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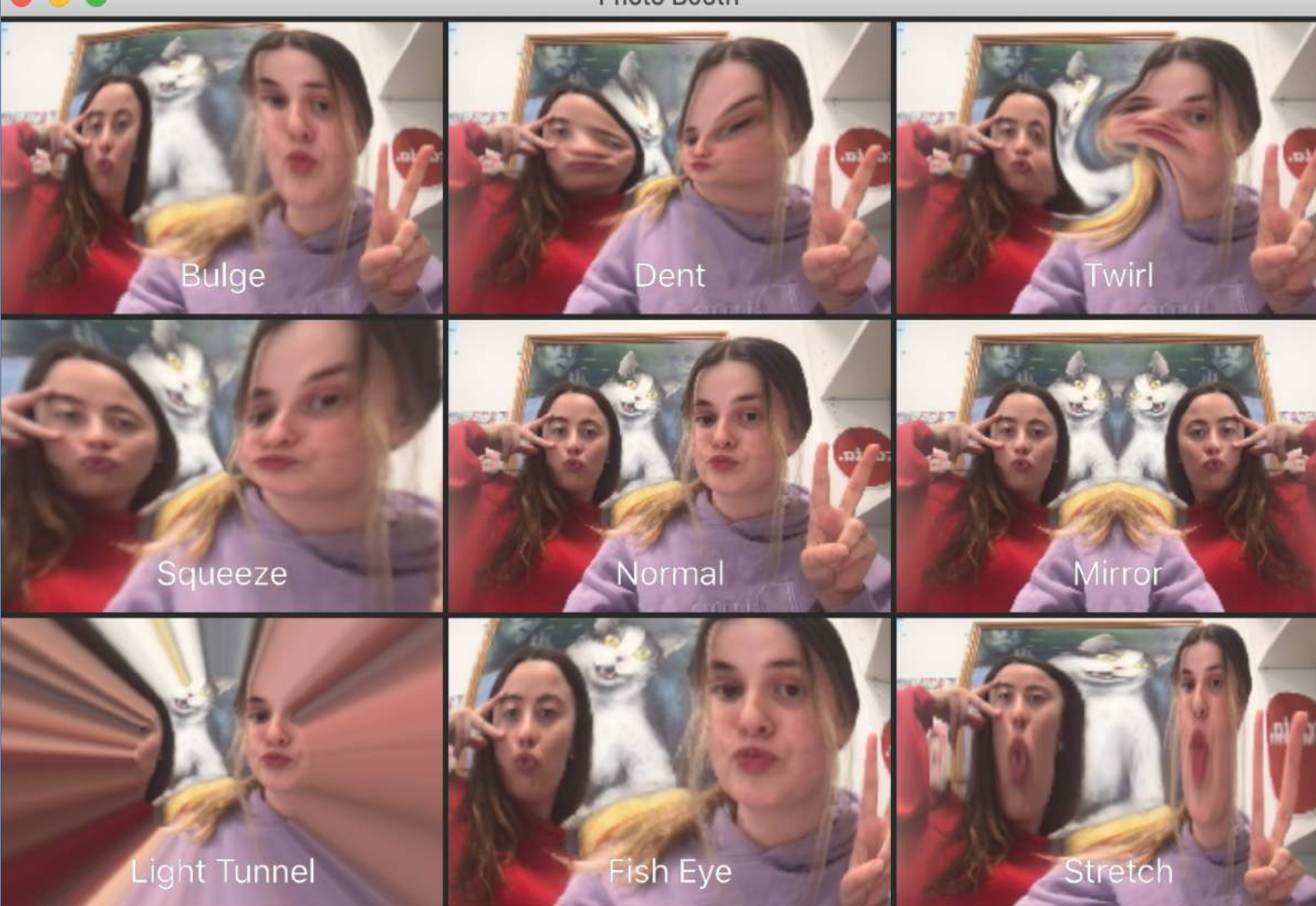
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Editorial

Does Anyone Ever Read the Editorial?

Ella Gibson (she/her)

Kia ora e hoa mā, I hope that you're having a swell day. Welcome to CANTA's Pop Culture Issue! In this issue, we wanted to present you with a wholesome amount of nostalgia - how about that Club Penguin cover - merged with a current pop culture flavour.

Does anyone ever read the CANTA editorial? It is a quintessential formality for any editor or co-editor to have their introductory say at the beginning of a magazine issue. But it is also a very convenient place for one to entirely skip over. We swear if another person comes up to us and declares their love for only Lucky Dip and no other part of the magazine, hands will be thrown. For reference, the current CANTA team holds no responsibility for creating the segment. It has been a long running tradition in CANTA since way back.

Alas, we do wonder whether any of you actually take the time to digest or care for what we have to say at the start of each issue. We try to set the scene for the issue ahead, but to be honest, due to the plethora of comments about CANTA that we have received this year, it seems that none of you harness the patience to not dart back to the Lucky Dip segment of the magazine straight away.

Wow, you've read this far, dear reader! Maybe we have thought wrong this whole time or maybe we haven't!? Anyway, we're going to assume that you're not reading this and we're ready to spill the damn tea. But what if you are though? That's the cookie, we'll probably never know...

Just in case you are one of the special ones who has deviated from the norm of the impatient majority and are still somehow reading, we might sip the tea by ourselves for a little while longer. Let's get to the cookie that is this very exciting pop culture issue!

In this spicy CANTA issue, we have an exciting abundance of content for ya, dear reader. We've delved into your nostalgic psyche for this issue and brought to surface some of the sexiest nostalgia in the forms of Pinterest moodboards, kiddie websites, and scandalous tabloids. But never fear young buck, we also have got you covered on the pop culture front as well like meme pages and Love Island.

This is our last issue for this term team, so get into it and we wish you the best of luck for the rest of this term. Sending you all the aroha and good vibes!

Besitos xx

TUMUAKI PIECE

Rosa Hibbert-Schooner (she/her)

Tēnā tātou!!!

Ko Rosa tēnei. I am back with a reflective update as we head into this new semester.

It has been a privilege to serve Māori students this year so far and I have to firstly acknowledge the hard mahi of our executive board, the relentless hours of hui done by our academic representatives, the support from our alumni, community groups and staff members, the dedicated champions from Te Waka Pākāno, UC Wellbeing and Kia Angitū board, all the awesome clubs here at UC that we have collaborated with and lastly, but most of all, to our students who persevere and continue to model excellence here at UC - Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa.

This year required our organisation to adapt, to think creatively, to improve, to question, to dream and to proactively advocate for our tauira.

Key areas of focus and implementation:

- Whakatūwhera: Academic representative board with a rep per college and within the postgrad space.
- Kia Angitū: A board focused on increasing the retention and support for underserved students at UC.
- Whakapapa: layering foundations and relationships across wider spaces and communities to increase opportunities, collaborations and support for our students.
- Widening the conversation: We have brought Māori student perspective to many new kaupapa this year. This is both a turning point and chance for our rangatahi Māori voices to be heard further than just the UC spaces we are comfortable in.

Moving forward we have the following goals:

- Whaingā for our students: To be shown manaaki and tautoko from staff and fellow peers. To encourage whakanaungatanga and mahi tahi between other roopū here at UC. And to become the excellent Māori leaders we see them to be.
- Whaingā for the environment of UC: To lead transformative change that shows outcomes and services that serve ALL diverse and underserved learners at UC. To be shown an exemplar of what a Te Tiriti lead institution looks like.
- Whaingā with UCSA/wider campus clubs: To collaborate for the benefit, welfare and manaaki of ALL students. To hold true to tikanga and values and use these to lead solutions.
- Whaingā with Mana Whenua: To support rangatahi who are Tangata Whenua to feel included, heard and supported in learning, advocating and expressing their Ngai Tahu tanga.
- Whaingā with community: To invite and welcome all people wanting to be a part of our kaupapa and promote identity, ahurea and Te Ao Māori to all those around us.





FIRST YEAR STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH PARLIAMENTARY PRESS

Alex Carter (she/her)

The Youth Parliamentary Press Gallery allows 16–24-year-old applicants to report on events and activities of the young MP's. It is an opportunity for these selected people to engage with the upcoming issues that the youth are tackling and an engagement with upcoming governmental discussions.

The Youth Press Gallery is made up of 20 members.

Matteo Zhang (he/him) is a 1st year student at UC studying a double major in Law and Communications. Zhang applied to be a part of the Press Gallery in 2021 to be a part of the 5–6-month term of 2022.

Zhang applied for the role due to his interest in government and journalism.

Over the course of the term, Zhang covered stories about the speeches that occurred in parliament, conversed with ministers, and had his work published on the news platform RNZ.

Zhang found that his time with the Press Gallery was “really great, as it's such a small place, and it was good to connect with people and put names to faces.”

Zhang covered many stories during his time with the Press Gallery and enjoyed working on the mock bill by the Youth Parliament's minimum wage and looked at the reasons why change was needed.

“Young people remain one of the most exploited demographics in New Zealand's workforce. Many are students, and it's especially difficult while studying to work enough hours to earn a decent wage. With the rising cost of living, the cards are already stacked against youth before they even fully enter the workforce” explains Zhang in a snippet from the article “Youth MPs to focus on glaring wage gap” which can be found online.

Towards the end of his term, Zhang entered the 2022 Youth Parliament Competition. The competition was led by the Parliament and Business academic trust and focused on two questions which could be answered in any format.

Zhang wrote his essay about whether parliament has enough power to address issues, which led him to place joint third and won \$1000 towards his studies.

“I have an appreciation now of news making and what goes behind the story on the national stage.” Zhang shares after being a part of the national scandal where a group of 100 people, including PM Jacinda Ardern, were photographed without wearing face coverings which sparked international out-cry.

Zhang shares that while this event sparked, he did enjoy the “juicy comments section on twitter.”

STUDENT'S AREN'T SO WELL: INQUIRY INTO STUDENT WELLBEING

Alex Carter (she/her)

Recent results from the Green Party's inquiry into student wellbeing, led by Chlöe Swarbrick, released in July has publicly uncovered that students do not live in well accounted times.

Students have shared their living conditions and how many jobs they must obtain to live comfortably but many remain in poverty.

The results were:

- On average, students in shared flats spend 56 percent of their weekly income on rent.
- One in six say their shared flats don't meet their needs, but they can't move as rents are too high.
- Two-thirds regularly do not have enough money to buy food, clothing, pay bills, get health care or other basics. Disabled, Māori and Pasifika students were most likely to be in that position.
- Two-thirds haven't been able to pay for transport or the costs of a vehicle, while 91 percent say they would use public transport more if it was free.
- Nearly three-quarters (69 percent) report a decline in mental wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic and some said this had a negative impact on their study.

"Education is a public good. We all benefit when somebody takes on tertiary study, contributes original thought and their skills to our communities, country and world" says Chlöe Swarbrick in her statement.

A survey taken at the beginning of the year for UC students found that these statistics correlate with the ones that the Green party found and not much has changed for student wellbeing over the last six months.

A student shared "I ended up having to go part time/long distance and increased my hours at work." This was to help the cost of living while studying.

Another student shared complaints about their landlords not maintaining a healthy home. "It has taken a year for the landlord to fix the bathroom ceiling which was covered in mold, there are so many issues, and he refuses to do anything about it and is upping the rent" the concerned student shares.

Even though the minimum wage was increased at the beginning of the year as well as student living costs (which are at \$280), these increases are still not enough to help tackle the costs of living.

Swarbrick is fighting for students' wellbeing and pushing for a raise in student allowances to support a better lifestyle while students focus on their studies.

On August 1st, the government sent out a payment of \$116 to tax paying citizens to aid living costs. This installment will be divided across a three-month period, with the next installment in September.

The UCSA provides a food support service for students in need, as well as one off free lunch on selected days.

Disclaimer: Student comments were found in a survey conducted on the UCSA noticeboard February 2022

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UC BAND POOL HOUSE WIN TRIP TO LA

Georgia Eden (she/her)



Winning Dig the Gig was a moment UC band *Pool house* will never forget. After entering simply for a fun time and the free \$200 Sals pizza voucher – and then being awarded first place in the July 13th final – the band says they have never jumped so high.

“Samuel (bass guitarist) was still jumping for days after the competition,” says lead guitarist Harry van der Gulik.

When the band saw the opportunity to get their name out there, coming up with their band name was their hardest task. They began the competition named “Missing Mabel”, but changed it to Pool house after spending two days debating and finalising the name.

“We went for a walk in Hagley Park and looked through the funky names of the roses in hopes to find a name, as well as looking through colours on Wikipedia and unique names on Google maps,” Samuel Crisp says.

Dig the Gig is in its second year, and drew 17 entries from aspiring university bands.

Organiser Matt Johnson says he was stoked with the talent and crowd turnout, which maxed out the venue capacity.

He hopes to team up with the Christchurch City Council to fund next year’s event.

“Because of how successful both years have been, I’m hoping to get funding from the council so we can start working on creating more venue space, marketing and to do more for the bands.”

It can cost about \$600 to \$700 dollars to work in a recording studio for a day, which makes it hard for student bands to record their songs.

Johnson is looking forward to rewarding Pool house with their prize of recording a single and music video for free, before taking them to LA to perform in UCLA’s Dig the Gig next year.

“I think the best band won,” he says. “There’s just something about Pool house that entices a crowd, and they have a unique sound to them, so am looking forwards to getting them in the studio to record their first single.”

Life after Dig the Gig has taken off for last year’s winners This Dog, who came back to perform in the Dig the Gig finals this year. Their single and music video “Feel the same” has over 1000 views, and they are busy playing at gigs around town. They are also currently working on releasing an EP later this year.

Pool house are also busy and booked up for upcoming months, performing at 21st events and gigs around the city.

They aim one day to perform in NZ festivals such as Electric Ave and Nest Fest but say they will never forget the feeling when they won Dig the Gig.

Photo by Sam Hannaford



Ben Appetit: Otto

Ben O'Connell (he/they)

I'm back, back, back, back, back again. It's my last semester at UC and there's some campus eats I've not reviewed! Sacrilege. For freshers or non-historic Canta readers, I'm Ben and I love to eat and complain.

The end of the Shilling Club meant the start of Otto (and Oishii, but that's next week's piece). I nabbed three slices of pizza in my trip. I didn't get the curly fries but have only heard good things. Ambience wise, the music was an interesting mix. I've been told I legally must say I love the wall of Canta covers (as pictured). Jokes aside I do love it. I peeped the first Canta I ever worked on up there; 2018. Or was it 2017? A long time ago. If you're reading this, take it as a sign to write for Canta. Just submit one article that's a passion for you. See how you feel! You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

I ordered so much pizza that I got a slight discount. Score. Meat lovers was my fave slice! Recommend it for sure. The BBQ chicken one was ~fine~ ~~is ambivalence worse than hate~~. Sweet chilli chicken slice had me reminiscing about the good old days of \$2 rice because the sweet chilli was identical. Hand on heart it is the same sauce. Oh, how I miss that rice. Stodgy but in a comforting way. Anyway, my flatmate and bff Bee and I agreed that we weren't fans of the crusts...should've gone when they opened rather than near closing.

I think they were out of Hawaiian, but I will use this opportunity to rant about yucking other people's yums. Pineapple belongs on pizza. Make an angry UCSA Noticeboard post about how I am wrong for this all you bloody well want. Tomato is a fruit. Pineapple is a fruit. Fruit belongs on pizza.

Otto is an inoffensive uni eat. In the last Canta, there was this here ad saying it's the best slice on campus...but compared to where? Also, it's like \$5 a slice. UCSA hear me when I say that students are poor! I'll forever dream for some Dumplings on Riccarton energy on campus. Final thoughts: all the staff were lovely and I'm glad there's a proper UC pizza place. 6/10 Bens.

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ON CAMPUS

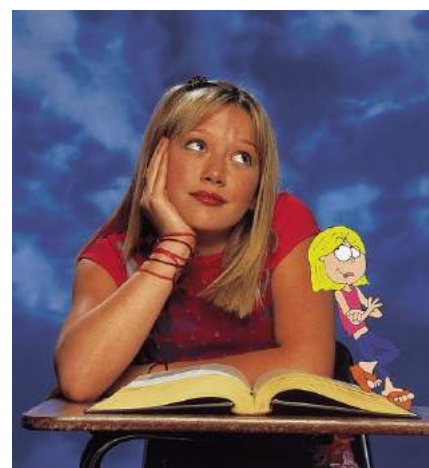
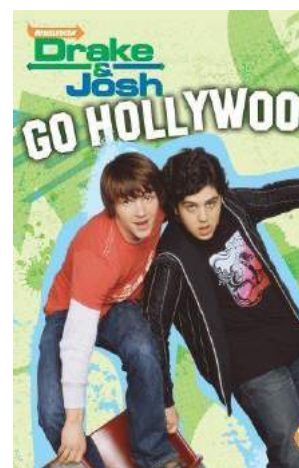
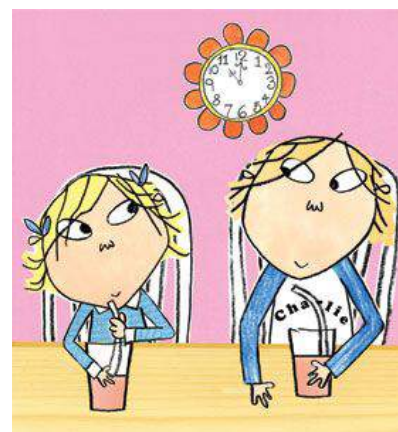
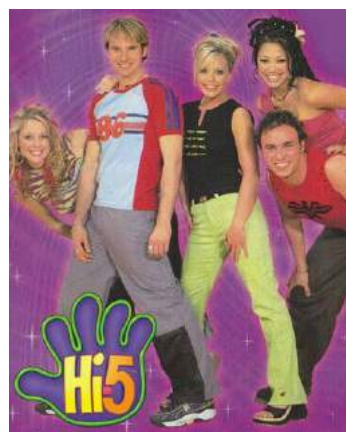
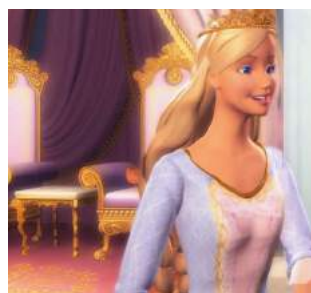




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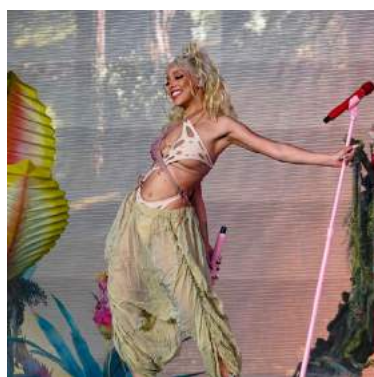


2000's MOODBOARD





2020's MOODBOARD



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ISLAND ADDICTS' ANONYMOUS

Maddy Croad (she/her)

Every day at 1pm I wrangle the flatties to indulge in our daily dose of Love Island, 50 beautiful minutes of pure bliss. This has become a regular routine for many Love Island frothers including myself, which had me wondering, is this normal?

I got my answer to this question when I was on one of my dutiful daughter facetime calls with my parents and found myself talking them through yet another argument that had occurred between the villas arguably best couple, Ekin 'the liarr' Su and Davide 'The Italian Stallion'. Twenty minutes into the explanation my mum stopped me and said the words no one wants to hear about 'your addiction'. It then occurred to me; I really do.

I rapidly typed in a google search in the hope I wasn't alone, and to my surprise I was not. A whopping five million viewers tuned in to the first episode of Love Island, with the show being streamed over 32 million times.

The numbers were insane, how has this show, showcasing 10 singles flirting with each other, resulted in a die-hard fanbase who never misses an episode. I decided to delve a bit deeper into the whys and to help me understand my condition a bit better.

Firstly, we as viewers love a bit of escapism, somewhere to depart to from our damp leaky flats, two-minute noodles, and the sound of a mate crying over yet another All Blacks loss. It allows us to live our best lives through other people, and this is extremely appealing to a poor Uni student.

The appeal increases ten-fold when the producers give us viewers exactly what we want - drama, sex, and eye candy.

Although we may not particularly identify with girls wearing bikinis 12 hours a day, or overly excited lads who lift weights for breakfast, we are still fascinated with every one of their journeys, from the moment they walk in to when they inevitably get dumped. The Love Island gods this season have also provided us with the best plot twists. From the comeback of Adam Collard (definitely not complaining), Andrew's cheeky breastfeeding moment and the odd dabble in duvet sex, all lend themselves to our emotional spikes during each show and leave us wanting more. Plain and simple, it's good TV.

All this reasoning made me understand why I cannot look away from my screen and why I dedicate a good chunk of time to ensure I soak up every minute. However, it also left me wondering if the hold Love Island has on me is negative in any way.

There is no doubt that Love Island could be having an adverse effect on my mental health and my perception of what is normal. Continuously watching seemingly 'perfect' people walking around half naked all day has started to make me question my definition of what sexy looks like. I mean, I have never seen a plus sized Islander in my many years of addiction nor one with a single pimple on their face and because of issues like this, it takes active reminding to realise that everyone has sex appeal in a different way. No matter what size, shape, or colour.

After confronting all these causes and consequences of my dependence on Love Island, it has me questioning whether I should try and quit. When I look back to my life B.L.I (Before Love Island), I had no distractions, no unnecessary commitments or reasons to count calories. I was focused and less consumed, an all-round exemplary student (minus the few Friday morning workshops).

This led me to a simple conclusion, yes, I will continue to watch this year, I mean, I'm in too deep already. And yes, I will not know what to do with myself at the end of this season (maybe a reading or two). But I will, eventually and in my own time begin my Love Island detox, and I hope some of you will be inspired to as well.



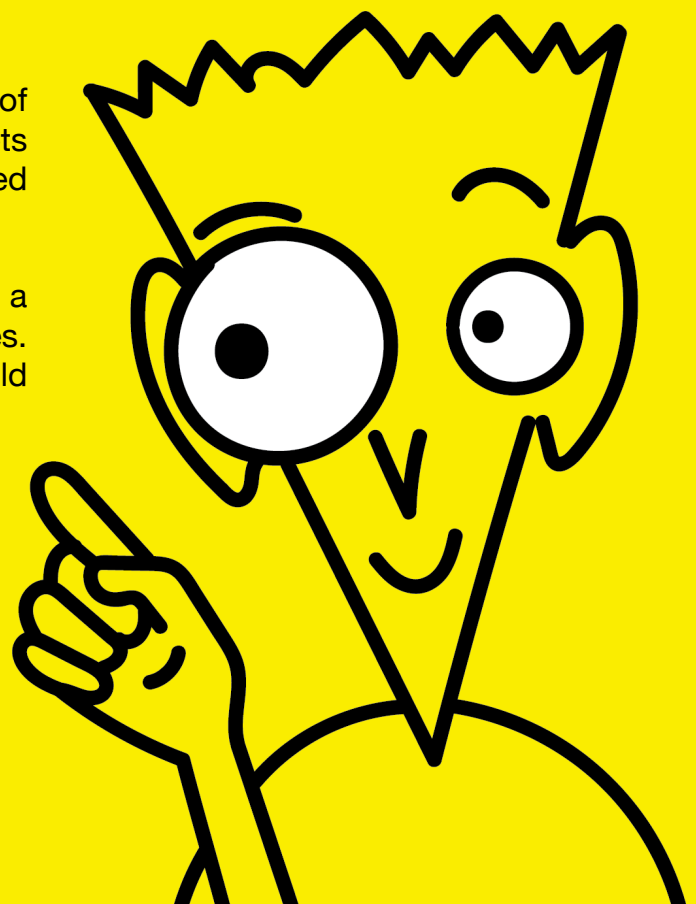
A Guide to UC's Meme Pages FOR DUMMIES

Ella Gibson (she/her)

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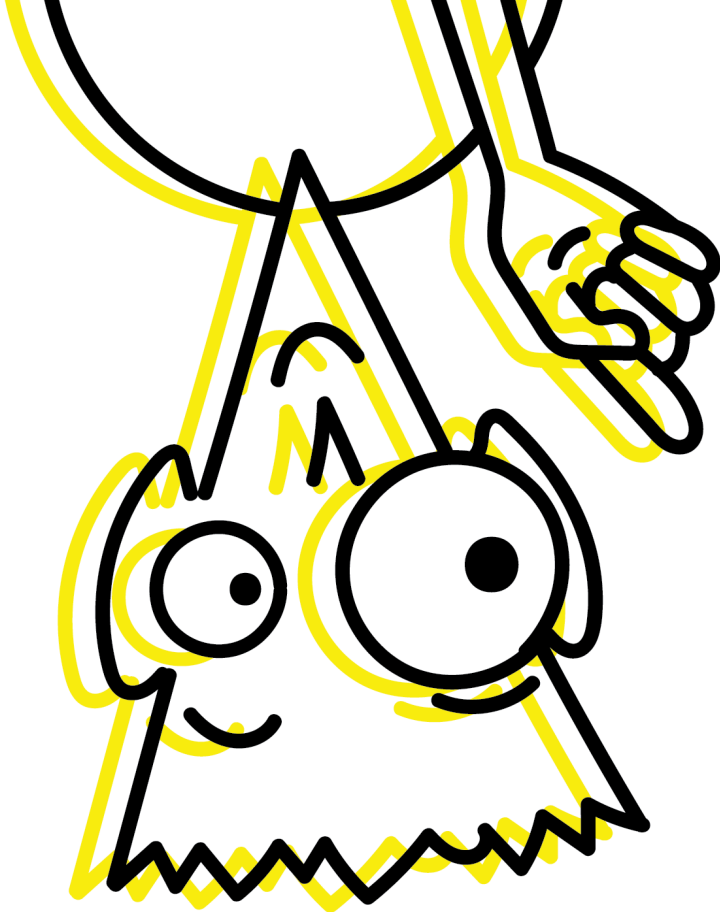
UC's Meme Pages are their own breed of madness. They cover so many different facets of the University of Canterbury and its renowned culture.

So today, it was only fitting that I composed a glorious guide to UC's Meme Pages for dummies. After reading this, if you don't already, you should follow all of these pages.



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The **first category** of meme pages are the “Things Overheard in...” pages. You should definitely already be acquainted with the Things Overheard in the UC Library Facebook page. With over 10,000 page follows, Things Overheard in the UC Library compiles some of the greatest and wildest shit that students yarn about in the beloved Puaka-James library. Some of my recent personal favourite posts have been “I’d rather do the beep test 10 times in a row than sit this test tonight” and “are you gonna have lunch in engcore so he can nut and bolt?” Wholesome. On that same note, Things Overheard in the Eng Core and Things Overheard in Ernest Rutherford also exist and also provide top tier content.

The **second category** of UC meme pages are the ones that have the word ‘teen’ in their titles. While Juicy Memes for UC Teens mentions freshers a lot in their memes, the page is not exclusive to freshers and actually posts a lot of content that is relevant for students that are not of the fresher collective. Tag Yourself Memes for UC Teens also assembles beautifully crafted meme content that you should definitely get amongst and tag your mates in.

The **third category** is one that I will call the wholesome category. The first of these is none other than UC Compliments. This wholesome chestnut of a meme page publishes anonymous compliments from the UC cohort that are submitted through their page. The page personally holds a place in my heart as there have been some CANTA compliments on their page, of which I am very grateful for. Most of these meme pages are based on Facebook, but a new meme page that has seen a lot of recent success is none other than UC Love Letters on Instagram. UC Love Letters has a Facebook page but on Instagram they are thriving now with nearly 2,000 followers and are very active in their posting. If you want your heart to be warmed, follow them! The last meme page that I am placing in the wholesome category is UC: Meaningful Confessions. Boy oh boy, this meme page’s content has been plastering my feed recently and I am not complaining. Follow this page on Facebook to find joy in reading the most wild anonymous confessions.

Now we are going to enter the **random category**. Nothing is bad about being in the random category, it is actually what makes these meme pages so damn magnificent. First, we have got the Is it raining at UC? page. With the page’s focus being on informing students on the weather status at UC, you would be a fool not to help inform yourself and not follow this page. Next up, we have UC NAPS. Do you reckon you’ve found a good nap spot on campus? Well, find out and follow UC NAPS on Instagram to see if your spot is as good as the ones immortalised on this beloved meme account! UC Quote of the Day is another worthy mention of a meme page that was very active a few years ago. You should definitely check out this page just to simply see the beautiful cover picture of Dr Rod Carr. And then finally, we have the University of Canterbury: Yes/No meme page. This meme page posts charming statuses to get a real gauge on UC students’ thoughts, feelings, and opinions. 10/10.

The most honourable mention of all is the UCSA Noticeboard. If you are not acquainted with this page, get onto it! All of your informative shitposting needs will be fulfilled on this page.

If I have missed any pages, I sincerely apologise. Get onto all of these pages to fully be integrated into the ins and outs of the UC cultural scene. You can thank me later.

Gothcon

THE RISE OF GOTHs AND ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

Leo He (he/them)

Recently there have been news articles depicting how strip clubs and goth fashion are better indicators of a recession than economists. This is because the strip clubs are facing drought to the lack of money rain. Similarly, a recent tweet hit the world by storm. It reads:

“Seeing a lot of goths about again, which is bad news. Goths are the harbinger of recession, whether it's the 2008 recession, the 1980s recession or 5th century Rome and the collapse of the empire. They may not be the cause, but they are the warning we should heed.”

This has piqued the interest of many people including Lorna Piatti-Farnell, who is a professor at AUT but more importantly, the president of the Gothic Association of New Zealand and Australia (yes, that's a thing). Lorna is unconvinced that there is a direct correlation.

“I wouldn't go as far as saying that there is a direct correlation between recessions and the Goth subculture. What can be said is that some aspects of the broader Goth subculture - and bear in mind that this is varied and multifaceted.” Rather, she claimed that, “For this, there tend to be spikes in horror narratives (film, television, fiction) during particularly tumultuous times, as horror can function as a way for us to respond and reflect on our fears and what worries us the most.”

However, I would disagree. I believe there is totally a correlation between the rise of goths and economic collapse. The goth subculture has always existed in some form since Victoria England and is popular with those who are discontent with the ways of the world.

Hence, I present to you Gothconomics, a valid economic model of predicting recession totally not made up on the spot because I'm going through a goth phase and just read an article so I decided to parody it because I thought it was funny.

The new model I will propose will also develop a new economic system that will revolutionise how we see economic theory and will build a new way forward for humans and monster-kind. However, unlike the treatises that come before it, it will be clear and succinct unlike *The Wealth of Nations* and *Das Kapital*. Nobody will misinterpret it and everybody will have read it before subscribing to it so they actually follow the system and not some twisted version that has no relation to the original argument.

The treatise will thus finally unite humanity (and monster-kind) and totally will not just become another ideology that people will bicker about 100 years later like every other ideology that ever existed.

So, what is Gothconomics all about? This will have to be explained at another time.



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RANKING

QUENTIN TARANTINO

FILMS BEFORE HE FLOPS

Matthew Caro (he/him)

FEATURING

DEATH PROOF
JACKIE BROWN
ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD
THE HATEFUL EIGHT
KILL BILL (VOL. 1 & 2)
RESERVIOR DOGS
DJANGO UNCHAINED
INGLORIOUS BASTARDS
PULP FICTION



Quentin Tarantino is the most influential director of our time. He is the definition of an auteur (a director whose influence on a film is so great they are considered the author of the film), and you can be sure all his films feature gory violence, disastrously long dialogue sequences and suspense-laden scenes. His style is as distinctive as a singer's voice.

“When people ask me if I went to film school, I tell them ‘No, I went to films.’” – Quentin Tarantino

What makes him unique, not only in Hollywood but in broader society, is his ability to push back on social norms. Often criticised for his pervasive use of violence, racial slurs and neglect during stunts, he is fierce in his defence of his films and writing. Hollywood can be an incredibly restrictive and repetitive place, and he is the juxtaposing light other artists can look to. Frustrated that authors get more creative freedom than filmmakers, he is a pioneer of structuring films in ways that break the chronological order.

One of Quentin's defining features as a director is the obsession he carries over his craft. He appears almost deranged when he's discussing his methods and inspiration. In his latest film, when the perfect shot had already been taken, he would get the entire crew to retake the scene and chant cheerfully that they did so "because we love making movies". He is a tomb of knowledge around cinema and is often adapting old scenes into his films in quirky ways. One great example of this is when he got Uma Thurman to dance like cartoon cats from the 1970s film "The Aristocats".

Here are my rankings of his first nine films. If you haven't seen any of these, cancel the flat Love Island viewing tonight and start at the beginning of your list, and move your way forward.

9. Death Proof

8. Jackie Brown

7. Once upon a time in Hollywood

6. The hateful eight

5. Kill Bill (Vol. 1 & 2)

4. Reservoir Dogs

3. Django Unchained

2. Inglorious bastards

1. Pulp Fiction

Nine down, one to go. Quentin believes that most directors' last movies end up flopping, so, he has self-imposed a limit of ten films. Counting Kill Bill as one, he has reached his ultimate masterpiece. What it is, or when it will air, no one knows. All I know is I am eager to see if he can top the list in his final showing.

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**PIERCE'S FAVE
HOOK-UP SPOT**

IS THAT PIERCE ENDORSING CANTA?

**UCSA PRESIDENT
ON THE
LOOSE**

DITCHING

**COUNCIL
MEETINGS
TO GO TO
ANCESTRAL**

**PRESIDENT CROWLEY
SPOTTED ORDERING FOOD
AT A NON-UCSA CAFÉ**

**MONO STRAT
CHAT?**

**IS THAT THE PRESIDENT
BREAKING INTO
A STAIRWELL?**





CLUB CORNER

Stella Cheersmith (she/her)

The UCSA elections are fast approaching, and luckily UC has the perfect club to help you cast your vote! Stella Cheersmith had a lively discussion with president of UCPOLS, Luke Alderton, and one of the marketing managers, Kathryn Lee, to figure out what's happening in politics at the moment.

So what's your club all about?

Luke: UCPOLS was founded in 2011, so we've been around for a while. We're a nonpartisan club, but we absolutely love promoting politics of any sort – our mantra is we don't care who you vote for, as long as you vote! We like to bring in all sorts of people, speakers, or debates and we have a few social events along the way too.

What's on the calendar for 2022?

Luke: COVID has played its part in our events this year, but we have managed to have an awesome quiz night and it was good to see some new faces there. We're halfway through our speaker series at the moment where we have politicians of both local politics and national politics come in. So far we've had Matt Doocey and Duncan Webb, and we've got a few others lined up later in the year. Coming up on the 23rd of September [we've got] our UCPOLS ball, and this year it's going to be the good old Gatsby theme. So get excited!

Kathryn: Also coming up on the 23rd of August, we're going to have an under-35 candidate for counsel debate – young candidates for local government coming in and having a debate, which will be really interesting. Then on the 13th of September, we will be (hopefully) having a mayoral candidate debate, which will be very exciting!

What do students need to know going into the UCSA elections?

Kathryn: They email a lot of information early about the candidates and how to vote, so check your inboxes, check spam, make sure you're logging into your UC account. Most candidates post a lot on Facebook and on the UCSA Noticeboard. And really research – anything you're voting for, research, research, research. Who is going to represent your wishes on the UCSA?

Luke: Also come along to the debates, because I know that they can be a treasure trove of information for you to see who's representing you. I think [UC is] the highest in universities with engagement for voting in our student association politics, so that's great! Let's keep it up.



What about the local Christchurch elections coming up?

Kathryn: We've got the mayoral election – our current mayor Lianne Dalziel is not running again, so we have about four candidates at the moment going for [mayor]. Then you have your local community board, so these are people who represent, for example, if you live in Riccarton they're going to represent Riccarton's interests, so you will vote for someone for that [position]. Then when it comes to the broader Council, you want to vote for your area's representative, [for example] there's a Riccarton councillor you'll be voting for. We've also got the ECan elections, which is Environment Canterbury – you get posted out a booklet [for this] which is very helpful, it has all this information, and a little bit about each candidate. And from that you're voting for who's representing your environmental views on ECan's board.

Luke: I think our biggest message is: just vote. If you want your interests heard, the number one thing you can do is vote. It's having your say in what happens to Christchurch, Canterbury, and broader as well.

Kathryn: You can't complain about the Riccarton roadworks unless you've voted, okay?

Catch up with UCPOLS on both Instagram and Facebook! And enrol to vote at www.vote.nz

Listen to this chat with UCPOLS on CANTA's podcast CANTA RANTA. You can find it on Spotify!

HOW TO BE THRIFTY IN ŌTAUTAHĪ

Tilly King

Op shopping is the best kind of shopping. There's no better feeling than being able to reply with "Thanks, I thrifted it!" when someone compliments your outfit or flat decoration. It's also the perfect weekend break from study! Op shopping is the epitome of slow and responsible consumption – meaning you and your flat can look groovy while not breaking the bank or hurting our planet!

Ōtautahi has a multitude of op shops. From the well-known \$2 Toffs warehouse on Ferry Rd to the flatting essential Ecostore and everything in between! Op shopping + Ōtautahi = hours of fun, thrifty bargains, and cool clothes.

Despite being a relative newbie to Ōtautahi, I've been op shopping all over the country since I could walk. Through all this I've picked up a few tips and tricks of the trade to share with you, so you can find some op shop scores!

Here's my list of tips & tricks for op-shopping in Ōtautahi:

1. Only buy what you need & will wear. *Despite items being cheap, it's still best to only buy what you need and leave the rest for someone else!*

2. The more often you go, the better your finds will be. *Repetition is key to finding thrifty success! You could even ask nicely when the op shop puts out new items, therefore you can time your visits for maximum success.*

3. Follow the op shop map. *That's right, there's an entire map created for op shopping in Canterbury! Our lovely friends at Remix Plastic have created an interactive map with all the op shops in Canterbury! You could follow the map as a tour (like a pub crawl but with op shops!). The opportunities for fun & thrifty finds are plentiful in Ōtautahi! Scan the QR code to find out where all the op shops are!*

4. Some op shops don't have changing rooms due to the risk of theft. *If you know that the store doesn't have changing rooms (looking at you Toffs!), wear versatile clothes so you can try items on instore, but always ask staff first! You could also bring a measuring tape (or string) to easily measure the clothes to check their fit.*

5. Look for quality items. *Check the inside tag for where the garment was made and the fabric composition. Natural fibres such as wool, cotton and merino are longer lasting and warmer compared to acrylic fabrics.*

6. A lot can be fixed with a bit of thread and a button! *It's easy to make basic repairs on clothes, sew on a missing button, or use a patch to cover up a pesky stain - don't let small imperfections stop you.*

7. Always remember to say thank you. *Most of the time op shops are run by volunteers, so being kind and saying thank you is important!*

If you want to get more involved with op shopping here in Ōtautahi, you could join Op-Soc, which is a social and eco club "dedicated to good times and groovy threads". There is also a FB page called Second Hand Christchurch where you can share awesome finds and request items. Also, look out for second-hand markets, like the Conscious Club and the Nifty Markets.

And last but not least, just get out there. Explore the city and all its op shops!

Happy thrifting xx



**SCAN FOR THE
OP SHOP MAP!**



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ISAAC:

Matua of the flat and preggos. Loves team sports on and off the field. Number 1 Clash Royale player in NZ, Tiktok afficionado and distinguished gentleman of the flat, oh and the loudest person you'll ever meet (you won't actually meet him, you'll just hear him). Meow.

MATT:

Matt hasn't quite been the same since he fell down the sand dunes in 2020 and don't ask him to do anything because you'll be waiting all day for it. Performs his morning 'meditation' religiously. Zen master of the flat until you leave the milk out of the fridge. Can be found polishing his shaft in the workshop. Knows the Big Lez show off by heart.

SAMUEL:

He's touched four hundred thousand tidies... He's also a dairy farmer. Half Stephen Hawking and half Barry (IYKYK). If he was any more laid back he'd be lying in your mum's bed. F(l)at dad.

DOUGAL:

Flat hustler. Manages rent negotiations and flat sponsorship deals #DiamondPasta. Spends an extra 10 mins on the shitter each day. Known for not clearing his internet history and would rather the Queen over Margot Robbie (clout chaser). Fashion icon.

DANIEL:

Provides the flat birdbath. Founder of Tan ya Taint Tuesdays. Hasn't grown up yet, still loves his toys. It's amazing he's not an All Black given the Weetbix he consumes. All round lovely bloke.

YONNI:

Freshers aren't fresh enough for him. Boys have considered Airbnb'ing his room five nights a week. However, when he is here he's full of energy. Experienced with PLB's and gets heaps of free helicopter rides. Hasn't used the massage gun to its full potential yet.

SOUL:

Occupation: full time wife hunter of four years.

Diet: Flexatarian Alcoholic. Loves a mimosa.

If he hasn't already told you, he's from Great Barrier Island.

The only thing he loves more than a convo is BDSM. Middle name is limp dick. Has a lot of mana and a mean rig.

CAM:

Real men ride 'bikes'. Spends more time in Europe than NZ on his quest to find Swedish beezies and when we've just about forgotten about him some Talleys food arrives. Loves a bowl of nuts and seed porridge each morning as well as chucking it at Dougal. Keeps AliExpress in business. Somehow makes everything work. Best flat cook.



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RIVERTALES OF RIVERDALE

Stella Cheersmith (she/her)

It was recently announced that after years of gripping, meaningful television, the most critically acclaimed show of the past decade will soon be airing its final season. Of course I'm talking about Riverdale, the greatest series of our generation. That's right, season 7 will bring this beloved show to an end. R.I.P. to a legend.

In honour of this momentous occasion, I thought now was the perfect time to share some of Riverdale's best moments – the triumphs and defeats, the epic highs and lows, if you will. Who am I kidding? It's all lows. Dear god, what has this show become?

Full disclosure: I didn't make it past season 1 of Riverdale, which peaked with a lame resolution to the murder mystery, mild incest, and Betty dressing in lingerie and a black wig to waterboard some guy with maple syrup. I knew

the show had gone kinda insane since then, and I (naïvely) thought it would be fun to compile all the crazy moments for CANTA readers' entertainment. I had no idea what I was in for. This research broke me. I have spiralled into a black hole of Twitter threads, plot summaries, YouTube videos and Archieverse Wiki, and reality is lost to me.

I send my condolences to everyone involved with the show, and I present to you an incomplete and totally disordered list of Riverdalian nonsense:



- Betty discovers she has a secret older brother Charles, who goes by 'Chic'. He moves in but then brutally murders some guy in their living room and eventually reveals that he's an imposter who killed her real brother and has been impersonating him.
- At one point Archie says "the best counterattack is not to fight fire with fire, but to fight fire with a fire department." Not sure if this is literal or metaphorical, but so true bestie.
- The kids at Riverdale High become obsessed with Gryphons and Gargoyles, a rip-off of Dungeons and Dragons. They drink poison and sacrifice themselves to the Gargoyle King, a spooky masked figure who turns out to be... CHIC! He eventually gets caught and put in prison lol.
- Betty's mum joins a cult called the Farm which involves dressing in white and throwing her grandchildren, Juniper and Dagwood, into a bonfire (but don't worry – they float out totally unharmed). Turns out the Farm is a secret organ harvesting operation but Betty's mum already knew that because she was undercover the whole time, and she stops the leader of the cult from escaping to space in a rocket ship.
- Turns out Betty's real brother Charles is actually alive and is an FBI agent. He's also the brother of Jughead, who is in a relationship with Betty, and they all move in together because Betty's mum and Jughead's dad are ALSO together so happy families yay. Betty considers becoming an FBI agent too but turns out Charles is a serial killer and he is also imprisoned.
- Also Jughead's dad is called FP, short for Forsythe Pendleton. this is Jughead's real name as well, but I guess he chose the nickname 'Jughead' instead, for obvious reasons.
- In jail, both Chic and Charles admit their romantic feelings for each other, then bust out of prison and show up at Betty's house in their orange jumpsuits. They ask if Betty's mum can officiate their wedding, but the ceremony is cut short when Charles' rival from FBI school shows up and a knife/gun fight ensues.
- Archie gets framed for murder and sent to juvie, where his girlfriend Veronica disguises herself (for some reason) in bad wigs and sunglasses to visit him. He escapes and flees to Canada, where he gets mauled by a bear, hallucinates a Gryphons and Gargoyles game to save his own life, then beats up his doppelgänger.
- Betty's gay best friend Kevin finds himself making tickle porn videos for a guy named Terry – no sex, just tickling. There's great money in the tickle porn business and Kevin decides to go it alone, but Tickle Terry finds out and threatens him, saying "you and your buddies will give us 40% of your profits, or you'll never tickle anyone ever again." Scary!
- Betty discovers that she has the serial killer genes and grapples with her alter ego, Dark Betty, who wears black wigs and is into BDSM and probably killing people. To suppress her darkness she gets hypnotised and travels back through her memories to stop her younger self from killing the family cat, Caramel, and becoming evil.
- It's graduation time except Archie can't graduate because he was in juvie and didn't finish the school year. But they let him walk across the stage and collect a false diploma, and he hallucinates a bunch of World War I soldiers in the audience and takes this as a sign to enlist.
- So seven years pass I think, and now Veronica is married to some guy named Chad but she wants a divorce and keeps calling herself "the she-wolf of wall street". Archie and Betty get together at some point and do firefighter roleplay (maybe this is where the fire quote is from?)
- Archie has PTSD from the fictional, WWII-ish war he fought in which apparently just means actors dressed as soldiers stand behind him in a bunch of shots. Very cool.
- Meanwhile Jughead is investigating town reports of Mothman sightings, then he gets abducted by aliens. Except these 'Mothmen' are just some weird inbred family that have been dressing up as aliens and living in the woods for years... okay? whatever.
- A bomb explodes while Betty and Archie are hooking up and opens a rift in their dimension, splitting into the parallel universe RiverVALE. Rivervale has witchcraft and ritual sacrifice and cursed maple trees which means the town can't make their famous maple syrup. Archie eats a pie that contains the town's sins and then gets his heart cut out by Cheryl while the other characters watch.
- Back in RiverDALE, Jughead sees his younger self and then finds his own dead body in the morgue. He learns about the other timeline in a comic, and realises that the two universes are starting to merge back together and will collapse, destroying both. To repair the timelines he has to hook up with Veronica or something, but Archie comes back to life and kills Veronica, then Betty shows up in a wedding dress and kills Archie.
- Somehow the timelines get fixed except everyone has superpowers now. Veronica is poisonous which is sad because she can't be near anyone without killing them, so she sings Britney Spears' 'Toxic' to work through those feelings. But turns out Archie is invincible so she can't kill him! A perfect match.
- The devil has been hanging out in Riverdale, spreading the plague and calling himself Louis Cypher instead of the standard Lucifer. He helps them defeat some other sorcerer villain guy and then idk what happens to him, he probably goes back to hell. Except now there's a comet heading straight towards Riverdale so I guess the whole town is doomed!

Can't wait for the fever dream that will undoubtedly be season 7.

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The crowd stretches their hands up in glee for Flamingo Pier at Flux. May 2022.





Axl Radzyner (Only Clangs) opening the astro turf for UK big dog Ben Rau at Flux. This was a classic high viscosity Twominds gig that melted the crowd into grins. May 2022.

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WHAT TOP TIER KIDDIE WEBSITE ARE YOU?

Ella Gibson (she/her)



CLUB PENGUIN

- Basic but wholesome, I can't complain.
- You probably vape like a choo choo train.
- You're annoyingly optimistic and your favourite colour is probably yellow because of that.



POPTROPICA

- Adventurous, you love a quest.
- You're the most underrated of the bunch.
- You were an avid Geronimo Stilton, Percy Jackson, and Goosebumps bookworm.



NEOPETS

- You definitely had a rabbit or guinea pig growing up.
- You had a huge collection of Smiggle stationary.
- You refrain from buying lunch on campus because you always have the meanest lil packed lunch. Carrots or celery sticks definitely feature here.



STARDOLL

- You find popping blackheads satisfying asf.
- Your screen time on your phone is abysmal and most of it is spent on TikTok.
- You are 100% the liability on a night out.



MOSHI MONSTERS

- You're the mum of your friend group because you looked after your moshlings so well.
- You care a lil too much about status. That Monstar rating really fed into your LinkedIn addiction.
- Honestly, you're also giving me marketing and communications vibes.



COOL MATH GAMES

- You most likely study software engineering or computer science. Actually, maybe maths as well, that seems to check out.
- Your 0 and 1 keys get more action than you do.
- You rarely paid attention in class, you got bigger fish to fry in Papa's Pizzeria.



THE RANT!

WHAT YOUR DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLASS SAYS ABOUT YOU

Written by a bunch of nerds that
play Dungeons and Dragons
*Ashton Avers, Kyla Smith,
Lewis Carter, Connor Bedwell from QC*

Artificer:

- You think you're an engineer
- The original classes are boring
- Armor Class cannot be less than infinite

Barbarian:

- Compensating for something?
- What is Brain?
- I would like to RAGE

Bard:

- Choose one of the following: You're
A) Horny
B) Gay
C) The most talkative one at the table
D) All of the above

Blood Hunter:

- Matt Mercer is your god
- You just want Matt Mercer to DM for you
- You have no sense of self-preservation
- Ashton is feeling personally attacked at this point

Cleric:

- You don't want your friends to die bc that's not fun
- You were the last person to pick your class
- You're the only one that's realised that characters can die

Druid

- Vegan
- You're probably a furry
- "Can I keep it?"

Fighter

- You're basic
- Flavour is your specialty
- You want to be special without doing the work

Monk

- Sleeves are bullshit
- You have a crush on Marisha Ray
- But walking on walls is cool

Multiclass

- Bisexual probably
- You've played so much that individual classes are boring.
- You've never made a decision in your life

Mystic

- oh get a life you pretentious prick
- You don't listen to your Dungeon Master
- The other players all love you, but your DM hates you
- Get another character ready

Paladin

- You like big number
- Cleric but whacking things
- Beware your wrath if anyone missteps

Ranger

- How many pets do you have again?
- Druid, but you think having less magic makes you ~special~
- You want to be Aragorn

Rogue

- One more time, DnD is NOT THERAPY
- Dexterity is the only stat

Sorcerer

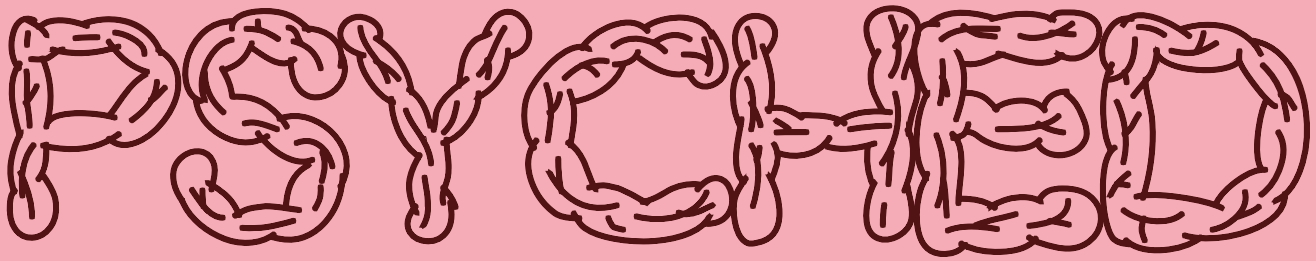
- You wanted to play wizard but maths is dumb
- Spell descriptions are optional
- Where's the fun in DnD if you can't accidentally kill your friends?

Warlock

- You have daddy issues
- Or mommy issues
- You just have issues
- Is there even really a point if you don't explode your problems?

Wizard

- Really big nerd
- Like the biggest nerd
- Uni wasn't enough work for you
- You needed more maths in your dice
- You can cast heaps of spells though so that's cool



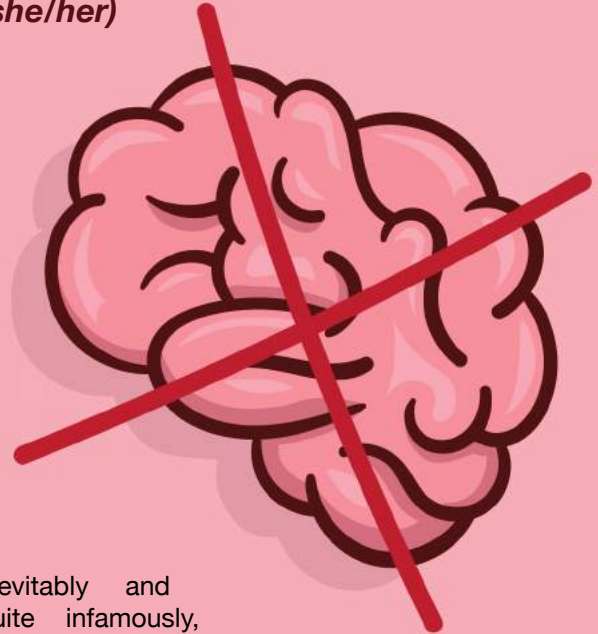
CANCEL CULTURE

Ella Gibson (she/her)

Generations are becoming increasingly quick to cancel. Cancel culture arose in the late 2010s and well and truly established itself in the 2020s. This pop culture phenomenon of ‘cancelling’ someone or being ‘cancelled’ basically implies that one may be culturally blocked from their public platform after committing a social wrong. As a result of cancel culture, you will often see a drastic decline in someone’s following, a swarm of hate content entering their feed, or better yet, a defamation case on the horizon!

The rise of social media has paved the way for cancel culture to flourish vehemently. With rapid and ample access to almost any information that your heart may desire, every Tom, Jack, and Harry has the opportunity to become a social justice warrior with a simple tap to ‘share’ onto their Instagram story. Think the #blackouttuesday movement in 2020 or the Stand With Ukraine movement this year, slideshow activism serves as a breeding ground for politically correct and progressive etiquette. Composed of striking text, dazzling design, and 10 squares worth of information, slideshow activism is a digestible means to explain complex concepts and raise awareness for such causes.

On the other hand, this vast and accelerated general admittance into this wide sphere of information makes privacy limited - most notably for celebrities and individuals in the public eye. Subsequently, this gives rise to cancel culture. Second chances in the online world are sparse. Complacency for offensive and discriminatory behaviour holds no space within the world today. In the online world, no one will be shy to call you out on your fuckups. This is where my own doubts about cancel culture arise. Should someone be given a second chance? Should someone’s entire career or platform be revoked from them? We’re all human, right? And as the queen Hannah Montana once said, “everybody makes mistakes.” It is obviously highly debatable and definitely a case-by-case dilemma dependent on how bad each fuckup is. Yet, it is definitely something to think about.



Inevitably and quite infamously, people fucking up in the public eye makes space for the beloved public apologies. YouTube became a hub for influencer apology videos in which people would bring their best narratives, screenshots, and tears to the table to do whatever they could to salvage their career. American beauty and makeup artist James Charles went down in the history books in 2020 for his ‘cancelling’ dilemma. I remember literally watching his subscribers count tick further and further downwards into a full on drought compared to what he began with pre-controversy. However, James resurrected from the chaos and still holds a hugely successful influencer career with over 23 million subscribers on YouTube. And even more recently, where’s Will Smith been since the Oscars’ slapping drama!? Could he be the most recent and prominent victim to be cancelled? I think so.

Is cancel culture an important tool for social justice for powerful people to be held to account for their actions? Or is it a mob mentality that undermines what it means to be human and learn from mistakes? Personally, I admire its power in calling out individuals in positions of power when they commit social wrongs but simultaneously wonder how far it should go. But alas, I’ll let you be the judge of that. Just be aware that cancel culture will not hold back on ya if your mistakes are brought to the forefront. So be a good human please.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE IN THE UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS

Leo He (he/them)

There seems to be an oxymoron that more people vote in the general elections than in local elections, yet local government impacts people more than general ones. I think it is imperative for people to vote in the local elections especially rangatahi.

I feel like there is a lot of distrust among rangatahi that their vote doesn't matter and if their candidate does get in that they won't keep their promise. I would like to respond to these concerns.

Firstly there is a cycle of non-representation within politics that people don't vote because they don't feel like they are being represented. However, they are not represented because they don't vote. Hence causing the cycle to repeat itself. The only way to break this cycle is to vote.

The second concern is that if their candidate does get in, they won't keep their promise. Whilst it is true that some do make empty promises, most of the time people fail to do so because of the political reality. The unfortunate reality is that the only guarantee in politics is that there is no guarantee. However, it is still worth it. Like I said before, there is almost a paradox when it comes to voting where change requires a changer but the changer requires the change. This is important because the more support a policy has the higher the chances it will get in.

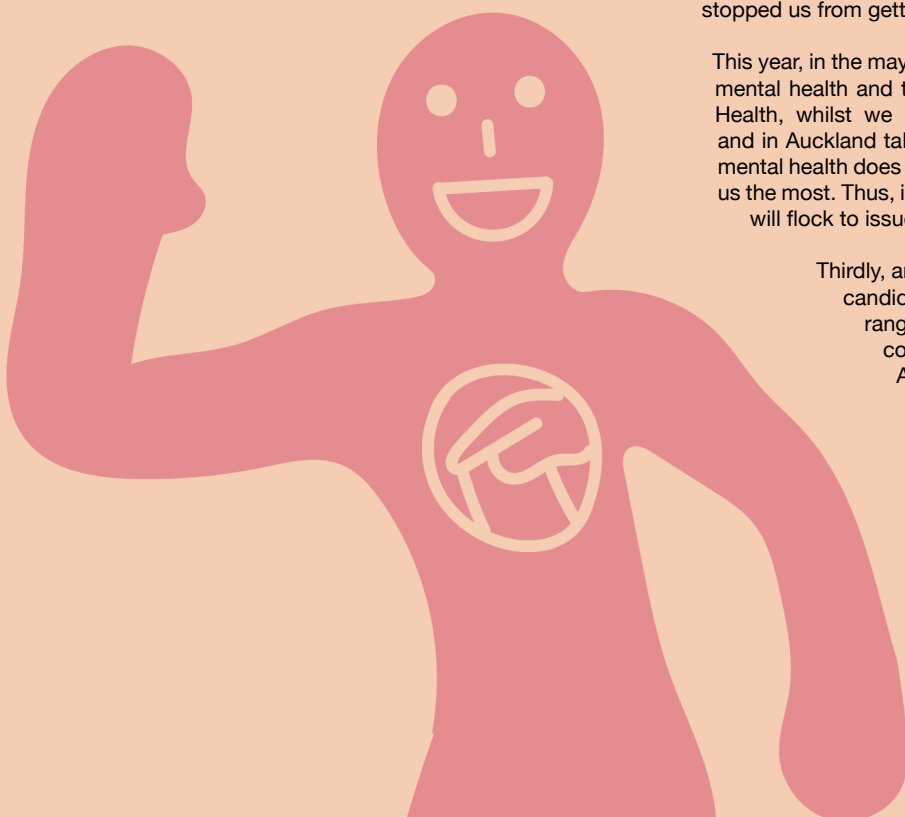
So talk aside, what are some examples where your vote matters in local elections?

The first and the most important is the reduction in bus fares would be implemented much sooner if it weren't for a tie. The only thing that stopped us from getting cheaper buses this year was one single vote.

This year, in the mayoral debate, we only had one candidate talk about mental health and that was just to shift the blame to the Ministry of Health, whilst we have multiple mayoral candidates in Wellington and in Auckland talking about mental health accessibility. Of course, mental health does not only affect rangatahi but is the issue impacting us the most. Thus, if rangatahi do decide to vote, naturally, candidates will flock to issues relating to us.

Thirdly, and the point of this piece is that if we want political candidates to be relatable to us, we should vote for rangatahi. More and more rangatahi are running for council and community boards such as Luke Jones, Alex Hewson, and Melissa Louise Smith, who is running for Hamilton City Council. If they get in, it means that there will be more role models to foster in the next generation of politicians.

At the end of the day, it does not matter whether you are political or not. Who gets into office will determine your life outcomes and how you interact with the city. It is thus beneficial to have a say in it so others won't do it for you.





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LUCKY DIP

CANTAs longest running segment! Each issue we set two people up on a blind date and they record their experiences.

Here are the unedited results.

DIPPER ONE

My lucky dip date was a very conflicting experience. Mixed emotions were thrown around, was he into me? Is he playing hard to get?

It started off well with a friendly hug and greeting, he is definitely my type on paper. Conversation was flowing easily but I was definitely initiating all the topics. I think we were hitting it off! A couple of minutes go by and I can tell his mind is wondering, but weirdly to the other side of the room. Maybe he's interested in the art work? Or the group of girls at the other table. Hmm, he's definitely an art man.

His choice of ice cream was mint chocolate chip, strange, but I like a guy with a different taste. I decided to see if he'd like to try my choice of ice cream (yogi bear obv). I tried to feed him a spoon full but he turned away, maybe he's a germaphobe?

He started ignoring me and going on his phone, and asked me a few weird questions about a girl he was talking to, something about blondes being his and types brunettes aren't. Unfortunately, I'm brunette but I'd change my hair for him.

We ended the date short because he had a family emergency, poor guy, I hope he's okay! He gave me his number but I think he put it in wrong because it bounced back. Maybe I'll see him again sometime soon, I hope so because I've booked an appointment to dye my hair tomorrow.

DIPPER TWO

This blind date was absolutely horrendous. The girl must have thought I was God's gift to women or something, I swear I could almost see the heart eyes popping out of her head like in the cartoons. Unfortunately, the feelings weren't mutual and I honestly would rather have been talking to the girl sitting across the room.

Or would I? You see, the majority of the date was actually spent scheming about the worst things to say in the write up afterwards. However, I thought it would be best to shed some light on the actual date and double back on all the awful things my date and I maliciously planned.

From the beginning, I was sitting in my car nervous as hell as I've never even been on a first date before so had no idea what to expect. I rock up to Rollickin a couple minutes early and await the arrival of my date. Upon first introductions she recognised me from my year 13 school production, wild cause I've never seen this girl before and we're both four years out of high school. Turns out she was dating a guy from my drama class at the time, and we have almost 100 mutual friends on Facebook, classic Christchurch kids huh.

We head downstairs to grab our ice cream and her three flatmates are very conveniently also in the line. I get introduced to one and get a thorough checking over from all three. After my inspection and me fucking up swiping the gift card my date and I head back upstairs. We did the classic get to know you start and how we know our mutuals, she's a final year vet student at Ara and she's into snowboarding which is the same as me. However, the conversation quickly turned to scheming our write ups for Lucky Dip.

We settled on a classic story; a girl falls instantly in love with a guy but she's way too overbearing, and the guy is a massive asshole who is more interested in the girl sitting at another table. We wrote up notes for both sides of the story, joking about all the terrible things we could say about each other. For example, I know she's going to say she caught me swiping on tinder during the date, that I gave her a fake number which immediately bounced back and that she tried to feed me ice cream but I turned her down.

For my part, we planned that she was the most crazy, clingy girl I'd ever seen. How she wouldn't stop staring at me, touching me all the time and that she tried to take Instagram and Boreal photos of me when I wasn't looking. In all honesty though she was super chill, we got along great bouncing ideas off each other and the convo wasn't awkward at all considering we were the only people sitting upstairs.

At the end of the date, she messaged me the notes she wrote, and we parted ways to our separate Wilson car parks that neither of us paid for. I'll end by not apologising for exposing the story we planned, but hoping there might be some more scheming to come in the future.

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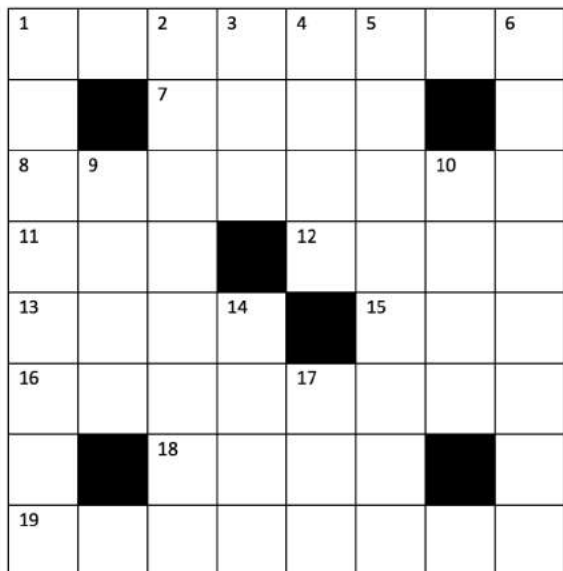
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Ben O'Connell (he/they)

CROSSWORD

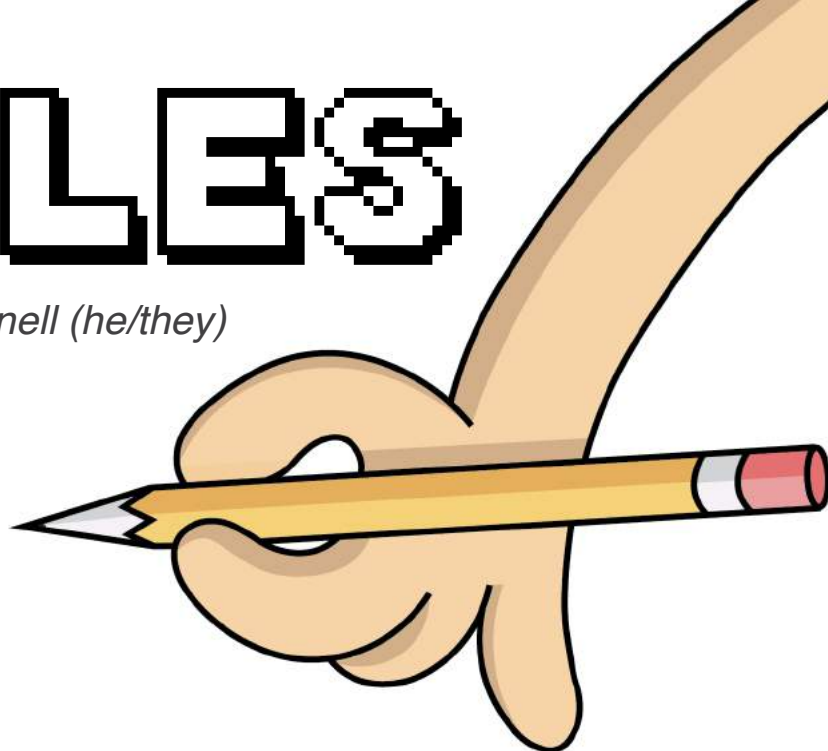


Across

- 1 Innermost brain layer (3,5)
- 7 Moolah
- 8 Posters, signs
- 11 60s British youth style
- 12 A petulant expression
- 13 Operator
- 15 Fight conclusion, (1,1,1)
- 16 Half the uni year
- 18 Ben Lummis won NZ __
- 19 Attendees without invites

Down

- 1 Most Top 40 hits (3,5)
- 2 The teaching world
- 3 Apple computer
- 4 Immediately (1,1,1,1)
- 5 Stifle the accelerator
- 6 Makes good again
- 9 Win some, __ some
- 10 Duchess' partner
- 14 Wines that aren't white
- 17 Fah, __, lah



WORD SCRAMBLE

V T
S O E

Make as many 3-5 letter words as you can.

Score: Fresher 6+, Breather 10+. Master 16+

HOT TAKE

If you don't vote, don't complain. Also celebrities are just humans, who cares.



Your vocab sheet



famous

rongonui



fashion

hoahoa pūweru



movie

pikitia

TE REO & NZSL

Across 1 Pia mater, 7 Cash, 8 Placards, 11 Mod, 12 Pout, 13 User, 15 TXO, 16 Semester, 18 Idol, 19 Crashers
Down 1 Pop music, 2 Academia, 3 Mac, 4 ASAP, 5 Throttle, 6 Restores, 9 Lose, 10 Duke, 14 Reds, 17 Soh

HOROTROPES

POP CULTURE



ARIES

Space Cadet. Club Pinball. Purble Place. The Disney Channel Games. Numberjacks. Jungle Junction. Princess Protection Program. You imagined all of these things.



TAURUS

So, you're a Taurus. Help me with my love life. Dating only ends in marriage or heartbreak and both suck! Wait sorry shit, I thought this was UC Meaningful Confessions!



GEMINI

Raja Gemini was iconic on AS7. I demand the Swish Swish full Monet edit. And if you don't watch Drag Race well, props to ya mawma.



CANCER

I've got a text: watching Love Island is not a personality trait. But thank heck Ekin-Su and Davide won. So many of those men were just uuggghhhh...



LEO

There's so many famous Leos... but DiCaprio is a Scorpio. Da Vinci is an Aries. Tolstoy is a Virgo. So is Leonard Cohen. The point here is that nothing matters.



VIRGO

"Are you winning son?" my parent asks. They see I'm watching the Fred again.. Boiler Room set again. They tear up in pride and leave me to it.



LIBRA

Imagine all the free time you could have if you didn't play the Sims 4. And if you don't, well imagine all the free time you could kill playing the Sims 4.



SCORPIO

Y'know how much restraint I've shown today by not making every horoscope "Stream Renaissance"? Anyway, stream Renaissance. It's self-care.



SAGITARIUS

Club Penguin this, puffle that. Whatever. I'm here to talk Moshi Monsters. Katsuma for life. I'd log in daily for my 100 Rox. Reminisce on small things too!



CAPRICORN

After extensive Googling, horoscope listicles say celebs are most likely to be Capricorns or Leos(?). But none is more important than PSY. I miss the Gangnam Style era!



AQUARIUS

This is a sign to change your profile picture. Only 2% of filters are good. Who cares you saw the sunflower art exhibition. Take the sunglasses OFF!!



PISCES

Don't get your hopes up in love. We've all seen Stranger Things. That new character you absolutely adore? Yeah well, we all know how that turns out...



GENERAL EXECUTIVE

KALEIGH PICKOVER

Kia ora! My name is Kaleigh and I am a fourth year law and pols student campaigning alongside Jeremy Wright to be a general executive member of the UCSA for 2023. Admittedly, I love being a UC student and am so passionate about the UC community and everything that it involves. Together, Jeremy and I are running on three major points, first we want to advocate for stronger support given to clubs, which we believe is more important than ever given the need to bring back club engagement in a post covid campus. Both of us are heavily involved in the club scene and have spent the last few years involved in a variety of different ways.

Working with the UCSA in my role as President of UC Women in Law this year and Sponsorship Coordinator of Lads Without Labels in 2021 has given me first hand knowledge of where the UCSA succeeds and fails to serve clubs and as a result of this, students. Next we want to establish and better nurture a meaningful relationship between the UCSA as an organisation with the student body. As an organisation of students for the students, student benefits should remain the top priority for everything the UCSA does, however discussion and discourse on the famed UCSA Noticeboard suggests that this is not always the case. Finally, we want to promote campus inclusivity, while this includes ethnic, gender, sexuality and religious, we want this to also go beyond to include other groups such as mature and postgraduate students to ensure they feel as though they have a place and representation on campus. While this is a super brief overview of our goals, we hope that you'll have faith in us to represent you on the UCSA and will throw a vote our way!



MĀNGAI TĀURA - POST GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE

ANGELINE MONEDA



GENERAL EXECUTIVE

OLIVER DUNSHEA

ARIA MILLAR

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Kia Ora, my name is Aria (She/Her)
I am in my 2nd-year of studying Teaching and Learning (Primary) [BTchLn] and am currently serving as a general exec within EdSoc.
I have a passion for learning and helping others achieve, grow and discover their potential. When I'm not studying, I am often training for and playing volleyball or coaching netball. I can also be found relaxing at home, blasting my music or reading a book.
As an exec member – and the first running with an education background in many years – I would love to be actively involved in the improvement, progression and growth within the education sector and allow ākonga kaiako (pre-service teachers) extensive opportunities to impart their knowledge upon others and provide the best for all tamariki (children) and learners to explore and harness their own education and future through learning.
If elected, I would want to reduce the amount of negative feedback that is provided in course/lecturer feedback forums by increasing the opportunities for all students to express any course-related issues, concerns and needs throughout each semester and further, improve on these as best as possible.
Within BTchLn degrees, I have noticed extreme levels of student stress, anxiety and misunderstanding when it comes to pre-placement preparation. I want to provide extensive opportunities for all students to feel well prepared, organised, and relaxed leading into their professional placements within schools.
I would also propose that we expand the BTchLn degrees to offer additional (optional) courses that provide variety, choice and further expansion of our developing subject skills as teachers as opposed to the current set-in-stone courses. This would allow pre-service teachers to further delve into selected subject areas and increase our skills and knowledge base.

GRACE NELSON

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Hi, my name is Grace, I don't love long walks but I love beaches.
I'm a third-year student studying Fine Arts, Majoring in Graphic Design and have taken a couple of papers in other departments/areas. I vote in every election I am eligible for, as I was taught that if you don't vote, you can't complain. As part of the executive committee for two clubs, I have found that I enjoy the paperwork that comes with the job.
I love chatting 1-on-1 and learning what people are passionate about, what motivates them to take a stand, and what makes them light up. For me, that thing is talking about people. I am a Christian and out of that have a strong belief that everyone is valuable. So whether I'm talking about how awesome my mum is, or how wearing a mask is an act of compassion and love towards fellow humans, you'll find I get super passionate about it.
Traditionally candidates run on a particular policy, however, I am reluctant to do so as I haven't seen any of these policies happen while I have been at uni. Part of why I am running is that I want to get elbows deep in this system, see how it works from the inside out, and see why no campaign promises ever seem to be kept.
If I could do anything, I would push for more mental health professionals to be hired to support students, particularly in getting formal diagnoses to access proper treatment so they succeed to their full potential. I don't know the system well enough yet to know if that or anything close is possible, but I'd love the opportunity to try.



JEFF KALAUTA

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

:: << Talofa lava, Mālo e lelei, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bula Vakana >>::

Kia orana katoatoa, my name is Jeff-Jeffery Kalauta. I'm Pasifika and a third-year law student running for the position of general exec. I'm a member of PAC (Pasifika Advisory Group) & UCPLSS (Pasifika Law Student's Society).

Why are you running for the UCSA Exec?

The UCSA does awesome mahi around campus on behalf of students. I would like to drive its advocacy further and campaign to ensure student concerns and needs are heard. As a general exec member my priority is to echo the demands of the student body and ensure all voices are heard that encompasses the range and diversity of the students at UC. All students need to feel welcome and have a place at UC. I will advocate to ensure theequity measures that uphold the mana and voice of our diverse student body.

What are the issues you want to work on if elected?

I aim to campaign on ensuring the university consults with students on all matters that concern student welfare. I aim to ensure student welfare is at the top of UC's priority list, that students have access to culturally responsive mental health services and the University is held accountable to uphold its duty of care to us all. The current cost of living impacts on student welfare. I aim to advocate for the review of the student allowance and accommodation rates to ensure that access to education is not barricaded by rising living costs.

Finally, I would love to see a new and contemporary Pasifika art work in Haere-Roa.

What are you doing when not studying?

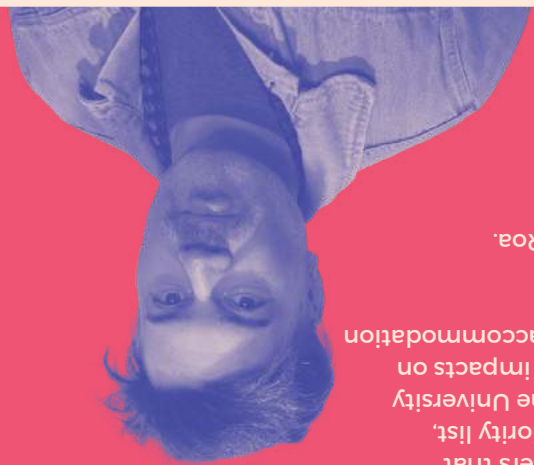
I'm usually at home with famz and my awesome seven-year-old. I also create and release lofi/hip-hop beatz on Instagram & Spotify.

MADDY MCGONNELL

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Hi, I am Maddy, I am currently studying International Business, minoring in Business Sustainability and German. I am running for UCSA general exec because I would love to opportunity to continue to grow and develop UC's support to its students. Specifically, I am passionate about the enabling students to achieve their full potential through creating beneficial learning environment, easy access to resources and adjusting learning to your personal needs.

I believe everyone has their strengths and weaknesses when it comes to learning. I would love the opportunity to generate a learning space that works in unity with your strengths, as-well as collaboratively working in supporting and developing your weaknesses. I am a very energetic and enthusiastic person, wanting to work on behalf of you the students to form the best University experience possible. Outside of study I love being social and outdoors. I love skiing, walking, and giving anything a go. I am a people person. I have been involved in clubs, and on execs for a few years now. I have really loved these opportunities as it has given me the ability to continue, as well as grow and develop, clubs for future needs of its members. I find it enjoyable to hear about different people's opinions and experiences. I would be honoured to represent you as a general exec in 2023. If you have any questions, or just want to say hi, please feel free to come up for a chat would love to meet you all.



ANTONIO ESKANDER

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Kia ora e te whānau! I'm running to be the UCSA General Exec for Law. In 2023 I'll be in my third year of an LLB/BA and my twentieth year on Earth.

Myself
My mum's from Hong Kong and my dad's from Egypt, but I grew up here in Ōtautahi and went to Christchurch schools (I know you want to – ask me which school I went to). Unusually for immigrant children, I grew up close to three grandparents - including my grandfather Souvlaki Man, campus legend and retiree.

I support clubs
I've had five positions across three clubs. All my best mates are in clubs. I know running clubs is a lot of work. I care a lot about clubs and I'm keen to support them as a General Exec.

I like student culture – & my policy!
I want to see more space for student culture. As fun as the UCSA noticeboard is, it's not a place where students can talk about their concerns and experiences at length.

My policy: I'd like to set up a new page on the CANTA website where clubs and students can submit articles about anything they like. Anything unproblematic gets published. I'm thinking a smorgasbord of scandalous confessions, righteous diatribes, funny anecdotes, eventads and plain rants. Basically everything we love about uni Facebook pages, but more of it.

I am a good listener
My time as a Student Rep, President of Asian Law Soc, and a flesh-and-blood person has made me care a lot about student wellbeing. I feel that, as a student body, we aren't very well. I'll welcome all conversation – constructive and non-constructive alike – to better represent all students. A strict open-door, open-inbox policy.

I'm happy to chat - flick me an email or slide into my Dms! Kia ora.



CASSIE GOODLIN

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Kia Ora, My name is Cassie (she/her) and I study a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English and minoring in Economics. Outside of my studies, you can usually find me reading, drinking coffee, and watching sports. I want to run for the UCSA because I want to advocate for the student voices of UC and to help improve the student experience of current and future students. An area of interest that I have within the UCSA is continuing to work on mental health support throughout the university.



SARAH CALLEY

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

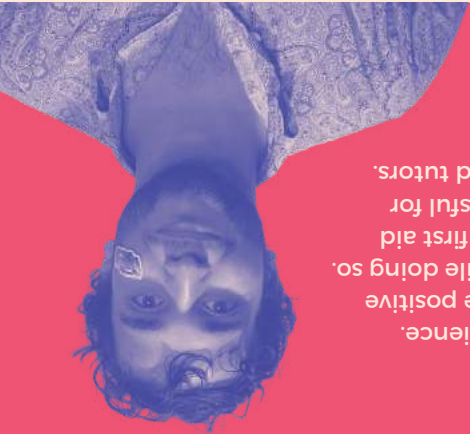
You're a busy student. You probably won't read this unless you're procrastinating studying, but if you've gotten this far, please keep reading. As a busy student I know the pressure of studying, socialising, working and other life commitments can be hard. That's why I believe wellbeing and mental health support is important and I would like to increase this. A feeling of safety on campus is equally crucial for a student to succeed. Because of this, I want to seek out what makes students feel unsafe on campus, and hopefully remedy these issues. To be able to gauge how to best support the needs of all groups of students, I want to increase honest communication between the student body and the UCSA. I would love to hear any ideas, criticism, or feedback from any student and would use this information to better promote the needs of the student body. By doing this, I hope that I can create a more inclusive campus, where all students feel safe and supported. This is my motivation for running for a position as a UCSA General Executive member. If this is the type of campus you would like to see, I hope you consider voting for me.



RUBEN CASTAING

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Hey, I'm Ruben (he/him) and running for general exec. I'm in my third year of data science. I've got the looks, the charm, and the smarts and am not afraid to use them to create positive change for students. We often enjoy parties and drinking but are not always safe while doing so. 14% of students feel unsafe on campus. My interest is for the UCSA to set up student first aid training so we can look after each other on and off campus. Also, exams can be stressful for students. I'll implement pleasant study spaces during exams, hopefully with food and tutors. In short, I aim to make University life safer and less stressful for students.



ARGYLE DEMPSTER

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

About me:
I'm majoring in mathematics. That aside let me unload here and give you my life philosophies:
"If you're going to fail better to do so giving it your all and going down in a blaze of glory then to fade silently into the shadows.
"Better to try stay true to yourself and what you think is right then to let the world push you into doing what everybody else is doing.
"And the world is a better place when your positive about yourself and the things and people around you.
About what I can do for YOU:
- Behind in your courses?
- Don't gel with your lecturer's teaching style?
- Want to get more involved in the Uni life but not sure how?
- Ever been frustrated by the first-in first-served basis system?
- Have other things going on in your life making it difficult to concentrate on studying?
Well I'm not God so I can't work miracles.
BUT I have been there and know how you feel and can represent you on your behalf to the university. I can take in complaints and pass them up the chain to the big bosses and try to get something done about them.
I want to make sure you're getting a clean, fair shot at this big adventure called university.



CLAIRE ARTHURS

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Kia ora koutou!

I hope to represent you in the 2023 General Exec/Māngai Whakahaere.

I'm working towards a B.Com in economics and finance; my second attempt at uni after a false start in my younger years. I know how hard juggling uni and life's demands can be! UC and the UCSA have heaps of brilliant people working to help us with our education and wellbeing. I'd love to help these services to become more accessible and user-friendly. I'm all about making your student experience easier. Currently serving as a class rep for the sixth time. Advocating for my fellow students and making sure our voices are heard by UC and our UCSA reps gives me life. As an older-than-average undergrad I have a tonne of life and management experience through parenthood, a career as a builder, and decades of voluntary and advocacy work.

In my free time I love to hang out with my son, borrow my mates' dog and head off for a run along the beach. I also run a second-hand uniform shop, which I rebuilt to be successful in serving my local high school. I would hugely value the opportunity to build on the good work of previous execs to:

- Promote clearer paths for support and wellbeing.
- Cease and reverse the reduction of study spaces (level three Puakai)
- Provide ideas/feedback to help lecturers to better use lecture recording technology.
- Highlight the need for the special considerations process to be easier to navigate and fairer.
- Further engage our community in sustainability practices, e.g. encourage reduction of all single-use items, make non-landfill options more user-friendly.
- Be a voice for the sometimes-overlooked older students and students with tamariki.

Always up for a chat, please feel free to hit me up if you see me around!



LEONARDO BOLSTAD

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Kia Ora everyone!

I'm Leonardo, a first-year engineering (yes I apologise) student, who is confusingly in his 3rd semester. Though technically a kiwi I have had the irregular upbringing of going to a French school in Japan, hence the gap. But how did I end up here? Well last year, wishing for adventure, I left my humble 21 m² apartment in Paris to come to UC. To be honest, I was originally expecting a small campus with a few hundred students (maybe even some sheep) and an equally modest student life. But much to my surprise, on my first day, my stereotypes where crushed by the unchristchurchesque tall buildings and the equally numerable clubs that UC holds at its disposal. Yet as time went on, I came to find that there was a mismatch between the architectural and the organisational infrastructure. I indeed believe the UCSA, despite its resources, has not managed to improve two main crucial problems:

- Lack of infrastructure for student engagement, be it for club activities or course structuring.
- Lack of transparency and communication, leading to much needed academic and social opportunities and support going unheard.

With these concerns and a desire to make a foray, I have decided to run for general exec and group with two of my friends Luc and Renz under a common goal. A goal to centralise, democratise and to better the lives of our fellow students by offering them the full potential of UC. We believe our diverse backgrounds will not only bring fresh ideas but also shake up the status quo and give many students a sense of belonging in a vibrant university.

If you want to ask any questions or just chat, please send me an email at lbo70@ucolive.ac.nz and good luck with your studies!



JAHRESE DOWDLE

MĀNGAI TAURITE ME TE ORANGA - EQUITY AND WELLBEING REPRESENTATIVE

Kia ora, I'm Jahreese Dowdle and I'm running for the position of Equity and Wellbeing for 2022. Tyrone Foster, who is running for Vice President and General Executive and I are focusing on representing the core values of the University: pono, tika and aroha; truth, righteousness and love.

I know how hard it has been for students who are struggling to find support during the past few years. It is my goal to make all taura (students) feel welcome and safe again, reinstalling that kiwi sense of community so many of us have lost during these trying times.

Student community, health and wellbeing are at the core of our mission.

We want to explore safe options for travelling after a night out and continue to work on the safety procedures our security staff employ. The neighbourhoods surrounding the University can also be dangerous for our taura so we want to ensure that the support network for students in halls or in other accommodation have access to a neighbourhood support service which we will facilitate.

Being a student at the University of Canterbury means being an active participant in the community. Some find this community in clubs, or in halls, and some have a harder time than others engaging in their programs or initiatives provided by students or otherwise. We want to ensure that whatever your nationality, whatever your struggles, that you feel supported to be your best you. We think our policies and our personalities will make this a reality.

For the team that is working hard for equality and wellbeing, community development initiatives, and advocacy. For the peoples team, vote Jah and Tyrone for 2022."

JEREMY WRIGHT

MĀNGAI TAURITE ME TE ORANGA - EQUITY AND WELLBEING REPRESENTATIVE

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei and warm Pacific Greetings to you! Ko Jeremy toku ingoa, e uri ahau no Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. I am a fourth-year law and PolS student campaigning alongside Kaleigh Pickover for the positions of Equity and Wellbeing Officer and General Executive of the UCSA for 2023. Together, Kaleigh and I are running on three major points. First, we want to advocate for stronger support given to clubs, which we believe is more important than ever given the need to bring back club engagement in a post-covid campus. Both of us are heavily involved in the club scene and have spent the last few years involved in a variety of different ways.

I have personally been in various positions on a variety of clubs over my time at UC, so I have seen the strengths of club support as well as where there can be improvement. Next, we want to establish and better nurture a meaningful relationship between the UCSA as an organisation with the student body. As an organisation of students for the students, student benefits should remain the top priority for everything the UCSA does, however, discussion and discourse on the famed UCSA Noticeboard suggests that this is not always the case. Finally, we want to promote campus inclusivity, while this includes ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and religion, we want this to also go beyond to include other groups such as mature and postgraduate students to ensure they feel as though they have a place and representation on campus. While this is a super brief overview of our goals, we hope that you'll have faith in us to represent you on the UCSA and will throw a vote our way!



MELODY LANGO

MĀNGAI TĀWĀHI - INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kia ora, halo, rantavuha and bonjour everyone,
My name is Melody Lango, I am an international student studying towards a bachelor of Civil Engineering and I will be running for UCSA International Representative for 2023.
Being an international student to me pierces deeper than the physical appearances, the foreign accents, and high international tuition fees. It is the emotional and mental battle we fight daily from being away from our families, our norms, and our cultures, a trade we have made to receive a higher level of tertiary education. It is the expectations we have for ourselves and the expectation our families have that we carry over our shoulders daily. It is a challenge being an international student and I, myself have had an extensive among of experience from being one for more than 7 years.

We have all travelled near and far across the globe with a common goal, which is to graduate with our chosen degrees but also experience what New Zealand and the University of Canterbury have to offer. For that to happen I believe we need to set in place effective support systems and networks/teams for our international students. Mental health is also an issue within our international community that needs to be addressed and given the attention that it urgently needs.

I have an immense passion to help others around me so if I am not singing, dancing, planning events, catching up on the latest movies or TV series, or socializing (I do too much of that!), I would be helping friends and others that just need a person to talk through the hardship they are going through. I believe that my experiences, characteristics, and passion will help me succeed in the international representative role.

Thank you. ☺

KARTIKEY

MĀNGAI TĀWĀHI - INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kia Ora Koutou,
My name is Kartikey (He/Him) and I am running for UCSA International Rep for 2023 | Māngai Tāwāhi. I am in my 3rd year studying towards Bachelor of Arts.
Moving to Aotearoa to study at UC has been one of the most phenomenal experience of life. This places has provided me with lot of opportunities for self growth, to learn about diverse culture which helped me expand my social circle. Nevertheless, moving to a new country by myself was not smooth sailing. I also experienced problems like visa issues, cultural shock to mention but a few which most international students can relate to. My experience around UC and UCSA involves being the College of Arts Rep in 2022. This was an amazing opportunity to learn more about UCSA and work for student community. I have been involved with UC's international community. I am the Vice President for Malaysian club and this year we also started an Indian club. Involvement with these clubs and meeting international students helped me gain a lot of insight on issues affecting international students and have motivated to run for this role again!

If elected I want to:

ADVOCATE for Sexual Health coverage in student insurance for international students.
EMPLOY an Immigration Advisor to help and guide through visa procedures and other immigration issues. **BUILD** an information hub for international students
DIVERSE food options across campus. We have thought a lot about these policies, and they are something we are passionate about. If elected we will Engage with a range of communities within UC, and UCSA to deliver our promises. Outside of study, I like to play badminton or other outdoor sports, go for drive, and love to paint while having some nice drink and music.

"VOTE LIGHTNING McQUEENS"

Kartikey, Bryant, Ruben, Cassie, Aria



XAVIER MOIR

ĀPIHA PĀHEKOHEKO – ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Kia ora koutou! My name's Xavier Moir (he/him) and I'm running to be your UCSA Engagement Officer for 2023, alongside the wonderful Pierce Crowley for President. We would love to have your vote in the upcoming elections and hope to represent you.

A bit about me: I'm finishing off my 4th and final year of my Political Science degree. I'm a Christchurch local, and have loved my time here at UC, especially all the amazing friends and memories I've made. Some of my hobbies include zipping to and from Uni on my push scooter that I've had since I was a kid, eagerly attempting and failing at the Foundry quiz, and blasting Taylor Swift music at any opportunity.

While studying I've gotten involved as a leader for 2 years for the UniLife program that caters to first years outside of halls, and then this year I was on the UCSA executive myself as the Law Faculty rep. Working with the UCSA has been a blast and has allowed me to grow, fostering my passion for student representation and working as part of a team. Pierce and I are both proud of the work we've been able to do and hope to continue that work into next year, as well as hoping to launch many new projects alongside next year's team.

I want to run for Engagement Officer because I believe strongly in the power of meaningful representation and allowing space for us to thrive together. This role will allow me to help advocate for what is important, coming together to achieve a better campus where all of us belong. I'll make sure that your voice is heard, because the UCSA and UC belong to you.

Some of the stuff we want to achieve next year includes:

REVAMPING OUR EVENTS

- Bottomless Brunch at the UCSA
- Regular Dinner Deals at the Foundry
- A V-Plate for a Modern Campus
- Improving Mono & More: Doof, Themed Nights, and Cigs!

REBUILD OUR UC COMMUNITY

- Club Skill Sessions
- Rethinking the Library Fare Structure
- Bringing More Study Space Back to the Library
- Addressing Period Poverty on Campus

REPRESENTING YOUR VOICE

- More Transparent Executive
- Implement Anonymous Marking Across the University
- Comprehensive Review of UCSA Food Offerings
- Building on our Relationship with Te Akatoki
- Restructuring our Executive

For a more comprehensive look at our policies and to find out more, visit our website at www.cometogether.nz and check out our Facebook event where we'll be posting updates.

VOTE CROWLEY/MOIR FOR 2023



RENZ ALVEZ

ΆΠΙΘΑ ΠΑΗΕΚΟΗΕΚΟ - ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Kia ora,

My name is Renz and I am running to be your UCSA Engagement officer/General executive for 2023 along with Luc Mackay, running for President and Leonardo Bolstad, running for General executive. I am in my 2nd year in Bachelor of Commerce, Majoring in Finance and Marketing. Yea I know, I'm a commerce student. But here are some points that we care about:

Engagement during Lectures

Are you a first-year student or were you one (ofc bruh)? Remember those days? How hard was it for you back then to socialize and meet new people? Pretty though. But don't worry, I've felt and experienced the same. You wanted to create connections, make new friends, enhance your academic success and of course enjoy the bonds and memories that will be made. The goal we have in mind is to 'umbrella' these aspirations to make our lectures more engaging between students. A simple "Talk to your neighbor and discuss" can start and create a relationship that may last forever. Cheesy, but fulfilling.

Engaging with Distant students

As a student who can be physically seen on campus, I wonder how distant students feel being away from campus. Do you know? Well, I don't, but would love to know. Also, in what ways do we engage with them so that they feel like they belong with us UC? A reason why I'm running for this role is because we (with my team) would like to create an environment that is fun and captivating for the interests of students stuck at a distance. ONLINE Clubs, Activities, Events, Social nights? Imagine a silent disco but all in zoom.

Keeping MONO fresh and relevant

Our aim is to keep the culture of MONO fresh and relevant. But how far could we go with new ideas? What's the stigma behind why people don't go to MONO nights? Well, here's to why I'm running for this ENGAGEMENT role.

MISSED OUT?

How long did you find out that there's a UCSA noticeboard? ANND, the UC textbooks buy and sell page? What about UC naps? JK. Moreover, were you one of those first-year students who didn't live in the halls and were unaware of programs that you could join to meet fellow students who were in the same boat as you? Well, there's a primary goal is to rethink how we could have these interactions become the status quo for the new students. Rethinking how this vital information can be spread effectively, especially for the ones who need it. Make sure to read more words of wisdom from my papi's Luc and Leonardo. Up for a chat or a coffee and talk about zodiac signs? Email me roa18@ucolive.ac.nz



BRYANT MCINTYRE TUMUAKI TUARUA - VICE-PRESIDENT

Kia Ora, I'm, once again, asking you to be defiant and vote for Bryant. (He/Him)

I'm a 3rd-year Political Science and Economics student. I've served on the 2022 exec and was the Education Facility rep and Mental Health chair. I'm running with Aria, Cassie, Kartikey, and Ruben. I have had a passion for improving mental health and volunteering since 2017. I enjoy a beer tower at the foundry and a good surf out at Taylor's Mistake in my spare time.

As many of you may have seen or even experienced, mental health is a significant issue that plagues the student population. It's something that this year, I have worked on bettering through the UCSA mental health subcommittee. I plan to use these lessons to further enhance UC's mental health support to their academic side. This will be achieved within my group's mental health package, which includes ensuring lectures and deans gain appropriate mental health training. The benefit of this is that if lecturers and deans know what signs to look out for with their students, they can help get people into our support services before problems escalate. Within this, I also want this policy to include information on how lecturers can work with students with neurodiversity, as we are often overlooked and abandoned by lecturers.

Another big part of our package is establishing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between UCSA and UC. This MOU will establish the understanding that the UCSA should be and will be consulted on how the UC spends money on mental health because at the end of the day, who knows students best but students?

Another policy that we have is a redevelopment of the V plate app! As it stands, the V plate app is old, outdated and logs you out for no reason. This NEEDS to change; I hate it. Our vision for the V plate app is to include a click-and-collect system to help you get food faster and on the go, plus working with our venues to make more exciting deals. You may say, "how will you pay for this?" and it's simple! We will seek out sponsorship so that it doesn't cost us, the students, anything but a name! This way, we develop a new, improved V plate app that will be better for all students.

The last policy I would push for is establishing exec office hours. Office hours will help the exec build pono ki te kaupapa (being true with the subject) for the exec members while also breaking down barriers between the exec and students to help encourage more engagement!"

Thanks again, and I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail!

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TYRONE FOSTER

TUMUAKI TUARUA - VICE-PRESIDENT

Kia ora koutou e te whanau
Ko Tyrone tāku ingoa
No Ōtautahi au
Ko Ngāi Tahu tāku iwi
Ko Ngāi Tuāhūriri tāku hapū
Kei Putarīkamo tu tāku kaika

Kia ora, I'm Tyrone Foster and I'm running for the positions of UCSA Vice President and General Executive for 2022. Jahreese Dowdle, who is running for Equity and Wellbeing, and I are focusing on representing the core values of the University: pono, tika and aroha; truth, righteousness and love. We love people and want to advocate for your rights! We plan to provide support and advocacy services with our club for students on and off the campus and plan to champion health and wellbeing for our wider tauira (student) body.

Why vote for me? Well I have a wide range of management and service experience, as well as having completed two degrees in Engineering and Music so I bring a fresh and driven perspective. I'm currently working towards a degree in Māori and Indigenous Studies and Sociology before postgraduate studies in Political Science so I wish to increase our conscientization and return skills and knowledge to this establishment. Since starting at the University I've been a class rep and involved in different hui around the campus to help students facing struggles from the ground up.

The Vice President has access to academic and wellbeing meetings with the University of Canterbury and when you entrust me with this position, I will ensure to find timely and effective resolutions for students, as well as for the University of Canterbury and student association.

Student community and health and wellbeing are at the core of our mission. We want to explore safe options for travelling after a night out and continue to work around safety procedures our security staff employ. The neighbourhoods surrounding the University can also be dangerous for our tauira so we want to ensure that the support network for students in halls or in other accommodation have access to a neighbourhood support service which we will facilitate.

Being together in unity with the institution is a huge part of our studies here at the University of Canterbury. Some find this community in clubs, or in halls, and some have a harder time than others engaging in their programs or initiatives provided by students or otherwise. We want to ensure that whatever your nationality, whatever your struggles, that you feel supported to be your best you. We think our proactive policies and our personalities will make this a reality.

For the team that is working hard for equality and wellbeing, community development, initiatives and advocacy. For the people, who are the most important thing, vote Tyrone and Jah for 2022.

Wellbeing Forever.

Kind Regards,

Tyrone



ROGER STOVES

TUMUAKI - PRESIDENT

Kia Ora,

I am a third-year law student who is running to be your next UCSA President. Becoming UCSA President would require experience and the right mentality of genuinely wanting what is best for you. I believe I have both, because I founded BakeSoc this year to bring people together, regardless of background, to facilitate a sense of belonging, being valued and respected. This approach has proven popular and is something I wish to bring to the UCSA Executive. In my free time, I love to play tennis, go for a couple drinks and to catch up with mates, though this has changed for dancing lessons in preparation of my upcoming wedding! I have found studying at University of Canterbury to be a wonderful journey that has offered plenty of opportunities and challenges. I have significantly enjoyed my time here, but I have found some areas of student life here that could be improved, and this is why I am campaigning to become your UCSA president. I am campaigning on three key policies I believe would vastly improve student wellbeing and life on campus –

1. Healthier Food and Support
2. Increase Security around Campus.
3. Improve Transparency Amongst the Executive.

Healthier Food and Support

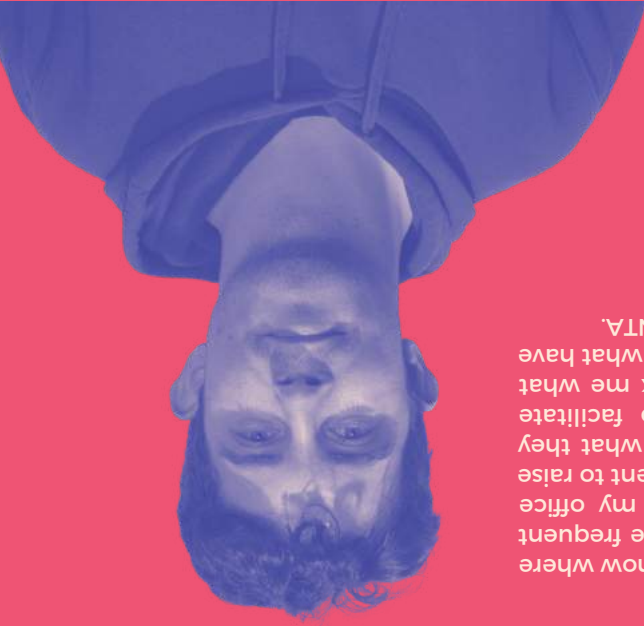
Student wellbeing can be improved in two key ways, through providing healthier food, and by improving access to resources for students who may be at a disadvantage. Regarding food, there are plenty of cafes on campus that offer a wide variety of food, but very few options for healthier food, especially food that caters for dietary requirements such as dairy free, gluten free and vegan. If elected, I will do my best efforts to making more inclusive food available on campus, and at reasonable prices. If elected, I will also look into whether food prices can be adjusted on campus to make it more affordable all round to encourage healthier eating. Secondly, it is fundamentally important to improve funding and support for Equity and Disability Services which provides necessary resources and support for students, especially those from neurodivergent backgrounds. However, the department in its current state is reportedly underfunded, and lacks enough resources to ensure proper support for students. If I am elected, I will advocate for easier access to resources for students who need extra support regardless of background. This will improve student wellbeing because a student is less likely to leave their studies if they have the necessary support to succeed in place.

Security

Throughout my time at University, there have been several cars broken into on campus. There are security cameras present but it appears there are not enough to adequately provide information on all areas of the campus. This needs to change. Likewise, with bikes, it is not uncommon for bikes to be stolen on campus since there is simply inadequate security. Another concern about security on campus is navigating campus, and the surrounding area off site, can be quite intimidating, especially at night. I believe it is in all our interests to better security around campus, and that is what I will do as President.

Transparency

Student levies pay for the UCSA Executive, but students tend not to know where that money is going or how it is being used. As President, I will make frequent updates on what the Executive are working on. I will also make my office accessible for students to drop in between scheduled hours for a student to raise any concerns, and to provide any feedback or make suggestions of what they think we should look into. The drop in sessions will also help facilitate transparency because a student would have the opportunity to ask me what have I been working on, what has the Executive been working on, and what have we accomplished. If elected, I will also seek to provide updates for CANTA. The UCSA is meant to represent you, the student. It is difficult to feel represented by the elected Executive if communication between UCSA and students are lacking, as students generally have no idea what the Executive and UCSA does. If elected, I want to make myself and the Executive as accessible as possible to promote both transparency, and accountability.



LUC MAACKAY TUMUAKI - PRESIDENT

Hi, I'm Luc, Luke with a c. I figured I was far too social for my own good and wanted to put that energy into something positive for the students. So, I wish to represent the voice of the students as a democracy.

When deciding to run for this role, I threw out the prospect of a nice paycheck and a cleaner cv. I instead thought about how I and other students around me felt about current issues that plague our university. Enough with the sympathy, let's get real!

I am running with Renz (Engagement officer) and Leonardo (General exec). Together we share a few key ideas:

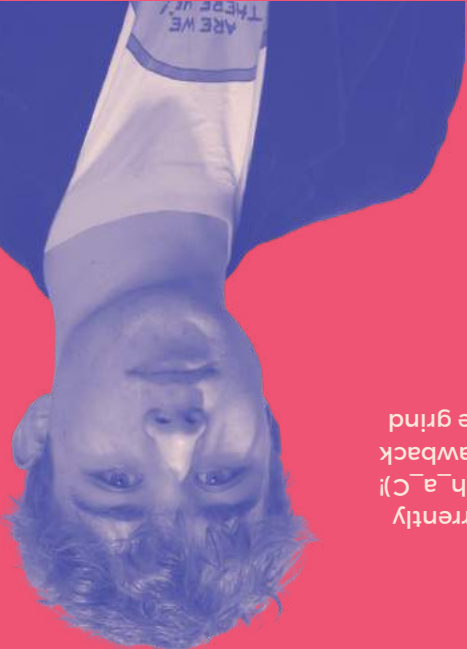
- **FOOD:** "Rev up those fryers!" The food crisis at UC has been terrible and the UCSA has NOT been very transparent on this issue. I will RENEGOTIATE the leasing agreements and ensure that BOTH price and nutrition are put ahead of profits. The UCSA own a large number of on-campus leasing agreements which are not in the best interest of the student body.
- **CULTURE:** Too many students are left out and lack a critical sense of BELONGING. Renz and I will ensure that as well as INTRODUCING more students to our way of being, we will RETHINK how events are run to ensure that events like MONO are kept fresh and relevant. Along with this, making sure new students feel ACCEPTED is a primary goal in our diverse student body.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** Tackling this issue has been a problem in the past, but Leonardo is the man for the job. Together, we will ensure that INFORMATION is COMMUNICATED clearly and concisely. Our plan to CENTRALISE information fulfils our core focus of generating beneficial OPPORTUNITIES for students to thrive. No more wondering why we had to suffer without our \$2 rice.

How will we achieve any of this? To be honest, it won't be easy. But we are confident in what we can achieve in our year in office. We have skills that put us above other candidates. Let me explain!

I am a double commerce major in Economics and Operations and Supply Chain Management. Enthralling, I know. I grew up in a French environment in England before moving to New Zealand. Not the most diverse member of the team, but that doesn't stop me! Growing up moving around drove my interest in the world through the ozone layer (Sorry NZ)! New Zealand is such a beautiful country and our campus is an embodiment of what it means to be an academic. I understand what it's like to be misrepresented and have great ideas shunned. I'm always here to listen and represent the majority. Democracy is a core value in our team!

- Alright, break time! 2 truths 1 lie.
- I've never had alcohol before.
- I live with my parents.
- I speak 3 languages.

A little tricky, huh? I actually only speak French and English, but am currently grinding German with an 86-day streak on Duolingo (add me Luke_with_a_C)! Also, home living is the best living, never a cold day for me. The only drawback is the short hour and a-half bus ride back to Rangiora every day, but the grind don't stop!



PIERCE CROWLEY

TUMUAKI - PRESIDENT

Kia ora koutou!

My name is Pierce Crowley (he/him) and I am running to be your UCSA President. I am running alongside the amazing Xavier Moir for Engagement Officer. Both of us came onto the UCSA executive this year from the outside, passionate to change the way the UCSA worked for all students in our community. We are running again to solidify the gains made, and ensure transformative change at the UCSA and within UC as a whole.

A (small) bit about myself: Born in Ireland (that is the accent), but Christchurch is where I call home. I study law and a BA in history. I consider myself a semi-professional plant-dad (formerly amateur), love a swim at the beach, and having a mildly concerning addiction to acquiring vinyl records...

Why I am running for President: I came into the UCSA as the first president elected from outside of the executive in 15 years. At that time, I stated that many groups had felt the UCSA hadn't been working for them, and I wanted to change this. We've made great strides towards this goal. We've strengthened our relationship with Te Akatoki. We've focused on engaging with under-served communities such as our international students. We established the mental health subcommittee to ensure spending/benefits students. And we've brought back \$2 rice!!!! Just to name a few. However, there is still more work to do. The UCSA is our association as students, and we are committed to ensuring that equity, representation, and student voice is embedded in all actions of the UCSA. Here are our policies:

Revamp our Events

Let's make our events better, and provide fresh reasons to come together on campus again. We are proposing to bring a Bottomless Brunch to the UCSA once a term (perhaps more if the demand is there...). We want to refresh Mono, by introducing termly 'on-repeat-night style' themed nights where everyone can have a say on what we want to boogie to (as well as the doof and band-gig staples of olde). We want to revamp the V-Plate, modernising the system. We also want to institute a daily dinner meal deal programme at the Foundry, to provide cheap eats every day.

Rebuild our Community

We want to put in place policies that will empower students to thrive on campus again. We want to upskill our clubs, through club skill sessions – including things like finance management, alcohol licensing, event management, and more. Further, we want to lobby the university to change the library fare structure to a more equitable model. Speaking of the library, we think the space on the second floor should be utilised in a better way, bringing more study space back for students. We want to make sanitary products universally accessible on campus. This would mean whether you are in the halls, in the library, or in Haere-roa products would be free and accessible. We also would like to see sanitary bins placed in all bathrooms on campus.

Represent your Voice

We want to make sure the UCSA is catering to all students. This means a comprehensive review of all our food offerings to look at price, and types of food. We want to make the executive more transparent, by opening our offices, introducing the UCSA staff to students, and providing some free drinks and nibbles all at the same time. We also want to establish regular Vice Chancellor Forums, so students can quiz them on issues of the day. We also think anonymous marking should be the norm across campus to combat implicit bias. We are committed to continuing to deepen our partnership with Te Akatoki. This means using the mana of the UCSA to ensure that pay equity is achieved in a timely manner, among other goals. Looking at the UCSA as a whole, we want to restructure all roles on the executive, to ensure that structurally we are catering to as many students as we can.

Thanks for reading through this. We would love to have your vote!

If you want to learn more, check out www.cometogether.nz for more comprehensive details on our policies. And remember:

VOTE CROWLEY/MOIR 2023!



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