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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the farm. It is somehow appropriate that thirty years ago Monash was a farm; not much has changed. The sheep now bleat with Grammar School accents.

While it was free it was tolerable, but \$1,800 a year to come to a place with all the charm of a suburban milkbar is just too much.

But out of the paddock and onto the barricades, representing the powers of goodness and niceness, comes *Lot's Wife*.

Subjective though it may be, *Lots Wife* is probably the closest thing to the **truth** you'll read. With competition like *Bond*, *Fairfax* and *Murdoch*, this is hardly surprising. This year's *Lot's Wife* is going to be hard-hitting, subjective (but aren't we all), over the top and, above all, informative.

Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Being able to censor the information flow to 17,000 mortals is one hell of a power kick. Come along and see how decadent you can get.

On a lighter note, anyone with the I.Q. of a jellyfish can write an article, let alone edit one! So don't be afraid, we don't bite - come down and give us a hand.

NB : It is vitally important to be nice to the secretary as she is, after all, the keeper of Monash's only surviving NIGHT LIFE.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Education Affairs Committee wishes to apologise for the article entitled *World War II History* on page 19 of the 1989 Counter-Faculty Handbook. This article severely criticised the lecturer, Mr Sid Ingham. The opinions expressed in the article are not the opinions of the Education Affairs Committee or The Monash Association of Students.

We would like to publicly retract the statements made about Mr Ingham, and regret having printed the article without editing the offending statements. All articles printed in the Counter-Faculty Handbook were produced without editing of content and the Education Affairs Committee, as the publisher, does not hold the opinions expressed in any articles printed.

DAVID STROVER

CHAIRPERSON

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Demented Milkland Squeezing The Students For All He Can Get

NO MATES AT MONASH

No doubt you have already been the recipient of loads of good advice, from friends, parents, and teachers on the "University Experience". Yet again you are going to have to grit your teeth, sit down with a phoney patient expression on your little face as Uncle Stephen gives it to you, in the tone of voice usually reserved for the time when parents throw you out "for your own good"...

In your first few weeks at Monash you will almost certainly be bewildered, desperately lonely, and quite possibly suicidal. It is during this time of vulnerability that many people decide that university is not for them, and give up in disgust.

Unfortunately, you are going to have to come to terms with this, but there is a light on the horizon. I (yes, me) am prepared to share with you some of the fruits of my massively egotistical experiences.

It is dreadfully tempting to hang around with people who you went to school with, at least until you make a few new friends. As with any obvious solution there are a few major problems with this. The first (in most cases by far the worst) problem is that the "old school chums" you will find here are probably the same people who used to beat you up in the toilets, way back in year seven, and who, you will rapidly discover, have not matured socially at all. The other factor that will soon come into play, is that it is very hard to break into an established clique, and you may well find people being turned off associating with you, just because of the difficulty of getting to know an entire group of friends, instead of meeting people one at a time.



If you are possessed with even a modicum of foresight, you will have already been part of the Host Scheme, and you will find that this will give you some kind of help. The Host Scheme camps, however, have a reputation for depraved animalistic behaviour; a serious collection of touch therapy sessions. The choice to go on one, will have to be left up to you, and I would advise you to make it on the basis of whether you see yourself as a beer drinking barbarian or not.

The best way to meet reasonable people is to join one of the many clubs that Monash proudly boasts. Join a few and suss out the territory (you may well find that several clubs are completely filled with utter fuckwits...). The only real way to get a handle on the galaxy of fantastic pleasures that is Monash is to get involved.

Of course, there are many terrible, dull and unpleasant people, who you would be well advised to avoid. Right at the top of the list are beer swilling macho men, who will want to know you either to copy your essays, and/or to sexually assault you and your friends. Less obvious are the quiet repressed private school types, who will insist on talking about their VCE marks, and about Dadda's new car which they are now allowed to use on the weekends. These people are not going to prove to be the most stimulating company, even at the best of times.

Nevertheless, weaklings that we are, we prefer to hang around people whose vices we have some kind of insight into. When you are ready to meet new people, there are a few simple guidelines that could make your life easier.

Although many people manage to spend eons in the hallowed halls without realising it, Monash is not a school. Do not be afraid to approach later year students for help and companionship. The number of years you have studied at Monash is merely a rough indication of the sort of lectures you attend and your age, nothing more. I have yet to encounter the school bully, and am firmly of the opinion that there is nothing to fear.

It is worth keeping in mind during your moments of despair and self doubt that everyone eventually adjusts to this place, which in a lot of ways is a pity, and those who are intellectually incapable of the feat either end up as tutors or as student politicians, both very worthy careers...

Stephen Boucher

GETTING VALUE

Orientation week provides many resources for the students, such as the riveting opening ceremony, hosted by that silver tongued old entertainer, the one and only honest Mal Logan (Monash's own Vice-chancellor and Font of Academic Wisdom). Most students will almost certainly wish to get down to real basics of their education: How to get mindlessly drunk for as little fiscal outlay as possible...

Tables

AIDS Awareness: Shy people can get free condoms, although don't expect a chance to use them, amigo. . . It is worth a look, but don't get carried away. **

ALP Club: Boring egomaniacs who will spend their time doing the rounds of those too inebriated to escape. However, to assist them in this evil purpose they do put on rather a lot of beer. ***



Joining Some Clubs Can Be A Mistake

Regretfully, in previous years the only people who have managed to scum enough grog for a serious binge have been the later year students who are mates with people handling out the alcohol. (On a slightly lighter note, look for me trying to ride home on Wednesday night, five stars, sorry - no alcohol, except for that on my breath...) The situation has changed this year, no longer are the freebies just for the likes of myself, (damn). The same people who brought you *Rage without Fun* have tightened the licensing laws (no, don't cry just yet). You no longer have to pay exorbitant membership fees to get a warm beer and an ice-cold offal tube from a club! The government has invented a thing called 'selling liquor without a license' which means that (since the clubs bought the alcohol before they knew this... ha ha) the freebies will for the first time actually be free! **All you have to do is demand the beer and they have to give you some**, although they will get stroppy - any club that has to bolster its membership by such an obvious tactic must be pretty boring anyway.

Boardriders: A group of bleached and tanned vacuum heads who won't give you a beer unless you're wearing stretch pants. **

CLIO: A bunch of very self-important and horrendously boring academics who are promising Imperial Debauchery. * Just don't throw empties at them.

DSA: Look, you just don't do it to yourself - *Not worth a star*

Fabians: A sinful crew of scumbag hacks. They have, however, trotted out kegs in previous years. ***

IS: Only for the serious revolutionary... *Not worth a star*

Liberals: Be warned, these people are devoid of entertainment value, they are also notorious for the quality of their sausages. * (maybe two, if they didn't serve Fosters. Ick).

Lot's Wife: If you are really serious about your drinking, get them to show you around. In addition to their macho drinking talents, they are also wonderful people, and I'm not just saying that... *****

MUCK: Well, the Chocolate Club. . . They do have rather a lot of Freddo Frogs at their disposal, but don't, whatever you do, go to the pub with them. On the whole, people who think that the world's problems can be solved with chocolate are not the most adult of companions. **



And Then I Went And Got Me One Of Them Condoms

OUT OF O'WEEK

Wednesdays Events

All day : Wholefoods: Not only is the food good, it is the only restaurant on campus where you can have a say in the menu. ****

12.30 - 2.30 Liberal BBQ - by the pond: All I can say is that the Liberals have been the first to grab the pond, which is reserved for those too unimaginative to think of a more interesting venue. They will, of course, have coolers. **

1.00 Weddings, Parties, Anything in the forum: This will be a good chance to practice for the Union Night on Friday. Remember, you act like a wanker at this one and you probably won't get let in on Friday. *****

12.00 - 1.00: ALP Club in R7: This will be fairly boring, unless you seriously want to become one of the clubs movers and shakers (would be political apprentices cue here . . .) * Poor Fatima, remember she has to suffer through this too.

1.00 - 2.00: Law Students Society, Law Basement; It's a pity that this clashes with 'Weddings, Parties, Anything'. The LSS are probably the only human law students you will meet. ***

Thursdays Events

11.00 - 12.00: Visual Arts: I am only mentioning this for its entertainment value. Go along only if you can't figure out what else to do with your time. *

11.30 - God knows when: Bob Ansett speaks on 'What your degree is worth'. Come along and be patronised. Really, we all know a Monash degree is worth fuck all. If he persists in his stupidity, the only viable alternative is to pepper him with as much garbage as he will be speaking. *

11.35 Investors are offering port and hamburgers. If you feel like an attack of early morning nausea, you won't want to miss this opportunity. *

11.59 - 2.00 Liberals a beer and bagel lunch by the pond; what a novel idea! Start one minute early, just to catch attention, such a clever gimmick! Push a few of them in, as soon as they start to bother you. **

12.00 - 1.00 Fabians: Labor politicians by the pond; well, well, well. Are they in bed with the Liberals? The fun with the politicians will continue until 3.00, under the cunning guise of an ALP do. On the

whole, watching student politicians hurl insults across a puddle of tepid water tends to get monotonous pretty quickly. You should be able to scoot between the two functions, playing them off against each other, until you acquire a stack of tinnies which you can drink on the bus home. **

1.30 Chicken and champagne breakfast: West entrance to the Union; This will be a seriously debauched affair. The champagne will be horrid and you probably won't get to see the chicken (which is probably quite a lucky thing). It ought to be a lot of fun. ****



Fridays events

There is nothing of interest until late afternoon. This could be the time for enrolling in tutorials, seeing the Monash Market or writing articles for *Lot's Wife*.

3.00 Newman Society: Don't be fooled, the 'Knot' is not the local pub. Go to the real pub instead. *No star*

4.00 - 7.00 Snow Ski BBQ by the pond: The pond ought to have evil connotations for you, after yesterdays events. So will these people, after five minutes exposure. *** (Nothing else to do)

6.00 - 12.00 Waterski BBQ: Although this is at the Sports Centre, the Snow Club entry will probably hold true. *

5.00 - 12.00 Union Night: Ed Keupper, Lime Spiders, James Griffin, Ups and Downs. You have to pay for this, there is no BYO and the bouncers are evil. Nevertheless, providing you are still able to stand, you should not miss this. *****

Our ratings

* - shocking, only for special interest groups.

** - good for a laugh.

*** - A mediocre event with boring people.

**** - Worth your time.

***** - Not to be missed, unless you are already throwing up.

Remember - drink, be merry, and don't throw up on anyone.

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The Union Night Will Be Fun

Moving out — money hassles

SO you've decided you can't stand living with your family any longer, or perhaps you just want to be a bit more independent. How do you manage to support yourself and make ends meet? How much will you need to live on, and how are you going to get it? There are a few possibilities for government assistance available — the two main types are Austudy and the dole. Legally, if you are a full-time student you may be eligible for Austudy, and if you're part-time, depending on how many hours of class time you spend at uni, you may be eligible for the dole. Otherwise, the only other alternative is to get a job.

Austudy

To qualify for Austudy, you have to be doing at least three quarters of a full-time course, and to get anything near a useful amount (up to \$97.70 per week) you need to be classed as independent or eligible for the living away from home rate. Austudy cuts out completely if your parents earn more than about \$30,000 per annum (more if you have other dependant students in your family or if you have to live away from home). Proving that you have to live away from home can be a tedious business - you could be eligible if it takes more than 90 minutes by public transport to get to uni, or if you have problems at home with your family, but you have to provide substantial proof of eligibility.

If you can prove you are independent, your Austudy won't be means tested on your parents income. To be classed as independent you have to prove one of the following:

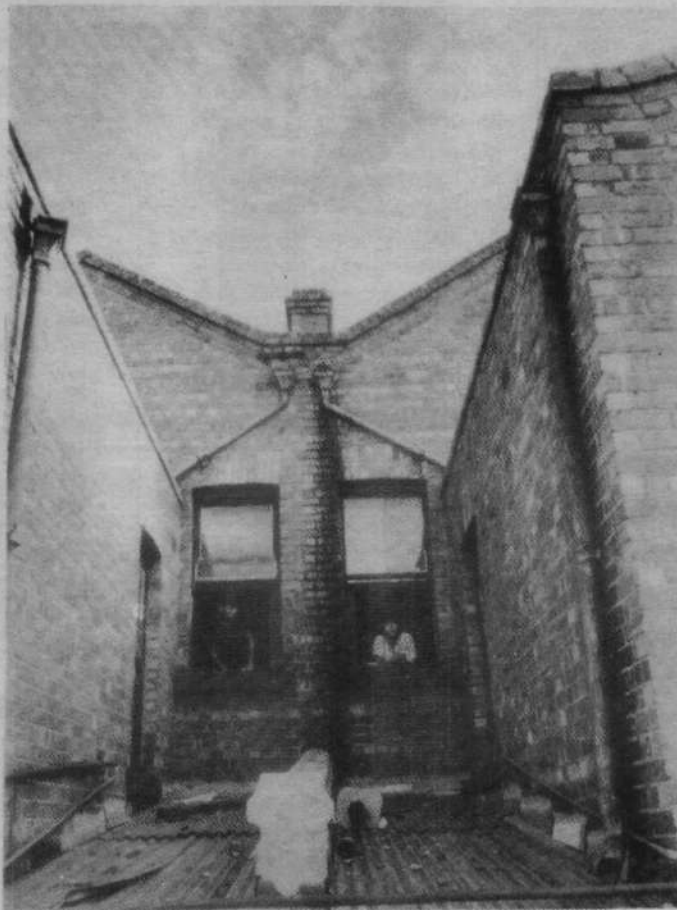
You are an orphan, a refugee or homeless. You have a dependent child. You are over 25. You have been married. You are a ward of the state. You have worked full time for at least three years (156 weeks) out of the last four years (208 weeks) and can provide documentation.

If you think that you may be eligible at all you should apply, and if you want to get back-paid to January 1, 1989 you must apply before March 31.

Dole

If your course doesn't involve many contact hours and you're not studying full-time, you may be eligible for the dole. It depends largely on who processes your claim at the Department of Social Security (DSS) as to how much you are hassled and how hard it is to get the dole. The criteria for getting the dole is:

You must be looking for a job, and be prepared to discontinue studying if you get a job which requires you to do so. There are ways around this - you can register and apply for jobs you are not suitable for or fail job interviews (but be warned, the



Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) may hassle you if they think you're not serious about getting a job.) This way you are still doing the right thing and seeking employment (and you have something to write on your claim form every fortnight), and you probably won't have to give up your studies.

If you were a full-time student last year, you are eligible for the dole six weeks after your last exam, but you only get it from the time you apply. To get the dole you first have to register at the CES - this means arranging an interview so that you can get an application for the dole which you then take to the DSS with three forms of identification (not including a student card). If you have just left school, the waiting period will be longer.

If you work part-time or casually, it is worth staying on the dole. Even if you sometimes earn over the limit, you may be eligible for some benefits while working part-time. Also, if you have a casual job, it will make it easier to get the dole immediately the job finishes. If you are eligible for the dole and you are paying rent, you should enquire about rent assistance and bond assistance.

Remember, if you can't get a job to support yourself, you are entitled to the dole, even if you are a part-time student.

Working

If you work enough to support yourself fully, your studies may suffer, so be careful not to get yourself into a situation you can't handle! If this is your only alternative you might need to think about stretching your degree out over an extra year or

two (if you fail a subject you may be forced to anyway). The best place to start looking for a job is at the Monash Student Employment Service (they are upstairs in the Union Building near the John Medley Library). Other places to look are in the local paper, around your local shopping centre, and of course by word of mouth. Ask your friends where they work and how they got their jobs. This is an area where perseverance pays off, it's a good idea to check the Student Employment job board regularly for new jobs, as the good ones go fast!

How much money will you need?

As a very rough guide (it depends on many factors of course, such as how much rent you pay and whether you are within walking or bicycling distance of uni), you will probably need about \$130 per week to survive away from home. This was worked out as follows:

Rent \$50, bills (electricity, gas and phone) \$10 - \$15, food \$20, transport \$10, entertainment \$20, odds and ends (coffee, lunch etc) \$15 - \$20.

It's a pretty conservative estimate, but you can save money by living with lots of other people (which can be a good experience if you find a house you feel happy in), or by working at Wholefoods for an hour or two regularly, which will earn you a meal voucher.

Living on campus could be a way of saving time and money too - a room in South East flats is about \$36 per week. It's similar to a share house situation, but on the campus. Living in Halls costs \$62 - \$68 per week for a room with limited cooking facilities and a dining room that is not renowned for its wonderful food or good value. Of course, if you have plenty of money you may want to pay for full board at Mannix College, which costs \$127 per week.

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MAS: HOW IT WORKS

1988 was a year of reckoning for the student movement. Faced with the proposed re-introduction of fees in the form of a tertiary tax (now called the Higher Education Contribution Scheme) student associations and activists had to speedily begin a campaign to defend free education. The history of this campaign shows how our student association, the Monash Association of Students (MAS) works, and how it differs from a Student's Representative Council (SRC).

In any campaign one crucial factor which determines success, or failure, is the ability of the campaign to involve as many people as possible. Thus the first step of the Tertiary Tax campaign at Monash was to hold a **Student General Meeting (SGM)**. In MAS, Student General Meetings are the most important decision making bodies. They can override the decisions of any MAS committee, alter the constitution, sack office bearers and make policy. Student General Meetings can be called by any committee of MAS or by a petition of around 160 students and have a quorum of 5 per cent of students or around 800 students. All students are encouraged to attend, and anyone can move, second and vote on motions.

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While Student General Meetings are the major decision making forum for campaigns, there are a lot of organisational aspects of campaigns which require constant attention, including who takes responsibility for spending the students' money. This is where the committee structure of MAS comes in. The campaign against the tertiary tax was organised and funded through the **Education Affairs Committee**. This is the committee which is responsible for MAS campaigns involving education issues, it is also involved with research on education, making education policy and produces the Counter Faculty Handbook at the end of each year. The Education Affairs Committee has an elected chairperson, and the rest of the members are co-opted, or alternatively the chairperson can invite everyone to turn up to meetings and participate.

Even while a major campaign, such as that against the tertiary tax, is being organised, there is still a need to address wider issues, which may not affect students directly. For this

Remember, it's your paper - so get involved, Lot's always needs help!

reason MAS has the **Public Affairs Committee (PAC)** which concerns itself with political issues which are not necessarily directly concerned with Monash. PAC organises all sorts of speakers to come out to Monash, it organises forums, events such as Environment week, Gay week, campaigns on issues such as sexual harassment and uranium mining. It can make MAS policy and generally serves as the political arm of MAS. PAC consists of 15 representatives, who are elected by proportional representation, thus reflecting the wide range of political views held on campus.

Information is vital to a campaign. In order to inform students on the state of the tertiary tax campaign, and to explain how the tertiary tax was to work, there needed to be a media outlet for MAS. Fortunately, MAS has its own newspaper, **Lot's Wife** which serves to inform students of the activities of MAS and to report news from Monash and the outside world. *Lot's Wife* is produced by student volunteers, organised by elected editors and overseen by the **Publications Committee** which funds it. Remember, it's your paper - so get involved, *Lot's* always needs help!

All of the above committees, as well as the minor committees, The Committee of Representatives (COR) (which consists of MAS representatives on University committees such as the Naming of Buildings Committee, the Bookshop Board, the Parking Committee and many others) and the Academic Progress Investigatory Committee, are designed to deal with specific areas. However, when MAS was set up there was seen a need for a purely administrative committee to carry out the wishes of other committees and to communicate between the committees. Thus the **Administrative Executive (AE)** was formed. As the constitution says, the AE shall be exclusively engaged in administration. Its role is to implement policy (for the AE, unlike the other committees, cannot make policy), to deal with the Union and the University (which is why the AE is represented at Union Board), to run elections and to liaise with outside bodies. The AE consists of seven elected office bearers.

MAS is not only a political voice for students, it also provides services. Through the **Student Welfare Action Board (SWAB)**, MAS provides counselling, information and advice to students. SWAB also operates the Student Employment Service which helps students to find

jobs. A service of a different kind is provided by the **Activities Committee**, which organises bands to come out for Union Nights and lunchtime concerts, as well as organising balls, Green Week and other entertainment for students. The Activities Committee consists of an elected chairperson who co-opts the rest of the committee.

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MAS is complex because of the reasons behind its formation. In 1968 Monash had a traditional SRC structure; which consisted of one Committee, the SRC, which had 28 elected representatives. However, as Monash became more active, the SRC was left behind. Because of the nature of an SRC, it was not immediately able to respond to the demands of a more active student population. The SRC was, quite rightly, seen as irrelevant and was forced to sack itself. A new structure, based on the notions of participatory democracy, rather than representative democracy, was formed. This is the structure we have today. MAS, a balance between the need for students to have ready access to, and influence over, the student association and the need for students to have ongoing representation in a number of areas.

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MAS is not perfect, but it is the only system where students can exert real control over their student association, and their elected representatives, in between elections. It is the only system where student politicians are purposely limited so that no one group can control the association. It is the most democratic system because it allows you, and every other student, to have a say in the decisions which are made, not just in who makes the decisions.

AE

Chairperson's Report

Welcome to Monash.

As an enrolled student at Monash University, you are a member of the Monash Association of Students (MAS).

MAS provides you with the Student Employment Office, the Student Welfare Office, Union Nights, the outdoor concert this Friday, this newspaper, representation on Union and University Committees and membership in the National Union of Students (NUS).

In this, the first year of the tertiary tax, your membership of NUS gives you the chance to be involved in the High Court challenge to the Tertiary Tax. If NUS wins, we all win!

Much of the Chairperson and Office Bearers' time is spent on issues and concerns of direct relevance to students.

In 1989, there are several major issues MAS will be fighting for on your behalf. Obviously the first is the tertiary tax. The MAS Campaign revolves around you filling in an exemption letter. Give Dawkins a headache, fill out an Exemption letter!

MAS is also in the process of accessing academic rights at Monash. Furthering your rights is a principal aim of MAS.

MAS is supporting you - indeed all students - by representing you at the University Exclusions and Discipline Committees.

Your Rights are our concern!

To ensure that all of us have an equal opportunity to participate in higher education, MAS will continue to fight for improved and expanded Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures.

MAS is a participatory body; you are affected by its decisions, so get involved. Come to Union Night this Friday, fill in an exemption letter and return it to MAS, attend SGM's vote in the elections this September and help your student association help you.

MAS is your student union, that's how it works for you.

**Fatima Alisak Chairperson
Administrative Executive MAS**

DAVID STROVER

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Fighting Fees in '89

1988 was an impressive leap forward for the student left; many activists took the fees campaign into their own hands. The result - a series of Administration occupations on the major campuses, militant demonstrations including the occupation of the Stock Exchange, a student/staff strike at Melbourne Uni, and a range of pickets and mass meetings.

The activity continued through the summer vacation. At Melbourne Uni, activists organised meetings of over 100 people, staged pickets and stunts, co-ordinated a mass mailout to the students and maintained a high profile throughout enrolments.

Without doubt, it has been this mobilisation of certain sections of the student population that has sustained opposition to Dawkins' education package. We must see this in sharp contrast to the tactics that NUS and the Labor club students have proposed; lobbying politicians, politely debating Dawkins, sending letters to parliament and targeting marginal electorates. Strategies that give a prominent role to a few 'talented leaders', but leave the mass of students passive, without any real control over the directions their leaders have chosen for them.

We can't rely on the passive support of students to win this campaign. We need to propose actions that can get students involved in the day to day running of the campaign. This is the point of holding demonstrations and occupations; to involve more people.

It's for this reason that we have to be wary of depending on the boycott of the tax as the centrepiece of our strategy in 1989. A boycott is a passive tactic which relies on the moral courage of individual boycotters to stand up to the threats they receive in the mail box.

Even if we had thousands willing to boycott, the action would have to be enforced by a campaign of demonstrations and mass meetings aimed at giving students the courage and the feeling of collective strength needed to continue.

But the reality is that we don't have thousands willing to act. In particular we can't be reliant on first year students who have worked hard to get to university and are unlikely to jeopardise their place now.

If we are to avoid demoralising ourselves, we have to set realistic goals. The task ahead is to build our numbers. For that we need to propose a level of activity that first year students (and others) can be involved in.

One thing is certain, only mass opposition will beat the tertiary tax. Why? Because this is not just an isolated, narrow attack on students. It's part of a tremendously ambitious plan to restructure the education system.

A plan that goes hand in glove with the ALP's restructuring of industry. Industry bosses want a flexible, highly skilled workforce for the 1990s, but they don't want to have to pay for it; hence the tertiary tax.

If students were to beat this tax it would be a significant defeat for Labor's economic strategy, but only hard work on our behalf could inflict such a defeat.

The first demonstration this year is set for March 22. It has been called by the Sydney Cross-Campus Committee, and endorsed by both NUS and our own Cross-Campus Committee.

It's been dubbed a Day of Action. The idea being to hold mass meetings of staff and students in the morning and then rallying in the city that afternoon.

Another action proposed comes from La Trobe University who are planning an Anti-Tertiary Tax meeting for Orientation week with the intention of crashing the Vice-Chancellor's address and staging a walkout. These are excellent activities that Monash should consider being involved in. We have to start building for them now!

Kate Slaney International Socialists Club.



The National Union of Students - a union for the future

THE National Union of Students (NUS) provides national and state representation for students at a time when students are number one on the Federal Government's hit-list. NUS is the strong, democratic voice for students in the 1990's and for the next century.

1988 has been the first year of operation for the union, and NUS was active on several levels and on several battle-fields. The Union lobbied hard and applied pressure on government and power-brokers in the year of tertiary fees. All NUS office bearers made opposition to fees both a personal and collective priority. In the original government legislation, up-front fees were the expected terms of payment, with \$3000 being the desired figure of both Treasury and the Department of Finance. NUS, through lobbying and presentation of

submissions, media and community exposure, and public actions, fought to see that this idea was rejected. NUS achieved tax exemption for certain sectors of the student population, notably TAFE students. The National Union of Students is outright opposed to the tertiary tax and other user-pay systems of fee collection, and will continue to fight for free education in Australia.

The fight against the tertiary tax will occur on a number of fronts - through direct student action to make the tax an administrative nightmare,

through a strong public campaign, through alliances with the many groups in favour of free education, and through on-going lobbying and submissions to Canberra. It is a fight which will involve every student on every campus.

Austudy was greatly affected by the 1988 August budget, and is an area in which NUS has fought for the best possible deal for tertiary and secondary students. Without the efforts of NUS, those eligible for Austudy would be far fewer than what is now the case. Through The Guide to Student Finances, available now from Monash Association of Students, extensive information about Austudy and student finances generally is available. In 1989, NUS will concentrate on attempts to raise the level of Austudy to support a realistic living standard, and to get rid of the outdated notion of students' dependence on parents, guardians or spouses.

The services to students run by NUS are broad and far-reaching. Through information distribution (NUS News) and publications such as the National Campus Directory, the

Women's Resource Handbook, the Sexual Harassment Resource Manual, and the National Student Training Volume, plus further publications on Women's Issues, Education and Services to come out in 1989, NUS is able to assist both students and student representatives to improve conditions on campuses in all areas.

NUS is recognised by government as the legitimate representative of post-secondary students, as shown by the appointment of an NUS representative to the major higher education policy-making body, the Higher Education Council (Federal). Both the South Australian and Victorian branches of NUS have representatives on their State Government Higher Education Consultative Committees, which are discussing the important details of campus amalgamations. In ways such as this, NUS has access to information never before available to students, and, more importantly, can use this information to have an impact on the big decisions about education, putting forward your views.

NUS represents over 250,000

students across Australia. As a national student body, NUS is your union. From determining its policy electing the people who run NUS - Annual Conference and State Conferences - you are the people who determine the Union's priorities. NUS would like to thank you for your support in 1988, and look forward to a productive and successful 1989. Remember that the tertiary tax is only the tip of the iceberg. Work with NUS and the Monash Association. Students to bring back free education.

The 1989 NUS Office-bearers are:
President - Lisa Neville
General Secretary - Richard Mark
Education Officer - Damian Smith
Womens Officer - Miranda Sande
Services and Welfare Officer - Andrew Woodridge

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the above at NUS on (03) 31844, or write to NUS at 226 Pelham Street, Carlton, Victoria, 3053. A contact Monash Association Students in the Union Building.

NUS - a union for the future

NUS Legal Challenge In Jeopardy

Following its election at the Annual Conference of the National Union of Students in December, the NUS officebearers, (consisting largely of Labor Students) have succeeded in placing the Union in a cruel Catch 22 situation, where the fragile existence of NUS once more hangs in the balance.

The threat to the existence of NUS stems from the planned High Court challenge to the constitutionality of the Graduate Tax Legislation. Two NUS officebearers decided to mount such a challenge following unwritten legal advice from a QC, who told them that they had an even chance of succeeding. The proposed challenge was then announced to the media before the union executive was consulted.

At the emergency NUS executive meeting on February 2nd, some interesting facts emerged regarding this challenge.

Firstly, it is significant that the NUS, stretched as it is to a shoestring budget, does not have the financial resources necessary to mount such a challenge. The conservative estimate on legal costs was given at \$100,000, and has recently escalated to \$300,000. NUS simply cannot provide this amount of money.

Instead of having money allocated in its budget for such a challenge, NUS has tied up most of its money in the administration of a bureaucracy. Of a budget of \$537,488 only \$23,000 has been allocated to education campaigns and projects, hence NUS is unable to mount a legal challenge unless it raises money from some other source.

In order to mount the campaign, the NUS executive members were told that NUS was going to go cap in hand not only to member campuses, but to every campus in Australia and ask students there to give NUS more money. I believe that, as most SRCs are already hard-pressed to meet current NUS affiliation demands, little additional money is likely to be forthcoming. Yorick Piper, the 1988 Secretary of MAS, publicly admitted at the 1988 annual conference of the Victorian Student Union that Monash had found it difficult to make the NUS affiliation payment.

While media and students have been painted the rosy picture, by the NUS president and education officer, that such a legal challenge would stand a good chance of succeeding, other NUS executive members have been forewarned of a totally different reality. The verbal advice given to the NUS president and education officer put the chances of success at 50/50. Verbal advice given to me by those consulted estimated significantly less favorable odds. Mr Damian Smith, the education officer, admitted that due to the composition of the High Court bench, the odds of success are more likely to be 45/55 against.

He went on to claim that even if the challenge failed, it would serve as excellent publicity for NUS. This rather disturbing attitude shows that the leadership of the union is prepared, for publicity, to risk the existence of NUS and to squander the money, not just of member campuses, but of students whom NUS does not represent.

Even if the legal challenge were to succeed, the woes of both NUS and students would not end. Mr Damian Smith admitted to the NUS executive that if the union succeeded in having the Tertiary Tax declared null and void, they would be leaving Mr Dawkins no choice but to legislate for genuine upfront fees. However Mr Smith believes Mr Dawkins would not dare to do this, as it would alienate the student vote just before an election.

Since we have seen already that Mr Dawkins holds student opinion and outrage in contempt (through his innovative moves to implement the Tertiary Tax), I leave it to my fellow students to judge for themselves whether or not a legal setback and an early election would deter Mr Dawkins from persisting with User Pays education.

The question still remains as to why NUS is stalling with legal action, rather than organising direct action to deal with Mr Dawkins and the Tertiary Tax. While NUS claims that a judgment will be delivered by September, it is quite possible that the challenge could take up to three years to come to a conclusion. In the meantime, NUS would be unable to maintain any form of visible protest.

This gives rise to the accusations that for as long as the National Organisation of Labor Students (NOLS) maintains control of NUS, the union is little more than a tool to control student unrest over the ALP government's approach to education. Many members of NOLS aspire to political careers in the ALP and it would be damaging to their futures if they were to attack the Dawkins ministry.

One may deduce that the legal challenge is unlikely to succeed. It is unlikely that NUS could raise the money to mount it, without collapsing first. It is unlikely to be accepted by the High Court. In the event it succeeded, it has been freely admitted that Mr Dawkins may be forced to bring in upfront fees. Rather than being decided in six months, the challenge could drag out for years. In the meantime, NUS would be impotent, neither able nor willing to raise a finger against Mr Dawkins and the ALP government.

It appears that this much vaunted legal challenge is little more than flash-in-the-pan publicity stunt. Whether the repercussions serve to destroy NUS still remains to be seen.

Ernest Zanatta
Monash Delegate to NUS
State Executive Member,
General Exec Member.



Real Quick Horoscope

- Pisces* - Have a shower. You smell.
- Aries* - Stop acting sheepish.
- Taurus* - Sirloin.
- Gemini* - Identity crisis soon.
- Cancer* - Chemotherapy looks promising.
- Leo* - Get a haircut.
- Virgo* - You're Fucked.
- Libra* - Unbalanced this week.
- Scorpio* - You'll be stung.
- Sagittarius* - Missed, sorry.
- Aquarius* - Wet.
- Capricorn* - We don't know.

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Crazy Greg's guide to Monash politics

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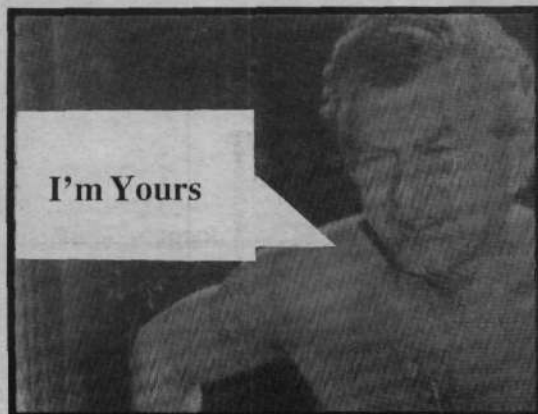
What's that? Did I hear something to the contrary? Did someone say politics is dead at Monash?

Well I spit at you, offal from the carcass of humanity.

There are twelve, yes twelve, registered political clubs on campus (bet you didn't know that - either did I until they gave me a list of them).

The Australian Democrats also have a registered club on campus, but just like the party they support, you will never hear about them unless they commit some sort of error (actually, disregard that last comment because basically they do nothing).

Democratic Students Association. Does the NCC mean anything to you? What about the name B A Santamaria? If those names do, then I suppose you've



Let's start with the two largest hacks, err... heavies on campus, the **Australian Labor Party (ALP)** and the **Liberals**.

First the ALP Club. Let's look at what the ALP did last year; it introduced the tertiary tax, sold uranium to the French, renewed wood chipping licences - need I continue? If you want to join the club which supports actions like these, then go right ahead.

already made up your mind about this club. If they don't then approach the DSA table during O-Week stand directly in front of it and scream out with your loudest voice, 'Santamaria is scum', will they be impressed, or what?

Fabian Society; gee what a pretty name. I've got a prettier name for them - the rosary bead brigade. Basically they are the right wing faction of the ALP, the moral minority of this sick, perverted university.



"Socialism Sux" seems to have become the catch cry of the Liberal club, pity that the Liberal party has become the longest running joke in Australia. For crying out loud, these people have John Howard, Nick Greiner and Andrew Peacock as their role models. Come on; to join this club would need a brain composed of pond scum with dashes of goat excrement.

International Socialists. Whenever you see these people around campus they are trying to sell you something (especially newspapers). Some of the ideology they adhere to has a degree of decency, but as a whole they tend to stifle rather than encourage debate. Personally I wouldn't join them, but hey; they are all for the workers revolution!

At this point in the article I can hear people screaming, 'so what is a decent political club that we can join?' Well, here are some of the viable alternatives:

Amnesty International, the **Conservation Group** (when they bother to do something), **Feminist Collective** (though they have been a bit quiet of late), **Anarchists Collective** (if you can stand the smell of David Stover's bare feet) and **Red Wedge** (the ultra-trendy cafe left).

But, hey; who am I to tell you what sort of political affiliations to have? All I hope it's all of these clubs will have tables during O-Week, approach them yourself and make up your own mind.

Crazy Greg

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Top 20 Reasons Why I'll Never Make a Good Yuppie

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- I think L.A. Law is John Laws' brother.

- I only wear black when in mourning.

- I think Reeboks are horned beasts inhabiting the African veldt.

- I think Country Road is a song by John Denver.

- I think Daquiri is the capital of Ghana.

- I think that Swatches are worn by people with speech impediments.

- I think pastels are a form of crayon.

- I think inflation is why I can't afford to eat.

- I think YSL stands for Young Socialist League.

- I'm a Taurus.

- I think Filo-fax was a Greek philosopher.

- I think Club Med is the French subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Orientation Week at Halls

I was introduced to the Halls of Residence twelve months ago. Like several hundred other First Years, I passed VCE and had been accepted at Monash. I was apprehensive, in fact I was scared shitless! I knew no one and I thought no one would like me and I wouldn't fit in. But looking back now, I realise that was absolute bullshit.

Once I recovered from the initial shock of moving into the 'box' where I was to eat, sleep, party and perhaps study for a year, I knew life would be different from now on. Parental control was gone. What the hell was I getting myself into?

I said goodbye to Mum and Dad and unpacked my gear. I kept thinking about the rumours one hears about Melbourne University Colleges, of how 'freshers' are treated. It didn't take me long to realise that they were all unfounded. We were made welcome and were soon having fun.

Of course the first hurdle is that you must actually speak to someone. This isn't difficult, or at least it shouldn't be. After a few 'amber fluids' there was plenty to talk about. All first years have some things in common - a new university course, new housing and potentially new friends, and that dreaded VCE score.

I found that conversation wasn't hard nor was meeting people or sinking the free beers. The problem was to maintain the pace for the whole week! On the first night you meet almost everyone and for the rest of the week you find your own niche.

The Orientation Week programme laid out a week of partying, including BBQ's, concerts, discos and other social activities. They mostly involved drinking, or at least for me, they did!

Many things will happen to you in O-week - some good, some not so good. Early morning breakfasts with a hangover falls in the latter category, so does the 'Factory' food.

O-week at Halls will remain a vivid memory for many a week during the year, as a drunken haze. Don't worry, Have a 'Shit Hot' time. Don't try to impress anyone, be yourself. Be advised; there is life after Halls, so do get involved at University, after all that's why you are there.

I'll see you at the Nott for a drink. Maintain the Rage.

Dick Backwell

- I think Lacoste is Jacques Cousteau's boat.

- My idea of home renovation is cleaning the bathroom.

- I think Ecstasy is a state of mind.

- I think Jacuzzi is a New Wave Italian film director.

- I regard the word 'entrepreneur' as a term of abuse.

- I go out with a dog.

- All my friends are dogs.

A Guide for the Perplexed

Hello! Welcome to Monash. Ah, I can tell you're a first year student by the suitably lost look on your face. Well, don't despair, because here are a few common-sense tips which will help you to avoid those pitfalls which every first year student falls into.

First, get to know where the toilets are! Seriously, folks, there are three sets of toilets in the Union Building; one near the Westpac bank, another behind the Co-op Bookshop and one on the first floor near the John Medley Library. Also, the toilets in the Main Library make for fascinating reading, as do the toilets in the Hargrave Library and the toilets near the steps of the Biomed Library. The real question is, who writes better graffiti - arts students or science students?

Second, if you want to help fill the coffers of every club on campus, join them all! I'd just like to warn you that it is a physical impossibility to actually participate in them all. The best thing to do is roll up for all the free beer, BBQ's and free anything offered during Orientation Week, but only join the clubs you want to!

There is no need to buy every recommended text on the reading list. Off campus, Academic and General in Swanston Street offers some great bargains. It is best to wait until after your first lecture to buy recommended texts, because your lecturer will tell you which books you actually need. Many second-hand books are available on campus, you can find them at the Book Co-op, or in advertisements for books for sale on notice boards - near Wholefoods, in front of the Hargrave Library, and in the basement of the Law Building.



The fourth thing to point out concerns lectures, lecturers, tutes, etc. You don't need to turn up half an hour early, nor do you need to revere every word of a lecturer! However, you should turn up to the majority of lectures to pass a subject.

The fifth point to note is that the most serious pass-time of a Monash student is that insidious practice otherwise known as 'caf-sitting'; that is - buying a cup of coffee in the caf and sitting there all day just yakking to friends. It is a veritable institution at Monash. The Small Caf is certainly the place to be seen at Monash for all those yuppies, or aspiring yuppies (or for those people who want a quick snack and a bite to eat).

Then there's the 'West End' (alias The Grill Room) which looks pretty much like a larger version of the Caf since renovations last year (without the yuppie prestige). Upstairs, many science students can be found in the Main Dining Room. Wholefoods, the student-run vegetarian restaurant, is an ideologically sound place to eat! There is also especially yummy food available at the Kosher Corner.

The Banquet Room, which you get to by walking through the Main Dining Room, sells Chinese and Malaysian fare, and downstairs there's the Cellar Room which sells salads and hot vegetarian food by weight. Certainly, at Monash even the fussiest eater would have to be satisfied.

I believe I have now covered all aspects of uni life crucial to survival. Of course, to get the most out of uni, just relax and be open minded and friendly; everyone in your classes is in the same boat - in a new environment without old friends around. In fact, it's a great opportunity to get out there and meet people. After a while you'll actually know your way around and discover you've made some good friends.

Paula Darvas

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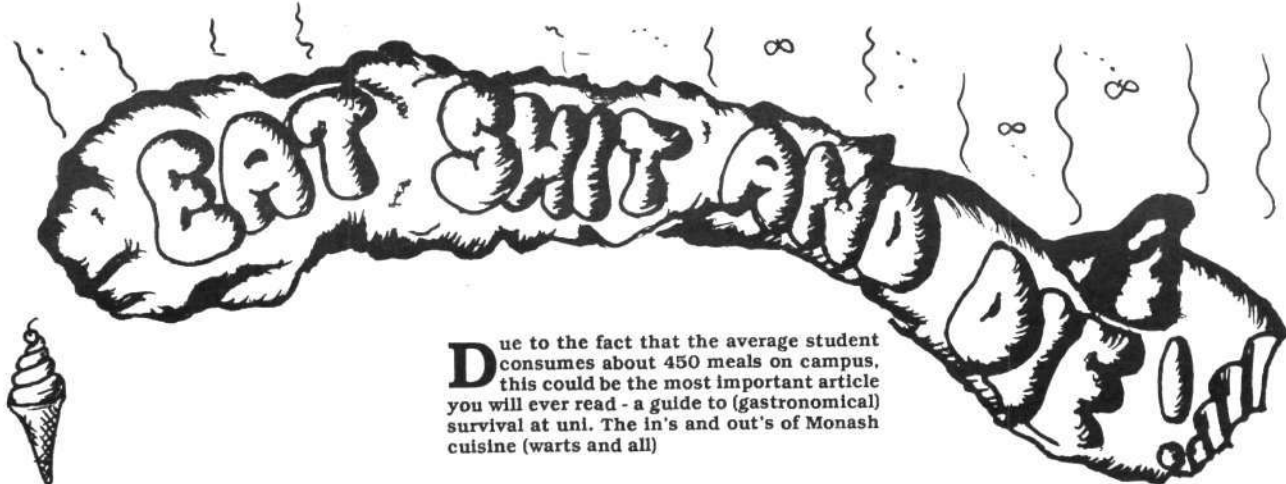
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Due to the fact that the average student consumes about 450 meals on campus, this could be the most important article you will ever read - a guide to (gastronomical) survival at uni. The in's and out's of Monash cuisine (warts and all)

In the Union

Small caf

○ breakfast and lunch

The Small Caf, situated downstairs in the Union building, tastefully (?) decorated in pastels, is the primary breakfast eating location at Monash. Offering the usual Boy Scout breakfast (bacon and eggs, etc. etc.), plus mouth-watering donuts, this is basically what you can expect of university fodder.

Lunch is similarly bland, serving various hot foods and sandwiches, although the baked potatoes available at the entrance are deservedly popular. If you can't stand yuppies or Caf-sitters, however, this is not the place for you.

Grill Room

○ lunch and dinner

The Grill Room, one of the largest eating areas on campus, sells customary university fatty foods (the quality varies on a day to day basis), sandwiches, cakes and none-too-fresh fruit. This outlet also caters for the bon vivant with its collection of pasta dishes, served for lunch and dinner, and some rather suspect looking casseroles (evening only). Perhaps not the most appetising collection, but with non-existent competition students are forced to suffer in silence.



Cafeteria and Espresso Bar

○ lunch

Dealing once again in your average greasies, this Caf also provides an almost gourmet array of Asian dishes involving unidentifiable chicken, vegetable and rice dishes. While somewhat noxious looking, these can be surprisingly edible. Nearby, the Espresso bar sells coffee, tea and snacks.

Wholefoods

○ lunch

This restaurant is student operated and run. Although a trifle insipid, it offers generous servings of nutritious vegetarian dishes at a reasonable cost, and is a pleasant alternative to other uni eateries. It's run by a committee of interested students who are responsible for employing the chef, co-ordinating the volunteers and making decisions about the way the place is run.

Cellar Room

○ lunch

In open rivalry to wholefoods is the Cellar room, which specialises in salads and hot vegetarian meals. Paying by weight, this is good value. Recommended eating.

Health Food Bar

○ breakfast and lunch

Beware the vegetarian pizza! Other than this culinary disaster, foods and prices here are quite reasonable; the choice ranging from cakes to pakoras and vegetarian lasanga. Scepticism should be maintained, however, for although labelled as 'health foods', some of these, while tasty, don't quite merit the title.



The Deli

○ lunch

Although pricey, a great variety of fillings are available for sandwiches, bagels and crepes. Fruit and vegetable juices are also offered, and freshness is assured as everything is prepared while you wait.

Gifts and Confectionary Shop - 9 am to 5 pm
In short, this shop is the sweet tooth's dream, catering for the serious junk food gastronome.

Hot Food Bar

○ lunch

This is a quick take-away service providing a vast selection of greasies.

Altis Grove

○ breakfast, lunch and dinner

The Altis grove, situated in the Sports and Recreation Centre, serves hot grills, cold snacks and drinks. According to an excellent authority, avoid this place upon peril of death, as the quality of food here is abysmal (even by Monash standards).

Rotunda

○ lunch

Rumoured to exist, although personally never seen in operation, this food outlet is said to sell pies, sandwiches and cakes.

Vending Machines

For those lacking in adventurous spirit, these machines, littered throughout Monash, dispense junk food 24 hours a day.

Halls

○ breakfast, lunch and dinner

Don't bother, unless you're fond of the occasional bout of food poisoning.



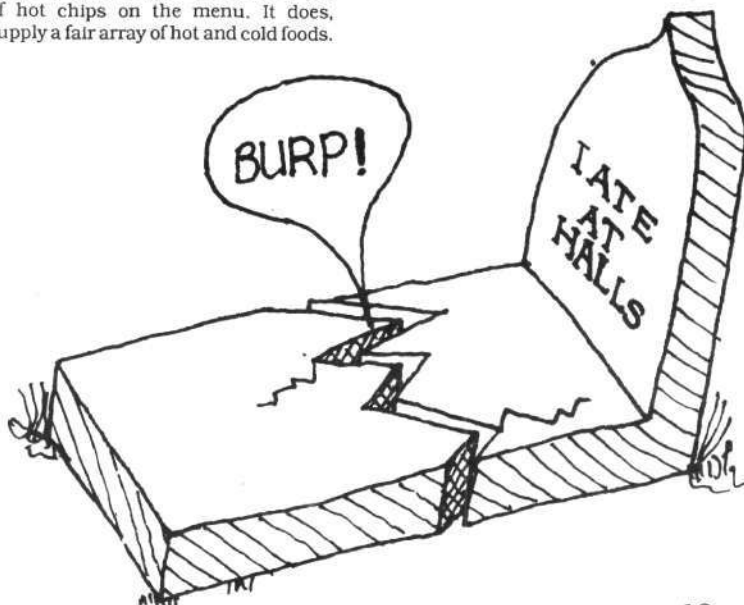
Basically, you and your stomach can only adopt a trial-by-error approach to Monash food. Persevere, however, and then if all else fails, **remember:** Pizza Hut and the Nott are only a short walk away!

Outside the Union

Hargrave Caf

○ breakfast and lunch

Enter with caution - this Caf is predominantly inhabited by engies due to its location in the science area. Its other major downfall is the absence of hot chips on the menu. It does, however, supply a fair array of hot and cold foods.





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SPIN SPIN SPIN

The following material has been drawn from the experiences of the noted narcotics researcher Dr. Eugene Glasnost, who was active in this field between 1986 and 1988, and which resulted in his appearance before an exclusions board. He has had enough of drugs and will not take kindly to being invited to any sessions.

This article contains as little technical bullshit as possible. Those of you who are predisposed towards drug use are unlikely to be told anything useful by some oh-so-cool dope smoking student journalist regurgitating facts from the Merck Manual. This, I hope, will serve to satiate some of the curiosity you may feel towards some of the chemicals you can screw yourself up with, and perhaps help you to cope with whatever you are stupid enough to expose your system to. This is not a comprehensive discussion - if it were, I would probably be dead. Consequently I can't tell you anything about smack or downers. Before I get into specifics, there are two general points which ought to be made.

First, 'drugs' are illegal. While the police won't be too cruel if you're busted with dope (cannabis), anything else is a completely different matter. If you're caught with powders, pills or tabs, be prepared to get a genuine Class A serious shit fucking over. There are too many people with this sort of stuff who are armed and psychopathic for the boys in blue to take any chances, and you are likely to be the recipient of the pent up fears and frustrations of whoever happens to be in the station at the time. While a marijuana possession charge is likely to bring you only a small fine and a good behaviour bond, the courts are less likely to be lenient with you over "hard drugs".

Second, if you ever get into any sort of drug for a protracted period of time, you will note a marked drop in your general state of health. You will also find your mind is suffering, and consequently your studies. If you are serious about a university education then you are not serious about drugs. People who are seriously involved with drugs gradually discover their brains are incapable of any but the most banal of mental processes. If you're dead set on being a fool, however, read the following - and don't say I didn't warn you.

AMPHETAMINES - (speed, fast, quick, zoom, etc.)

Speed is manufactured locally by "backyard" chemists. It's pointless quoting a chemical formula since no-one is really sure exactly what sort of crap is being purchased, so long as it does the trick. Unless you're being seriously ripped off, you should be paying no more than \$50 or \$60 a gram, and there are places you can get it for less. Chemists generally sell this gear for between \$5 and \$10 a gram to a personal contact who cuts it, bumps up the price to about \$15 and

sells it to dealers (who often cut it again). If you happen to know a dealer who knows a chemist's runner, you can buy the stuff for about \$20-\$25 a gram, assuming you buy a reasonable quantity. By the time you get to the speed, it's probably been cut at least 2 or 3 times, usually with glucose (because it's inoffensive) or epsom salts (because it gives a rush to intravenous users). This stuff is taken either up the nose (snorting), intravenously (whacking, blasting, hitting, shooting, etc.), or orally. Speed keeps you awake, suppresses your appetite, and depending upon how much you have, makes you feel pretty hot shit. Confidence, a sense of self importance, a lack of fear and a pleasant buzzing feeling are all symptoms of a speed high. You will talk your head off and imagine that you're being witty and articulate - you're talking heaps of shit. You'll be totally at ease and feeling as if you're some sort of universal object of esteem. You will not take personal slights easily and you will have to make a conscious effort to be considerate or to avoid being an insensitive prick. Some people become total assholes when they are speeding.

All this lasts for a number of hours before you start to come down. Coming down off this drug is a serious proposition. The good feeling wears off gradually and you will be left feeling restless and miserable. The situation can be dealt with to some extent by sitting oneself down with friends, a few good videos, and some red wine and then proceeding to drink oneself into oblivion; but in the absence of such an environment, or if you take too much, I can guarantee you a rotten time. This drug is highly addictive, tolerance to it builds rapidly, and it does nasty things to your metabolism. It eats vitamins and calcium, and fucks with your immune system. Count on getting sick regularly, lots of tooth decay, and spending lots of money just to keep yourself going. After a while you will find yourself incapable of conducting your life unless you are up.

D-Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD, acid, trips, etc.)

You can score this for about \$15-\$20 from someone who has purchased it for anything from \$5 to \$10. It is actually very rare in Melbourne to obtain bona fide LSD; you will generally find yourself in possession of any one of a few synthetic derivatives. No one can honestly tell you with any certainty exactly what is going to happen to you when you try it, except that you will be fighting a battle with insanity for a few hours. If you are messed up enough to try acid, it is vitally important to remember that you are under the influence of a very serious mind-warping drug. If you fail to do so, you are likely to either do something very stupid or else give yourself a permanent mental condition. This

DR. GLASNOST

stuff is serious pooh, kiddies, and if you take it you are subjecting yourself to a real risk of having your brain go overboard. What acid essentially does is superimpose your sub-conscious mind over your senses. It is like dreaming while you are awake, and depending upon your state of mind, you will either have an interesting time or a goddam nightmare. Do not drop any acid when you are angry, depressed or frightened or you will have a rank time (at best). People who are frightened of what the drug might do to them will similarly get themselves a potentially one way ticket to Nightmare Land. If you are stupid enough to try acid, go into it with a positive attitude. It is important to remember that this is not just a visual drug; in addition to hallucinations, you must be prepared for some emotional turmoil. Feelings (all totally irrational) of confusion, anger, fear, hatred, love, etc. will rise unbidden into your conscious mind. Unless you keep in mind that these feelings are the product of a drug induced psychosis, you're fucked - and don't come near me.

Magic Mushrooms

These nasty little fungi give you a trip very similar to that of the acid family of brain-bending chemicals. The difference is they grow wild and thus cost nothing to the enterprising wastoid. While the actual trip is like acid, getting them down can sometimes be a problem - they make me very sick. Don't ask me where to find them or what they look like because I've forgotten.

Extasy

This is funny stuff. It costs \$40 on the street and (I am told) about \$20 to \$25 to a dealer. The extasy trip is easy to describe; it makes you feel absolutely brilliant - for a while. It is taken orally and takes about an hour to fully hit you, at which time you will feel extremely relaxed, detached, and pleasantly strange, being able to manage few words other than "wow". This is the rush portion of the trip, and it can last up to 45 minutes. Some people vomit uncontrollably during this time (myself included). It appears

that if you are prone to air or sea sickness, you are going to spew your guts when the rush hits you. No nausea, just dinner everywhere.

After the rush you will enter a period of between four and six hours during which you will feel terrific and be painfully affectionate towards just about everyone. Everything and everyone is interesting (especially members of the opposite sex), and you will be remarkably egalitarian. You do eventually come down, though, and as it is a general rule that the higher you go, the further you fall, coming down off extasy is no fun at all.

You are likely to experience the blackest depression you have ever felt, and everything bad in your life will come crowding into your head with a bang. If you're into serious suffering, you'll love it. Furthermore, the next time you try this junk, you won't get quite the high you did last time, and it won't last as long. You still come down though. Whatever it is they put in extasy, it appears to stimulate whatever you have which produces your happy hormones. There have been cases of people who have taken too much of this stuff suffering from permanent clinical depression - the drug is capable of pushing your happy glands (or whatever they are) too far, destroying them. If you use this drug, you could be left with a life totally bereft of enjoyment, natural or induced. Have fun.

Cannibis (mull, dope, grass, doobage, etc.)

So much has already been said about dope that it is pointless to go on much about it, so I won't, except to say the following: contrary to what most dope smoking fuckwits will tell you, this stuff can be addictive, or at least habit forming. Smoke enough, regularly enough and you will find yourself experiencing bouts of shittyness and depression every time you can't score. Dope is addictive like alcohol is addictive - every once in a while and you'll just wreck your lungs and kill some braincells talking nonsense. Make it a habit, and your brain will turn to mush.

The Law and You

If, in your wanderings through uni-life, you have the misfortune to be picked up by the police, here are a few points you should bear in mind:

First, establish **why** you've been apprehended, that is, don't automatically assume that it's because you've got some grass in your pocket, as jay-walking is illegal too! Neglecting this simple question may unintentionally worsen your plight.

Secondly, while there is no requirement by law to do so (unless you've been intercepted while driving), if asked, you should give your name and address in order to avoid a whole lot of unnecessary, not to mention unpleasant, hassling. In Victoria, however, you may be searched for drugs or offensive weapons if the police have reasonable suspicion. Remember, the name of this game is to make the entire encounter as brief and uncontroversial as possible. Therefore, resist the temptation to jump onto your soapbox and launch into a defiant attack against 'The Establishment'. No matter how honourable this may seem at the time, you'll regret it when you receive your ten page summons!

Courtesy, or perhaps more realistically, restrained anger, need not be synonymous with wimpiness - **stand up for your rights!** Great - but what rights do we have?

1. You do not have to go to a police station unless you've been placed under arrest and told what you've been charged with.

2. You are not required to make any statement, or sign anything.

3. There is no obligation to be either finger-printed or photographed.

4. You are entitled to one telephone call to a lawyer or friend.

5. You may, and should, request bail.

Whatever you do, don't allow yourself to be bullied or coerced into pleading guilty for anything; in fact the best approach you can adopt is one of silence.



OINK!

'Yes, Mr Commissioner, Sir.' (or, how to get the shit knocked out of you!)

I just want to know about the rooms behind your mind. Do I see a vacuum there, or am I going blind? - Jini Hendrix 1969

As you may, or may not, have realised, we all live in a state. This does not mean a state in the sense of territorial boundries (eg: Vic, SA, NSW etc), but rather a state meaning a collection of individuals with an administrative bureaucracy. This bureaucracy consists of a number of representatives elected by the people (in Australia, anyway), and a larger number of co-opted employees (public servants) who carry out the policies initiated by the elected representatives (government).

There are times, however, when the individuals within a society come into conflict with the legislated dictums (laws) of the state. That is to say, what the government decides is in the peoples' (society) best interests is not always what the people think is in their best interest. This is not a new concept.

To deal with this 'problem', (and thereby make society run more smoothly), the government created a body to ensure the laws which it implements are adhered to by the people. Call them what you will; 'cops', 'bacon' 'jacks', 'bastards', they are collectively known as 'The Police Force'.

To discover what determines the nature and idiosyncrosies of this 'structure of ill repute', we must first look at the bureaucracy which created it. At the top of the heap, we have politicians who control what becomes law. This section of society fit very neatly into the 'power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely' adage. That is, the more power they get, the more corrupt they become. These guys in conjunction with big business, manage to allocate a large portion of the nation's resources into their own 'very capable' hands.

Next comes the public servants, who manage to swindle their fair share of 'moola' via the 'cost of administration and implementation of policy'.

On the bottom of the bureaucratic shitheap is the not so humble pig. The pig's job (although he/she will not realise it) is to protect the status quo. The pig will also not realise that s/he is basically on a par with your average worker in that s/he is being exploited, having to work long hours for shit pay, only to end up with an inner suburban house with 2.2 kids.

Not realising their plight comes about as a result of clever mauniplaton by politicians and society. Take a young person coming out of high school. They have moderate intelligence, and limited career prospects. Throw him/her in together with others who think similarly (that is, not very much), teach him/her to obey, bombard him/her with propaganda about how s/he is benefitting society, give him/her promotion incentives, a badge and a gun and turn him or her loose on the street.

What you end up with is a twisted product of society who thinks graduating from the police academy is the equivalent of a PhD, carries a gun and sees him/herself as heading straight to the top. Frightening, isn't it?

If you encounter one of these creatures, do not panic. Assess the situation. If you feel you have done nothing wrong or you think you can talk your way through the 'ice-cold' gaze, do so. The trick to this one is to be firm but respectful. Remember, this is the only relief to the monotony of life that this dude gets. It is also a big 'power-kick' for him/her, so don't fuck with it or s/he'll fuck with you! Don't suck either, or you'll look like a worm and you will be shat on accordingly.

If it's something like drunk and disorderly (D&D) **do not** I repeat **do not** give the cops any shit whatsoever, or it's yellow pages city! Be warned, this is not fantasy, police brutality is not uncommon in custody, and it could happen to you. If it does, find a doctor who is willing to appear as a witness on your behalf immediately after you are released. This is very important if you are to make any sort of claim against them.



If, on the other hand, you are busted for drugs, remember the golden rule and **keep your big mouth shut** no matter what! Admit nothing. Say nothing. The pigs will get a big kick out of threatening you, or trying to get you to admit your guilt. At all costs, resist any temptation to co-operate. They may tell you that they can hold you in custody until your hearing. This is false. They are required to take you before a magistrate for a bail application, first thing the following morning (if they manage to keep you that long). If you have not used your telephone call (which by this stage you should have) do so **now** and contact a solicitor.

To re-iterate: **Say nothing! Read nothing aloud! Sign nothing! Phone a solicitor!** Remember, the majority of drug and similar convictions are made on evidence supplied by the defendant.

So next time you run into one of the 'boys in blue', 'upholders of the law' or 'guardians of the innocent', just stop and think about what's going on behind those really gross, macho sunglasses. Knowing what makes a cop tick might just be enough of a psychological advantage to get you off, or at least keep you out of a great deal of heavy shit.

Author's note: At political demonstrations avoid slogans like:

*'The shit you're givin'
We're not takin'
'Cos today's pig Is tomorrows bacon'*

It tends to result in a lot of bad karma if you are seen and later discovered alone by a mob of pissed-off pigs.



Sexual Assault - A Gender Based Apartheid?

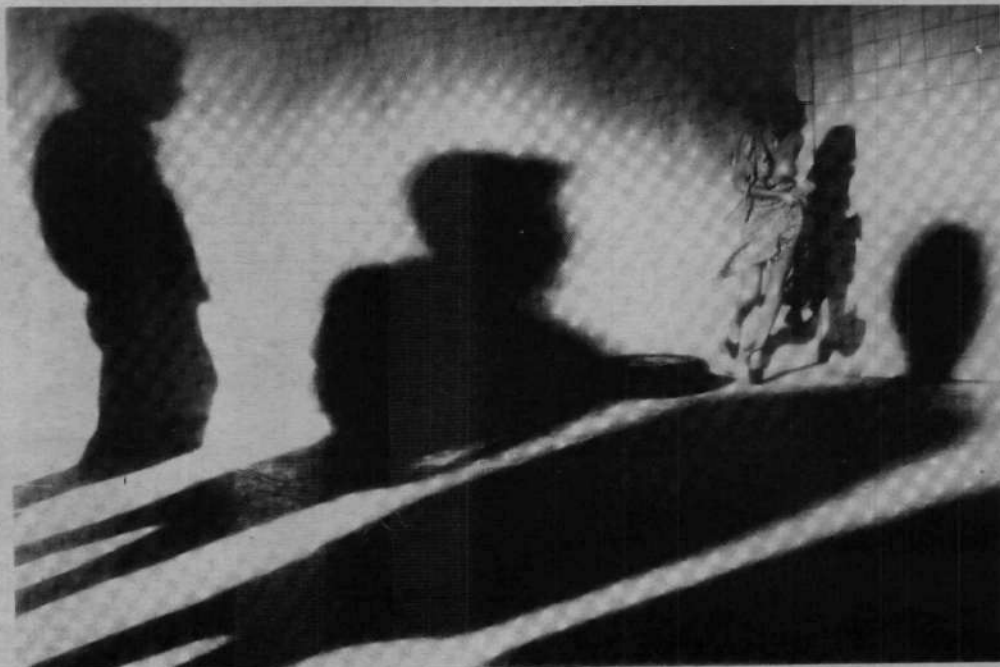
Women are not guilty of the violence committed on their bodies, minds or spirits by men. This violence occurs because of men's greater physical power, and the misuse of this power.

History has long condoned or de-emphasised rape by using masking terms such as 'orgy' or 'debauchery', or by considering rape to be a natural occurrence after victory in battle. The thirteenth century foundations of our legal system held rape as the equivalent of stealing a man's livestock, and it was only in 1978 that services (set up mainly by victims of sexual assault) began to take responsibility for the care and support of victims of these sorts of crimes. In fact it was only as recent as 1985 that the law accepted that a woman did not surrender her sexual rights in marriage - that a husband does not have sexual dominion over his wife.

Despite, or perhaps due to, changes in the law, reports of sexual harassment and sexual violence are rising. For example, at the Monash Medical Centre's Sexual Assault Service, 550 victims/survivors of sexual assault were seen in the last twelve months. Of those: 50% were under 17 (as young as one year), 33% were victims of child abuse, 10% were male, 50% of victims knew the offender, 50% of the offences occurred in the victim's home, and only 50% reported the offence to the police. With people over 18 years receiving counselling from the Service, the most predominant offence was rape.

It is important to remember when reading these statistics to remember that the Monash Medical Centre does not have the only clinic dealing with sexual assault, and that not all sexual harassment or rape victims seek help.

The curfew mentality of today's society makes victims of sexual assault and harassment feel guilty about their ordeal, especially if they were out alone at night, or were drawing attention to themselves. Basically, society gives the male aggressor as many excuses for his behaviour as possible (even going as far as 'men are naturally aggressive' or 'boys will be boys so girls must take care') 20 Lot's Wife, Monday February 20, 1989



This is a nice way of avoiding reality. It is a fact that most perpetrators of sexual violence are male. It is also a fact that every day women are exposed to sexual harassment through whistling or innuendo, which if responded to can lead to the threat of violence. Many women ARE afraid of going out at night, of being alone in a public place, and unfortunately statistics show that the home (where most acts of sexual violence occur) is by no means a sanctuary. The fear of violence is a contravention of women's basic rights as human beings. It is '...an expression of dominance, not just by some amorphous unknown and ever changing group, but rather an illicit use of power perpetrated in the main by men...' (*SEXUAL ASSAULT: The scandal of the Past and Present* by Kate Gilmore). This social control is the foundation of a gender based apartheid.

It may be no surprise that sexual harassment occurs on campus. However it has been brought to our attention that many examples of sexual abuse, including rape, have occurred at Monash over the last few years. Unfortunately none of these alleged crimes have been documented and it appears that people have been unwilling to formally make complaints.

Sexual Harassment and violence are unlawful, and while most people are aware of what constitutes a sexually violent act, sexual harassment is less clearly defined. The University has set some guidelines outlining acts which constitute sexual harassment (see article opposite), and if you feel you may be a victim of harassment, Student Welfare will further advise and help you.

It is an indictment of society that sexual assault and harassment occur with such a frequency that an individual must take precautions to reduce the risk of attack. At Monash (which is not the ivory tower that the administrators would have us believe) there are facilities available which can lessen the danger of assault, especially after dark.

Between 5pm and 1am three security guards patrol the university. After 1am only one is present. This is extraordinarily thin ground cover considering the size of the university, the fact that the guards carry no form of protection, and the number of alleged assaults and rapes on campus.

Monash also provides a shuttle service which operates from 6:30 in the morning to 10:00 at night. This free bus runs

every thirty minutes starting from the Robert Blackwood Hall, and stops at most places around the University.

It is unsafe to walk alone at night, so try to ensure you always have company (security will chaperone you if you ask!). If the worst happens and you are threatened, find an internal phone and call security on 3333 (external 565 3333) they will help you and call the police if necessary.

Sexual harassment and violence perpetrated against anyone are violations of the person's mind, body, integrity and freedom. Violence is not only assault and rape but covers such diverse areas as sterilization, abuse, pornography and economic and class oppression. Every form of violence limits our ability to make choices about our lives. However, sexual violence is the most despicable as it perverts and destroys a wonderful form of pleasure and communication.

It is of vital importance that victims of harassment and sexual assault speak out about their ordeals so that it becomes impossible for society to ignore this insidious crime. It will encourage strategies for education and resistance to be properly established.

Sexual Harassment



Sexual harassment is verbal or physical conduct which is unwelcome, uninvited and unwarranted. Examples of sexual harassment include:

- leering, patting, pinching, touching;
- persistent invitations for sexual favours or outings;
- displays of offensive pictures, posters and graffiti;
- obscene jokes, derogatory comments, offensive written messages and offensive telephone calls;
- groups of people ridiculing, leering, wolf whistling or making

sexual comments at a person or a group of people.

Sexual harassment can occur amongst peers (student harassing student or a class of students harassing one student) or may occur between people holding different amounts of power: for example, staff and students.

Whatever form sexual harassment takes, it can be extremely intimidating and may lead to such problems as poor performance at

work, poor academic results, stress, etc. If you feel that you are being sexually harassed:

1. Remember that you are not to blame. Sexual harassment is imposed sexual attraction. No matter how complicated the situation is, the harasser is responsible for the abuse.

2. Document what happens. Keep a diary; save any notes or pictures of the harasser - don't throw them away in anger. Write down specific dates, times, places, kinds of incidents, your responses, his/her answers, any witnesses.

3. Generate support for yourself before you take action: break the silence, talk with others at university and outside, ask for help in working out a response. They back you up if you fail to impress displeasure upon the harassing party.

4. Investigate the University's policy and grievance procedure (available at Lot's Wife) for sexual harassment cases. The advisors are shown below and will assist in clarifying the nature of the problem, explore possible strategies to resolve the difficulty, advise you of your rights under the relevant legislation and refer you to other people on or off campus who may be able to assist you.

5. You may discover others who have been harassed who can act with you. Collective action and joint complaints strengthen your position. Some who have not been harassed may join in collective action. Try to use organisations that already exist, such as Student Welfare, a local rape crisis centre or women's organisation to help you plan a strategy and carry out a collective response.

6. Let the harasser know as clearly, directly, explicitly as possible that you are not interested in his/her attentions. If you do this in writing, keep a copy of your letter.

7. Evaluate your options. What do you want from any action you take? What are your primary concerns and goals? What courses of action are available to you? What are the possible outcomes, including the risks, of each course of action?

8. Consider taking action, remember that sexual harassment is illegal and should be reported, so as to:

- help victims of harassment
- stop the harasser offending more people
- make the harasser aware that his/her behaviour is offensive and completely unacceptable.

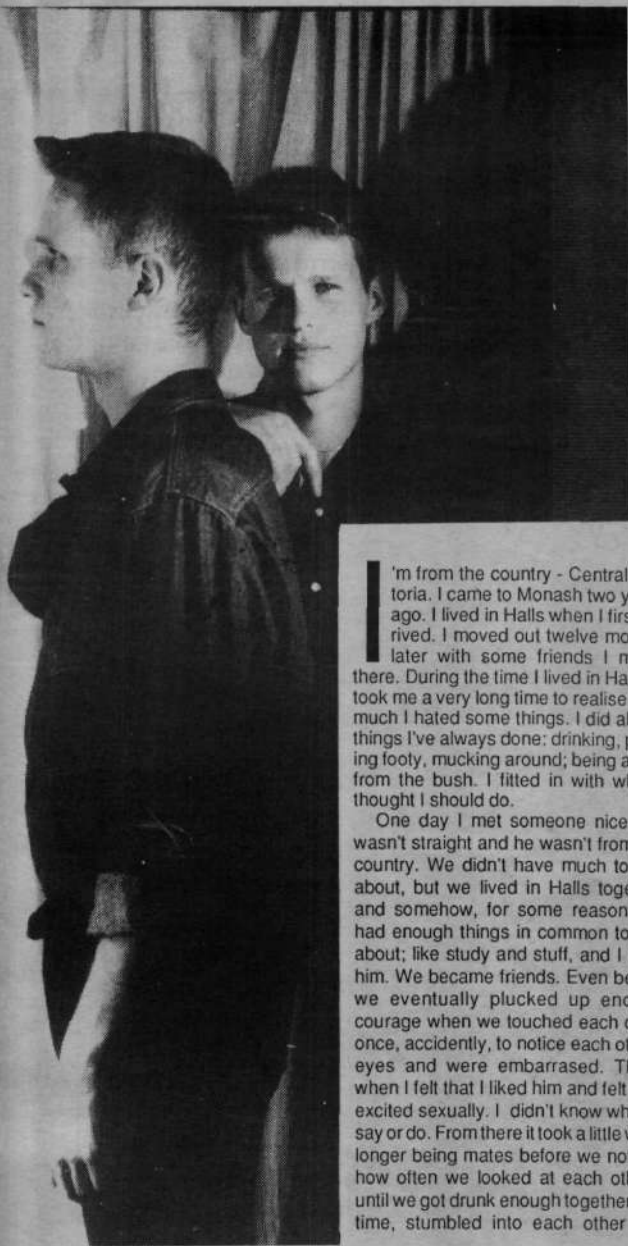
Sexism, racism, homophobia and other narrow-minded power games must not be tolerated.



Recently, a rather disturbing piece of graffiti appeared on a toilet door within the Union building (near the Union Desk). It stated 'I am a 35 year old woman with two children, and my husband's abuse is destroying me ...'

We would very much like the author to make contact with Lot's Wife (confidentially), whereupon we will do our utmost to direct this woman towards the relevant channels of help available, on and off campus. Could you please contact the Secretary on 565 3183 (or ext 3183).

A Wilde, Gay Orientation



I'm from the country - Central Victoria. I came to Monash two years ago. I lived in Halls when I first arrived. I moved out twelve months later with some friends I made there. During the time I lived in Halls, it took me a very long time to realise how much I hated some things. I did all the things I've always done: drinking, playing footy, mucking around; being a boy from the bush. I fitted in with what I thought I should do.

One day I met someone nice. He wasn't straight and he wasn't from the country. We didn't have much to talk about, but we lived in Halls together and somehow, for some reason, we had enough things in common to talk about; like study and stuff, and I liked him. We became friends. Even better, we eventually plucked up enough courage when we touched each other once, accidentally, to notice each others eyes and were embarrassed. That's when I felt that I liked him and felt a bit excited sexually. I didn't know what to say or do. From there it took a little while longer being mates before we noticed how often we looked at each other - until we got drunk enough together one time, stumbled into each other and

kissed. Then we fondled and felt each others bodies and said things like 'I like you' and 'that feels great'. We fondled and felt, and came to orgasm. We were both lovers and mates.

I'm a suburban boy, with a very suburban upbringing. It took me an hour or more to get to uni day after day. I didn't really care. I didn't even think about it much - except when the bus was late. I was conscientious when I started. And I was alone. I didn't know anybody else at Monash from my old school, and I thought that everyone other than people like me had lots of friends when they weren't travelling to or from uni on the bus. It took me a very long time to make friends, but I did.

I've made some important friends. Very important. They are gay and I met them at a Gay Collective meeting one Tuesday. I was shit scared. I had decided though, after months of false starts, that I would do it. That I would get it over and done with and never look back, that the whole world would change over night after I attended a gay men's meeting. It did, sort of. At least I managed to stick out the meeting and talk to others. I even hung around to have coffee after, in the Small Caf, and

relax a bit more with these new friends. Sometimes only a few go to meetings, sometimes more. Sometimes meetings are fun; mostly they can be a bore. I go there though, to see the others, and to know that even though I still catch the bus to and from uni alone a lot, I am not alone anymore. I've met some friends that I like (for the most part) and say 'hello' to. Now I go out with them when I want to escape from the drudgery of study and from the boredom of telly at home.

I'm an Acid House freak. And I've been on the gay scene since I was in high school. I always knew I was gay. I like men. I like the way they feel and I like the way they feel me. When I first went to uni, I didn't bother looking for gay friends because I thought they'd be daggy; young boys who just didn't know how to dance, or politicians waving the banner for gay rights and anti-AIDS campaigns. The thought was tedious. It didn't stop me, however, looking around in lectures and the caf and the library for stray men - men whose roving eyes strayed to mine and stayed; looking, calculating. I pretty much know the score. One look, two looks, the eyes stay fixed and then



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Gay Collective meetings are held on Tuesday lunchtimes from 1 - 2.15 in Room 659 (6th floor) of the Menzies Building. We offer support and friendship for gays. We often gather after meetings in the Small Caf or in our small meeting room, upstairs in the Union Building.

We also operate a telephone support and information service (Monash Gayline). Hours for the Gayline are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12pm - 3pm. Phone 565 4195 (or ext. 4195).

We encourage and support lesbian womyn on campus and are happy to pass on information to womyn's groups.

Robert Reid

they turn away. Then it's up to either one to make a move. With young men, who look nervous or more embarrassed, I made a move by moving closer and looking at something next to them or near them, and maybe making a passé comment about the weather or a book, anything.

It was often older men who came up close to me, if they thought they could. Then I had to stand firm and not be scared (as I sometimes felt), long enough to find out whether I wanted to try sex with them, or put them off by saying 'no thanks' ('I'm being careful' or 'I'm in love' or anything that really means no). I've met quite a few nice men at uni. Some say they're straight and never speak to me again, and there others who are gay but who I avoid, because I don't want people to think that I'm a dag like the men that I think go to Gay Collective meetings. I've met guys who do go to these meetings and who aren't dags, but I still like dancing with my friends who are not at uni.

I'm an overseas student. I'm gay. I like men. I also have a number of overseas womyn friends. Most of my friends are Asian. Most of my gay friends are not. I always thought that it was much harder for Asian guys to come out as gay to others. I thought my culture was against me, and that this wasn't the same as home. It took me a while to realise that it's because uni isn't like being at home, that maybe it's OK to be gay here. Maybe if I'd always stayed in Asia I would never have known how good it was to feel good about being gay - even though it is hard to go against all the things I think my family believes; like men and womyn always having to marry and have babies.

Secretly I tried hard to read articles on gays, and I knew that the Gay Collective met on Tuesdays. I didn't really think that there would be any gay overseas students there. I thought they would be all too scared, or too different. I like white skinned Australians, they are different.

I often sat outside in the study area near the room where the Gay Collective met to see how different the people who went there were. For weeks I did this, and for weeks I noticed that some people were the same, and some people were different each week. I was very careful not to be noticed. None of the men took much notice of me - not even when I sat watching from the other side of the Caf, where some people had coffee after meetings. Other people didn't seem to notice them either. Maybe that's why I finally went to a meeting. I was very scared, even though I had seen most of them before. Now I'm glad.

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Don't Worry Be Yuppie!



Monash Players do it again! Yet another spectacular comedy extravaganza bursts from the astonishing minds of studentdom's most explosive comedians. **Don't Worry Be Yuppie** collides with ten Melbourne campuses (starting Feb 22 at the Alexander theatre) with all the satire, parody and social comment you've come to expect from the maniac crew who brought you **Laugh Before You Fail**, **Children Of A Lesser University** and **Weather Is Nice, Wish You Were Dead**;

This year's inaugural Tertiary Tour virtually froths at the mouth in its eagerness to bring forth a startling message for the new generation of weekend skiers, mineral water sippers, nightclub goers - and their would be imitators: **Don't Worry Be Yuppie**.

Don't forget - only \$3.00 during O'week includes *Free Membership of Monash Players*.

Alexander Theatre Feb 22, 23, 24 (lunchtime) Feb 25 (8:00 pm) Mar 1, 2, 3 (lunchtime) Mar 1, 2, 3, 4 (8:00 pm)

Can we do anything to protect the environment?

So often when environmentalists (greenies) write or talk to people about the environment, it becomes a spiel about how terrible things are, leaving you with a feeling of despair and loss of hope. The result is high anxiety and stress and not much else. What I propose to do here is suggest an area where something positive can be done - debt-for-nature-swaps.

The past two years have seen significant protection of rainforest areas in several countries (mainly in South America) in return for partial payment of their debts. It was made possible by the banks (mainly in the US) selling high-risk debts at a discount due to lender concerns over repayment - not because they felt sorry for the terrible burden the debts were placing on the debtor nations. Unfortunately, these debt for equity exchanges have helped to perpetuate and magnify foreign influence in Third World countries. Yet a small glimmer of light has developed, as it has paved the way for an innovative arrangement between the environmental and banking communities (**debt-for-nature-deals**) that

exchange a commitment to conservation, rather than real equity, for portions of foreign debt.

Organisations like the World Wildlife Fund and the National Wildlife Fund (US) have been involved. Examples of such deals include the purchase of \$650,000 worth of Bolivia's debt for \$100,000 in return for protection of the Beni Biosphere reserve, and to increase by 3.7 million acres the adjacent protected areas. Many have criticised the program, arguing that it perpetuates the US domination of cash poor, resource rich Third World nations. In defence of the program, a number of recent swaps have been initiated and engineered by local conservationists using funds donated by the World Wildlife Fund to encourage governments to protect rainforests in return for payment for part of their debt.

In addition, more attention has been focused on providing alternative, more sustainable means of living for those affected by **debt-for-nature** swaps. Obviously, this program will only be able to protect a small proportion of the natural environment, more


importantly it is contributing to an increased prominence for environmental concerns in the eyes of the international financial community. Conservationists never had the attention of bankers before, but now they do. Hopefully the swaps will bring to the attention of decision makers the need to promote environmentally

sustainable development in the Third World.

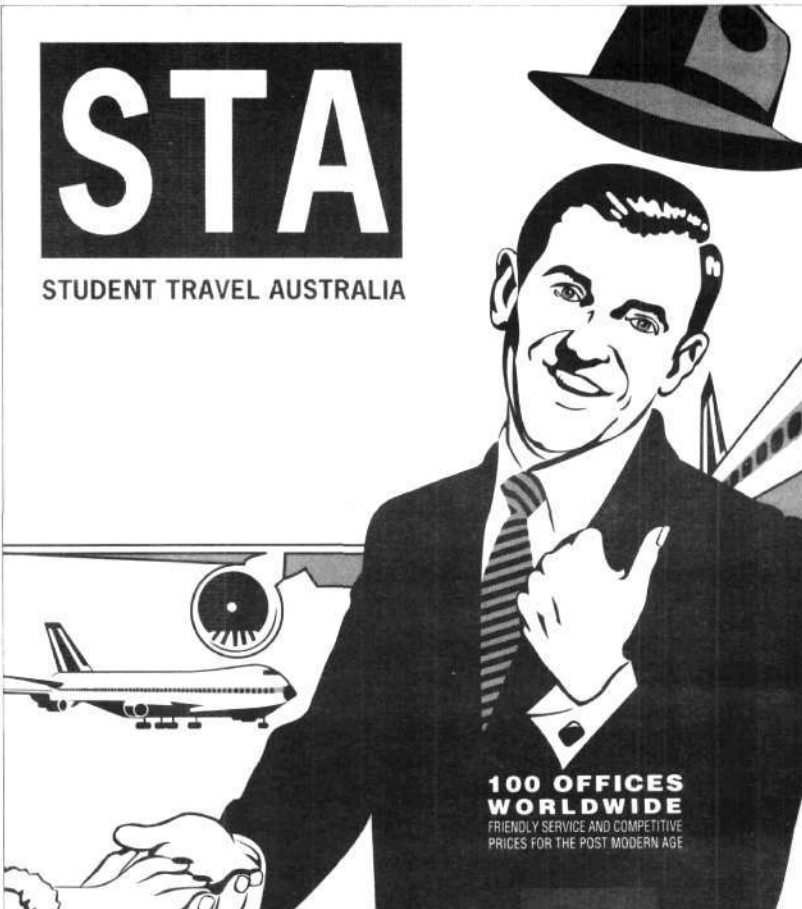
I hope this will persuade you of the usefulness of the program and encourage you to assist financially with one such project. It involves an attempt to buy 110,000 acres of pristine forest in Belize and make it a park and a model of sustained yield development methods.

with a contribution of \$50 US (about \$60 Aust) one can purchase an acre of rainforest. That's quite a bargain, don't you think? Please think about it. This is one small way we can do something positive for our earth.


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Paul interviews a Band he knows nothing about...

Since forming in about 1981 the Lime Spiders, like many other Australian bands, have managed to establish a strong, devoted following. However, they still remain a step away from mainstream success. With the re-emergence of hard rock on the commercial charts with bands such as Bon Jovi and Guns 'n' Roses out charting most other artists, the 'spiders' are returnig to Melbourne for a couple of weeks before heading to America to promote 'Volatile' their most recent album.

The band have travelled to 'the States' once before. There they set a solid foundation and attracted and impressed varied audiences across the country.

'American audiences are really "live", but they are different from those here,' said Mick. 'I think in some ways they are better because they accept you for what you are. They don't expect you to do anything else. If they do, they like you; if they don't, they go home. They don't stick around and whinge.'

'We are probably better known in parts of America than we are here, and better respected I think. People seem to like rock 'n' roll more over there.'

'It (our tour) will possibly include Europe as well. I think if we go this time, we'll be gone for a while and possibly even recording over there.'

As the bands name hasn't been featured regularly in any of the popular rags and with raunchy pin-ups of the boys being extremely rare, if in existence at all, the chance to record a song for the soundtrack of what is now Australia's biggest box office hit movie 'Young Einstein' was snapped up. However the 'Lime Spiders' seemed to lack that all important essence of timing.



Paul Maloney



'We put the single (Weirdo Libido) out three years ago anticipating the film coming out then. So we put the single out at the wrong time, we should have put it out now. The whole experience was fairly annoying.'

And on the film ...

'Well, we didn't think that it was ever going to come out, because we did the song three years ago, and then the whole concept of the film disappeared. They obviously took it to America and spent some more money on it. I think they really cut it to suit the American market.'

'The film changed a lot from it's original version. I think it sucks basically. I think it's a real cash-in on Crocodile Dundee.'

As a part of their tour of Melbourne the Spiders will appear at the Monash University Union Night this Friday. They seem to be looking forward to it (or so Mick says).

'I reckon the Melbourne universities should be good, because we've been waiting to play them for a while. We are doing three uni shows, that week, so I think they'll be good.'

'We've done a few uni shows up here (NSW) and always do well because there always seems to be a good atmosphere.'

'We haven't done many, we did Armidale up in NSW and that was a bit of a culture shock for them I think.'

'We've got an EP coming out ... It should be out at about the same time as we get to Melbourne this time.'

'It's going to be four songs with three studio tracks which were recorded at about the same time as the last album, and a like track from Blah Blah Blah on the ABC which is a cover of an old song.'

The Lime Spiders will be appearing at Monash University on Friday, February 24 on the Gallery Lawns.

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THERE are a variety of Christian groups at Monash. They are collectively reputed to be both conservative and right-wing.

In addition to this, they are renowned for beliefs and tactics characteristic of American-style fundamentalism. To a large extent, the general reputation of Monash University Christian groups is not without foundation. It is a generalisation, however, that not all Christians at Monash are interested in becoming conservative moralists.

While far from being the only Christians to believe in the necessity of assisting the poor and oppressed with their earthly needs (giving them food instead of merely dispensing bibles), the Student Christian Movement sees the earthly mission of Christians to achieve justice as being central to Christianity. For this reason, the Movement invites both Christian and non-Christian alike to discuss the relationships between:

1. Christianity and socialism.
2. Christianity and atheism.
3. Christianity and gay rights.
4. Christianity and anarchism.

Please see Anthony at the Amnesty International tent during Orientation Week.

Social Involvement

What is your reaction to 'child abuse'?

It is a disturbing statistic that the sexual abuse of children under the age of five in Australia is approximately two to three times higher than the

international figure. Abuse in this age group accounts for 15 to 33 per cent of cases reported to the treatment centres in New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania.

There is little doubt that many who read this article would themselves have been abused. Sexual abuse of children occurs because they are vulnerable and are rendered powerless because of the natural authority an adult has over them.

Young children may be unable to grasp what is happening to them or how they should deal with it. They are physically, sexually and emotionally under-developed, so consequently lack the ability to fully comprehend what is happening to them. As the Royal Commission on Human Relationships supported - a child will experience many fears. Fear that the love of a parent will be lost, that they will not be believed, fear that the molesting parent will be imprisoned and that the family will disintegrate. They just want it stopped.

All too frequently, such children end up in Winlaton Girl's Detention Centre - either as wards of the state or as juvenile offenders.

So often the child is incarcerated, usually under the pseudonym of 'ward of the state', and the abuser stays free. I remember the first time I went to Winlaton with Social Involvement and I was driving two of the girls out on an excursion we had organised. One girl, aged 15, began to casually talk about why she was there and graphically describe the abuse inflicted upon her by her father and brother. Having only met her for about ten minutes, and being the only male in the car, I sat there uncomfortably and concentrated upon driving. Subsequently, we became very good friends.

Although I had seen many victims of incest and child abuse from the comfort of my living room courtesy of the likes of Willissee or Hinch, I now had a powerful realisation of the 'reality' and barbarity so prevalent in our society. The bond formed

between the Monash University students who are prepared to go to Winlaton and the girls inside is unique. Last year, for example, we had BBQ's, outings, and even organised Christmas presents for some of the girls we knew were there for the holidays.

Social Involvement does not want pious Christian 'do-gooders', dorks or knights in shining armour - and neither would the girls. They tend to get weeded out very quickly. None of the girls are angels, and will bluntly tell such people to 'fuck off'. What the club needs is people who are enthusiastic, outgoing and willing to give up an hour of their time every now and again. There is no commitment and we would welcome anyone who is willing to come, either once, or every fortnight.

The club also visits the Oakleigh Centre for the Handicapped, and works with Westall High School to help migrant students struggling with English. In addition, we receive newsletters and pamphlets from numerous organisations around Melbourne.

Social Involvement is vehemently an apolitical, non-religious club with perhaps the busiest social agenda on campus. The club, however, needs more students to show an interest. If you are willing to help in any way at all, or are just curious, please ring Peter on 25 3769 or Elaine on 25 1598.

Social Involvement needs active students!

Peter Caillard, President, Social Involvement

Monash University Choral Society

The Monash University Choral Society will be performing David Fanshawe's riveting African Sanctus as the major work of its first term concert. Also participating in this is its sister society, the Melbourne Uni. Choral Society, as well as the Melbourne Institute Concert Choir. Each group shall also be presenting independently prepared composi-

tions. This innovative work is to be conducted by Faye Dumont, recognised for - amongst other successes - her most able leadership of its performance at the Perth Intervarsity Festival in 1984.

MonUCS (the Monash Choir) looks forward to preparing and presenting an excellent concert with at least two hundred singers, including many exciting voices from 1989's newer student members.

Second semester holds promise of another worthy performance, consisting of Mozart (Vesperae Solemnis, and Benedictus Sit Deus) and Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms.

All interested persons are most welcome to join our dynamic society by attending the rehearsals, held each Tuesday 7:00-9:30pm, 8th floor South Menzies.

We'd like to hear from you!

Yoga - what can it offer?

The Monash University Yoga Society celebrates twenty-one years of organising Classical Yoga classes at Monash this year.

What can Yoga offer a student? Essentially Yoga can offer programme of techniques which, if practiced regularly over a period of time, will guarantee - improved concentration, physical well-being, increased vitality, emotional stability.

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- concentration practices which discipline and quieten an overactive mind.
- relaxation techniques which counter the ill-effects of tension.

This comprehensive programme offers the student the opportunity to assume greater control over his/her own well-being and future direction. However well-intentioned or idealistic a student may be in their wish to develop and maintain a productive and socially contributive life-style, such a goal will not succeed without self-understanding and strength of mind. Yoga is one means of developing these resources.

Yoga is not a religion. Students are not asked to accept any beliefs or dogmas, but to keep an open mind.

Courses Courses at Monash are taught by teachers from the Yoga Education Centre; all of whom are members of the Yoga Teachers Federation of Australia. Courses in the first semester will run over eleven weeks, commencing in the third week of term. Enquiries and enrolments may be made at the Yoga Society Rooms in the basement of the Union or between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm in the Union foyer. Further information may be obtained by ringing the Society's Rooms on extension 4174.

Introductory Taly Yoga: A Guide to Health and Happiness 1:00 pm Thursday 2nd March in Yoga rooms, Union Basement.

Robert Blackwood Hall

On Wednesday March 8 at 8 pm, the Toyota Landcruiser Club brings you an evening with Len Beadell, Surveyor, Explorer and Roadmaker. Admission is \$7.00 (tickets available at the door). Phone bookings: 434 5086

Friday March 31 at 8.15 pm, the Robert Blackwood Hall presents August Humer - Orgelmeister, for the 19th Melbourne festival of Organ and Harpsicord. The guest artist, from Austria, plays some of Bach's greatest organ works - Trio Sonata in G, Toccatas in F and D, Schubler, Brahms and Schubert on the superb Alrend organ. Admission is \$15, concession \$10. For further information phone 328 2592

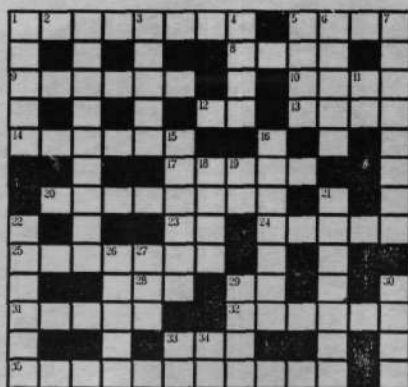


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Education is now seen as a private benefit, merely skill acquisition.

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