

VUC Students' Assn. (Inc.)  
**Special General Meeting**  
 — Upper Gymnasium —  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**  
 10 p.m.  
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## EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Seven candidates elected unopposed: SGM on Wednesday

Ex-secretary John Marchant president, B. Hume treasurer

Seven of the thirteen positions on the VUC Students' Association Executive have been declared filled without contest in the forthcoming elections.

A requisition signed by Mr R. C. Polson, Miss G. Jackson and 56 others, asking for a Special General Meeting of the Association to discuss the possibility of re-opening nominations, was rendered ineffectual by the present Executive at a meeting on Monday night. The Executive decided to hold the special meeting at 10 pm on Wednesday June 27, the night of the AGM—after the elections are completed and the results declared.

The principal motion to be discussed at the special meeting, as stated on the requisition, is "That in view of the fact that seven out of the thirteen Executive positions are to be filled without opposition, nominations be re-opened with a view to obtaining a more representative number of candidates and wider interests in the election generally."

The signatories of the requisition include seven candidates in the elections—three of whom have already been declared elected unopposed. The signatures were collected within the space of an afternoon, on two copies of the petition.

The petition was designed to remedy the present situation whereby more than fifty percent of the new Executive will have come into office unopposed. Difficulty in giving effect to the purpose of the petition was caused by clauses in the Constitution, which would have to be suspended or amended for nominations to be re-opened. This procedure requires time, and while the brevity of discussion of the matter by Executive may be criticized it is questionable whether any more satisfactory decision could have been made.

It would appear that the only course now open to the sponsors of the petition—should they feel sufficiently strongly about the matter—would be to move a vote of no confidence in the new Executive at the Special General Meeting.

In this case they would have to overcome the argument that there would appear to be little point in throwing out an untried Executive composed of those interested enough to stand just to give others who had previously not shown interest a chance to stand against them in a new election.

It is believed that no decision has as yet been made by the sponsors of the petition about their policy in this matter at the meeting; they are expected to decide this only when the tenor of the meeting has been observed.

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Friday, June 22, 1956

### AGM to consider constitutional amendments

Two amendments to Schedule 3 to the VUCSA Constitution, regulating conduct of the Executive elections, will be moved at the AGM of the Association on June 27.

Sponsored by Mr R. C. Polson and Miss G. Jackson, they are designed to prevent a recurrence of the situation whereby the entire membership of the Women's or Men's Committee is filled without election, and to increase interest in the elections generally.

The first amendment would add the following sentence to the Schedule:—

"Not less than 20 days before the Annual General Meeting a broadsheet shall be issued free of charge by the Executive publicising the elections, explaining the nature and duties of Executive members of the Association, calling on students to come forward with nominations and containing any other such relevant material as the Executive may think fit."

The second would alter a clause of the Schedule so that it would read as follows (the sections in black type being those added as a result of the intended amendment):—

"If the number of candidates for office-holding positions does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled the Returning Officer shall send a written declaration to the President of the Association declaring the candidate or candidates so nominated to be duly elected to the office or offices to be filled.

It shall be incumbent on the Executive to ensure that before nominations close there be at least six nominations for the Men's Committee and six nominations for the Women's Committee."

Notice has also been given of intention to move another Constitutional amendment unrelated to the question of elections. Sponsored by H. S. Roberts and D. Jones, it is as follows:—

"Of the yearly grants to the clubs and societies affiliated to the Students' Association, a proportion of at least approximately thirty percent be granted to the non-sporting clubs and societies."

The following officers of the Victoria University College Students' Association have been declared elected unopposed by the Returning Officer, Mr T. Govenlock:

President: Mr C. J. Marchant (nom. W. Iles, sec. J. Hutchison, I. Rich).

Treasurer: Mr B. A. Hume (nom. J. Bathgate, sec. I. Rich, J. Marchant).

Women's Vice-President: Miss Gabrielle Jackson (nom. W. Iles, sec. I. Rich, G. Hamery).

Women's Committee: Miss Jill Le Fort (nom. S. Ting, sec. R. McKelvey, H. van den Heuvel); Miss Rosemary Lovegrove (nom. J. Marchant, sec. G. Hamery, I. Rich); Miss Janette McCracken (nom. T. Hill, sec. G. Jackson, H. Brockie); Miss Susan Mitalfe (nom. E. Kersley, sec. J. Marchant, M. Newton).

Elections will be held for all other positions on the Executive on Friday, Monday and Tuesday June 22, 25 and 26, from 8.30—9.30 am and from 4—8.15 pm in the main foyer of VUC. The results of the elections will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Upper Gymnasium at 7.30 pm on Wednesday June 27.

Following are election policy statements of candidates for the positions of Secretary and Men's Vice-President and Men's Committee (four members), which are being contested. None of the opinions expressed in these statements is necessarily that of this paper; all statements were supplied by the candidates or their proposers.

### Secretary

#### BRIAN SHAW

Brian is a full-time fourth-year Arts student. Through his activities during this time he has gained a good knowledge of student conditions and is prepared to bring to Executive a continuation and expansion of the present sound policies.

He has been Editor of Salient (54-55), contestant for Plunket Medal, Headquarters Controller at Tournaments, and held innumerable other positions. Among other things Brian will give special attention to the representation of Training College students on the VUCSA Executive.

Nominator: J. Dawick.

Seconders: R. Atkinson, H. Kittow.

#### TONY WOOD

"Student amenities at VUC are shocking, deplorable and scandalous, and it is up to us to do something about them NOW," writes Antony Wood.

Tony is a second-year Arts student with plenty of experience in University affairs: On the committees of three clubs, including treasurer and co-founder of the Social Democrat Society, in Extrav '55, at Congress '56, member of Debating, Free Discussions, Anglican and Film Societies, Socialist Club and SCM; actively participated in functions of the Tramping, Tennis, Drama, French and other Clubs. His programme includes:

Common common rooms: The men's

and women's common rooms should be changed respectively to a common reading room and a common lounge, available for evening meetings and with nearby supper-making facilities.

Men's lockers should be provided.

Co-ordination should be arranged between Training College and VUC to promote co-operation and prevent clashing of functions.

Pressure for immediate commencement of Student Union Building.

NZUSA: Drinking Horn should have no official or semi-official acknowledgement; liquor should be legalised at Congress; the Winter Tournament should be expanded to include music, chess, discussions, etc.

"This is a constructive programme and I am prepared to fight for it if you give me your backing with your votes."

Nominator: P. F. Campbell

Seconders: Bede Rundle, John Gamby

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## Men's Vice-President

### DENNIS BROWN

Dennis is a fifth-year Law student who has qualified as a solicitor and this year hopes to complete his LL.B.

His background of student affairs and activities comes from four years on the committee of the Law Faculty Club (with two years as secretary), membership of the Rowing Club committee for one year, being in the cast of Extrav for four seasons (Claude '54, Sid '55 and '56), Controller of the successful Capping Ball held earlier this year and emergency for the VUC rowing team at Easter Tournament 1954.

Dennis accepted nomination for the position of men's vice-president because he has time to devote to Executive duties and because he wishes to make some contribution to the College and to the Association in return for what he has received from them.

No particular election promises are made except that of willing service.

Nominator: W. Iles

Seconders: J. Marchant, Diana Fussell.

### TED WOODFIELD

Ted is a third-year full-time Arts student with History as his major subject. In his three years at VUC Ted has built up a great record of participation and achievement in student activities. He has been on Salient staff '54, '55 and '56, first as Chief Reporter, then as Sports Editor and now as a member of the Editorial Committee. Similarly he has been in Extrav in each of his three years here successively as member of the male ballet and the chorus and this year as a principal and Assistant Producer.

He attended Congress in 1955 and '56 and is on the organizing committee for 1957. At Easter Ted had a major share in organizing Easter Tournament at VUC as Corresponding Delegate and also as secretary to the NZU Tournament Committee. All sports will be aware of his worth here. He is also president of the Literary Society and was one of the foundation members of this revived society.

He has an excellent knowledge of Association affairs, which has been widened even more by his work in the first half of this year as Assistant Office Secretary to the Association. All in all, Ted has all the qualifications and experience to make a first-class Vice-President.

Nominator: John Gamby

Seconders: J. Dawick, K. Walker

## Men's Committee (4)

### PAUL CANHAM

Paul is a fourth-year Arts student this year taking Honours in History. He has participated in many aspects of student life at VUC, particularly rowing and rugby. He has represented VUC in rowing at three Tournaments and also in water polo in 1955. He was last season a Wellington provincial representative at the New Zealand Olympic rowing trials. In rugby Paul has been captain of the VUC Third Seconds last year and of the Junior Thirds this year.

Paul has also served this College as a sports administrator—secretary of the Rowing Club for three years; member of the Rugby Club committee and Rowing Controller at Easter Tournament 1956. He is keenly interested in all Varsity activities (Extrav, Congress, etc.) and would be a great worker for the association if elected.

Paul would especially like to see the student representative on the College Council as more of a representative than at present; he favours the idea of a canteen open all day to sell confectionery, cigarettes etc; and he recognizes the need for a common common room. We feel that in Paul the Association has a person of great ability and who would serve the Association to the best of his ability at all times.

Nominator: E. A. Woodfield.

Seconders: B. Shaw, J. Gamby.

### PETE CARVER

H. R. Carver is a third-year student who has spent two years taking Commerce and this year has started Law. He is an active member of the Cricket and Golf Clubs and has represented VUC and NZU at both sports.

While making no rash election promises, if elected he would endeavour to assist in looking after the interests of all students. He would also be quite prepared to listen to suggestions from the progressive and criticisms from the dissatisfied.

Nominator: B. R. Boon.

Seconders: W. A. Bendall, W. L. Allen.

### STUART COMBER

Stuart is a fifth-year Law student completing an LL.B. degree this year. During his stay at VUC he has been associated with Extravaganza for four years (this year he was in charge of advertising) and an active member of the Law Faculty Club.

Besides this, Stuart has taken part in many of the social activities around the college and has developed a broad outlook on the problems of drink and sex. Stuart believes that the incoming Executive should consider these points:

Greater co-operation between the people of Wellington and the University, and more University activities directed towards this end; speed up completion of the Student Union Building; help Rugby Club in building of gymnasium on Te Aro Park; vexed question of club grants.

Nominator: B. F. Hill.

Seconders: B. V. Galvin, D. E. C. Deacon.

### MIKE EDWARDS

Mike Edwards, a full-time student, has for many years taken an active interest in many branches of student affairs. He is a past president of the International Students' Club and is the president of the revived Film Society.

He has participated in two Extravaganzas and both times managed to deputise for the mayor as he was indisposed. He has been seen, heavily disguised, in Process. The Congress at Curious Cove was twice graced by his presence. During Easter Tournament he was behind the scenes at Headquarters.

His aim is to try and facilitate town-gown relationships and is prepared to work hard to promote the interests of all students.

Nominator: G. Townsley.

Seconders: F. Little, R. Renner.

### TONY ELLIS

Tony Ellis offers his services on Executive again this year and has the following record. He entered VUC in 1953 with an Entrance Scholarship and has since obtained a B.A. in Mathematics whilst pursuing a B.A.-LL.B. course which still claims his attention. He captains the VUC fencing team in NZU and provincial tournaments and

has represented NZU and Wellington. He has a VUC Blue. He played hockey for two years.

He served on the Finance and Cafeteria Sub-committees of the Executive. He has been a delegate to Winter Tournament and has been Gymnasium and Common Room Controller 1955-56. He has also done other things. He is a member of the retiring Executive.

The new Executive will, it seems, be full of officers elected for the first time and experience in student affairs should be at a premium. Tony feels that he can provide at least a little of this experience.

Nominator: D. G. Simmers.

Seconders: B. V. Galvin, W. Iles.

### BRIAN SANDFORD

Brian has attended VUC since 1953 and has in this time (apart from very severe headaches) acquired his B.Sc. in Physics and is now doing Physics Honours. His part in Varsity clubs reads like the proverbial Who's Who. He is at present vice-president of the Maths and Physics Society, an ardent member of MPHMATs, an active member of the Physics Photographic Club and a demonstrator in the Physics Department. He has also put in a few appearances at the Miniature Rifle Club (no bull).

Brian has a rather interesting policy to present. He feels that regardless of how sincere an Exec member may be he will always fail to discover all that the students would like him to bring before Exec. To this end he would like, if elected, to be approached by students on matters they feel need airing. This is very sound and far more practical than any election promise.

I am certain that if elected he will tackle his new responsibilities with the same application that has earned positions of responsibility.

Nominator: B. Cockburn.

Seconders: M. Collins, T. Corbett.

### TIM SHIRTCLIFFE

Tim entered VUC in 1953 and hopes to complete an M.Sc. soon. A keen member of the Miniature Rifle Club and a committee member of the Maths and Physics Society, Tim also finds time to supervise the Physics Department Photographic Club and regularly attends MPHMAT functions.

Apart from the academic side of a student's life Tim is of the opinion that a full university life depends on the clubs—both academic and sporting—and the functioning of these clubs in turn depends not only on the keenness of its members but also on its finances. In some circumstances the latter prevent the club being sufficiently useful as a part of college life. He considers that the whole question of club grants requires much consideration.

Nominator: T. G. Corbett.

Seconders: R. Carman, W. Griffin.

### ALAN WARD

Alan Ward has graduated B.A. and holds a Senior Scholarship in History. He has competed in three summer tournaments and is a committeeman of the Athletic Club. Also on committee of the Weir House Association and president of the Historical Society (remember "Ward v. Munz" at the AGM).

He is concerned about the apathy of the students and college big shots towards physical education activities and certain sports. Would work for greater Exec backing for these activities and seek to interest College Council in supporting efforts to secure better facilities until Te Aro is broken in.

Would also wish to foster better public support for VUC by publicising the real work of the College—its faculties and its specialist clubs—through advertising, liaison with city organizations and perhaps a new periodical like a cross between Political Science and Time.

Sees an urgent need for better common room facilities and would support the idea of a good common common room with proper amenities in the main Arts block.

Nominator: A. Ellis.

Seconders: J. Bathgate, G. Jackson.

### TONY WOOD

(For statement see under nominations for secretary.)

Nominator: Tony Ellis  
Seconders: Kathryn Blakelock, David Vere-Jones.

## Reflections on a Varsity career

Friend or enemy, draw near;  
Wellingtonians, lend an ear;  
I too had a Varsity career  
In the early, early days.

I'll tell you nothing but the truth.  
In the Queen City of the South  
Our drinking habits were uncouth  
In the early, early days.

My thoughts were neo-pagan then.  
I didn't belong to the S.C.M.  
They didn't like me and I didn't like them  
In the early, early days.

I never held it was a sin  
To sink a quart of orange gin.  
On Thursday my weekend would begin  
In the early, early days.

Peculiar things were done and seen  
In the Robert Burns and the Bowling Green.  
God did not chose to intervene  
In the early, early days.

I liked to look at the birds and trees;  
My textbooks gathered mould in peace;  
I regarded swotting as a loathsome disease  
In the early, early days.

For recreation I played Slippedy Sam  
With a sailor on an oilboat from Abadan.  
The Johns caught up with him, poor man.  
In the early, early days.

My girlfriend had a flat of her own  
With Japanese tea-cups and finger bones.  
In a fortnight I lost half a stone  
In the early, early days.

Together we studied jet propulsion.  
I never drank my Lane's Emulsion;  
I avoided Psych. Prac. with revulsion  
In the early, early days.

Life went faster in '44.  
I didn't have time to find it a bore  
Between her place and the bottle store  
In the early, early days.

The lecturer's head was bald, of granite;  
I admired the flies that skated upon it  
And watched the clock shift minute by minute.  
In the early, early days.

My cobbler lived on Prince's Street.  
The things we discussed I won't repeat.  
There was lots to drink and little to eat  
In the early, early days.

Formal attire was seldom worn;  
The parties kept on going till dawn  
And saveley skins were left on the lawn  
In the early, early days.

My relatives told me I'd wake with a bump  
When I ended up on the rubbish dump;  
But I lived like a camel off my hump  
In the early, early days.

Till the little green canary was eaten  
By the cat,  
Till an octopus climbed from the brewer's vat,  
Till the vulture squawked on the front door mat  
In the early, early days.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust:  
If the grog doesn't kill you hard yacker must.  
I think my physique was more robust  
In the early, early days.

Now my song must have an ending:  
But I'm sure you'll agree who have heard me sing  
That a Varsity career is an excellent thing  
As it was for me in the early days,  
In the early, early days.

—JAMES K. BAXTER

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