

David Holliday

Position: Postgrad with a Sustainability portfolio

Studying: I'm merging geology with geography, but just geology at the moment

Favourite Movie: Willow

Innie or Outie: Innie

Relationship Status: Not single

Why did you choose your course of study? The holistic, realistic, lots of money, it's interesting. I guess there's many reasons.

What made you want to join the Exec? A combination of good friends that motivate, and I believe I've got good enough insight to be able to deliver something.

What do you think is the purpose of the UCSA? To engage in critically being the student representative.

With voluntary student membership likely to come into effect, how do you think this will affect the UCSA? Badly. Well, it can only be badly, surely.

What are some of the key issues in your portfolio at the moment? Definition of "student" and definition of "representation"... and sustainability I guess. There's a few things. A student-based library, just about students' history – that's one of my ideas. I guess awareness of sustainability.

To establish the UCSA as a world leader in certain areas, e.g. sustainability. Not "enriching the student experience," but something to do with not-so-much drinking-orientated fun.

How do you feel the University has handled the progressive re-start? Is there anything they ought to have done better? Probably have – instead of foods that are packaged, more bulk food that's quite cheap. Real simple food.

Around the restart...? Probably got each course to actually contact people in emails. Not comprehensive, but clear instructions, and tie in Learn more – its timetable – with all of them.

It's an election year: what do you think is the most pressing student matter for politicians to keep in mind? That students aren't customers.

What's the opposite of right? It's either wrong or left, isn't it?

What's your best memory of being a student? I'm not very good with memory. What's yours? [Interviewer answers.] I guess... getting a paper back. I'll just say getting accepted into my internship.



SUSTAINABILITY

Sharon McIver

Increase your Quakeweight: Free Pizza and Beer

If there's one thing that makes you feel better about living in a quake zone, it's making up names to describe the "new normal" (a term that's a bit too John Key for comfortable use), such as liquefudge (the waste product of liquefaction), and Hotel Jenga – the tacky, but apt moniker a friend and I coined when surveying our new leaning tower of WhatChurch. Have I gone too far? Sorry, but in times of stress, wordplay keeps me sane – well the "new sane", anyways.

Besides, the suburbs are rife with new colloquialisms – "munted" has already been anointed by Bob Parker and Peter Buck during news interviews – so the silted field is open for a bit of metaphorical kiwi ingenuity. The most colourful incidences of language usually happen during times of great adversity, whether it's mashing your thumb with a hammer whilst constructing a backyard (not so) privy or watching six green buses go by in the other direction whilst waiting forty minutes for the one you need to appear on the horizon, usually followed by an entire row of green buses.

Last week I heard a neologism that perfectly matches my recent intake of chocolate and wine: Quakeweight, the weight gained from eating stacks of comfort food and drinking too much, even when we've been warned not to.

Now I'm not saying that too much of a good thing is a good thing – getting paralytic or even halfway there is just dumb, especially when the earth is likely to move without warning. However, a nice cold beer at the end of a difficult week is a thing to treasure in these uncertain times. And it's even better when the beer is naturally home-brewed (and FREE), and served with a slice (or four) of wood-fired pizza – a pizza that you have crafted to cater precisely to your own culinary needs, no less.

Have I got your taste buds tingling like a nice crisp lager? Is your quakeweight jiggling with the thought of all that cheesy, doughy goodness? Well, put Thursday April 21, the last day of term (and the eve of Earth Day) in your diary, because the ABC Brew Club and the Sustainability crew are putting on a Pizza and Homebrew Harvest Party at the Okeover Community Garden. Forget musty tents, it's time to get outdoors and smell the hops.

The party kicks off at 3pm, but the garden will be open for the regular working bee at 2pm. The ABC brewers will be offering refreshments of the fermented kind, with ECan and the Sustainability Office providing pizza basics and non-alcoholic drinks, and the Okeover and Dovedale gardens bringing the five-plus-a-day goodness. All you have to bring is your favourite pizza topping to share.

All students, staff, and friends of the UC are welcome, so join us for a beer and a slice. There might even be a prize for the best new addition to the EQ Lexicon – so long as it's printable, of course.

Pizza & Homebrew Party

Okeover Community Garden, Engineering Road

Thursday 21 April, 3-6pm.

For more info go to:

<http://www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/events/>