

**I'm Pete Hollier and I am running for Vice President of Sports and Societies.** I am in my 4<sup>th</sup> year studying Sport & Active Lifestyle Promotion. You can see by my choice of degree that sport is a massive part of my life. At the risk of sounding cheesy, it is my true passion in life and an industry I would love to work in. I strongly believe in the benefits sport can bring to a person. Being a member of the University Rugby team for the past four years has provided me with the most amazing memories, experiences, and opportunities. I would love, **with the help of your vote**, to use my passion and knowledge of sport and physical activity to encourage others to participate and reap the benefits that I have. Benefits I feel are just as greatly received by being a member of a society. **In the end it is about meeting new people and taking part in something you enjoy and care passionately about.**

I feel the experience of captaining the university rugby club for two years, being on the Sports Policy group and a member of student parliament, as well as achieving Gold level in the Student Leaders program will all aid me greatly if I become **VPSS**. On top of this I have obtained skills and a vital knowledge base of sport and active lifestyles through my degree which will allow me to seamlessly fit into the role of **VPSS**.

*If elected I will:*

#### **Increase Funding for Sports Clubs & Societies**

- Lobby the University for Increased funding for sports teams and societies and keep gym membership prices down.
- Work to get a larger cut for sports and societies from the Students Association's deal with Walkabout. Promote the Walkabout Boomerang swipecard system more effectively so sports clubs and societies get financially rewarded for it's use.
- Increase membership income through stricter 'No Pay, No Play' policy.
- Promote a co-ordinated and innovative fundraising drive for Sports Clubs and Societies. Look into the possibility of getting a corporate sponsor for all sports teams to help pay for clothing and equipment.

#### **Increase Participation**

- Introduce a Sports and Societies Re-Freshers Fair. Fresher's week is always a bit mental and students may feel they have missed the boat with regards to sports and societies if they failed to sign up in the first week. This event held 4-6 weeks into trimester 1 will prove otherwise.
- More visible presence of sports and societies within University communication and advertising. For example; computer screen savers; clearer link to Student's Association on GCU Student homepage; sports fixtures and results on University TV screens; Sports and Societies page in the University prospectus and presentations on University Open Days.
- Create links with sports clubs in the community that are not currently on offer at GCU so students have a wider choice of sports participation.
- Create links with local pro/elite sports teams to help promote sport in the University.
- Promote greater integration of international students in sports clubs.

#### **Promote Active Lifestyles**

- Lobby the University to increase funding for the development of the highly successful Active Lifestyles programme.
- Wider range of free 'come and try' health and fitness classes, for example Boxercise, Body Pump, Yoga etc. Introduce 3v3 basketball league and five aside football league.
- Increase publicity of the Active Lifestyles and 'Give it a Go' programme.
- Create volunteer network with Sport & Active Lifestyle Promotion degree programme to aid in the sustainability of the programme.

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