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WELLINGTON POLYTECH'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER



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Wellington Polytechnic Students Association [Inc.]
Taumata Tauria Takiurua o te Whanganui-A-Tara

Student's association stays in national body

By SAM BUCHANAN

THE WELLINGTON Polytechnic Students Association has reversed its earlier decision to leave the national association of polytech unions.

WePSA decided to leave the Aotearoa Polytechnic Student's Union at the end of 1994, citing APSU's failure to elect a president and lack of communication as reasons for leaving. APSU's rules require 16 months notice to be given by member groups wishing to leave.

WePSA president Matua Manuel says APSU has become better organised in the last year and changes in its decision-making

procedures means member associations will have more input.

"We've got a president now. We haven't had one for the past two years," he says.

"To have a national voice you need unity amongst the student associations - if it wasn't for that unity student's fees would have gone up by a lot more than 16 percent."

Two Auckland students' associations, the Manukau Polytechnic Students' Association and the Unitech Students' Association, have also announced their intention to leave APSU. Both initially refused to pay fees for the 16 month stand down period.

However, APSU president

Rebecca Parata says after discussions the Unitech association has agreed to comply with the organisations rules for leaving and she is hopeful the decision will also be reversed.

"I don't expect them to reverse it on the basis of nothing. I think APSU is going to have a good year and they are going to want to be part of it," she says.

Ms Parata says she is less hopeful of resolving the organisations differences with the Manukau association, but will continue to try.

Critics of the national organisation say it is unprofessional and fails to effectively represent students.

Conservatorium of Music stays put

By GRANT McDOUGALL

A BUM NOTE has been played in the on-going issue of where the polytech Conservatorium of Music is based.

The Conservatorium has been based in Alexandra Rd, on Mt Victoria for some years. Last year Magneto reported it would move this year to the old Children's Dental Clinic Building on Willis St, taking over the journalism programme rooms on the ground floor. This now appears highly unlikely.

The journalism programme has just moved into new premises on O'Reily Ave. Programme leader David Venables says he had heard that the Conservatorium was due to move into the Willis St building.

Conservatorium director Flora Edwards says she has not heard officially of any move and expected to remain put until at least 1997.

The Willis St building would also need alterations to make it suitable as a conservatorium, Edwards says.

School of Languages and Communications head of department, Judy Waldvogel confirmed that "a possible move is being investigated" but no decision - or a deadline for one - has been made.

"Wherever the move is to, it will involve considerable time". Apart from the Willis St building, she knows of no other site being considered as new premises.

Executive director Terry Kelly declined to comment to Magneto.

Dental school loses neighbours

By GRANT McDOUGALL

IT'LL BE SCHOOL as usual for the dental therapy programme this year in the Children's Dental Clinic Building regardless of the journalism programme, which used to share the premises, moving out.

The extensive plumbing existing in the present building is needed for the course and makes relocating the programme prohibitively expensive.

"It'd cost a fortune to shift", programme leader Rosalyn Malloy says.

With the ground floor now empty, this raises the risk of unlawful entry to the many rooms there, but Malloy is not fazed.

"It won't be any different - it can be locked off" she says.

This year there will be 25 first-year and 15 second-year therapy students.

Last year 7500 patients were treated by the dental students.

Polytech journo school heads off downtown

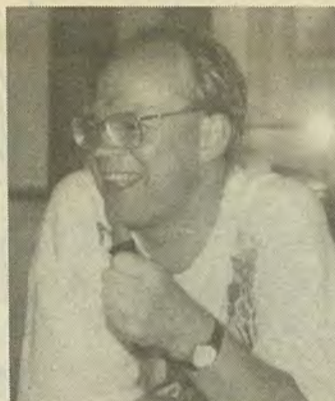
By GRANT McDOUGALL

HEY, HEY, MY, MY. It's out of the old and into the new for W.P journalism students.

Since 1993 the journalism programme has been located in the old Children's Dental Clinic Building on Willis St, which also houses the Dental Therapy students.

Now the budding young (and not so young) scribes and the programme staff have new premises in O'Reily Ave, just behind the St George Hotel and close to Press House on Willis St.

Journalism school property was expected to have been



David Venables MATT RIKIHANA

moved into the new place on February 5.

"It's good from that point of view", programme leader David Venables says. Venables is also impressed with the new building as it has been extensively refurbished to suit the course.

"I regret that there won't be small children running through [the foyer]", Venables says wryly, a comment on the noise made by dental patients, which often boomed into the journalism classroom.

Venables is programme leader this year while the inimitable Alistair Campbell takes a year's sabbatical.

Another 1995 tutor Jane Tolerton, has become the Victoria University writer in residence.

Stepping into the vacancies are John King from The Evening Post and Stefan Wolf from NZPA.

"Both are very good, experienced journalists", Mr Venables says.

Maori polytech student's group goes defunct

By SAM BUCHANAN

AN ORGANISATION set up to represent Maori polytech students, Te Kupenga Tauira O Aotearoa (TKTOA), has gone defunct.

The organisation was set up in 1993 and closed in November last year when the AGM of the Aotearoa Polytechnic Student Union (APSU) decided to withdraw recognition of the group.

TKTOA intended to develop a network of Maori students and work on issues such as the poor retention rate of Maori polytech students.

However, APSU president Rebecca Parata says the organisation suffered from a lack of continuity in its membership resulting in continual changes and little progress.

"We've had new people every year - they haven't had the re-

sources to do anything," she says.

APSU plans to set up a Maori sub-committee at the National Student Congress in April. The sub-committee will have a clearly defined structure and function, so TKTOA's teething problems will be avoided, says Ms Parata.

TKTOA Tumuaki (president), Elizabeth Tihi, could not be contacted for comment.



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Student jobs both strange and mundane

BY GRANT McDOUGALL

SOME PRETTY PECULIAR jobs were on offer to the almost 1000 students that used the WePSA Student Job Search office over the summer break.

For the needy student willing to give anything a go, jobs available included underwater demolition work at Queens Wharf (hard-hat, sledgehammer and wet suit provided, presumably) and dressing up as the Lynx ferry.

Some jobs were more mundane but far better paid. Jobs like giving out leaflets at \$25 an hour or, for the lucky handful, appearing in the ACC fitness ad with Buck Shelford, which netted them \$2000.

SJS was busy in the period immediately after exams but by February things had slowed down to a trickle of people reporting in, according to SJS officer Kristen Sutherland.

Other students have subsequently made some poor excuses for not reporting like "I'm on Ninety Mile Beach" or "I'm on Waiheke Island".

"I get tough and tell them to report elsewhere", Ms Sutherland says.

Almost 1500 students, including some registered at other offices, were given job referrals through the WePSA office.

Students from the various polytechnics in the region accounted for 17 percent of successful job placements.



Empty flats like this one are hard to find in the Wellington area.

CHERYL LYSTER

Accommodation crisis hits polytech students

BY GRANT McDOUGALL

WELLINGTON POLYTECH students are struggling to get suitable accommodation before courses begin.

At this time of the year the city is flooded with poly and varsity students seeking places to live.

The major problem is the chronic shortage of flats within the inner city and surrounding suburbs.

With demand exceeding supply landlords can charge expensive rents, which students will have to pay, simply because there is little choice in where to live.

The lack of good student accommodation and steep rent has been a problem in Wellington for several years, but has become especially bad in the

past few years.

This is a view shared by WPSST executive director Charles Begg in Contact, earlier this month.

"The real problem is the shortage of flats", Mr Begg is quoted as saying in the February 1 issue.

Prices for flats have gone up, which, he says reflects the demand. "Students who would have paid \$75 a room in a flat last year are being asked to pay \$85", Mr Begg is also quoted as saying.

In the article, Mr Begg says there are about 150 students on the books of the WPSST accommodation office, in an effort to find a place to live.

"That's a lot more than last year. We also have about 30 people on the waiting list for the polytech hostels", Mr Begg says

in another quote.

The poly currently has 128 rooms at the St George Hotel hostel and 30 beds in Te Aro Hall on Taranaki St.

Representatives from other student associations and accommodation services reiterated the views regarding the shortage of flats and expensive rent.

The WPSST accommodation officer is Cecily Wheeler and her office is on the third story of the student's building.

Here you can get advice about flatting, finding accommodation and tenancy advice.

Check out Wednesday's and Saturday's Dominion and Evening Post newspapers for flatmates wanted adverts. Check noticeboards and ask friends, who might've heard of any rooms available.



Elmas, and fellow polytech student, Sharon, on her wedding day

Something blue

BY MATT RIKIHANA

THE STUDENT Common room {The Blue Fish Bar} was host late last November to a rare sight for its premises.

Wellington Polytech student Elmas Aydin-Karagedikli married Ozer Karagedikli in a mid day ceremony with celebrations lasting well into the night.

Elmas says she had a lovely day and that it was very beautiful. To get the right atmosphere she says they only had to change a few things around.

She says the ceremony was "a bit of Turkey and bit of New Zealand."

Family and friends came from Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Auckland to be there for the big day.

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Greetings one and all. This is my first little pep talk for 1996 and I hope to meet as many of the whanau as I can this year.

As you will you learn, we are here to please as many people as we can because your concerns are our concerns. Remember we can't always please everybody, but we do promise one thing and that's to do our best to make life a whole lot more comfortable during your studies. WePSA has the most friendly and outstanding staff team on campus and they're always ready to please. If anyone wishes to debate this with me, don't forget I own a sawn-off softball bat.

Your students association is your voice and we represent you on almost all the committees within this institution. If you need to know anything, come and see us and we will let you know what is happening around the campus.

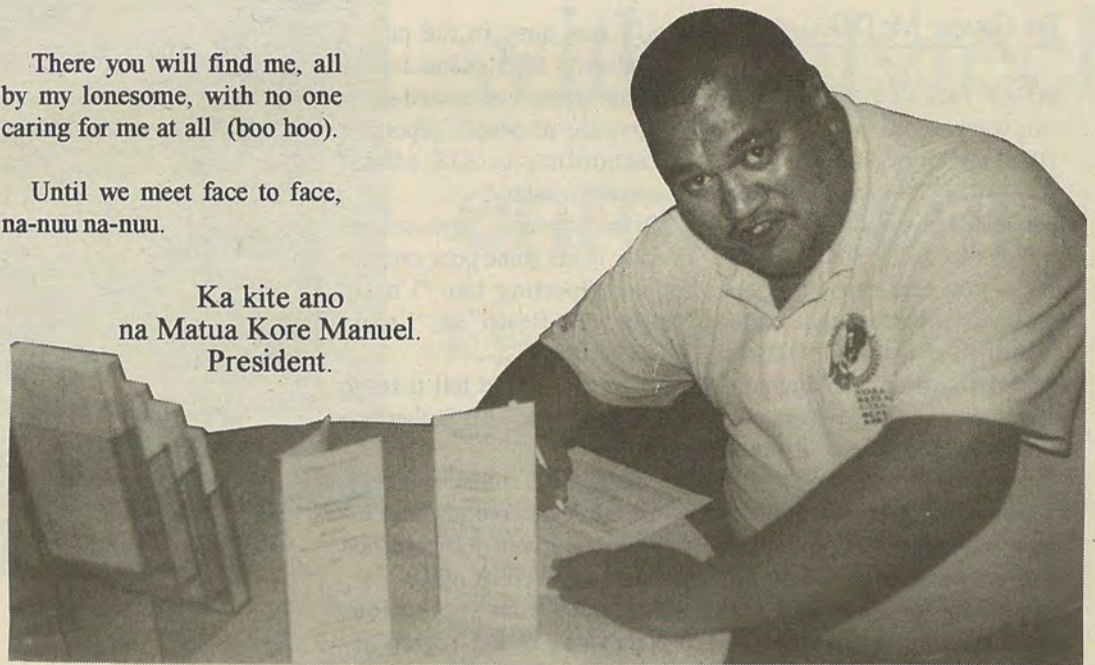
If you need to talk to someone about anything, then I'm your man because I have an open door policy and my ears are always flapping (hey, leave my stomach out of this). So when you do come and see me don't forget the biscuits.

My office is on the second floor of the students association building all the way at the back in a lonely little corner.

There you will find me, all by my lonesome, with no one caring for me at all (boo hoo).

Until we meet face to face, na-nuu na-nuu.

Ka kite ano
na Matua Kore Manuel.
President.



MATT RIKIHANA

...and from your director

KIA ORA

Welcome back to returning students and a special welcome to first year students.

Your Student Centre is run by the Wellington Polytechnic Student Services Trust and we are also responsible for the Recreation Hall, Hardship Fund and any other student pastoral services that are non-academic.

The Board of Trustees is made up of the following:

Roy Cowley (Chairman) - Chairman WePSA Trust.

Bob Bubendorfer - Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Wellington Polytechnic.

Richard Taylor - Chairman Finance and Audit Committee, Wellington Polytechnic Council.

Matua Manuel - President, Student Association.

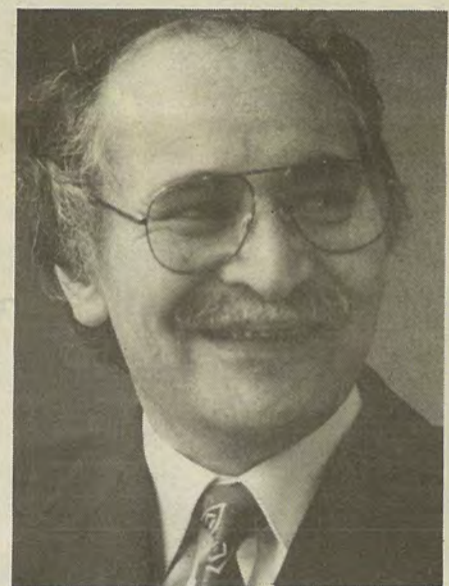
John Barkess - Senior Vice President, Student Association, Chairman of the WePSA Trust.

Vacant Position - Chairperson Wellington Polytechnic Alumni to be established 1996.

The membership of the Board reflects the joint venture approach that the students and the Polytechnic have towards non-academic pastoral services.

Over the year the majority of you will come into contact, in one form or another, with services supplied by the Trust, whether this is through the use of the bar, cafeteria and/or the Health Resources Centre etc and it is our hope that the contact will be of a pleasant nature.

Many activities are carried out co-jointly



Charles Begg

with either the Polytechnic and/or the Student Association. An example of this is the Orientation in that the Trust works with WePSA to make available services in the Student Centre and makes a financial contribution towards evening entertainment along with WePSA.

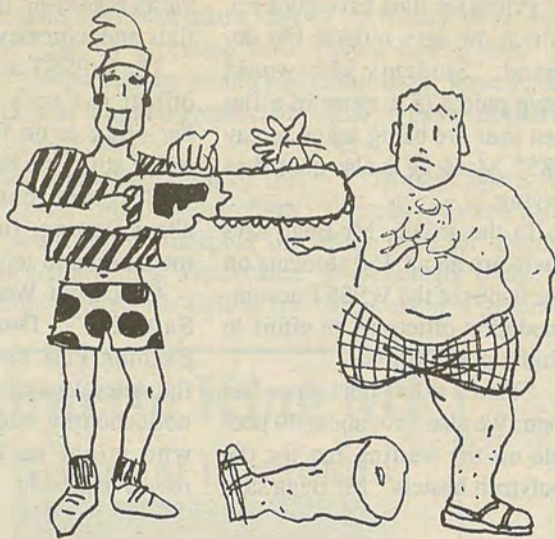
One of the areas that the Trust is responsible for and is used substantively at the beginning of each semester is the Student Hardship Fund. The Trust administers this fund and plays a major role in budget advisory for students as well as Chairing the Committee which either approves or rejects hardship loans. Student car parking is another area which is in heavy demand at the beginning of each semester.

If you have any problems accessing our services, please come to the second floor of the Student Centre and make us aware of your problem.

Have a good year and best of luck.

Charles Begg
Executive Director.

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Get real fit, Stay healthy for real cheap successful studying

By GRANT McDOUGALL

EXCELLENT FITNESS equipment is available at cheap rates at the WPSST Fitness Centre.

Located on the third floor of the Students Association Building, the Fitness Centre has a superb variety of facilities for working out and getting in shape.

As well as top class equipment, the Fitness centre offers membership rates that are better than other gyms, which means that any student that joins saves money.

Qualified instructor Daniel La'ulu runs the Fitness Centre and can answer any questions on fitness needs and routines, equipment use and general fitness matters.

Also working part-time at the Fitness Centre is New Zealand women's cross-country champion Melissa Moon.

The Centre provides an atmosphere that users can be comfortable with, Mr La'ulu says.

The Wellington rugby team also trained at the Centre last

year and could do so again this year.

A dietician is available at the Centre by appointment, for anyone wanting to discuss their diet with a specialist in private.

WPSST nurse Mary Khalil is also available there to help and advise students on any health issue.

Fitness Centre charges

Wgtn P/tech student : 10 session ticket - \$30, six month membership - \$75, 12 months membership - \$120.

Other student : 10 session ticket - \$30, six month membership - \$100, 12 month membership - \$150.

Staff member : 10 session ticket - \$50, six month membership - \$110, 12 month membership - \$190.

By MARY KHALIL

HI THERE. Welcome to all newcomers at Wellington Polytechnic and welcome back to those returning. My name is Mary Khalil and I am the Health Resource Centre Nurse.

You can find me in the health clinic, located on the third floor of the Student Centre. I am here Monday to Friday from 8am until 4.30pm.

Dr Diane Whiting is also here for 30 hours a week. Appointments with Dr Whiting can be made through the Centre's receptionist, Nicolla Malofie-Tua.

As a student you qualify for a community services card, entitling you to free consultations with the doctor. Without a card the visit will cost \$15.

Application forms for community services cards are available at the Health Resource Centre. There is no charge for students to see me.

Life at polytech can be stressful at times. Students often find themselves juggling classes and study time with shopping for wholesome food and getting adequate fresh air and relaxation and exercise, while trying to fit in a whole new social life.

It is important to get your priorities right to avoid getting run down and unwell.

The clinic offers help in planning your schedules.

But if things start falling down around you and your health is suffering, call in and see us and we can talk about lifestyles. This is a way of looking at your lifestyle and perhaps making a few changes.

We offer a holistic approach to health, focusing on wellness and aiming to maintain this by providing and promoting primary health care.

If you have any health

concerns at all, feel free to come up and see us and discuss them in confidence.

We can advise you on any health issues on which you would normally see your family doctor about, such as coughs and cold, viral illnesses, family planning and contraception, sexual health issues, cervical screening, sports injuries and nutrition.

If you have any on-going medical concerns such as asthma, diabetes or epilepsy, make yourself known to one of us in case of emergency.

Our aim is to assist you in maintaining excellent health. A spin-off in this is good class attendance during your time at polytech and therefore better success at achieving your educational goals.

Your Health Resource Centre staff wish you all great success for 1996.

Help is available for flat hunting students

By GRANT McDOUGALL

NEED HELP IN finding a place to live, or having problems at your current residence? WPSST accommodation officer Cecily Wheeler can help solve your problems.

Cecily's office is on the third floor of the student centre, within the WPSST Health Resource Centre.

This reflects a holistic approach to the service. Counsellors may be able to help students deal with problems such as personality conflicts within flats, while Cecily can help with strictly accommodation issues such as problems with landlords.

Students can see Cecily for help finding private board, shared flats and hostel accommodation.

She is available from 9am till 4.30pm over the busy period until the end of February. During the rest of the year she will work part-time, advising students of her hours through Magneto.

Cecily has a particular interest in seeing that people who have moved to Wellington to study at polytechnic find the best accommodation they can afford.

"If they don't, their health often suffers because of the different physical and cultural differences in Wellington from their home place."

Younger students are often living on their own for the first time in their lives, with no family support, she says.

"If their accommodation is not right for them, it will impinge on the time they should be putting into their polytech courses, for which they have paid lots of money."

Cecily recommends that those looking for flats ask her for check list to help them decide if a flat is up to scratch.

Second-Hand Book Sale

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LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND Studying

Tena Koutou,

Welcome to tech. An opportunity to get ahead, get a job, or just get away from home.

Once polytechs and universities were places where young people could discover themselves, hone their social skills, and learn to be independent from home. Whether the road to self discovery lay in drunken debauchery or in more cerebral pursuits, it was all part of producing well rounded individuals.

Sadly this incidental yet essential aspect of tertiary education is under increasing pressure. The strain is coming from the government who makes you dependent on your parents until you're 25. Spare time for some will mean job at a minimum wage leaving them limited free time at best.

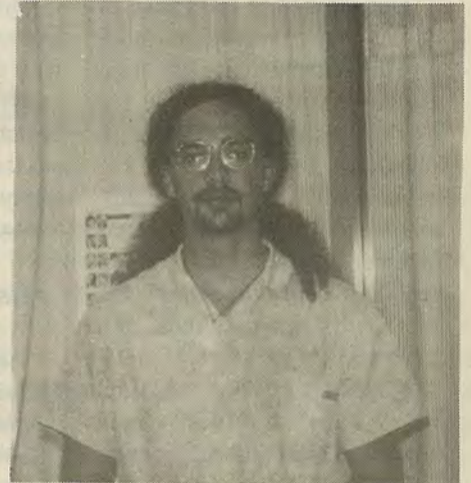
Students today feel the need to get educated in as little time as possible.

With cost now a consideration, they think they can no longer fritter their time away on impotent protest marches or extracurricular activities. Sadly the best of what Polytech has to offer is being lost. I guess what I'm trying to say is that if you do nothing but study at polytech, then polytech becomes nothing but a high school without a uniforms.

I can offer no quick solutions to those whose budgets will keep them at home this year. Remember that while you're at polytech you have the freedom to try new things before the daily grind of work sets in. Go out and join a band, grow your hair long, what ever, freedom doesn't last forever.

On a more immediate level, accommodation continues to be a problem for students as they compete

against employed people for the suitable flats and houses around polytech. Unlike many other tertiary institutions, Wellington polytech is situated right in the heart of an already densely populated area. Housing styles cater more for employed people, especially at the prices they now charge. More efficient housing for students needs to be developed. The old homes around polytech may have some character but only so many students can be accommodated. What the Mt Cook area needs is blocks of flats that can house twice as many students on the same area as does now. Mt Cook cannot keep a housing style that doesn't meet its housing needs. The style of the suburb must change if it is to meet today's demands let alone future needs.



Oh well, enough musings from me. Hope you enjoy this mag.

Cheers,

MATT.

COLOPHON

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Postcard from Travis Orientation '95

Grant McDougall takes a look at what the student's association is offering to kick off the year...

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19

9am: International Festival (Outside Library) - The campus has an outstanding diversity of cultures and nationalities in its students and this is the perfect opportunity to see it all.

This will involve displays and stalls by different cultural groups which will promote their heritage, culture and backgrounds. National costumes are also likely to be worn, so this is a great chance to see some neat garments.

This is the place to learn about other people that you'll be sharing classes with and their culture.

12 PM: Screaming Contest (Commonroom Balcony) - Scream and shout! Let it all out! Scream, scream, scream, and scream until your face turns blue! Primal Scream! Screamedelica!

If you can bellow and bluster with the best of them, be here bigmouth. All you need is loud lungs and plenty of energy. Go for it!

Free Barbecue - Outside Library and St George. Yum yum, delicioumo!

4 PM: Blue Fish Bar Opens - The student centre bar opens to quench your thirst, where Export Gold is on special all week. Jugs and pints are also heaps cheaper here than at the bars and clubs in town. Excellent!

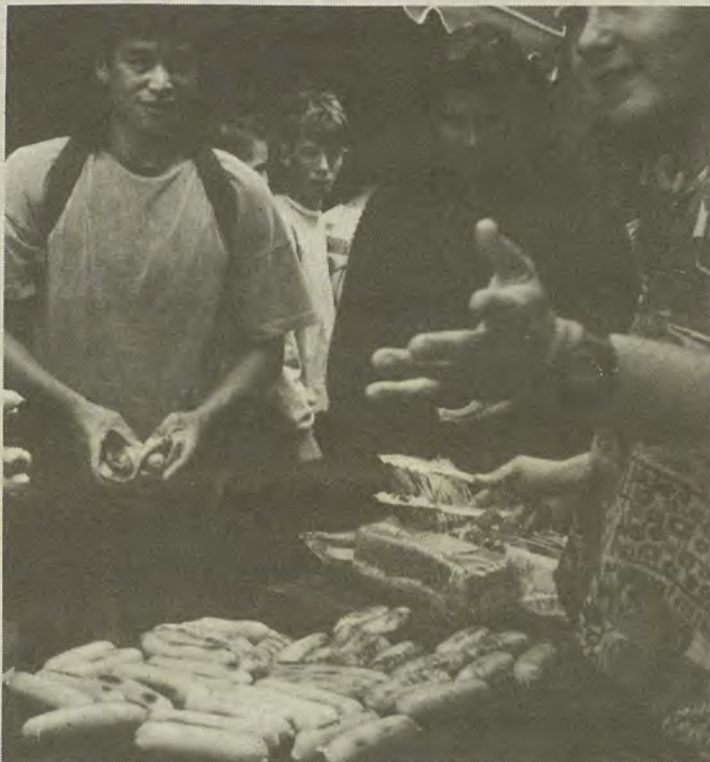
Come along and check out this prime place to hang out, have a few cold ones, play pool or just take it easy.

Let's Go Surfing - Surf's up in the Blue Fish Bar...and you won't even get wet. See if you can handle the waves on the surfboard machine.

If you can you're a mean wave rider that can cut loose from here to Hawaii, WePSA to Waikiki. And that takes skill.

Otherwise you're a waxhead

grommet. But if you can ride a skateboard, surf, ski or rollerblade, then this should be a wicked ride and hot fun.



A carnivore's delight - free meat courtesy of WePSA.

7 PM: Live Band : Don't Walk, Boogie - One of Wellington's top covers bands let rip with some heavy hard funk, cool grooves and ragey rock.

Playing mainly songs from the 60's and 70's with a totally unique approach, Don't Walk, Boogie are a four - piece band guaranteed to get you dancing like crazy to the maniac pulse of their funk vibes.

Boogie, Don't Walk.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

9 AM: Fitness Centre Open Day - There's free access all day to the WePSA gym.

The Wellington rugby team worked out here last year, so it's got to be good.

Staffed by qualified instructors and with some excellent equipment, the centre is the ideal place to sweat off those Christmas kilos and New Year's beers.

12 PM: Tug - of - War - (Common Room) - Heave! Who are the biggest pullers (oo - er!) on campus? Find out in this inter-school test of strength, when faculties take

on each other, take the weight and strain until they can strain no more, or until the opposition drag them kicking and screaming over the winning line.

Bound to be some surprising shows of skill and strength on display.

Free Barbecue - At WePSA and the Nursing lawn. Gobble up and chow down.

4 PM: Blue Fish Bar Opens - Treat yourself to a drink at a good price.

Iron Liver - Free Beer! (warm...) Free pies! (cold...), and plenty of activity to get your stomach churning and to give you a queezy feeling. If you've got a cast iron liver, ultra hard working kidneys and a fantastic internal physical constitution, or even if you haven't, this should provide plenty of excitement.

One hell of a gut - buster. We recommend you supply

your own bucket and a change of clothes is optional.

7 PM: Sumo Wrestling - Climb into a huge inflatable sumo suit and put on head gear to make you look like an authentic wrestler.

Then go into battle and force your opponent out of the ring. Bump, bounce and barge around to win.

A hilarious time for both participants and spectators.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8.30 AM: Champagne Breakfast (Common Room) - Start the day in style with crossaints, bagels and lots more fine food supplied by the Mt Cook cafe, washed down with a few glasses of bubbly.

After a hard summer slaving away (or hitting the beach) and with a busy year of study starting, you deserve a treat to help you unwind, relax and put you in a positive mood. This is just the thing. More champers, waiter!

9. AM: Market Day (Common Room) - Looking for a bargain? Need to sell or buy something? After something for the flat? Here's where you'll get it.

Any student wanting to sell anything can grab a stall, while others can browse and buy. There's bound to be heaps of neat stuff available at cheap prices, so come along and see what's on offer.

12 PM: Chilli Eating Competition (Common Room) - Red Hot Chilli's are on the menu - and nothing else. If you can handle your tongue being on fire and your stomach turning into a furnace, eat up and win a prize.

These super -spicy chilli's are small, thin but more lethal and explosive than a petrol tanker. But hey, it's mind over matter and talent over taste in the chilling munching competition. Just think about prizes and maybe you won't notice a thing. Then again you might...

Free Barbecue, Free Ice - Blocks - at the Common Room and Horticulture Department

4 PM: Blue Fish Bar Opens - Grab a drink, relax and take it easy.

Hackey Sac Competition (Blue Fish Bar) - Who are the hackey sac kings of Wellington Polytechnic? If you and your friends have lots of skill and talent, it might be you. Even if you haven't played before the game is simple: without using your arms, keep the hackey sac in the air and have four team members touch it. Also you can't serve it to yourself, unless playing solo of course.

Apart from that, anything goes. There's individual and teams (four people) sections.

Points and prizes will be given for the most 'hacks' (all four touching the sac) and best style.

7 PM: Toga Karaoke - (Common Room) - Toga! Toga! Toga! This is a great combination of fun events, guaranteed to cause a crazy evening. Grab a sheet, dress up like a Roman, spend a bit of time socialising then get up on stage and sing a few numbers.

Rome wasn't built in a day, but your career as a singer could start in a night!

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Last years screaming contest winner receives her prize while WePSA president Matua Manuel listens in.

Wellington Polytechnic

Orientation

All Ev

Monday

Tuesday

8.30am

9.00am

12.00pm

4.00pm

7.00pm

International Festival
(Outside Library)

Screaming Contest
(Commonroom Balcony)

Free Spotless B-B-Q's
- Outside Library
- St George

Blue Fish Bar Opens
EXPORT Gold Specials
LETS GO SURFING

DB EXPORT GOLD
PRESENTS
**DON'T WALK
BOOGIE**

Fitness Centre
Open Day
FREE ACCESS ALL DAY

INTER-SCHOOL
Tug-of-War
(Commonroom)

Free Spotless B-B-Q's
- Design (Vivian)
- Nursing Lawn

Blue Fish Bar Opens
EXPORT GOLD Specials
IRON LIVER

**SUMO
WRESTLING
SLAMIN'**



Orientation '96

Programme

Events - Free! (I kid you not)

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

MT COOK
Champagne Breakie
(Commonroom)

Market Day
(Commonroom)

Chilli Endurance
(Commonroom)

Free Ice-Blocks

Free Spotless B-B-Q's
-Commonroom
-Horticulture

Blue Fish Bar Opens
EXPORT GOLD Specials
HACKIE SAC COMP

TOGA
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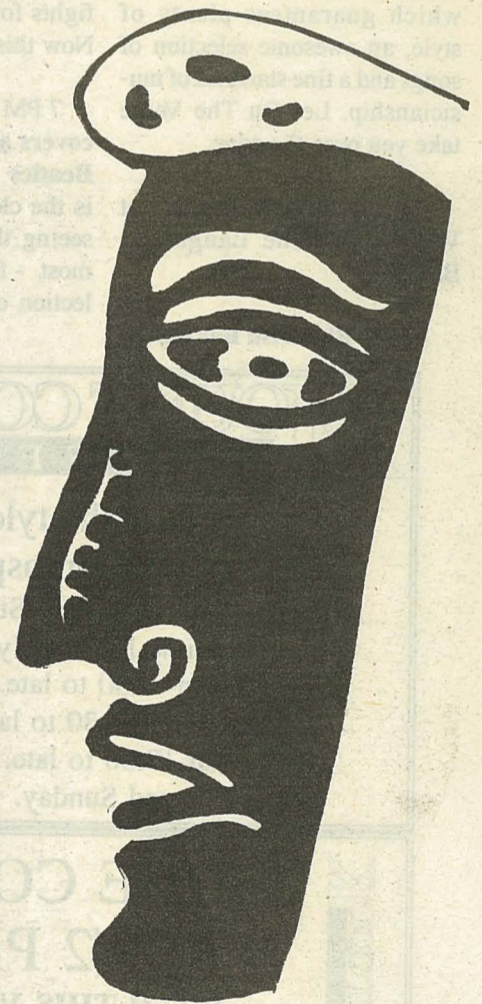
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9 AM : Melanoma Awareness (Student Health Centre) - Take the chance now to find out about melanoma, the skin cancer picked up by not protecting yourself from the sun's rays.

If you didn't cover up with sun tan lotion, a t-shirt and hat over summer you run the risk of getting melanoma, which often doesn't actually show up until years later.

This session will give you ideas on how to avoid melanoma and how it can be treated.

12 PM : Spaghetti Eating Competition (Outside Library) - Spaghetti for lunch, come and get it! All the spaghetti you can eat until you turn into a pasta noodle! Delicious, nutritious, and thoroughly messy, spaghetti is a favourite meal in student flats, so get a bit of practice at hogging into it. Mmm, lovely!

12 PM : Live Band; On The Verge jazz - funk act (Blue Fish Bar) - This four-piece band play hot funk and cool jazz that makes for great sounds all round. Each band member is also a student at the Conservatorium of Music, which guarantees plenty of style, an awesome selection of songs and a fine standard of musicianship. Let On The Verge take you over the edge.

12 PM : Free Barbecue - at WePSA and the Languages Block.

4 PM : Blue Fish Bar Opens



Serving up refreshments to thirsty Orientation punters are the Blue Fish Bar Staff.

- Had a busy and exhausting day? Catch your breath and have a quiet drink here.

Bouncy Boxing - "...and now - LET'S GET READY TO RRRRUUUUMMMMMBBBBLE!!!" Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee? (as Muhammed Ali said) here's your chance to prove it in the ring.

Except there's a slight difference here compared to normal boxing. The ring is a bouncy air-filled one and the boxers wear humungous oversized foam boxing gloves. Each contender fights for two 30 second bouts. Now this should be a big hit.

7 PM : Live Band - Beatles covers act, Get Back with the Beatles (Common Room) - This is the closest you'll ever get to seeing the real thing. This almost-fab four play a huge selection of Beatles songs, doing

perfect copies of the timeless classics from one of the greatest bands ever.

Wearing replica Beatles costumes, Get Back play superb versions of songs from all stages of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr's time as the Beatles.

From the sixties to the nineties, be transformed and transfixed by Get Back.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9 AM : Information Day (Common Room) - Anything you want to find out about WePSA, WPSST, courses, the library, orientation, student facilities, political and social matters, what happens on campus,

and more will be answered here.

No matter what you want to know, no matter too small or too big, this is where you'll get an answer. Remember, information is power and this is the source.

12 PM : Mr Fungus (Common Room) - Mr Fungus is a fungi, oops I mean a fun guy. The dude's real name is Fergus Aitken, but it's as Mr Fungus that he performs an outstanding show that involves wacky comedy, juggling and mime.

The emphasis is on fun and participation, which means 45 minutes of excellent entertainment.

Mr Fungus is a character that's put on shows both here and overseas for over a decade and has earned loads of critical praise for his ability to put on an original, well-acted and very funny show. Don't miss out.



Pinball Competition (WePSA foyer) - Ever since you were a young man or woman, and you've played the silver ball, from Silverstream down to Berhampore you must've played them all, but you ain't seen anything like it,

not in any amusement hall. They're pinball wizards, there has to be a twist, the polytech pinball wizard has such a supple wrist.

How do you think they do it? I don't know. What makes them so good? I don't know. Standing like a statue, becoming part of the machine, these def, cool and poly kids sure play a mean pinball.

So you're a good pinball player? Enter this comp then.

Free Barbecue - at WePSA and Dental Building on Willis St.

4 PM : Blue Fish Bar Opens - It's the final day of Orientation! If you've had a ragey week, been busy enrolling, getting used to starting classes, catching up with friends, then you need a drink. Here's where to get it.

Pool Sharks - (Blue Fish Bar) Here's your cue to take part in the poly pool tournament. Chalk up, take aim and sink those balls into the pockets to claim the title of poly pool shark.

Not too much skill is needed, just a steady arm, a sharp aim and a bit of tactical thought. After all, the tables aren't huge, about the same size as most pub tables. Easy.

7 PM : Live Band - Pulse (Common Room) - Get down and groove! Finish Orientation week with a hot night of super-powered techno and disco sounds.

Pulse are fronted by two female vocalists that put on a high energy show and blast out some pumping in-the-house, hip-hop vibes, to-the-max effects, brothers and sisters.

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The sights of Wellington

Grant McDougall takes a look at some of the local attractions and repulsions.

1) **Museum Of New Zealand and National Art Gallery** - Buckle Street.

MONZ is the equivalent of the country's treasure chest; it contains an all-encompassing selection of artefacts and items related to New Zealand's history and development.

If you want food for thought, to stimulate your thirst for knowledge, to give you things to contemplate, or just to fill in an afternoon, this is the place.

The museum also has an impressive variety of items from virtually every other country on the planet.

Cultural, historical, environmental, and other aspects are presented by the displays.

The art gallery is also well worth visiting and displays both past and contemporary works, including those from major New Zealand artists. It also hosts prestigious exhibitions from overseas collections.

MONZ is scheduled to move into what promises to be a superb new complex on the Wellington waterfront by 1998. Due to the moving process, there will be no new exhibitions at this site until the new complex opens.

2) **Basin Reserve** - entrances on Buckle, Sussex, Dufferin and Rugby St's.

This is the capital's premier cricket venue and over summer it regularly hosts provincial and international test and one-day matches.

"The Basin" - as it's fondly called by TV commentators like John Morrison, is a superb place to be, with a convivial atmosphere, especially at a one-day international. It's not just cricket, but a fun filled day out.

If you want to take it easy, grab a seat in the stands. Otherwise grab a spot on the wide embankment (a great vantage point for hassling tie-wearing 'suits'). Food and beverages are available.

The true cricket fanatic may also want to visit the cricket museum on site.

3) **Government House** - main entrance on Dufferin St.

This is the largest state house

in Newtown, where the Governor General lives. The present occupant of this rather flash residence is Dame Cath Tizard. It's here that she made criticisms of the health system in a recent North And South.

The next Governor General, Justice Hardie Boyes, is due to take over soon.

The extensive grounds here were also the site for the official Waitangi Day celebrations this year, after protests at Waitangi last year caused a change of venue.

Apart from being the G-G's pad, it's also a place where the cabinet goes to brainstorm and visiting dignitaries stay. Last year Nelson Mandela was the highest-profile guest to take advantage of its refined environment and facilities.

Hope they've got something bigger than a push mower for the grounds man's sake, though.

4) **Wellington Show and Sports Building** - Hutchison Rd.

This is the huge yellow building at the Newtown end of Wallace St. Last year M People and Faith No More played there, so who knows what might happen there this year?

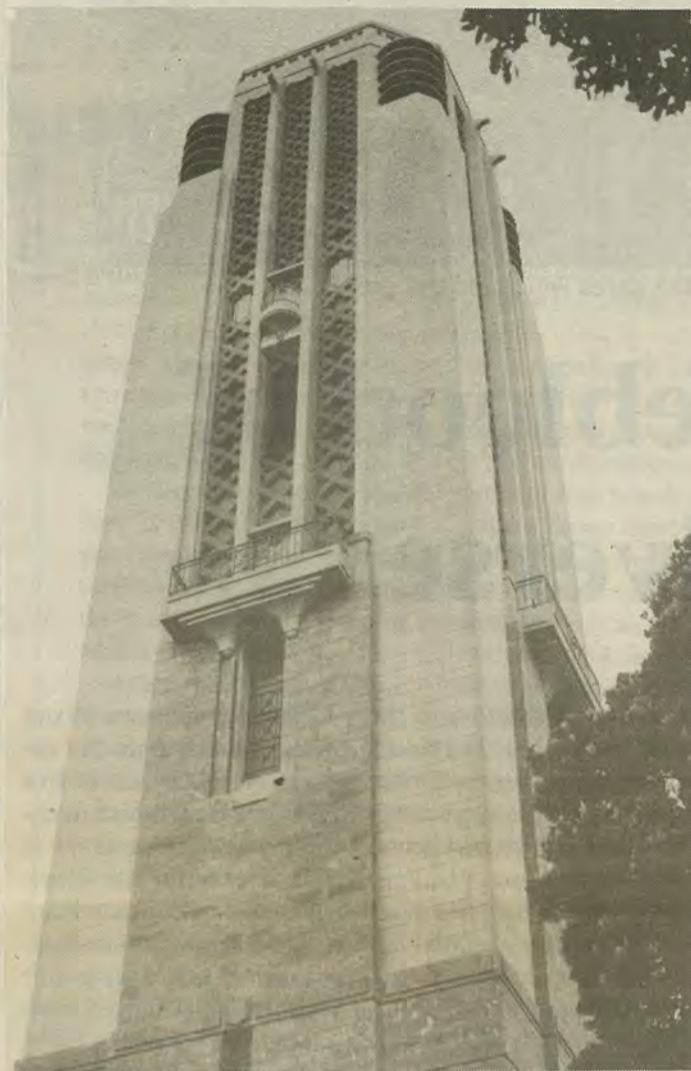
In winter it's the Capital Power Saints basketball team home venue, where they slam dunk and run rings around the opposition.

Pacific Island cultural festivals have also been held here, as have antique shows, indoor motorbike dirt track races and a variety of other events.

5) **Renouf Tennis Centre** - Brooklyn Rd.

This is the city's premier tennis venue. It's ace you could say. The centre was developed by Wellington businessman and tennis enthusiast Sir Francis Renouf and is considered one of the best tennis centres in the country.

The 12 outdoor courts and four indoor courts use a plexi-pave hard court surface. Each outdoor court has floodlights



The Wellington Carillon

SAM BUCHANAN

for night tennis and the stadium court has a seating capacity for 3000 spectators.

6) **Wellington Hospital** - Riddiford Street.

Hopefully you won't have to come here as a patient, but nonetheless it pays to know where it is.

This is the main public hospital for Wellington city. The Westpac emergency rescue helicopter lands here, so if you see and hear it whirring around overhead, chances are it's coming here.

Fans of government institution architecture may also wish to look at the hospital from a hill and gaze in awe at the mismatched building styles and appearances. Each stands out like a monstrous sore thumb compared to the others, which is saying something. Sure they're functional, but there's no uniformity in them.

7) **St George Hotel** - Willis Steet.

This is an inner city landmark

and has seen several famous faces staying here. Last year it became the polytech hostel - rumours of wild parties and crazy indoor soccer games being held by the residents are of course exaggerated, {2 am in the streets actually, Ed.}

There is also a highly convenient bottle store in the ground floor. During the 1980's it was a Cobb and Co restaurant. Now the only food served is two square meals a day for the students.

Probably the George's most famous guests were The Beatles, when they stayed for a couple of days during their 1964 New Zealand tour. Other guests have included a wide selection of international film stars and foreign government officials.

8) **Civic Square.**

This is the heart of absolutely positively Wellington. Several of the major buildings, services and amenities of the city are here.

The Wellington City Council offices are here and this is where all of the major and minor decisions regarding the running of the city are thrashed out by the councillors and council staff.

Wellington Town Hall is located here and is regularly used for rock concerts, conferences and displays. Next door is the Michael Fowler Centre, a modern performance venue for opera, drama and concerts.

The City Gallery is also found here and is the city's prime venue for art exhibitions. The controversial Robert Mapplethorpe photographic exhibition, which has broken attendance and revenue records, is showing until February 18.

The Continuum movie theatre and a cafe are inside the gallery as well.

The Wellington Public Library has entrances on both Featherston St and Civic Square. Inside is a superb selection of books, magazines, newspapers, music and much more available to the public.

Cross over the elaborately decorated bridge on the harbour side of Civic Square to get to Frank Kitts Park.

9) **Athletic Park** - Adelaide Road.

The home of the Wellington provincial rugby team, Athletic Park is also a regular venue for international test matches.

However, the impending development of the huge sports stadium near the railway station means that the park's days are numbered. This is something that can't come fast enough, for while it has served local rugby sufficiently, the function rooms are like a dungeon and the Millard Stand is a grotesque, hideous eyesore.

But for the next few years at least, it'll continue to be the home ground for captain John Preston, Alama Iremia, big Bill Cavubati and the rest of the squad.

10) **The Carillon** - Buckle Street.

This tall towering structure is a unique war memorial, not only a building, but also the capital's largest musical instrument. Inside the atmosphere is gentle and serene, the decor respectful, but not grimly serious.

The carillon's bells are only occasionally played. The main use of the carillon is for remembrance services such as that held last year to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War Two.



The Midnight Espresso, one of the cafes which led the great cafe resurgence of the last few years

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The lifeblood of the universe

BY SAM BUCHANAN

IF YOU ARE A NEWCOMER to Wellington, and a cafe connoisseur you may be struck by two facts. The first is the number of cafes the city somehow manages to support, the second is that none of them are ever quite what you are looking for, they are all either too dark, too loud, too quiet, too crowded, too empty or too bright.

Of course, this hasn't always been the case, but younger generations can now only sit and wonder at the tales told by us grizzled and shaky old coffee drinkers of marathon late night caffeine imbibing sessions at **Kahlo's**, just as we heard stories of the long gone **Mexicali** from our predecessors.

Starting at the beginning, in Upper Cuba Street, **Midnight Espresso** is one of the great icons of Wellington coffee. The **Midnight** was one of the cafes which spearheaded the cafe resurgence of the past few years and it retains an eminent place in the cafe hierarchy. The food is good, the service patchy. After a while you get to know which of the staff can make a good mochaccino, and which are better trusted with something simple.

Around the corner in Vivian Street is the very pleasant **Kia Ora Coffee Lounge**. Here they do know how to make mochaccinos. The only drawback of this place is that you can often feel out of place if you are much over the age of

20. A recent addition to the Cuba Street scene is **The Crazy Lounge**, occupying the former premises of the legendary **Krazy Rick's Open Warehouse**. It's too early to pass definitive judgement on this place, however, it is well-laid out for watching and being watched and very purple.

Cuba Street is also host to survivors of an earlier age, the pre-resurgence coffee bars such as the **Caprini Coffee Lounge** in Lower Cuba Street, the **Matterhorn Coffee Shop** and the dark and sinister recesses of the 1970's-styled **Yucatan Coffee Lounge** in Cubacade. These places have a clear price advantage over the fashionable places and you don't keep running across the same set of people.



Another survivor of an earlier age is the **Pioneer Coffee Lounge**, upstairs in Willis Street.

A block away in Victoria Street are some of Wellington's windows to be seen through, the big curved ones of **The Lido Cafe**, a good place to sit outside and watch the passers-by. Just down the road on the mezzanine floor of the public library is the less visible **Clark's City Library Cafe**.

Looking out over Dixon Street, upstairs from the entrance on Eva Street is **Eva Dixon's Place**, which manages to be very pleasant at most times of the day. Heading along to Courtenay Place you find another of the leaders of the cafe resurgence **EspressoHolic**, moved from its original premises in Willis Street (those premises were previously the **Mandarin Cafe**, last of the old milk bars catering to cinema audiences... but, I digress). Personally I find the place thoroughly unappealing, but lots of people seem to like it.

More to my taste is the **Deluxe Espresso Bar** just beside the Embassy cinema on Kent Terrace. A small, relaxed place originally set up by the owners of **Midnight Espresso** and now run by the people responsible for the **Kia Ora**, it holds my personal record for the longest time spent in a cafe at one sitting. A great place to sit outside on a warm night and watch the traffic.

On the other side of town, on the outskirts of coffeeland and under threat from the planned motorway extension, the **Bodega** in Willis Street deserves a mention. Also a little further out is **The Ballroom Cafe** on Riddiford street, which features live jazz on Sunday afternoons.

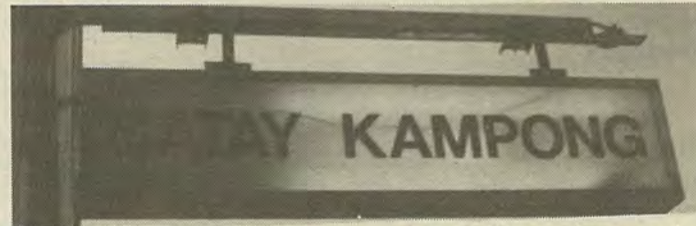
And for those with international tastes in caffeine, fans of Greek coffee will find the real thing over the hill at **Nick's Coffee House**, Rongotai Road, Kilbirnie.

Go out stuff

BY SAM BUCHANAN

Wellington is reputed to lead the world in the number of food outlets per capita. Whether this is true or not, you are certainly spoilt for choice. Therefore, what follows is by no means definitive, merely the result of my years of indulging in the cheaper end of the Wellington food scene.

If you are one of the hungry poor, looking for something relatively healthy, Turkish and Arabic food is a good place to start. Kebab and falafel places abound these days, however the top rating goes to **The Willis Street Cafe**, just up the street from the intersection of Willis and Manners Streets. It looks like a dull lunch bar, so don't judge it from the outside. In Cuba Street, the chicken kebabs at the **Istanbul Takeaway** have been recommended to me and I've been warned about the chilli sauce. Further up the road is the granddaddy of Wellington's Turkish take aways, **Ali Baba's**. Still very good, if not the cheapest, but it does offer student discounts.



Courtenay Place has several kebab joints. My pick would be **Abdullah's Turkish Kebab House** for more great falafel's. Nearby are **Cafe Baba** and the **Sahara Cafe**.

The Lebanese Takeaway in the Mid City complex on Manners Street is also well worth checking out. It has a more varied menu than most kebab places.

For traditional English ethnic cooking try the **Fisherman's Plate Seafood Takeaways** in Bond Street or head down to the far end of town to the very good and very traditional **Wellington Fish Supplies** on Molesworth Street opposite Parliament Buildings.

Chip fans will get maximum chips per dollar at Yung's Takeaways on Riddiford Street, Newtown. I've never tried the Hopper Street Fish Supply, but the police seem to eat there a lot. Take that as a recommendation or a condemnation as you will.

The best low-priced restaurant in town these days has to be the Malaysian Kitchen on Upper Cuba Street. Yummy roti and cheap spicy food for both meat eaters, vegetarians and even vegans. If you can't get a table for the crowds, there is more Malaysian cooking at **Bandong Country Food** a block away on Ghuznee Street, and still more at the charmingly down-market **Satay Kampong**, hidden away on Wakefield Street.

The masala dosai are recommended at another low-cost favourite, **Cafe Roti Chenai**, on Victoria Street, over the road from where **McDonald's** and **Georgie Pie** are heralding the death of both real food and cultural variety. Avoid the latter places like the plague, or they'll kill off all the other places mentioned in this article.

Apart from those pricey "gourmet burger" places, the quality of hamburgers in New Zealand has been hit hard since the appearance of McDonald's and co. **The Munchener Deli** in Cuba Street is still a haven for meat lovers with its hamburgers, lamb rolls and hot dogs. Vegetarians in particular will love **The Tuck Shop** in Majoribanks Street for its tofu burgers with peanut sauce.

The Horn Kung Restaurant in Courtenay Place has something of a reputation as the classic cheap Chinese place, nearby is the frequently recommended **Uncle Chang's Restaurant**. The **Hong Kong Cafe** on Taranaki Street has survived in an area

and get Fed!

which was once Wellington's Chinatown. It has great noodles and is also worth look for its red bean buns and glutinous rice cakes. **The Friendly Bakery** in Cuba Mall also has good red bean buns. Devotees of Asian sweets and snacks should pay a visit to the **Food Hall** in the old Wakefield Market site between Jervois Quay and Cable Street. **Charcoal Chicken** on Riddiford Street has Indian sweets as well as takeaway curries, and the Cuba Street Dairy at the top of the street has great samosas.



The **Midnight Espresso** in Cuba Street has virtually defined the cafe food genre and seldom lets you down. In a similar vein try the kumara calzone from the **Kia Ora Cafe** around the corner in Vivian Street.

Little Gringo's on Cuba Street is noted for its stacks of chips with garlic sauce, as well as offering pizzas and Mexican food.

The muffins at **Marie's Lunch Bar** in Willis Street have led to a special relationship with the polytech journalism school.

For the cheapest stomach fillers around get a bag of roast potatoes and pumpkin from **Chicky's Charcoal Chicken** with branches in Courtenay Place and at the top of Cuba Street or fill up on focaccia bread from **A Taste of France Patisserie** on the Te Aro Park end of Manners Street. You can

also get a stack of roast spuds for 50 cents a piece from **The Duchess Shish Kebab Parlour** in Dukes arcade on the corner of Manners and Willis Streets.

If you want to spend a lot of money on eating out in Wellington, you probably don't need my advice. However, if you want to cut into your student loan, a couple of luxuries are worth a mention.

Apart from its movies, **The Paramount Theatre** in Courtenay Place is worth a visit for its Rush Munro ice-cream.

Over the road is the **Catch**

Sushi Bar, not a good place to stuff yourself unless you are feeling rich, but the miso soup is cheap, a couple of plates of sushi won't break the bank and watching the various plates of delicacies meandering past on a conveyor belt keeps you entertained. All the plates are priced according to their colour, just grab whatever plates you fancy as they pass and the staff will count them and charge you accordingly when you leave.

Spending a completely unnecessary amount of money on breakfast has always struck me as a good way to start the day. **Castro's** on Majoribanks Street, **The Lido** on Victoria Street, **Bodega** on Willis Street, **The Ballroom Cafe** on Riddiford Street and **Eva Dixon's Place** on Dixon Street are all worth a visit at breakfast time.



Where to find the weird and cheap things

By SAM BUCHANAN

HOW WELL YOU EAT at home depends on two things - the amount of money you spend and the amount of time and energy you are prepared to put in to tracking down the bargains.

Your mainstay is likely to be the nearest supermarket, preferably one that provides free coffee. Getting into the habit of going shopping instead of heading for a cafe when the caffeine cravings kick in.

However, if you are prepared to do some leg work there are some bargains and exotic delights awaiting you.

Top of the list for hard to find places is **Mexican Supplies** down a driveway off Tennyson Street, around the corner from Cambridge Terrace. Mainly supplying the catering industry, it belies its name by stocking such items as Lebanese halva and Turkish apple tea, but

the main items of interest are the cheap beans, burritos and tacos, and enormous bags of nacho chips. Great for parties.

Around the corner in Tory Street is **Asiana Foods**, who also have a branch in Newtown. Lots of Oriental delicacies including the cheapest tofu in town. Across the road there are cheap vegetables to be had at **Foxton Growers**.

For more great Oriental stuff, check out **Mr Chan's** opposite the New World in Chaffer Street. A vast selection of noodles and some good deals on vegetables. Meat-loving vegetarians will appreciate their cans of mock pork, mock duck and mock abalone. The canned bran dough is great for as a vegan lamb substitute.

For cheap groceries, the truly blessed live in Newtown. Start at the intersection of Riddiford and Rintoul Streets and head south along the former. To your left are several good greengrocers. My favourite is **Jimmy's Fruit Mart** but

comparing prices and quality will get you the best deals.

A little further on is the previously mentioned **Asiana Foods**, and on your right, next door to the local branch of the Evil Multi-National McDonald's Empire, is the far superior **Eastern Food Distributors**. Very cheap bulk grains, beans, lentils, and an excellent range of spices. Fans of Indian food will love this place. They often have good vegetables too. There is another good greengrocer, **Yung's**, just beyond the New World.

Newtown is also the place to go for fish and, more importantly, mutton birds. There are several fish shops on Riddiford Street, check around for the best deals.

For meat, **Toso Halal Meat** on Riddiford Street is worth a look, also try wholesale butchers **A.E. Preston & Co.** on Hopper Street.

Finally, if you are heading back to the city from up north, it's worth stocking up on vegetables from the market gardens on State Highway One around Otaki.

Experience the Cafe next door

By MATT RIKIHANA

Polytech punters looking for their caffeine fix with atmosphere need not walk far at all. Coffee with class and a 10 percent student discount is available right opposite polytech at **Mt Cook Cafe**.

Joint owner Marianne Tavenier says they've increased their focus on the day time black board menu with full restaurant service reserved for the evening hours. Tasty counter food com-

pliments their reasonably priced range of coffee.

Many know the Mt Cook as just a sunny cottage storefront style cafe on Wallace street. What they don't know is that there's also a courtyard off Finlay terrace and a quiet dining room also. Art work from local artists is on display around the cafe. Marianne says they're happy to display artwork on behalf of design students.

Marianne says they've

taken on two new chefs, one of which has just come back from five years working in London.

This year as well as giving students a 10 percent discount during the day, Mt Cook Cafe is also offering a 'buy 10 coffees get one free' card. These can be purchased from Mt Cook Cafe.

Marianne says that they have missed the polytech crowds over the summer and are looking forward to providing fine coffee and beside their fireside this year.



Polytech principal Bob Bubendorfer launches himself into space. Some of the photos on the polytech's internet home page.

Wellington polytechnic heads off into cyberspace

BY GRANT McDOUGALL

SURF'S UP ON the internet and Wellington Polytechnic is riding the waves on its own home page.

Internet users can take a look at the page by accessing into: <http://www.wnp.ac.nz> and hey presto, you'll have a great selection of poly info.

The implementation of the page was an inter-school effort. The design school adapted the layout and graphics, which came from the Polytechnic Course In-

formation Centre.

Business and computing schools made the actual computer information and workings.

Already over 400 people, about half of these from other countries, have read the page since it came on-line on December 4.

The page opens with a welcome by polytech principal Bob Bubendorfer (with pics of Bubendorfer bungee jumping!) followed by a general introduc-

tion to New Zealand and Wellington.

Next up, each individual course is outlined in detail.

"We want it to be student oriented," says computer studies lecturer Steve Cosgrove, one of the people that set the page up.

In terms of general internet use "growth is exponential", Mr Cosgrove says.

"New Zealanders are the third-fastest growing group of internet users in the world".

Few students have problem with polytech enrolment

BY GRANT McDOUGALL

THE ENROLEMENT process at the start of the academic year on campus is going smoothly, without too many hassles.

This is the view expressed by both polytech staff and students, in a small survey conducted by Magneto in early February.

Manager of Student Information Management, Wendy Moore, says that several thousand students have had their paperwork processed without a problem.

A total of 29 people altogether have been working in enrolment, student loans and related sections.

Enrolment numbers have been "pretty steady" in recent weeks, but was expected to slow down by mid - March, Moore said.

According to Moore there have been no particular glitches occurring, or language problems between staff and overseas.

Queues have also been short.

Data entry operator Christine Wellington had processed al-

most 100 people on Monday, February 5, without any big problems.

There were a few language problems and one student had experienced paperwork difficulties with the business school, she says, otherwise it was alright.

One student finding enrolment straightforward is Business Studies student Ksenia Chobanovich, 19, who came to New Zealand from the former Yugoslavia last year.

"It was really easy" Ksenia said.

Owen Williams, 21, a second year catering and hospitality student, thought that enrolment wasn't providing any problems.

This view was supported by Belinda Seamark, 23, also a catering and hospitality student.

NZCE student, John Doe, 22, was expecting some problems relating to receiving a student income of some type, but had no enrolment problems.

WePSA president Matua Manuel said he had only received one complaint from a student enrolling and it was related to a course fees query.

Annette King MP Rongotai Electorate



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RIGHT GUYS, this is how you do it. Matua Manuel (third from right) and senior vice president John Barkess (second from left) attended a presidents training seminar in late January. Organised by APSU in conjunction with NZUSA, subjects covered ranged from dealing with the media to delegating responsibility and basic accounting. Also pictured with the other polytech presidents is APSU president Rebecca Parata (Bottom) and new APSU national director Kia Hopapa far right).

Get outside and hit the lava

BY SAM BUCHANAN

THE YEAR HAS only just started, but already you've had enough of sitting in a classroom staring at the freedom lurking out the window. For a complete change of scene, escape to a place where your tutors will never find you, the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park.

The great thing about Tongariro as an option for penniless students is the ease of access. Tracks on the eastern side of the park begin from State Highway One - you can hitchhike to the start of the tracks with ease. A few hours walking and tour halfway up a mountain. Even if you have access to a vehicle, hitchhiking isn't such a bad option as vehicles left at the end of tracks are frequently broken into.

The easiest approach to Tongariro and Ngauruhoe is by the Waihohonu track which leaves the road about 30km north of Waiouru, just before the Rangipo Intake Road on the opposite side. A couple of hours of easy walking through tussock and patches of beech forest brings you to Waihohonu Hut. From here you can start a three-day round the mountain trip or a shorter trip to Ketetahi on the north slopes of Tongariro.

For the shorter trip head north across a couple of ridges before trudging through the Oturere Desert. After about two and a half hours walk, there is a bit of a clamber up an old lava flow to Oturere Hut. Here the track turns to the north-west leading up a valley of spectacular lava formations.

At the head of the valley is the hardest section of walking on

the track, a steep climb up to Tongariro's Central Crater. A bit of a slog, but it's worth it. Relax for a while at the top beside the Emerald Lakes.

If you can stand a little more climbing, head up the ridge to the south west for stunning views of Red Crater and Ngauruhoe. From here you can head along the ridge to Tongariro's summit, or head back past Emerald and Blue Lakes to Ketetahi hut.

Ketetahi Springs are part of a block of privately-owned land within the park, and are currently closed to visitors, but you can walk through the area providing you keep to the track.

From Ketetahi it is a fairly dull couple of hours walk down through tussock and bush to State Highway 47a. It may take you a while to get a lift, but it is only ten kilometres or so back to the main road.

For the longer trip, the track heads west from Waihohonu to Tama lakes, on the saddle between Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu. A side track takes you up to a view of the higher lake, perched on the strikingly desolate slopes of Ngauruhoe.

The route then heads on towards Whakapapa before turning north east across tussock and scrubland and dropping to the Mangatepopo Valley and hut.

Try and get moving early the next morning and walk up the valley in the shade. After an hour of heading up over increasingly fresh lava flows there is a steep slog up the head of the valley. Once again just grin and bear it, at the top you emerge into South Crater, a wide expanse of sand surrounded by rocky slopes. The whole area has wonderful colours, and is almost devoid of



SIAN ROBINSON

The writer pauses at the Upper Tama Lake on the slopes of Ngauruhoe.

plant life, except for odd clumps of tussock grass, it's a bit reminiscent of Afghanistan.

After crossing South Crater the track follows a steep ridge with views out to the Desert Road to Red Crater, then passes Emerald Lakes and Central Crater to Ketetahi.

A word of caution - take the mountains seriously. Every now and then they kill people who don't. The weather can change from warm and sunny to very cold wind and rain in under 15 minutes in any season, so don't ever assume its safe to leave the spare jerseys behind. Be prepared to change plans or turn back if the weather looks bad.

You'll need food, a map, a sleeping bag, several layers of wool or polypropylene clothing and a good raincoat. If haven't had some tramping experience talk to someone who has and read up on the subject. The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council's manual 'Bushcraft' is a good start. Get it from a library.

Huts in the Tongariro area are equipped with gas heaters, and stoves in the summer season. However, it is good to carry your

own stove regardless of the season as huts can get crowded in the summer months. Hut fees are \$12 per night in summer, you are supposed to buy tickets from DOC beforehand, but it is just as easy to take some cash and pay the warden in the hut.

The Tongariro area is very popular over the summer, espe-

cially the route between Mangatepopo and Ketetahi, which is a popular day trip. If you prefer a less crowded trip, try heading into the Kaimanawa Range to the east of the Desert Road. For more information on either of these are tramps contact your local Department of Conservation office.

Tongariro National Park



Natural sportsman's double mission

BY ANDREW WELLINGS

Stephen Skinnon's two missions for 1996 both entail a lot of work, but are important to him for different reasons.

Skinnon has enrolled in this year's exercise science course at Wellington Polytechnic, and hopes to prove to himself that he has the application to pass the course.

He will have a very busy timetable as rugby will also play an important role in this year's planned achievements.

The 19-year-old has been a natural sportsman all his life. The pinnacles of his sporting career are having been chosen to represent New Zealand at age grade levels in rugby, rugby league and softball. However, he has yet to reach the standards he feels he could achieve in his studies.

"My home and social life when I was at school didn't really help me put my best efforts into my schoolwork. I guess you could say homework was optional."

Although he has been a regular member of the Western Suburbs senior rugby side for the past couple of seasons, injury and lack of form have prevented him from turning his potential into results on the field. However, Skinnon's pre-season training is paying off. The impressive form he showed while playing for the victorious Wellington Maori rugby tens side at a recent tournament has caught the eye of Wellington selector Frank Walker.

Skinnon scored two tries in the final and has since been drafted into the Wellington sevens training squad.

"Frank said to me that he had heard good things about my attacking ability with the ball in hand, but that my catching was a bit suspect. I told him not to worry, and to just make sure the ball gets out to me."

Confidence like that must surely bring success both on and off the field, "And at the after match too", Skinnon says with a wink.



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