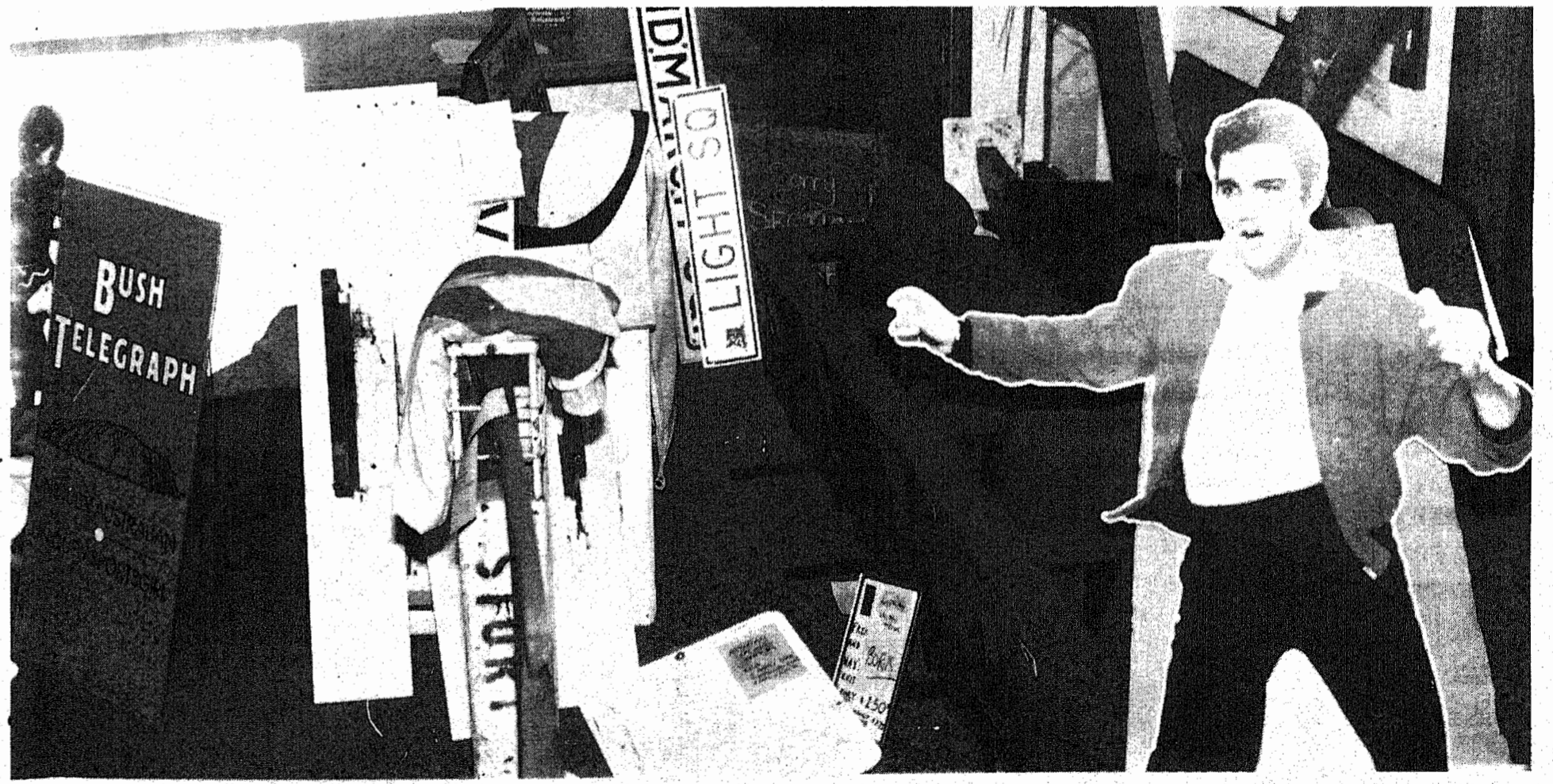
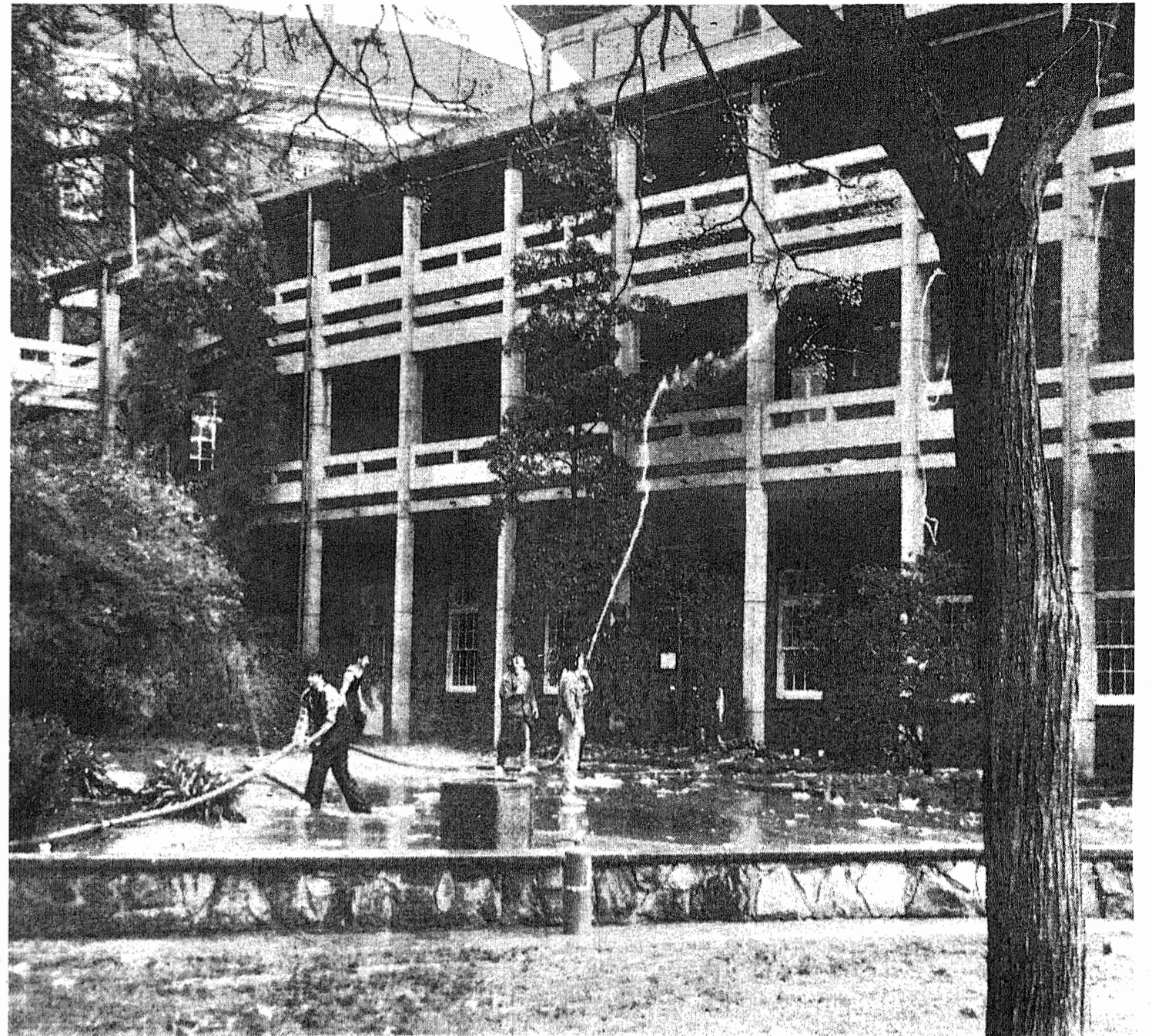
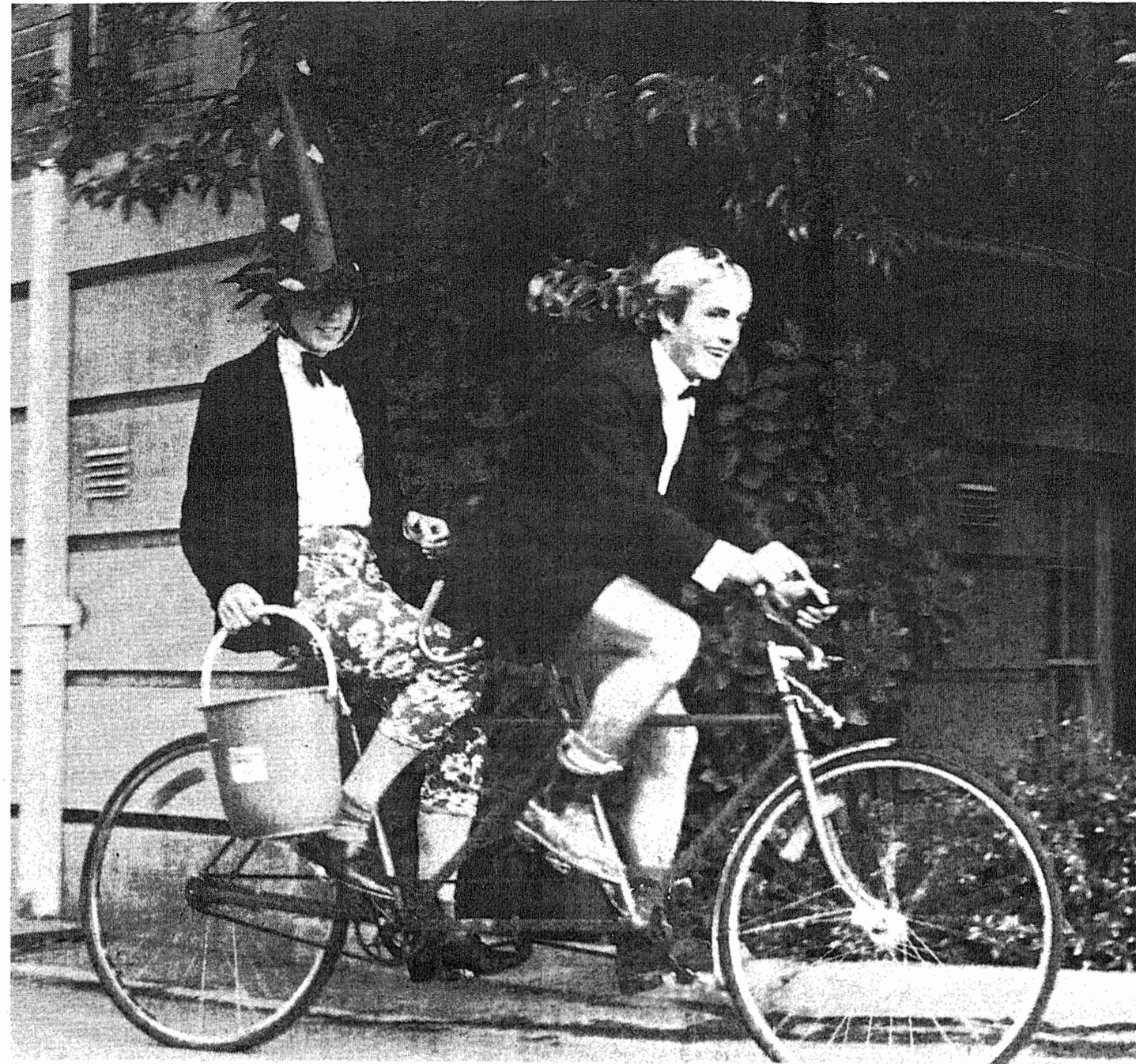
It was believed to have been put there in the middle of the night by Proshites climbing up a lightning conductor. The steeplejack, a Mr J.O. Ratcliff, removed the mannequin. First noticed at 7am that morning, it was not until 4pm after a half hour struggle that the dummy was lowered to the ground, to the accompaniment of cheers from a large crowd. During the day, hundreds of people had paused on North Terrace to look at the dummy. The Vice-Chancellor of the day, Mr A.P. Rowe declined to comment to the Advertiser about the "Elder Affair."

Originally, the fire brigade made attempts to get their huge extension ladder close enough to the tower but it could not be extended more than one hundred and six feet and the angle was considered too dangerous to attempt to remove the dummy.

Another classic caprice thirty seven years ago was the painting of two to three foot yellow footsteps from the Vice-Chancellor's residence through a car park, up the east wall of the Conservatorium and up the tower. 1952 also saw a Jolly Roger flag hoisted at half mast on the tower of the Bonython Hall. The maintenance supervisor, Mr J Conroy immediately rushed to the scene to catch the culprits but with no success. A timing device operated by an alarm clock had been set up to drop a weight unleashing the flag at 5.30am but these Proshites' mission of mayhem was unsuccessful.

Despite the occasional outraged citizen writing letters to the Advertiser, Prosh was more popular with the public and students than it is today. In 1962, hundreds marched on Christian Brothers College chanting "We want to enrol, we want school" whereupon the principal goodnaturedly distributed enrolment forms but warned that "any pupils wanting to enrol must be accompanied by a parent or guardian."

The early critics of Prosh attacked students for their lack of morals. The pranksters were described as playboys and hoolligans. Not a year went by without some form of attempted litigation, sometimes there were many arrests. Mounted police were used to break up crowds. The Fire Brigade was used to quell bolsterous stu-



dents, which after the recent events of a borrowed firetruck, the brigade may today find quite a pleasure.

The Real Purpose

The idea of going out into the community and raising money is the real purpose of Prosh. Like any purpose social event en masse, the Grand Prix, a soccer final, rock concert or a Parliament House Protest, occasionally things get out of hand and vandalism or bullying is an unfortunate

downside. In the last four years, Prosh alone has raised almost \$30,000. Over the last decade it has supported a wide range of worthy causes such as Freedom From Hunger, the Red Cross, the Multiple Sclerosis society, the Aboriginal Community College, Austcare and the Mentally Retarded Childrens' Society.

What Charity?

In '86, the non-political charity idea, a

particular concern amongst overseas students, was important to the success of Prosh. The '86 directors Devin Clementi and David Israel raised over \$10 000 for pool equipment for the MSS. The 1983 Prosh was surrounded by controversy about the debate between political and non-political funding of charities. The social relevance argument fumed at a General Students Meeting where students narrowly voted for the charities Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Heart Foundation rather than the Cam-

paign Against Nuclear Energy.

Similarly, in 1989 after a GSM was called supporting the donation of all monies to the Crippled Childrens Association. At a later (stacked) GSM forty petitioners rolled through a motion to give Community Aid Abroad half the Prosh funds, polarizing conservative and progressive students on campus.

In 1988, Prosh Director Josh Marchant came under considerable pressure from the University and the City Council to tone

down Prosh, culminating in the death of the Grabathon, a popular but legally dubious fundraiser. The "borrowing" of a fire engine in 1987, and the creation of a bogus grave-yard on the Barr Smith Lawns, landed many Proshites and the Student's Association itself in hot water. 1987 Director Geoff McDonald said after Prosh that the grabathon should be left to rot and replaced with more traditional activities.

Similarly, the Pie Kill has been a controversial aspect of recent Prosh Days. In 1985

complaints were received by several lecturers who copped cream pies in the face. Student politclubs were also the recipients, some would say more then deservedly, of pie attacks. However, some staff members, particularly those in the Law School, were so enraged after being hit with pies that the pie kill is a big no-no these days.

Prosh 1990 will be held on Friday the 12th of October. Further details will be printed in the next issue of On Dit.

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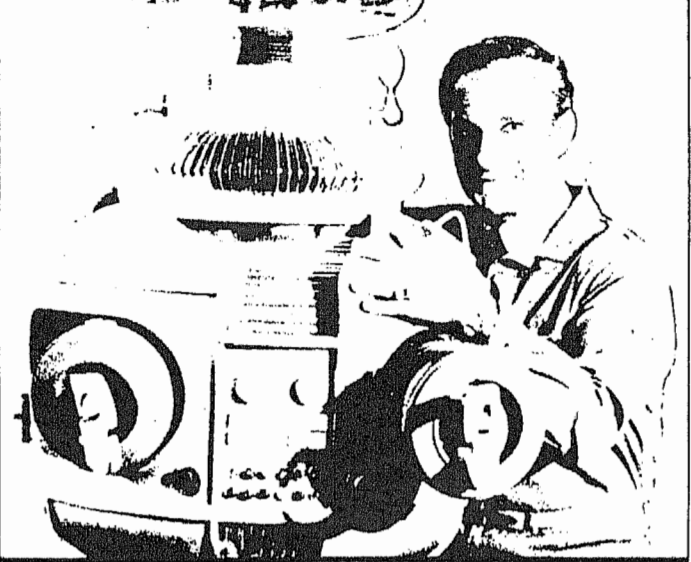
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THE SIMPSONS...

People joke about the sort of television show families that are big in America—the Huxtables, Bradys, Cassidys and so on. They poke fun at how successful everyone is, how much fun the family has together, how easily conflicts are resolved. You know:

"Hi Honey, I'm home!"

"Oh dear, you know that Bobby quit his newspaper round today."

"Well, I've have a man to man talk with him."

"Oh, Honey, you're such a good father."

(all laugh at same joke then show ends).

But what happens when Americans start to take the piss out themselves? Shows like 'Married With Children' and 'Roseanne' have been hits because they show a more realistic side to family life—albeit still pretty much within the parameters of the T.V. family show.

What happens when you have a family where the parents hypnotize the children in order to get some peace and quiet and accidentally turns them into Zombies, and the moral of the story is their mother's promise to "never try to modify their behaviour again". This family is the Simpsons.

This cartoon family is destined to be the next big thing. Already huge in America, father Homer, mother Marge, children Bart and Lisa and baby Maggie are the antithesis of everything that shows like Cosby are about. They live in the suburb of Springfield, "somewhere" in America, which bears no resemblance to our Springfield. Homer, who works as a safety officer in the local nuclear plant, is a born loser. His motto is "never say anything unless you're sure everyone feels exactly the same way". He and his son Bart are locked in a constant struggle to have their own way and to do exactly what they want to do. When the family is forced to go on holiday and visit every scenic viewpoint, Bart complains and reads his 'Bad Comic' until Homer throws it off the edge of Echo Point. He then climbs on top of a boulder and causes it to fall, narrowly missing the family car.

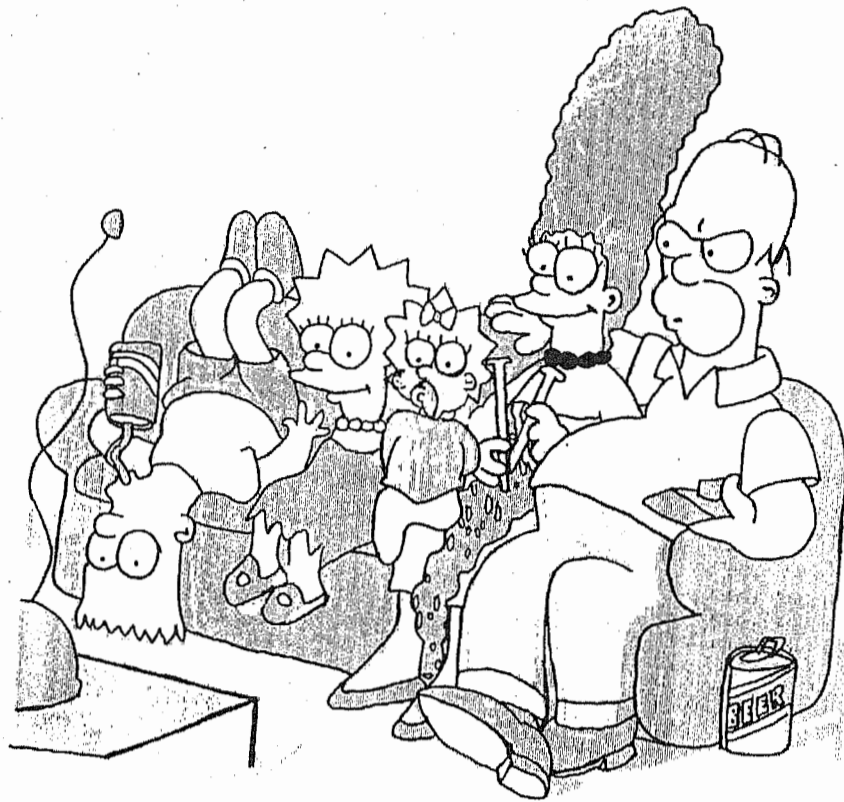
Marge is the mother of the clan, and in her own weird way is the sanest of the family. She wears size 13AA shoes and hides money in her 2-foot high blue beehive, tries to stand by her man when Bart is on the rampage and deals out motherly hints to her daughter Lisa like "Just smile...and happiness will follow".

Lisa is Bart's foil and foe, like a sister she will often turn on Bart when it suits her ("Mom! Dad! Bart's eating cookies!!!") but more often than not they are in scrapes together. Lisa plays the saxophone incessantly, and hangs out with Bleeding Gums, a geriatric hip jazz muso.

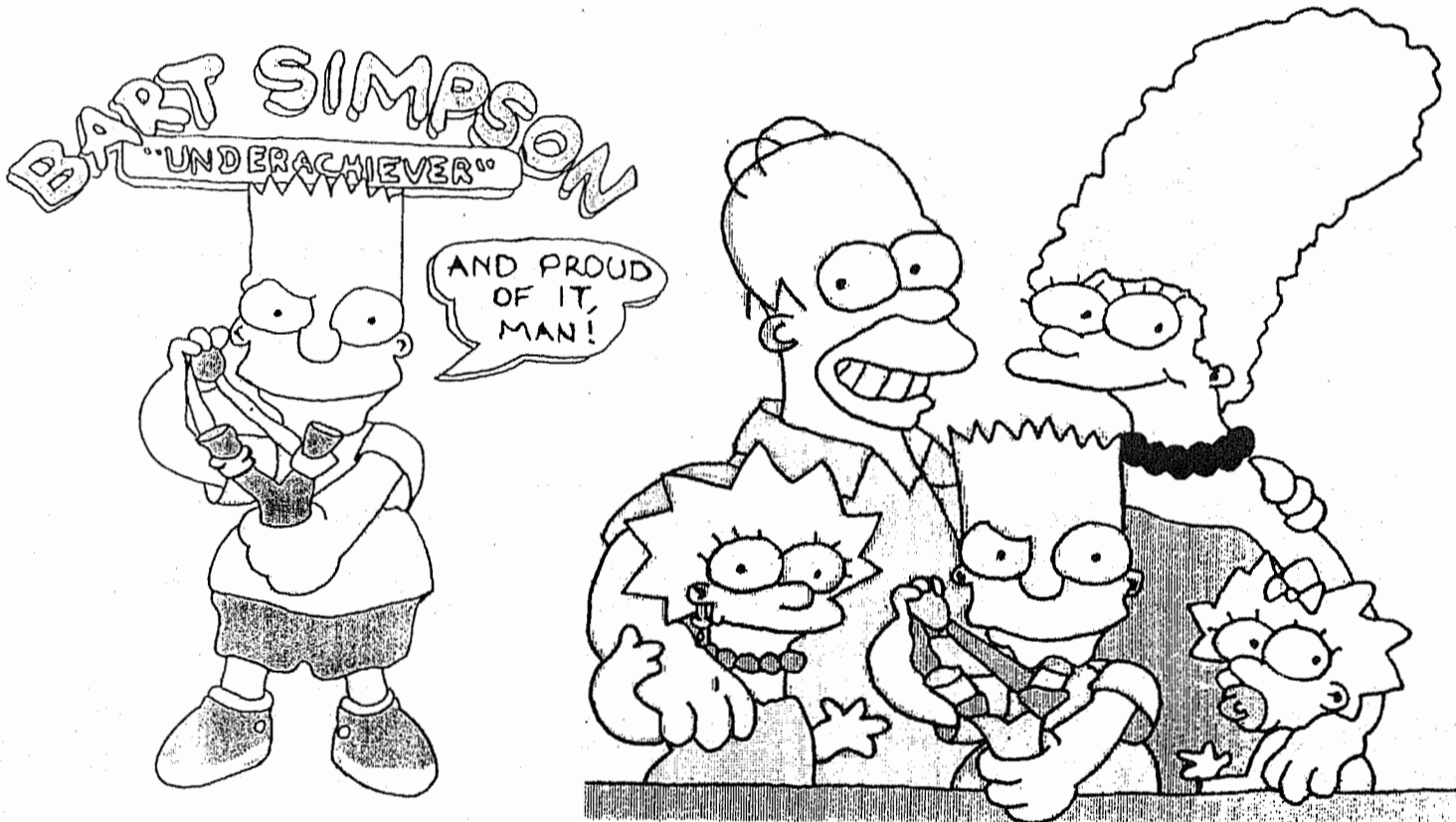
Baby Maggie doesn't do anything except get caught up in the rest of the families doings and sucks her dummy.

The star of the show is the Simpson's only son, 10 year old Bartholomew J. Simpson, professional misfit and underachiever ("And proud of it, man!"). Bart t-shirts in America sell over 1 million a week and bear messages of the Bart philosophy: "Don't have a cow, man", "Eat my shorts", "Fun has a name and it's Bartholomew J. Simpson" and "I didn't do it. Nobody saw me do it. You can't prove anything". Bart merchandising rivals the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and because the majority of people can identify their family with the Simpsons, it has the advantage of being appealing to almost everyone. You can get Bart as a Cowboy as "Black Bart" as well as Chino Bart, Hispano Bart and Rasta Bart. He represents all those who sometimes just can not fit in. He is a rebel, but in the best tradition of rebels he is also cool. A New York research company recently found that amongst boys aged 10 and 14, Bart was ranked among top sport stars as a hero. Selina Guber who conducted the survey said "They see him as a misfit, but cool. They think: "There's a guy like me".

Bart is also the person a lot of us would like to be. He handles situations with a graceful, confrontational approach that in



tales of ordinary family madness



The Simpsons are all the rage in the States at the moment. What started off as an offbeat idea by a crazed cartoonist has grown into a wildly popular television programme which is challenging the dominance of mainstream Cosby-style schlock.

James Sanchez reports.

hindsight, was often the dumbest thing to do, but is always the most entertaining. In one episode he confronts the actor portraying his hero, Chrispy the Clown, calls him an imposter and demasks him on national television, much to the surprise of his parents watching at home. In another he is caught shoplifting with hundreds of chocolate bars down his shorts. Before his parents arrive to pick him up, he scoffs the evidence. When Marge asks him has he learnt the lesson that "crime ultimately hurts the criminal" he replies with "Nope. I got a free ride home". Homer then kicks him out of the car.

The Simpsons are the creation of artist Matt Groening and television producer James Brooks (Terms of Endearment and Broadcast News). Brooks produced The

Tracy Ullman Show for Fox T.V, the fourth American network, and being a fan of Groening's comic strip 'Life in Hell' sought him to provide one and a half minute long animated cartoons for it. Faced with the other three dominating networks, Fox has had to provide innovative and original material in order to crack the market. The Simpsons became such a huge cult hit that it was turned into a half hour show and put on Sunday night prime-time. It became the number one show among viewers aged 34 and under and Fox's number one show. It is responsible for the rise in advertising revenue for the network from US\$300 to US\$550 million in the one year it has been on. Brooks calls the Simpsons "the normal American family in all their beauty and horror" and

Groening says "They're a hallucination of a sitcom... lovable in a mutant sort of way.". This year they have been put up against The Cosby Show in a very daring move by the fledging network. It is quite symbolic of the world in which we live, that in the most powerful country in the world, people will be arguing over which show to watch: the cutesy sanitised American dream or the suburban twisted cynical reality. The Simpsons cartoon can be seen on the Tracey Ullman Show on Tuesday nights around 11.30pm on ABC and Channel 10 has bought the rights to the Fox show but have not said yet when it will be shown.

But as Bart would say: "Don't have a cow, man".

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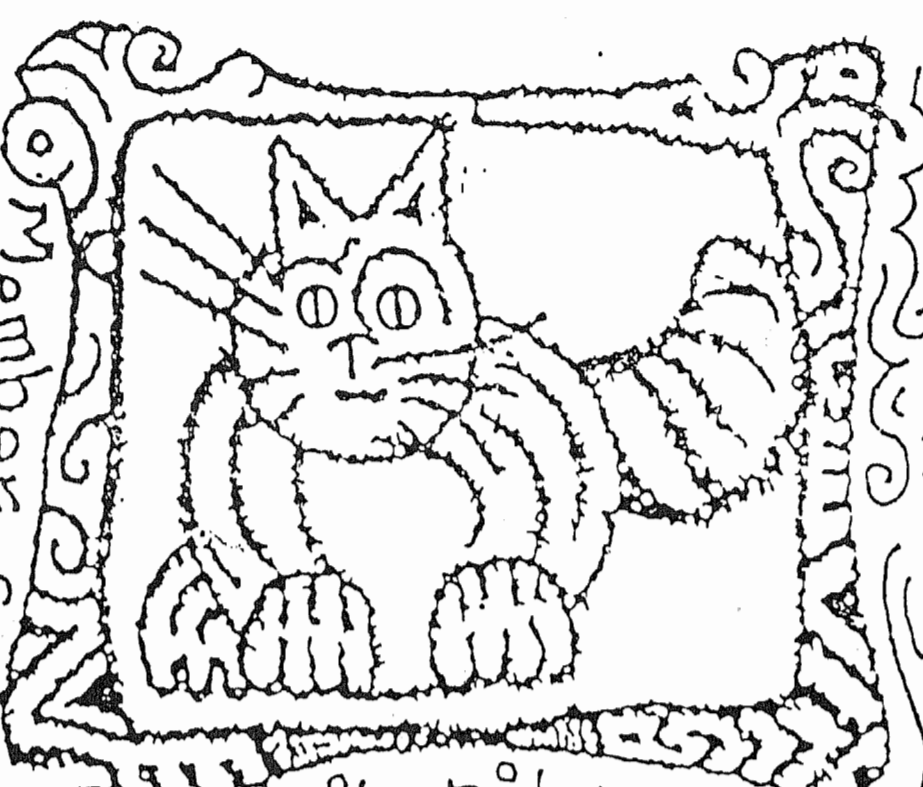
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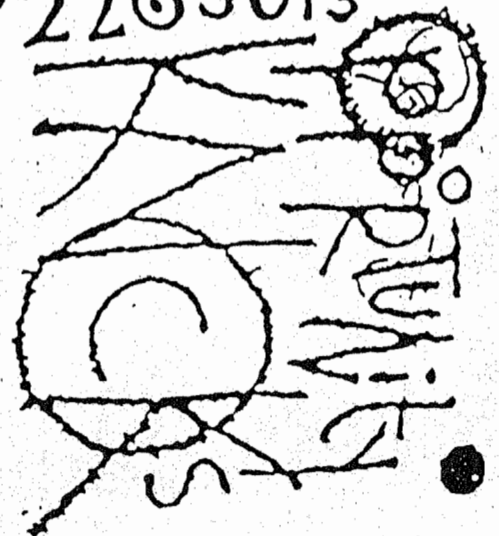
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Ford Fairlane Marred By The Grotesque Dice Clay

The Adventures of Ford Fairlane
A Reen Rarline Film
Hoyts Cinema

This movie stars the controversial American comic, Andrew Dice Clay. He is a turd. A racist, sexist, bigoted, homophobic turd. No matter what he does with his life, I will always think of him in this way. However, I will not let it get in the way of writing an objective and unbiased review of this film that stars the horrible shite.

"Ford Fairlane" is another comic strip character that has been turned into a movie. It is a very stylistic comic but unlike other comic-to-movie movies such as "Dick Tracy", most of its visual identity has been ignored to emphasise the comics' subject matter—a parody of rock n' roll, in particular the L.A. scene. Ford Fairlane is "Mr. Rock N' Roll Detective", a name he hates because of its tackiness. He favours "Ultra-Cool Rock N' Roll Superhero". This is characteristic of Andrew Dice Clay's performance. It is tacky, arrogant and loudmouthed. It is not that he acts well and brings life to the character, more like he donator-organ transplanted his comedy routine to the screen and the plot was shaped to take advantage of this.

His characteristic guffaws, snorts, chuckles, dick grabbing, pimp strut and staccato manner of speech are all here, and he wastes no opportunity to tell

'classic' Dice Clay jokes as part of the stereotyped hardboiled P.I. trait of thinking out loud ie: referring to an old girlfriend he remembers "about the time he told her parents the old 'definition of a vagina' joke—the box a penis cums in!! ha ha ha". The punchline is delivered as such, then he returns to the story (without even a 'but seriously folks'). He tells Priscilla Presley (who plays Colleen Sutton, ex-wife of the head of Rondo Records) the reason he has a hard-on is that 'Stanley' usually wakes up half an hour before him. (She questions the nick name: "You know. Like the Power Drill") When he drinks with friends he toasts them with "And Suck my Fuckin' Dick".

These jokes are typical of the humour in this film. He gets a lot of mileage by coming up with "interesting" ways to tell his long-suffering secretary Jazz (Lauren Holly) to shut up, putting down groupies, boasting about how many he's fucked and so forth. But all the crappy humour is delivered by Dice Clay, all his lines are what you would expect from him. Here the film suffers, as a lot of the other jokes and situations are good and contrast sharply with Dice Clay's crude and crass material. It seems that there has been a conscious effort to place Dice Clay in a film in order to broaden his appeal (and his market) so he has just been dumped into this one, and the script struggles to accommodate him. A cameo would have been better if this was the intention.

Speaking of cameos, Tone-Lo

(a street rapper), Vince Neil (Bobby Black of the 'Black Plague') and Sheila E (a club singer) all have cute parts, quite probably in order to draw more crowds.

The story revolves around the deaths of Bobby Black and top L.A. shock-jock DJ Johnny Crunch and the search for a 16 year old groupie ZuZu Petals. It is usual detective fare (some lines seem straight out of Mike Hammer) but is spiced up by the other performers. Priscilla Presley is fantastic as a Bel-Air bitch ("Nothing shocks me. I'm too rich"). Robert Englund is enthusiastic as a cockney psycho henchman (which was a strange role to play if he did not want to get typecast as Freddy Kruger). Wayne Newton and his teeth are perfect for Julian Grenda, head of Rondo Records but the best of all is the guy who plays Al Bundy from 'Married with Children'. He is Lt. Amos, the cop who hates smartarse Ford Fairlane and envies his success ("After your car, your clothes, getting into every nightclub for free, sleeping with beautiful girls, you got nothing. I call you Spam"). There is a twist to their relationship though. Amos was in a 70's band called 'Disco Express' who nearly had a hit single with "Booty Time" except their publicist dropped them just before they made it big. That man was Fairlane.

There is some humour apart from Dice Clay's attempts though. References to other movies (notably 'White Heat' and 'Taxi Driver') music industry in jokes for a case INXS paid him with a



Koala (oh ha ha ha) and Milli Vanilli with bicycle shorts) and some funny scenes (the funeral of Bobby Black and Johnny Crunch's pleasure boat "the Mighty Penis") but most opportunities are wasted as the Dice Clay routine overbears almost everything else with the subtlety of diarrhoea. He even finds the time to play out MTV (whom, he was banned from) in a very cheap move.

The soundtrack by Yello is good but unobtrusive. Also featured is Billy Idol's "Cradle of Love" as Fairlane enters a Seniorly House full of scantily clad big breasted beauties playing twister. He even

gets to sing "I Ain't Got You" in a crappy contemporary aping of the Blues Brothers version. I think he did this as he feels he is the inheritor of John Belushi's wildman crown. John had the advantage of being sometimes funny.

All in all this is a good film with the wrong guy who nearly ruins it for the rest of them. Somebody thought it would be a good Dice Clay vehicle. A better one would have been Stevie Ray Vaughan's helicopter. See it if you want some new lines to put down your girl friend with.

James Sanchez

Dudley Moore in Mediocre Flop

Crazy People
A Tony Bill Film
Hindley Cinema

It has been said of advertising executives that they are shallow and pretentious, so I suppose it is fitting that this movie about this particular brand of creative people should also be shallow and pretentious.

Every review I have read of it so far has said more about the amusing concept of truth in advertising than about the movie itself, and now I understand why. It is a movie about which it is very easy to say very little. Little plot, little humour, little acting and a very little star—Dudley Moore. Surprise, surprise, Moore plays a successful man whose relationships are just not working out until he meets beautiful Kathy (Daryl Hannah) who falls in love with him. The fact that she has been institutionalised for many years is of little consequence. Surrounding this improb-

able affaire de coeur is the advertising plot. Emory Leeson (Moore) has had a nervous breakdown, written some supposedly honest ads which, distributed by mistake, have become incredibly successful. Meanwhile he has discovered true love and friendship in a sanitarium and is understandably reluctant to leave when his boss demands him back. With true humility he asks his crazy friends for help and so introduces them to the advertising industry. This group of self confessed nuts, eight men and one woman (does this indicate something significant about the mental health of our society or what?) are, according to the credits, not meant to portray mentally ill people. Mental illness is a serious disability. A very socially aware and responsible disclaimer this may be, but what, may I ask, are these 'insane', 'crazy' 'nuts' supposed to be if not mentally ill? Advertising gimmicks?

Talking of advertising gimmicks the success of this movie, if successful it is, must be attributed



to the judicious inclusion of a couple of the truthful ads which Emory comes up with in the trailer for the film itself. A sucker may be born every minute, but in our saner moments we can all see through advertising quite easily. But suck-

ers we are and suckers we will stay, especially when, like me, we want to see movies on account of a couple of 'clever' ads. However take note—the ones you see in the trailer are the best ones in the film. 'Crazy People' does have a good

opening sequence, starting with the obligatory wide shot of New York and even some good Bernstein jazz music. It's just a pity that the contents don't live up to the very stylish wrapping.

Penelope Lucas Read

PEOPLE WITH AIDS



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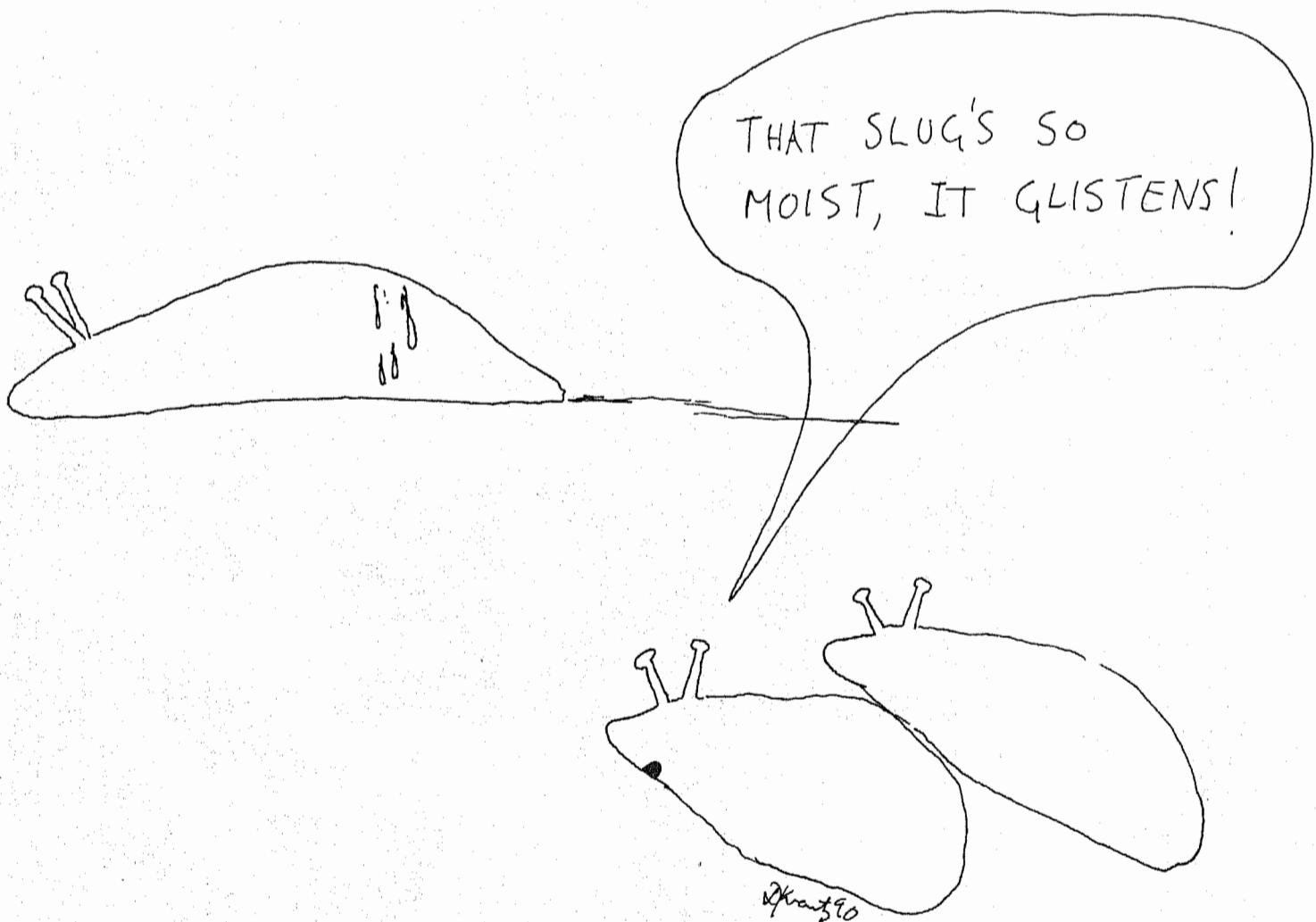
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TRAIN RIDE FROM HELL

Ambition and ability sit side by side with The Lizard Train. Last week their third major recording was released, and advance press indicates that the album, entitled 'The Ride', is a musical storm concocted slowly and painstakingly.

Everything I've seen or heard about the Lizard Train suggests that they've written themselves a script without a plot. Are they art-school-angst or mountain-moving rock'n'rollers? Are their occasional 60's fixations just that or merely a nod of respect to another genre. The Ride doesn't really provide any answers, questions are left teasingly unanswered. Part of the reason for this is that the Train show themselves to be an eclectic bunch. They'll craft the sound they feel like hearing at the time.

In existence since '85 the Train punctuate long periods of silence with occasional outbursts of brilliance. A few weeks ago they played one of their few local shows supporting the Phillistens, seizing the moment and the large crowd to make the night their own. It's the sort of sporadic behaviour they revel in. In 1987 they seized another opportunity and spent 4 months touring Northern Europe.

Returning to Australia, they submerged themselves in painstaking preparation for another album and were for a time virtually forgotten.

The intervention of Fate decreed that they be denied their original choice of studio, and other hassles meant that the whole project slipped further and further back. Having time on their hands allowed the band to lavish attention on the strength and arrangement of the songs. Now, over 2 and a half years later the Lizard Train find themselves happy with their release, but frustrated at the delays.

Finally, they see another opportunity... European negotiation for record deals and touring are proceeding, and the band is flexing its muscles for Australian touring.

Stage one of the round trip begins in Adelaide where they've scheduled an album launch show at the altar of alternative music, The Old Queens Arms Hotel. This Friday night the Lizard Train tell us what it's all about with a showcase performance. With them, Mt Gambler band Psycho Zombles and Adelaide's The Blades.

Be prepared, when the Train gets up a full head of steam it's unstoppable (sorry).

Alex Wheaton



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Anthrax Persistence of Time Phonogram

Superlative. This brilliant album even passes 1988's "State of Euphoria" in terms of innovation and quality. The only other band playing this sort of music at such a high level is Metallica, and they are not as imaginative. Repeated listenings only improve the tracks you thought were O.K and makes better the good ones. It is a very cohesive album, each song complements each other: It is smart and fun and very loud

It is not a concept album as such but a few songs deal with ideas of time (namely the title track and "Gridlock"). More importantly, another theme raised is racism with "Keep It in the Family", "Gridlock" and "H8RED".

"I Don't see in black and white I see things in wrong and right Do I hate you?"

Think. It takes a man to think And to admit his ignorance You can't just look at my face You can't judge me by my race."

However this does not herald the dawn of a new age, a renaissance where headbangers suddenly evolve into Homo Sapiens - the two are generally mutually exclusive. They are not the new sensitive men of metal(?) nor are they jumping on a preachy/ideology bandwagon, as previous albums have dealt with social issues as well (along with the expected subjects of skateboarding, beer drinking, Judge Dredd et. al.). Some on this album are "One Man Stands" concerning the Beijing Massacre which neatly avoid cliché and "In My World":

"They're Gonna Put me in Jail? Man. I'm already in Jail Don't they know that my life Is just one big cell"

Anthrax have one of the best rhythm sections around of drummer Charlie Benante and Bassist Frank Bello - fast and bottom heavy, like an eager idling V8 just as the light goes green. The parallels between this and the distinctive rhythm sections of bands like Living Colour or Faith No More (whom Anthrax have both had supporting) are very clear. The guitars are good and make themselves felt without the boorish 'I'm so fucking technically fast' solo wanking that characterises a lot of heavy music. Singer Joe Belladonna is again excellent with his big powerful voice that shows no hint of strain by the paces that it is put through.

"Persistence of Time" was mixed by Steve Thompson and Mike Barbiero (Guns N' Roses) and produced by Mike Dodson (Judas Priest!! On Gnirkuf Ho!) who for their sound owe a lot to punk. It is very fast and crunchy without being overbearing. The songs are generally long - nearly all of them are over 5 minutes, but this production style means they are more 'pacey' and seem to go a lot quicker. Again probably pitched at their audience are corresponding attention span.

This is apparently Anthrax's serious album (which I suppose means no more "I'm the Man" or

versions of "Pipeline" or "Friggin' in the Riggin'") but the albums peak is when they lighten up doing Joe Jackson's "Got The Time". They could all die now, content with knowing they have recorded their one true classic that sums up everything about a band: their "One", "Jump" or "Hangin' Tough". This is the first single and the video uses the "Ultra-Matrix" Holographic system for the first time anywhere ever in the world, which means T.V is now in 3-D without the glasses. As Marty McFly said: "It's got a beat and you can dance to it".

Listen to this now. Saying 'It is a good record' is comparable to 'Charles Manson has a slight attitude problem' or 'Russ Hinze is a big man'. Ignore any preconceptions and buy it. Anyone who saw them last Monday knows it is more than just a record.

Kings of the Sun

This record is a bit of a shame-all talk and no substance. It is like finding a barefoot country whizkid footballer with a kick like a mule in heat to play for your struggling B-grade team, but he turns out to be a drunk, blind, epileptic amputee. Kings of the Sun have a monopoly on potential, they are absolutely loaded, but that is all. On the freethrow line with 4 seconds on the shot clock and you are 2 points down, when all talk is left behind and only actions will speak, they can't cut the mustard.

All the songs are guitar based with a hard edge (except the token ballad "I get Lonely") combined with reasonably smart and sometimes witty lyrics from the voice of Jeff Hoad (who only just pulls off his David Lee Roth impression as the sincerest form of flattery) but they always just miss the mark as being cool-diggity songs, and as in world of Professional Wrestling, a miss in an atomic drop against the Junkyard Dog is as good as a mile. Mostly this comes from the formula attitude taken with writing the songs; Drums followed by a stinging guitar riff with a rhythmic bass, a scream of YEEEEAAHHH or OOOHHHH, two versus and a chorus etc., about cars or girls or blues or all three (ie: original titles like "Crazy" or "Full Frontal Attack" or "Overdrive") and so on, get the picture?

This record could be great if it was their independent debut as you would know there would be better things to come to fulfill your expectations, as undoubtedly would some fat drooling record company executive chomping a cigar, who would waste no time signing them up as they know a gold mine when they see one, but it is a bit poor to be their second album release in this incarnation of K.O.T.S.

A better idea than buying this would be to replay your singles of "Black Leather" and "Serpentine" because at least they were dumb-funny. Their California based life (the fan club is c/o Malibu CA) must have affected their brains. Nothing short of a miracle will see them into the final five with this. **James Sanchez**

Set Me Free Carmel Festival Records

With Set Me Free Carmel has once again proven how diverse her musical talents are. Lyrically this record is that of a strong and independent woman, with songs such as "You can have him" and the slow, perfect jazz piece "I'm over you". However, Carmel also celebrates love, particularly in "I have fallen in love" which she subtitled in the French "Je suis tombee amoureuse", perhaps reflecting her unaccountably higher degree of popularity in France than in her native England.

Musically this album is consistent with Carmel's past Jazz and Blues influences, and although tempos vary the music is generally less adventurous than previous offerings. However, the mixture of harpsicord, congos and horns keep this an interesting record throughout. The 'hymn', "God put your hand on me" is a bit disconcerting, for after establishing herself as an independent woman, Carmel suddenly calls on God to guide her, and through Him "there is no man on earth who can lead me astray".

However, apart from this sudden religious fit, complete with organ and church hall acoustics which are admittedly very 'soothing', the album is generally very enjoyable. This is an emotion filled Jazz and Blues record, very interesting, but compared with Carmel's usual standard it lacks a 'certain something'. You'll have to buy it and find out for yourself! **Genevieve Marjoribanks and Andrew Beveridge**

Who's Paul Vizard? See him live at the Waymouth Tavern, 13th Sept.

Mini Album Ian List and the UV's Greasy Pop

Three new songs from Ian List put together as a hotch-potch offering.

Why?

As the only member who can still be counted on to be there when the dust settles, the band is renamed Ian List and the UV's.

Why?

Other working projects of Ian's are used to pad out the flip side. The Assassin's 'Kill the PM' single of April '83 and a studio outtake cover of the Stooges '1969'.

Why?

It's OK rock'n'roll, but who devised this compilation and packaging and ...

Why?

Perhaps it should have been released as "Ian List: Collected Works and Delusions of Grandeur".

Why not?

Alex Wheaton

The Chosen Few Friends Foes and Firewood Mushroom

The Chosen Few are in the great Aussie pub mode band tradition of Noiseworks and the Choirboys and they have a talent for rousing, catchy choruses which could easily bring them a comparable level of success. Their first two excellent singles "Rise" and "Blood for Sand" have received very wide airplay recently.

What could hold them back are Abe Elshaikh's effeminate vocals and the too slick production - the end result veers too much toward American soft rock.

Friends Foes and Firewood is nevertheless pleasant listening - buy this before you buy "Two Fires".

Ian Richardson



Velouria The Pixies Liberation/Festival

A new release from the Pixies is worth looking out for. "Velouria" being a 12 inch with 4 new songs is a precursor to their new album.

What is revealed is something

that is unmistakably the Pixies; but a new 'radio-friendly' format has emerged. Gone is the sparseness of the Doolittle album, filling in the gaps has softened up the sharpness.

The other noticeable change is in the constraint of the vocals. Black Francis intones and sings where he once could be counted on to spit it out.

Yet, catchy and utterly distinctive it remains. The Pixies are still one of the more original bands around, their use of melody and counterpoint still undefeated, making both "Velouria" and "Make Believe" favourites of mine.

Where's the venom? The full album is awaited with anticipation.

Alex Wheaton

The Sorry State of The Earth

The State of the Earth:
An Atlas Of
Environmental Concern
Joni Seager
Allen & Unwin
\$19.95

This book provides an illustration of the state of the earth- or rather thirty-seven illustrations. For the thirty-seven full colour international maps, which contribute to the bulk of the book, show us by a colour-coding method "the health of the planet and the quality of human life."

The maps are divided into groups such as "Habitat Earth", "Food and Water", "Shelter", "Energy", "Industry", "Defence", "Consuming Tastes" and "Green Politics". Perhaps I am colour blind, but the first map, "A Global Greenhouse", made me work to understand it. Fortunately, the task became easier with each map, some of which are fascinating not simply from an environmental standpoint but also from the perspective of curiosity- how many books would provide stats on the shrinking gene pool of wild plants, for example? It may not be the most salient piece of information, but I bet I'll remember it long after I've forgotten the world's rate of population change, as shown in

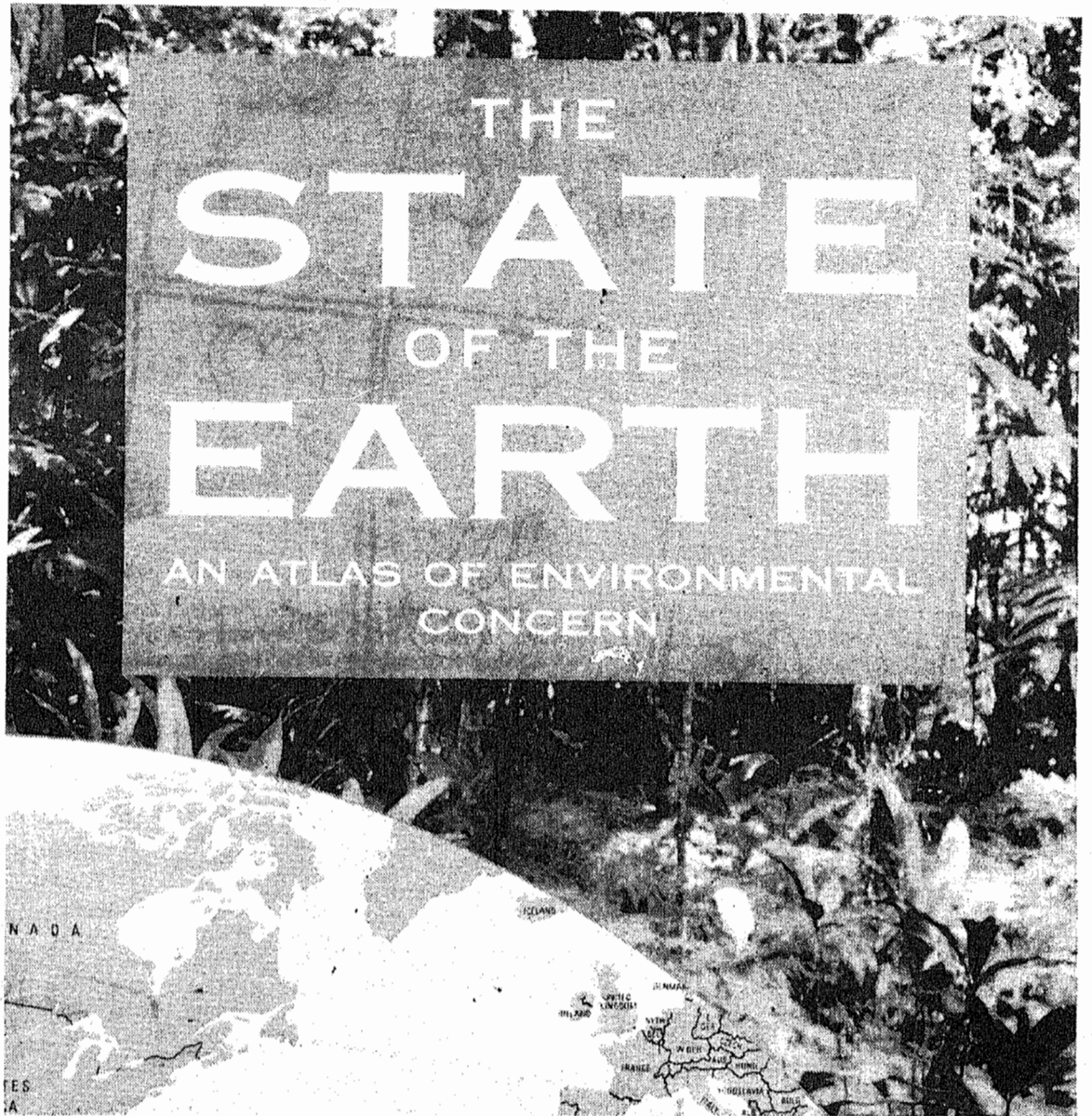
the map "A Popular Planet." Other maps cover subjects such as waste products, energy sounds and economic/social concerns. The one drawback to this information, as comprehensive and detailed as it is, is that it quickly becomes outdated. I cannot miss the irony of the "War Wasted Lands" map- little Kuwait has no mark on it whatsoever.

Besides these (very pretty) maps, The State of the Earth also offers an "International Table", in which countries are listed in alphabetical order with various facts and statistics on display next to them.

All of this looks very technical, and to those who cannot claim a degree in Environmental Science, it may mean very little. Never fear! The kind editor, Joni Seager, has included a commentary on each map, at the back of the book, and these also point out "the social, political and gender issues." Like all good reference books, there's an index, which actually looks a lot more sparse than it really is. Everything you want should be there.

This book is a must for people on the side of the environment who need facts to support their argument, and it would be interesting for any person concerned with the direction in which we are headed. I'm certainly keeping my copy.

Stephanie Pribil



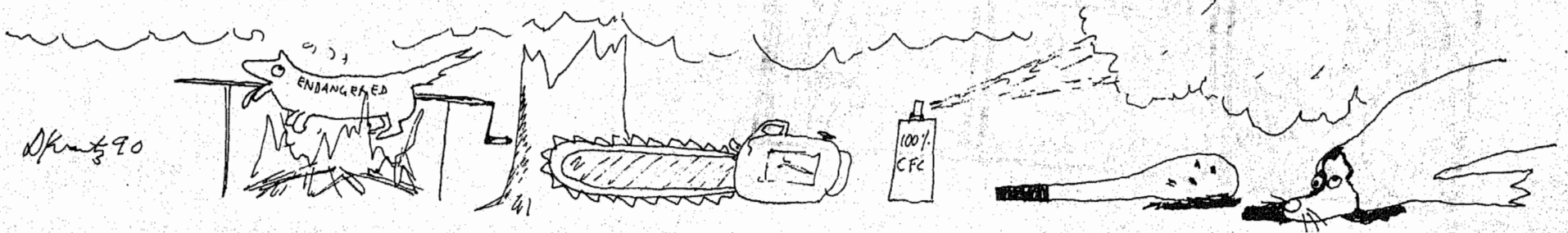
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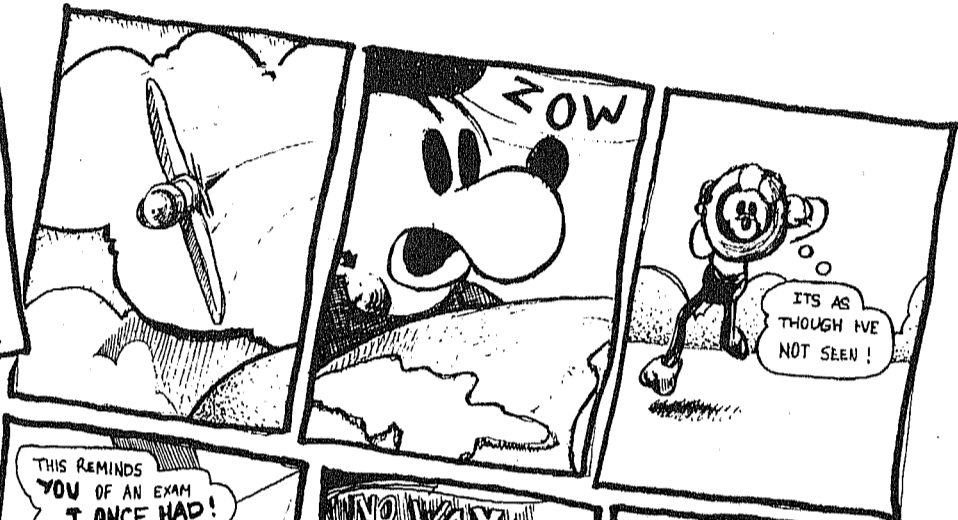
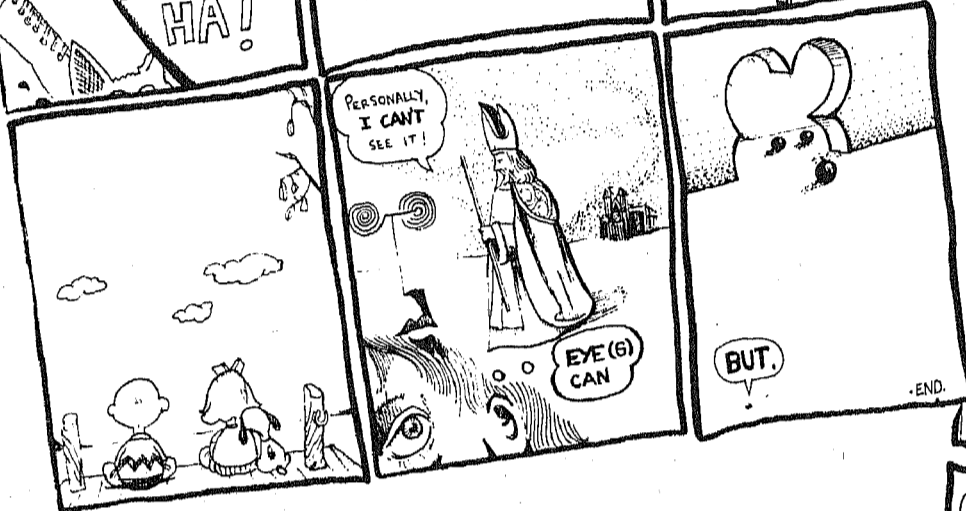
THE ENVIRONMENT. The latest trendy issue to fill everybody's minds to the exclusion of all rational thought. Being concerned about this huge mythical thing-beast seems to be almost obligatory, and I'm not too happy about it. Let's face it, the majority of us mortals couldn't give a fuck about the environment. Let's come out of the closet, mmmm? Take the "Men of the Trees" sticker off the back of your Cadillac, throw out your unleaded toilet paper... and while you're at it, stop giving money to all those Save The Third World Charities. Don't be scared, stand up and say...

**"FUCK THE ENVI- AND BURN KILL PHIN STEAK GIVE
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There, wasn't that a great feeling? Be honest, you DON'T CARE. The environment is completely stuffed anyway, and as long as you're comfortable, it doesn't matter. I see huge factories producing nothing but CFCs and pumping them straight into the so-called ozone layer. What is this ozone layer anyway? Have you ever seen it? Has anyone you know ever seen it? It doesn't even exist, it's all filthy lies! Go on, punch that hippy! Punch it again! Kick it!

Get on the team. At least you'll have enough money to buy an air conditioner and a smallish slave-child.





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 ant. adj. 1 distant, formal, impersonal, remote, aloof. 2 superficial, slight, shallow, meager, n. stranger, outsider, alien.
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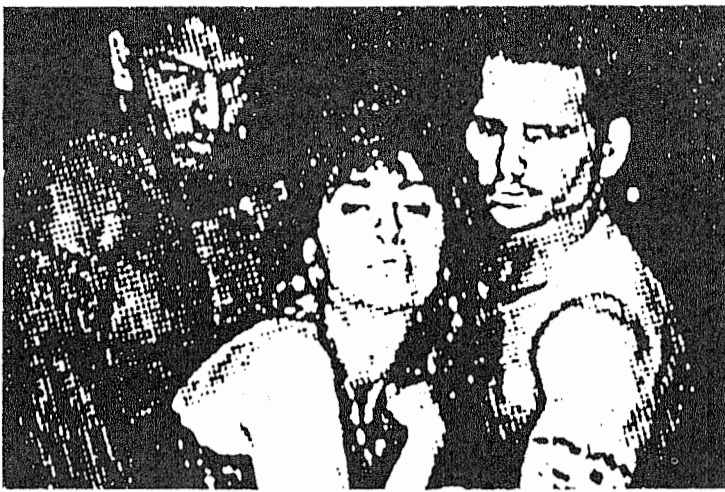
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- 3:35 Introducing W.C. Fields
- 4:55 Mad Max
- 6:25 Bambi Meets Godzilla
- 6:30 Batman (1966)

Friday 14th September

Union Cinema

words for the women's officer



"It is essential that women students, especially those who are victims of sexual harassment or rape, have access to a woman student who can provide support and assistance. The Women's Officer fulfils this role. It has been demonstrated that women who have been harassed or raped will often only seek assistance from another woman."

Carolyn Pickles
Member of the Legislative Council for South Australia

"The University has a legislative obligation under the 1986 Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act to take positive steps to address the particular disadvantages of women. The position of Women's Officer is one such positive step. The need for an Equal Opportunity Officer is a separate issue and ought to be treated as a separate issue."

Dr. C. Bacchi
Politics Department

"I strongly support the principles of Equal Opportunity and encourage all positive measures to achieve the removal of inequities within society. It was precisely these principles of Equal Opportunity which led to the creation of the Women's Officer position, and I believe the continuance of this position is essential in the promotion of equality for women on campus."

Jennifer Cashmore
Member for the House of Assembly



"I have a long standing commitment to Equal Opportunity and support all reasonable measures to achieve it. However, to sacrifice the position of Women's Officer would be a step in the wrong direction."

Steele Hall
Liberal Member, House of Representatives

"The Union Movement is committed to the recruitment and retention of women members. The implementation of this commitment requires specific support mechanisms for women in unions. These include structural changes, provision of child care and women's officers. Given this, the suggested abolition of the Students' Association Women's Officer should be viewed with serious concern."

Clare McCarty
President
United Trades and Labour Council



"I support the continued existence of the position of Women's Officer to be held by a woman. The Women's Officer is best suited to deal with the particular issues relating to women in the University. A student Equal Opportunity Officer would also play an important role in connection to broader questions of access and equity but should not be a substitute for the Women's Officer."

Kathy Mack
Lecturer in Law

"Past experience at State and Federal Government level shows that replacing Women's Officers with Equal Opportunity Officers simply leads to an impossible workload in which nobody's interests get looked after properly. The best services and programs have been provided by those sections of government which have both specialist Women's Officers and Equal Opportunity Officers."

Dr Carol Johnson
Politics Department



"The ability of the Women's Officer to act as a mentor and role model for other female students is invaluable. In addition, women have special needs regarding their personal health and safety that have long been overlooked. The Women's Officer's particular role in highlighting these needs, and ways of meeting them, cannot be underestimated."

Susan Graebner,
Acting Equal Opportunity Officer,
University of Adelaide

"The University of Adelaide is close to having the worst record on gender balance among its academic staff of any University in Australia. This suggests much more needs to be done to improve the opportunities open to women on campus and to assist with their particular problems."

I support the retention of the Women's Officer position as well as the expansion of efforts to counter other forms of inequity and discrimination."

Brian Abbey,
Convenor,
Executive Committee



"The replacement of the Women's Officer position by an Equal Opportunity Officer would lead to a reduction in services and access for women. All experience shows that combining the two roles results in the special needs of women being lost or watered down in the heavy demands of the new job. The Equal Opportunity Officer should be as well as not instead of the Women's Officer position."

Rosemary Crowley
Senator for South Australia

"Past inequities and entrenched attitudes significantly affect women in every area of society, including education. These difficulties require serious recognition and positive action; the position of Women's Officer is designed to achieve these objectives. I fully support equal opportunity and affirmative action but replacing the Women's Officer with an Equal Opportunity Officer will do little to achieve equality."

Di Laidlaw
Member of the Legislative Council for South Australia
Liberal Spokeswomen for the Interests of Women



"I do not believe that replacing the Women's Officer with an Equal Opportunity Officer is a positive step as the roles of such officers are quite separate and distinct. If the student population believes that it needs an Equal Opportunity Officer, then processes should be set in place to address this. Equal Opportunity issues should not be used to subsume the Women's Officer position."

Nick Bolkus
Minister for Administrative Services
Senator for South Australia