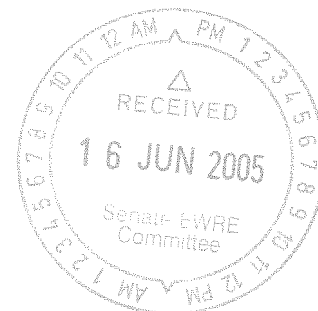


From: Benjamin Jackson [benja_j13@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2005 10:23 AM
To: EET, Committee (SEN)
Subject: VSU



This is a message underlying the destruction VSU will cause to my campus life.

Sport: If VSU is passed me and many of my friends will lose affordable access to our university gym. Due to my studies i don't have time to participate in one of the many union fee funded clubs and the gym is my only source of exercise. If VSU is passed it will not only destroy the sporting life at maquarie university it will mean less people lead active life styles and are hence unhealthier.

Clubs: Social clubs and politically associated organisations are not only fun but an essential part of education at maquarie. These groups bring awareness on many important issues in our society and through campaigns and protests make for a more socially open minded and educated student body. If VSU is passed these groups vioces may be silenced and the healthy political expression that was once an essential part of university life will be cut.

Services: Perhaps one of the most alarming effects of VSU is the fact that child care at maquarie university may be cut. It is essential that single mothers and in fact anyone with children is allowed free or cheap access to these services. Womens services are a must and these will also suffer on campus womens sevices include a room for Women to have privacy in and talk seriously about issues such as (sexual harrassment) not only are these issues talked about but services are provided in the event of a crisis.

Please do somethjng about VSU universities are not just schools they are communities surely participation in a community should be encouraged not discouraged.

Yours sincerely Benjamin John Jackson