ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

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VICTORIA'S ELECTION FARCE

★ *No Candidate for Treasurer*

★ *Only Two Candidates for Women's Committee*

★ *Secretary "elected" unopposed*

★ *Women's Vice-President "elected" unopposed*

Last year's Election Supplement appeared with the headline "Democracy Amuck at V.U.W." The candidates for no fewer than four of the five key posts were "elected" unopposed. This year the situation is just as bad. No candidate is forthcoming for the position of Treasurer, and there are only two nominees to occupy the four positions on the women's committee. Once again a number of key posts are being filled without the need for an election: there is only one candidate forthcoming for each of the positions of Secretary and Women's Vice-president. Last year there were seven candidates for the women's committee; this year there are, as has already been pointed out, only two. There is a similar narrowing of the field of choice as regards the men's committee. Whereas last year there was as many as fifteen candidates contesting the four positions, this year there are only eight. The only consolation is that this year for once the electors will be actually able to elect their President instead of seeing him/her "elected" unopposed.

The dearth of nominations is an indication of the shocking student apathy and indifference that permeats the halls of Victoria and destroys in its inception any attempt to develop a corporate life in the University. Victoria is fast changing from a cultural institute or seat of higher learning into a mere night school where students drift for evening classes but ignore the many other opportunities of gaining experience and knowledge which are offered them. The rot is setting in but the process of decay and corruption can be halted if, and only if you, the students of this University, will endeavour to appreciate the opportunities which are yours and the responsibilities which fall upon your shoulders. Last year a mere fraction of the students exercised their right (and duty) to vote: will the situation be the same this year? Only you, the electors, can decide. "Salient" calls upon you all to exercise your vote and to elect to office those best fitted for the position.

PETER O'BRIEN

Peter O'Brien is a third-year part-time law student, after having been a full-timer for two years. Since entering V.U.W. in 1956 he has taken a keen interest in student affairs, and is at present a member of Executive, the Debating Society, and the Athletic Club. He has been a committee member of the Athletic Club in the seasons '56-'57, '57-'58 and represented Victoria in Harriers at Winter Tournament in 1957. Since his co-option to Executive, he has been Orientation Week Controller, Capping Ball Controller, and Social Controller for Extrav. In March of this year he was appointed Secretary of N.Z.U. Sports Union (the controlling body of all N.Z.U. sport other than Rugby). Although a part-timer, he is around University whenever possible and is ready to listen at any time to any PRACTICAL suggestions put forward by anybody.

As Secretary he will work for:

1. A continuation of the present improvements in student administration.
2. A greater interest in our public relations work with the City of Wellington.
3. Some form of bursary for 2nd year students who have obtained units in their first year and are not eligible for the Higher School Certificate Bursary.
4. An extension of N.Z.U.S.A.'s activities in Asia in general, and South-east Asia in particular.

CHERRY POINTON

Cherry is a part-time accountancy and B.Comm. student. Since coming to Victoria she has shown interest in extra-curricular activities and willingness to take her share of the many and various jobs that have to be done to make the Clubs work.

The S.C.M. has remained her chief interest, and she was this year both Supervisor and Treasurer of the S.C.M. Bookstall. Her sporting interests are Hockey (Committee member 1955-56, Club Captain 1957; a former "A" team captain, Cherry has also been a Wellington Senior A representative); Tennis (Committee member 1956-1957 and 1957-58 seasons); and Athletics (Committee 1956-1957 and 1957-1958 seasons) for which she has been awarded a Victoria Blue.

Cherry has served on the Executive for the past year.

PRESIDENT

BRIAN SHAW

Has Been:

Secretary, V.U.W.S.U. from June, 1956; currently V.U.W. rep. on N.Z.U.S.A. Res. Exec. 1958; Editor "Salient" 1954-55; Headquarters Controller, Tournaments of 1954, 1956; Member of Finance, Blues, Publications Committees; Chairman, International Affairs Committee 1957-58; Acting Secretary, N.Z.U. Sports Union, from its inception until April, 1958; Convenor, Capping Committee, 1956-58; Corresponding Member, N.Z.U.S.A., 1958; attended most N.Z.U.S.A. Council meetings from 1954 in one capacity or another; Records Officer, 1955-56; has been a member of a large number of ad hoc committees; member N.Z.U.S.A.'s International Affairs Committee.

Promises:

Nothing, but would continue the expansion and consolidation of the previous administration, endeavouring to place more non-Executive students on committees, continue steady improvement of public relations.

DAVID WILSON

David is a final year law student and last year was elected as a member of the Men's Committee, but on the resignation of H. R. Carver he was elected to the position of Men's Vice-President. He was the Organiser of the 1958 Extravaganza and has been associated with Extrav. over the last seven years, both as a member of the cast and on the administration. He is a member of the Law Faculty Club committee and also of the Cricket Club committee. He plays cricket, socially, for a University team, and in the winter is associated, unofficially and impartially, with the Rugby Club as a Rugby referee of the Wellington Referees' Association. Last year he was the Public Relations Officer of the Students Association and their representative on the City Council Public Relations Advisory Committee.

Men's Vice-Pres.

JOHN HERCUS

Advent:

Conceived Rio de Janeiro, 1935.

Reared Tibet, educated Greenland.

Christened after that old carol: "Herk, the Herald Angels sing . . ."

Rise to Fame:

Enrols at V.U.W., 1953.

"George" Snooker Champion, 1954.

Becomes particularly interested in Dramatic activities, 1955—Stage Manager for Drama Club, '55-56.

Member of Committee, Drama Club '55-56.

Joins Extrav for the next five years, "leaper supreme" in Male Ballet, '58.

Co-manager for S.C.M. Bookstall, '56.

Graduates B.Sc., '56.

Represents Vic. at Indoor Basketball, 54 to '58.

Advertising Manager for Cappicade, '57.

Prominent speaker for the Maths and Physics Society on Space Travel and Satelites, '57.

Elected Fellow British Interplanetary Society, '57.

Completes papers for M.Sc., '57.

Fame:

Originates "Shazan-Boom" routine.

Downfall:

Elected to the Executive, '57.

Cappicade Organiser, '58.

Co-Controller Procesh, '58.

Winter Tournament Sec., '58.

Winter Tournament Delegate '58.

Ruin:

Stands for the New Executive, '58.

or

BRIAN SHAW

Women's Committee

ELIZABETH BECK

Possibly the outstanding candidate for the Women's Committee, Elizabeth Beck has, in the short space of three years, played an extremely energetic part in extra-curricular activities around and about the University. A third-year student pursuing an arts degree, she has taken a leading part in Extravaganza over the last three years, and has represented the University in swimming, and hockey at Easter and Winter Tournaments in 1957 and 1958, and has sat on various club and student union committees. She is also well known as the University's own Elsa Maxwell, having organised some of the most fabulous parties ever seen and heard in and about Wellington.

The basic planks in Elizabeth's election platform are:

1. Improved "town" and "gown" relationships.
2. New, improved social life at Victoria so that students can discuss their mutual interests in more convivial surroundings than the cafe or common room.
3. To elevate Victoria's prestige, not only to the Citizens of Wellington, but also among the students o fthe other Universities throughout the country.

And Remember—A Vote for Elizabeth is a Vote.

MARGARET WILLIAMS

Margaret is a part-time third-year Commerce student. She has been an active member in the University, especially in the sphere of the Commerce Faculty Club, the Swimming Club and in the Extravaganza. She is well known in the University and her nominator and seconders believe that she will be a capable and conscientious member of the Executive.

Men's Committee

ARMOUR MITCHELL

Armour Mitchell, otherwise known as "Mitch", is an active third year student from Weir House, and is completing his B.Sc. in Chemistry this year. Though he may have attained a little notoriety in the past, he has shown in the field of administration that he has developed a much more responsible attitude this year.

He was Weir House Capping Controller this year, which virtually entailed censoring the unofficial capping activities, and the fact that there were no unfortunate incidents speaks for itself. As Controller of "Procesh" he successfully managed to remove the old predominant theme of crude lavatory humour. He was a member of the Extravaganza Gala Opening Committee and also stepped in at the last moment to help with administration on the Napier Tour. Last, but not least, of his connections with student affairs is his appointment to the N.Z.U. Winter Tournament Committee as Assistant Tournament Secretary and Ways and Means Controller.

VAL MAXWELL

Val, having completed a teacher's training course, has this year started a degree. In the past he has taken an active interest in many University affairs and this year is an active member of the Indoor Basketball Club, being also the Secretary of the Wellington Basketball Association. Val is a part-time student.

CROZ. WALSH

Croz. is finishing an Arts degree in history and geography as a full-time student with a third year from Training College. Last year he was President of the Training College Students Association, and he has taken an active part in University affairs both in Canterbury and Wellington.

Together they wish to present a joint policy, the features of which are:

1. Concessions for cafeteria meals. They wish to have concession cards available for those students who regularly take meals in the cafeteria.

2. Procession. They have in mind a scheme for the production of procession, along the lines of Extrav. production, with a producer, set designer, costumer, etc., so that for one year at least Vic. students can see how a Procession should be run.

3. Arts Festival. They wish to see at last the Arts Festival proposed to be held at Victoria in 1959 and will put all their energies behind the scheme.

4. Education. They wish to see a full investigation into University education by the Students' Association Executive with a view to making representations to the Professorial Board and Senate for those changes which seem desirable.

5. They wish to see a more liberal policy with regard to control over Salient.

6. Student Opinion. It is time that student opinion as expressed in A.G.M.'s is acted upon by the Executive. But as this is not enough, an effort to canvass student opinion on vital issues should be attempted by the Executive when it is not otherwise forthcoming.

7. Executive Elections. They wish to see public meetings at which the candidates debate any important issues so that those present have an opportunity of seeing what they will be getting if they vote for particular candidates.

8. Student Amenities. Features urgently requiring Exec. action are:

(i) Lack of toilet facilities in the University—particularly men's.

(ii) Lack of parking space.

(iii) Lack of student accommodation.

These are only some of the problems which these two candidates wish to see acted upon. They hope if elected to see a greater liveliness in student affairs and a greater participation in them by the very students whom the Executive only represent.

JOHN ALLEN

John has taken courses at Victoria in '54 and '56 and is currently studying science. Since 1956 he has been a member of Extravaganza and he has also been on Cappicade Committee. He is on the Ways and Means Committee and is Transport Officer for this year's Winter Tournament. Although not a full-time student, John is prepared to spend up to twelve hours a day on Student Union affairs, if necessary. (He is used to going without sleep.) If elected he promises to work hard to the best of his ability.

NEIL PLIMMER

Neil Plimmer, a third-year full-time arts student, is offering his services for the exec. committee. Before coming to Victoria, he acquired a wealth of experience for such work, as a committee member on numerous social, cultural, and sporting bodies, and since attending University has spent much time with student activity that would provide a sound basis for exec. work. He has represented V.U.W. in athletics at Easter Tournament, and attended N.Z.U.S.A. annual Congress, and gymnasium controller on the University House Committee. Interest in student affairs has taken him to meetings of many clubs and societies, and he has served a term as committee member for one religious organisation, actively helped the work of others, and is at present in his third year on the Athletic Club committee. Activities outside the University range from playing the piano in a dance band to active membership of the Fire-brigadesmen's Union. All this shows interest and hard work in all phases of University and community affairs, and an accumulation of necessary experience.

Any "election policy" must be based fundamentally on student welfare and University progress. Plimmer believes he is completely in touch with these needs, both of the smaller type, through regular habitation of caf. and common room, library and gym., and on the house committee; and also those greater needs of the University, from the expansion of buildings, courses, and hostel accommodation down.

VERNON JOHN THOMAS

Vernon John (Gary) Thomas is a third-year Arts student who spent his first year at Auckland, and has since been at V.U.W. He had a part in this year's Extrav., and was Publicity Officer for Cappicade. He also took part in Capping Procession. Currently he is on the staff of "Salient", under the imposing title of "Economic Affairs Editor", and he is also a member of the Ways and Means Committee for the coming Tournament.

He has attended meetings of the Maths and Physics Society, the International Club, and the Literary Society.

He is also, for the second time this year, engaged in growing a beard, a difficult manner of upholding student individuality, indeed.

DAVID DAVY

David Davy is a second-year Commerce student at V.U.W. this year. A resident of Weir House, he has been actively associated with Weir House functions. However, his interests have not been restricted to Weir House only, for he was Financial Controller of this year's record-breaking Extravaganza. The Extravaganza, which was by far the greatest financial success in the history of our University, contributed £2,100 to the Student Union Building Fund. He was also on the committee which organised the very successful Gala Opening. He is a very experienced administrator, in that during the last three years he has served on 10 committees of various sporting and cultural societies.

Although he does not believe in stating a policy in these affairs, he will be working towards certain objects which he hopes will tend to create an improved harmony among students. He would like to see a closer relationship between the general student body and the executive.

Nominator: David Wilson.

Seconders: Brian Shaw, John Hercus.

Exercise Your Vote