editorial

A different consciousness, a different ethic, sustains this 'civilised' mode of life. The earth and its creatures are increasingly considered the property of humanity: for domination, control, and manipulation, until ultimately, the whole of nature is seen like some giant machine, designed for human benefit.

(Norman Myers)

Welcome to the October edition of Semper. In this edition we explore the environmental interaction between technology and nature. Our environment: built, technological and natural, is the reality that creates who we are. The built environment symbolises humanity's victory over the natural environment, taming it and reforming it in our own image. Regardless of the false structures it produces, the built environment is one we live within and must utilise for its positive aspects. Technological environments are just beginning to be explored as dimensional environments. The stage of history, and the place in the world that we find ourselves necessitates that we also journey into these environments to discover their potential for benefiting the world and the people that belong to it.

Simply the textual environment must be journeyed into, explored and criticised. Throughout this year, we at Semper have tried to provide some interesting environments for you to explore. The responses have been a tad more critical than we expected, but that's o.k. Some of you have been confused by our layout, frustrated by our politics and blatantly offended by our sense of humour. We've solicited praise, amazement, anger, disgust and satire. We hope that we have encouraged you to think about the issues that we have presented and have inspired you to see the world around you a little differently (if only for a second).

So this is the last printed issue of Semper for 1995. We're in the process of producing a CD of local bands and performers as our final commitment to the pursuit of world harmony, students' rights, your happiness and the growth of the student union in our role on this earth as Semper Editors.

So enjoy the 'environment' edition of Semper. We hope that it suits your aesthetic tastes and desires. At least it's clean.

Ps Sandy, we love you, come home soon.

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Transhumanism is the doctrine that we can and should become “more than human.” A typical transhumanist’s toolbox might include: physical immortality; a superior mind and body; access to the universe. These desires are hardly unique to the 20th century, but the transhumanists argue that for the first time they have become realistic prospects, because of our new technologies.

The number-one item in the transhumanist toolbox is nanotechnology, or molecular engineering: the design and manufacture of devices to atomic-scale precision (the size of atoms is measured in nanometers, hence the name). One molecule could act as a bearing, another as a motor or a memory register... It would be the ultimate form of miniaturization.

Nanotechnology first hit the big time in 1986, with the publication of Engines of Creation by K. Eric Drexler. Drexler, who coined the term, argued that eventually we will be able to create almost any arrangement of atoms consistent with natural law, through the use of “assemblers”, molecular machines specialized for manufacturing. The ribosome of a cell, in which proteins are put together, is already a sort of assembler, and the existence of nature’s own biotechnology is the best argument for the feasibility of nanotech. A cell is just a membrane filled with molecular machinery, say the nanotechnologists; if evolution can do it, why can’t we?

The ability to put atoms where you want to has major consequences. These include materials stronger and lighter than anything known, and dangers worse than nuclear warfare. All, do-it-yourself space colonization, superhuman artificial intelligence, components... These in turn could lead to abundance and long life for an android or a starship in your backyard from a soup of molecular machines” which will make anything possible upon request (growing supercomputers smaller than sand grains (“nanocomputers”), “ceil years of design work in a month, and use existing assemblers to build better assemblers..."

Drexler anticipates a period of rapid change in which all the indicators of technological progress climb superexponentially, culminating in a leap to the absolute technological limits. This process has been dubbed the “Singularity”: a sort of overnight Industrial Revolution, an event marked essentially by the realization of new technologies, but accompanied by the endless ramifications of that change. Very quickly we would find ourselves in a world where all the possibilities listed above could be realized. Drexler’s book is probably still the best attempt to prepare for such a time, and has something to say about all of them. Here I shall focus on just one possibility, Life Extension. One of the most basic spin-offs is expected to be radical longevity. Complete rejuvenation should be possible, by using and augmenting the cell’s own capacity for renewal. Agering would no longer be synonymous with physical decline.

For now, life extension is best achieved by diet and lifestyle modifications. But more powerful methods seem imminent. For decades it has been known that ordinary cells, taken from the body and grown in culture, will only reproduce for a finite number of generations. Beyond this point, a cell can’t reproduce, and eventually dies without being replaced. The Hayflick limit (named for gerontologist Leonard Hayflick, its discoverer) places an upper bound on lifespan: even if you avoid other causes of death, your cells will one day reach the limit, and begin dying off. Molecular biologists may now have found the reason that the Hayflick limit exists. At the ends of each chromosome is a region called the telomeres, which holds together the two strands of the DNA double helix. At each cellular division, the telomere is gone, and the double helix can unravel.

If it truly is this simple, all we need is a form of telomere repair, and this particular form of ageing can be eliminated. In fact, cancer cells are believed to derive their proliferative powers from a mutation which permits telomere repair. So if this mechanism can be harnessed safely, those who are now at risk of degenerative disease might make it into the 21st century (and here I paraphrase Judith Milhoun of MONDO 2000) “to die of something more interesting”.

Or never to die at all. Suppose life extension methods add twenty years to your life; you will then have access to another two decades’ worth of progress in life extension. How many years will that add? And the process can repeat. “If you are around in 2030, you will have an excellent chance to live to the year 2030. If you are around in 2030 - regardless of your age - you will be able to live indefinitely into the future.” – F.M. Esfandiary, Are You a Transhuman?
Transhumanism on the World Wide Web:

"The future exists first in Imagination, then in Will, then in Reality."

the historical division between the last terrestrial mortals and the first cosmic immortals; when will it be? And which side will you be on?

Singularity occurs within a century or within a decade. The Singularity marks focusing on these ideas now rather than later may determine whether the guarantee utopia. It does, however, open possibilities, some of which may.

We are of course not beyond death yet; we are still residents of a dangerous, primitive planet. And sheer increase of technological power does not exactly explain new modes of being. What are the limits of such self-transformation?

One of the most radical transhumanist concepts is that of the intelligent superobject, colloquially known as a 'Jupiter brain', "the size of a planet"; the product of a million years of growth and self-modification on the part of some intelligence. If there's already intelligent life out there, I would expect it to be more like this than like the humanoid aliens of popular culture.

According to one modern myth, there was a Big Bang, a beginning to time and space, creating a universe of atoms which coalesced into stars, and dead planets warmed by their radiation. On at least one, chemical soup yielded replicating self-replicating systems, which brought forth star race their own kind, and replenished the earth, and subverted it. And after billions of years, amongst those progeny we find ourselves. Is there an end to the story?

I think not. I think we're midway in the chain of being from microbe to megamind, a turning point but not an endpoint. We are a turning point, among their progeny we find ourselves. Is this the end of the story?

But this is surely only the start of the autoevolutionary process. I would not.

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Dreaming
written by Kyla Reid
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They sometimes camped near the Roma St source and picking the wild chestnuts. The Yuggarabul chestnut trees. These fresh water pools were a scene existed where the metropolitan area of Brisbane was an area near the waterhole was fenced in 1976 to protect the remaining larger ring which is oval in shape and has a diameter of 21 metres. Yowoggera was also a burial or memorial ground. Treas were covered with bark, similar to "coals of area", stood to mark the spot close to where a member of the clan died. It was custom in this area that the actual body of the deceased person was either wrapped in tea-tree bark, tied all round with wattle tree string, and placed on a platform in the bush or skinned and, if young and fit or old and wise, the flesh was roasted and eaten. Thus Yuggarabal people practised cannibalism, although never sacrifice. The skin and bones of the deceased were preserved by women members of the family and mourned over.

When the mourning process was complete, after about six months, the relics were left in trees to return to the earth. The clan that lived on the south side of the Marwar is said to have numbered about 400 at the time of invasion and their main camping ground was in the area now enclosed by and adjacent to the Woolloongabba. The name Woollongabba is derived from 'woolloon gapem' meaning swirling water, referring to the creek that ran through the site of the Brisbane river which was known to the locals as 'Mairwar'. The clan was also known to camp in the area along the river next to the fresh water hole known as Mainmarn which was situated in York's Hallow as it now passes through Victoria Park and the RNA showgrounds. The clan was also known to camp in the area, where the South Brisbane Cricket Ground now is. It was a favourite "maroochy" or swimming hole and contained an abundance of freshwater crayfish. The woolloon capemn was a piece of ceremonial place that occupied similar positions within their lingual frameworks. While tribal groups and the lands those groups are custodians of are demarcated according to their language, indigenous languages are not geographically bounded, but rather change subtly from neighbour to neighbour across the landscapes and the land. Before invasion there were several distinct families or "clans", each numbering a few hundred, that lived in Yuggarbal-beggin which is said to have extended as far south as the Logan river and north to the Pine river. In this immediate vicinity of the Brisbane metropolitan area, families lived on both sides of the Brisbane river which was known to the locals as 'Mairwar'.

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The clans of the Yuggarabul people and beyond would regularly come together in the area for corroborees and fights or "pullums". Tom Petrie, who befriended many of the local families when he came to Brisbane in the mid-1800s, is one of the few sources of written information about the Yuggarabul people, or "Turrubal" people as he knew them. Petrie described one such fight in his Reminiscences of Early Queensland as involving upward of 700 warriors. The northern clans who lived in Brissie, Moonah, Maroochy, Noosa, Durundur, Kilcoy, and Barambah ranged against clans from Ipswich, Rosewood, Wivenhoe, Logan and Stradbroke Island. The northern clans had their camp where the Petrie Barracks now stands and the southern clans had camps at Green Hills, overlooking where the Roma Street Station now is and another at the site of the Normanby Hotel. Young men just from Brisbane, Ipswich, Rosewood, Wivenhoe, Logan and Stradbroke Island. The southern clans' warriors then began the fight by singing on the flat in front of the Roma Street Station. Tom Petrie, who befriended many of the local families when he came to Brisbane in the mid-1800s, is one of the few sources of written information about the Yuggarabul people, or "Turrubal" people as he knew them. Petrie described one such fight in his Reminiscences of Early Queensland as involving upward of 700 warriors. The northern clans who lived in Brissie, Moonah, Maroochy, Noosa, Durundur, Kilcoy, and Barambah ranged against clans from Ipswich, Rosewood, Wivenhoe, Logan and Stradbroke Island. The northern clans had their camp where the Petrie Barracks now stands and the southern clans had camps at Green Hills, overlooking where the Roma Street Station now is and another at the site of the Normanby Hotel. Young men just from Brisbane, Ipswich, Rosewood, Wivenhoe, Logan and Stradbroke Island. The southern clans' warriors then began the fight by singing on the flat in front of the Roma Street Station.

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In this computer context, of course, the jargon is quite different. "Will you buy Windows '95?" The newspapers only told me that there was some hype about what it will have it's own dictionary with if when you buy it. (For anyone interested in trying to decode some of the jargon-laden issues behind the Windows '95 hype, check out the article on page 35 of this issue of Semper.)

The only way you'll learn about it is to experience it (as with a lot of things in life). The technology just keeps changing and outdated itself, unless you've got limits), "you can have THE latest 500DX88 pentium, with 8 meg RAM, and 660 kb hard drive, a quad speed CD ROM, and a FREE ink jet printer..." BUT "For THAT price" (which is well beyond your limits), "you have THE latest 500DX88 pentium, with 8 meg RAM, and 660 kb hard drive, a quad speed CD ROM, and a laser jet printer that costs an extra eight hundred dollars...but it's all worth it, you'll regret not buying this one a few months if you bought that other old thing". But the dealer doesn't tell you that for your purposes, you're probably better off buying that "old thing" anyway (or even something smaller), or that you'll regret buying the newer one in a year because the model will have been surpassed by a bigger, better, faster, and more expensive one. The technology just keeps changing and outdating itself, unless you've got the cash and the interest to want to keep up with it...

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Anyone who has been on the market to buy a computer will know exactly how it feels to have meaningless jargon thrown at them by one of our country's finest bullshit artists. It's just like trying to have faith in a used car dealer - "Yep, it's a beauty this one, 5 speed, 16 valve, electronic fuel injected, limited slip differential!"

...in other words..."you probably better not understand all this shit that I'm blabbing but it costs 'X' amount of dollars, it's THE latest thing, and of course YOU NEED IT!"
"The road to excess leads to the palace of wisdom, for we never know what is enough until we know what is more than enough." William Blake says it all. The Earth is fucked, and here's my pessimistic and optimistic thoughts on the whole ENVIRONMENTAL issue - just because I can...

Why do I think what I have to say is important? Well it's not really. It's just that I'm biased to give my thoughts on the whole Environmental thing. I was prompted to write this morning while driving in my toxic sulphur dioxide emitting six cylinder beast. So University, I found an interview on the radio discussing the global decline of tigers, particularly those found in Indonesia. Why are they becoming extinct? Like everything else on the planet that doesn't fit into the taxonomic realm of Homo Sapiens, it is largely due to habitat depletion. Habitat depletion is a result of the divine HUMAN right to do whatever the fuck we want with any piece of land that takes our fancy. Think beautiful polecats are also unfortunate enough to be the ultimate cheapers one, branded with a worth that is masked by little else - they have the potential to enhance men's virility. Chinese medicine has branded them as panacea as having the power to enable a man to do as the saying goes, fuck like a tiger!

Living in Australia it is hard (no pun intended) to imagine that such an evil market exists, for while out people go out and poach tigers, showing them with guns. Men don't really value their sexual performance and stamina more than the existence and upkeep of such unique and rare species such as the tiger, do they? Unfortunately, YES. Just ask the next Rhinoceros you see - which you probably won't, I'll bet. The reality of the situation hit me in the face early this year when I was travelling in SE Asia, walking through the stalls of a Burmese market, my two friends and I were fully blown away with the grotesque jars filled with ginseng, whisky, and tiger's penis brew, the unblinking acceptance of the Burmese people. It chilled me to the bone to realize they will never understand the error of their ways nor will they ever change their ways - they see no wrong in what they do.

The night before I heard the interview, I had been watching TV (I was lonely) at the grotesque jars filled with ginseng, whisky, and tiger's penis brew. Men don't really value their sexual performance and stamina more than the existence and upkeep of such unique and rare species such as the tiger, do they? Unfortunately, YES. Just ask the next Rhinoceros you see - which you probably won't, I'll bet. The reality of the situation hit me in the face early this year when I was travelling in SE Asia, walking through the stalls of a Burmese market, my two friends and I were fully blown away with the grotesque jars filled with ginseng, whisky, and tiger's penis brew, the unblinking acceptance of the Burmese people. It chilled me to the bone to realize they will never understand the error of their ways nor will they ever change their ways - they see no wrong in what they do. The problem with the media's intervention in the whole ENVIRONMENTAL issue is that only quite cute cuddly species get saved. Everybody loves whales and koalas, and I see any more dolphin paraphernalia, I'll smile. One of the biggest problems biologists and conservationists and scientists (the two are not always mutually exclusive) is trying to save an invisible protozoan species that can only be seen under magnification yet it has great ecological significance. But sad thing, but the human practice of prioritizing based on aesthetic value infringes upon the existence of the biotic world too, as well as human world. If you are small or ugly you don't stand a chance.

In Australia we all know the plight of the panda bear and the Orang Utan, but are an equal number of people aware of the dangerously low numbers of Biby in Western Queensland, the last remaining populations of which are rapidly being depleted thanks to our brief lust. Or do many Australians know of the Orange Roughie, a little fish that once swarmed our seas, but due to our piscivorian tendencies are no more. The media has the power to educate people, it just shit's me that unless we can make lots of money out of an organism by churning Mrs MacPherson in a boat and saying "lets go and experience beauty and beast" or should that be "do you want fits with that whale?" Unless a species holds the potential for a cancer cure, or a couple of visually stimulating TV features it rates its survival. This is a beautiful thing, so just get over it. We are all going to die anyway... The reality of the situation hit me early this year when I was travelling in SE Asia, walking through the stalls of a Burmese market, my two friends and I were fully blown away with the grotesque jars filled with ginseng, whisky, and tiger's penis brew, the unblinking acceptance of the Burmese people. It chilled me to the bone to realize they will never understand the error of their ways nor will they ever change their ways - they see no wrong in what they do.
You will need

1 newspaper
2 compost
3 sawdust

“Digging causes work, digging causes weeds, weeds cause work – cause and effect” says Bill Mollison. For the aware permaculture gardener, gone are the days of slavery to digging and weeding if a well-constructed sheet mulch ‘no-dig’ method is used. Mulching imitates the way in which a forest decays and creates compost and nutrients (ie new soil) by placing large amounts of organic matter on top of the ground then letting the soil microorganisms, insects and roots of plants do the rest of the work.

Section through mulch

compost
newspaper*
vegetable scraps
grass/weeds

(with compost)

next...
mulch
next...

next...
without compost

straw
manure
newspaper*
vegetable scraps
grass/weeds

(of course, with compost would be best…)

* The newspaper is the weed barrier and a generous overlap of sheets of paper is necessary to prevent weeds growing up between sheets.

“The Berkley Fast Composting Method as outlined by Robyn Francis in Mandala Gardens recommends heaping dry plant matter and manure in layers and then making holes in the heap by inserting a rake handle to allow steam to escape, and watering thoroughly. The heap should be turned every 2-3 days and the compost will be ready in 2 weeks. The heat generated by the process of decay in composting kills weed seeds, and if you are using seedy straw this could become a problem in the garden. An alternative to composting the straw is to place another weed barrier on top of the top layer of straw.”

The Mandala garden is a series of keyhole paths radiating out from a central circular feature such as a tyre pond, banana circle, herb spiral, small gazebo or anything you like. It is not only a beautiful design, but also efficient eliminating the pathways necessary for access in traditional rectangular beds. It is best suited to flat sites — for a sloping site, terracing could be an alternative.

The pathways provide service access and can consist of sawdust or pebbles laid over the newspaper weed barriers. Grass pathways will continually seed into your beds and create the necessity to weed.

“A keyhole bed is like a traditional rectangular garden bed which has been wrapped, as a semicircle, around your feet so most work can be done from one spot.”

The width of the bed is determined by how far you can comfortably…
reach from the keyhole centre for planting and harvesting most plants. When marking out keyhole gardens take one big or several small steps from the path edge, this will be the centre of the keyhole itself, which is then enlarged until is comfortable to stand and squat in. Measure an easy reaching distance and add approximately an extra half metre for bed width (1.5m).

Plant according to ease of access and frequency of use

clipping herbs that require or tolerate a reasonable amount of shade and which need to be frequently accessed can be planted directly next to the pathway where they will be shaded by the taller plants behind. These include small green salad plants and herbs such as chives, parsley, mustard greens, garden cress, some, dandelion and corn salad.

It is best to use crops that don't take up too much space and that can be harvested constantly such as parsley, chives, perennial shallots, broccolini, celery, megawatt lettuce, capsicum, eggplant, silver beet, tomato, okra, carrot, radish, etc as 'pathsides' or plucking vegies crops.

Follow this with a ring of vegetables such as peas, beans, asparagus, eggplant, lettuce, tomato, carrots, okra and radish which are taller and require easy access for harvesting.

The broad beds are best suited for long slow growers as they are beyond easy reach. Lupins planted as a winter crop can be followed by corn and pumpkin in summer, and a cabbage family crop next winter with a summer root crop such as potato or Jerusalem artichoke in the following summer before the cycle of crop rotation begins again with another nitrogen fixing legume. It is a good idea to intersperse these with insect repelling and companion herbs.

Companion planting certain plants together has shown gardeners that some combinations improve their taste and contribute to pestle resistance. This could be because of an odour that is released (eg garlic, marigolds) which wards off pests, or because they complement each other in their nutrient demands and the chemicals they release the soil. Flowers such as salvias, efer, bergamot, lavender, English daisy, carnations, pelargoniums, fuchsia and dwarf amaranth are suitable for planting between vegetables providing colour but also attracting predatory insects and bees, thus setting up an ecosystem of sorts which will control pests

Monoculture farming consists of just one crop and this may not even be sensibly rotated to replenish or heal the soil, encouraging static proportions of pests that are attracted by this crop. External control in the form of pesticides and fertilisers inevitably becomes necessary.

Some examples of keyhole beds using companions planting.
"Open your eyes, and look within. Are you satisfied with the life you're living?"

Education for enlightenment

(Parley)

We human beings are story-knowing, role-playing animals. We enjoy the remarkable capacity to categorise particular experiences in terms of abstract types, classes or species. By developing a complex typology, we are able to compose stories and to enact roles that make sense in terms of these compositions.

In holistic terminology, education is the natural process whereby we individuals "educate" our innate capacity to enact the best type of role we can enact for the best type of story we are capable of conceptualising as experienced reality. All else we learn to understand and do, is secondary to the development of this supremely important talent.

Socialisation, or training, is a related but different type of process which may, or may not, contribute to our education. By means of training we are taught to believe in the stories enacted through roles that have been composed by authoritative others, such as family parents, tribal elders, church fathers, and university professors. The stories they invent for, and/or enforce on, us are generally institutionalised, or reified, as if they are objective things, such as the Family, the Law, The University of Queensland, Science, Israel or Islam.

Some constituents of these institutionalised abstractions enact managerial roles (e.g. father, foreman, king, bishop, judge, and vice-chancellor) whereby they claim to represent the selfless abstraction to other role-players. Any such dominant role, and its corporeal player, is classed, by the faithful, as a more important, meritorious, valuable and/or rewardable than the subordinate roles, and players, in the institution (e.g. worker).

In holistic terms, all those dominant role-players "do the work of the devil" (Luke, 4, 5-7) in the hell-on-earth that we currently inhabit, at this penultimate stage of the evolutionary process.

In contrast, education is the developmental, or liberating, process whereby we (or, at least, some of us!) can collaboratively "educate" our innate capacity to live together, consensually and playfully, as self-sovereign individuals of equal status. This education of the individual is a constituent part of the evolution of the species to its sustainable climax, or happy ending, in this particular version of the cosmic story of heaven-and-hell.

Among genuine educators, universal Life, or the living Cosmos, is known as a meaningful experience, of movement and rest. In this supreme Story, the role of egalitarian lover, or equal-status servant, is classed as best. This is a role that is playable by a multitude of unique peers who reject any need for roles of subordinates, from reciprocal, authority. We also reject the pretension that any role entitles anybody to any type of privileged status (not even to an exclusive car-park space, or exclusive property rights, or exclusive fornification rights) except in the hellish part of the Story.

Jesus and his beloved daikini, Mary Magdalene, provide us with useful prototypes, once the wise man's gospel is interpreted with open-minded wisdom, which explains the hostility and censorship they encountered from the small minded conservatives of their day.

The revolution they attempted can now be successfully concluded. This is the "real revolution" which in the words of Wisdom, "begins within".

The conceptual scheme that we truth seekers need now to develop, to completion, to conclude our millennia-long quest for Wisdom, is a holistic one. This implies -

1) nothing exists except as an experienced event,
2) all events are interconnected and constitute one meaningful whole, organised organically in an hierarchy of major whole(s) and minor part(s),
3) this supreme whole is superhuman in all senses of the symbol,
4) all human problems are interconnected, as intricately as the "gordian knot" of wisdom literature,
5) their interconnectedness ensures that our genetic problems (such as crime, ill-health and material poverty) can only be solved, all together and all at once,
6) until this solution-day, nothing of any real importance can be improved for anybody, although necessary preparations can be made,
7) in terms of the single solution to our problem(s), we are each and every one of us equally needed, even if our current role is murderer, multimalth or magistrate,
8) but only the well-educated type of person will prove to be fit for the post-solution era.

This theoretical proposition is antithetical to most of the institutionalised knowledge that is marketed by the experts of the "education industry", which is one reason why the subversive Dr Doug and his comrades are not numbered among the leading authorities of their world, nor do we have any ambitions, in that direction.

If any of them knows a better role and a better story than ours, then they have managed to keep it as hidden as a very well-kept secret indeed.

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At Last - Brain Circuit Games

I'll try to list a few of Leary's games in a progression from early development games, through mastery and beyond. News this week is that Dr. Leary is battling (as they say) prostate cancer in hospital, so I'd be a thought for the old fumster as you're reading.

Now, recall the first, or Bio-Survival circuit, the amoeba-brain. Leary suggests games such as: being stroked and cuddled, floating in warm water, recalling your infantile sexual fantasies, watch a fish-tank for an hour and imagine being a fish, lie in the sun on your belly on the earth (or sand), eat ice (or for full authenticity, become a junky or barbiturate addict) or both.

For the second, or Emotional-Territorial circuit, Leary suggests: hanging around pre-schoolers, make friends with a mammal, play clever practical jokes, act like a world-dictator, get drunk and tell everyone exactly what you think of them, hang out with money - get really stoned and.pdf, go to the top of a tall building and watch the ants below.

Some fun for the third, or Mental-Symbolic circuit: spend an hour speaking entirely in cliches and platitudes, be a total pedant and pick everyone up on minor errors of fact, grammar pronunciation or ideological correctness, say "yes but" to everything you hear, make up a conspiracy theory based on one idea and become fanatical about it (for an hour), hang out with pre-adolescents, join a team sport.

To play with the fourth and final terrestrial circuit, the Socio-Sexual circuit, Leary recommends these games: hang out with teenagers and see teenage movies, imagine building the ideal home for you and your spouse and children, role the New Idea, watch Sunday morning TV, imagine you are 80 years old, living on the pension in a ghetto - how does the world look to you?

These games should help you get a little more in touch with your base consciousness. But to really stretch yourself, it's good to move onto second Earth games. Remember any references to drugs I make in this article are jokes, particularly this one.

Recall the Neurobiogenetic circuit concerns physical bliss. Fun fifth circuit games include: get lit up, stimulate each of your senses in turn and then all-at-once, break your orgasm record, go wild taking self-development courses, get very high with your lover, spend 72 hours never leaving each other's sight, explore nine ways of sexually pleasing each other and reach erotic-arhythmic fusion.

Sixth circuit games Leary recommends for the Neurogenetic (collective consciousness) circuit include: experience rave culture, try a mind-expanding drug, get into new age sex, experience the pleasure of an ecstatic state, have a nice cup of tea, luv. •

Remember: a change is as good as a rest... go home and have a nice cup of tea, luv. •

Part 4

Well, goodness... it's been a while, hasn't it? Deep regrets that personal circumstances prevented us coming together last issue, but there you are.

Disclaimer: I'll recommend various drugs in this column - I am of course, never serious. These are jokes.

Goodman studies the variable components of religion in hunter-gatherer, horticulturist, agriculturist and urban societies. One central characteristic is the experience of an alternate reality (spirit world, astral plane, heaven, hell, etc) through a religious trance sometimes using psychedelic plants, but most often simply through drumming and dancing. This is most evident in hunter-gatherer societies and becomes less prominent until in urban religions it is almost absent. Goodman suggests that ecstatic religious trances are a primal human need that we must indulge. Goodfellow's paper on how to induce trance states in volume 26 of Journal of Humanistic Psychology is available from Central Library.

A time honoured way for western folk to build real muscle in the higher circuits is that old favourite of wackos from Paracelsus to Crowley (Aleister, not Renniman) - Ceremonial Magic. But most of us find it difficult to spend years memorising the Sacred Gabelsh and practicing the invocations of the angels of the cardinal points. Peter Carroll, prototype of Chasa Magick, comes to our rescue. In his best-known tome of popular esoterics - Liber Null and Psychonaut and Liber Kiss, Carroll breaks the good news that you can practise magick in your own home and without recourse to heavy classical or Christian myth.

In Liber Kiss, Carroll gives a sketchy outline of a course to develop your skills at practical magick (the art of getting things done) that encompasses fetishes, visions, astral projection, psychic perception and the Knowledge and Conversation of your Holy Guardian Angel. His books are unlikely to appear in the UQ library, but they're freely available from the Gorg Bookshelf or, if you're on the net by hanging around alt.magick.chaos.

Carroll's tactics for chaos magick provide a useful reminder for dogmatically conventional work in general. Everything is a model... believe fanatically in the model and it is useful... Keep what works, discard what doesn't. In the realm of your mind, ye are the final authority.

There's a lot more to say, but as the traditional, I remind you that everything I've said is a lie. Do your highest wish... but work out what you mean by "your", "highest" and "will" first.

Remember: a change is as good as a rest... go home and have a nice cup of tea, luv.
Cars are yucky - exhaust puts poisonous fumes into the atmosphere, making us sick and destroying our planet, they run on petrol, the sale of which is controlled by large multi-national companies who are starting wars and fucking people over in order to dominate the world market, so every time you fill 'er up, you are supporting these companies... they are expensive to buy, run and maintain... they take up lots of space, particularly when they are in a concentrated area, like a city... they create an atmosphere of claustrophobia, even if you aren't in one... they are yucky to drive in a city, when thousands of other people are sitting in their own metal boxes at peak hours - lots of waiting and tension... they are dangerous - at high speeds, a car becomes a potential death machine, killing people and animals... in our capitalist culture, which places enormous importance on material possessions, cars have become status symbols of power - owning one is normalised and encouraged - but really, do we all need one?

Bicycles - the ideal alternative for city living... comparatively very cheap to buy - you can get a new one from 100 - 200 hundred dollars, or a second-hand one for much cheaper. Maybe a friend would give you an old one of theirs... ultra-cheap to run, requiring no regular expenditure on fuel, registration, insurance or repair. They are quite easy to maintain and you can learn to do most repairs quite simply (the student union often runs bike maintenance courses through activities and the women's area).

Owning a bike does amazing things for your fitness levels, within a few weeks of regular riding you will feel much healthier and will notice your body changing. Riding up the hills in Brisbane does astounding things for your legs, and to celebrate the thrill of being alive, it's quite a quick way to get around, you are constantly moving - Brisbane has some excellent bike tracks such as the one from the city to Saint Lucia. Riding to uni along the bike path by the river is much more pleasant than negotiating Coronation Drive traffic. Forget the long trek from the carpark and expensive parking permits - you can chain a bike up to any old post, and your bike moves with you. Bikes can also be great for long distance travelling, particularly around continents such as Europe and Asia, where cities are often quite close together, but it's also possible in Australia, with the help of a tent... and most importantly, bicycles do not emit environmentally damaging fumes...

Skateboards - have many of the benefits of bicycles such as comparative affordability, low maintenance and eco-friendliness. Not as ideal as bicycles as a form of transport, mostly used for 'mucking around' on, but a board can be an excellent way to cover shorter distances, such as down to the 7-Eleven or around the inner city. Skating is illegal just about everywhere, so you will probably get hassled by the wallops at one stage or another, mostly because they just like hassling skaters I think. Skating can also be very spiritually uplifting, I hear - most skaters will attest that skating is good for the soul...

Rollerblades - can also be great for travelling around the city... also good for fitness and general happiness... you can pick up a pretty good pair for a couple of hundred beans - why not hire a pair for an afternoon and see if you get into it... bike tracks are excellent for blading, so again, it would be easy to travel from the city to uni... rollerblades are an improvement on roller skates, because bumps and rough surfaces like bitumen, don't present the same difficulties, due to a much smaller wheel surface area... blading in groups can be lots of fun, and it's useful when starting out to be with someone more experienced who can help you out...

Hitching - solves the problem of how to negotiate longer distances... lots of people will tell you it's dangerous and try to discourage you, but life is dangerous (particularly when you are a woman) so why let it stop you doing what you want to? You can meet some amazing people and learn a lot about life removed from your immediate environment... sometimes it is difficult, when you are in a car with someone who is very different from you, but you can learn some important lessons about social interaction this way... always keep your wits about you - the more you do it, the easier it gets, the more you enjoy it. If you can, ask out other people who are experienced hitchers to give you tips about successful hitching adventures.
On September 1, 1995 a public forum was held at the Department of Minerals and Energy to examine the potential use of hydrocarbons in refrigeration systems. The meeting was an important step in establishing the most appropriate alternatives to chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) whose manufacture will cease after December 1995, under instructions from the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The meeting was attended by representatives from Consumer Affairs, distributors of HC-12a - the hydrocarbon gas under consideration, vehicle air conditioning specialists, manufacturers of the industry recommended hydrofluorocarbon R134a and tradespeople working with the equipment and gases. Among others in attendance were delegates from the Australian Standards Association, the Building Owners and Managers Association, Greenpeace and the Queensland and Federal Greens.

The meeting was called to assess the possibility of using a hydrocarbon gas, HC-12a, as a replacement for CFC technology in refrigeration systems. Issues involved concerned the flammability of HC-12a and its potential to refit an automobile cooling system designed for use with CFC's without any conversion process. This ability is not a feature of the more heavily promoted hydrofluorocarbon R134a which requires a retrofitting process (costing between $250 and $850) to function in existing systems. This debate was extremely significant as it will affect the atmosphere of the whole planet, the safety of our cooling systems and influence the multi-billion dollar changeover from CFC technology.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish the risks and benefits associated with the use of hydrocarbons as a replacement for CFC's in refrigeration systems. The issues raised in the forum centered on the potential risks associated with the flammability of the hydrocarbon HC-12a distributed in Australia by Oztec HC-12a. This safety consideration was countered with claims that the DuPont manufactured R134a is potentially carcinogenic, and though it makes a lesser contribution to global warming than CFC's, is still identified by the Montreal Protocol as a greenhouse gas. This is contrasted with HC-12a which has no global warming potential and is only under scrutiny for its reported risk of flammability. Opinions voiced in the forum suggested that any risk of the flammability of HC-12a in automobile air conditioners might be rendered insignificant by appropriate design and safety standards.

As reported in The Courier earlier this year, misleading literature alleging the ban of HC-12a has been distributed anonymously to discourage the purchase of the product. Material produced by the Australian Environment Protection Agency (EPA) recommends only R134a as an alternative to CFC's. Discussing all other alternative refrigerants, including HC-12a on the basis of "insufficient testing" of its safety, Opinions in the panel were felt to support the continued use of HC-12a. Ultimately, the decision reached by the forum was that the EPA, rather than evaluating all the available alternatives, distributed so much information on the "alternatives" to CFC's that the product had not and would not be taken up in Australia and agreed that the development of guidelines concerning its use was the more appropriate safety measure. It was agreed that the Department of Health and relevant departments of automobile design standards should concern on the safest application of any CFC replacement.

This decision has significant implications in the process of phasing CFC's out of use. Prior to a more thorough consideration of alternatives to CFC's, HC-12a is currently used in the majority of automobile air conditioning systems. It is also used in the production of household refrigerators and as an industrial solvent. It was agreed that a product with the apparent value of HC-12a, already in regular use throughout the United States, was not the responsibility of DuPont to the dangers of the oil required by its product was that as DuPont manufactured HC-12a, it's carcinogenic nature was not the responsibility of DuPont.

Beyond the health and safety risks of each product, the question remains, how did the Australian EPA distribute so much information on the "alternatives" to CFC's before a more thorough consideration of the available alternatives occurred? How is it that a product with the apparent value of HC-12a, already in regular use throughout Europe and in industrial processes in the United States, was overlooked without proper investigation? It would appear in this instance that the EPA, rather than evaluating at the available alternatives, acted to support business interests more concerned with profits than progress.
France's decision to resume nuclear testing at Moruroa Atoll has united the world in its condemnation. It has put the international nuclear disarmament process at risk and cast doubt on France's ability to behave as a responsible power in the Pacific. The damage that past tests have done to the environment of Polynesia and the lives of Polynesians is reason enough to stop testing. The reason the tests are taking place is not to develop safer nuclear power technology, nor is it merely to ensure the defence of France and her colonies, but it is also to bolster French pride and international political muscle. The tests are being undertaken to examine the potential for more efficient nuclear weapons, that have a more concentrated field of destruction and contamination. The French must not be allowed to create nuclear destruction in the Pacific for no reason other than to perfect the means for nuclear destruction of other peoples and environments.
elected French President Jacques Chirac, that nuclear testing would resume at Moruroa Atoll, and the subsequent explosion on September the 5th, has the potential to completely compromise the current world climate on nuclear disarmament. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) which effectively bans all nuclear testing is due to be signed in May 1996 however, France’s decision to conduct eight more nuclear tests at Moruroa before signing the treaty has prompted the U.S., China and Great Britain to reconsider their position in nuclear weapons testing and disarmament. This could lead to the CTBT being significantly watered down or postponed indefinitely. By conducting nuclear tests now, France threatens to upset the growing momentum toward a global ban on nuclear testing.

The French decision has also ridiculed the 1970 UN nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which was designed to be a step towards nuclear disarmament. The NPT currently holds 122 signatories. According to the NPT the major nuclear powers - the U.S., the U.K., Russia, France and China - are committed to nuclear disarmament, while non-nuclear states pledge not to acquire nuclear weapons. The French decision is completely at odds with international developments towards a global policy of nuclear disarmament. The primary justification for the nuclear arms build up during the early 80’s was the cold war. America and the NATO, SEATO, CENTO and ANZUS alliances assumed the right to protect themselves from the communist bloc with nuclear weapons. The Soviets and Chinese felt perceived threat. A nuclear arms race developed between these two opposing blocs and this climate of fear and suspicion was seen as justification for the carrying out of nuclear tests, if only for nations to show that they had the capability to wage nuclear war. However, since collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989, the French decision can no longer be justified under the current international situation.

Throughout their nuclear testing history, the French have always been extremely secretive about their testing program and have suppressed strongly any resistance to testing. The most poignant example of this is the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior by French terrorists in 1985. The Rainbow Warrior was in Auckland Harbour on it’s way to Moruroa when French divers placed two bombs on her hull. The French action was nothing less than a blatant act of international terrorism designed to protect and ensure the continuation of their nuclear interests in the Pacific. The recent violent boarding of the Rainbow Warrior II on the Pacific. The recent violent boarding of the Rainbow Warrior II on the 10th anniversary of the first bombing shows that the French policy with regards to opposition to testing has not changed a bit.

The French decision to resume nuclear tests has sparked a massive resurgence of anti-nuclear activities all over the world. This has been visible in the form of street rallies and marches against nuclear testing in almost all 1st world countries including France. People are also sending their message to France through letter writing campaigns and consumer boycotts. The main reason why international reaction has been so strong is that people in Western countries are resolved to mitigate the risk of a nuclear technology leading to damage of life on this planet, through the escalating potential for nuclear conflict in war and possible risks to the health of the Pacific and the whole world through radioactive contamination of the environment.

While the bomb shafts on Moruroa are new drilled between 800 and 1200 metres into the atoll’s basalt base, evidence has been advanced which suggests that cracking and fissuring of the shafts - which leads to contamination of the surrounding land and sea - is occurring. In 1987, Jacques Cousteau found short lived radionuclides such as caesium-134 and iodine-131 in the Moruroa lagoon, indicating leakage from the test explosions. It was only after he had shown spectacular cracks in the atoll that tests were moved to nearby Fangataufa atoll. This break up of the land around the blasts is the subject of continued controversy. The British government is currently investigating inconclusive hypotheses on the relationship between nuclear testing on Moruroa and the recent volcanic eruption in New Zealand.

In the event of further testing the people of Polynesia are, according to the latest reports, planning an escalation of the riots that occurred after the first explosion. During those riots there was burning and looting in the city of Papeete in Tahiti, where 14 million dollars worth of damage was done. These riots remain the most dramatic demonstration of the international resistance to the French testing, but even this show of anger and violence failed to sway President Chirac’s assertion that the tests will continue. The people of the Polynesian Islands must be given political autonomy from France who has proven itself to be deaf to the demands of a people it claims to represent.

The French decision to resume nuclear testing is not about defence or more efficient energy production, it is about political power. The only way for France to stay a world power and to continue to exert political influence in Europe in the post cold war era is to maintain a significant nuclear arsenal. In order to do this, France is prepared to risk the environment of Moruroa and Polynesia, the health, economy and culture of all peoples living in French Polynesia and the stability of international nuclear disarmament talks. From an environmental and world peace perspective, the tests must not be allowed to continue.

This article was compiled from information provided by Greenpeace and Simon Kirby for Reaktion.

Artwork by Tobias Mawe
There are more than a few companies around the world who take part in corrupt behaviour, and more often than not, the environment is the area which is most heavily corrupted. Cutting corners to avoid the need to undertake environmentally sound procedures which reduce profits makes good business sense.

One of these companies is Mobil, who own an oil refinery in Altona, Victoria, which pours out 6400 kilograms of sulfur dioxide per day, a gas which is a major contributor to the Acid Rain and Greenhouse problem. Mobil has convicted in excess of 100 breaches of its licence since 1979. These breaches include unsuitable practices for transporting and pumping oil, and oil spills in Port Phillip Bay without proper notification (of course, there should be no oil spills in the first place). Although there are Greenpeace campaigners in Melbourne working against this, the Victorian Government is very slow to undertake measures to reduce the occurrence of these breaches. It certainly casts a dark shadow on the Mobil Millions promotions, doesn’t it?

The Australian Government is not without fault in the role of putting dollars over environmental sense. Australia has allowed waste traders to dump waste such as lead batteries in developing countries. Our record dump for lead-battery waste in the Philippines alone last year was a massive 4 million kilograms.

There are hundreds of companies which engage in environmentally unfriendly activities, and logging companies would have some of the worst offenders. It is a worthy consideration that in Australia, Boral, who own Boral bricks, gas, timber, and AZTEC tiles are one of the many woodchipping companies who are depleting Australia’s own precious, but fast dwindling forests.

However, if one is to talk of damage to the world’s ecosystem perpetrated by logging companies, at the top of the list would have to be Mitsubishi, who are notorious for their logging activities worldwide. This article considers the reasons for the current Mitsubishi boycott which aims to pressure the company to stop its activities in many environmental and social disasters which are a direct result of its logging interests.

Why target Mitsubishi for boycott? In 1990, the last year for which data is available, Mitsubishi and Meiwa Trading, one of many subsidiary companies of Mitsubishi, were Japan’s second largest importer of timber - a total of 1,253,752 cubic meters. This figure is only 8,000 cubic metres behind Nissho Iwai Corp, Japan’s largest timber importer that year, whose logging activities accounted for only 5.6% of Japanese timber imports. If one takes into account the fact that Japan alone devours 30% of the world’s tropical timber, and that Mitsubishi, with its subsidiary companies, also imports timber into other countries, then the Mitsubishi corporation could possibly be the number one tropical timber logger worldwide.

When a forest is logged, it involves more than simply cutting down trees. For every one tree logged, ten trees are lost due to the destructive methods utilized by logging companies, eg. bulldozers ploughing through it in any direction. The entire community of wildlife which used to exist no longer has a natural, balanced ecosystem. It is a direct result of logging activities in nations like Malaysia and Indonesia that the native tribes to whom the forests are home, are forced to look for other means of food and shelter - in the cities which necessitated the destruction of the natural ecosystem in the first place.

The most well-known of Mitsubishi’s logging interests is its Daiya Malaysia company which logs forest in Sarawak, Malaysia. Mitsubishi owns a mammoth 60% of the company. The forests in Sarawak are logged at a greater rate than anywhere in the world. 300,000 to 500,000 hectares of virgin forest are lost each year, leaving one of the world’s last indigenous, nomadic hunter-gatherer tribes, the Penan, from their rightful home and into the cities where they have been forced to look for other means of food and shelter - in the cities which necessitated the destruction of the natural ecosystem in the first place.

In an attempt to hide its role in the destruction of the rainforests in Malaysia, Mitsubishi distributed a comic book free to 5,500 Japanese high schools in 1991. The comic blamed the shifting native cultivators for forest destruction in Sarawak, portraying a benign image of the impact of logging. By playing on the love of comics by the Japanese, and forcing such blatant fallacies upon children at a tender age, Mitsubishi attempted to defend itself. Pretty comical behaviour for one of Japan’s leading trading companies if you ask me!

It is no wonder that the comic was recalled by Japan’s Ministry of Education in March 1992.
Worldwide, Mitsubishi has left a wake of destruction wherever it has undertaken its activities, not to mention the continued destruction of programs it still has in place.

At a glance, Mitsubishi’s activities worldwide include:

**BRAZIL:** Since 1973, Mitsubishi has had a 49.5% share in Eido Do Brazil Madeiras, South America, leading to extensive logging extending into the Amazon as far as the borders of Peru and Colombia to be used as plywood and hardwood paneling (ie. Mahogany). 55% of the timber produced is exported to countries such as the United States, Holland, England, and the Caribbean countries. Mitsubishi is also involved in paper mills producing cardboard containers and other containers, via Papelok S.S. Industria E. Comercio, a company of which Mitsubishi has 12.7% ownership.

**BOUVA:** Hawaiian Wood Industries has been a Mitsubishi Joint venture since 1975, and is perhaps the largest logging operation in Bolivia.

**CHILE:** Astiles Exportaciones involves a wholly owned subsidiary chipping primary forest for export to Japan. It also has a 70% stake in Forestes Colonias, a timber processing plant, and interests in Eucalypt plantations.

**INDONESIA:** Number one importer of plywood from Indonesia to Japan, with investments in the Batai-Pacific Group in Moluccas. Mitsubishi has participated in the decimation of Indonesian native forests and ecosystems by exploiting the nation’s desire for a developing economy.

**MALAYSIA:** 60% stake in Daya Malaysian Sdn. Bhd, which logs, transports and sells lumber in Sarawak. Duyki has a 15 year, 95,000 hectare logging concession in the Besut District. Melawa Trading is a significant timber trader in Sarawak and Sabah which is 88.8% Mitsubishi owned, and they have investments in two plywood mills.

**PHILIPPINES:** In Mindanao Mitsubishi owns 25.5% of Agusan Wood Industries which has been manufacturing plywood since 1956.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Through a front company called United Timber, Mitsubishi is destroying rainforests and has defaulted traditional landowners and the PNG government through its transfer pricing policies. For more information on the destruction of natural habitats for profit in Papua New Guinea, see the article on page 40 of this issue of Semper.

**CANADA:** With three Japanese partners Mitsubishi is building one of the world’s largest pulp and paper mills in Fort Nelson. They intend to fell half of a 70,000 sq. km. area of virgin boreal forest by 2012, polluting one of the nation’s largest river systems. Crestbrook Industries is a 100% Mitsubishi owned pulp and paper firm. Mayow Forest Products is a 45% Mitsubishi owned sawmill firm with a 45% stake in the Canadian Chipstock Manufacturing Co which produces 9 million disposable wooden chopsticks a day at Fort Nelson.

**SIBERIA:** Although stalled through political and economic uncertainty, Mitsubishi and nine other Japanese firms are poised to embark on a $1.4 billion dollar project to exploit the vast Siberian forests. This operation will endanger the last 300 Siberian tigers in the wild.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

The present Mitsubishi boycott involves the boycott of all products manufactured by Mitsubishi and its companies, including cars, home appliances, household equipment, etc. Boycotts do work, as the companies involved soon feel the pressure from their consumers. Simply don’t buy products made by Mitsubishi. If you are involved in an organisation, encourage the company to boycott these products also.

Write letters to the companies which you intend to boycott explicitly explaining why you are doing so. Also write to politicians to exert their power on the national and international political front. Some useful addresses are:

- **Mr. Minoru Mikihara**
  President
  Mitsubishi Corporation
  6-3 Marunouchi 8-chome,
  Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100,
  Japan

- **Mr E. Pope**
  Managing director
  Nestle Australia
  60 Bathurst Street
  Private Mail Bag No 7
  Rydalmere NSW 2116

- **Mr. J. A. Robertson**
  Managing Director
  Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd
  Gregory Place
  PO Box 148
  Parramatta NSW 2150

Join one of the many action groups which are working to try and remedy the problem, for example:

- **Rainforest Information Centre**
  PO Box 398
  Lismore NSW 2480
  Ph: 066-218-505
  Fax: 066-222-339

- **Baby Food Action Group**
  Community Aid Abroad
  156 George St
  Fitzroy, VIC 3065.

Spread the word. The more people who know, the more we can achieve!

written by Maleha Newaz
Steve's a nice guy. A bear of a man, really, mid-thirties, with huge shoulders and hands, stands a clear foot above me.

Dark, curly hair, and lots of it. It grows on his back and front. His legs and arms. His beard-shape ox. From where I sit at the table next to him, I can see the hair on the back of his collar, where it has been stopped by the slash of the razor-blade.

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There is something unpredictable about Steve. He attracts trouble. Like a few months ago, he tried to break down the door of the police station. I was talking to him then. We're all in the same room, me and my friend, Gary. They're beating the hell out of him. I open the window and throw a rock through the glass. I see it all. I try to help. It's too late.

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"Songs for Orpheus"

by Marcus Salisbury (winner of the 1996 UQU poetry competition)

Remember

by Gina Bell (winner 2nd place UQU poetry competition)

Remember,

Beneath this wolfish moon,
The trees convulsed,
Tortured by the dark's wind.
That wind whose Shadow Spell
Feasted on our hair.
Banished all that pained our hearts
And breathed in our frosted sweats.

We ran, remember?
Behind us, the Darkness filled our footsteps,
Chilling the broken twigs and scattered mud.

Like a yellow, unblinking eye,
The more we discovered, the more.
Did it tell where you went?
Darkness reached out a lethargic hand,
It stalked you.
I send...
Remember, Beneath the wolfish moon.

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nudis stemmy hands with
Beatrice nee Mallum.

Lankly, snugly comfortable
in repose, I laid my head.
Safe in their apartments
Fifteen hours away
They are conclusively
Removed from their
Unthinking legacies.
Somehow, they
Until they hear
Until they reply
In near
Monstrous harmony:
"Least we remember
Our infandoned words.
Now our existence are dry,
Stuffed and segregated
Into things grey and grey
And comfortable, without memory."

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And I suddenly found myself
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The Sea Shepherd organisation is the only organisation that enforces the International Whaling Commission (IWC) regulations that prohibit whaling worldwide. It has been doing so for the last 20 years. Whaling, you see, not only continues, but is endorsed by such countries as Japan, Norway, South Africa, Iceland, Cuba, China and even the USA (but only for scientific purposes).

The Sea Shepherds in 1979 reviewed the pirate whaler Seren and sank it in Lisbon Harbour. This was followed by the confiscation and scrapping of the pirate whaler Susan and Theresa. In 1980 the Sea Shepherds posted a reward for the sinking of the pirate whaler Arist, the owners then sold the vessel. Later that year, they sank half the Spanish whaling fleet in the area. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police then radioed the Cleveland Amory ordering Captain Watson to leave the area. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police then radioed the Cleveland Amory ordering Captain Watson to leave the area. Captain Watson was charged with three counts of criminal mischief, a Spanish trawler and ordered it to leave the area. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police then radioed the Cleveland Amory ordering Captain Watson to leave the area. Captain Watson was charged with three counts of criminal mischief, two counts of endangering the property and the crew of the Cuban trawler, each carrying a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, and one count of endangering the life of his crew which carries only a ten year maximum imprisonment. The excessive nature of these charges, especially considering that Captain Watson was attempting to enforce international law, indicate a larger conspiracy.

The Sea Shepherds are the only organisation to enforce IWC regulations, and they are the only organisation to be banned from officially attending the IWC annual meeting. This ban has been in effect since 1987. The translation of this motion is obvious; the Sea Shepherd organisation is the leading threat to whaling interests, whaling interests that the IWC explicitly and/or through inaction and bureaucratic fumbling, is responsible for the legacy of persecution against Paul Watson (Captain of the Sea Shepherd Cleveland Amory). For the role he has played in enforcing the regulations of the IWC, Paul Watson, and the Sea Shepherds welcome litigation as it provides a forum to publicise the reality of internationally recognised illegal whaling. This position has gained the Sea Shepherd organisation an impressive array of enemies.

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The Sea Shepherds were the first organisation to paint seal pups to protect them by making their pelts worthless. Putting a price on a life is one thing, but to paint a seal pup is quite another. The motivation was simple. The Sea Shepherds were the only organisation to enforce IWC regulations, and they are the only organisation not to have a vested interest in the survival of the species.

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My purpose here is not to set up a case for or against the use of drugs. Drugs exist and are relatively easily accessible, you can't talk people that they are good or bad, whether to consume them or not (as such debates are filled with hypocrisy to which I do not wish to add). However, due the illegality of the substances to which I am referring, any information which is more than anti-drugs propaganda is difficult to find. It is for this reason that I am writing this article, telling my stories, situations which I've sure some of you are familiar with.

I don't remember ever actively seeking drugs out. It was like they came to me or rather I just stumbled upon them. While I've had some amazing times with the assistance of drugs of various types, I can also attribute some of the most distressing events of my life over the last few years to the impact of drugs on my environment. I guess the first event which interrupted my relatively drug free Drug lived the lifestyle was seeing one of my oldest friends look at me with ultimate terror and distaste - "they" were out to get her and I was not apart from "them". I had known this person since primary school and had been living with them for the previous twelve months - the next day she was forcibly institutionalised under psychiatric care and diagnosed with drug induced psychosis. While a number of factors led to this situation and drug consumption cannot be held solely responsible, it is worth mentioning that drug use can spark negative as well as positive reactions which may not occur otherwise.

The bad

The illegality of certain drugs is sometimes easy to forget when they become a colo-ourful part of your lifestyle. You can forget the benefits of 'truth and justice' are all too eager to remind you of their prohibited status. "You lack of control may lead to a criminal conviction - something very few people want. However after having the police enter your home on completely false pretenses they will be to get inside you come to question the validity of their power.

Spacing time with my friends in our shared drug culture, I began to get used to people passing out and living law, phone calls to go and get people from the hospital and God come to convince myself that when my friends went down over a little overdose, they'd never die. It seemed to happen quite a lot, but no one ever pointed to the point of no return. Kind of like on the A Team when they machine gunned everything but you never saw anyone get killed. Last summer snapped me out of this demented head space when a number of people I knew died drug-related deaths. This type of realisation seemed to be getting closer and closer to home, and returnedbillions after a summer travelling overseas expecting various friends might not be there - such is the nature of a Heroin Addict. My friends are still here and my pessimism is less overwhelming but I remain conscious that those deaths may become a reality at any time without warning.

So it's all fun and games until someone loses their mind, or their life. While I have no regrets about my use of drugs it must be pointed out that people do die, go mad and go to jail. No one expects to die or do any of those things when they drop their first trip or have their first line, but experience has shown that those things can and do happen. While the game can be blissful, the rules of the game can change very quickly into something very ugly and frightening.

the good

Free Marijuana Day

On October 21 last year, thousands of pro-hemp demonstrators, many openly flouting the laws by smoking publicly, rallied throughout Australia in the greatest challenge to the cannabis laws in a generation.

To commemorate this event, HEMP has designated October 21 as Free Marijuana Day. On October 21 and the week surrounding it, hemp activities will be giving out free marijuana at hundreds of locations all throughout Australia.

Says HEMP spokesperson, John Jiggens. "Free Marijuana Day will be the next national day of action for all HEMP and NORML groups in the country. On October 21 last year HEMP held Smoke-ins involving thousands of people outside Parliament in Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart and Perth. In Adelaide, we had a Smoke-in outside Angel St police headquarters. We aim to continue that spirit of civil disobedience this year. As HEMP's legendary leader, the Pan Ham, said: "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes fun!" Like October 21 last year, we intend to have a lot of fun!"

In Brisbane, Free Marijuana Day will occur at the old Botanic Gardens in the city at 1pm on Saturday October 21.

The theme for Free Marijuana Day will be Planting the Seeds of Change. As usual there will be civil disobedience, marches and smoke-ins to emphasise the point that Prohibition Doesn't Work, but there will be a for greater emphasis placed on publicising many of the advantages that will flow from the legalisation of cannabis - the environmental benefits of replacing woodchippping and cotton farming with the environmentally sounder practices of hemp growing.

Says HEMP spokesperson, John Jiggens: "Obviously one of the great advantages of legalising cannabis will be in the area of drug policy. The current cannabis laws are counter-productive and have resulted in the creation of 250,000 cannabis 'criminals'. The laws turn generation against generation, and police against citizens. And the stupid thing is that they obviously don't work. The aim of prohibition is supposed to stop cannabis use, yet over two million Australians are regular marijuana users. In the 18-25 age group, something like 50% are regular cannabis users. What we will be putting forward as an alternative is sensible, rational drug policy based on the principals of harm minimisation, drug education and the encouragement of sensible drug use."

But the advantages of freeing marijuana go far beyond the beginning of a rational policy on drugs. Freeing marijuana will be a great boon for the users of medical marijuana whose medicine is at the moment is forbidden. It will also prove the greatest environmental boon ever."

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John Jiggens for HEMP
The sill and tailing filled Ok Tedl River, 50 kilometres downstream from the mine. The concentration of gold and copper in the mine is low by international standards and the project has been considered economically unsustainable at various times since exploration drilling was first conducted in 1968. The Ok Tedl Mining Limited (OTML) consortium was set up in 1981 to develop the project.

In 1984, a 0.2 million tonne landslide destroyed the mine tailings dam - a mitigation measure designed to ensure the mine residual, which contains, sediment, copper, cyanide and other heavy metals, does not directly enter the river system. Since then BHP has claimed that the cost of replacing the tailings dam would render the mine uneconomical and have dumped 30,000 tonnes of waste tailings daily into the Ok Tedl River. In that same year a large carrying capacity to the mine is alleged to have entered the Fly River, losing $700,000 in 100 cubic metres of cyanide, the single largest loss of the world's most dangerous poison. Only 17 drums were salvaged.

The pollution from suspended solids and heavy metals has been 10,000 times greater than American Environmental Protection Agency standards and has threatened subsistence staples such as fish, upland birds, turtles and crocodiles. ginger and sago palm growing along the riverbanks and backwaters. The tailings have directly affected 200 km of the river; the first 70 km has been described as almost biologically dead.

Competition for compensation for the 16,500 hectares of land covered by the mine site is paid only to the Wopkaimin people and amounts to 1 kina per person per day. Landholders affected downstream from the mine have received no compensation. In response to this situation, 200 items in the Ok Tedl region, representing 30,000 landholders, initiated a $1.2 billion class action against BHP in the Supreme Court of Victoria. The lawsuit was Initiated in Australia (OTML) spends $5 million per year on monitoring what they describe as the lead studied tropical river system in the world. These claims are absurd considering the monitoring site is 100 km downstream from the mine. In Australia, monitoring sites are required within 1 mile of the pollution discharge point. An independent project to audit OTML's findings has recently been financed by AusAID.

The mine has also had a dramatic impact on the lives of the people who live along the Ok Tedl and Fly Rivers. As well as the health problems associated with polluted drinking water and the loss of sources of protein, the mine has brought social unrest from large, externally sourced workforce. In large part, the traditional practice of reciprocity which ensured prosperity for landholders to proceed with the lawsuit against BHP. However, justice appears to have been served, as the PNG government claims that a foreign firm of lawyers should not be able to enfranchise themselves. The PNG government has found BHP guilty of contempt of court for attempting to influence the outcomes of the proceedings through its role in drafting the legislation.

Despite this, judging from recent media reports, the law firm representing the landholders, Slater and Gordon, appear to be the ones on trial for taking up a hornets nest. Gareth Evans supported the BHP's legal proposal claiming that a foreign firm of lawyers should not be able to enfranchise themselves. The PNG government has found BHP guilty of contempt of court for attempting to influence the outcomes of the proceedings through its role in drafting the legislation.

In response to this action the PNG government and BHP offered to the people of the area have suffered, if the lawsuit is successful a precedent will be set and this is what seems a familiar argument, the PNG government claims that the benefits to the country outweigh the environmental and social costs the mine is incurring. This is trickle-down bullshit as very little of the economic benefits will ever reach the community level due to widespread corruption and a burdening World Bank debt.

Financial strife

Mining is the largest source of income to Papua New Guinea and following the forced closure of the CRA controlled Panguna copper mine on the island of Bougainville due to widespread local opposition to the environmental and social impacts of the mine, the PNG government has sought to ensure that the Ok Tedl mine continues to supply much-needed revenue. In what may seem a familiar argument, the PNG government claims that the benefits to the country outweigh the environmental and social costs the mine is incurring. This is trickle-down bullshit as very little of the economic benefits will ever reach the community level due to widespread corruption and a burdening World Bank debt. As a result of this debt, the 'rep man' brother of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, has stipulated a number of reforms that must be undertaken in order for the money not to be completely shrouded. The Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) for PNG is not dissimilar to those experienced by other countries unfortunate enough to be caught in the debt trap. The SAP stipulates cuts in public expenditure, such as education and health; coupled with an increase in exports. In PNG's case, further exploitation of natural resources, particularly mining and logging. In this respect, the future of the PNG economy is perceived by the PNG government to largely depend on the continuing operation of the Ok Tedl mine as it contributes 20% to the PNG foreign exchange reserves. In an attempt to reverse opposition to other mining projects, the royalties paid to landholders will increase to 2% (however the additional 0.75% will now become tax).
The rationale appears to be that landholders will be less likely to rock the boat if they have a significant interest in a mine. The mining tax rate has also been reduced from 35% to 25% which will effectively make many previously marginal mining projects, economically viable.

BHP has been pressuring the Department of Foreign Affairs, AusAID and Mineral-Billity to prevent a community awareness project from receiving funding. The aim of the project is to raise the understanding of villagers about the impacts of mining so that they have access to full information when making a decision about whether to allow or not allow mining companies access to their land. The idea is to fill in the side of the picture that the mining companies choose to leave out when they approach landholders in PNG. The project rankest highly for funding by AusAID's own appraisal panel yet seems destined to be shelved due to the influence of BHP.

Protest

Fortunately the landholders are not alone in their fight against BHP. In partnership with the Melanesian Environment Foundation (MEF), the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has been campaigning for codes of conduct to be introduced for Australian mining companies operating overseas. This would bring required environmental safeguards into line with those for mining companies operating in Australia. It is hoped that these codes of conduct would be voluntarily agreed upon by the mining companies, however, it is partially obvious that they must be mandatory in order that they be implemented.

Australian miners are also contesting the rights of PNG landholders. The Mining and Energy Division of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) representing over 5,000 employees of BHP has called upon the company to lift its game with regard to the Ok Tedi project.

Unfortunately, the conduct of BHP at the Ok Tedi mine is not an isolated incident. Similar problems have been encountered at the Porgera, Lihi, Misima and Panguna mines in PNG. The American owned Freeport mine in West Papua (area now is less heard about and has been the source of some of the worst environmental and human rights abuses perpetrated by the Indonesian armed forces, the ABRI. In 1977, in response to a sabotage attempt in protest against the mine, Indonesian fighter planes bombed and strafed villages, reportedly killing 3,000 people. There are numerous reports of villagers being taken away by the ABRI, never to be seen again.

Ok Tedi River Mine

Highlands Gold, a subsidiary of Mount Isa Mines (MIM) is currently conducting exploration drilling of the substantial Nena copper-gold resource at the head waters of the Freida River, a tributary of the Sepik River. The Sepik River, the largest river system on the island of New Guinea, supports an abundant biodiversity and is home to 100,000 indigenous people. The mine is intended to be fully operational by 1997.

The landholders of the area are aware of the potential effects of a large scale mining operation on their land but at the same time are in need of the benefits that the mine royalties would bring. There are concentrations of arsenic in the copper ore and, according to the 1994 Highlands Gold Annual Report, the gold will be separated from the ore by cyanide leach-carbon in pulp treatment. The impact of this cocktail of hazardous chemicals on the river system will be devastating if preventative measures are not employed.

It has been reported by Individual and Community Rights Advocacy Forum (ICRAF), a community based non-government organisation in PNG that Ok Tedi and Panguna villagers have been warned not to drink from the Freida River as it isn't safe anymore. Substantial land destruction is being undertaken and landholders are being compensated a mere 0.02 lats per tree. There are also reports that gold sludge is being ferried from the exploration area to the nearby town of Tav Petra, through to Jayapura, West Timor and then to Cairns. There are concerns that this irregular transport route is evidence of illegality. Unfortunately, from this evidence, it appears that MIM will have a similar level of concern for local landholders to the one BHP have demonstrated.

As the mine is not yet operational and given the substantial coverage the issue of Australian mining companies operating overseas has received, it is hoped that regulators made in the past will not be repeated and that mining companies will take a more proactive role and seek to minimise adverse social and environmental impacts.

written by Andy Morison
Consume less = like more

Obvioulsy consumerism plays an integral part in the survival, growth and success of businesses and governments in a capitalist economy. The consumption of goods and services on a mass scale serves to maintain and increase the power of business and governments. If the power of government is seen as pluralistic, i.e. seen to inextricably rely upon the obedience and cooperation of its people, then the power of business and the perpetuation of the consumerism ethic can also be seen to ultimately fail with our decisions as consumers.

If you’re part of the problem, you’re part of the solution

D.I.Y Do it Yourself...not buy, buy, buy. The D.I.Y ethic places responsibility onto individuals to take control of their lives directly by doing things themselves rather than relying on products and the corporations that sell them. The DIY idea surfaces in different ways - growing your food in a backyard veggie garden, cooking your own meals rather than eating fast food, producing your own art, music, ways of communication (this is where public radio like 4ZZZ, fanzines, independent music, and magazines like Semper come in). Doing it yourself means you can use your imagination, skills, learn and share with others and have fun.

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TESTED ON ANIMALS

The use of animals in scientific laboratories to test products, most cosmetics and skin/hair products is cruel and inhumane. One of the worst offenders is Gillette who test their products by dripping concentrated chemicals into animals’ eyes and pumping deodorants into their stomachs. Gillette is a large and multinational also owning: Silkience, Sensor, Liquid Paper, Parker Pens, Oral-B, Dry Idea and Natrel Plus deodorants. Some companies that do not use animals for product tests are:

- Blackmores
- Red Earth
- Nuvi-metics
- The Body Shop
- Thursday Plantation
- Cosmedos
- Ellebana
- Herb & Soul

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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Environmentally Friendly is a frequently used claim, but its meaning varies from product to product. Some points to consider in judging how environmentally friendly a product actually is:

- bio-degradable: will the product break down naturally.
- type and amount of packaging used (plastic, PVC and most plastics are non-recyclable and non-biodegradable).
- disposability: how long the product is useful (keep for the function it was bought for. For example, disposable nappies use five times more energy to manufacture than cloth nappies, and have a useful lifespan of about two hours. Over 450 million disposable nappies will be thrown away in Australia this year.
- in the product made from recycled materials.
- energy efficiency: most electrical goods like fridges and washing machines now have an energy efficiency rating on them. Big things (like solar powered hot water) and little things (using a water-saving shower hose and tap head) can make your goods and services more energy efficient and less wasteful.

TESTED ON SLAVES, PRISONERS, CHILD LABOUR

The Anti-Slavery Society believes that there are over 200 million people in the world today who are living and working in conditions that can be described as slavery. This is many more than when most countries abolished slavery in the nineteenth century. Countries where slave and child labour takes place include India, Brazil, Mexico, Philippines, Mexico, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey. It is also believed that political prisoners in China work in labour camps. If you buy a product made in one these countries, you cannot be sure who it was made by. Even if it was not produced using slave or child labour, there is a good chance that the conditions and wages of the workers were not substantial.

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For access to an organic fruit and vegetable service contact:

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Good Food Co-op, Arthur Too, Red Hill on 3269 0998.
Nude Foods, Bangallah St, Auchenflower on 3870 4733.

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Multinational corporations are distinguished from other business corporations by their structure, wealth, size, international presence, corporate culture and company philosophy. The central difference is that their outlook is global. They envisage consumption in global terms, seeing the key to the global market as "the territories for peoples all over the world to adopt the same tastes and some consumption habits." Presumably, these tastes and consumption habits are modelled on the high-consumption patterns of Western consumer society, so that multinational corporations can be seen as the leading proponents of consumenism on a global scale.

The often unscrupulous methods and chances taken by multinationals in search of more profits have been highlighted by social movements, consumer groups and the media. Multinationals have been accused of not considering environmental damage like Mitsubishi and McDonald's, massive health problems and infant death such as Nestle's baby food formula in Africa and political corruption and direct involvement in political oppression, such as by Coca-Cola in Mexico in the mid-1980s.

Finally, the term multinational may imply an internationalisation of management and a distribution of profits worldwide. This is not the case. Money flows back to the country where the multinational is based, usually USA, Germany, Japan or the UK and does not benefit developing countries in economically or socially constructive ways.

It seems doubtful that consumenism and the values built it could and would promote the cooperation and understanding necessary to work towards an ecologically sustainable, just and peaceful world. While we in the West have the luxury of high standard of living, we have the power to choose what we consume and to consume ethically - to reject those products whose manufacture means the continued suffering of people, animals and the environment.

References

I Shop Therefore I Am

There are a huge variety of companies around the world who take part in corrupt behaviour, and more often than not, the environment is the area which is most heavily corrupted. These environmentally unfriendly companies are driven by maximising profit, and if they were to undertake environmentally sound procedures, their profits would be reduced.

The Australian Government would have to be one of the contenders for "Worst WasteDumper of the World" award after it allowed waste traders to dump waste such as lead batteries in developing countries. Our record dump for lead battery waste in the Philippines alone last year was a massive 4 million kilograms.

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SENSE THE MAGIC OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT
Dear Semper Editors,

I think that having an issue of Semper devoted to women's issues is a bad idea. This is a reaction to the quiz on page 16 of the last issue of Semper “redefining masculinity.”

For men to ask of the women’s movement “What’s in it for me?” is not an imbalance but a fundamental issue. If it is not resolved, the answer by default is “little or nothing” and another soul is subsequently lost.

Sandy Is being sensible (rather than wasting it on her) with all the opinions she expresses, but at least she has the ability to have a women’s edition of Semper where women can have their say. In the case of men, the roles that they play are maintained in society.

To the greater part of It which denigrates men and marginalises. The quiz (and the women’s edition in the counter quiz that women’s Issues are still not taken seriously) is sometimes necessary to put some things in an inverse perspective. Because of this a simple substitution of one gender for another was a method of drawing attention to these issues by changing the ways on which our well being is denied by the system.

Dear Eds,

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ARE YOU READY?

LET'S GO.

THE MESSENGER WILL SIGNAL YOU. THEN YOU STAND UP.

NOW PATA FROM PATA

GO TO THE ROOM.
WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU
We didn't know about the men-in-black... they didn't want to be here...
YOU DO YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRUST ME?
SHUT UP!
THERE ARE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME...
We know about the incident... & the accusations...
We thought so... Alice, we have a place for you to go & a job for you to do.
You don't leave till tomorrow night. Eat.
IT'S DANGEROUS FOR ME TO BE HERE... THEY'LL LOOK FOR ME!
IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT? ABOUT WHAT YOU DID?
Yes.
CAN I FIX ANYTHING?
I'M SORRY.
I'M SO SORRY.
NO-ONE GETS THROUGH THE DANCE IF THEY AIN'T ONE OF US.
Before I launch my somewhat scathing attack on the continuing control of Microsoft on the PC market, I suppose it necessary to establish how this domination has been achieved.

In 1981 Microsoft received the rights to write DOS for IBM. Since then virtually every IBM (or clone) personal computer has been sold with the Microsoft DOS as part of the package. With this new, exploiting revenue in the pocket, Bill Gates decided to branch out. Enter Windows. Though nobly intended, Windows failed to achieve the same degree of success as DOS.
Vegetation had blocked my front door during the night. I went out the back door. By that afternoon... I had no back door. I was out, fenced in by my desire. For freedom.

No single member of the public gave two boots. They had a God at no cost, but none in my size. I looked at shoes I neither wanted nor could afford. I toyed with the masochistic thrill of a franchise haircut.

No water passed under my bridge. The tide went out.

I planted carrots.
The recent nuclear testing in the South Pacific has brought a wave of environmental sentiments out of many Australians. As can be seen by the Greenpeace vessels sailing as close as possible to the bomb-site and the thousands signing petitions and marching here in Australia, many people are obviously strongly opposed to such testing. Why do people feel so strongly about something that may have no direct effect (so scientists say) on us humans? It is because we have a responsibility to look after Mother Earth, not only for ourselves and our families to come, but for the other living organisms on the earth.

Although human beings have a clear intellectual advantage over the rest of the natural world, we are still a part of nature, and therefore we have assumed the care-taking role of the earth. This responsibility involves not upsetting the delicate平衡s between and within the systems and organisms that are a vital part of life as we know it in any way that we can. It includes doing all that we can to ensure that nature as we know it will be able to support life for generations that come after us. However, this responsibility has been abused by us far more often than it should have.

People throughout the ages have left a link with the environment that goes far beyond their responsibility to look after it. The first time they enjoyed the natural environment at its best, the body can relax and our muscles unwind as the mind is freed to wander. This reversion of body and soul always serves to remind us of that special link that we have with nature. Because of the peace and tranquillity that being in nature brings to us. However, once this mind has a chance to wander, the triviality starts to question and focus. We may ask why we ever bothered putting up with the senselessness knapness of modern life when nature can do so much more for us. It may ask why nature seems to be able to handle more than us in other ways of living.

When looking at the natural world and comparing it to our "concrete jungles," living with technology, we wonder if it was ever meant to be any other way. This question of meaning leads to more soul-searching analyses than just making some passing comment on our apparently meaningless society. At this stage people take one of two directions: they either see in nature the reasons for the beauty of their surroundings and give nature the spiritual attention; or they see nature merely as the creation of something on someone who is more powerful than nature itself. The first option is a very popular one today, and many people consider themselves as part of nature and part of God. This leads to admiration of the natural environment for its beauty and also the worship of man as God. However, they are the same, however, we would struggle to worship nature and the mystery that surrounds it, and this option would leave unanswered the question of where it all came from.

The other option considers the natural environment as being part of nature, but it does not associate nature and God in the same level. This does not suggest that we can not be seen or worshipped through the environment, for his creation reflects his nature and his power. Therefore the beauty of the world around us is more strongly associated with nature than merely being part of more nature. It is acknowledging our part of creation by thanking the creator in our worship.

Any environment that we find ourselves in is sure to have some sort of affect on us, whether it is the stress brought about by the busy city or university life, or the peaceful relaxation that may be found in the countryside. At the same time we can enjoy the environment we are in for its good and its bad points. But we should see past the mere appreciation of nature, and look for the meaning it all, a throw more to my life than living and dying, more to our surroundings than the extremes found between the tecno-environment and the natural environment? In Christianity, God as the creator gave the earth to humans to subdue it and to oversee it. Then out of his love and mercy he gave us the choice of whether to believe in him and worship him in our creation, or just worship the creation. That choice can be made by any of us, and the answers are there to be found. So next time you are enjoying the environment, look around you... and take the time to question.

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When the July edition of Rabelais, the newspaper of the La Trobe University Student Union went to print containing the article "The Art of Shoplifting", the implications of the Victorian Liberal Government's policy of Voluntary Student Unionism came clear. Under Kennett's law, imposed last year, no student organisation in Victoria can use compulsorily acquired student union fees for the production of a student publication. In the face of these restrictions, the federal government stepped in and declared that it would fund student organisations to an amount equal to that which would formerly have been raised from compulsory student union fees. The use of compulsory student union fees to fund a student publication is now forbidden under state law. A similar arrangement was also reached in Western Australia.

The article entitled "The Art of Shoplifting" was not substantially different to the article that appeared published about shoplifting in the May edition this year. In Melbourne, however, there was an uncoordinated response to the article. The Retail Traders Association called for the edition to be 'pulped'. The police made statements condemning the edition. The media-spasm was carried by newspapers, talk-back radio, current affairs programs including A Current Affair, and all the channels of television news. The Federal Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Simon Crean, appeared on the John Laws radio program and announced that the edition of Rabelais would not be funded by DEET money.

Since that time, Crean has indicated that he will not fund any student newspaper that publishes the article. In the face of this clampdown, several student newspapers under O'Farrell's jurisdiction have courageously resolved to do so. The repressing of the art is an act of solidarity by student organisations committed to the ideal of freshminded and freedom of the press to cover issues which it believes to be relevant to its readers. Crean claims that the restrictions do not constitute censorship, because the laws under which the federal government passes on money to student organisations specify that these funds must be used for 'lawful' purposes. The article, Crean alleges, contravenes the Victorian Classification of Film and Publications Act of 1990, in supposedly providing material related to crime. The Department, at the direction of Crean, has decided to pre-empt the courts in deciding what is legal by adjudicating themselves on the content of Rabelais. The upshot may be that some student papers and organisations become afraid to cross the boundaries of what the federal ALP, or the media, or other established interests, might consider unacceptable - lest their actions result in cuts to their funding and cripple their ability to function on behalf of students.

Regardless of the content of the article, the issues of significance that have been brought to light over this affair concern state control over the activities of the student population via its control of student union funding and making it subject to government censorship. Student newspapers remain one of the few printed mediums for alternative information, outside the Murdoch / Packer media monopolies. Solidarity and action in defence of the independence of student newspapers and organisations committed to preventing these attacks - our future freedom.

Compiled from information provided by Ben Ross.
SONGS FROM THE COLD SEAS -
directed by MARK ZAGOU
Haunting? Ethereal? It’s more than that - it’s like being taken to the biggest, whitest, most amazing ice-cape you can imagine. With the voices of Bjork, Suzanne Vega, Siouxsie and a Primal Scream (and perhaps this is a truly special listening experience. Shamanistic chants drive away demons that swarm in silence and whispers, harmonics of batwhistles and phantasms floating through the imagery the soundscapes. Western ears pick up with the new tones of another music, as the album features traditional Island rhythms. Fusing the ancient and sacred with modern harmonic ephiphanies allows the album to be at once familiar and new. This sound of the album, to my mind, fuses a profound respect for the beauty of a land I may never even see.

BRAD SHAME
Having heard of bands (or albums), called either Ejector Seat or Shama, I was most curious to know what the CD was all about and what I would find inside. Once I was able to get inside, I was surprised, as Stone Gossard (guitarist from Pearl Jam and Tepig-Hage (singer) from MATCHED performing under the nom de plume, Stone. Gossard), is not at all unpleasant. They pick up the pace with their album, which balances its acoustic and more forceful, more intense, more direct. The album is structured for, I am sure, the album was structured for. The album is a skill I can appreciate only in limited doses, which is antithetical to the ethos of repetitive beats music. What can I say but doof, doof, doof, bleep, zing...

EJECTOR SEAT RESERVATION
-SWERVE DRIVER
You say Swervedriver, I say feedback and fuzz. The straightforward, guitar-driven swell of this album, which can become treacherous in places, has been effectively cushioned in the more mellow basslines and reverberating vocals of the performers. It's not revol­utionary, it's not even surprising but it is good. The drums hammer out the characteristic Swervedriver rhythm which made me fall in love with their earlier single "Son of Mustang Ford." The album ends up feeling in and out of some pretty fresh electronic effects with the overall effect of being a solid, pulse-quickening grind.

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This year's Livid Festival features Rolls Band, Crush Sea, Bases In Toyland, Morphine, You Am I, Alex Chilton, Paw, Magic Dirt, Mark of Cain, Even, Frenzal Rhomb, Grant McLennan, Lizard Brain, Boydtay, Loved, Nunchukka, Superfly, Screamerhead, Fireballs, Glide, Spiderbot, Front End Loaders, Custard, Webina, Elevation, Southside, Supergroove, Beehive... and much more.

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Insurge have their own "web site" on the Internet. They've just put out a new EP called "Political Prisoners". You can download the sound onto your computer and hear their songs over the net. They've ignored the copyright laws imposed on their work by Warner Bros to demonstrate that now you can transfer this information for free. You don't have to pay the record company, manufacturer and the distributor - the artist makes the art and makes it available to you. Their CD comes out in January.

Imagine if the top ten American multinationals decided to turn against the nation - the US would be f*cked economically. They have the power to exploit others to maintain their affluent lifestyle, so they do. The World Bank could've been good, but it's been hijacked by the well monetised to maximise their resources exploitation.

I see no criminals, I see only political prisoners.

Chris - Don't worry, Ward. It's fun. I resist the lure of enjoying a vacuous consumer-based lifestyle. We make music to encourage a thinking population who are prepared to make a song and dance about the status quo.

Semper - Is singing and dancing going to do anything?

Chris - It will when each individual realises they have the power to get off their arse and fight for change. Music for me is the best way to achieve this. It's more powerful to do it with music than any other way - politics these days is largely about air time, publicity and who seems the most professional. Music is the same. Who do you trust?

Semper - I'm told that Plato thought the easiest way to undermine a culture was through it's music. Do you feel your subversive message will help the world or just create a society of disillusioned youth?

Chris - You can stick your head up your arse, think "My world's OK," and just ignore the starving millions. I'd rather try to educate people to change and help redistribute wealth. I mightn't have all the answers but you don't have to be perfect to advocate change. For a start we should be pushing for better alternative energy sources. Once we break our reliance on non-renewable energy resources we ignore the oil dollar and the whole international monetary framework collapses. It's going to happen pretty soon anyway.

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I don't think people are realising that the global economic situation discourages at the moment. Poor countries are forced to sell cheap labour or strip back their natural resources in order not to flounder hopelessly in the international monetary game. Profit-seeking companies are quick to exploit this vulnerable position, with really negative consequences in these countries. International legislation must control the investment of these companies for the "poorer" nations to ever have any chance of providing a good standard of living. I mean, these power structures are very real and they are in affecting a lot of lives. Just the way economic  situation affects a lot of lives. Just

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The Bathroom the Kitchen and the Aesthetics of Waste
A Process of Elimination

MIT JET VISUAL ARTS CENTRE Exhibition May 9-June 28 1992
Studley Press, Dalton, MA
Distributed by Princeton Architectural Press

This publication is intended to accompany an exhibition/installation investigating mid-twentieth century American design. The curators Ellen Lupton and J. Abbott Miller link the ideology and aesthetics of streamlining design as an anthropomorphical metaphor for the actions and implications of a consumer economy. This entailed examining the plays between technology, form and function and the personality and culturally informed relationship with waste in the domestic sphere of bathroom and kitchen.

The size and design of the bathroom, for example, has been determined by the size and proportion of the bathtub which obviously relates to human proportion. The bathroom is quite distinct as an example of twentieth century design with no historical precedents and styles and in the modernist climate developed as simply form following function. The accompanying trend to "civilise the body" conforming cleanliness with hygiene further developed this aesthetic into one where the criteria was no longer bodily comfort but rather hygiene. Ceramic tile and streamlined and more potential movement and form generating materials such as wood and wallpaper, illustrating a process of elimination beside the decline of fixtures until around 1930 when the decorated yet hygienic bathroom appeared.

This is streamlining, a montage of the man-made and the natural resulting in industrial objects whose complex curviture suggests organic rather than mechanical ideals and which are designed with a life span: "products that are aggressively 'clean' yet designed to be thrown away - streamlining embeds an aesthetics of waste, a material style for expressing the logic of consumption".

An intelligent and fascinating book dispelling the illusion that design products are simply a manifestation of cultural custom; postulating instead a mutual relationship where the object/product informs and defines its surroundings. The authors encourage us to critically view our consumer-waste culture where the disposal of goods is an economic imperative and suggest a shift towards a new aesthetics of waste: "the future ... an ethos which values recycling and reuse over the obliterating of discarded merchandise..."

excellent. many, many stars... wish I'd seen the exhibition... mmm

Jan Sevinck

Books

Closed Doors/ an erotic adventure
Aline Reyes

OK, so I'm not supposed to judge a book by its cover, but when I picked up this particular volume and saw the illustration for the woman's/man's story was a man's/woman's body somewhere a warning bell went off in my mind. This is a recording of the facts, not a dramatised cash in. It is the story of a fourteen year old girl who was sexually abused for over 2 years, culminating in a pregnancy to her abuser, a family friend. Behind the doors lay the delights of heterosex, with the occasional threesome and some voyeurism thrown in for spice. I appreciated perspectives gained from this book such as the difficulty in appreciating the difference of pre-adult (as opposed to adult) had the potential to subvert gender and narrative norms, this volume tends toward the stereotypically conventional. It was unable to sustain my interest.

Nicole Hils

Aboriginal Environmental Impacts
James Koben

Aboriginal environmental impacts is a thorough and scholarly examination of the effects of Aboriginal habitation upon the flora and fauna of Australia. It reaches the conclusion that the resources consumed was fully utilised and in many cases sustainably maintained within the hurling-gathering cultures of pre-1788 indigenous communities. In some areas, through techniques such as the controlled use of fire, environmental patterns which diminished the scale and intensity of storms... I found the creation of regular burning in the land zones of Australia lead to uncontrollable bushfires.

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This is a valuable book for those interested in human ecology generally and Australia environments and pre-invasion Aboriginal/White specifically.

Nicole Hils

Unlaw Carnal Knowledge: the true story of the Irish "X" case
Wendy Holden

If you are looking for a bare jerking story of a little girl and the terrible things that happened to her, you won't find it in this book. This is a recording of the horror, not a chronology of facts. It is the story of a fourteen year old girl who was sexually abused over 2 years, culminating in a pregnancy to her abuser, a family friend.

Wendy Holden wrote this book with the intention of drawing a clear picture of the events that unfolded for "X" so that other girls could look back on it when she is old and brave enough to understand what was going on. This girl, who still remains unknown, had her life and family destroyed both by her abuser and the politics of Ireland. Even though in 1991, the European Community passed a law guaranteeing Women the right to travel, she was prevented, then eventually allowed to travel to England for an abortion because Ireland does not give Women this right. No matter which side of the fence you stand when it comes to abortion, this book will educate, infuriate and inspire you.

Sylvia Kennedy

 unseen
The Ganga Coast

The story goes something like this: good lawyer guy has certain frustrations and interest of being in another country that isn't too hard to follow. I'm sure you may agree with me. The authors do deny the usefulness of western scientific traditions, suggesting that different traditions can coexist to provide a more ethical and spiritual approach to the environment in which we live. Through a series of short chapters exploring the relationship between humans, nature and the environment within indigenous philosophies from around the world, Suzuki and Knudtson illustrate a different approach to our world. The Informers produces examples of the cosmetic lifestyle of the "me" decade and the yuppie-scum with more money than morals. It is an interesting and scary odyssey into the empty values of our recent past which may have had an influence on our current rejection of previous generations' lack of code of ethics.

Wisdom of the Elders

How do we know what we know about the world? What words do we use to explain our position within the constantly shifting and increasingly associated western culture? The disciplines of science hold expert status when it comes to knowledge of our environment, constructing themselves as able to prove or disprove the mysteries of the cosmos. Suzuki and Knudtson treat the peoples and the philosophies of the cultures described with the respect they deserve, yet are inform each other. Throughout the text, quotes from men and women of science are juxtaposed with the indigenous philosophies from around the world, providing new answers to the mysteries of our environment. The Informers demonstrates how modern society has been built on the destruction of our life-providing rainforests for the sake of more market share. Our world is falling apart around us, choking from poison and destruction. People are concerned and look to the "experts" of western science for the answers. Yet it is because of western science that the world is in trouble. Many indigenous peoples traditionally see the human being as part of the living organism of the cosmos. They accept the mysteries of the universe as elements of a divine, and the earth and all living creatures are viewed as sacred. To thus regard the earth is to necessarily demand reverence and responsibility on the part of humans toward the natural environment. Mother earth provides for those creatures who walk on the earth. In turn, indigenous philosophy cautions people to show her respect and to tread lightly.

Because of western man's constructed opposition to nature, we are not taught to respect the earth and our fellow creatures. We are encouraged instead to believe that we can tame nature, and we sold ourselves inside concrete jungles, believing that if we are "in control" and "in charge" of the earth, we can exploit it for our own purposes. The world is falling apart around us, choking from poison and destruction. People are concerned and look to the "experts" of western science for the answers. Yet it is because of western science that the world is in trouble.
LONG GONE LONESOME

COWGIRLS

by Philip Owen

La Boite Theatre

Directed by Sean Hite

Set in rural Queensland in the late 60s, "Long Gone Lonesome Cowgirls" follows the lives and growing friendship of two women, Vicki (Barbara Fordham) and Ra (Lola Buchanan). Vicki is a country and Western singer and Ra is her childhood friend turned business partner. The two actors created wonderful and believable representations of Vicki and Ra, and handled interaction with the other, silent characters superbly.

SEVEN STAGES OF GRIEVING

Kwenda Jbarra

Kwenda Jbarra is the only professional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatre group in Australia and we are lucky enough to share a home with them in Brisbane - so take advantage of the brilliance around you and keep your eye out for new productions from this fantastic live theatre company.

FREAK SHOW

"You like to watch. Difference. Abnormality. Aberration. It's fascinating, you must admit."

Yes, I was fascinated. Captivated and provoked by FREAK SHOW. An exploration of the performative aspect of difference. This collaboration between Cirque du Soleil and the Art of the Dead (Australia's only full-time professional theatre company integrating artists with an 'intellectual disability' and 'non-disabled' artists) invited each audience member to actively become aware of their position as spectator and hence participant in the production. In the beginning... an advisory warning delivered by the booming tones of Rasell Crotz (the Barack Bean): what we were about to "see" could affect our complex "cause-righteous, heart-rending" etc. and so those of a delicate disposition should know. We came to watch and be affected by what we see (this is THEATRE after all). What is it that makes the character portrayed by a performer not a fictional fabrication but an interpretation of themselves? There is nothing less make-believe than flesh. For hundreds of years human beings have been entertained by the freakish in appearance. The naked vulnerability of the performers, clearly these stories are their stories, allowed that "amazing compulsion" to be a visual feast as well as a visceral level then as a tightly developed story.

THE TRAGEDY OF OEDIPUS

Frank Theatre Co.

A visually spectacular adaptation of the Greek drama King Oedipus. The Tragedy of Oedipus is movement-based performance which traces the boundaries between theatre and dance. A simple and direct set provides the space through which the carefully choreographed movements of the actors interact with the very effective lighting design - all set to a beautiful soundtrack. The dialogue proved interesting but in the shortening of "Ouch the script but the story seemed sometimes to drone on a bit. The fact that the story of Oedipus, where the power is. She builds her men up and watches them down upstaging the leads is Andy McDonnell), Although lacking a little pace on opening night, this is over exciting theatre. Go and see it.

LITERARY CRATES GREATS

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BUTTERFLY KISS

This film is probably best described by the word mesmerizing. Amanda Plummer as the female robber from Pulp Fiction) plays Eunice, a dangerous, highly unpredictable woman who passes the highways of New England, unraveling service station attendants in search of Judith, the only person who has ever loved her. She meets Miriam (Saskia Reeves), a solitary soul whose life is ebbing behind the counter, looking after her aged and unreachable mother, and eating noodles in front of the television. Miriam is seduced by Eunice and her wild, passionate behaviour. Eunice puts Miriam through hell again and again to tell her love as they travel in search of Judith. The crux of the film consists of the potential for Miriam's resentment, fueling love to make Eunice good before she takes herself and Miriam on a journey of Eunice. The crux of the film scared the crap out of me at the time - its exploration of the basis of our morality through the journey of Eunice and Miriam certainly has the capacity to shock and potentially enlighten the viewer. If you decide to see it - hold on tightly. It's definitely not for the lighthearted. The film follows the movements of a reluctant hustler being pursued by a homicide officer played by Harvey Keitel. Though not unlike previous celluloid analyses of crack, guns and cops, Clockers left me with the feeling that its message would really make a difference in the lives of viewers whose realities may be closer to the situation the film was set in. Spike Lee seems to have struck a good balance between action and ethics in what must surely be a significant force in shaping the cultural attitudes of the population.

When Night Has Fallen

This film is full of beautiful images and camera movements. It is set in a city somewhere on the east coast of Canada (which is a beautiful place) and the camera has a habit of randomly wandering off to spin itself out. Good fun. A lot of quality attention has been paid to costume and set design, and the whole thing has that whole Canadian good looks to it. It's about a Christian mythology teacher who meets her circus baby who's keen for her action, and well, it goes on. I believe this flick is a "romance" which may excite you. If it all seemed a bit easy and nice and cut and dry - I guess it's the point, really, brushing a concept like depth aside. It is worth considering the excellent circus performances within: acrobatics, twin trapeze, clowning, light juggling (!), and much, much, more. When Night Has Fallen is basically a thrill ride with exuberant action experience, with a cheesy, emotive romantic plot slapped on top. In closing I must say I was impressed at how topical and politically correct, I myself perceived this film to be.

EXECUTIONS

The Philippines will introduce the death penalty for child sex offenders, including Australians. The Australian Olympic soccer players watched the beheading of several men in a mass execution in Saudi Arabia. Indonesia is about to execute more dissidents, "executions" in a serious documentary exposing the horrors of the death penalty designed to push the point of view that "humane executions" are a myth. Executions were inspired by a public opinion poll in Britain last year which showed more than 70% of the population wanted the death penalty restored. "We wanted to explode the myth of the humane execution," producer David Herman said. "We wanted to show this society is not improved by these acts - that executions are the ultimate injustice." The film includes footage of British troops executed for cowardice in World War One, drug addicts executed in China, communist supporters shot in Vietnam, and many other mass and individual executions. Gas attacks in Iraq, beheadings in Saudi Arabia and stoning in Somalia also feature along with detailed accounts of the USA's death penalty, designed to push the point of view that "humane executions" are a myth.

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We have finally established guide­lines on illegal fees which outlaw lab charges, fees for any course notes or handbooks containing compulsory course materials, many field trip course or compulsory, consumable course materials such as teeth for dentistry students.

The Union succeeded in establish­ing a task force on HECS on placement through which we are helping to draft the guidelines about what should and shouldn't be HECS liable.

The thing about the union is that so much of the work we do is unseen or only comes into effect after you've gone.

The pigeons have gone - did you notice...and the new chairs in the coffee shop.

Maya Stuart-Fox.

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We have finally established guidelines on illegal fees which outlaw lab charges, fees for any course notes or handbooks containing compulsory course materials, many field trip course or compulsory, consumable course materials such as teeth for dentistry students.

The Union succeeded in establishing a task force on HECS on placement through which we are helping to draft the guidelines about what should and shouldn't be HECS liable.

The thing about the union is that so much of the work we do is unseen or only comes into effect after you've gone.

The pigeons have gone - did you notice...and the new chairs in the coffee shop.

Maya Stuart-Fox.
Elections schmelections I went on holidays and the world turned upside down and now it remains to deal with the seven stages of grieving like someone’s kicked the big iron bucket and stubbed their toe before drowning in the puddle. It’s very easy to just want to say fucking stupid power tripping student politics. A drop in the bucket (acknowledgments to Sandy Brown) It’s true - the world’s a big place with a big wind and an endless sky. Without some perspective anyone who comes near this place with good intentions will go completely naanas. Why do all these excellent driven people end up here? Because the potential to make real concrete interactive change is huge. When this is a priority the people who work here are actively involved in making the un/unworld a bit more fun for people who get their fun swamped too often. That’s why the election result is not only fucked in ‘everything’s fucked’/the system sucks’/backlash/reaction/conservative/regressive Queensland change...What this election result is means that we have the sound budget slashing and service squashing to look forward to. Not fun. For people that often have their fun tampered with, their space infringed on and their study lives turned upside down, not many people will be left to give a shit. So, when Action/Young Liberals move in in December and start instigating plan A let’s ‘review’ all staff positions and plan B lets move the Women’s Area to somewhere everyone can keep an eye on what they’re up to...and...lets make way for the Uni’s agenda to ease in full up front fees...Do lets, it will just be stupid student politics that doesn’t really affect anyone. What fun. Thankfully Cynthia Kennedy of Ignite secured the Women’s VP position - the reason I’m ranting and not snivelling in the corner under the desk ripping my hair out. (I think it’s time to revert to report-speak so make your own meaning out of this subtle sub-text.) Cynthia’s job will be a challenging one. She will need a lot of support. As a collective we will have to look at how best to do that taking into consideration the change in circumstances. Now is a really good time to think about coming to Collective, 1pm Tuesdays in the Women’s Room. Please. There are things we can do. Come and talk about it. If any one is interested in helping with Heretical please contact us - Layout workshops are happening all day Friday Oct 6 and Oct 13 and we will be laying out the magazine from Oct 13 onwards. Thanks for listening. I really appreciate it. I guess we should just go away and process this for a little while.
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Co-op, tell the Student Union in 1996!

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Illegal Charges and Levies

Most students are accustomed to being asked to pay for photocopied articles, handbooks, manuals, lab costs, computer use, blah, blah, blah. As if it's not enough to be paying HECS! Next time your department hits you for these charges, it might be worth your while checking whether the charge is legal.

For two years, the Student Union has been trying to force the University's hand into adopting some sort of policy on student charges and levies beyond HECS and tuition fees. Union surveys in 1994 revealed that students are often charged more for photocopied articles than the copying costs. Students in some departments are up for lab costs, cleaning costs, equipment charges - expenses for material and services that an essential aspect of courses and can't be obtained in any other way.

The Union made a submission to the Education Committee of Academic Board (ECAB) in May 1994, listing several hundred such charges and alleging, through reference to the Higher Education Funding Act, that the charges were actually illegal. The University response was an elaborate and interesting legal argument concerning the use of the term "illegal" in this context. As far as the substance of the submission went, that education is funded through HECS, tuition fees and government funding and students shouldn't be repeatedly asked to pay more, the University had no response. Student representatives raised the issue again several times before the University finally agreed that the issue should formally be addressed through establishing a working party along lines suggested by the Union.

Having agreed it was essential to develop some policy on the issue however, senior University administrators sought to refer the issue to the Fees Reviewing Subcommittee of the (Senate) Finance Committee (FRSCFC). The Union argued that this went against the resolution to deal with the issue in an open and accountable manner with student input but, as it became evident that submissions in order to influence the drafting process.

Although nothing concrete has emerged yet, a number of in-principle agreements are developing through negotiations with the Secretary and Registrar, Mr Douglas Port.

Photocopies:
If departments provide photocopied articles or other resources, students should receive these at cost or less. Ideally multiple copies of the source texts should be held on reserve in the libraries in order that students can make their own copies or read articles without making copies.

Handbooks/Manuals
Consumables listed necessary for practical work, such as acts of teeth for dentistry students, should be provided free (unless they remain useful and would be part of a practitioners equipment, like a stethoscope.)

Computer Access and Use

Student with access to computers in their department should not be charged.

Disputed Charges or Levies

The Union has suggested that an appeal mechanism be established to hear appeals against departmental charges. This is likely to take the form of a small committee excluding student representatives. Using an agreed set of criteria (or the Union's proposed "Student Charges and Levies Test"), this committee would determine whether a charge or levy was permissible and issue a binding directive to the department concerned.

The Union awaits the adoption of a firm policy and is growing impatient, having lobbied constructively on this issue for two years. University intransigence is astonishing. If you are required to pay any of the charges identified above, or any other charge or levy your feel is unreasonable but unavoidable, take your complaint to the Secretary and Registrar (in the J.O. Story Building) immediately. If all else fails, come and talk to the Union.

JAMES WHELAN
EDUCATION RESOURCE OFFICE

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The Fried Lunchtime Concert: Members of the University of Queensland Guitar Ensemble performs duets, trios and quartets for guitar. Nickson Room, Zelman Cowan Building (51). Monday, October 16, 12 Noon


Saturday, October 29, 7:00pm

Emily Cox sings music from the sacred to the profane in Mayfair Hall Theatre - adults $10/concessions $5

For further information ring Shirley on 3311 7207.

THE MUSIC STUDENT'S SOCIETY

SUSAN DORAN

BRISBANE'S 1995 RECLAIM THE NIGHT
will take place on Friday the 27th of October, 6pm, at King George Square is the city centre.

The rally begins at 6pm at King George Square on the 27th of October 1995 with a line up of representatives from differing backgrounds, speaking on the continuing of violence against women and children, followed by circus and other entertainment.

This year the RECLAIM THE NIGHT COLLECTIVE is holding a fundraiser to raise funds for the event. The WOMEN IN CIRCUS Collective will take place on Saturday the 7th of October at NOCCA Galleries, 9 Petrie Tce, Brisbane. The rally will start at 8pm and free child care is provided.

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