

EXECUTIVE ELECTION SPECIAL ISSUE

Brass-Bound Ballot Box Back in Main Hall Again

Election of the Students' Association Executive will take place on Friday, Monday and Tuesday, June 20, 23, and 24. Mr. Neil Mountier is returning officer. There will be no voting for two positions, the Men's Vice-president, to which position Mr. Alec McLeod is returned unopposed, and the Treasurer, for which no nomination has been received. The responsibilities of the Executive become larger and more diverse each year; the funds controlled amount to several thousand pounds. It is therefore essential that students take the election seriously. In order to avoid vote-splitting or a minority election, a system of preferential voting is used.

The following are the members of the retiring Executive:

President: Nigel Taylor.

Vice-Presidents: Viv. Rich, Alec McLeod.

Secretary: Harold Dowrick.

Treasurer: Nell Casey.

Assistant Secretary: Peter Morris.

Assistant Treasurer: Oscar Melling.

Women's Committee: Mary Land, Joyce Money, Jean Priest.

Men's Committee: Dick Collins, Mike Murray.

PRESIDENT

Harold Dowrick

Harold was at VUC before the war, spent four years in the Middle East, returned in 1945 and last year completed B.A., Dip.Ed. He is at present reading for honours in history as a part-timer. Secretary of the Students' Association, 1946-47; delegate to NZUSA Conference, 1946-47; Member of Resident Executive, NZUSA, 1947; Publicity Manager, Extrav., 1947; Advertising Manager "Salient," 1947; Convenor Winter Tournament Committee, 1947; Chairman VUC Debating Society; former Secretary, Ex-Services Society; active member of Tramping, Dramatic and Rugby Football Clubs; Extrav. cast, 1947.

"My policy is largely that of the Executive of which I have been a member. Last year I spoke of a policy to rid VUC of Wooden Spoon possession and reputation. Co-operation of all club members, officials and executive has largely achieved this. I regard our constitutional reforms and improvement in the status of the Association during the year as important. This policy will, I hope, be continued with a special emphasis on Student Union Architect Decision; improved Staff-Student Relationships; better cafeteria service; NZUSA Student Congresses; Health Scheme; improved methods of accounting and administration in Association affairs."

Frank O'Flynn

Frank has been at the College since 1936, is a returned serviceman, holds a B.A. degree and hopes to complete his LL.B. this year. This is the first occasion on which he has sought office in the Association, but he has a long and varied connection with other student activities. He has represented the College at Swimming and Cross Country Running, gaining College Blues in both sports and an NZU Blue in the latter. In the administrative sphere he has been an office-bearer in both of these sports clubs in several offices, being at one time Vice-captain of the Swimming Club and for two years Club Captain of the Harrier Club. He has always taken a lively interest in Debating and was also this year elected President of the Law Faculty Club.

On matters of policy Mr. O'Flynn states that he believes in returned servicemen playing a large part in College affairs but feels that their added years and experience will usually ensure this anyway, and that the point was perhaps over-emphasised by some candidates last year. Fractions of any sort, however unavoidable or even desirable in other fields of student activity, should not enter University politics. Mr. O'Flynn supports any stimulation of the Sports Clubs which may be within the power of the Executive, and also advocates further action on the question of faculty committees. Finally he feels that some stronger steps should be taken correctly to represent student opinion to the public, particularly when, as recently, Association decisions are criticised.

SECRETARY

Oscar Melling

Oscar is an Arts student finishing B.A. this year. He was at Victoria and Training College in 1943 and 1944, and returned from overseas service at the end of last year. He is secretary of the Political Science Society, is on the Socialist Club Committee and is a member of "Salient" Staff. He is a keen member of the Tramping Club and took part in Extrav. this year. Oscar is a member of the retiring Exec.

Aiming at close co-operation between the Exec. and the student body as a whole, Oscar also wants to see the students here maintain close contact with students in the other university colleges, at Training College and with student and youth organisations overseas. Plans to hasten the building of the proposed new Student Union building have his full support. He intends to improve, wherever possible, present student facilities in the Gym, common rooms and the cafeteria.

Kevin O'Brien

Kevin has his B.Com. and is studying Honours part time. He has been Treasurer of the Debating Society for some years, and has won the Union and New Speakers' Prizes for Debating, as well as the Plunket Medal for oratory. He has twice represented Victoria in the Joynr Scroll Contest. He was business Manager for "Salient" for 1946, when the net annual loss was reduced from £115 to £42. A member of the original VUC Exam. Fees Committee, he was also financial adviser to NZUSA on the 1946 petition, following which fees were finally reduced. He is a member of the special committee appointed to examine the Association's accounting system, and is Treasurer of NZUSA.

Apart from general policy such as improved facilities, his main ideas concern improvement of the Association's business methods, delegation of more of the routine Association work to special committees and student representation on the Senate.

WOMEN'S VICE-PRESIDENT

Jean Priest

Jean, an Arts student, is a member of the retiring Executive. She was on the Executive and was Corresponding Member to NZUSA in 1945-46. She has been a committee member of the Tramping, Miniature Rifles and Hockey Clubs for two years and is on the Debating Committee for the third time. Jean has been acting as Cafeteria Controller since the end of last Session and was Capping Ball Controller, 1946-47. A keen hockey player she is captain of the Senior Reserve Team this year.

Jean is interested in pushing ahead the plans for raising money for the Student Association Building in order to provide adequate Cafeteria and other facilities for students as soon as possible. Jean was responsible for the initial action in the Medical Scheme and is convenor of the Committee which is pursuing a course very likely to bring the scheme into operation shortly. She is particularly keen to see the Health Scheme become a permanent feature of student life.

Hilary Wilton

Hilary, a full-time student in her third year, is hoping to complete her B.Sc. in November. She was on the Social Committee during 1945 and 1946 and is now convenor of this committee. In addition she was Under-graduates Supper Controller this year and is on the 1947 Winter Tournament Committee. She is actively interested in music, literary, debating and other cultural clubs in addition to scientific clubs, including the Maths and Physics Society, of which she is a committee member. Hilary is a student representative on the College Council Subcommittee for Jubilee Celebrations.

Hilary would like to see a complete overhaul of the cafeteria system and with improved kitchen facilities to provide a more efficient service. She considers the new Student Association Building vital to college life and will support every effort to achieve it. Closer co-operation between staff and students she also considers important and is keen to see Faculty Committees set up.

WHO CAN VOTE?

Any person may vote who has paid the Students' Association Fee in 1946 or in 1947.

This includes ex-Servicemen and Freshers.

Make sure your name is on the roll. Amendments will be made up to Thursday, June 19. Apply to the Returning Officer or at Exec. Room.

Men's Vice-President

(Elected Unopposed)

Alec McLeod

Alec is a graduate in Science and is hoping to complete B.A. this year. Men's Vice-president of the retiring Exec.; Chairman Blues Committee, 1947; VUC delegate to Australian Student Congress, 1947; NZUSA delegate, 1947; Extrav cast for several years; Props. Manager, '44 and '45; "Salient" Staff since 1942, now Editor; Ex TC. now teaching; has been Chief Guide and Chairman of the Tramping Club; Committee member of the Socialist Club, which he represented at the Australian Student Labour Conference this year.

He would like to see a campaign for Departmental Committees supported by departmental clubs, full implementation of the Exec's Health Scheme, an NZUSA Congress this summer, immediate appointment of the New Building Architect so that a public appeal for funds can be begun, student representation on the Senate, an orientation course for freshers during the first week each year, more Exec. assistance with WSR appeals, government assistance for setting up student controlled hostels for men and women, appointment of a non-voting paid accountant to the Association.

Men's Committee

Jim Battersby

Jim is a third-year Arts student who hopes to complete his B.A. this year. His past and present college activities include SCM Executive, 1945-47; Rugby First XV, 1946-47; Debating Society and Tennis Club, and as a member of the Athletic Club he recently represented Wellington against visiting American athletes.

Jim is emphatic that student affairs should be controlled purely by students. He suggests that a committee be formed to investigate and arrange student accommodation, and that the cafeteria facilities be improved. He would like to see greater encouragement of sport in the College and is also anxious that attempts be made to make the city more University-conscious and the University more worthy of public support.

Denzil Brown

Fourth year Arts, President VUC Student Christian Movement for two years, member of Hockey Club, Drama Club, on the committee of Student Relief, a resident of Weir House.

In his policy he is pro: VUC fully realising itself as a University; providing new and improving old student boarding accommodation; immediate and drastic steps to provide a well-appointed mixed common room; better VUC-Community relations; fullest co-operation within such bodies as NZUSA to form a strong NZU opinion; exploration of avenues of international student understanding and sympathy.

Peter Froome

An ex-serviceman, Peter entered the College in 1939 and is at present in his final year of B.Sc. Sport has been the keynote of his activities, with hockey as his major interest. This year he is a member of the Hockey Club Committee, and VUC delegate to

Women's Committee

Nell Casey

Nell, a Commerce student, is a member of the retiring Exec. She has been treasurer this year. Nell is secretary of the Debating Society, and during the past few years has been a committee member of the Table Tennis and Music-makers' Clubs, and the Catholic Students' Guild. She is known to many students as a call-girl for the last two Extravs.

Nell aims at the re-organisation of the Students' Association financial system on business lines. Better facilities in the cafeteria and a speeding-up of plans for the new Students' Union Building have her full support.

Suzanne Ilott

Suzanne has recently visited Canadian and American Universities and is finishing B.A. this year. She is secretary of Women's Hockey Club and committee member of Tennis Club and SCM for past two years. She is interested in Debating and Literary Clubs and assisted in Extrav, 1945.

She favours introduction of amenities seen overseas such as better hostel accommodation and establishment of bureau for those wanting lodgings. She will work for closer relations between University and community; more vigorous campaign for Student Union Building; improved cafeteria and sporting facilities.

NZU and the Wellington Hockey Association. He has represented VUC five times in Winter Tournament. VUC Blue, 1941-42; an examiner of the Royal Life Saving Society and delegate to the Wellington Swimming Association; and has participated less conspicuously in Athletics, Gymnastics and Table Tennis.

His policy is the propagation of sport in all its phases, with an emphasis on increased VUC virility. He would like to see greater inter-club co-operation, and better facilities within the College for these activities.

Athol Howarth

A part-time student, a returned serviceman candidate for Men's Committee. Has attended VUC since 1937 with the exception of the years, 1940-45. Represented VUC at Easter Tournament, 1939, 1946, 1947. Captain of the Halsam Shield Team, 1947; Miniature Shooting Representative, 1946; President of the Political Science Society, the Victoria Defence Rifle Club, the VUC Miniature Rifle Club. Procession Controller and Assistant House Manager, 1946, and Assistant Procession Controller, 1947.

Keenly interested in Student affairs, he would like to see a full-time Treasurer appointed and wishes to see some action regarding the Building Fund.

Pix Hurrell

A Science student, Pix was at CUC, 1943-44, and VUC since. He helped to found the Swords Club in 1945 and has been club captain since then. President of the Drama Club, he produced "Mr. Bolfrey" and "Private

Marie Irwin

Marie is a teacher doing honours this year. She is Secretary-Treasurer of the Women's Basketball Club and is a member of the Debating and Political Science Societies and of the Socialist Club. She will be remembered for her untiring work as Wardrobe Mistress for Extravs., 1946-47.

Marie is interested in seeing more active participation of women in sports and other clubs. She would like to organise assistance to freshers in introducing themselves into College clubs and activities.

Marget McKenzie

Marget is a third-year student and hopes to complete her B.A. degree this year. Amongst her college activities she has held office on the SCM Executive for two years, and is on the Swimming Club Committee and Social Committee, was a swimming rep. at the past two Easter Tournaments and is active in the Drama Club.

Though interested in all aspects of student life, Marget would particularly like to see immediate improvement of cafeteria facilities, a mixed common room, formation of a combined clubs' committee and club sponsorship of dances, etc., overhaul of Gym. kitchen equipment and regular utility grant for the social committee, consideration of ways of gaining community interest and financial support and stimulation of interest in student affairs and in Exec. elections.

Lives" and has been in Extrav., 1945-46. He was assistant Proceh Controller, 1946 and Proceh Controller this year. Pix played for Rugby Football Club in 1945 and has been coach for the Junior B for the past two seasons.

He is an ex-serviceman and would like to see planned support by the Executive for all clubs on a more rational basis than in the past. He would also support an immediate effort towards procuring the rest of the finance for the Students' Building.

Gordon McDonald

Gordon enrolled as a commerce student in 1938, and after one lecture decided to become a teacher. This will not be his last year at Varsity, even if it should be his final year for B.A.

Gordon has worked behind the scenes in several Extravs., and is secretary of the Tramping Club. This year he and Dick Collins, with negligible student support, scratched together the best-selling "Cappicade" ever.

While he agrees with the policy of the present Executive, he sees room for improvement in some directions. However, like other ordinary students, he knows little about the practical difficulties that have been faced so he makes no promises.

Peter Morris

Peter is a full-time Honours student this year. He is an ex-Training College student and first came to Victoria in 1940. He was overseas from 1942 to 1945. He has been Assistant Secretary of the Students' Association for the past year, was Senior Tournament Delegate for Easter Tournament this year, and a member of the Blues Com-

Joyce Money

Joyce is a member of the retiring Exec. She started at Victoria in 1945 and is at Training College this year, where she is on the Tramping Club Committee. At present Exec. representative on the Social Committee, Joyce is also on the committees of the Tramping and Socialist Clubs, and is a VUC representative to the Combined Tramping Clubs' Committee.

Joyce is keenly interested in the organisation of the cafeteria and in the reduction of prices of meals. She is endeavouring to get students actively interested in sending clothes and books for the relief of people in European countries.

Christine Salmon

Christine is a Science student and hopes to complete B.Sc. this year. She is a keen member of the Biological Society of which she is on the publications committee, the Maths and Physics Society, the Debating Club, and the Glee Club, of which she was a committee member in 1946. She is interested in all outdoor sports and takes part in tennis, basketball and swimming. She assisted with Extrav. in 1947.

Christine would like to see more interest aroused in the Students' Association Building, and improvements to the cafeteria. She is a strong supporter of the Medical Scheme, and would like to see it put into force as soon as possible.

mittee. He took part in Extravs. in 1940, 1941, and 1946, and was Assistant Controller in 1947. He is interested in all student sporting and cultural activities, represented VUC in Athletics in 1941, plays Soccer this year.

Peter thinks that the next year must see a campaign for contributions to the New Student Building from old students and the general public, as soon as the plans have been drawn up. He will continue to press for the establishment of Departmental Committees, and for Student Representation on the Senate and thinks that during Tournaments more volunteers from sports clubs should assist with the organization.

Mike Murray

Mike came to Victoria in 1944, and is a Science student. He is a member of the Medical Scheme Committee, the Cafeteria Inquiry Committee and is Gym. Controller. He is a member of the Debating and Biological Societies and of "Salient" Staff. Mike has taken part in three Extravs. and has been Chief Guide of the Tramping Club for the past two years. He is a member of the retiring Executive.

Mike is keen to find means of improving the Cafeteria both as regards service and price of meals. As Exchange Manager of "Salient" he endeavours to establish better contact with universities outside New Zealand and would like the Executive to continue this work. He also wants continuation of the policy of full co-operation with NZUSA. He is interested in setting up an Orientation Course on the lines of those in Australian Universities to help acquaint freshers with the College.