

Salient

An Organ of Student Opinion at Victoria College, Wellington N.Z.

V.U.C. Students' Association Annual Elections, 1952

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PRESIDENT

MAURICE O'BRIEN

MAURICE has been Vice-President since June, 1950, since which date he has represented V.U.C. on N.Z.U.S.A.'s Resident Executive and at all Councils. He chaired the August Council last year, and was once Travel and Exchange Officer for a short period. On the V.U.C. Exec. he chaired the Blues and Exec.-S.C.M.-E.U. Committees, and served on the Finance, Constitution and Cafeteria Investigation Committees. Deputy-Chairman of the Debating Society, after being Treasurer for three years, he has debated for V.U.C. on three occasions and won the Union and New Speakers' Prizes in 1948. One-time Secretary of the Political Science Society, he served on the I.S.S. Committee, and was Extrav. House Manager in 1950 and 1951. As Billeting Officer for Easter Tournament this year, he was responsible for the least expensive billeting organisation any College has had for years.

Maurice would seek to continue the present sound financial policy of the Association, re-institute Travel subsidies immediately and, if necessary, vote more money for Congress. Major policies include hastening the Student Building and Te Aro Park development schemes (as far as is practicable at any given time), and implementing whatever Common Room policy the Association desires. He would seek to expand the Public Relations policy, and encourage the student committee on academic problems. He believes that such activities as the overseas students reception, the Witwatersrand Appeal and I.S.S. contribute more to international student understanding than attempts to link the Association with phoney international, semi-political organisations such as the International Union of Students.

Nominator: D. B. Horsley.

L. B. ("Pip") PIPER

"PIP" has a long association with the College, shown interest in sporting and cultural activities, and displayed outstanding ability in leadership and administration.

An Exec. member 1948-50; V.U.C. S.C. rep. at N.Z.U.S.A. Council 1950; ex-Training College and Weir House.

As a past Exec. member, Pip has been persuaded out of retirement by incompetence and aloofness of recent Executive officers. He will work for student representation on University Senate, and top level resistance to increases in exam. fees and other costs. He will also work for more and bigger full-time bursaries, a compulsory chest X-ray, student staff co-operation in Faculty management, and urgent priority for the New Building. Meantime he wants a more civilised attitude to Common Common Room, and student cultural centre restored from Little Theatre to Gym.

Graduated B.Sc., 1950; active in Extrav. since 1948; "Salient" (as Distribution Manager, 1949, had sales at all-time high); Debating and Socialist Clubs (Chairman, 1951).

As a graduate, and ballet-dancer and co-author of Extrav., "Pip" believes Capping should be preserved as THE event of the year, with an Extrav. and a Process, come what, come may.

Senior Tournament delegate both Tournaments, 1948; represented V.U.C. in Swimming and Men's Basketball (Blues in both); represented N.Z.U. swimming in Australia, 1949; Swimming Controller last Tournament; present Captain V.U.C. Swimming Club; N.Z.U. Blues Committee, 1950; also active trumper and skidder when time permits.

As a sportsman, he is opposed to abolition of winter tournament—would prefer to see it again include debating, drama, chess, etc.

On active service with R.N.Z.A.F., 1942-45.

As a returned serviceman, "Pip" will bring responsible maturity to the Exec., as well as a combination of long-term vision and realistic efficiency. He is also determined to promote international understanding, bringing V.U.C. closer to students

overseas by extending the Aussie exchange scheme, promoting a relief programme with widest possible support, and closer relations with International Union of Students.

A man with strong personal convictions, he is devoted to the welfare of students, and tolerant of the views of others.

"Pip's" record and personal qualities recommend him to the voters.
Nominator: C. V. Bollinger.

MEN'S VICE-PRESIDENT

F. L. CURTIN

"I BELIEVE that the present method of allocating club grants is unfair to clubs and leads to breaches of the Constitution and although my proposal to have the matter fully investigated was narrowly defeated by the Executive last October I feel that I do not speak without authority as I have for the past two years been a member of the Finance Committee.

I now propose:—

1—An immediate investigation into Club needs, particularly in regard to sporting equipment.

2—A revision and codification of the principles on which grants are made.

3—The adoption of an alternative method of allocation consequent upon the findings of the investigation committee.

If re-elected my undertaking is that these things shall be done.

Frank is a member of the outgoing Exec. having been Secretary for the past two years; was a member of Finance and Publications Committees, convener African Students' Appeal and headquarters controller Easter Tournament. Twice elected Treasurer Table Tennis Club and Secretary-Treasurer Law Faculty Club (both 1951-52). President of the Debating Society, having been secretary 1950. Winner Plunket Medal and Union Prize; V.U.C. rep. at Joyn't Scroll. Co-author Extravaganza 1950, staff "Cappicade" 1951. Travel and Exchange Officer, N.Z.U.S.A., 1949-50. Plays Table Tennis and Cricket.

Nominator: D. Garrett.

K. M. PHILLIPS

KEN is a fifth year Arts-cum-Science student employed in the Geological Survey. A member of the outgoing Executive, he has held various offices on the committees of the Cricket, Rugby Football and Harrier Clubs, amongst others. A Cricket Blue and member of the Senior XI since 1949, he played for N.Z.U. in 1950 and 1951. He has competed in several tournaments, was a delegate at Dunedin last August, and as Senior Delegate this year was responsible for the organisation and administration of the Jubilee Easter Tournament.

Strongly opposed to political prejudice in Exec. and student affairs, he will, if elected, work for better co-operation, understanding and contact between students, clubs, and the Exec., and between the student body and College authorities; improvement to existing, and progress with proposed student facilities, including Te Aro Park, Student Association Building, etc.; re-introduction of travel subsidies; possibility of establishment on N.Z.U. scale of an "Arts Festival," including, Drama, Debating, etc.; revision of system of allocating Club grants; stirring of enthusiasm in the College with regard to greater participation Phys. Ed. schemes; support for all sound, progressive schemes brought before the Executive.

SECRETARY

P. D. CHATWIN

A PRODUCT of Dannevirke High School and also Wellington College (which he represented in Cricket and Athletics), Peter Chatwin is now a fifth-year Law student. He has been a member of the 2nd Hockey

XI 1948-49-50-51-52 and has also played for the 1st XI, representing V.U.C. at Winter Tournament, 1950. Also a member of the Cricket Club 1948-49-50, Athletic Club 1950-51, Boxing Club 1949, Tennis Club 1951-52, Tramping Club 1949-50-51, Easter Tournament 1951, Law Faculty Club (committee 1950-51-52), Extrav. 1950, and is also interested in the Drama and Debating Clubs.

This year he was appointed Secretary V.U.C. and N.Z.U. Easter Tournament Committees, largely contributing by his energy and efficiency to a highly successful Jubilee Tournament and has recently been appointed Senior Delegate for Winter Tournament, 1952.

He stands for increased enthusiasm in organisation in student affairs, immediate commencement of construction of a ground for Sports Clubs on the land donated by the City Council, Tournament travelling subsidies, a deputation to the Government for Student Union Building—NOW, Weir House board inquiry jointly with Weir Committee, University status for V.U.C. and consequently lower fees, better public relations through student articles and speakers, voluntary medical exam. scheme ready for 1953 enrolment.

Nominator: F. L. Curtin.

JOHN PATTERSON

ALTHOUGH he was refused re-admission at the end of 1951, John's name is known among residents, both past and present, of Weir House. A fifth-year part-time Law Student and Public Servant, John combines with the courage to take a bold step when necessary that painstaking attending to detail which is so necessary in a candidate for the office of Secretary.

He takes part in the Extravaganza whenever there is one, and was one of the few who remained willing to perform right up to the final decision to abandon this year's show.

If elected he will do his utmost to see that an Extravaganza is held in 1953.

At the last Undergraduate's Supper he proposed the toast to the Professorial Board, and his performances there and in the Debating Society, of which he is Treasurer, justify his reputation as the most brilliant wit in the College. He is an active member of the Mathematical and Physical Society, the Chess Club, and the Drama Club.

John promises that if elected he will always endeavour to promote the interests of students, and will serve the Association faithfully and well to the best of his ability, and that promise he will keep.

Nominator: S. McMurtrie.

TREASURER

P. McCAW

A QUALIFIED accountant completing his B.Com. Degree this year. He is President of Weir House and Secretary of the Cricket Club, while he has also served on the committee of the Rugby Football Club.

During the recent Easter Tournament he served as Cricket Controller.

This year he gained his N.Z.U. Blue in Cricket, while he was a V.U.C. Blue in 1950-51.

Recently he filled the vacancy on the Executive caused by the departure of P. Cotton.

In sporting matters he is very keen to see an improvement in the facilities for sport generally in the College, while he is also interested in all matters affecting the welfare of students residing in College Hostels.
Nominator: B. D. Mercer.

CLIFF TERRY

CLIFF, a qualified accountant, is at present studying for B.A. part-time. A member of the Tennis Club, and may be seen at most debates.

Other interests include Historical Society, down-town Economic Society, Drama, etc.

Cliff is opposed to any further increases in Student Assn. and Exam-

ination Fees, and to this end will work for N.Z.U. representation on the Senate.

With the present buoyant state of the national economy he believes that the time is both overdue and opportune to press for increased and value of bursaries and greater government grants to all Universities.

He favours a Common Common Room in fact rather than in name, and wants an immediate start to the new Student Assn. Building.

Supports retention of Winter Tournament which he believes should include Drama, Debating, etc. Favours extension of Hostel accommodation, and use of Health Department's voluntary X-ray scheme as a first step towards a medical scheme.

As a mature, tolerant accountant, not tied to any pressure group, Cliff is the logical choice for Treasurer.
Nominator: Bruce Mercer.

MEN'S

COMMITTEE

GRAHAM ATKIN

GRAHAM is a third year student studying for B.A. He is an active member of the Rugby Club, which he has supported during his three years here. He is also a member of the French Club. During Easter he assisted in the running of Tournament. He believes that charity begins at home and is of the opinion that there are a few things around the University that should be attended to and that some of the present rules could be amended. He also believes that some of the clubs could be better provided for. His keen and vast interest in student affairs is further evidenced by the fact that last year he gave his services as a scrutineer, a truly-exhausting but meritorious task.
Nominator: J. S. Hutchison.

T. H. BEAGLEHOLE

A FULL-TIME Arts student, is active in many clubs, this year being on the committees of the Debating Society and the Harrier Club and secretary of the Swords Club. He has represented V.U.C. at Winter and Easter Tournament in the harrier and athletic teams.

He agrees with Mr. Horsley that common sense must largely govern the actions of Exec., but this must not be made an excuse for doing nothing. The Lower Gym has been in shambles for over a year, the whole Gym needs renovating—doing nothing may have saved money during the past year, but it won't pay in the long run.

Exec. should not be a purely administrative body. If it was there would be no point in electing it. It must represent student interests, protect student interests, and make student opinion known and noticed. To neglect doing this is to fail in its most important duty.
Nominator: H. D. Scott.

J. D. DALGETY

DES, a 6th year student, who completed his LL.B. last year, and intends proceeding to LL.M., will already be well known as a member of the present Executive, where he has performed valuable services as Public Relations Officer and Delegate to N.Z.U.S.A. August Council Meeting. An ex-resident of Weir House, he has been actively associated with the Law Faculty, Cricket and Football Clubs, having represented the College at cricket on two occasions. He is also a keen Extrav. type, and did an excellent job of work as Social Controller during Easter Tournament this year. With a wide range of interests and a year's experience to back him up he has a valuable contribution to make and should appeal to all as a prospective Committeeman for a further year.
Nominator: D. B. Horsley.

ALAN DURWARD

IS fourth-year Arts and Law student who has in the past been involved in Extrav. 1950, Haka Party 1951-52, Cappcade 1952, Tournament 1952 (Records Officer), and is Editor Cappcade 1953. Dabbled in football for a couple of years, but now finds life easier in the Harriers. No platform other than a desire to make the public feel more kindly towards Victoria, as in the other University centres, which he proposes to do in part by increasing the circulation of Cappcade and giving half the profits to charity; he also wishes to better the everyday social amenities of the College. Being a Law Student and having in common with all Law students a realistic grasp of business administration, claims to be better qualified for Exec. than any pure "idealist."

Nominator: G. Monaghan.

IAN FREE

EXPERIENCE of many aspects of University life is a prerequisite to sane Executive service. Ian Free is Secretary to the Drama Club, the largest cultural club in the College, and Treasurer to the Swords Club. He represented Victoria in Fencing at Winter Tournament last year and was nominated for a College Blue. He was Assistant-Billeting Officer for Easter Tournament this year, and holds the record for the One Length (Fully Clad) Backstroke event inaugurated at Riddiford Baths at Easter. He was on the staff of this year's Cappcade. He owes allegiance to no party, clerical or secular, but wishes to further the interests of Victoria in all fields legitimately hers. He deprecates the rift between Town and Gown, and although realising that blame lies on both sides; thinks that as a general rule Wellington underestimate their University and her Student body. He pledges conscientious service if elected to the Executive.

Nominator: K. M. Phillips.

COLIN JAMES GORDON

BORN Burwood, South Australia, 18/10/1928. Conceived, Rio de Janeiro, New Year's Day, 1928. Recent history: Five years' full-time at Victoria—seven seasons at Freezing Works (Assistant Delegate for the 1951-1952 seasons)—fought Red domination of local union during 1950. E.Sc. conferred 1951. Fired from position at match factory for smoking, 1949. Present Scholastic Efforts: Science German for the fourth year in succession, and Thesis for M.Sc. in Physics (and an extramural thesis on the Drinking Habits of the New Zealand Male). Club Activities: Harrier for six years (see "Sports Post"), semi-official Rugby Club "Bank-Bellower," Secretary Maths and Physics Society; and interest in Extrav. tending to Obsession Procession Controller, 1952 (see police records). Promises: First function on assuming office will be to return forms from the tennis court to Gym. Complete accessibility at all times—from eight to five in the Physics Dept.; from five to six at our Willis Street office. To be unassessed by politics or religion. Beliefs: That the Executive should consist of experienced administrators (usually part-time Law and Commerce students) and sensible idealists (almost always full-time Science students), with small proportion of intuitive guessers (women Arts students). That the attitude of the Executive should be that of a body of students and not a staid, purely administrative council.

T. H. HILL

TREV HILL (second year Arts) has been notably active on "Salient," of which he is editor. Was in Extrav., on Headquarters staff during Tournament, is an active member of Tramping and Indoor Basketball Clubs, on the Socialist Club committee, member of the Charter Club, and is on the W.U.S. committee. Has attended almost every Exec. meeting in the last two years and has already a sound basic knowledge of student affairs. Recently caused the inception of the Student Study-Problems Committee.

"I believe that an Exec. should be progressive, and control of College affairs should be decentralised to a large extent. A temporary gymnasium should be erected as soon as possible, and the present gymnasium cleaned up. I am interested in the possibility of a co-operative University bookshop and, more remotely, a College press. I believe the Exec. should engage in a more positive publicity campaign, and above all things be progressive.

Nominator: Brian Casey.

JIM HOGG

JIM, a sixth-year student (B.A., LL.B.), is a Committee member of the Defence Rifle Club (Secretary 1951), the Miniature Rifle Club and Law Faculty Club — represented V.U.C. in Inter-Varsity moot 1952, has attended five Tournaments, and has several times been a delegate to the Shooting Council. As Publicity Controller this year he was on the Tournament Committee. He sang (almost) in Extrav. 1949, and was Procession Controller in 1950. He has been a member of the Drama Club (memories of "She Stoops" and "Coriolanus"), Tramping (briefly), Skiing (enthusiastically), and Debating Club.

Jim favours travel subsidies being allowed again to Tournament competitors, and will fight any attempted reduction in the number of sports participating. He is opposed to any future affiliation with I.U.S. and other international bodies of doubtful political favour and considers that Executive activities should be concentrated on student amenities, such as maintenance of cafeteria standards.

Nominator: M. J. O'Brien.

J. G. HUTCHISON

JIM is a second-year Law student. He is keenly interested in student affairs and at this year's Easter Tournament he won a N.Z.U. Boxing title and was also on the Headquarters staff. President of the Charter Society, he is also an active member of the Football, Cricket, and Drama Clubs. In last year's Extrav. he filled a leading role. His main belief at present, is that of promoting student interest in all affairs.

Nominator: F. L. Curtin.

A. G. ("Chick") McHUGH

THE present head of the Law Faculty Club has six years of Varsity life behind him. He is completing the LL.B. degree this year. In business life he is the Assistant Secretary of the Manufacturers' Association. Of sound and impartial political views, his work on the Law Faculty Clubs Committee has shown he has all the qualities necessary to make an efficient, approachable and popular Exec. member.

"Chick" is an active cricketer and footballer, and a supporter of every phase of Varsity social life.

Nominator: J. Dalgety.

DENIS B. G. McLEAN

GRADUATED E.Sc. and Senior Scholar 1952. Wellington third-grade football rep. 1949; Victoria College Rugby football Blue 1950-51; Tournament rowing team and Secretary Rugby Football Club 1952. Believes that Executive members should be willing to work and to sacrifice their own time for the task in hand; that the Executive should formulate a practical policy rather than spending time in the discussion of rather nebulous ideals.

Nominator: K. M. Phillips.

BRUCE MERCER

BRUCE MERCER, having graduated in Science, now hopes to complete B.A. this year. He has always maintained a wide interest in student affairs and has been a willing worker for the Association. Has lived at Weir House and spent two years at Training College. Extrav. have been a major interest (men's ballet last year). Represented Victoria in rowing at Easter Tournament, and is an energetic Committee member. Was Returning Officer for the Stud. Ass. elections in 1950. Bruce is keen to see that more students go to Congress, and is interested in fostering closer Staff-Student relations.

Bruce is an energetic worker, and would be a real asset on the Exec.

Nominator: Lance Robinson.

J. F. D. PATTERSON

BILL SHEAT

BILL is a 5th-year law student plugging through B.A.-LL.B., whose record in Who's Who reads — long association with Drama Club, Committee 1948, Secretary 1949, President 1950-51-52, Tournament rep. in Drama 1948, 1951, Cappcade Committee 1951, Assistant Editor 1952, Foundation Committee member Charter Club, Fungus McShaggan and Hamlet Extrav. 1949, co-author and leading role Extrav. 1950, resigned Extrav. Assistant Producer 1951, frustrated co-author Assistant Producer Extrav. 1952. His policy: to

see that the affairs of the Association are run in the interests of the students as a whole and not in the interests of any pressure group; to raise the prestige of the College among the burghesses and citizenry; to support worthwhile schemes for improving the lot of the student be he or she part-time, full-time, interested in sport, culture, study, of any race, creed, or religion whatsoever.

Nominator: M. J. O'Brien.

JOHN STEINER

AN Exec. with a really progressive policy is what John wants to see in the future at Vic. An Exec. that will co-ordinate the activities of the various clubs and enable them to become a centre of student life. Although John is a second-year student and a Science one at that, he is no ivory-towerist and has already shown his ability in organising student affairs as Vice-chairman of the Tramping Club and as a member of the Swimming Club committee. He also takes part in the activities of the Table-tennis and Swimming Clubs, and represented Vic. at the last Easter Tournament. As a sufferer of two years standing, John is keen to improve the cafeteria service — less queuing, better food, more food, and prettier waitresses. In a nutshell, John wants to make Vic. a place where students can live as students ought to live.

Nominator: D. M. Steiner.

JOHN WRIGHT

JOHN is a fourth-year Arts student whose club activities show his willingness to work. He is an active member of the Drama, Tramping, Men's Basketball, and Swords Clubs. For the Drama Club he is on the committee as stage manager, and also serves on the Little Theatre committee as a student representative. He is secretary of the men's Basketball Club for the second year, and represented Vic. in this sport at Winter Tournament last year. At Easter Tournament he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

A participator in the last three Extravs. where he has been in the cast, helped with make-up and publicity, he feels that an earlier start with the organisation of Extrav., especially on the part of the script selection committee, would eliminate the usual confusion.

Other objects that he has are improved sports facilities, a prompt start on the Student Union building and continuance of Winter Tournament.

Nominator: F. L. Curtin.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

BETTY DIBBLE

BETTY DIBBLE has "more idealism than Mr. Horsley." She is a full-timer doing English Honours. This year she has produced a play for the Drama Club and worked on Salient. In other years has taken part in Extrav., attended Congress, played basketball and been on the committee of the Political Science Society.

More clubs, not less, she says; opportunities for freshers and overseas students to mix with the rest of the College; for the poverty-stricken martyrs to higher learning, better bursaries and tram concessions; a student employment bureau, and a career's consultant. Her pet aversions are rising fees, falling standards, non-existence of Extrav. of Spills of editors.

Her energy would be an asset to the Association.

Nominator: J. F. D. Patterson.

ELAINE M. FOOTE

THIRD-YEAR Arts Student, hopes to complete B.A. this year. She has taken a full share in the sporting activities of the College and has represented V.U.C. in outdoor basketball at Easter Tournament, 1951 and 1952. This year she is Club Captain of the Outdoor Basketball Club and is also an active member of the Indoor Basketball, Table Tennis, Swimming, Tennis and Miniature Rifles Clubs.

Her activities have not been restricted entirely to sport however. A member of the Social Committee in 1951, she is this year chairman-convenor. She was also controller for this year's Capping Ball, a most successful function.

She is wholeheartedly opposed to increased exam. fees and anxious to see the Student Association Building go ahead, and the poor facilities for sport and recreation remedied.

Nominator: Juliet Hunt.

PAULINE HOSKINS

PAULINE is now back at V.U.C. after a year in the United States as one of our youngest Fulbright Scholars. She is a keen supporter of Congresses at Curious Cove, and became well known at the first two.

A part-time student, she has assisted with Salient and with the Political Science Journal, and has always taken a lively interest in student affairs, particularly cultural clubs.

Pauline works as a journalist in Wellington, and supports a more vigorous public relations policy. She considers that more and better Common Room facilities are an urgent necessity if Victoria is to develop before the millennium of the new Student Union building, more of the corporate spirit she found so strong in American universities. (She does NOT want to hire a football team, regarding the present set-up as delightfully adequate.) Pauline, who has completed an M.A. in English, is now taking philosophy, and can devote more time and energy to student affairs.

Nominator: J. Milburn.

GAY ORWIN

GAY has been a full-time Arts Student for three years and is now part-time, and attending the Wellington Teachers' Training College.

She has taken an active part in the S.C.M., Hockey, Tennis, Drama and French Clubs, and was co-opted to the Exec. earlier this year.

Gay has no rigid opinions on any particular matter, and, having been on the Exec. for a short while, refuses to make any promises she may not be able to fulfil. She is, however, open to suggestion at all times, and will put her best abilities towards helping to manage the affairs of the students in a sound and progressive way.

Nominator: D. M. Fletcher.

DIANA SUTCLIFFE

DIANA SUTCLIFFE is a full-time Arts Student with wide interests, who has played a lively role in student activities all through her three years at Victoria. She has been on the committees of the Drama and Debating Clubs and is actively interested in Extrav., I.S.S., Swimming Clubs and the Literary Society.

Diana is sporting enthusiast too and has represented Vic at Winter Tournament, 1950, in Hockey, and in 1952 in Indoor Basketball and Drama. At Easter Tournament this year she was on the billeting committee.

Diana believes that a closer staff-student relationship would make for more community life in the College and she would like to see closer relations with other colleges also.

She is in favour of the medical scheme and hopes to stimulate greater support for I.S.S. With her wide interests and sound opinions Diana is an ideal person to represent the students on their Executive.

Nominator: Anne G. Tarrant.

PEGGY THOM

PEGGY THOM has shown her enthusiasm for student activities as a member of the S.C.M., Salient staff, the Literary, Debating, and Dramatic Societies and a committee member of the Chess Club.

She feels that freshers should be given more encouragement to take part in student activities. Only through their interest and active support can clubs remain alive in the College. She believes that on enrolment day there should be a liaison officer to advise about the various clubs at Varsity; the S.C.M. handbook is useful, but it cannot give the personal interest which overcomes barriers of shyness and diffidence.

Nominator: J. E. Hunt.

MARGARET TURBET

MISS TURBET is an ex-C.U.C. student in her second year at Vic. A student in both the Arts and Science Faculties she has a wide knowledge of student affairs and possesses a fine and mature judgment, born of valuable experience on many committees.

A member of the Biological and Philosophical, and French Clubs, and the Debating Society, she shows that a part-time student can take a vital interest in College activities. She is a keen Trumper, Swimmer, Skier, and Fencer.

A trained nurse, Miss Turbet thinks that student health should receive greater attention, and that bursary schemes should be revised. Closer staff-student co-operation is an essential to a more integrated university life. Miss Turbet wants to see constructive action in this respect.

Nominator: D. Davey.