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PUBLICATIONS

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

HI, I'M STEVIE AND I'M RUNNING FOR PUBS CONVENOR! QMUNICATE HAS BECOME A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF MY UNI EXPERIENCE AS I FIRST BECAME INVOLVED BY GOING ALONG TO THE WEEKLY MEETINGS, WHICH INTRODUCED ME TO SOME LOVELY PEOPLE AS WELL AS OF COURSE GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SOME VERY INTERESTING PITCHES. THIS YEAR I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING ONLINE EDITOR WHICH HAS GIVEN ME AN INSIGHT INTO THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE MAGAZINE; THIS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT I'D LIKE TO BE EVEN MORE INVOLVED AND BUILD ON THE BRILLIANT WORK OF PREVIOUS EDITOR-IN-CHIEFS.

IF I WERE TO BE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, I'D ENCOURAGE CONTRIBUTION FROM BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE QMU BY INVITING BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND EMPHASISING THE FRIENDLY AND LAID-BACK NATURE OF THE MEETINGS. I THINK OFTEN PEOPLE CAN BE INTIMIDATED BY THE THOUGHT OF COMING ALONG, PARTICULARLY IF THEY'VE NEVER WRITTEN BEFORE AND DON'T KNOW ANYONE THERE, BUT BY FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE, HOPEFULLY MORE PEOPLE WILL FEEL EAGER TO COME, EVEN IF ONLY ON AN IRREGULAR BASIS.

HOSTING SOCIALS CAN REALLY CONTRIBUTE TO ENCOURAGING A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH THE SOCIALS COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE QMUNICATE ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS SUCH AS THE QMU QUIZ, AS WELL AS HOSTING OUR OWN EVENTS. THIS YEAR WE PUBLISHED A PIECE ABOUT THE NEWLY FORMED DADA SOCIETY, AND MYSELF AND SOME OF THE OTHER EDITORS ENJOYED GOING ALONG TO THEIR ZURICH NIGHTS. NEXT YEAR I'D LOVE TO SEE THIS CONNECTION CONTINUING AND MAYBE DOING A CREATIVE JOINT SOCIAL WITH THE SOCIETY IN THE QMU. THE ZINE-MAKING WORKSHOP DURING FRESHERS' WEEK THIS YEAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, AND I'D LIKE TO HOST SIMILAR EVENTS AT LEAST ONCE A SEMESTER IN ADDITION TO OUR LAUNCH PARTIES. I ALSO THOUGHT THAT THE FRESHERS' ZINE THIS YEAR WAS REALLY EFFECTIVE AT GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE MAGAZINE AND DOING FRESHERS' HELPING ALONGSIDE SOME OF THE OTHER EDITORS WAS A GREAT WAY TO FEEL MORE INVOLVED IN THE UNION AS A WHOLE AS WELL AS PROMOTING THE MAGAZINE. FOR THESE REASONS I'D DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE OUR EDITORS TO DO FRESHERS' HELPING AND GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE QMU AS A WHOLE.

ANOTHER WAY I'D LIKE TO BUILD ON WHAT THE MAGAZINE HAS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR IS BY CONTINUING TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES ACROSS THE WEST END, INCLUDING IN POPULAR STUDENT CAFES. I'D LIKE TO LOOK INTO GETTING COPIES INTO OTHER UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS BESIDES THE QMU, SUCH AS THE JMS, AS THIS WOULD BOTH BOOST OUR READERSHIP AND RAISE THE QMU'S PROFILE.